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Public supports River Road campground

Commissioners to have final say on permit approval

By Mavis Fodness

The first campground under Rock County’s revised ordinance received a favorable recommendation for a conditional use permit Monday night by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Fourteen people gathered in the Law Enforcement Center in Luverne along with campground organizers Billy Cowell and Mike and Traci Davis, all of Luverne.

Six people vocalized their support for the 20-site fully developed campground. One person supplied written support.

Karen and Mike Menson live west of the proposed campground. They have watched Cowell and Davis clean the former Boy Scouts camp location.

“We are in favor,” Karen said. “They have taken a property that was an eye sore — a place if people had a refrigerator, they dumped, kids partied — it was a big mess and they are really trying to make it into something. I think it would be a real asset in our neighborhood.”

One concern came by written comment from Ray Skyberg, who owns land west of the proposed campground and was concerned about trespassers on his property. A fence currently divides the two parcels.

“We are willing to work with him,” Mike Davis said.

Cowell purchased the 13.1-acre site in 2017 from the Luverne Country Club.

The club had purchased the property in the late 1980s as a water source for the golf course. The property was purchased from the Boy Scouts organization in 1988 or 1989, according to Assistant County Attorney Don Klosterbuer. The Scouts had used the property for 15 to 20 years.

Cowell and the Davises plan 20 campsites in the southeast corner of the property. The sites will have individual connections to electricity and rural water. A dump station is currently planned in lieu of individual sewer connections.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0725 Fair Preview 2019 Swine Club

Jed Fagerness, Steen, rewards his hog named “Marshall” with a marshmallow after training last week.

Club Swine Program debuts today at Rock County Fair

By Mavis Fodness

Today (July 25) three Rock County 4-H’ers will enter the show ring in a swine experience like no other.

Darwin DeMarrias of Adrian and Jed and Gracie Fagerness, Steen, have eagerly awaited this week since receiving their 100-pound pigs three months ago.

They are the county’s first participants in the New Vision Co-Op Club Swine Program that provides 4-H members with animals to own, raise, exhibit and sell under the supervision of 4-H and New Vision staff.

For the Fagerness Family, signing up for the program in February was an easy decision for

parents Chris and Mary Fagerness.

“I thought it would be a great opportunity for them to work with a species we don’t know anything about,” Mary said.

They learned about feed rations, vaccinations and ear notching from a veterinarian and swine nutritionist.

From cousins and other Blue Ribbon 4-H Club members, the Fagernesses are learning how to prepare their hogs for this week’s county fair.

Jed, 10, is a soon-to-be fifth-grader at Hills-Beaver Creek. He already has show ring experience with a calf he brought to the fair last year.

Club Swine Program at fair/continued on 16

School construction ‘behind in some areas’

Project manager optimistic majority of classrooms will be ready by September

By Mavis Fodness

Workers are halfway through the four-month-long summer construction schedule with at least 10 ongoing projects in the works at the Luverne Middle-High School.

This has school officials concerned that some areas won’t be ready for students by Sept. 16 when school starts in eight weeks.

Joel Bornhoft, project manager with ICS Consulting in Sioux Falls, updated School Board members on the construction project at their July 18 meeting.

“I think this is a feasible schedule,” he said. “The contractors are behind in some areas ... but if they staff up their workforces, I believe it’s still possible to accomplish these dates and get these areas done.”

General contractor Gil Haugan Construction of Sioux Falls began the school project in early March with the interior demolition of the school auditorium.

The Little Theater, as it was known, will become the new band and choir music suites expected to be finished Aug. 30.

In June crews demolished eight classrooms in the two-story west wing to make room for the new commons and performing arts center. The new construction will join the elementary and middle-high schools together where the link hallway used to be.

Seven classrooms left in the west wing’s second floor are currently undergoing renovations. To aid in the removal of asbestos, the classroom walls were removed and new walls will be constructed.

School officials expected that these classrooms, including the high school chemistry room, would be ready for students by Sept. 16.

Bornhoft’s proposed schedule has the construction work completed on a staggered schedule from Aug. 11 to the first week in September.

“They could possibly slip past the

School project/continued on 8

Storm ravages crops, downs trees, damages property

By Lori Sorenson

Several storm systems over southwest Minnesota Saturday resulted in severe weather that downed trees, flattened crops and damaged property.

Some areas of the county were affected worse than others by the storm, which mustered wind gusts up to 70 mph in some areas.

But stories were similar in Luverne, Hardwick and other communities — of downed trees and some damage to vehicles and buildings.

Crop damage

The more serious losses were reported in area cornfields — just recovering from wet planting — and now lay broken in the rows.

Because they were planted late and grew quickly, stalks are brittle with shallow roots and many fields were susceptible to “green snap,” from stiff winds that break off the stalks at the joint just below the ear.

“So it can’t grow and you can’t harvest it,” said Barb Anderson of Cattnach Insurance, one of dozens



Mavis Fodness photo/0725 Strong Winds

Prairie Rose Wind Farm north of Hardwick recorded wind gusts at turbine height as high as 90 mph Saturday morning. The strong wind, pouring rain and hail toppled the developing field corn (like this field east of Hardwick). In some instances the storm snapped the corn stalks in two.

of crop insurance offices in the area fielding calls from clients.

Shirley Top with Kozlowski Insurance said some farmers saw 90 percent losses in fields due to

green snap after Saturday’s storm.

“It’s different than when the wind just pushes it over and it can sometimes come back,” Top said. “This isn’t coming back; the stalks

are severed.”

Anderson said she’s been consulting with many of her clients, and

Storm damage/continued on 8

County fair is this week in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Fair is now underway in Luverne with quality grandstand attractions, free family entertainment and the always-popular 4-H and Open Class competitions.

The event started Wednesday with 4-H judging and continues through Saturday at the Rock County Fairgrounds on South Freeman Avenue and East Hatting Street.

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.”

The July 18 edition of the Star Herald featured a full section previewing the Rock County Fair, and those stories and photos can be found at www.star-herald.com.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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 “Home-schooling for High School.” Call Katie Overvaag, 605-838-1501.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the new Townhall.

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

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

Sign up for soccer, 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.

Register for 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 blood 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.

Sign up for Cover Crop ‘How To’ event

The Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a Cover Crop “How To” event from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Tom Fick’s field at 1157 110th Avenue near Luverne.

Topics cover how to fit cover crops into an operation, how to integrate livestock and cover crops for more profit, termination suggestions and overall benefits of cover crops for soil health. There will be demonstrations, expert speakers and local farmers sharing their experiences.

There is no cost to attend. Call 507-283-8862 with questions.

Legion Riders members visit Vets Home

Representatives of the Minnesota American Legion Riders will visit the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne around 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to receive donations for the National American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund and visit with the veterans. The fund offers post-secondary education financial support to military children who have lost a parent on active duty or whose parent is disabled.

Carnival at Steen Reformed Aug. 7

The Steen Reformed Church will host its annual carnival from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the church. The carnival includes a meal, inflatables, games, cruise-in tractor and cycle show. Cost is a freewill offering with proceeds going to the Sunday School.

Register for 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.

H-BC welcomes new secondary principal

By Glenda McGaffee

Hills-Beaver Creek School District will welcome Molly Schilling as the new secondary school principal for the 2018-19 school year.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus previously served as high school principal but will now assume the elementary principal position in Beaver Creek.

The new hire and shift of responsibilities stems from previous H-BC elementary principal Jason Phelps resigning to become middle school principal (grades 6-8) in Luverne.

“This is a new era at the high school with new leadership under Molly Schilling,” Holthaus said.

“We drew some very good interest in the secondary principal position in that we had 21 applicants. I’m excited to work alongside Mrs. Schilling as she shares her time and talents with the H-BC secondary students and staff.”

Schilling, who is originally from Rock Valley, Iowa, lives on an acreage outside of Ellsworth with her husband, Curt.

They have three children, a son, Griffin, 8, who will be in second grade, and two daughters, Chandler, 5, beginning kindergarten, and Sawyer, who will be 2 in September.

Schilling has been principal at Little Rock, Iowa, for grades prekindergarten through eighth grade for the past eight years. She taught science for grades 7-12 in Ellsworth for four years.

Schilling graduated from Rock Valley in 2003, attended South Dakota State University,

Brookings, for two years, then transferred to Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and earned a double major in biology and chemistry with a secondary education endorsement in 2007.

She earned her Master of Education degree in educational leadership in 2011 from the University of Sioux Falls and graduated in 2018 from the University of Sioux Falls with an Education Specialist degree for superintendence.

Schilling said she’s looking forward to working with the students and staff in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District during the 2019-20 school year.

“A few general preliminary goals for myself starting out will be to meet everyone and begin to understand the culture and climate at H-BC,” she said.

“I am excited about the possibilities to work as a team to tweak an already reputable school system to enable students and staff to achieve greater successes. Standardized assessments do not tell the whole story of a school system, but I would like to bring the secondary scores up with similar success as the elementary growth experienced within the last three years.”

She said she wants to build a format for increased parent and community partnerships and communication.

“I, along with my family, feel very blessed to join the Patriot school family,” Schilling said. “We have received many warm welcomes already. Thank you!”



Mavis Fodness photos/0725 Fair Preview 2019 Entry Day

Beautiful day to prepare for a fair

The 4-H exhibit hall was busy Monday with Rock County 4-H’ers entering general projects during Entry Day. Livestock projects arrived at the fairgrounds on Wednesday. The fair began Wednesday and activities go through Saturday at the fairgrounds in Luverne. The outside exhibit (below, right) had ideal weather conditions with low humidity and a high in the mid-70s.

Below left: 4-H’er Egypt Forrest (left) discusses a self-portrait with judge Dodi Haugen of Tracy during Monday’s entry day for the Rock County Fair in Luverne.

Below right: Members of the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club constructed a “Fair Bus” out of a large round bale as their entry in the “scarecrow contest” to promote the Rock County Fair.





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Cover Crop ‘How To’ event offers insights into soil health preservation

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a Cover Crop “HowTo” event from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Tom Fick’s farm at 1157 110th Avenue near Luverne.

Engineering technician Michael Walgrave of the Rock County Land Management Office said he hopes to see good attendance at the event, especially in light of this year’s extreme weather.

“This past year most of Minnesota has been hit by record rainfall, and we have experienced as many super-storm rain events in the last two decades as we have the entire 20th century,” Walgrave said.

He said farmers are learning they’ll have to adapt in order to survive and save their soil.

“Farmers have been taught to till in order to get seed-to-soil contact and to help dry the land quicker in the spring,” Walgrave said. (See his cover crop commentary on page 4.)

“Unfortunately, tilling destroys soil structure and the water-holding capacity of the soil. Without good soil structure a good portion of water doesn’t make it to the tile and

the water washes over the surface creating erosion and soil/nutrient loss.”

Walgrave said local producers are increasingly seeing the benefits of cover crops, and he said the Aug. 1 workshop is a good way to learn more.

Topics will include how to fit cover crops into an operation, how to integrate livestock and cover crops for more profit, termination suggestions and overall benefits of cover crops for soil health.

Guest speakers will be Grant and Dawn Breitkreutz, successful cover crop and livestock operators near Redwood Falls, and Joel De Yong, Iowa Extension educator in cover crop integration strategies.

Twenty trial plots of planted cover crops will demonstrate single and multiple species of cover crops, soil structure and hands-on infiltration tests.

Finally, local farmers Tom Fick, Terry Aukes, Brent Fluit and Brad Petersen will share their personal experiences with cover crops and what they’ve learned.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required for the free lunch. Call the Rock County Land Management Office, 507-283-8862.

School Board member questions process for salary increases

By Mavis Fodness

Board member Reva Sehr registered her frustration Thursday night by voting “no” to how some administrative salaries are determined at Luverne Public Schools.

“Ever since I came on the board in 2015, they have requested a 3.5 percent increase,” said Sehr, who was elected to the board five years ago.

“This is the fifth year in a row the same request has come through.”

The vote was 4-1 in favor of the 3.5-percent increase effective for the 2019-2020 school year. Board members Katie Baustian and Shelley Sandbulte were not at the meeting.

Board members tabled the initial salary discussion from their June 20 meeting and directed the district’s personnel committee to review the five salaries and projected increases.

“We felt it was very appropriate,” said board member Colleen Deutsch, who serves on the personnel committee.

She said committee members looked at data of similar positions in other school districts as well as compared salaries to similar positions in Luverne and Rock County.

Sehr prefaced her dissenting vote by suggesting setting goals and evaluating each employee before the next salary increase request.

“I appreciate everything these five people do, but there is a flaw in the process,” Sehr said. “I am frustrated with the process.”

The district’s business manager made the 3.5-percent increase recommendations each year, according to Superintendent Craig Oftedal.

Salary increases were approved for:

- Business manager Marlene Mann, \$80,980.
- Technology coordinator Wade Hiller, \$74,151.
- Administrative assistant Brenda Teal, \$51,943.
- Transportation supervisor Brad Goembel, \$63,113.
- Food service director Ann Rigney, \$36,818.

Other wage increases

Other wage increases tabled from the June 20 meeting were approved in a 5-0 vote on July 18. They include:

- Two-hour food service workers to \$13.50 per hour, up from \$12.50.
- Substitute teachers to \$126 per day, up from \$120

“I appreciate everything these five people do, but there is a flaw in the process. I am frustrated with the process.”

— Reva Sehr, Luverne School Board member

in 2018.

- Bus driver compensation to \$93 per day regular and Sioux Falls routes, up from \$90 in 2018; preschool-kindergarten route to \$46.50 per day, up from \$45; activities trip to \$15 per hour, up from \$14.50; and daily rate (overnight) to \$130 per day, up from \$125.

The board also approved increasing the maximum reimbursement to school bus drivers of \$115 for physicals and \$47 for licenses.

Other personnel matters

Other personnel decisions made July 18 with 5-0 votes included:

- hiring Liza Winkler as elementary education teacher for a salary of \$47,603.
- hiring Morgan Smith as assistant marching band advisor, \$688.
- accepting resignations from Bonnie Busse-Reu, bus driver, effective July 31, and Anne Huiskes, two-hour food service worker, effective May 31.

- granting medical leave for preschool teacher Becky Runnoe from Sept. 8 through approximately Oct. 31.
- granting maternity leave for high school English teacher Julie Fettes for 10 weeks beginning Sept. 5.

The board approved the per pupil rate for private/parochial transportation. The rate is \$345 per pupil, the same amount since the 2015-16 school year.

School board compensation will stay the same for the 2019-20 school year. Board members are paid \$60 for each regular board meeting, \$50 for special meetings and \$110 for meetings lasting more than six hours.

They are also covered by the district’s workers compensation policy and receive an honorary individual activity pass.



Dale Nelson (left) and Greg Antoine outline the official pickleball court July 9 at the Luverne High School tennis courts. Mavis Fodness photos/0725 Pickleball

Luverne gets pickle ball court

Interest growing in sport that mimics ping-pong and badmitten

By Jason Berghorst

Thanks to a grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation and some work by local residents, a new sport is taking off in Luverne.

Greg and Barb Antoine worked with Luverne Community Education to submit a grant request to the LACF for Luverne’s first official pickleball court.

The court was built earlier this month at Luverne High School with \$1,100 from the community grant fund.

“We added the court in the open space by the green board next to the tennis courts,” Greg Antoine said. “We didn’t touch the actual tennis courts.”

Antoine is the LHS boys’ tennis coach and retired from teaching four years ago.

He said he and Barb first learned about pickleball while camping in the Black Hills three summers ago.

“The campground had a court and we took lessons. We’ve been playing ever since,” Antoine said.

Pickleball is best described as a mix between tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

“It’s a simple game, but it’s not easy,” Antoine offered. “It’s a lot like tennis. Anyone can play but it takes some work to get good.”

The sport can be played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified and lowered tennis net.

According to Antoine, the game is played by all ages but is especially popular with older players.

“Pickleball is a relatively low-



Barb Antoine completes a pickleball serve on the new courts at the school tennis courts. The game combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

impact sport. You get a good workout but you don’t have to run,” he said.

The game is especially popular in retirement communities in places like Arizona.

“We have a lot of snowbirds in the area that haven’t had anywhere to play here in the summers,” Antoine said.

The court in Luverne is equipped with a net and lines. Players need to bring their own paddles and balls.

“It’s first come, first serve, and if there are more than four players, you just rotate in,” Antoine said. “It’s definitely a social game.”

According to Emily Crabtree,

executive director of the LACF, the pickleball project was a perfect fit for the foundation.

“It was an exciting project for us to award as it brings something new to the community that people have been asking for,” Crabtree said.

“This project also brings a new form of recreational activity for people of all ages to get up and move and have some fun.”

Antoine said he’s already hearing a lot of interest in the new courts.

“People have been coming out of the woodwork now that they know there’s a court to play in town.”

Multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 90 takes life of Luverne woman

By Lori Sorenson

The South Dakota State Patrol is investigating a crash on I-90 that took the life of a Luverne woman Tuesday morning.

Brooke Thompson, a 2015 Luverne High School graduate, died Tuesday as a result of injuries she sustained in the crash.



period of time while a rescue helicopter landed to assist at the scene.

The incident remains under investigation.

Thompson was the daughter of Wayne and Mary Thompson, rural Luverne.

Arrangements are pending at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne.

Thompson was reportedly on her way to Sioux Falls when the crash occurred.

According to South Dakota State Patrol spokesman Tony Mandan, the crash involved multiple vehicles and occurred around 8 a.m. west of Brandon.

He said four vehicles were involved in the incident and both eastbound and westbound lanes of traffic were closed for a

Pampered Chef Bridal Shower

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Campground/ from page 1

Mike Davis said a portion of the property, located southeast of Luverne, is located in a flood plain. State regulations limit the number of camping sites on the property and the installation of an in-ground sewer system because of its proximity to the flood plain.

“With more land, it might be possible for an on-site sewer system,” he said.

The proposed campground is located in a general agricultural district. Commissioners voted earlier this year to allow camping as a conditional use in A-2 districts.

With the favorable recommendation to locate a campground in Section 12 of Luverne Township, the permit request will come to the Rock County Commissioners for a final permit approval.

The commissioners’ next meeting is Aug. 6. Three conditions were recommended for the permit:

- compliance with Minnesota Department of Health requirements/standards.
- Quiet time hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Wastewater shall be managed.

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Lessons in pain
**Think your
life is hard?**

(Take a look around and count your blessings)

Pain is part of being human, and the hard lessons we learn from pain often help shape us into better people.



**ON SECOND
THOUGHT**

By Lori Sorenson, editor

I remember having influenza one time and basically telling my kids they're on their own.

Work is hard work. Running a household is hard work. Parenting is really hard work. And life is often just plain hard work.

I sometimes thought that about my own life (and sometimes felt sorry for myself).

Until I met Carrie.

If she could do it, I should be happy to do it with the healthy, pain-free body the good Lord blessed me with.

And so the lessons in pain began.

I had so much to learn.

Not participating in life was not an option, so she forged on. Despite the pain. One foot in front of the other, still finding emotional energy to be a thoughtful, engaging friend.

I wanted her to take it easy ... to give her frail body a chance to heal, but she must have known that stopping might somehow mean quitting, and quitting wasn't an option.

Not when she had a family who needed her and students who relied on her and a whole world of hypochondriacs who had lessons to learn from her.

I don't know what Carrie learned from her pain, but what she taught the rest of us about living has certainly made us better people.

Rest in peace, my friend. The world is a better place for having had you in it.

It's county fair time

Make sure you find the time to take in the activities

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

online at www.star-herald.com. It's in the B section of the E-edition that appears on the right-hand side of the home page.

Among the stories in that edition, we reported on many new entertainment options and attractions at the fair in recent years.

Every summer fair board members work to improve the fair.

As some other county fairs decline, ours continues growing, adapting and improving.

Maybe the best part of the fair is that even as it changes, at its core it stays the same.

The Rock County Fair is still the

four days each summer when people from around the county — town and farm, young and old — come together to celebrate our little corner of Minnesota.

We think that's reason enough to attend the fair — maybe all four days.

From grandstand shows, free entertainment and a tractor parade to fair foods, animal shows and floral hall projects, there is more than enough to see and do.

We look forward to showcasing the events and winners from this week's fair in coming editions of the Star Herald.

Until then, we'll see you at the fair.



A armor the Land

Attend Aug. 1 Cover Crop 'How To' field day about soil health and land management

By Michael Walgrave

During a recent ag drainage workshop, a respected soil scientist from the University of Minnesota spoke about the importance of soil structure and organic matter for managing water and drainage in farm fields.

She apologized to the farmers in the room that the U of M and the USDA have only in the last few years recognized that conventional tillage destroys more than it helps.

She apologized that American universities in general have over-promoted tillage and tiling as "best-management practices."

And she apologized that universities and USDA have overlooked soil biology in favor of chemistry-focused farming.

Our respected institutions of higher learning and the USDA haven't given the farmer all of the information they need to make good decisions.

For me, it was good to hear that the government and the universities had finally realized and admitted their short-sightedness and were evolving their knowledge.

I have an agribusiness degree

"If civilization is to avoid a long decline, like the one that has blighted North Africa or the Near East for 13 centuries, society must be born again out of an economy of exploitation into an economy of conservation."

— W.C. Lowdermilk, former Assistant Chief of Soil Conservation Service and author of "Conquest of the Land Through 7,000 Years."

with an emphasis in sustainability from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and professors never mentioned cover crops, conservation tillage, or soil health principles.

Since I graduated in 2012, I've learned that understanding your soil is one of the most important aspects of farming, gardening, and maintaining farmland value. If you don't know your soil and how to manage it, you will not know how to efficiently and profitably farm.

Follow these five principles of soil health

So what is the best way to farm? What is the most ethical and profitable way to farm?

There are many different ways to farm, but following soil health principles is definitely the key to getting the most out of your land.

If you follow the principles of soil health, it doesn't matter the soil or operation you farm. The Sustainable Farming Association has simplified soil health to five principles:

1. Keep soil covered.
2. Minimize soil disturbances.
3. Increase crop diversity.
4. Keep living roots in the soil.
5. Integrate livestock.

This past year most of Minnesota has been hit by record rainfall, and we have experienced as many super-storm rain events in the last two decades as we have the entire

20th century.

Wetlands help buffer against rain, but farmers had tilled and tilled away most of these holding areas by 1985. The terra-formed land has put the watersheds back to a state that didn't exist since the last ice age. Watersheds have been transformed.

Conventional tillage hasn't helped us or future generations address these weather events either. Farmers have been taught to till in order to get seed-to-soil contact and to help dry the land more quickly in the spring.

Unfortunately, tilling destroys soil structure and the water-holding capacity of the soil. Without good soil structure a good portion of water

doesn't make it to the tile and the water washes over the surface creating erosion and soil/nutrient loss.

Attend Cover Crop 'How To' event Aug. 1

On Thursday, Aug. 1, the Rock County Land Management Office will host a cover crop "How To" field day event to discuss soil health and land management.

It's from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Tom Fick's field at 1157 110th Avenue near Luverne. There is no cost to attend. Call 507-283-8862 with questions.

Landowners, farmers, agronomists and gardeners are strongly encouraged to attend this event to understand the new soil health campaign being promoted by the USDA.

Soil health principles are solutions to the problems we face as an agricultural community.

Let's protect our countryside. Let's armor the land.d.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 12
•Complainant on South Kniss reported a burglary alarm.
•Marshall law enforcement reported subject held on Rock County warrant.
•Complainant reported a road rage incident at county roads 4 and 17 near Beaver Creek.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on East Veterans Drive.
•Complainant on East Warren Street reported a hit and run accident.
•Complainant reported a suspicious car on I-90 eastbound at mile marker 8.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on East First Street in Hardwick.
•Complainant at County Road 4 near Beaver Creek reported someone changing a tire and traffic isn't slowing down.
•Complainant reported a wrong way driver on I-90, mile marker 12.
July 13
•Complainant requested deputy to open the city park early.
•Complainant requested vehicle from impound.
•A warrant was issued.
•Complainant reported an accident at 241st Street and Highway 23.
•Complainant on East Crawford Street requested to speak to a deputy about removing someone from his house.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on East Barck Avenue.
•Complainant on North McKenzie Street reported to deputy an extremely intoxicated person.
•Complainant at 140th Avenue near Hardwick reported somebody was on their property while they were gone.
July 14
•Complainant at Gabrielson Road and South Kniss Avenue reported probable assault.
•Complainant reported cows were out at 121st and 190th intersection near Magnolia.
•Deputy moved along loiterers in the 24-hour parking lot.
July 15
•Complainant reported an odd odor at North Spring Street.
•Complainant requested extra patrol on East Fletcher Street.
•Complainant on North Estey Street reported vehicle with flat tires.
•Complainant in Hills reported fireworks debris and a fire in the roadway at 30th Avenue. Requested extra patrol.
•Complainant reported an accident westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15 near Luverne.
•A scam was reported.
•Complainant reported a boat on the creamery pond.
•Complainant reported cows were out near Magnolia at 121st Street and 190th Avenue.
•Complainant on East Dodge Street reported a man lying on the ground.
•Complainant on North Kniss

Avenue reported a hit and run.
July 16
•Complainant reported a residential burglary alarm near Hardwick.
•Complainant reported an identity theft.
•City of Steen reported wastewater bypass in Steen.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported information on prior theft CFS.
•Subject arrested on Rock County warrant.
•Complainant in Kenneth reported a car going about 80 mph down Main Street.
•Deputy found a knife at location in Hills.
•Complainant in Steen reported her ex is texting her.
July 17
•Complainant requested deputy meet to take vagrant to South Dakota from the Magnolia Exit.
•Complainant reported hitchhiker on Highway 75, mile marker 2 near Luverne.
•Complainant at North Kniss Avenue reported a transient.
•Complainant on East Warren Street reported missing property.
•Subject at Law Enforcement Center will retrieve impounded vehicle at North River Road.
•Duty officer reported on 21st Street near Hills.
•Minnehaha County picked up subject on Rock County warrant.
•Deputy assisted patrol on I-90, mile marker 23, near Magnolia.
July 18
•Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle on County Road 10 near Hardwick.
•Complainant reported aggressive dog at location on Cedar Street and Warren Street.
•Complainant requested a deputy for suspicious substance on County Highway 4 near Magnolia.
•Complainant on West Park Street reported a scam.
•Complainant on North River Road requested assistance at impound.
•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy.
•Complainant on North Oakley Street reported fire alarms won't shut off.
•Complainant requested notification.
July 19
•Complainant reported a vehicle hit a tree on 70th Avenue near Jasper.
•Complainant reported a cow on roadway at location of 70th Avenue and Highway 270 near Hills.
In addition, officers responded to 2 vehicles in ditch, 2 deer accidents, 3 transports, 9 escorts, 18 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 10 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 10 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 3 drug court tests, 4 purchase/carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 21 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, and 1 test.



Workers from Prahm Construction, Slayton, use a crane to install steel pilings for the County Road 1 bridge over Kanaranzi Creek in southeastern Rock County. Work is expected to be finished by the end of the week.

Emergency work begins on County Road 1

Cost doubles from engineer's original estimate

By Mavis Fodness

Repairs began last week on the County Road 1 bridge over the Kanaranzi Creek in southeastern Rock County at a cost more than double the engineering firm's original estimate.
Work is expected to be finished by week's end.
County commissioners received two bids at their July 2 meeting for the emergency repairs.
They accepted the lower bid of \$121,060 from Prahm Construction of Slayton. M & K Bridge Construction of Walnut Grove submitted a bid of \$147,880.
The estimate was \$52,500; however, several additional improvements were added to the initial estimate.
Demand also increased the repair costs due to an already busy construction season, according to County Engineer Mark Sehr.
"We really had to work on Prahm and M & K just to get bids," he said. "They don't really want it."
Prahm began work July 15.
Since April 9 traffic over the two-lane bridge was restricted to one lane and 20,000 pounds after the county highway department was alerted that the bridge deck had a noticeable sag.
Ice flow this spring damaged the bridge's wood pilings, allow-



Steel replaces wood pilings that were damaged by ice flow this spring. Transfer girders will also be replaced on the project that started July 15.

ing a three-inch sag to develop on the bridge deck.
State officials deemed the repairs as an emergency, allowing the county to tap into Federal Highway Administration funds for the work to be completed.
Once the repairs are complete, traffic will return to two lanes, but the weight restriction will remain at 20,000 pounds.
Before the roadway was reduced to one lane, an estimated 650 vehicles crossed the bridge on a daily basis.
Long-range plans are to replace the bridge in the next five years.



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Thursday Aug. 1 6 p.m.	 Bank Nite FREE Family Movie Sponsored by Papik Motors and First Farmers & Merchants Bank
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Lori Sorenson photos/0725 carnegie harmony park council

Janine Papik (center) addresses the Luverne City Council Tuesday evening, July 16, about the Freenotes Harmony Park donation from the Papik family to the community. From left are Councilman Dan Nath, Mayor Pat Baustian, Gary Papik, council members Kevin Aaker and Caroline Thorson, City Administrator John Call and Councilwoman Lori Hallstrom.

Bell-tone flowers sprout music at Carnegie Cultural Center

By Lori Sorenson

Four colorful, bell-tone flowers have sprouted on the front lawn of the Carnegie Cultural Center as an addition to the Luverne Street Music lineup of instrumental learning.

Four metal flowers — yellow, blue, orange and purple — appear to be sculptures, but they're functional instruments, with each petal carrying its own bell tone when struck by a mallet.

The outdoor instruments, made by Freenotes Harmony Park, Durango, Colorado, are bolted into concrete along the Carnegie front sidewalk,

The 4-foot-tall flowers were donated by Gary and Janine Papik.

"This is something that Gary's wanted to do for quite some time after seeing the Harmony Park instruments in Okoboji," Janine said.

"They really are neat. I think it kind of makes for a grand entrance at the Carnegie."

According to the Freenotes Harmony Park website, the instruments have no wrong notes, allowing anyone to create and play music.

Each flower carries a different part of the scale, the blue



Janine Papik (left) shows Councilwoman Caroline Thorson (left picture) how to find the right notes on one of the flower sculptures when struck with a mallet. Pictured at right is City Administrator John Call.



and orange flowers in the treble clef and the purple and yellow flowers in the bass clef. Playing them together creates harmony and encourages exploration and music making.

The instruments were installed several weeks ago, but they made their public debut during the Chamber's brown bag lunch outdoor musical series on July 16.

Later that night, the Papiks introduced them to Luverne City Council members as a gift to the city, and after a brief demonstration, Janine let council members try out the instruments to the tune "My Country 'Tis of Thee" under her direction.

The bell-tone flowers are given in honor of their parents and are intended to encourage musical creativity in children.

"It's the perfect thing to do for Luverne Street Music," Gary Papik said. "What's better for children? ... It gets everyone in a better frame of mind."

The Papiks said they hope their donation encourages other Luverne residents to consider donating similar outdoor instruments to the community.

"The community's been very good to both of us, and we want to give back," Janine said.

1965: Night mail service cut; no outgoing evening mail

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on July 1, 1965.

No Outgoing Mail After 6 P.M.

Service on Night Mail Cut Tuesday

Beginning Tuesday night, there was no outgoing mail service for any mail dropped in the outside collection box at the postoffice after 6 p.m.

The announcement was made by Assistant Postmaster Arlo Bier-Bierkamp after receipt of a letter from the chief of the organization of Service Branches for this region. The Minneapolis headquarters ordered the postal officials here to send them the Metro lock and bar from the outside collection box.

The box will, for the time being, be left out in front of the postoffice.

The announcement of the policy of the postal department was a blow to business firms of Luverne. Many of them are not able to make the 6 p.m. deadline on outgoing mail from the postoffice.

Will Still Stop Here

The mail truck driver, of the Star route going east, will still come to the Luverne Post Office at 11:20 p.m. He will not, however, pick up the first class mail from the outside collection box. The postal department's attitude has been that the service creates extra expense, that Luverne is one of



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

the small number of offices that have this service.

Even tho the star route driver doesn't have to go out of his way one bit, a service vital to Luverne has been killed. There was an average of 200 first class letters going out every night.

What this means is that any letter mailed in Luverne after 6 p.m. doesn't leave Luverne until noon of the next day. Luverne has enjoyed good service in the past. Letters mailed up until 11:20 p.m. were received in Minneapolis the next day.

C of C Appeals

A telegram was sent to Congressman Ancher Nelsen yesterday by Les Murphy, president

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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

A Pampered Chef bridal shower for **Jessica Fick**, bride-to-be of **Dylan Stokes**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Take 16, 509 E. Main Street, Luverne.

Card showers

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.

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

James Jungers is celebrating his 85th birthday. Greetings may be sent to him at PO Box 1035, Luverne, MN 56156.

Madge May will celebrate her 102nd birthday on Monday, July 29. Greetings may be sent to her at 110 S. Walnut, Mary Jane Brown #111, Luverne, MN 56156

BISTRO MENU

Monday, July 29: Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, coleslaw, bread, tropical fruit. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, July 30: Lemon pepper fish, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, bread, slice pie. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

Wednesday, July 31: Sweet and sour pork, rice, mixed vegetables, fruit, gelatin with topping. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Aug. 1: Meatballs with gravy, mashed pota-

toes, beets, bread, angel food cake with fruit sauce.

Friday, Aug. 2: Baked chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, bread, fresh melon cubes.

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

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Oldre named to St. Olaf dean's list

Knute Oldre, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2019 dean's list at St. Olaf College, Northfield. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Oldre is the son of Kyle and Sara Oldre, Luverne, and is majoring in economics.

Students graduate from School of Mines

Three area students graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota, at the Spring 2019 commencement May 4.

Luverne High School graduate Zane Hiller, Adrian, received a degree in civil and environmental engineering.

Adrian High School graduate Jaden Balster, Adrian, earned a degree in mechanical engineering and certification in six sigma green belt.

Adrian graduate Dillon John, Lismore, was awarded a degree in mechanical engineering.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Luverne School District celebrated the new completion of its tennis courts with an open house and ribbon-cutting on Highway 75 Thursday morning, July 23.

Luverne School Foundation chairman Mike Cox performed the official ribbon-cutting, and Luverne High School tennis coach Greg Antoine addressed the crowd.

"Thank you to all who made this possible," Antoine said. "It is a gorgeous facility ... one of the finest in the area."

He recognized the Luverne School District, the City of Luverne, Rock County and Luverne School Foundation, as well as area businesses and individuals. Their combined generosity contributed \$54,000.

25 years ago (1994)

•When Alice Kriehn bought an acreage near Magnolia for her horses to graze on, she had no idea she had also become the not-so-proud owner of a cemetery.

She discovered the problem when neighboring farmer, Gene Ashby, complained that her newly erected fence blocked access to his field in wet years.

When Kriehn examined the abstract more closely, she learned the cemetery was indeed included in the 5.7-acre tract of land she bought last year. She also learned that the 50-foot driveway and part of her kitchen are in fact on cemetery ground.

Mark DeBoer purchased the acreage from his family's estate in 1986 not knowing the cemetery was included in the acreage, and not knowing they also paid taxes on the 1.5 approximate acreage of cemetery land all of this time.

But since the fence was erected, the problem has been discovered, and Kriehn quickly realized the problem is hers to solve. "They told me an individual can't own a cemetery," she said after bringing her problem to the Nobles County Commissioners. "But I do. I bought it, I paid cash for it, and now I'm paying taxes on it."

50 years ago (1969)

•The reason LeRoy Miller's plane went out of control and crashed in Springwater Township last Wednesday night is still unknown but one reason that has been ruled out is "lack of experience."

Miller is one of only a few pilots who can give his age at 39 years and give his age experience at 23 years. The Pipestone pilot soloed for the first time on his 16th birthday.

Miller crashed his L-16 Champion single engine plane in Springwater Township about five miles north and six and a half miles west of Luverne at 8 p.m. Wednesday. He suffered multiple breaks to his left ankle, a broken wrist, severe cuts over his right eye and several minor cuts and bruises. ...

Miller was spraying crops for Norman Bakke with Clarence Taylor, manager of the Pipestone Airport, who was flying a second spray plane in the same field.

According to the Rock County sheriff's report, Miller made a pass across the field, pulled up, made his turn, and was just starting a second pass when the plane went out of control and crashed in a pasture owned by Mrs. Ed Sehr.

75 years ago (1944)

•Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the dwelling and all its contents on the Fritz de Groot farm about two and one-half miles northwest of Kanaranzi Thursday evening. According to one member of the local fire department, everything combustible was reduced to ashes, and even the bedsprings were melted by the heat of the blaze.

The fire started while the men on the farm were at the barn doing chores, and while the women were outside, a short distance from the house, dressing some chickens for their next day's dinner. It was noticed by the men as they came from the barn and by that time, flames had gained such a headway that it was impossible for them to enter the building.

100 years ago (1919)

•Emil, age 17 years, and Henry, age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Ricker, who live three miles from Lismore, both had their arms fractured within two days, and were brought to the Luverne hospital the fore part of the week to have the injured members reset.

On Saturday Henry fell from a five-foot scaffold and broke both arms just above the wrist joints, and also sustained severe bruises on his face. On Sunday, while the father and son were here, Emil, at home, suffered a fracture of his right arm, just above the wrist joint, while endeavoring to crank the motor of a Ford car.

OBITUARIES

Carrie Bakken

Carrie Christine Bakken, 51, Luverne, died Monday, July 15, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital.

A funeral service was at Saturday, July 20, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Carrie Laabs was born on Nov. 21, 1967, to Darold and Helen (Eggen) Laabs in Rapid City, South Dakota. When she was 18 months old, her family moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A few years later the family moved to Luverne, where Carrie attended Luverne Public Schools. Following her graduation from Luverne High School in 1986, Carrie attended Mankato State University in Mankato and completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

On Aug. 4, 1990, Carrie married Peter Bakken at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. They made their home ten miles west of town and were blessed with two children, Makayla and Elijah. Carrie began her career in education in the Brandon-Valley School District for 15 years. After taking a couple of years off, Carrie became the Title I/RTI teacher in the Luverne Public Schools system for ten years. She was very passionate about her job and enjoyed being a part of her students' lives.

In 1994 Carrie was diag-

nosed with scleroderma, an autoimmune disease which causes hardening and tightening of skin and connective tissues. Her strong will and determination prevented the disease from taking away the career that she loved.

Carrie was a member of Palisade Lutheran Church where she served as secretary for several years, taught Sunday School and served as superintendent, was involved in music ministry, and headed up the annual children's Christmas program. She was creative and enjoyed attending craft shows. She also enjoyed mowing lawn and attending her children's activities.

She is survived by her husband, Peter Bakken; two children, Makayla Bakken of Thousand Oaks, California, and Elijah Bakken of Luverne; her parents, Darold and Helen Laabs of Luverne; two siblings, Julie (Paul) Vis of Sioux Falls, and Bruce Laabs of Coon Rapids; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Memorials may be directed to Luverne Public Schools — Elementary Library.

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

(0725 F)

Winnie Vander Vliet

Winnie Vander Vliet, 87, Hills, formerly of Luverne, died Monday, July 15, 2019, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Friday, July 19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Winnie Van Holland was born Jan. 11, 1932, to Johannes and Grace (Teering) Van Holland on a farm between Rock Valley and Inwood, Iowa. She was only able to speak Dutch when she enrolled at Christian school. She then learned English and taught the language to her parents. She attended the Christian school through the eighth grade and graduated from Rock Valley public schools. During this time, she became a telephone operator.

On Nov. 29, 1950, Winnie married Cornelius "Cornie" Vander Vliet at the First Reformed Church in Rock Valley. The couple lived on Cornie's parents' homestead near Carmel, Iowa. Their marriage was blessed with seven children. In 1965 they moved to a farm near Rock Valley where they worked the land until 1967. They then moved to a farm near Luverne. In addition to farming and raising their family, Winnie worked as a nurse's aide at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home in Luverne for the next ten years. She then worked as a nurse supervisor at Habilitation Services Inc. for the next 23 years. Winnie retired in 2003 to care for her husband. Cornie died on Oct. 25, 2006. In 2010 Winnie moved into the Oaks Senior Living Apartments. In 2014 she moved to the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Winnie was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne and was a spiritual life leader of Mary Circle for over 20 years. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting and knitting and made many blankets for her grandchildren. She loved playing the piano and spending time with her family.

Winnie is survived by her five children, Dwayne (Brenda) Vander Vliet of Luverne, Lois (Bruce) Beukema of Hayfield, Connie (Giles) Hudson of The Colony, Texas, Marilyn (Mark) Long of Larchwood, Iowa, and Debra (Rick) Renken of Omaha, Nebraska; a son-in-law, Craig Vastenhout of Kenneth; 17 grandchildren, David (Patti) Vander Vliet, Cory Vander Vliet, Brett (Denise) Vander Vliet, Amber Vander Vliet, Christy (Jeremy) Menning, Nicole (Brian) Larsen, Matthew (Becki) Beukema, Nickolas (Micah) Beukema, Rachel Beukema, Angela Hudson, Christina (Jordy) Smith, Joshua Hudson, Jason (Kayla) Long, Dan Long, Kristi Long, Mercedes Renken and Colton Renken; 22 great-grandchildren; four siblings, Gerrit (Marilyn) Van Holland of Rock Valley, Iowa, Dick (Ruth) Van Holland of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Joe (Gerry) Van Holland of Sioux Falls, and Mary Jacobsma of Brandon, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornie; a son, Larry Vander Vliet; and a daughter, Delores Vastenhout.

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

(0725 F)

Daniel Arp

Daniel Conrad "Dan" Arp, 63, Hardwick, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A graveside committal service was Monday, July 22, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Luverne.

Daniel Conrad Arp was born on Dec. 23, 1955, to Myron and Lois (Matthiesen) Arp in Luverne. He attended both elementary and high school in Edgerton. After high school he worked on a farm near Edgerton and continued to live on the home farm where his family grew up. Later on, he moved to Hardwick, where he owned the Dance Place for a couple of years. In 2017 he moved to Luverne and resided there

until the current time.

Dan enjoyed farming and going to many farm sales. He also liked to garden at his home. He knew and was known by many people.

He is survived by his son, Brian Arp; siblings Curtis (Dee) Arp of Jasper, Michael Arp of Hardwick, Dennis (Deb) Arp of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Lori (Bob) Hellwinckel of Pipestone and David Arp of Edgerton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dean.

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

(0725 F)

Betty Iveland Nath

Betty Iveland Nath, 93, Luverne, died Thursday, July 18, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A memorial service was Monday, July 22, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial of cremains was in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Betty Hulbert was born on March 31, 1926, to Albert and Maude (Irwin) Hulbert in Luverne. She attended school in Luverne.

She married Orville Iveland, and they became the parents of seven children: Susan, Loree, Kaye, Dan, Dick, Kris and Rod. They were later divorced.

On Jan. 14, 1967, she married Carl Nath at Grace Lutheran Church.

Throughout her working days Betty was involved in food service. In 1968 she and Carl decided to purchase the café where Betty had worked for several years. Together they operated Nath's Recreation and Café until 1976. Betty then became employed at The Pantry, then in the bakery/deli at Glen's Grocery where she

worked until her retirement.

Betty was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She enjoyed playing bingo and cards, going fishing, watching "Wheel of Fortune" and doing jigsaw puzzles. She loved her family, looking at her photo albums, going for rides around town, McDonald's cheeseburgers and ice cream.

Betty is survived by her children, Kaye (William) Nytes, Adrian, Dan (Deb) Iveland, Dick (LaDonna) Iveland and Kris (Chuck) Waknitz, all of Luverne; a son-in-law, Larry Brown, Boise, Idaho; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl; daughters Susan Blankartz, and Loree Brown; son Rod Iveland; grandsons Shane Brown and Sam Waknitz; great-granddaughter Brandy Burell; and siblings Russ, Art and Lloyd Hulbert, Helen Christensen and Jessie Bell.

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Lori Ehde photos/0725 CHS donations

CHS supports local causes

Through its Harvest for Hunger fundraiser, CHS Eastern Farmers Co-op employees donated \$3,963 to the Rock County Food Shelf and \$2,700 to the BackPack Program Wednesday, July 17. Pictured (above from left) are Rock County Emergency Food Shelf director Mary Gehrke and CHS employees Michelle Rienke, Diane Pick and Tom Nelson.

Below are Luverne Area Community Foundation Director Emily Crabtree (center) and CHS employees David Vander Vliet (left) and Dan Kindt. Since 2011 CHS has organized the fundraising campaign to support local food shelves and organizations across the country. This year's total was \$500,000 and nearly 95,000 pounds of food. The total since 2011 is more than \$6 million and 4.5 million pounds of food.



DEATH NOTICES

Myron Beukema

Myron Beukema, 67, Edgerton, died Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, July 22, at Hartquist Funeral Home, Pipestone Chapel. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, Pipestone Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0725 DN)

Donna Gingras

Donna M. Gingras, 74, Rock Rapids, Iowa, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A memorial talk was Tuesday, July 23, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Luverne.

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

(0725 DN)

Peter Henstra

Peter Henstra, 88, rural Jasper, died Sunday, July 21, 2019, at the Southridge Healthcare Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will be prior to the funeral service at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 26, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

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(0725 DN)

Robert Lange

Robert Arthur Lange, 88, Beaver Creek, died Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at his home.

A memorial service with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion & VFW will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 29, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne with visitation from 5-7 p.m. A private family committal of cremains will take place at a later date at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

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of the Luverne Chamber of Commerce. In his telegram Murphy asked for Nelsen's help in trying to get the postal authorities to continue the mail service as in the past.

Murphy said that the cur-

tailment of the mail service, in such an arbitrary manner, was a real blow to businessmen, himself included.

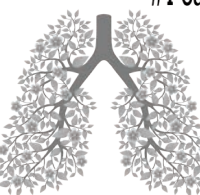
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Mavis Fodness photos/0725 Strong Winds

On Saturday morning rain, hail and strong winds raged through northern Rock County, downing trees like the ones in Hardwick. Rock County Highway Department officials used a payloader to clear the large tree that blocked County Road 7 through the small community. On Monday Austin Winter (above) scoops debris into the truck as part of a county highway crew that cleaned up fallen trees and other storm debris from the boulevard. **At right:** Doug Scholtes (left) rakes debris while Kevin Wenzel operates a chain saw.



Storm ravages crops, downs trees, damages property/continued from page 1

she’s hearing similar reports. “Lots of wind, some hail, lots of damage,” she said.

Anderson said crop insurance exists as a safety net for producers, but ultimately it’s better to have a crop to sell than to settle for an insurance payment.

“It definitely takes the profitability out, because the most you can expect to get back is your crop insurance guarantee,” Anderson said.

“It’s designed to cover your input costs, but we would always prefer a profit.”

After several years of losses, Anderson describes Saturday’s storms as “one more

blow” to local farmers. “It takes that last little bit of hope away that you could have had a profitable crop,” she said.

Top agreed that it’s getting increasingly difficult for producers to see a bright side to this year’s growing season.

“It’s not good,” she said, reflecting on recent farming losses. “Some of these guys haven’t had a crop in three years. ... They’re beside themselves.”

Farmers will recoup some losses through crop insurance, but Anderson and Top said it will be another year of negative profit margins.

“Farmers persevered

through the mud when they could have gone the prevent-plant route planting later than normal. Farmers are hopeful due to the large area affected by excess moisture they will get rewarded for their work harvesting bushels at higher prices,” Top said.

“The area affected with excess moisture is much bigger than in 1993. After Saturday’s storm they now look at damaged fields knowing harvest will be a challenge, too, trying to harvest down corn, and bushels will be less. It’s horrible.”

Ag advisers are telling farmers to be aware of ad-

ditional concerns, such as nitrogen loss and weed control, stemming from continually saturated soil.

Property damage, tree cleanup

In Hardwick heavy equipment was required to move downed trees that were blocking traffic in major thoroughfares.

City clerk Tammy Johnson said a large tree fell over County Road 7 near the elevator, and no one was able to get into or out of town on that side of Hardwick.

“The county crew was there immediately to move

the tree to the side of the road, and this morning they had several trucks and a pretty big crew cleaning it up,” Johnson said Monday.

“Thank goodness. ... It might have been a bit much for our equipment and small maintenance staff.”

She said the church garage was damaged, as was another residential garage in the northwest part of town.

“A tree fell over on one of our driveway lights, and sparks were flying,” Johnson said.

She said the damage to property was generally minimal, but the storm mess

created extra work.

“You could hear the buzzing of chainsaws Saturday and Sunday and there was a steady line up going to the tree dump,” Johnson said.

“Again, everyone came together and helped their neighbors. By last night the town looked pretty good.”

Saturday’s storm, which continues an already long streak of wet weather, dumped 7 inches in the Steen area last week.

In the first two weeks of July, some parts of the region received twice the normal rainfall for the whole month.

School construction project continues ‘mostly on schedule’/continued from page 1

start day of school. The goal is to minimize that impact,” he said. “Of the seven classrooms up there, (the goal) is to get as many as I can turned over by that date — maybe I will be short two or three.”

About 35 construction workers are currently on site daily at the school. That number is expected to increase to 50 this week, according to Dave Mulert, site supervisor with ICS Consulting.

He also addressed board members at Thursday’s meeting about why some construction areas, such as plumbing, are not keeping up with the planned schedule.

“The industry is experiencing an issue where the maturity of people in the trades has come to extreme differences,” he said. “You’re actually training them as you’re doing the work.”

Instead of one supervisor overseeing a dozen workers,



Mavis Fodness photos/0725 School Project Update July 2019

Footings get placed last week for the two-story, six-classroom addition to the west side of the Luverne Middle-High School north wing.



An old fuse box is all that remains of the front wall of the former choir and band rooms last week. Before it’s finished as the new weight room and physical education classroom, the area will receive an electrical upgrade, which will eliminate the need for the fuse box.



An unexpected replacement project is the Luverne Middle-High School water main. The building is closed through July 30 for workers to replace the 60-year-old main.



My Bui with Great Plains Tile and Stone places new gray tile over the old beige tile in a back stairway last week.

the ratio may be six workers per supervisor because of the training involved.

Contractors have also uncovered issues that have taken time to solve.

Between \$250,000 and \$300,000 has been spent out of the project’s contingency fund since the project began.

“We designed blueprints off of designs done 60 years ago, and the people who built the building at that time didn’t really do a good job of exactly putting down how they did it,” Bornhoft said.

For example, workers discovered a set of windows

inside the walls.

“The glass is still in it and the handles are still on and they operate,” Bornhoft said. “They (the windows) shouldn’t be there. It’s not normal construction to find that in a wall.”

Some projects, such as the replacement of the rusty 60-year-old water main, were not included in the scope of the project.

“If we want to turn the water off to the building and we turn that valve, it is likely to break,” he said.

The final summer construction timeline will be laid out this week.

If approved, Bornhoft visualized a pattern developing to finish the seven classrooms room by room.

The pattern starts with plumbing then proceeds to framing, electrical, heat, ventilation and air conditioning, sheetrocking, wall texturing, new window installation, ceiling grid, room finishes and flooring.

In addition to the new music suites, crews are also working in the old band and choir rooms. They have demolished the walls and hallway between the rooms and filled the floors to one level. This area will become the new weight room and physical education classroom.

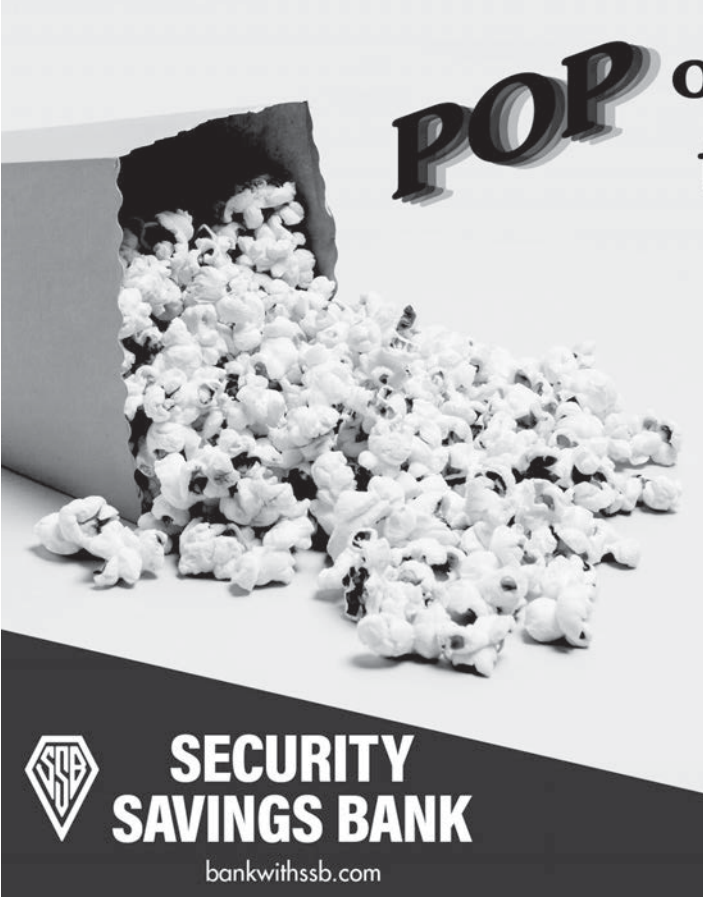
Footings are going in for the new six-room middle school addition in the two-story north wing. Footings are also being prepared for the commons and performing arts center in the center of campus.

The large boilers for the middle-high school have been removed in preparation for the building’s new HVAC system.

Sprinklers are being installed along with upgrades in the building’s electrical, plumbing, water, phone and internet systems.

Due to the construction, the middle-high school will be without electricity and phone and Internet service now through July 30.

The \$22 million project is scheduled to be finished in 2021.



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Legion closes in on sub-state championship

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne American Legion baseball team went 3-0 to assume control of the Southwest Sub-State Tournament at Redbird Field last week.
The Cardinals posted consecutive wins over Minnesota Lake, Winnebago-Blue Earth and Heron Lake-Okabena to emerge as the eight-team tournament's lone undefeated team after three rounds of play.
Luverne, 13-6 overall, can capture the tournament championship at noon Saturday at Redbird Field.

Luverne 13, HL-0 0
Ben Serie twirled a no-hitter and Derek Lundgren drove in three runs at the plate to highlight Luverne's 13-run win over Heron Lake-Okabena Saturday.

Serie, who registered two RBIs along with Declan Beers and Gaige Nath, stood out on the mound by tossing five commanding innings.
Serie fanned eight batters and yielded three walks without surrendering a hit.
The Luverne offense produced runs in four of the game's five innings.
Lundgren helped the Cards take a 5-0 lead in the top half of the first inning when he doubled home three runs before scoring on a throwing error.
Jake Haugen added an RBI single to the first-inning rally.
Nath tripled home a run and scored on a ground out to make it a 7-0 game in the



John Rittenhouse photo/0725 legion 5

Luverne first baseman Isaiah Bartels is unable to tag out a sliding Minnesota River runner at the bag during Thursday's tournament opener at Redbird Field. Bartels drove in three runs with three hits during a 16-1 win.

second.
Nath recorded an RBI ground out and Ethan Beyer walked and scored on a passed ball to up the lead to 9-0 in the third.
Luverne capped the scoring with a four-run fifth inning featuring a two-run double by Serie, an RBI double from Beers and a run-scoring single by Jade Smith.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	2	1	2
Serie	3	2	1	2
Beers	3	2	2	2
Haugen	2	1	1	1
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Bartels	2	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	1	1
Crabtree	1	0	0	0
Lundgren	3	1	1	3
Van Dam	1	0	0	0
Wenninger	2	1	0	0

Beyer 1 2 1 0
Buss 1 2 0 0
Luverne 7, W-BE 4
The Cardinals passed their second test of the tournament when they topped Winnebago-Blue Earth by three runs Friday.
W-BE recorded three hits to plate two runs in the top half of the second inning, but Luverne outscored the visitors 7-2 the rest of the night to advance in the winner's bracket.
A six-run rally in the bottom of the second inning gave the Cardinals a lead they wouldn't lose in the final five innings of play.
Haugen and Colby Crabtree were hit by pitches and Isaiah Bartels reached base on an

error to load the sacks in the second.
Lundgren singled home the first run of the rally and Bartels knotted the score at two when he scored on a wild pitch.
Serie doubled home two runs, Nath singled home a run and Beers capped the rally with an RBI groundout.
W-BE trimmed the difference to two runs (6-4) by plating single runs in the third and fourth innings.
Luverne produced the final run of the game in the bottom of the fifth, when Haugen reached base on an error and scored at the end of a double steal.
Haugen pitched the first four innings (four runs, four hits and four strikeouts) to

earn the win.
Bartels worked the next three innings (two hits and five strikeouts) to secure a save.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	1	1	1
Seire	4	0	1	2
Beers	2	0	0	1
Haugen	2	2	0	0
Bartels	3	1	0	0
Crabtree	1	0	0	0
Wenninger	0	1	0	0
Lundgren	3	1	2	1
Beyer	1	1	0	0
Sterrett	3	0	0	0

Luverne 16, ML 1
The Cardinals opened the tournament by coasting to a 15-run victory over Minnesota Lake Thursday.
Luverne scored 10 runs in the first two innings to assume control of the game and sported a 16-0 lead before sur-

rendering one run in the top half of the fifth inning.
Bartels (three hits) and Haugen (two hits) led the Cards to the lopsided win by driving in three runs each.
Luverne scored two unearned runs and received a two-run single by Haugen, a run-scoring single by Crabtree and an RBI ground out by Beyer to take a 6-0 lead in the first inning.
Bartels singled home two runs and two more runs scored on an error when the Cards upped the lead to 10-0 in the second.
Haugen singled home one run and Bartels doubled home another to make it a 12-0 game in the third frame.
Nath and Beers delivered RBI singles, Jacob Van Dam recorded a sacrifice fly and Crabtree drew a bases-loaded walk when Luverne scored four times in the fourth inning.
Lundgren (three innings and seven strikeouts) nailed down the pitching win.
Quinn Buss (one inning) and Smith (one inning, two hits and one run) also pitched for Luverne.

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



John Rittenhouse photo/0725 bike 2

Bike invasion

Luverne residents may have experienced some increased traffic on the streets Monday. The path of the Across America North bike ride reached Rock County. The annual event included a stop for the 35 to 40 bike riders taking part in the 2019 version of the event. The excursion started in Astoria, Oregon, June 24 and is expected to conclude Aug. 12 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The riders cover an average 80 miles per day during what will be a 3,629-mile trip. After a stop at the Luverne City Park, the riders continued on to Worthington before heading to Rochester Tuesday. Pictured above is San Chima, of London, England. Chima plans to complete the entire journey.

Grandstand lineup remains intact for 2019

By John Rittenhouse
The grandstand lineup for the Rock County Fair remains intact for the 2019 version of the event.
For the third consecutive year, auto racing and bull riding events will be on display Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
Action starts Thursday when the Rock County Speedway Races take place in front of the grandstands.
Pits open at 4 p.m. with the hot laps following at 6:30.
Heat races are scheduled to start at 7 p.m.
According to event promoter Ryan Walker, four classes of vehicles will be pounding the track.
Factory stock, sportsman, hobby stock and micro sprints form the 2019 lineup.
"We have received a lot of interest, so we could get 50 cars on the track," Walker said.
"My goal is to get 50 cars out there, but we could get more."
The RCS races are sponsored by R & S Seeds and Fick Seeds.
Along with racing action, Walker said two bikes will be given away through a drawing. A 50-50 drawing is scheduled



Star Herald file photo

Luverne's Eric Gaul is expected to defend his 2018 title during Saturday's Enduro Race at the Rock County Fair.

to take place as well.
Bull riding and mutton busting take center stage for Friday night's grandstand attraction.

The Rock County Corn & Soybean Growers and Wyffels Seeds are bringing the Minnesota Xtreme Bull-Riding competition to the Fair for the third consecutive year.
According to Barb Krapf, the event organizer, a scheduling conflict will limit the entries to about 15 bull riders.
Each rider will participate in short-go and long-go rides during the competition, which starts at 7 p.m.
The mutton-busting competition begins at 6 p.m. Friday.
All area kids (who weigh 75 pounds or less) are asked to preregister for the competition between 5:00-5:30 p.m. at the south entrance of the grandstands.
Preliminary competition begins at 6 p.m., and the top 10 riders will compete again between the long- and short-go bull-riding events.
The always-popular Enduro Race caps the grandstand schedule Saturday night.
Pits open at 4 p.m., the grandstands open at 6 p.m. and the race is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.
Jaycox and Connell Car

Lineup/continued on page 10

Utility terrain vehicles are perfect options for work, play

If you live in farm country, you are most likely no stranger to what is called a side-by-side, and you might not recognize it by its commercial label, utility terrain vehicle or UTV.
But most folks will get a real clear picture when they hear Ranger or Mule, the two most common models made by Polaris Industries and Kawasaki Motors.
Farmers have used these rigs for years, and almost all of them have a small chemical tank in the back for field dressing or spraying fence lines for weeds.
With a reputation as work rigs in farm country, you don't see near as many



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

of them used around here for pure recreation. These rigs are really designed in two different categories — the workhorse category and the catting around category.
One can do both, but the other cannot. I will explain. The work versions have stiffer suspensions and shorter wheel travel. They can tow heavier loads as well as carry more weight. They can still be used for recreation, at least the type of recreation I am looking for.
The units in the second category are much more powerful and drive much

faster. They lack the payloads needed to do really hard work and offer much smaller cargo boxes and limited storage options.
The common sizes today are 700 to 1,000 cc engines. My work/recreation Ranger produces 62 horsepower from 900 ccs. The Polaris cat-around version is called a Polaris Razor. This same 900 cc engine in that rig produces more than 85 horsepower with the same size motors. They have the ability to soup them up under the hood.
My Ranger can go about 55 miles per hour, but any-

thing faster than 35 to 40 on the gravel road gets pretty unstable. The Razor of the same engine size can easily reach 80 mph plus and do so in a much shorter distance.
It has been my experience even on the recreational trails that the older folks like me drive Rangers and the younger crowd drives Razors. I have no desire to see how fast I can go over any type of terrain. Some, but by no means all, of the Razor drivers like to see it they can get all four wheels airborne at the same time.
These high horsepower

ram-jam machines can and do raise heck with managed trails. Younger operators do not always appreciate the damage that can be done when trail conditions are susceptible to increased damage potential like during spring snow thaws.
Spinning the rear wheels on the Ranger lasts a sum total of about 5 feet. Spinning the tires on a Razor can go 100 yards if you want it to. One is a lot harder on trails than the other.
Other manufacturers in the UTV business include CanAm, Kawasaki, Arctic

Cat, Bob Cat, John Deere, Honda and several others. I look for price and service that is close. I have had a 2007, 2012, 2013 and now I own a 2016 Polaris ranger. I don't know which one is best, but I do know that if you ever buy one, get one with power steering.
Older guys who rarely ever exceed 20 miles per hour love the comfort. Rent one of these machines and try a wildlife recreation ride. You might just get hooked, too.
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.

Group of six has made its mark on diamond

Six members of the Luverne High School Class of 2019 appear to be making their final year of playing baseball as a group a good one.

The Luverne American Legion baseball team is on the verge of earning a berth in the Division II state classic for the first time since Luverne hosted the event in 2014.

If it happens, and I'm pretty sure it will, the pack of six recent LHS graduates will deserve a lot of credit for the accomplishment.

Declan Beers, a 2018 LHS graduate who is still young enough to play Legion ball this year, deserves a pat on the back for his on-field contributions this summer as well.

However, if it weren't for the group of six, Luverne wouldn't be in the position of being the lone undefeated team in the Sub-State Tournament after three rounds of play.

To that end, I would like to tip my hat to Gaike Nath, Ben Serie, Jake Haugen, Jade Smith, Derek Lundgren and Mark Sterrett.

These young athletes not only have turned in outstanding individual careers to date, they have been key members of some very successful Luverne teams for the past four years.

The group burst onto the radar screen for me in the summer of 2016, when they formed the nucleus of a Luverne VFW team that captured the program's first Third District Championship in five years.

Things didn't pan out well for the team during the state tournament in Fergus Falls, which resulted in a 0-2 showing.

In hindsight, that season set the stage one year later for what probably was the most successful VFW postseason turned in by a Luverne team.

Not only did the 2017 team repeat as Third District champions, the



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

squad went on to win a program-best three games at the state tournament in Willmar that ended with a third-place finish.

The six recent graduates also were key members of a Legion team that fell one win short of advancing to the state tournament last season.

It should be noted that their success hasn't been limited to summer ball.

The Luverne High School baseball squad has compiled a 65-16 record over the past three seasons, and the 2019 graduates were a big part of that impressive number.

All three of the teams fell short of their quest to qualify for the MSHSL state tournament, but they did place second in the Section 3AA field all three of those seasons.

After watching the way the Legion team has performed in postseason play this summer, I can't envision any scenario that would keep the Cardinals from qualifying for the state tournament in 2019.

Luverne outscored Adrian and Minneota by a combined score of 16-2 to capture the Sub Sub-State A Tournament championship July 12-13.

The Cardinals were even more impressive during Southwest Sub-State play last weekend at Redbird Field.

They posted consecutive wins over Minnesota Lake, Winnebago-Blue Earth and HL-O by a combined score of 36-5.

Luverne has a chance (two, if necessary) to win the double-elimination title at noon Saturday at Redbird Field, and I wouldn't bet against the Cardinals.

It appears clear to me that the group of six is destined to complete the youth part of their baseball careers at the state tournament in Ely Aug. 2-4.



Luverne's Jaime Palmquist dives back to first base to foil an attempted pickoff play during Sunday's Southwest Sub-State Tournament game against Adrian at Redbird Field. Luverne posted a 10-0 win.

Junior Legion wins tourney debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Junior Legion Baseball team passed its first test of the Southwest-Sub State Tournament Sunday at Redbird Field.

Pitted against area foe Adrian, the young Cardinals controlled the game to secure a 10-0 victory.

Ethan Beyer played a key role in the win by tossing a no-hitter against Adrian.

Beyer fanned nine batters and walked one during a five-inning stint on the mound.

A total of two Adrian batters reached base during the game.

Luverne, on the other hand, registered seven hits and produced runs in four of the game's five innings.

After a scoreless first inning, the Cardinals took a 1-0 lead when Jaime Palmquist singled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Riley Anderson in the bottom half of the second inning.

Luverne proceeded to produce four-run rallies in the third and fourth innings before scoring once in the fifth frame to end the game by the 10-run rule.

Cade Wenninger and Casey Sehr delivered RBI singles

during the third-inning uprising.

The frame also included Sehr scoring on a wild pitch and courtesy runner Trygve Gangestad crossing home plate after an Adrian throwing error.

Luverne took care of some Adrian miscues during the fourth inning, when the Cards registered one hit and scored four runs.

Bailey Cowell and Colby Crabtree drew walks and scored on wild pitches during the frame, as did Beyer.

Sehr singled and scored on a wild pitch as well.

Luverne ended the game by the 10-run rule after scoring one run with two outs in the fifth inning.

Kaden Anderson drew a walk and scored the final run when Crabtree delivered a single.

Crabtree and Sehr recorded two hits each for the 14-6 Cardinals, who took on Blue Earth Tuesday (July 23) in a winner's bracket game.

Four pitchers worked on the mound for Adrian in the game.

Scott Zebe surrendered one run in two innings and took the loss.

Dawson Krahling (four runs in one inning), Takoby Mack (four runs in two-thirds of one



Luverne pitcher Ethan Beyer tossed a no-hitter against Adrian during Sunday's tournament debut at Redbird Field.

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					Baker	2	0	0	0
					Halverson	0	0	0	0
					R.Anderson	1	0	0	1
					K.Anderson	0	1	0	0
					Shearer	2	0	0	0
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Crabtree	3	1	2	1					
Sehr	3	2	2	1					

Luverne team wraps up regular season in Marshall

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Junior Legion baseball team capped a 13-6 regular season by dropping a game in Marshall July 16.

The Cardinals played the game's first run, but Marshall Black bounced back to outscore Luverne 7-2 the rest of the way to secure a 7-3 victory.

Luverne gained a 1-0 edge in the top of the first inning.

Ethan Beyer reached base

after surrendering five runs and three hits in the sixth inning.

Beyer singled and scored the first run of the sixth inning when Sehr doubled.

Jaime Palmquist chased Sehr home with a run-scoring double.

Cade Wenninger (two innings, one hit and one run), Beyer (two innings, one run and two hits) and Sehr (one scoreless inning) pitched the first five innings of the contest.

Bailey Cowell took the loss

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Care sponsor the event, which features a \$1,000 prize for the winner.

Saturday's event is the fourth of six races that make up the Luverne-Slayton-Rock Rapids Series, which is sponsored by Sturdevant's Auto Parts.

The series gives extra incentive for the drivers as they can earn prizes for their position in the points standings, which is part of the reason why there should be a lot of cars on hand for the competition.

"We only have 17 cars prereg-

istered now (as of last Thursday), but we typically get at least 45 cars for the race," said Justin Kemp, the race director.

Luverne's Eric Gaul, who currently occupies second place in the L-S-R standings, is expected to defend his 2018 Fair race title Saturday.

Patrick Rohan, Ruthven, Iowa, currently leads the series in points and has preregistered to race Saturday.

Ben Franklin Lodge is staging a raffle during the evening.

SPORTS CLIPBOARD

Rock County Sportsman's Club July 16		Individual scores: 25 x 25	
Team Scores:		Dave Stearns – 2	
Slocum Taxidermy 1	— 114, 121	Jon Lang	
Slocum Taxidermy 2	— 108, 114	Chris Balster – 2	
Slocum Taxidermy 3	— 112, 107	Jeff Stearns – 2	
Main St. Financial	— 110, 102	Doug Deutsch – 3	
Nergaard Construction	— 110, 99	Bob May	
K & R Firearms	— 101, 108		
Agri-Energy LLC	— 107, 106	24 x 25	
Loosbrock Electric	— 102, 100	Jon Lang – 2	
Luverne Body Shop	— 94, 97	Doug Deutsch – 3	
Big Orv's Bar	— 87, 84	Jeff Stearns – 2	
Mickie's Bar & Grill	— 85, 86	Rick Ossefoort	
		Cole Voss – 2	
		Paul Steen – 2	

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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
Friday, July 26: 9:45 a.m. Parkview Rosary. 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Saturday, July 27: 2:30 p.m. Engen/Lenertz Wedding. Sunday, July 28: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. Monday to Wednesday, July 29-Aug. 1: Camp Summit Youth Conference. Tuesday, July 30: 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing.

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

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, July 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, July 25: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2-9 p.m. FBC Rock County Fair Booth. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 28: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:45 a.m. All-church potluck and quarterly business meeting. 4:30 p.m. "CampTastic" at Shetek. No evening service. Monday, July 29, to Friday, Aug. 2: Shetek Camp #5 (Grades 2-3). Tuesday, July 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, July 31: 7 p.m. War of Words Study. Thursday, Aug. 1: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor
Thursday, July 25: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at The Camelot. Friday, July 26: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, July 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, July 28: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. Monday, July 29: 1-7 p.m. Bloodmobile in Fellowship Hall. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, July 30: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Grace Notes Assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. Wednesday, July 31: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Thursday, July 25: ELS Lutheran Youth Association Convention at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Friday and Saturday, July 26 & 27: LYA Convention at BLC in Mankato. Sunday, July 28: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Friday, July 26: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, July 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home and Poplar Creek Services. 7 p.m. Prayer Gathering. Sr. High Youth Group. Monday, July 29: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Tuesday, July 30: Noon staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Wednesday, July 31: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, July 25: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, July 27: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, July 28: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 29: 6:30 p.m. Movie Night. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, July 30: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, July 31: 8 p.m. AA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, July 25: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, July 30: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 31: 6 p.m. Church Picnic. Thursday, Aug. 1: 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 25: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. Saturday, July 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, July 28: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Tuesday, July 30: 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Thursday, July 25: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, July 26: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 28: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 5:30 p.m. VBS Kickoff. Monday, July 29: 1 p.m. Quilting. 6:15-8:15 p.m. VBS. Tuesday, July 30: 6:15-8:15 p.m. VBS. Wednesday, July 31: 6:15-8:15 p.m. VBS. Thursday, Aug. 1: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, July 28: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehempluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, July 28: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. Wednesday, July 31: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

The Kingdom of God is like....

There was a heart-warming story that a woman in Georgia posted on her Twitter account the other week which got picked up by several news outlets. It was a series of photos and comments depicting the last day of work for mail carrier Floyd Martin, who had been delivering mail on the same route for over 30 years. "Mr. Floyd," as the people call him, was retiring.

The photos show mailboxes decorated with ribbons, posters and balloons in honor of Mr. Floyd. Others show people coming out to give their beloved mailman hugs and gifts. At the end of his route, there was a potluck supper waiting with more than 300 people in the community gathered. Mr. Floyd was the guest of honor.

In many of the gospels, Jesus uses parables to teach the disciples and the crowds that gather what the Kingdom of God is like. The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. Or a treasure buried in a field. Or yeast.

Oftentimes the parables are hard for us to understand because our culture today is different in many ways for the world in which the disciples lived. I think stories like that of Mr. Floyd and his community in Georgia are sort of modern-day parables through which we can see glimpses of what the Kingdom of God is like.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Magge Berndt-Dreyer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

In a culture that seems to value productivity and career advancement more than all else, the story of the beloved mailman tells a different story. Mr. Floyd was offered a better, less strenuous job within the postal service, but he turned it down in order to stay with the community that he loved.

In a world where banquets are thrown most often for the largest donors, or in order to entice you into financial support, the story of the beloved mailman paints a different picture. Jesus' parables taught of the Kingdom of God where the priorities of the world were turned on their head.

The story of the beloved mailman tells a tale where relationships, kindness and love are cause for the grandest of celebrations, and where small, simple acts can make lasting community. The Kingdom of God is like a community with a retiring mailman.

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Thursday, July 25: 1:30 p.m. WELCA at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, July 28: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran.

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

Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Pastor Nancy Manning
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamumc@gmail.com
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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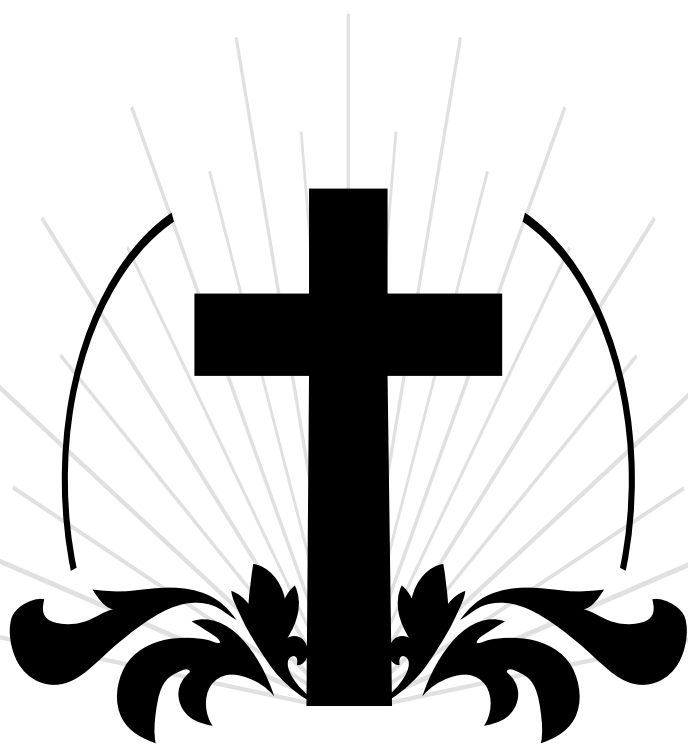
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ISD #2184 School Board meets June 20

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

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA. A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on June 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Colleen Deutsch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Jordan Winter, Jason Phelps, Ryan Debates, Amy Chapa, Dave Mulert and Joel Bornhoft with ICS, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there are changes to the agenda: the removal of agenda item 8.18 and a change to the school board proposed meeting calendar moving the July 25 meeting to July 18. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda with these two adjustments. Motion unanimously carried.

Ryan Debates, representing Security Savings Bank, presented information to the School Board regarding the Promontory Interfinancial Network and pledged securities.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the May 23, 2019, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Joel Bornhoft with ICS gave an update on the food service equipment and cameras/security systems bids receive on June 6. The recommendation was to accept the bid from Plexus Company (dba as Culinex) for the food service equipment and from Affinitech, Inc., for the cameras/security systems. The Plexus Company is from Fargo, ND, and Affinitech, Inc., is located in Chanhassen, MN. He also gave an update on the construction project. Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to accept the bid from Plexus Company, Inc., dba Culinex for food service equipment in the amount of \$550,600. It was noted this includes all alternates. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to accept the bid from Affinitech, Inc., for camera/security systems package in the amount of \$171,606.52. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sandbulte, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,319,577.10. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of May 31, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Proposed bus driver compensation for 2019-2020 was presented. Member Sehr questioned how these proposed dollar amounts were chosen. It was questioned why the Personnel Committee was not a part of the discussion for the pay rates for the school bus drivers, two-hour food service worker pay, the Supervisory and Exempt Employee salaries, and the substitute teacher daily rate of pay. Discussion was held. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to table action on these payroll items which were items 8.4, 8.20.1, 8.20.2, and 8.20.3 on the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman to adopt the following Title Grant Authorization:

The local Board of Education of Luverne Public Schools has authorized Craig Oftedahl, at a monthly meeting on June 20, 2019, to act as the LEA (local education agency) representative in filing an application for funds provided under Public Law 103-382 for the school year 2019-2020. The LEA representative will ensure that the school district maintains compliance with the appropriate Federal statutes, regulations, and State procedures currently in effect and will act as the responsible authority in all matters relating to the administration of this application. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to request quotations to be received by July 16 at 11:00 a.m. for vehicle fuels. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to request bakery products quotations be received by July 16 at 10:30 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to set a bid date of July 16 at 10:00 a.m. for dairy products for the 2019-20 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Baustian, for Jim Gilman with Conway, Deuth & Schmiessing, PLLP, to conduct the audit of the 2018-19 fiscal year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Jarchow, for approval to be given to the auditor for making those final transfers and adjustments, when they audit the books, that are necessary and according to general accounting principles, resolutions, and standards. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the preliminary 2019-2020 Revenue and Expenditure Budget with the School Board along with the 2018-2019 revenues and expenditures as of April 30, 2019. Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to approve the budget as presented in the amounts of \$18,185,123.51 for revenues and \$17,317,407.68 for expenditures. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sandbulte, to continue membership in the Minnesota Rural Education Association with dues being \$2,424.00 for the 2019-20 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Baustian, to continue membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association. Dues for 2019-20 will be \$4,899.00 and policy services will be \$700.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to set these food service prices for 2019-2020:

K-5 Lunch	\$3.00 per day
6-12 Lunch	\$3.25 per day
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00 per day
Kindergarten Breakfast	\$0.00 per day
1-12 Breakfast	\$1.50 per day
Adult Breakfast	\$2.50 per day
Adult Lunch	\$4.00 per day
Milk Break (Elementary)	\$50.00 per year

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve the following school board meeting schedule:

Business Meetings (6:30 p.m. Community Input and 7:00 p.m. Meeting)	
July 18, 2019	August 22, 2019
September 26, 2019	October 24, 2019
November 26, 2019 (Tuesday)	December 19, 2019
January 23, 2020	February 27, 2020
March 26, 2020	April 23, 2020
May 28, 2020	June 25, 2020

School Board Work Sessions (7:00 p.m.)

September 12, 2019	October 10, 2019
November 14, 2019	February 13, 2020
March 12, 2020	April 9, 2020
May 14, 2020	June 11, 2020

Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented the Student Activities Corrective Action Plan 2018-005 which was a finding in the 2018-19 fiscal year audit. Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to accept the Corrective Action Plan as follows: The requirements of MAFA have been reviewed with applicable personnel. Accounts have been reviewed and new procedures have been developed to ensure compliance with MAFA and the review of Student Activity Funds accounting. All Student Activity Funds not under board control have an activity purpose form signed by the advisor and designated administrator, placed on file in the District Office. Any Student Activity Funds designated as under Board control will follow the UFARS accounting procedures as set by Minnesota Session Laws 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Baustian, to approve the following: Resolution Regarding Board Control of Extracurricular Activities

WHEREAS, Minnesota Session Laws 2019, 1st Special Session, CH. 11, Art. 1, Sec. 5, will require changes in the accounting for student activity funds and school boards must take charge of and control all student activities of the public schools in the district and that all money received or expended for extracurricular activities shall be recorded in the same manner as other revenues and expenditures of the district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Luverne Public Schools, Independent School District No. 2184, directs the district's administration

to implement the requirements of Minnesota Session Laws 2019, 1st Special Sessions, Ch. 11, Art. 1, Sec. 5.

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye:Hartman, Baustian, Sehr, Jarchow, Sandbulte, and Bosch;

Nay: None

Absent: Deutsch

WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the tower purchase agreement and ownership assignment with the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative. This will allow the school district to remove the tower next to the north wing of the Middle/High School. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Joel Evans as Physical Education teacher for a salary of \$46,585.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Molly Carbonneau as Elementary teacher for a salary of \$44,186.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Morgan Smith as Elementary music teacher for a salary of \$39,522.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Jason Phelps as Middle School Principal for the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 school years. Salary for the 2019-20 school year will be \$99,500.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Challie Jones as Speech Pathologist for a salary of \$39,422.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Chelsie Wermager as Elementary teacher for a salary of \$52,284.00. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports. It was noted the next School Board meeting will be July 18 with community input at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: June 20, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk

(07-25)

Watershed Board applications due Aug.15

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rock County Board of Commissioners is soliciting local public involvement for appointments to the following:

Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed Board of Managers

Persons interested in becoming involved and playing an integral part in local government and who live in Rock County and within the boundaries of the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed shall complete and submit an application form to the Rock County Administrator's Office and will be forwarded to the County Board for consideration. Under-represented classes are encouraged to apply. To request an application form contact the Rock County Administrator's office via e-mail susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us or phone 507-283-5065. Application forms should be received by August 15, 2019. Please mail application form to:

Rock County Administrator's Office

P.O. Box 509

Luverne, MN 56156

The Rock County Board of Commissioners will be considering applications of interest for this position during their August 20, 2019 meeting.

(07-25, 08-01)

Vande Velde probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Clare A. Vande Velde,
also known as Clare Vande Velde
Decedent,

Court File No. 67-PR-19-227

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 12, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated April 15, 2016, and for the appointment of Susan Skattum, whose address is 1397 160th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Filed in District Court

State of Minnesota

Dated: 7/6/2019

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt

Judge of District Court

Dated: 7/6/2019

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(07-25, 08-01)

Dated: 7/22/2019

Dated: 7/22/2019

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BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt

Judge of District Court

Denise Brandel

Court Administrator

By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

Coney probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT

In Re the Estate of
Mark Allen Coney,
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-19-223

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's last Will dated October 10, 2018, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Craig Coney, 1928 Dolomite Way, Castle Rock, CO 80108 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607), and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate. Any objections to the probate of the Will or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the court administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred. Dated: 7/15/2019

/s/ Terry Vajgrt

District Court Judge

Denise Brandel

Court Administrator

Filed in District Court

State of Minnesota

Jennifer Thode

Dated: 7/15/2019

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT

In Re: the Estate of
Mark Allen Coney,
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-19-223

STATEMENT FOR INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

The application for the Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative, which was signed by Craig Coney, came before the Registrar on July 15, 2019. Having considered the Application, the Registrar determines the following:

- The Application is complete.
- The Application has declared or affirmed that the information in the Application is true to the best of Applicant's knowledge or belief.
- The Applicant appears to be an "interested person" as defined by Minnesota law.
- Venue in this County is proper based on the statements in the Application.
- Any notice required by Minnesota law has been given.
- Decedent's Will is made up of the following:
Last Will dated October 10, 2018.
- The Decedent died on October 12, 2018, and at least 120 hours, but not more than 3 years (except as allowed in Minn. Stat. § 524.3-108), have passed since Decedent's death.
- The following checked statements are true:
Decedent left no surviving spouse.
Decedent left no surviving descendants.
- From the statements in the Application, the person appointed below has priority, is entitled to be appointed Personal Representative, and is not disqualified to serve as Personal Representative.
- Regarding the Bond:
The Will specifies **no bond**.
- Regarding the Administration of the Will:
There is no specification in the Will.
- The Application indicates that there is no Personal Representative appointed in this or another county of Minnesota whose appointment has not been terminated.

IT IS ORDERED:

- The Application is granted.
- The Will is informally probated.
- is informally appointed as Personal Representative of Decedent's Estate, with \$ bond/no bond.
- The appointment of the Personal Representative is not effective until Letters issue.
- Upon filing of the bond, if required, and statement of acceptance of oath, Letters Testamentary will be issued.

Dated: 7/15/19

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Terry Vajgrt

Judge of District Court

(07-25, 08-01)

Collins probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
James Collins,
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-19-213

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated November 15, 2018, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Theresa Conklin, whose address is 11223 Topaz Street, Spring Hill, FL 34608, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator

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within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 7/19/2019

Dated: 7/19/2019

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/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
Registrar
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated: 7-19-19

(07-25, 08-01)

Notice of sheriff's sale Aug. 8 under judgment and decree

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK**

**DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: Other Civil/Misc.
Court File No. 67-CVC-18-180
Honorable Terry S. Vajrt**

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

First Farmers & Merchants National Bank,
Plaintiff,

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

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:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 19; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST (GEODETIC BEARING) ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 1217.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 578.44 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 332.02 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 893.39 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 624.02 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 338.86 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 416.37 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 394.40 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 578.44 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT IS SUBJECT TO ROADWAY EASEMENT AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

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YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE HOMESTEAD YOU HAVE DESIGNATED.

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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)

Rock County Highway Department seeks bridge bids by Aug. 19

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067 – 598 – 022
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. AUGUST 19TH, 2019
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA**

Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, AUGUST 19, 2019.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in this Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridge 67574, a 52'-106'-29' Pre-stressed Concrete Beam Span. The project is located on County Road 52, 1.1 Miles South of CSAH 4 in Martin Township, over the BNSF Railroad.

The major items of work are: 2 - 12" C-I-P Test Piles 100 Ft. Long; 2 - 16" C.I.P Test Piles 100 Ft. Long; 720 Lin. Ft. 12" - C-I-P Piling; 900 Lin. Ft. 16" - C-I-P Piling; 91 Cu. Yds. Structural Concrete; 748 Lin. Ft. Pre-stressed Concrete Beams (MN45); 54,660 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 5,821 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 378 Lin. Ft. Type Modified P-1 Barrier Concrete; 348 Lin. Ft. Ornamental Metal Railing (Type Special); 26,230 Cu. Yds. Common Borrow.

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

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$50.00.

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. S.A.P. 067-598-022"

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(07-25, 08-01, 08-08)

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Millie Moen
(7.21-7.25)

Thank you for your sympathy, hugs and prayers in the sudden death of my brother, "Little Archie." He will be greatly missed, it was too soon!
Nancy Wiertzema
(7.21-7.25)

There are no words to express the thoughts, words, prayers and act of kindness, that we have received since the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and brother. We have an amazing community full of family and friends who have gone above and beyond in showing how much Archie was loved. Thanks to Pastor Nancy Manning and DJ Cross for their spiritual and comforting words. A special thank you to Hartquist. Jeff is such a caring and thoughtful person; we couldn't have gotten through this without him. Thanks again and God Bless!
**Sincerely,
Archie Bonnett Family**
(7.25-7.28)

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(7.25-7.28)

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**ROCK COUNTY
 SPEEDWAY RACES**

JULY 25

Adults \$12 • 8 and Under \$3

Hot Laps at 6:30 p.m.
 Races start at 7 p.m.

5 CLASSES

MICRO SPRINTS
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At the Rock County Fair...

**MN XTREME
 BULL RIDING**

Tickets - \$12
 8 & under \$3

BULLS & BUSTING

FRIDAY, JULY 26 | 6PM | GRANDSTAND
 ROCK COUNTRY FAIRGROUNDS

Mutton Busting - 6 pm
 Top 10 will come back to ride
 during intermission of bull riding

★ NEW TIME ★
 Register for mutton busting at
 the south end of the grandstand
 from 5:00-5:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN WITH **JESSE LARSON** ★ RODEO CLOWN • BARRELMAN • ENTERTAINER

Bull riding team event will also take place

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ALL DAY

Mini Farm Display
 "Wild Thing Zoo Attraction"
 (Petting Zoo)

Arcade & Fish Tanks
 Kahl's Kettlecorn
 Caricatures by Casey
 Xtreme Balls
 Rock County
 Discovery Center
 (Pipestone Systems)

KID'S DAY

★ RC Fair ★ Saturday, July 27 ★

MS. JAZEE BALLOON TWISTING 11 AM-4 PM
 KIDS SHOW AT 11 AM

PEDAL PULL 2 PM
 GRANDSTANDS
 REGISTRATION AT 1 PM

FANTASY FACE PAINTING 1-5 PM
 SHRINERS CLOWNS 2-5 PM
 DAZZLING DAVE YOYO GUY
 12-1:30 AND 4PM
 ENDURO RACE 7 PM



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Above, Jaycee Chapa (left) and Mason Facile enjoy corn dogs during the Splish Splash Summer Bash family night at the History Center parking lot Thursday night. In the **center** photo, 2-year-old Collin and 4-year-old Carter Hamm and their mom, Jessica, enjoy rubber ducks in the portable water tank. **At right**, Haily Steel and Moriah Knorr create with spray bottles.

Splish Splash Summer Bash

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

The summer Thursday Night Plaza series continued July 25 with Splish Splash Summer Bash in the History Center parking lot on East Main Street in Luverne. The Luverne Fire Department was a big hit that evening as temperatures soared into the upper 80s with a heat index near 100 degrees. The department provided a gentle mist from the ladder truck and filled its portable water tank to be used for games and swimming. Sterling's Café and Grille served corn dogs and ice cream, and there were free water games and activities for all ages, sponsored by local businesses.



Pictured above, Kamryn Van Batavia (left) and Eddie Edstrom take aim with water guns while Ellie Van Batavia (right) stands by Thursday night.



Rock County Library announces summer reading activities

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

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

Peaceful Park Summer Book Club, 10 a.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 29, at various parks. Bring your own chair and a beverage. No pressure and no discussion required.

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

Rockin' Red, 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, County Fairgrounds.

Take 16 Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1.

Minnesota Star Watch with Mike Lynch, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, Touch the Sky Prairie, rural Luverne.

Adult Summer Reading Program through Aug. 11. For every five books read, enter to win a prize basket.

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.

Club Swine Program debuts at Rock County Fair /from page 1



Mavis Fodness photo/0725 Fair Preview 2019 Swine Club Jed (left) and Grace Fagerness work with their hogs last week in preparation for the Rock County Fair.

“This is not about the perfect pig. It’s a real-life situation to see what a real-life farmer deals with.”

— Jason Jansma

Gracie has also shown sheep at the fair.

He’s quick to point out a difference between species.

“It’s easier to show them. You don’t need a halter, you just tap them,” he said. “Their ‘go’ button is on their side,” Jed said.

“There’s no ‘stop’ button — you don’t want them to stop walking.”

The 4-H’ers introduced their hogs to the show stick tapping a month ago. A bag of marshmallows also entices the hogs to walk forward rather than be distracted by other favorite activities.

“They love to dig,” said Gracie, 12, an incoming H-BC seventh-grader. “They do eat a lot.”

Aside from marshmallows, the hogs receive bags of feed provided by New Vision Co-op, where the 4-H’ers have an account.

The 4-H’ers paid \$50 for a pig and they charge feed expenses until the hog is sold after the fair.

The youth keep any profits after their accounts are paid in full.

Under the agreement, the 4-H’ers must show the hogs at the county fair with other 4-H’ers in the program.

They are judged in a separate swine class, an aspect DeMarrias’ parents, Jason and Kelsie Jansma of Adrian, like about the club swine program.

“This is not about the perfect pig,” Jason said. “It’s a real-life situation to see what a real-life farmer deals with.”

Instead of focusing on confirmation, the judge makes his ribbon decisions on the hogs’ weight gains since April along with the exhibitors’ knowledge of hog production in addition to how they handle their hogs in the show ring.

DeMarrias, 12, is a member of the Livewires 4-H Club and will be a seventh-grader at Ellsworth Public Schools this fall.

The swine show is at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 25, in the 4-H exhibit arena. The hogs are on display in the swine barn until 9 p.m. Saturday night.

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Jim Woster Meet and Greet Tri State Neighbor

**Thursday, July 25
4:30-6:30 p.m.**

food provided by Tri State Neighbor under the tent by the Foodstand at the Rock County Fair

Farm Family & Century Farms Presentation under tent at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Woster will talk on the History of the Stockyards at 6:30 p.m. under the tent