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Luverne community to celebrate Fourth of July at The Lake

By Jason Berghorst

For the fifth year in a row, The Lake in southwest Luverne will be the place to be on the Fourth of July. And each year the event, hosted by the Luverne Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, continues to grow. "We have more sponsors this year," said Luverne Chamber Executive Director Jane Wildung-Lanphere. "Thanks to our generous sponsors, we are able to continue to offer more

activities and have an even bigger fireworks show." Lanphere said about \$11,000 will be spent on this year's fireworks, making it the largest fireworks display at The Lake so far. "It will be an even bigger bang for the bucks," she said. The fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. over The Lake. Three new activities will be added to the July 4 attractions this year. A live band, "Smooche with

Tommy Binford," will play before and after the fireworks from 8 to 10 p.m. and from 10:30 to 11 p.m. Also new this year is a quaddle-ball tournament starting at 5 p.m. "It's basically a fun four-square game on a beach with a paddle and ping-pong balls," Lanphere said. Registration for the one person, double-elimination tournament starts at 4:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four finishers

in the tournament. An air-conditioned indoor game room is another new addition. Starting at 1 p.m., anyone is welcome to come inside and play card or board games. The activities on Thursday begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Davis Lake Triathlon. Inflatables open at 10 a.m. and open swimming, the food court and beer garden open at 11 a.m.

Sand castle, bean bags, logrolling and dock dog contest — all with cash prizes — will be staged throughout the afternoon with bingo under the tent from 6 to 8 p.m. A full schedule of events is available in the June 29 Luverne Announcer and at luvernechamber.com. "We're just really excited for a full day of fun on the Fourth," Lanphere said. "Thanks to our generous sponsors it should be better than ever."

Hot Dog Night set for July 11

By Jason Berghorst

After 57 years, some things never change. But that's not the case with Luverne's Hot Dog Night. The annual mid-summer event began as a way for merchants to thank their customers with free hot dogs and juice. While that's still the goal today, the event has changed and grown considerably since the first hot dog night 57 years ago. This year's Hot Dog Night on Thursday, July 11, will be just the start of three days of events, according to Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. "Hot Dog Night has really grown into a whole weekend of activity in Luverne," she said. "It's become one of the main weekends for class reunions and for people to come home or visit Luverne." In addition to the over 15,000 free hot dogs served on Thursday, the weekend includes live music, the Wienerman Triathlon, the Tour de Donut bicycle tour, multiple class reunions and more.

Thursday

The action on Thursday includes the Farmers Market, face painting and temporary tattoos, free inflatables and freeze pops, and demonstrations by Luverne Tae Kwon Do and Spotlight Dancers. Hot dog serving begins at 5:30 and continues while supplies last. The ninth annual Wienerman

Hot Dog Night July 11/see page 2



Mavis Fodness photo/0703 Rocked the River

'I Rocked the River' event offers cool fun on hot day

Annual event attracts 71 paddlers

Seventy-one people paddled kayaks down 10.31 miles of the Rock River Saturday morning as part of the "I Rocked the River" event. "In spite of the extremely hot weather, you were wonderful guests on the river," said Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

All kayakers finished at the Luverne City Park and participated in activities in an "After Row Party," a new event this year at Take 16 Brewing Co.

Above, Bergin Flom leads kayakers around the bend in the Rock River Saturday.

At right, Jolene Henning of Adrian maneuvers a bend in the Rock River.



Lori Sorenson photo/0703 anhydrous ammonia training

Thursday night's training involved "uprighting" a tipped-over nurse tank with proper machinery on both sides for counterweight. Data shows that accidental ammonia releases occur with the transport tanks.

CHS hosts anhydrous ammonia training

By Lori Sorenson

"It can kill you, as much as a motorcycle can kill you," Ray Steil said about anhydrous ammonia. "You wouldn't get on a Harley Davidson if you don't know how to handle it. ... You have to understand the animal you're trying to tame." Steil, who owns a regulatory consulting firm in Sioux City, Iowa, addressed a group of more than 30 people Thursday, June 27, at CHS Magnolia. The safety training involved

Rock County Ambulance personnel, fire departments and first responders from Luverne, Magnolia and Edgerton and about a dozen CHS employees. Steil said victims exposed to high concentrations of anhydrous ammonia suffer immediate injuries because the gas quickly seeks the nearest source of water, which is what largely comprises the human body. "Clothing becomes like shrink wrap; if you attempt to peel it off, the skin is going to come with it," he

said. "Contact lenses 'weld' to the eye destroying the retina, and breathing it can freeze the lungs." By definition, "anhydrous" means "without water," which means it has a high affinity for water. That's why water is paramount in treating anhydrous exposures to draw it back out of the body. "How much water do you carry with you?" Steil asked RN Kaitlyn Van Meeteren, a Rock County Ambulance

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Rock County receives state compensation of \$36,000 for failed MNLARS rollout

By Mavis Fodness

The state will compensate Rock County more than \$36,000 for costs incurred by the failed upgrade of Minnesota's Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS). "This is a great deal," said county auditor-treasurer Ashley Kurtz. "Thirty-six thousand exceeds what we hoped for." Legislators appropriated \$13 million in deputy registrar reimbursement grants during the last legislative session. A formula, based in part on the number of transactions, gave Rock County \$36,330.99 as compensation. When the upgraded MNLARS software rolled out in July 2017, problems began immediately. Locally, Drivers and Vehicle Services (DVS) employees had to repeatedly enter data into the computer database. Vehicle owners experienced lengthy delays with title transfers — up to more than six months after

the transaction. Previously the process took 30 to 45 days. In February 2018, Rock County joined other Minnesota counties in supporting a resolution detailing the frustrations employees and the public experienced using the new system. Officials didn't expect the state to reimburse DVS offices for the extra work created by the new system. Gov. Tim Walz accepted a review by an independent committee to replace the current MNLARS upgrade with a packaged software solution. He also proposed reimbursing DVS locations for lost time through the reimbursement grants. Money for the upgrade and the grant is allocated from a special fund and not the state Department of Public Safety, which oversees the DVS program. There are 300 DVS offices in Minnesota. The new software solution may take 12 to 18 months to implement.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 8, in the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. Program will be a tour of the Healing Gardens with George Bonnemera. Call 283-2297 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 8, in the Beaver Creek Township Hall.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at the Kenneth Community Center.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at the library to carpool to Quilts and More in Elkton, South Dakota. Supper will follow the tour. Call Sharon at 507-227-3821.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be at Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

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

Lady Luverne Red Hats meetings are canceled until further notice due to health issues of members.

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

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

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

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

Fair open class information online

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

Wienerman and Tour de Donut

•Wienerman World Championships, a four-person relay with eating challenges, takes place on Hot Dog Night, Thursday, July 11, in downtown Luverne at 7 p.m.

•Tour de Donut Minnesota is Saturday, July 13. The 55-mile race begins at 7 a.m. at Luverne City Park. The shorter routes begin at 8 a.m. at the park.

St. John hosts two Medicare seminars

•The Senior LinkAge Line will offer a class for **beginning internet** users from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, at St. John Lutheran Church, 803 North Cedar Street, Luverne.

The class is for adults who would like to learn the basics of operating a computer, how to use the internet and how to use email. Participants will also learn how to use www.medicare.gov website.

•A class to learn the **basics of Medicare** will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 15, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Participants will learn the basics of Medicare and their coverage options in Minnesota.

The class size will be kept small to allow time for personal attention. Preregister by calling 507-283-2316. A free light supper will be provided by St. John beginning at 5:45 p.m.

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.

Home School Group meets July 16

The Rock County Home School group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Rock County Library in Luverne. Program will be "Homeschooling in Minnesota."

Free Medicare classes

Free classes for people who are new to Medicare are offered the second and third Mondays every month at the Minnesota River Area on Aging, 1939 Engebretson Ave., Slayton.

In the first class, participants will learn basics of Medicare and their options. The second class teaches how to research these options using non-biased tools, such as the Medicare website and Medicare Plan Finder Tool.

Call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 to register. Website is www.mnraaa.org.



Star Herald file photo/0719 hot dog night 2018

Crowds gather on Luverne's Main Street for the 2018 version of Hot Dog Night that included food, wiener dogs and more.

Luverne to celebrate Hot Dog Night July 11/continued from page 1

Triathlon, a unique four-person relay race that includes eating, swimming, biking and running begins at 7 p.m.

The ever-popular wiener dog beauty pageant and wiener dog races also start at 7 p.m.

The first of three nights of live music kicks off with Casey Muessigmann, a country artist who appeared on The Voice, performing outside the History Center on Main Street from 8-11 p.m.

Friday: Take 16 Brewing Company's block party takes center stage on Friday night, July 12, when it hosts two live bands for a free concert.

The Federales will play from 5 to 7:30 p.m. before Church of Cash takes the stage from 8 to 11 p.m.

Church of Cash is a popular Johnny Cash tribute band that performed at the Governor's Pheasant Opener Weekend in Luverne last October to rave reviews.

"They were very good and people are excited to have them back in town," Lanphere said.

Saturday:

The Tour de Donut Minnesota begins Saturday morning, July 13, with 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. starts at Luverne City Park.

The unique combination of the bike tour and donut-eating challenge includes four routes from 10 to 55 miles long with treats served along

the route.

Much more information and required pre-registration can be found at www.wienermanevents.com.

Take 16 will stage a second night of live music on Saturday night when the band, Standing Room Only, plays from 6 to 10 p.m.

More information about the weekend can be found in the July 6 Luverne Announcer or on the Chamber website at www.luvernechamber.com.

City finance director earns 25th national award

By Lori Sorenson

For the 25th consecutive year, the city of Luverne has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

At their June 25 meeting, Luverne City Council members formally recognized city finance director Barb Berghorst for her efforts in qualifying the city for the award.

Mayor pro-tem Caroline Thorson thanked Berghorst for her quality work and pointed out that the award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"It's a pretty prestigious honor," Thorson said. "The citizens of Luverne are in wonderful hands."

She said that in 2017 only 1 percent of cities the size of Luverne received the award, and in Minnesota, fewer than 4 percent were so recognized.

According to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) the



Lori Sorenson photo

Mayor pro-tem Caroline Thorson presents Barb Berghorst with Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Tuesday, June 25.

award represents a "significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

It recognizes "Excellence in Financial Reporting" by cities, and Berghorst is the person primarily responsible for those duties in Luverne. However, in receiving the award, she noted that the staff members who work with her deserve credit for the achievement.

FSA extends prevented plant reporting deadline

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is extending the prevented plant crop reporting deadline for Minnesota producers affected by spring flooding and excessive moisture.

Producers in many counties now have until July 15, 2019, to report acres they intended to plant this spring but could not due to weather conditions.

Affected counties include the southwest Minnesota counties of Rock, Nobles, Pipestone and Murray, as well as many others.

The new deadline coincides with the July 15, 2019, FSA crop acreage reporting deadline that is already in place.

"Producers need to report prevented plant acres to retain eligibility for FSA program benefits," Joe Martin, state executive director said.

"In many areas of the state, excessive moisture has made it challenging for producers to get into their fields to plant, and this deadline extension provides reporting flexibility."

Normally, the prevented plant reporting deadline is 15

calendar days after the final planting date for a crop as established by FSA and the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

The prevented plant reporting deadline extension to July 15 only applies to FSA and does not change any RMA crop insurance reporting deadline requirements.

However, the extension does not apply to crops covered by FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Producers should check with their local FSA office regarding prevented plant provisions for NAP-covered crops.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office as soon as possible to make an appointment to report prevented plant acres and submit their spring crop acreage report. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

For information regarding RMA crop insurance, contact your Approved Insurance Provider. To find your provider, visit rma.usda.gov/information-tools/agent-locator-page.



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County supports 1,700-acre Elk Creek Solar Farm

Two solar farm sites planned for Vienna and Magnolia townships

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners issued a letter of support for the proposed 1,700-acre solar farm near Magnolia. The support comes after township officials indicated they have no concerns about the project led by Geronimo Energy.

During the June 4 County Board meeting, officials with Edina-based Geronimo presented information about the Elk Creek Solar Project and construction plans to split into Elk Creek and Elk Creek II.

Jordan Burmeister with Geronimo Energy requested a letter of support from the county.

“If we can take care of things early on, then we’ll have a good application into the Minnesota PUC (Public Utilities Commission),” he said.

That support came after meeting with representatives from Magnolia and Vienna townships.

“We just wanted to make sure you guys are OK with it,” said County Board Chairman Greg Burger.

Brian Jonas of Vienna Township said, “We’re looking forward to it (the solar project).” Hunter Riggs of Magnolia Township also supported the project.

Both township representatives said they talked with Geronimo, expressing concerns about township roads, mowing of ditches and weed management.

“Our main concern is what they needed from us for roads,” Jonas said. “They don’t need anything.”

Commissioners agreed to the letter of support at their June 18 meeting, citing satisfaction with Geronimo’s wind energy history in Rock County.

Geronimo also organized Prairie Rose Wind Farm in the northwest part of the county where 119 wind turbines were completed in 2012.

“Geronimo did everything they promised as far as roads and maintenance,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Geronimo later sold its interest in Prairie Rose to its partner, Enel Green Power North America, in 2012. Enel still operates the wind farm in northern Rock County.

After talking with county officials June 4, Geronimo Energy hosted an afternoon open

house at Grand Prairie Events.

Government officials, landowners and surrounding neighbors to the solar farm were invited to receive more information about the solar project and ask questions.

Leases and/or land purchases with nine landowners is almost complete, Burmeister said.

The \$290 million project is divided into two sites to aid the selling of the electricity, he said.

Elk Creek involves an 80-megawatt solar site located in Sections 27, 34 and 35 in Vienna Township. The farm would span 720 acres.

Elk Creek II would be a nearly 120-megawatt solar site constructed over 980 acres in Sections 33, 34 and 35 in Vienna Township and Section 3 in Magnolia Township.

As part of the state permitting process, a public hearing will take place in Rock County.

“We want to come out and speak to everyone beforehand,” said Melissa Schmit, Geronimo Energy permitting manager. “We don’t want that to be the first meeting where you hear about the project.”

After the open house, Schmit said questions centered around the project’s timeline and solar technology in general.

“We are excited about the community’s support for the project,” she said.

Permit application for Elk Creek will be filed later this summer, followed closely by Elk Creek II.

The permitting process may take up to a year to complete. The fall of 2020 is the earliest construction could begin, Burmeister said.

Both sites will be constructed simultaneously and operating by late 2021, and both connect to an existing substation in section 35 of Vienna Township.

A fence will surround the entire solar farm with pollinator-friendly vegetation planted under the panels to stabilize the soil.

An operations building will also be a part of the solar farm operations at a location yet to be determined.

Ten full-time employees will work at Elk Creek Solar Farm, which will be the largest in Minnesota at a single location.



Lori Sorenson photos/0627 wastewater treatment upgrades

Luverne is about to invest \$14 million to upgrade and rebuild the 60-year-old wastewater treatment system. At their June 11 meeting, City Council members awarded the project bid to Gridor Construction, Buffalo, at a price of \$14,281,000. Luverne City Council members toured the wastewater treatment plant during their June 18 meeting.

Luverne embarks on \$14 million wastewater treatment upgrade

Premium Iowa Pork to shoulder nearly half the cost of project that will accommodate future industrial growth for city of Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Up until the mid 1950s Luverne’s raw sewage was pumped directly into the Rock River.

Construction of a municipal wastewater treatment plant in 1956 marked a major shift in sewage and wastewater management, and processes have since been refined in response to environmental protection and improved technologies.

Now Luverne is about to invest \$14 million to upgrade and rebuild the 60-year-old wastewater treatment system.

At their June 11 meeting, City Council members awarded the project bid to Gridor Construction, Buffalo, at a price of \$14,281,000.

The wastewater plant is basically being rebuilt and will replace major components — some that are original to the 1956 plant.

The work is divided into two major parts.

The first part — to be finished by June 2020, will be primarily utilized by Premium Iowa Pork, which is paying \$6.7 million of the \$14 million project.

The other part of the project, with an estimated completion by November 2020, is to improve wastewater treatment capacity for the future growth of the community.

“The new wastewater plant will serve the current wastewater needs as well as provide for the future growth



The final clarifier unit of the Luverne wastewater treatment was one of the components toured by Luverne City Council members June 11.

of the community for the next 50 years,” City Administrator John Call said.

The new project actually represents the final two stages of wastewater treatment improvements that began two years ago when Luverne invested \$338,000 to replace its dissolved air flotation thickener, along with some electrical, pumping and pretreatment improvements.

Costs for the new \$14 million project will be financed over the next 30 years for the plant that’s expected to last for the next 50 years.

City finance director Barb Berghorst explained that the bonds to finance the wastewater treatment improvements will be in two issues.

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Anhydrous ammonia training at CHS Magnolia prepares emergency responders/ from page 1



Lori Sorenson photos/0703 anhydrous chs training
Consultant Ray Steil (center) addresses a group of 30 people Thursday evening at the CHS Magnolia terminal about handling anhydrous ammonia and how to address accidental leaks. **Below**, Steil talks about equipment and valve components. **At right**, firemen approach a leaking anhydrous valve with a wall of water.



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“Probably not enough,” she said.

Steil told emergency responders who encounter anhydrous exposures to flush a victim with water for 30 minutes before transporting. Applying water-soaked towels can help continue that process during transport.

And he warned firefighters to be alert to the possibility of anhydrous ammonia contamination.

“It’s always about ‘how fast can I get there?’ and ‘who’s in charge?’” Steil said, referencing seven firemen who died while responding to a 2002 train derailment involving anhydrous ammonia in Minot, North Dakota.

Anhydrous ammonia is a commonly used crop nutrient on farms, and the most common emergencies — about 80 percent of them — involve farmers who are transporting “nurse” tanks to and from the field.

And Steil encouraged firemen and emergency responders to calculate their risks in anhydrous ammonia incidents.

“If there are no hurt people and it’s sitting out there in the field, don’t bother with it,” he said. “Unless someone’s life is in danger ... ammonia’s cheap; let it go.”

Thursday night’s training involved “uprighting” a tipped-over nurse tank with proper machinery on both sides for counterweight.

Since most accidental ammonia releases occur with the transport tanks, Steil talked

about the equipment and key valve components.

The training wrapped up with several teams of five firemen practicing how to contain controlled releases of anhydrous ammonia that formed clouds across the ground and spread with prevailing breezes.

Using fire hose fog nozzles at their largest spray capacity, pairs of firemen on either side of the plume “parted” the cloud to enable a fifth fireman to approach the turn-off valve.

Each team concluded the exercise by decontaminating each other under a healthy dose of rinse water from the hoses.

Denny Alexander, CHS regional safety specialist, said he’s grateful that local emergency responders attend trainings like the one offered Thursday.

“It’s a win-win for us,” he said. “If something happens, one — they’re going to help us, and two — we don’t get any of them hurt.”

He said CHS hosts similar trainings at plant locations all over the upper Midwest.

Brock Dexter, senior safety specialist for CHS Brandon, said he hopes farmers pay attention to the risks involved with handling anhydrous ammonia.

“It’s a hazardous product, but very much needed in farm operations,” Dexter said. “But I don’t know if a lot of farmers understand the dangers of using this product.”

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture website, mda.mn.us, has links to safety tips and handling advice for anhydrous ammonia.

Reflections on the Fourth of July as more than a holiday at The Lake

July 4, 2019

As a teenager growing up in Luverne I noticed The Fourth of July divided people into two groups: those who had “a lake place” and those who did not. I was among those who did not.

As a small child growing up on a farm southwest of Luverne, a Fourth of July highlight might be my going outside to pet one of five or ten kittens.

As an older child, the day might be spent waiting for the hay to get baled wondering if we’d get to go to town to watch fireworks at the Fairgrounds.

As a teenager, the Fourth of July meant I could work as many shifts as I wanted at the Blue Mound Inn — since half the waitresses were “at the lake.”

This is why I take such delight in the newly invented Fourth of July at The Lake Celebration right in Luverne. Now everyone in Luverne has a lake place — but without the taxes, insurance and upkeep.

(The Fourth of July celebration has also expanded in my personal life to include a daughter born on July 2, a granddaughter born on July 5 and a “cancer-free” diagnosis also on July 5. It’s become a weeklong celebration.)

Last year, when my husband and I arrived on our bikes at The Lake, I thought, “Wow. This is Luverne?”

I observed a sunny, sandy beach packed with people. A cool blue lake was dotted with canoes, kayaks and swimmers. Music played from a speaker.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

(The Fourth of July celebration has also expanded in my personal life to include a daughter born on July 2, a granddaughter born on July 5 and a ‘cancer-free’ diagnosis ...)

The smell of something delicious floated through the air. A group of super-serious people were playing Corn Hole. (How can anyone be serious while playing Corn Hole?)

We chatted with friends and neighbors, had a plate of something delicious and pedaled back home returning later for the amazing fireworks show.

Crawling into bed that night I thought, “Wow! I never left Luverne but I spent the day at The Lake.”

Looks like I’ve finally got a lake place for the Fourth of July — and so do you.

(See the related front page story about July 4 festivities at The Lake)

A look back at what American flag really means — 50 years ago and now

Editor’s note: This editorial by editor Alan C. McIntosh first appeared in the Nov. 9, 1967, edition of the Rock County Star Herald. It was reprinted in the Feb. 27, 1969, edition after it had received the George Washington Honor Medal Award of Freedoms Foundation.

‘Just a Rag’

“I am the American flag.

“Most of the time they call me ‘Old Glory.’

Which is ridiculous. I can’t regard myself as outdated and useless ... as an old antique. I think of myself as ever young. I keep up with the times. As proof, look at those two new stars proudly emblazoned on me ... keeping up with the 48 I have worn so long and so proudly.

“Sometimes I dream a bit in the sunlit days of fall and I can hear the rustle of my silken folds keeping harmony with the rustle of the leaves ... as they fall to the earth ... and I think of all the places where I have been where American men have fallen down so that I may be safe ... Valley Forge ... Antietam ... San Juan Hill, Montezuma, Tripoli, Lebanon, Italy, Egypt, the Argonne Forest, Omaha Beach, the Iron Triangle ... you name it and I’ve been there.

“And I have not gone there at the head of a band of conquering tyrants, but as the beautiful symbol of freedom, glory, generosity and opportunity with liberty. My proudest memories are of strong men who have wept bitter tears when they have seen me taken down ... like at Corregidor ... and how men wept with joy at the sight of me again ... they regarded me as a loved one.

“I have a lot of memories. Yes I have. I know what the sight of me has meant to so many.

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“And more than just a little bit shamed am I when I say that some of my ‘adopted children’ who came here from foreign lands to escape oppression seem to appreciate me more than some of my very own native born.

“There are so many proud memories for me. The times when men unashamedly clutched off their hats and put them at their left breast in silent salute as I was carried by.

“Nobody had heard of that term of scalding derision yet — ‘flag waver.’

“But not all Americans today are ashamed to be called ‘flag waver’ or ‘square.’

“I’ve had my times of rapture and exultation.

“I’ve had sad moments too.

“Probably my saddest hours are when I have a duty to perform to pay an obligation to those who paid the price when this country’s security and future was at stake.

“It has been then that I have shivered as I rode stretched out across a long box in the chilly confines of a baggage car or in the cargo hold of a freighter plane. Fastened securely to the box. A box containing the last mortal remains of an American boy who gave his life that I might still live. A gift given without grudging and without any whimperings but the gasp of mortal agony.

“Any funeral they say is a terrible ordeal emotionally.

“But the ones I go to make anyone, strong man or stranger, want to weep. It’s hard enough to have a family standing beside an open grave. It’s harder still when the volleys from the firing squad rip out with a deafening crash. The loved ones standing at graveside quiver and shake as the live bullets were tearing gaping holes in their flesh.

“Then comes the hardest ordeal of all — the playing of ‘Taps.’ That in itself is so sad that even the strongest, most impassive men break down and weep unashamedly ... the bitter and scalding hot tears of the deepest grief.

“Then comes the solemn part ... the rite I’ve seen so many thousands and thousands of times. As the ceremony ends and it is almost time for the loved ones to turn away, the military escort steps up ... and holds me ... and folds me ... carefully ... tenderly ... reverently ... meticulously to the prescribed impact package. Then

he hands me, a package of red, white and blue, to a grieving wife or mother and smartly salutes.

“I go home with them. To a place of sacred honor. There are more than just a few of these flags in this community.

“Many a tear has dropped onto that packet of Old Glory. I have had the place of honor in the family treasures because I am ‘the flag’ that came with ‘HIS Coffin’ when we made that sad and weary journey home from where he had paid the supreme price ... whether it was in the muck of Guadalcanal or the snake-infested paddies of Viet Nam.

“To get rid of me would be unthinkable for these loved ones.

“Throw me out? They’d almost be as willing to throw out the family Bible. Because, for loyal Americans everywhere the American Flag is as sacred as the Bible.

“Lately, I’ve been grieving about some of the things they’ve said about me.

Every time I’ve been spat upon, torn to bits, and burned and stamped upon, I’ve quivered in pain.

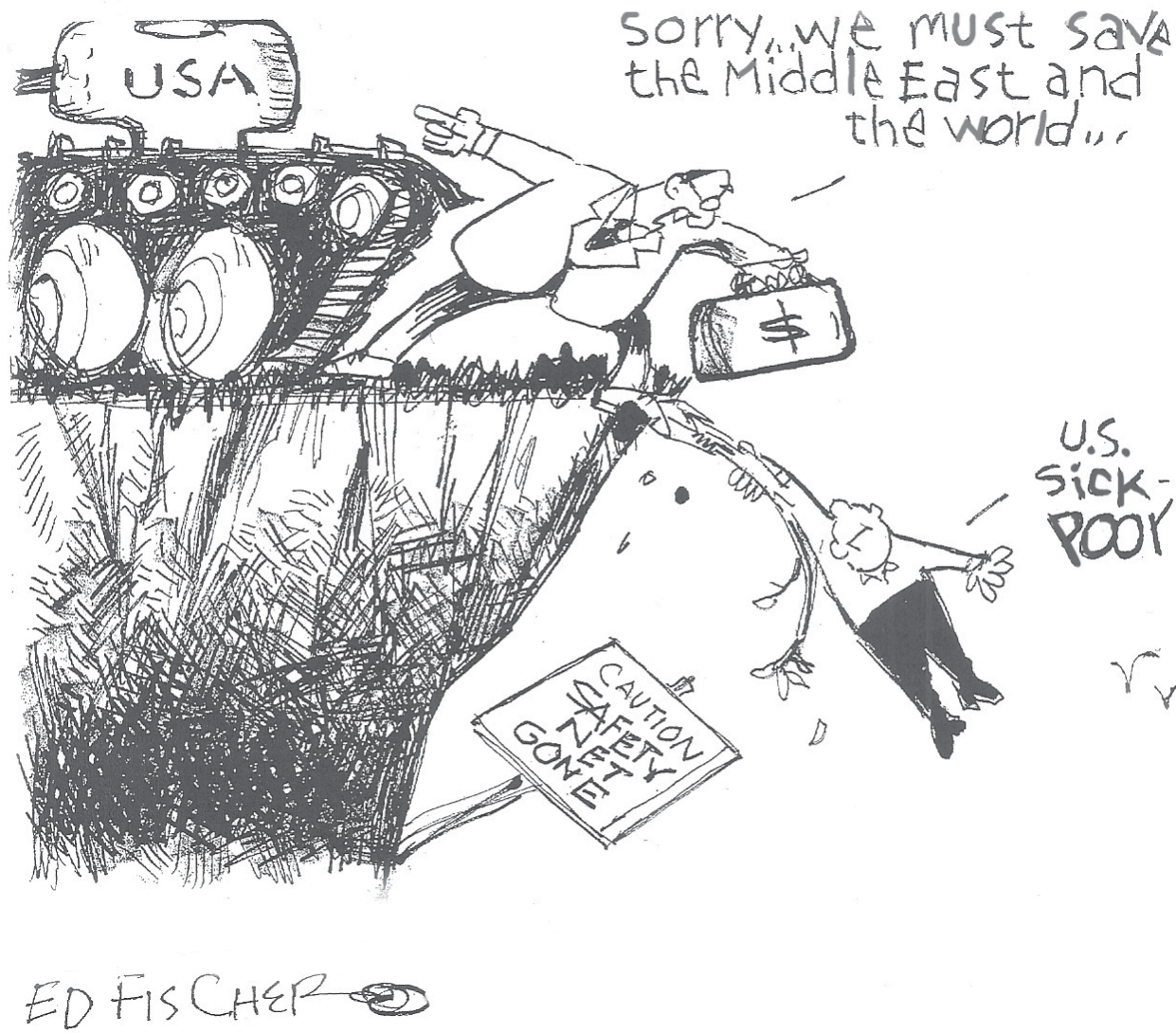
“Not pain for myself ... but the agony of pain from thinking how much agony American men endured, and at what a price, so that dissenters could have the freedom to desecrate and destroy me.

“They can destroy me, physically, whether I am wearing a silken or cotton dress ... but they cannot destroy the image I have for all Americans — of the glory of the Red, White and Blue.

“I was deeply hurt the other day when a man by the name of Dick Gregory referred to me as ‘just a rag.’ “He said too that unless Negroes get part of the Constitution the whites won’t have a Constitution.

“The last thing a lady should do

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FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

Where has the summer gone?

Wow, July 4 already! Where has the summer gone?

The Fourth is the unofficial midpoint of summer, and for me it’s going to be over with before I know it. Buffalo Days is over, tomorrow is the Fourth of July, and after next week Hot Dog Night will be in the books for another year. Again, where has the summer gone?

The one date that I have had marked on my calendar for some time is Friday, July 12. That’s the date that Church of Cash is returning to Take 16 for another performance.

If you were able to catch their first trip to town for the Governor’s Pheasant Hunting Opener last October, you know why the 12th is circled on my calendar.

Not long after Church of Cash played here for the Governor’s Opener, they were booked to play at the Worthington Auditorium, and they filled the 700-plus-seat house. Just a couple of months ago they played to a

packed house at the Grand Falls Casino show lounge, and some say it was one of the best shows in the casino’s eight-year history.

So circle July 12 on your calendar and get down to Take 16 Brewing Company and enjoy a couple of local brews while taking in the legendary songs of Johnny Cash preformed by Church of Cash.

Just an FYI — Johnny Cash recorded nearly 1,500 songs, and Church of Cash covers 250 of his greats hits.

As this summer is flying by, I have noticed it seems as though Highway 75 between the interstate and Main Street has become the favorite location for orange construction barrels. Is it just me or have portions of the newsidewalk and boulevard grass on the east side of the highway between McDonald’s and the old Sharkee’s site been put down and torn up and then put back down only to be torn up again?

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 21
•Complainant reported a suspicious person at location on Luverne Street.
•Illegal burning was reported at location on Hatting and Freeman.
June 22
•Complainant on Dodge Street reported a vehicle had been gone through.
•Complainant requested a residence check in Hardwick.
•Complainant reported a man in ditch with bike west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16 and 17 near Magnolia.
•Complainant on West Hatting Street requested to speak to deputy.
•Accident reported at location on West Interstate Drive.
June 23
•Complainant requested an unlock at location on Brandenburg Street.
•Complainant reported road hazard on 161st Street and 150th Avenue near Luverne.
•Complainant requested a check on vehicle in median on Interstate 90, mile marker 7 near Beaver Creek.
•Deputy conducted a curfew check on East Adams Avenue.
June 24
•Deputy requested for court on East Brown Street.
•Complainant reported a possible scam.
•Complainant reported a stolen car battery on North Spring Street.
•Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on North McKenzie Street.
•Complainant reported a hit and run accident on Luverne Street.
•Complainant reported a civil issue on South West Park Street.
•Complainant reported a vehicle off the roadway on County Road 3 and 91st Street.
•Complainant on Oak Drive reported subject has fallen and unable to make it to the car.
•Complainant reported pea rock was dumped at location near Luverne.
•Complainant on West Hatting Street reported she is missing her ID.
•Deputy conducted a curfew check on East Adams Street.
June 25
•A follow-up was conducted on South Kniss Avenue.
•A follow-up was conducted on South Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant requested background check for housing.
•Complainant on 121st Street near Beaver Creek reported trespassing.
•Complainant reported a side by side on the bike trail.
•Complainant on East Dodge Street reported a missing license plate from RV.
•An accident was reported at location on West Main Street.
•Deputy assisted other agency in Kenneth.
•Complainant on West Hatting Street reported parking lot fender bender.
•Complainant on 171st Street reported a burglary.
•Complainant on North

Cedar Street requested a welfare check.
•Complainant on South West Park Street reported yelling.
June 26
•Complainant requested welfare check on subject near Hardwick.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported an accident.
•Report of debris on road in area of school on Highway 75.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
•A hazmat spill was reported at location on North Kniss Avenue and West Adams Avenue.
•Complainant reported a possible suspicious activity.
•Complainant on North East Park Street reported vandalism.
•Complainant on North Estey Street reported theft.
•Bike was found at location in the alley between Donaldson Street and South West Park Street.
•Deputies conducted probation check on East Luverne Street.
•Complainant reported an erratic driver by city park.
June 27
•Subject was arrested on warrant in Sioux Falls.
•Deputy conducted a warrant check on East Main Street.
•City of Steen reported wastewater bypass due to rain in area.
•Report of an abandoned vehicle at location on Dodge Street and Kniss Avenue.
•Report of a wrong-way driver at location eastbound on 270, mile marker 6 near Steen.
•Complainant reported a man walking around acting strange on Warren and Freeman streets.
•Deputy conducted curfew check on East Adams Street.
June 28
•Complainant requested a vehicle unlock on South Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant on South Kniss Avenue reported a found bike.
•Complainant reported a vehicle was found in the parking lot on North Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant on reported harassment.
•Complainant on Quarry Road reported a 4-wheeler accident.
•Report of a hit and run accident at Casey's.
•A motorist needed assistance on Highway 75, mile marker 7 near Luverne.
•Complainant on North Estey Street would like a residence check.
•Complainant on West Warren Street reported fireworks going off.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 6 transports, 10 escorts, 32 ambulance runs, 8 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 5 burn permits, 3 drug court tests, 7 permits to purchase/carry, 2 stalled vehicles, 27 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls.



Lori Sorenson photos/0703 dairy tour

Tour buses line up outside of Grand Prairie Events June 26 as part of a dairy tour hosted by Alta Genetics. The group included people from 260 different countries. Below, Antoon Smits of the Netherlands shows the tour schedule.

International dairy tour stops in Luverne



By Lori Sorenson

Mike Jarchow and Bluestem Catering hosted 260 dairy farmers from 21 different countries at Grand Prairie Events Wednesday at noon when several chartered buses wheeled into Luverne on their way from Worthington to Baltic.
Alta Genetics hosted the group as part of a twice-yearly tour of progressive dairy farms around the globe to showcase new technology and innovation in reproductive dairy programs.
“This is a better way to tell the story,” said Patrick McAllister, vice president of sales of Alta North

America.
He said it’s the 20th such tour Alta has hosted for clients and prospective clients, some of whom have been on previous tours in other parts of the world.
“This is our first time in the central plains,” McAllister said.
Wednesday’s lunch stop was midway between Ocheda Dairy near Worthington and Boadwine Farms near Baltic.
Other dairy operations planned for the remainder of the tour included VanEss Heifer Farm near Sanborn, Iowa, City View Heifer Ranch, Southernland, Iowa, and Drumgoon Dairy near Lake Norden, South Dakota.

Prairie Rose Community fund allocates 2019 grants

The Prairie Rose Community Fund Board of Directors recently allocated \$39,450 in grants and scholarships for 2019. Grants totaling \$33,200 were given to the city of Hardwick, Hardwick Fire Department and Hardwick Community Club. City projects include upgrades and maintenance of the city’s lagoon system, new tables and chairs for its council chambers, new road maintenance and snow removal equipment, and materials

to replace the kitchen floor in the community hall.
The fire department received money for the purchase of two air packs. The community club was awarded a grant for Jubilee Days expenses. Scholarships totaling \$6,250 were distributed to Lexi Kindt, Emilee Johnson, Ethan Thorson, Aric Meinerts, Jenna Schelhaas, Emily Bartels and Joshua Raak.

The board of directors determines grant and scholarship recipients each year.
The group has received \$40,000 annually from Enel Green Power of North America, operators of the Prairie Rose Wind Farm in northwest Rock County, since 2013.
For more information or to apply for grants or scholarships, visit www.prairierosecommunityfund.com.



Lori Sorenson photos/0703 crash on highway 75

Minor injuries reported

Emergency responders assisted at the scene of this two-vehicle crash south of Luverne on Highway 75 near the airport Monday morning, July 1. The Minnesota State Patrol is investigating the crash, which reportedly resulted in minor injuries. A Nissan Rouge, driven by 76-year-old Diane Marilee Cylkowski, Estero, Florida, was traveling southbound on Highway 75. The Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Michael Lee Epema, 64, Sioux Center, Iowa, was also traveling southbound on Highway 75 when they collided. Assisting the Minnesota State Patrol at the scene were the Luverne Fire Department and first responders, the Rock County Ambulance and Rock County Sheriff’s Office.

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\$27,990

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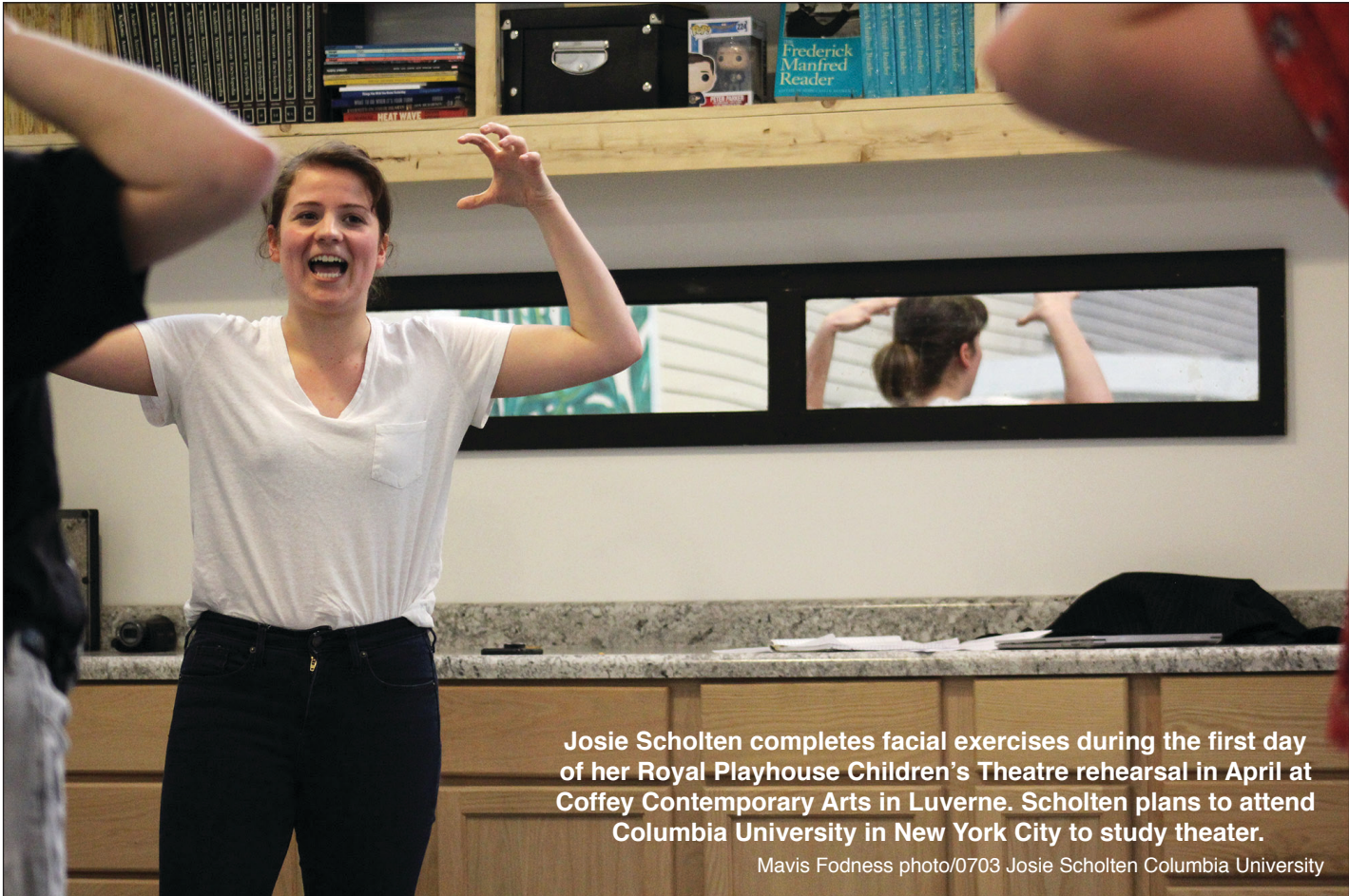
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Josie Scholten completes facial exercises during the first day of her Royal Playhouse Children's Theatre rehearsal in April at Coffey Contemporary Arts in Luverne. Scholten plans to attend Columbia University in New York City to study theater.

Mavis Fodness photo/0703 Josie Scholten Columbia University

Scholten selected to attend Columbia University

The Hills-Beaver Creek graduate fulfills passion to study theater in New York City

By Mavis Fodness

Last year Columbia University received more than 40,000 applications, including one from 2019 Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduate Josie Scholten.

The elite school accepts only 6 percent of its applicants — this year 2,200 students — including Scholten, who received a “Congratulations” email this spring.

“I started bawling in my car,” she admitted.

“It felt like a cage door just swung open; the future that I begged and bartered for with late nights, extra workloads and difficult sacrifices was finally being not only recognized but celebrated. I haven’t stopped feeling giddy since.”

Parents Kraig and Kristi Scholten supported their daughter’s goal “to follow your dreams.”

Former Columbia University students include Barack Obama, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and one of the nation’s founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton.

Ironically, lyrics from Lin-Manuel Miranda’s musical, “Hamilton,” sparked Scholten’s desire to work in theater as a career choice.

She saw Columbia University’s School of the Arts as the best place to learn.

“I feel I have a lot of potential to do a lot in my life,” she said.

However, it’s rare that someone from southwest Minnesota would be invited to study at the elite Ivy League school.

Entrance essay, letters made positive impact

Each applicant to Columbia University is asked to answer eight essay questions and supply three letters of recommendation for admittance.

The university’s undergraduate admissions webpage explains why so much written communica-



tion is needed from each applicant.

“We read personal statements to try to understand each candidate and what motivates them,” the website stated.

“We read teacher recommendations carefully to understand a candidate’s contribution in the classroom and what that candidate might offer their Columbia classmates.”

Scholten chose three people who work in education to write letters of recommendation — Cody Henrichs of Luverne, Teri Richards of Steen and Jacquie Lonning of the Twin Cities.

“The three adults in my life who wrote recommendations in particular made me feel that my dreams were possible and genuinely worth pursuing,” Scholten said. “I couldn’t have done this without people like that on my side.”

Richards is the social studies/Spanish instructor at Hills-Beaver Creek and was Scholten’s teacher for the past six years.

Scholten graduated from H-BC in May as valedictorian of her 18-member class. The small school environment and community allowed Richards to know Scholten on many levels.

“In my estimation the most important quality possessed by Josie is her intellectual curiosity,”

“I felt free from the borders of my small town — free to explore other worlds, to experience the universe through new eyes, to understand the minds and hearts of individuals I never knew could exist....”

— Josie Scholten

Richards wrote.

“Whether it is her avid interest in theater, music or learning, Josie is relentless in her drive to identify, learn and immerse herself in experiences which she judges to be important to her development. ... She is a natural collaborator.”

Scholten’s ability to lead groups became apparent in the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club and her selection as a Minnesota State 4-H Ambassador in 2017-18.

Lonning leads the 28-member state ambassador program through the University of Minnesota Extension, and Scholten was asked to train incoming state ambassadors for the 2018-2019 4-H year.

Scholten’s talent for communicating both orally and in writing caught Lonning’s attention.

“We selected Josie to address nearly 750 alumni and donors of one of our signature programs, with less than an hour of preparation,” she wrote. “Following her comments, several attendees commented on her impressive stage presence and ability to articulate a message.”

Spark for life’s passion found in waiting room

One of Scholten’s college entrance questions asked about one accomplishment, event or

realization that sparked a period of personal growth.

Scholten wrote that while other young people seemed to have a direction, she struggled to answer the question, “What do you want to do with your life?”

A song heard while in a health clinic waiting room while her mother finished work pointed her in a direction she wasn’t expecting.

The song, “Aaron Burr, Sir,” opens the Broadway musical “Hamilton.”

Captivated by writer Miranda’s use of rap to tell a musical story of Alexander Hamilton, Scholten repeatedly listened to the cast recordings.

“Each word and melody incited emotions of intensities I didn’t realize I was capable of,” Scholten wrote.

“I felt free from the borders of my small town — free to explore other worlds, to experience the universe through new eyes, to understand the minds and hearts of individuals I never knew could exist.”

Theater, she realized, was her direction, purpose, meaning, and the reason to wake up in the morning.

At H-BC she embraced several

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MENU

Monday, July 8: Chicken chow mein over rice and chow mein noodles, broccoli, mandarin oranges, cookie.

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

Tuesday, July 9: Meatloaf with ketchup, buttered boiled potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, apricots.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Hills Stainless Steel.

Wednesday, July 10: Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce, tomato and cucumber slices with dressing), muffin, bar.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, July 11: Cubed roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding dessert.

Program: Millie’s craft display. Half-Price Day sponsored by Rock County Ministerial Association.

Friday, July 12: Meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread, ice cream.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

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

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

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

LIBRARY NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Field trip to Storyland Children’s Theatre, 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 9.

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

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

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

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



Five generations of Hemmes

The Hemme family is blessed to have five generations in attendance at a recent family celebration of Tucker Cole Hemme, born Sept. 26, 2018. Pictured in front from left are great-great-grandmother Eva Lu Hemme of Luverne, father Cole Hemme of Chisago City holding Tucker, (back) grandfather Brad Hemme of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, and great-grandfather Dennis Hemme of St. Cloud.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Detour signs went up Monday, and the bridge was closed Wednesday, diverting Luverne’s East Main Street traffic to other routes over the Rock River.

Contractors began at 5 a.m. Wednesday pouring concrete for the bridge deck in the eastbound lane. A two-inch bridge deck surface will overlay the concrete.

According to the Rock County Highway Department, East Main Street will be closed to traffic at the bridge through Monday, July 13.

25 years ago (1994)

•Travis Bird will have many fond memories from his Luverne High School days when he reflects upon his accomplishments in the future, but a time he may cherish most came a few short weeks after graduation.

Bird, who was one of 32 1994 high school seniors selected to play with an all-star football team, returned to his rural Kenneth home Sunday night after a seven-day stay in Ireland.

It was an adventure filled with the excitement of traveling overseas to a country strange to Bird, and he made the trip with a group of strangers he now calls friends.

Although he made the trip to play football, Bird said the experience of itself involved far more than that. In fact, he talked more about what he encountered and who he met than about the games Team Minnesota played in Ireland.

50 years ago (1969)

•Thieves were busy again last weekend in Luverne as the city

police were called to investigate two different complaints.

Thursday night thieves entered the Ripco Red Carpet Store on West Main but nothing was reported stolen. Entry was gained into the building by breaking a back window.

Sometime Friday night thieves stole three tires and two rims from automobiles owned by Clarence Thone. The autos were located near the fairgrounds. The tires were valued at \$5 each and the rims at 50 cents each, according to the city police.

75 years ago (1944)

•Professional shop-lifters entered Herreids Jewelers here Saturday, and walked out with a solid gold man’s watch valued at \$100 and a ladies’ cocktail watch, set with six rubies, valued at \$135.

Arlo Wilson, who is an employee at the store, said a man and a woman came in, the woman stating that she wanted a diamond ring reset. As she was talking to Wilson, and explaining what she wanted done, her companion took one of the watches out of the window, and another out of the case.

The woman made no deal with regard to the ring, and upon leaving, she stated she would be back later. Neither she nor the man were seen again.

100 years ago (1919)

•If present plans and expectations are fully met, Luverne’s newest commercial corporation, The Quartzite Quarries, Inc., will have a stone crushing plant in operation at the mounds within ninety days.

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OBITUARIES

Anthony Boyenga

Anthony Wade Boyenga, married Megan Johnson at 31, Ellsworth, died Saturday, June 22, 2019, in the Rock River near Rivers Bend Campground, Rock Valley, Iowa, as the result of a heart attack.

A Mass of Christian burial was Thursday, June 27, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery near Ellsworth.

Anthony Boyenga was born on March 25, 1988, to Dennis and Amy (Jenniges) Boyenga in Luverne. He was raised on the family dairy farm 1/4 mile west of Ellsworth. Right away as a child, he enjoyed all aspects of farm life. Tony attended school in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 2006. He then continued his education at Ridgewater College in Willmar and graduated from their Production Ag program in 2008. He returned home to join the family farming operation.

On March 24, 2012, Tony



married Megan Johnson at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellsworth, and they made their home on a farm three miles west of town. Tony deeply cared for his five children. Tony often had a couple of helpers by his side. His children could be found learning life lessons about hard work through chores, respect for the animals and land, and the value of family connectedness when they shared the never-ending fencing projects and family bonfires in the pasture.

Tony was a farmer and loved every aspect of it. Whether it be time spent with the dairy cattle or time spent in the fields with crops, putting in hard work came easy for him. Tony's real passion in farming came with raising his beef cattle, and in 2013 he built and began operating a cattle confinement. Tony enjoyed working

with youth and recently was elected vice president of the Luverne Wrestling Association. He served on the Kanarazi Little Rock Watershed Board. He was very compassionate with a strong sense of faith. He was also known for his sarcasm and wit.

Tony is survived by his wife, Megan; five children, Rayden, Coyer, Hazyl, Levicy and Bronly; his parents, Dennis and Amy Boyenga of Ellsworth; siblings Trista Boyenga of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Kori (Nick) Petersen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Reka (AJ) deBoer of Sheldon, Iowa; parents-in-law Dean and Patricia Johnson of Sisseton, South Dakota; sister-in-law Machenzie (Mike) Wickre of St. Michael; nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

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

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Lila Blattner

Lila Blattner, 90, Anoka, formerly of Luverne, died Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at the Park River Estates in Anoka.

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 8, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial of cremains will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the memorial service on Monday at the funeral home.

Lila Harding was born in Kanarazi on April 12, 1929, to Richard and Jenny (Hughes) Harding. When she was four, her family moved to Hardwick when her father took a job as the Hardwick school janitor. Lila lived during the Great Depression but had wonderful memories of her childhood.

In 1942 Lila moved to Minneapolis when her father took a war job making gun sights.



Following the war they moved to Nevis, and Lila graduated from Akely High School in 1947. She worked at a resort until it closed in the fall and then moved to Luverne. Lila worked in the Luverne Creamery and at the Rock County Courthouse prior to her marriage to Ernie Blattner in 1949. The couple had four children, Marilyn Blattner, Kathy (Chuck) Davis, Harley Blattner and Gary (Diane) Blattner. Lila helped Ernie in the body shop as the parts runner and bookkeeper until his death in 1970. Following the graduation of her children, Lila eventually moved to Anoka to be closer to them. After 11 years at Target Corp, she retired at 60.

Lila was an avid bowler

and won the Minnesota State Bowling Tournament in 1964. She also loved to crochet and was known for her skill at making angels. She enjoyed any type of crafts and was a Girl Scout leader. One of her favorite pastimes included watching golf on TV, especially her favorite golfer, Tiger.

Lila is survived by three children, Kathy (Chuck) Davis, Harley Blattner and Gary (Diane) Blattner; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard (Sharon) Harding. Ellendale.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her daughter, Marilyn in 2013; one grandson; her parents; and siblings Margaret, Jeanette, James, and Glen

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Jeanette Top

Jeanette Top, 94, Hills, died Monday, June 24, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Saturday, June 29, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the Christian Reformed Cemetery in Hills.

Jeanette VanDerWeerd was born on Nov. 22, 1924, to John and Maggie (Buyert) VanDerWeerd in Steen. She grew up in the Steen and Lester, Iowa, area and attended country school through the eighth grade. The oldest of six children, she worked on the family farm. When she was 17 years old, her father died and Jeanette and her siblings took on a large role in running the farming operation. In addition, she also worked at the Hills Creamery and as a telephone operator.

On Nov. 10, 1948, Jeanette married Bernie Top at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. The couple raised their family and farmed near

Edgerton and Valley Springs, South Dakota, until 1969 when they settled on a farm near Luverne. Jeanette worked part time for many years as a certified nurses' aide. She was employed at area nursing homes and at the Luverne Community Hospital in the newborn nursery. She very much loved caring for the babies. In 1997 she formally retired.

Jeanette enjoyed music and she and her siblings played at area nursing homes and other small venues. In 2012 she and Bernie moved into the Tuff Village in Hills. Bernie died on May 26, 2015. In March 2019, Jeanette moved into the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Jeanette received her baptism in January 1925 at the Steen Reformed Church. She was currently a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. She loved music and playing the piano, which she was doing until the last few months. She was a talented



seamstress. She presented a handmade quilt to each one of her grandchildren. She was hard-working and devoted to her family and her faith.

Jeanette is survived by five children, Brenda (Glenn) Schaap of Sioux City, Iowa, Marlon Top of Steen, Terry Top of Schererville, Indiana, Brian (Gloria) Top of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Nancy (Drew) Schelhaas of Sioux Falls; 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; five siblings, Henry (Dorothy) VanDerWeerd and Wilma DeRoo, all of Brandon, Henrietta Timmer and Edna Jongerius of Sioux Falls, and Mae (Jerry) Tinklenberg of Palo Alto, California; and two sisters-in-law, Joan Fransman of Hills, and Rena Top of Milaca.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernie, and her parents.

Memorials may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

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

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Stanley Mann

Stanley R. "Stan" Mann, 71, Battle Creek, Michigan, formerly of Burnsville and Luverne, died June 23, 2019, in the Laurels of Bedford Nursing Home after a long battle with dementia.

A private funeral is planned.

Stanley Mann was born June 11, 1948, to Robert and Alice (Iceland) Mann in Luverne. He proudly attended one of the last one-room schools in Minnesota. He received

his Bachelor of Science in physical education in 1971 from St. Cloud State University. He served in the National Guard from 1971 to 1977 as a cook.

On June 19, 1971, he married Julie Anne Jones. They raised

three children. He worked for Hearst Publishing for 20 years and later worked for Mystic Lake Casino. He



1965: Council members refuse credit in developing Hills Recreation Area

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on May 27, 1965.

OLD GN RESERVOIR IS: Hills' Recreational Area

Give the people of Hills a worthy project for the community and you need not search far for helping hands. Such is the unanimous opinion of Bud Bush, Dennis Ronning or Fred Nuffer, who comprise the members of the Hills Village Council.

The three members of the Village Council absolutely refuse more than a little credit for offering moral support in the project which is generally referred to as the Hills Recreational Area.

Ed Demuth is generally credited with having the original vision of a park and recreational area, which the community badly needed.

Old GN Reservoir

The whole idea of a local recreational area developed when the old Great Northern reservoir became available to the community. For many years this reservoir served as a source of water for Great Northern Railway steam engines.

Mr. Demuth was named general chairman of the project and he has been assisted by Delmar Larson and Charles Nelson in the general planning and organizing.

The committee envisioned all manner of recreational opportunities. The res-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

ervoir, which is several acres in size, offered opportunities for swimming, fishing, water skiing, boating, skating and canoeing. The surrounding area provides opportunity for picnics, camping, games, hiking, nature study and relaxation.

Response From Everywhere

The general plan of procedure was announced to the residents of Hills and surrounding area. Response came from everywhere. People came from the town and country. There was a great big clean up job to be done. Trees, branches and debris that had accumulated through the years had to be removed. Roads and pathways had to be built.

Rock and stone had to be placed to rip rap the pond and protect against wave action. Drainage systems needed to be planned. The Soil Conservation Service offered some help in this area. Farmers came out with trucks and tractors. City folks came with saws and shovels. Money was needed and it came from memberships, at \$5.00 each,

in the Recreational Development Committee. Nearly 100 memberships were sold. The Village Council voted a little money. Nearly \$800.00 was raised. Help came from other sources also. Clem Hatting donated 40 loads of gravel. Fish were requested from the Fish and Game Division of the Minnesota Conservation Department.

Some work remains to be done. Some work will no doubt remain to be done for a long time, but much of the project is finished. The swimming pool will be ready this summer, so will the areas for picnicking. More buildings will be constructed, but these will come from year to year.

For now, the people of the Hills community, whose leaders want no credit for what they did, are very proud of the Recreational Area they built themselves.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sawtelle honored at UW-Stout

Kammon Sawtelle, Luverne, a junior majoring in human development and family studies, has received the Chancellor's Award for the Spring 2019 semester at the University of Wisconsin Stout. To be named, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

USD announces dean's list

The University of South Dakota has released the Spring 2019 dean's list. Students with a 3.5 GPA or higher and at least 12 graded credits are named to the dean's list. The Spring 2019 academics honors list is for part-time students with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

The following students were named to the dean's list:

Luverne: Matt Hup, Bailey Jacobsma, Amanda Jensen, Hailey Franken.

Adrian: Skylar Polzine, Hannah Bullerman, Aaron Marsh.

Hills: Tim Hartman, Ashley Esselink, Hattie Groeneweg.

Steen: Thea Richards.

Lismore: Dustin John

Lexi Wieneke, Leota

Part-time student Amanda Walker from Luverne was named to the Academic Honors list.

Stratton graduates from DSU

Logan Stratton, Luverne, graduated summa

cum laude (3.9 GPA or higher) from Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, May 4, 2019.

Stratton was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in cyber operations.

Mace makes dean's list

Amber Mace, Hills, was named to the Spring 2019 semester at St. Catherine University in St. Paul. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn a 3.667 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Amber is majoring in social work.

Gregory receives UND degree

Tracy Gregory, Luverne, was awarded a Master of Social Work from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, at the Spring 2019 commencement.

Smedsrud named to dean's list

Kynzie Smedsrud, Luverne, was named to the Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winoona, dean's list for the Spring 2019 semester. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Make the dean's list? Let us share the news

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

Remember When/from page 6

This company was incorporated some weeks ago, as announced in the Herald at that time, and its board of directors and officers are J. E. Treat, president; Wm. Jacobsen, 1st vice president; J. P. Coffey, 2nd vice president; S. A. Cross, treasurer; Harper Shaffer, secretary; A. A. Anderson, assistant secretary, and Frank F. Michael.

The company owns about 130 acres of land, formerly a part of the S. B. Hazard farm, lying on the west side of the Rock Island right-of-way, and it is here that the stone crushing plant will be installed. ...

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Thank you

to everyone who touched our lives over the past months and years with the care and passing of my wife,

Emily Lodine Overgaard. Several care facilities helped us through the progressive stages of her illness, all the while treating her with dignity and respect. These include Bethany Meadows, Grand Living, Edgewood Vista and especially Dow Rummel and its Aesera hospice care.

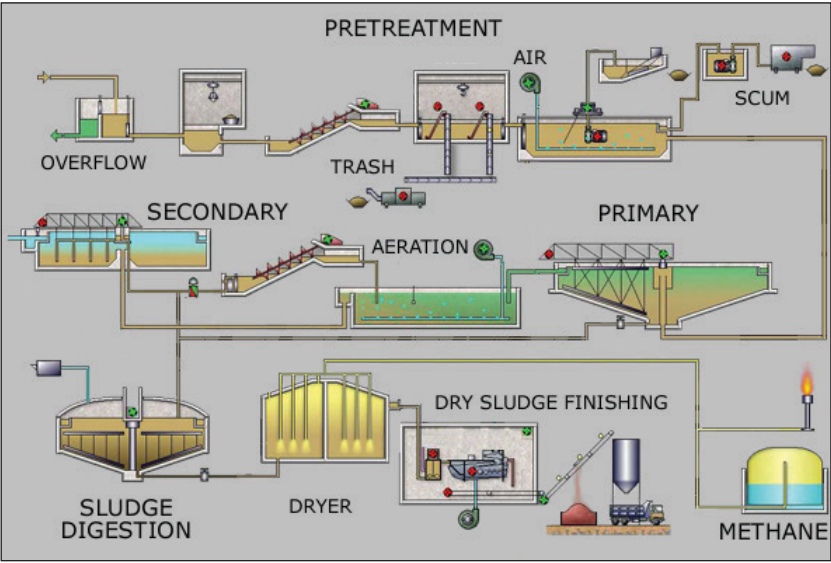
Thank you to Jeff Hartquist and Hartquist Funeral Home staff for their professional and compassionate service, and to Grace Lutheran Church and the congregation women for their help with the funeral and meal. Finally, thank you to the people of Rock County for accepting the "The Opera Singer from Chicago." ... She was never a diva; she was like one of us, and she enjoyed the life we built here in farming country. Rock County is great place to live, and I'm grateful for all the support from people around me through Emily's illness and passing.

— Gary Overgaard & Family



Lori Sorenson photo/0703 Wastewater Treatment Update

Luverne City Council members toured the city’s wastewater treatment plant June 18. The plant will undergo a \$14 million expansion beginning this summer with completion in the fall of 2020.



Existing plant nearly maxed; expansion doubles capacity

By Lori Sorenson

When Luverne City Council members approved the plans and specifications for the wastewater treatment plant on May 23, they reviewed reasons why the project was necessary.

The primary reason is that Premium Iowa Pork will require wastewater treatment capacity at more than the city can currently provide.

The current plant capacity was nearly maxed — normal operations were often within 15 percent of the capacity.

The improvements will increase capacity from 1.5 million gallons per day to 2.235 million gallons per day, which is more than enough to accommodate PIP, in addition to future industry.

Another reason for the plant improvement is that Luverne’s NPDES permit was up for its five-year renewal, and MPCA monitoring data revealed a need for enhanced

nutrient removal, including phosphorus.

The permit, through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, regulates point sources that discharge pollutants into waters. (See the related story about MPCA specific conductance.)

The wastewater treatment project plans include:

- demolition of the 1950s trickling filter.
- oxidation ditch enhancements (two parallel oxidation ditches.)
- replacing the 1955 anaerobic digester with a new one.
- new electrical building with an emergency generator.
- new chemical storage building.
- new oxidation ditch treatment train.
- increasing sludge storage from 650,000 gallons to 1,050,000 gallons.
- increased monitoring, control and automation of treatment processes.

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One will be a taxable bond of \$6,700,000 for the improvements PIP is paying for.

The company, which will begin processing antibiotic-free pork next summer, already prepaid \$3,450,000 and will make annual payments amortized over five years on the remaining taxable bond of \$3,250,000 plus issuance costs.

The other bond will be tax exempt for the remaining \$7,581,000 plus issuance expense.

Call said the project represents a major investment in city infrastructure, but said it will pay for itself over time.

“This new plant will allow Premium Iowa Pork to do business in Luverne, and they are already retrofitting the old IBP plant at an estimated cost of \$30 million,” he said.

“They will add jobs for hundreds of employees for the pork plant process and will add millions of dollars to the tax base of the city.”

Call said Gridor is a reputable construction firm in the world of wastewater and water plants and has constructed plants in cities all over Minnesota and the Midwest, such as Burnsville, Hutchinson, Mankato, Elk River and others.

Construction will begin this summer, and total completion is expected in the fall of 2020.



Submitted photo

When Steve Kelly (left) and Nicole Slater (pictured at Maplewood Cemetery) planned their wedding reception at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne Saturday, they didn’t know both families are related to two of the town’s earliest settlers.

Wedding links couple to Luverne’s past

When Steve Kelly of Hartland, Wisconsin, proposed marriage to Nicole Slater of Rushmore, he had no idea they would be opening a time capsule to the earliest days of Luverne.

Prior to the couple meeting at Dordt College, Steve had never heard of Luverne. “My familiarity with Luverne was watching Laverne and Shirley reruns on TV,” Steve said.

That all changed the day Steve’s father, Mark Kelly, gave the couple a DNA test kit in January of 2018.

Research showed Nicole’s family emigrated from Prussia in what is now Northern Germany on the Rhine River near the border with the Netherlands.

They were among the original settlers in this area after getting to know Luverne founder Philo Hawes’ family near Red Wing in Goodhue County back in 1854.

“The Kelly family came to the United States to escape the potato famine in Ireland that started in 1854,” Steve said.

A book by Arthur Rose, “An Illustrated History of Rock and Pipestone County,” documented that on June 17, 1869, Steve’s four-times great-uncle James C. Kelly (aka J. C. Kelley) located his lost herd of mules on the Rock River right below Blue Mounds State Park.

He loved the area, claimed the land next to the Rock River, and became one of the original settlers to Luverne and later married his wife, Bridge Ellen.

The couple’s research took a different turn when they found out J. C. Kelley had a brother named Patrick F. Kelley who also located in Luverne and

was a leader in the community.

Fast forward to the historic summer of 1876 when Gen. Custer and the 700 men of the 7th Cavalry Regiment were defeated in the Battle of Little Big Horn at the end of June.

A week later on July 4, our nation celebrated its centennial, and on Sept. 5, 1876, Patrick F. Kelley married Eva Luverne Hawes who then became Eva Luverne Kelley.

“We planned our wedding reception in Luverne, not knowing our historical ties to the real Luverne. This is really an amazing discovery,” Steve Kelly said.

“What are the odds of having families of two of the original settlers finding each other from hundreds of miles away, getting married, and then celebrating our marriage in the town named after a relative?”

He said they wonder if the Kelly and Slater families of 150 years ago knew each other.

“While we cannot be certain, the evidence we do have strongly suggests they did,” Steve said.

“It’s hard to believe a little spit in a test tube can tell you so much about your personal family history. Maybe it was fate, destiny or the spirits of Luverne’s past that Nicole and I are together.”

Steve Kelly and Nicole Slater were married June 29 in Sioux Center, Iowa, and celebrated with a reception at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Father of the groom, Mark Kelly, shared this information with the Star Herald on behalf of the family.

Scholten begins the next life chapter in August continued from page 6 —

extracurricular activities that focused around the performing arts: band, choir and jazz band.

Through 4-H she started a performing arts club and earlier this spring she formed “Royal Playhouse Children’s Theatre,” a youth theater and arts education program.

She saw moving outside her small town roots was key to fulfilling her dreams of working in theater.

“It’s vital that my college community is diverse and inclusive,” she wrote. “Columbia has certainly demonstrated their dedication to giving every student a chance to succeed and fulfill their goals.”

college was evident in Scholten’s letter of recommendation.

“Josie is one of those very few young people who is not to be overlooked in the allocation of scholarship dollars as she truly will be an asset to whichever institution she decides to attend,” Richards wrote.

“She will enrich the world around her wherever she lands; of that I am sure.”

Scholten leaves for New York and Columbia University in August.

Students helped by university to cover tuition

Tuition for Columbia University was \$54,504 for the 2017-18 academic year, according to CollegeCalc.com.

Room and board is estimated to be an additional \$13,000.

Columbia tops the website’s list called “Expensive 100 Ranking.”

Scholten said Columbia University officials told her they want the college to be financially feasible for all its students and they have a “no-loans policy.”

Teacher Richards’ insight into the cost of

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Redbirds take down Adrian, Lakefield

Reisdorfer
tosses
no-hitter

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Redbirds upped their amateur baseball record to 10-6 after sweeping a doubleheader at Redbird Field Sunday.
Luverne saddled Adrian with a 10-run setback in the opener before securing a three-run victory over Lakefield in Game 2.
Luverne hosts Ruthton at Redbird Field Wednesday.

Luverne 5, Lakefield 2
The Redbirds posted their second home win on Sunday when they bested the Frogs by three runs in Game 2.
Andrew DeBoer pitched a complete game and Phil Paquette and Skyler Wenninger belted solo homeruns to set the stage for the win.
DeBoer fanned nine batters and yielded two runs and six hits during his seven-inning mound appearance.

Wenninger and Paquette lifted homeruns over the left-field fence in the first three innings of play during a game in which the Redbirds never trailed.
Paquette gave the hosts a 1-0 lead with a two-out blast in the first inning before Lakefield knotted the score at one in the top of the second.
Wenninger, who led Luverne with three hits, regained the lead for the hosts with a solo shot in the third inning.
Luverne went on to score three runs in the fifth inning before the Frogs added a run in the seventh to cap the scoring.
Declan Beers walked and



John Rittenhouse photo/0703 redbirds 2

Luverne's Codie Zeutenhorst attempts to apply a tag on Adrian A's runner Richard Gonzalez during Sunday's amateur baseball game at Redbird Field. Gonzalez was ruled to be safe at the end of the play, but the Redbirds came out on the winning end of a 10-0 decision with Tyler Reisdorfer tossing a no-hitter.

Paquette singled before Wenninger drove in his second run of the game with an RBI single to open the scoring in the fifth.
Paquette scored the second run of the frame when Codie Zeutenhorst reached base on a fielder's choice.
Zeutenhorst scored the final run of the inning on a wild pitch.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisdorfer	4	0	0	0
Beers	3	1	1	0
Paquette	3	2	2	1
Serie	0	0	0	0

Wenninger	3	1	3	2
Zeutenhorst	3	1	0	1
Norman	2	0	0	0
DeBoer	2	0	1	0
Haugen	0	0	0	0
Crabtree	3	0	1	0
Lundgren	3	0	1	0

Luverne 10, Adrian 0
The redbirds opened their Sunday set by posting a 10-run win over the Adrian A's.
Luverne's Tyler Reisdorfer twirled a no-hitter on the mound and Logan Norman went 3-for-3 at the plate with a pair of two-run doubles to

highlight the victory.
Reisdorfer pitched all five innings during his no-hit gem. He walked three batters and recorded three strikeouts.
Adrian's Jacob Stamer blanked the Redbirds through the first three innings of play, but Luverne put together five-run rallies in the fourth and fifth innings to win the game by the 10-run rule.
Wenninger and Zeutenhorst got things rolling in the fourth inning by slapping singles before scoring on Norman's

first two-run double.
Jake Haugen tripled home Norman and scored on Derek Lundgren's RBI ground out to make it 4-0.
Beers added an RBI single before the fourth inning was complete.
Wenninger and Zeutenhorst drew walks before scoring on a two-run double by Norman in the fifth.
Norman advanced to third when Haugen drew a walk and Reisdorfer reached base on a fielder's choice, and Beers

drew a walk to force home Norman.
Paquette then ended the game by delivering a two-run double.

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



Star Herald file photo

Luverne's Casey Sehr pitched three shutout innings during Saturday's game against Prior Lake in Essig to help the Junior Legion baseball squad win the Pool D title during the Junior Upper Midwest Classic. Luverne went 3-1 during the annual tournament.

Junior Legion claims pool title at annual June tourney

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Junior Legion won its pool and compiled a 3-1 record at the Junior Upper Midwest Baseball Classic Friday and Saturday.
Luverne posted wins over St. Peter and New Ulm Silver in New Ulm on Friday before besting Prior Lake Saturday in Essig to capture the title in Pool D.
Luverne squared off against Maple Grove in the quarterfinal round of the championship bracket, where the Cardinals dropped a 10-run decision to complete their tournament experience.
The 11-5 Cardinals play in Pipestone Monday.

Maple Grove 10, Luverne 0
Luverne completed its tour-

namment appearance by losing a 10-run game to Maple Grove Saturday at Mueller Park in New Ulm.
While the Cardinals were limited to two hits without producing a run, Maple Grove scored runs in five of the game's seven innings to win handily.
Maple Grove plated single runs in the first and second innings, two runs in the third and sixth frames and put together a four-run rally in the seventh.
Cade Wenninger took the pitching loss for Luverne after tossing five innings of six-hit, four-run ball.
Shaïd Shearer (two runs allowed) and Bailey Cowell (four runs allowed) pitched one inning each.
Jacob Von Tersch accounted

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	3	0	0	0
Beyer	1	0	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0
Sehr	1	0	0	0
Overgaard	0	0	0	0
Palmquist	2	0	0	0
Wenninger	3	0	0	0
Von Tersch	3	0	2	0
Baker	2	0	0	0
Anderson	1	0	0	0
Ripka	1	0	0	0
Bosch	1	0	0	0
Shearer	2	0	0	0
Gangestad	1	0	0	0

Luverne 3, Prior Lake 2
The Cardinals prevailed in a nine-inning game to complete their perfect run through Pool D Saturday in Essig.
Prior Lake scored in the top

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New series adds incentive for area Enduro drivers

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

What always have been popular events at the Rock County Speedway should be even more interesting this summer.



Rock County residents seem to love their Enduro Races, which is evident when they pack the grandstands for Enduro action at the local oval for the annual Rock County Fair and Late-Season Races on a regular basis.
Based on a move made late last year, racing fans will be able to attend a total of three events in Luverne this summer, and they might want to take in other events set for Slayton and Rock Rapids that form the 2019 Luverne/Slayton/Rock Rapids Enduro Series.
According to Justin Kemp, who serves as the race director at RCS, the new series turned from an idea floating around for a couple of years into a reality last winter.
He got together with officials representing Murray County and Rapid Speedway to lay out the details for what will be a racing series that should be attractive to both racing fans and the drivers.
"We brought it up to our Fair Board members and they were very receptive to it," Kemp recalled.
"The people in Slayton liked the idea, too, and we eventually got the people from Rock Rapids on board. I can't remember if it was last November or December, but we all sat

down together and hammered out the details for the series."
The end result is a six-event schedule that is one-third complete.
The first race of the year took place in Slayton June 1, while Luverne hosted its first of three events June 22.
Two of the final four races of the series will take place at RCS July 27 (the annual Rock County Fair Enduro Race) and Sept. 7 (the annual Late-Season Enduro Race).
The next race in the series takes place at Rapid Speedway July 13, and Murray County Speedway hosts its second event on Aug. 17.
What makes the series alluring to the drivers is that they will have more chances to capture prize money.
With the exception of the Rock County Fair race, which pays out a top prize of \$1,000 to the winner, the other five series events include a prize of \$750.
Drivers who place between second and 10th receive prize money for each race as well.
Thanks to a generous sponsor, Sturdevant's Auto Parts, prize money will be available to the top five total point producers (\$500 for first place, \$400 for second place and so on) when the series is complete.
Points will be distributed to the drivers based on the way they finish (20 points for first place, 19 for second and so on) at each event,

and one will eventually be named the series champion.
I like the entire idea of the series concept.
It adds importance and incentive to every driver at each event.
According to Kemp, it means a lot more than that to the local Fair Board.
"Having three races here helps us raise more money for the free events we provide at the fair," he said.
"Just like anything else, it costs us more to provide things like the free petting zoo and wood carving demonstrations."
The early results bode well for the future of the series.
The first series race in Slayton attracted two to three more drivers at the venue than usually show up on an average basis.
Luverne's first June race attracted 29 drivers, and Kemp said that is above the average of 22 entries for the Late-Season Enduro Race.
"We are experiencing some growing pains in trying to make sure all of the races are run the same way at the different tracks, but the drivers seem to like it and everyone else seems to be receptive to it," Kemp said.
"If nothing else, I think we will have even larger car counts at each series race when we get the kinks worked out for next year."

American Flag/
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is engage in a name calling contest with anybody,
“I could answer Mr. Gregory but I’d rather not even mention that it was under the American flag that he now can make \$2,000 a week instead of the \$20 he used to make washing cars when he felt like it.

“What I’d rather remind him is that each one of my 50 bright stars means something...something precious...each star represents another victory won for freedom in America ... freedom for all ... regardless of color, race or creed.

“Some of those stars are a lot newer than the others. Because, we must remember that it was a century ago that we split from the stars and stripes and we had the stars and bars. And we tore this nation right in half, the north and the south. And, brother fought brother and the proposition was that all men, like Mr. Lincoln said, should be free and equal. It’s taken a long time but we’re getting there. So some of my stars come a lot later than some of those that represented the north.

“I could say to Mr. Gregory — go find a flag or a country which you like better...go find a land where you will find more personal freedom and freedom of opportunity ... and freedom of dissent. But that would serve no purpose.
“Maybe I owe Mr. Gregory a vote of thanks and a real debt of gratitude. His appeals for more burnings in America, for the destruction of the Constitution, for the end of flag worship and calling me ‘just a rag’ has done more good for America than he realizes.

“Maybe he has shocked a lot of people wide awake ... folks who thought the comedian was only kidding when

he uttered the vilest threats against America.
“We think his ‘just a rag’ will galvanize into my defense of my sons and daughters who will see me in my red, white and blue as not ‘just a rag’ but as a flag that symbolizes the greatness and glory of my America. A symbol, if you please, of a nation’s constant striving to do better for all peoples no matter how tortuous the path or how painful the travail.

“I am THE FLAG.
“Not ‘just a rag’
“As I flutter to the ground each sundown, I am caught up by men from east to west and from north to south ... and in lands around the globe...caught up so that my skirts won’t even fleetingly touch the ground for even a split second.

“I brood more than a little bit the way I have been defiled and besmirched. I feel as tho the dirt will never be all washed off...and then I remember that as long as America’s heart is pure I need not worry too much about only surface stains.

“Remember too that the road has never been easy and there has to be a continuous sacrifice if liberty is to be maintained ... that there must always be vigilance to have security and that there must be willingness to sacrifice if we are to continue to keep faith with those who died for freedom’s sake.

“I sleep feeling secure that my sons and daughters will not fail me. Ever.”

Written by a man not ashamed to be called a “flag waver” and proud of it, and who believes there are 199,000,000 more just like him.

A.C. McIntosh

Legion splits set with Sioux Falls West

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team split a doubleheader against Sioux Falls West June 25 at Redbird Field.

West dominated the opening game by posting a 10-run victory.

Luverne returned the favor in the finale by coasting to a nine-run win.

The 5-2 Cardinals play four games at the New Ulm Tournament July 4-6.

SF West 10, Luverne 0

The Cardinals took their second loss of the season during Game 1 of a twin bill against Sioux Falls West June 25 at Redbird Field.

Luverne was limited to seven hits in the game and left the bases loaded three times without producing a run.

West, on the other hand, plated runs in five of the game’s seven innings.

The visitors registered single runs in the third and fourth innings to open scoring before plating two runs in the fifth and seventh frames and scoring four times in the sixth.

Isaiah Bartels took the pitching loss after tossing five innings of four-run, seven-hit ball.

Jade Smith (five hits and four runs in one inning) and Charlie Reisch (three hits and two runs in one inning) also pitched for Luverne.

Colby Crabtree and Jake Haugen led the Cards at the plate with two hits.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Crabtree	3	0	2	0
Smith	0	0	0	0
Lundgren	3	0	0	0
Beers	4	0	1	0
Haugen	3	0	2	0
Bartels	2	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Reisch	1	0	0	0
Van Dam	4	0	1	0
Beyer	4	0	0	0
Sterrett	4	0	1	0

Luverne 13, West 4

The Cardinals earned a split of the doubleheader by



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Luverne second baseman Ethan Beyer delivers a throw to first base over the head of a Sioux Falls West runner during an American Legion doubleheader at Redbird Field June 25.

upending West by nine runs in the finale.

Luverne scored the first five runs of the game and never lost control of the contest the rest of the way.

Nathan Nekali, who drove in three runs with two hits, and Crabtree, who recorded three hits and two RBIs, singled home runs to give the Cards a 2-0 cushion in the bottom

of the second inning.

Crabtree drew a bases-loaded walk, and Nekali and Bartels drove home runs with groundouts to up the lead to 5-0 in the third inning.

Luverne went on to outscore West 8-4 the rest of the game.

Bartels and Beers recorded three and two hits respectively and drove in two runs each.

Beers secured the pitching

win by tossing five innings of 10-hit, four-run ball.

Haugen tossed two innings of three-hit, scoreless relief.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Crabtree	4	2	3	2
Lundgren	4	2	1	0
Beers	4	2	2	2
Haugen	2	2	1	1
Bartels	5	2	3	2
Nekali	4	1	2	3
Van Dam	0	0	0	0
Reisch	3	2	1	0
Beyer	4	0	1	1
Smith	3	0	0	0

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half of the sixth inning to tie the game at one and send the contest to extra innings.

Prior Lake scored again in the top of the ninth to take a 2-1 edge, but the Cardinals plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the ninth to settle the issue.

Kaden Anderson tied the score in the ninth when he drew a bases-loaded walk.

Luke Bosch knocked in the game-winning run with an infield single.

Luverne scored the game’s first run in the bottom of the first inning when Bailey Cowell singled and scored on a ground out by Ethan Beyer.

Anderson recorded two outs in the relief stint on the mound that resulted in his being the winning pitcher.

Casey Sehr (one hit in three scoreless innings), Shearer (one hit in two scoreless innings) and Bosch (two runs and two hits in 3 1/3 innings) also pitched for Luverne.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	4	1	1	0
Wenninger	3	0	1	0
Bosch	2	0	1	1
Beyer	3	0	1	1
Halverson	0	0	0	0
Sehr	3	0	0	0
Kruse	0	0	0	0
Palmquist	4	0	1	0
Von Tersch	1	1	0	0

Gangestad	1	0	0	0
Baker	2	0	2	0
Ripka	2	0	0	0
Overgaard	2	0	0	0
Shearer	2	1	0	0
Anderson	3	0	1	1

Luverne 8, St. Peter 4

The Cardinals completed play on Friday by doubling up St. Peter at Mueller Park in New Ulm.

Luverne scored eight runs in the first three innings of play, including a six-run outburst in the bottom half of the first inning, to set the stage for a four-run conquest.

Ethan Beyer, who led the Cardinals with two hits and three RBIs in the game, came up with some big plate appearances during the first two innings of play.

Beyer singled home two runs during the six-run rally in the first and drove in another run with his second single of the game to make it 7-1 in the second inning.

The six-run first frame included a run-scoring single by Hunter Baker, Jaime Palmquist drawing a bases-loaded walk, and two more runs scoring on an error.

Luverne upped its lead to 8-1 when Colby Crabtree doubled home a run in the third inning,



Star Herald file photo

Ethan Beyer (left) registered one pitching win and recorded four hits at the plate during the Junior Upper Midwest Classic.

but St. Peter scored three late runs to make it a four-run difference at game’s end.

Beyer secured the pitching win by tossing four innings of one-run, three-hit, three-strikeout ball.

Baker (three runs and two hits in 1 2/3 innings) and Braydon Ripka (zero runs and one hit in 1 1/3 innings) also pitched for the winners.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	1	2	0	0
Wenninger	3	0	0	0
Crabtree	3	1	1	1
Sehr	2	2	0	0
Palmquist	2	1	0	1
Beyer	3	1	2	3
Von Tersch	3	1	1	0
Baker	3	0	1	1
Shearer	2	0	0	0

Luverne 10, NU Silver 1

The Cardinals opened the tournament by rolling to a nine-run victory over New Ulm Silver Friday at Mueller Park.

Crabtree turned in a strong pitching performance and Wenninger, Sehr and Von Tersch registered two RBIs each to highlight the win.

Crabtree limited Silver to one runs and three hits during a six-inning outing on the mound.

He benefited from a Luverne offense that produced six runs (four in the top of the third and

two in the fourth) during the first four innings of play.

Crabtree and Palmquist delivered RBI doubles and Wenninger and Von Tersch chipped in a sacrifice fly and a bases-loaded walk respectively during the third inning.

Wenninger drew a bases-loaded walk and Sehr registered a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Silver plated a run in the fifth inning to make it a 6-1 game before the Cards put together two-run rallies in the sixth and seventh innings to win by nine in the end.

Von Tersch drew a bases-loaded walk and Sehr walked and scored on a passed ball during the sixth inning.

Baker walked and Sehr singled before scoring on an error in the seventh frame.

Baker tossed a hitless, scoreless seventh inning for Luverne.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	2	2	1	1
Kruse	1	0	0	0
Beyer	2	3	1	0
Crabtree	2	3	1	1
Wenninger	3	0	0	2
Sehr	3	1	2	2
Palmquist	3	1	1	1
Von Tersch	3	0	1	2
Baker	2	0	0	0
Ripka	1	0	0	0
Shearer	2	0	0	0
Gangestad	1	0	0	0

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net

Sunday, July 7: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo.

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

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982

www.luvnrcrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, July 7: 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 4: 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 7: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek Estates. 6 p.m. Evening service. Monday, July 8: 7 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service (leave FBC at 6 p.m.). Tuesday, July 9: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacon meeting. Thursday, July 11: 6 p.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

Wednesday, July 3: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. Thursday, July 4: Church office closed. Friday, July 5: Office closed. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, July 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Sunday, July 7: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. Monday, July 8: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, July 9: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. Parish Planning Council meeting. Wednesday, July 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, July 11: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834

pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Sunday, July 7: 9:15 a.m. Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Mike Altena, Pastor

Wednesday, July 3: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 6 p.m. Ladies night out. 7 p.m. Praise Team. Friday, July 5: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, June 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Noon commons reserved. 7 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group. Monday, July 8: Reserved for Rock County 4-H fashion review and presentation night. Tuesday, July 9: Noon staff meeting; kitchen reserved. 2:30 p.m. word search. Wednesday, July 10: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

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

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

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

Wednesday, July 3: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf (date change for holiday). 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, July 4: Office closed for holiday. Saturday, July 6: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, July 7: 9 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Special worship service at "The Lake." 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 8: 6:30 p.m. Worship and music meeting in Fellowship Hall. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, July 10: AA Meeting. Thursday, July 11: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

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

Thursday, July 4: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Thursday, July 4 and Friday July 5: Office is closed. Sunday, July 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, July 9: Home communion. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 10: No session.

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.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net

www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, July 4: Church office is closed. No Women's Society. Saturday, July 5: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 7: 9 a.m. Worship Service. NYG Commissioning. Monday, July 8: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 3 p.m. Communion at Hills. Tuesday, July 9: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, July 10 - Monday, July 15: LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Wednesday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, July 11: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelibration@gmail.com

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

Thursday, July 4: 3:30 p.m. Church office closed. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, July 5: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, July 7: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, July 8: 1 p.m. Quilting. Pastor Baker moving to Zion. Wednesday, July 10: 7 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, July 11: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, July 7: 10 a.m. Combined Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church with Holy Communion.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, July 7: 10 a.m. Combined Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran with Holy Communion. Thursday, July 11: 8 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting.

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.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, July 7: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship service with Communion at Bethlehem. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (Sunday through Thursday). Tuesday, July 9: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Thursday, July 11: Last Night of VBS—short program.

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.

No compartmentalizing —all in with God

This week many of us will celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with some fireworks, camping, activities at the lake or a family get-together.

There is an abundance of options for the extra day off from work, but picnics are my favorite. Not only do they provide a connection with family and friends, but there seems to be a never-ending supply of delicacies — grilled meats, fruit salads, veggies, homemade pies, chips, dips ... all spread before my eyes on a gingham-draped picnic table.

There is just one problem with a feast like this: no regular plate will do. I can deal with foam, Tupperware, Chinet, plastic, or paper, but no matter what the plate is made of, it must have compartments. It is a gross misdemeanor to have a sweet fruit salad nestled up against a spicy taco salad, or even worse, salty condiments finding their way onto Grandma's homemade pie. And who wants their salad dressing making a soggy mess of their bun? Yuck! I know that it all goes to the same place, but I like the things I put in my mouth to be separate from each other. I don't want one flavor to overlap another.

We tend to do the same thing with our lives. We isolate and divide. We separate our space, desiring our own bedroom, our own bathroom, our own vehicle, and our own office. We divide our commitments, not wanting our job to interfere with our family time, or our kids to interfere with "me" time. We segregate our loyalties and don't want political views and spiritual beliefs to overlap and get messy. Everything is easiest if we can keep it compartmentalized and evenly distributed.

But God isn't big on compartments. He's a God of wholeness. He wants our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Not one piece, once in a

BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Erin Jacobsma,
Office Administrator at
American Reformed
Church, Luverne**

while. He wants all of us all the time. He can't be contained to Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. He doesn't just fit our schedules on Christmas Eve and Easter morning. He is God yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is God at church, at our workplace, at the bar, at the playground, at the prison, at the hospital, at home.

Philippians 1:27 reads, "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." It doesn't excuse our words and actions when someone cuts us off in traffic, or when it's been a long week and we just need to unwind, or when we just need a bit of sunshine and the rain to stop, or when the kids are driving us nuts. We are called to live our lives completely connected to Jesus Christ. No matter what. No divisions. No compartments. No categories.

In the 86th Psalm, David prays these words: "Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name." David knows the aimless tendencies of the human heart. He asks God to unify and inhabit all areas of his life. May the same be said of us.

So go ahead and separate your pickles and your pie. Keep your pudding away from your pasta. But don't try to keep your spiritual life separate from the rest of your life. Let God's love for you and your gratitude to him flow and mingle and affect everything that you think, do, and say.

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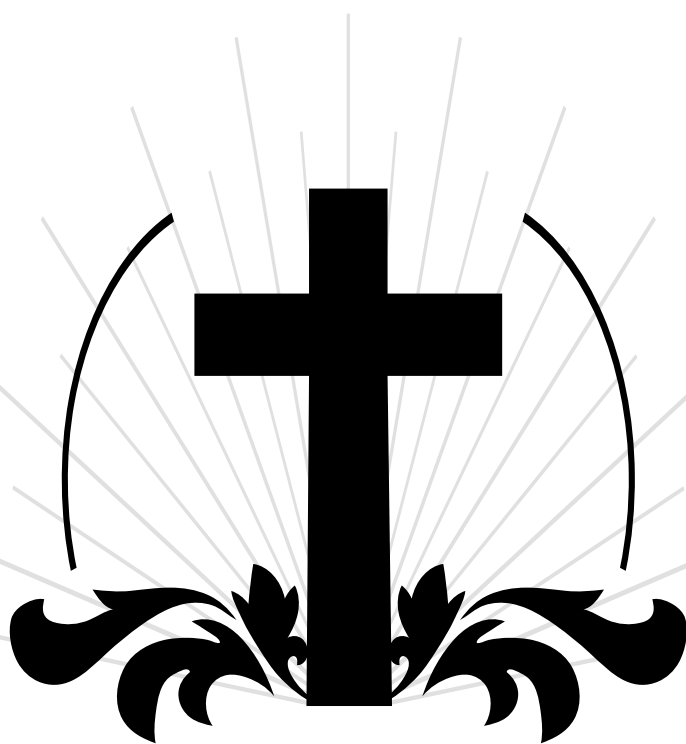
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 31, 2005
MORTGAGOR: Pamela G. Den Herder, a married person
MORTGAGEE: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: September 12, 2005
Rock County Recorder
Document #: 162275

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
Said mortgage was assigned to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP on December 2, 2015 and said assignment was recorded on December 3, 2015 and given document number 187419 and subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust on December 21, 2015 and said assignment was recorded on January 19, 2016 and given document number 187696 and subsequently assigned to Mortgage Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC on September 6, 2018 and said assignment was recorded on November 1, 2018 and given document number 193737 and subsequently assigned to FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC on February 14, 2019 and said assignment was recorded on March 18, 2019 and given document number 194407.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The West 1/2 of Lots 2 and 3, Block 2 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
PARCEL ID #: 20-1323-0000
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 601 S. Donaldson St., Luverne, Minnesota 56156
TRANSACTION AGENT: N/A
TRANSACTION AGENT ID NO.: N/A
CURRENT MORTGAGE SERVICER: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage

Servicing
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$62,722.59

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgages have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 18, 2019 at 10:00 am
PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriffs Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is January 18, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:
None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Dated: May 20, 2019
FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley
Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC
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(05-30, 06-06, 06-13, 06-20, 06-27, 07-04)

ISD #2184 School Board meets May 23

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 May 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Colleen Deutsch and Eric Hartman. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Jordan Winter, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, 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 is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda with the addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Elementary Counselor, presented information to the School Board about the curriculum, programs, and activities she conducted this past school year.

Administrative reports were given.
Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the April 25 and May 9, 2019, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The School Board reviewed the itinerary for the band trip scheduled for June 23-27, 2019, to Orlando, Florida. Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve this trip. Motion unanimously carried.

Joel Bornhoft and Dave Mulert with ICS gave a building project update.
Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills with the School Board members. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,249,874.39. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of April 30, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was moved by Baustian, second by Jarchow:

RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Independent School District No. 2184 (School District) canceled instructional days on April 11, 2019, during the 2018-19 school year due to health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature enacted Laws of Minnesota 2019, Chapter 5 – Senate File 1743, which permits Minnesota school districts and charter schools to count this date as an instructional day for purposes of calculating the number of hours and days in the school year pursuant to Minnesota law and the

calculation of average daily membership pursuant to Minnesota law for students enrolled both before and after those school closure dates; and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to count the date identified above for the purposes set for in Laws of Minnesota 2019, Chapter 5-Senate File 1743;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

Pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 2019, Chapter 5 – Senate File 1743, the canceled instructional day of April 11, 2019, will be counted in the calculation of the number of hours and days in the school year and the calculation of the average daily membership for the 2018-2019 school year; and

The School District will comply with all other requirements set forth in Laws of Minnesota 2019, Chapter 5 – Senate File 1743.

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Deutsch and Hartman

Whereupon, the Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Superintendent Oftedahl presented a revised 2019-2020 school calendar. It was requested that September 5 be set as an inservice day in place of September 9. It was also noted that any additional snow days used during the school year WILL be added to the end of the school year. Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to approve this calendar change. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the following summer curriculum hours:

Social Studies – 24 hours (6 teachers for 4 hours)

Curriculum Coordinator – 8 hours

Standards-Based Grading Implementation Trainers – 24 hours (3 teachers for 8 hours)

Standards-Based Grading Implementation – 48 hours (12 teachers for 4 hours)

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to change the June 27, 2019, school board meeting to June 20, 2019, with community input at 6:30 and the school board meeting at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that groundbreaking will also be held on June 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to adopt the 2019-2020 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to approve the 2019-2020 Student Accident Insurance program with Student Assurance Services. It was noted that this is at no cost to the school district and it is voluntary for families to participate. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Sarah DeBeer as head volleyball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Jon Beers as head girls tennis coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to accept the retirement of Heidi Schacht, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Jarchow, to accept the retirement of Cindy Reu, paraprofessional, effective May 23, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to accept the retirement of Shirlee Gilmore, elementary music teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve a maternity leave request from Alicia Reker, elementary teacher, beginning with the 2019-20 school year through September 28, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to accept the resignation of Karin Moser, paraprofessional, effective May 17, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Caylee Tennis, physical education teacher, effective May 21, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Stephanie Roozenboom, paraprofessional, effective May 17, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Joanna Stroeh, paraprofessional, effective May 17, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve a maternity leave request from Brooke Van Essen, elementary teacher, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year through approximately October 24, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of James Jarvie as instrumental music teacher for a salary of \$53,762.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to approve a summer contract with James Jarvie for 20 days of marching band at a salary of \$5,453.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Monica Edstrom as elementary teacher for a salary of \$39,422.00. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
Dated: May 23, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(07-03)

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK**

First Farmers & Merchants National Bank,
Plaintiff,

v.

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

**DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

CASE TYPE: Other Civil/Misc.

Court File No. 67-CVC-18-180

Honorable Terry S. Vaigt

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

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

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWN SHIP 103 NORTH, RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Luverne Dist. 2184

Requests for dairy bids

**REQUEST FOR BIDS
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

A. Dairy Products

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Tim Jarchow,
Clerk
(07-03, 07-11)

Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks bakery quotes

**REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Notice is hereby given that quotes for bakery products will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Tim Jarchow
Clerk
(07-03, 07-11)

Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks fuel quotes

**REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Tim Jarchow,
Clerk
(07-03, 07-11)

Notice of lien and intent to sell set for Aug.2

CLAIM OF LIEN NOTICE

Owner: Tanny Brinkerhoff
Address: 417 N. Oakley - Apt. 3, Luverne, MN 56156
Invoice Number: 60415
Vehicle Make: Dodge
LICENSE TAG: No License
Vehicle Year: 2008
Model: Charger
Expires:
VIN: 2B3LA43H48H206644

You and each of you are hereby notified that the above vehicle was towed on March 3, 2019, 10 p.m. at the request of MHP, that said vehicle is in the undersigned's possession at the address below: that the undersigned claims a lien for towing and storage costs. The vehicle may be sold 45 days from the date of notice, Pursuant MN Statute 168b.051 Subd 2. Payment by the date of sale (below) in the amount of \$100 inclusive of storage rates of \$25 per day from the date hereof will be sufficient to redeem the vehicle from the lien of the lienor. That said lien is subject to enforcement pursuant to law and that you and each of you have the right to reclaim said vehicle pursuant MN Statute 168b.07.

And

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND OF INTENT TO SELL VEHICLE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF MN STATUTE 168B.07

You and each of you are hereby notified that on Aug. 2, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. the vehicle described above may be sold at auction or sale located at 201 Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156. From the proceeds will first be paid all towing and storage plus all costs including costs of the sale. Any excess proceeds will be deposited in accordance to MN Statute 168B.08 (4).

You and each of you are urged to make satisfactory arrangements to pay all charges and take possession of the said vehicle. In order to obtain release of this vehicle you must present personal identification, drivers license and PROOF OF INSURANCE, (title registration, etc.) at the address below and pay all said charges against said vehicle.
G & S Auto
201 S. Kniss Ave.
Luverne, MN 56156

(07-03, 07-11, 07-18)

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EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Klarenbeek & Son Rendering, Corp. is in need of a daily route driver. Class B CDL with air brake. Clean driving record; paid holidays and vacation. Call Alan 507-220-5669. (6.30-7.18)

Adrian Public School is seeking applications for a K-12 Vocal Music Instructor, a 6-12 Special Education Instructor, and a 6-12 Art Instructor for the 2019-20 school year. Applicants with a Minnesota Licensure or obtaining a Minnesota Licensure are preferred. We are looking for creative educators with a strong background utilizing a variety of educational media. Candidate

EMPLOYMENT

should be comfortable integrating technology, possess strong classroom management skills and have the ability to build relationships with our students while helping them develop a lifelong appreciation of music through effective teaching. Interested applicants please submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Pack- et including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of MN License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you can email Principal Koehne at c.koehne@isd511.net. Position will remain open until filled (6.23-7.4)

EMPLOYMENT

LSS Meals at Generations is hiring and willing to train for a Cook (Assistant) for M-F, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Willing to learn Head Cook position for subbing in as needed. Assist in preparing and cleaning up for 125+ noon meals. Up to \$11 per hour DOE. No evenings/weekends/major holidays, 10 paid floating holidays, paid time off, retirement plus match, Verizon discount. Call Sarah at 507-822-9305 or apply on-line for Cook in Luverne #17744 at www.lssmn.org/careers.EOE. (6.20-7.7)

CCSI is accepting applications for caregiver positions for both of our two homes located in Luverne, Minnesota. Our caregivers assist our wonderful consumers with daily personal cares, meal prep/ planning, housekeeping tasks and more. There is some responsibility for medical needs. We offer two week block schedules with fixed hours. Current openings are: #1 Two - OVERNIGHT blocks available. Each average 39 hours per week. #2 32 hours per week #3 13 hours per week (every other weekend only) #4 39 hours per week #5 25 hours per week #6 Two openings exist with varying hours dependent upon client needs providing 1:1 care. Block schedule hours may include day/afternoon/evening hours plus every other weekend and some holidays. Holidays worked are paid double time. Benefits for vision and dental plans start at just 20 hours per week. Health insurance eligibility starts at 30 hours per week. We offer paid training, PTO, EAP and other benefits. For more information on the block schedules, hours and days, please call Linette at (507) 283-4170 or (507) 283-2062 or Brenda at (507) 376-3171 extension 2. CCSI is an EEO/AA Employer (6.23-7.11)

EMPLOYMENT

Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for a Head Volleyball Coach and an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications can be found on our website at https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm. Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for a K-12 Music Teacher/Band Instructor for the 2019-2020 school year. To apply send letter of application, resume & credentials to: Ellsworth Public School P.O. Box 8 Ellsworth, MN 56129. (6.23-7.14)

LSS Meals at Generations is hiring and willing to train for a Site Coordinator for M-F, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Seeking an energetic person to provide customer service, conduct outreach, collaborate with Generations members and site council, provide relief to satellite sites as needed, and complete required record-keeping. Hourly wage up to \$11 per hour DOE. No evenings/weekends/major holidays, 10 paid floating holidays, paid time off, retirement plus match, Verizon discount. Call Sarah at 507-822-9305 or apply on-line for Site Coordinator in Luverne, job #17851 at www.lssmn.org/careers. EOE. (6.27-7.14)

Alpha Sigma Health Group, a home health agency, is now open! We value our employees as individuals and respect your need for flexibility. Our company is growing, and we recently opened an office in Luverne to serve the surrounding communities. We are currently seeking compassionate Caregivers for Luverne, Worthington, and surrounding communities. If you share in our vision to touch the lives of others while making a difference every day, please call 507-449-6131, or apply on our website at www.alphasigmahg.com. We are excited to meet and hire valuable individuals just like you! (6.20-7.7)

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Full time maintance man, sprayer and someone to combine corn Also semi truck driver. No CDL required. Benefits; local farm. Call 507-370-1590. (7.4-9.1)

Nobles County is seeking full-time and part-time Correctional Officers Positions: Do you have your High School diploma or GED and a valid driver's license? Apply now for this career opportunity! This position maintains order and safety within the Nobles County Jail. 24/7 operation with rotating shifts. Starting Wage: \$19.99/hour **QUALIFICATIONS:** In addition to the above, must be able to read, write, and communicate in English; and have computer experience. Under represented classes are encouraged to apply. Complete background check will be conducted. **APPLY TO:** Nobles County Administration Office, 3rd Floor, 315 10th Street, P.O. Box 757, Worthington, MN 56187. (507) 295-5201 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Visit our website at www.co.nobles.mn.us. **REQUIRED:** County application forms are required. Resumes WILL NOT be accepted as substitutes, but may accompany the required application. **Closing Date for Applications: July 10, 2019.** EEO/AA Employer. (7.3-7.7)

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Hardwick celebrates 2019 Jubilee Days

Photos and text by Mavis Fodness

Heat and humidity combined for a steamy Jubilee Days in Hardwick over the weekend.

Twenty-five parade entries rolled down Main Street Saturday evening as temperatures slowly dropped into the 80s from highs in the 90s earlier in the day.

Among the entries was the 2019 parade marshal Bill Holling, the oldest member of the Hardwick American Legion and, at age 96, the Post's sole surviving World War II veteran.

He has been a member of the Hardwick American Legion Post 478 for 63 years. The national organization is also celebrating the 100th year since it was chartered in 1919.

One unique parade entry continued the celebration of a Hardwick couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

Alon Hemme drove a 1937 Model A John Deere tractor with his wife, Eileen, at his side. The couple was married in June 1969.

Alon's grandfather, Henry Hemme, purchased the tractor from Bieber Implement in Jasper. Henry traded a team of horses and some cash to make the purchase.

The tractor pulled a repurposed bale rack made from discarded sets of Montgomery Ward running gear.

The couple has three children and seven grandchildren.



At left, the Hardwick Fire Department drives four units in the Jubilee Days parade Saturday night.

Below, Nic Johnson of Hardwick drives a 1946 H International tractor.

In the photo below left, Bill Holling is parade marshal.

In the photo below right, Alon and Eileen Hemme of Hardwick celebrate their 50th anniversary in the parade on a 1937 Model A John Deere.



Family members and friends rode on the bale rack for the parade.

Rock County's livestock industry was well represented in the parade with Rock Nobles Cattlemen's Association ambassador Whitney Elbers, Hills, Minnesota Hereford Association's ambassador Hannah Kruse, Adrian, and Nobles-Pipestone Dairy Association ambassador Katelyn

Welegraven, Ruthton.

Hardwick's 2019 parade opened with a flyover from Rick Wenzel of rural Garretson, South Dakota, in his yellow aerial application plane.

Festivities included a community dinner, children's inflatables, pedal pull and hay bale toss, with a community church service in the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot wrapping up the weekend.



Pictured above, Hardwick American Legion Post 478 members lead the parade route Saturday for the town's annual summer celebration. From left are Don Bryan, Kyle Oldre, Paul Aukes and Larry Tweet.



Garrett Carlson of Hardwick competes in the pedal pull contest Saturday after the parade.

At right, Ashley Groenke of Champlin tosses a hay bale in the women's contest to see who can throw a bale the longest distance during Jubilee Day festivities Saturday.

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(Left to right) Bruce Wilson, Wes Pierson, Don Bryan, LeRoy Schomacker, Paul Aukes, Bill Claussen, Marv Laackmann, Kyle Oldre, Larry Tweet, Brock Thielbar (Not pictured) Lowell Ahrendt, Russ Wenzel, Wayne Holmgren