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State fire marshall rules cause of fatal hog barn fire undetermined

By Mavis Fodness

The State Fire Marshall last week wrapped up the investigation of a May 2015 swine building fire that took the lives of two local women.

The report, however, offers few specific answers.

"I have listed this fire as undetermined due to the extent of damage to artifacts located within the structure and that the artifacts collected have not been fully examined to date," investigator Steve Kellen wrote in his final report released March 8.

Ten months after the deaths of Sharla Drew, 50, and Kristy Giesler, 32, both of Jasper, the state's deputy fire marshal was able to eliminate some possibilities.

Kellen was at the scene of the wood frame, single-story metal structure fire within hours of its start on May 11, 2015.

The fire was reported at 9:21 a.m. at the nursery facility owned by New Horizon Farms of Pipestone. It's located four miles west of Jasper on 251st Street in Rose Dell Township.

The location contains four nursery barns with the fire contained to the western facility or Barn No. 4.

Witnesses noticed nothing unusual that morning

The nine-page report states six people, including Giesler and Drew, were working various jobs at the facility.

Witnesses interviewed for the investigation include barn manager Crystal Enninga, employees Bruce Drew and Scott Heidebrink, and

driver David Jagow.

The report states that on the morning of the fire, the four along with Sharla Drew were unloading 160 pigs into Barn No. 2 when the pens became full.

Sharla Drew went to Barn No. 4 to turn on the heat and unload the rest of the pigs in Room No. 7, or the north half of the barn.

Giesler, who worked for Van-Hawk Pressure Washing of Jasper, had recently finished cleaning Room No. 7.

"The flame, char and heat patterns listed were possible indicators that the fire ignited within Room No. 7 by an unknown source," the report stated, noting that Giesler might not have been aware of the fire at first.

Bruce Drew called 911 after he saw smoke coming from Barn No. 4. He stated he was unaware that his wife was in the building.

"Employees observed the west wall almost completely engulfed

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Worth waiting for

Twenty-six years later, Luverne celebrates arrival of Lewis and Clark water

By Lori Sorenson

Good things come to those who wait, and Luverne is expecting some really great things from the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System.

A ribbon-cutting event Monday celebrated the arrival of Missouri River water in Luverne, and it was a chance to look back on the 26-year process that brought it here.

Red Arndt, an honored guest at Monday's event, was part of the system's early start in 1990 when he was Luverne's water and wastewater supervisor.

"I've been waiting for this day for a long time — 26 years," he told a small gathering of dignitaries under a tent near the Lewis and Clark meter building by the city power plant.

"We finally have water that will sustain the growth of Luverne for years to come and that will enable my kids and grandkids to stay here and have jobs here that are enabled by water."

He said he remembers when southeast South Dakota officials were first talking about the regional water system in 1990.

"They wondered if some Minnesota communities were interested, and we were," said Arndt, who is now chairman of the Lewis and Clark Board.

Monday's celebration was almost as much about Arndt's contributions as it was about the project itself.

"Red is the person who during those many ups and downs was always saying, 'We just need to keep the faith. It'll get done.' His dogged determination is legendary," said Troy Larson, Lewis and Clark director.

He estimated Arndt made over 50 trips to Washington, D.C., and over 50 trips to St. Paul. "That's remarkable," Larson said.

"Red often said he wanted to taste the first Lewis and Clark water that arrived in Luverne."

He then summoned Arndt to the podium and offered him a bottle of water. "The water in this bottle is the very first water that came through the faucet in the meter house once we received the test results," Larson said.



Lori Sorenson photos/0317 Lewis and Clark ribboncutting

Lewis and Clark Board Chairman Red Arndt and Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian pose for a ceremonious turn of the valve in the Luverne meter house Monday during an event to celebrate the arrival of Lewis and Clark water in Luverne. Pictured with them are (clockwise from left) Luverne City Councilman Kevin Aaker, Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne Water and Wastewater Supervisor Al Lais, Luverne City Administrator John Call, Lewis and Clark Director Troy Larson, Worthington Public Utilities Director Scott Hain and Rep. Joe Schomacker.

Arndt accepted the bottle and gulped down a few swallows.

He also accepted a nameplate that dedicates the Luverne meter house in his honor. It says, "In honor of Lennis 'Red' Arndt, Lewis and Clark Regional Water System chairman."

Gov. Mark Dayton was on Monday's celebratory agenda, but dense fog that morning prevented his flight to Luverne.

"I am terribly sorry that air travel conditions have prevented me from being in Luverne today," he said in a statement released later that day.

"This project is critically important to the people and businesses in the Luverne area. I congratulate everyone who has worked so hard

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Luverne's Red Arndt has worked on Lewis and Clark since it started in 1990 and wanted to be the first to taste the water when it reached Luverne. He's pictured receiving a bottle of water from Lewis and Clark Director Troy Larson during Monday's ribbon-cutting event in Luverne. Also pictured are (from left) Sen. Bill Weber and Rep. Joe Schomacker.

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Burger retires from 40 years in banking

By Lori Sorenson

When Greg Burger reflects on more than 40 years in his banking career, the memories are accented by both challenges and rewards.

For example, he vividly recalls the farming crisis of the 1980s, but he said the satisfaction of helping people is what colors his career.

"It's been a wonderful career," he said. "The most rewarding part of my career is when people came to me and said, 'If it weren't for you and the bank, I wouldn't be farming now,' or 'I wouldn't be in business now.' That's what's been rewarding for me."

Burger began his career in Luverne with Norwest Bank in January of 1984 as senior vice president about the time the farming crisis hit the Midwest.

"We went through some very, very difficult times," Burger recalled.

"There were some really hard



Greg Burger has been with Minnwest Bank Luverne for 32 years.

conversations about people's livelihoods and telling them, 'It appears it's not working out. I had these difficult conversations with people I'd known for years.'

Burger said the hope is that these dealings were both profes-

sional and compassionate. "When I look back at it, I think we handled ourselves very well, and we managed to keep most of the people on the farm or working in their businesses," he said.

In April of 1991, Burger accepted the position of president of Minnwest Bank Montevideo and served in that capacity until September of 1998 when he returned to Luverne as president of Minnwest Bank.

'Tied at the hip to farming'

Burger said Minnwest in Luverne is an agricultural bank and it's what's defined the bank's business model. "We're tied at the hip to agriculture," he said. "When our ag community does well, we do well."

For this reason, he said the banking crisis of 2008 wasn't as disastrous

Hardwick to clean up town, decides on mail ballots

By Mavis Fodness

Efforts to spruce up the city of Hardwick took a step forward Thursday, March 11, when council members voted to adopt a nuisance ordinance.

"If we are going to do some cleaning up and if we are going to do it right," Mayor Jan Baustian said, "I think we'd better have everything we need first."

Council members voted unanimously to pattern Hardwick's latest ordinance after one already in effect in the city of Luverne.

Luverne's ordinance defines a public nuisance as intentional acts that affect the health, morals and decency, peace and safety of its residents.

"It's really detailed," Baustian

said of the six-page document. "It has everything in it we can possibly hope for. It really covers everything very well."

With the adoption of an ordinance, Hardwick would be able to force residents to comply or face misdemeanor charges.

At recent council meetings, members have discussed the fact that they've seen materials accumulating against garages and more unlicensed vehicles parked in yards throughout town.

"It's a growing problem," Baustian said.

Council members unanimously agreed to adopt the Luverne ordinance for the city of Hardwick. Councilor Carey Tun-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Rock County Thrivent Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

The Caregivers Support Group will meet at Mary Jane Brown GSS at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the conference room.

The Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at St. Catherine school with a lesson on flower arranging. All are welcome, but reservations are needed. Call 507-597-6378 for details.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Note the new location during the library renovation. Call 605-321-4324.

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

No Monthly Food Mission in March

There will be no monthly food giveaway for the month of March. The next giveaway will be Thursday, April 21. Watch the Luverne Announcer for details.

Weight road restrictions in effect

Spring weight road restrictions are in effect on Rock County roadways. Starting and ending dates are based on how the weather is affecting roadway strength. Ending dates for spring load restrictions are variable, and drivers must check for updates throughout the spring.

If you have any questions, please call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

Library ribbon-cutting March 17

The Rock County Community Library was reopened to patrons Monday, March 14. Ribbon-cutting for the completed remodeling project will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 17.

Green Earth Players 'Frog and Toad'

The historic Palace Theatre in Luverne will host the Green Earth Players' production of "Frog and Toad" March 18-20. Tickets are available to the general public by calling 507-283-4339.

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17

A parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, and will travel from Living Rock Church to Freeman Street in Luverne. Following the parade, CHS will host Harvest for Hunger, a freewill donation meal consisting of corned beef or Reuben sandwiches, at the Eagles Club from 5 p.m. until gone.

Figure Skaters perform March 18-19

The Blue Mound Figure Skaters will present their 25th Annual Ice Show at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne.

Easter egg hunt March 19 in Magnolia

The Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club will host an Easter egg hunt with door prizes and animals for children up to 10 years old at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 19, in the Magnolia park.

Donate blood March 21, 30

Community Blood Bank and Sanford Luverne will host a community blood drive from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, March 21. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. For information or to make an appointment, contact Sanford Luverne at 283-2321 or at www.cbblifeblood.org. Donations in Rock County for the Red Cross will be accepted on March 30 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 101 Spicer Street, Jasper, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Lori Sorenson photos/0317 lewis and clark ribboncutting

Pictured at Monday's Lewis and Clark connection ceremony in Luverne are (front, from left) Lewis and Clark Vice Chairman Murray Hulstein, Luverne City Councilwomen Caroline Thorson and Esther Frakes, Lewis and Clark Chairman Red Arndt, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, Councilman Eugene Marshall, Tim Conner from Banner Associates, Lewis and Clark Director Troy Larson, (back) Luverne City Administrator John Call, Rep. Joe Schomacker, David Odens with Banner Associates, Scott Hain with Worthington Public Utilities, Sen. Bill Weber and Luverne Water and Wastewater Supervisor Al Lais. The new Lewis and Clark Luverne meter house is pictured in the background.

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to make it a reality."

All the speakers at Monday's dedication praised Dayton for his support of the project — particularly for including critical funding in his 2014 bonding bill.

Larson said keeping state and federal legislators on board is part of what makes the Lewis and Clark project such a feat.

"We often say when it comes to Lewis and Clark, nothing is easy, but blazing a new trail never is," he said.

"We tend to lose sight of the fact that Lewis and Clark is the first of its kind in the entire nation — a wholesale water partnership among the federal government, three states and 20 local entities."

Mayor Pat Baustian called it a "huge accomplishment" to finally receive Lewis and Clark water in Luverne.

He said he'd been trying to think of a single word that would sum up the occasion.

"Momentous," Baustian said. "It means 'of great importance or significance, especially in its bearing on the future.'"

"I think the event today — for everyone 25 years ago



Luverne's meter house was named in honor of Red Arndt, Lewis and Clark Board Chairman. (Lori Sorenson photo)

and today — is a momentous occasion, especially in terms of its bearing on the future. I don't think anyone here can argue the effect this will have on our future."

Lewis and Clark at a glance:

The multi-year, \$577 million project delivers water from the Missouri River aquifer near Vermillion, South Dakota, to communities in Iowa, South Dakota and southwest Minnesota that don't have reliable water sources of their own.

Lewis and Clark construction started in 2003 and is about 75 percent complete.

Minnesota construction started in February 2015 to extend the pipeline 18 miles from the Iowa border to Luverne. Another 10-mile segment will be built from Luverne to Magnolia.

From there, it's another 12 miles to the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System's connection near Adrian and 27 miles to Worthington.

Lewis and Clark will bring up to 821,000 gallons

per day of treated water from the Missouri River aquifer to Luverne.

Rock County Rural Water has reserved 300,000 gallons per day and is already receiving that water.

Worthington and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System have yet to be connected.

The project is being paid for with federal, state and local money, but the slow pace of funding from the federal government has limited progress.

The federal government authorized the project in 2000 and has since contributed \$220 million, but still owes \$203 million.

The three states and the local partners have paid 100 percent of their share — \$154 million.

In 2014 the project received \$22 million in Minnesota money in order to continue building the pipeline over the border. The state approved another \$19 million federal funding advance in 2015.

The state will be reimbursed when the additional federal money comes through. The same is true for any future state funding.

Weber announces state Senate re-election bid

Senator Bill Weber announced his bid for a second term Monday to the Minnesota State Senate.

Weber, who was first elected to District 22 in 2012, announced his re-election in a press



release. "I believe that I have been a strong voice for common sense government and for protecting and advancing the interests of the southwest Minnesota," Weber wrote.

Since being elected senator, Weber has served continuously on four legislative committees: education; environment and energy; jobs, ag and rural development; and environment, economic development and agriculture finance.

In addition, Weber has served on the Senate

Rural Task Force, Permanent School Land Trust Committee and co-chairman of the GOP Rural Caucus.

"Work does remain and I pledge my dedication to continuing the battle for better government and a better Minnesota," Weber concluded.

The general election takes place Nov. 8.



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Fire marshall investigation wraps up on hog barn fire/continued from page 1A

in flames while only smoke was initially coming from the exhaust fans along the south end of the east side," the report stated.

Heidebrink attempted to enter the structure through an entry/exit door near the center of the barn's east side. He said he was driven back by smoke and heat as he called for the victims and was unable to see inside.

No one reported hearing an explosion or witnessing anything unusual that morning.

Victims were found together in end of barn

The victims were found together in the east alley of Room No. 8 in the south half of Barn No. 7. The report noted exit windows located on the barn's east and west sides were 4 feet, 3 inches above the floor, behind the steel livestock separation pens.

An electric water heater was located in the barn's southeast corner along with two main breaker panels. Kellen ruled the water heater out as a cause because "flame and heat patterns advanced to the water heater," the report stated.

"At this time, it is unknown as to whether the electrical panels were involved in the cause of the fire," the report



File photo

The May 11, 2015, fire left the hog production barn extensively damaged along with all materials inside, making it impossible to determine the fire's cause at this time. Investigators inspected what was left of the 41-by-246-foot barn after a May 11, 2015, fire that took the lives of two workers. The Fire Marshal closed its investigation last week citing the cause as "undetermined."

added.

The 41-by-246-foot barn was constructed in 1997-98 and was heated by two LB White liquefied petroleum gas heaters suspended in Rooms 7 and 8.

A gas riser was located near the east end of the north

wall and distributed propane to the heaters from an outdoor 10,000-gallon tank located more than 200 feet northeast of the building.

Kellen noted there was no bulkhead or tank protection located at the tank.

The report also noted

charred remains of wooden framing were found around all four of the manure cleanout pits except the one located by Room No. 7.

"The wood-constructed frame and deck on this pit was completely destroyed," the report noted.

Closer inspection of this pit area revealed a cracked foundation and partially collapsed concrete wall.

"Where the wood structure was destroyed appeared to contain the greatest damage as compared to other areas located along the outer perimeter of the structure," the report read.

Examination of the 8-foot deep manure pit revealed a crust being present. Manure measured 4 to 6 inches in various areas including the cleanout pits.

The pressure washer Giesler was operating was contained in a Chevrolet pickup truck parked outside the building's east side near the entrance/entry room.

Heidebrink reported the washer was running when the fire was discovered.

"Examination of the vehicle indicated the damage was caused by fire originating within the structure and extending outward to the vehicle," the report stated.

While Kellen's report indicated he has closed his fire investigation, the evidence that was collected and documented by insurance company representatives "is held in their possession for a possible joint inspection at a later to be determined date

and time."

Investigation began 10 months ago

According to State Fire Marshall public information officer Jen Longaecker, it is not unusual for investigations to reach closure months after the incident.

"Fire investigation is a very complex process, and not every fire is the same," she wrote by email.

"Our investigators must follow guidelines of the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations. There are hundreds and hundreds of guidelines."

She said complicating the investigation is the type of building, the number of injuries or fatalities, number of jurisdictions and whether or not there is pending litigation.

"These investigators are working with evidence that is many times burned beyond recognition," Longaecker added.

"They need to sift through ashes and dust to find what they are looking for — sometimes something as small as a grain of sand. This evidence is sent to a lab where it is needed to be analyzed, another step that takes time."

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in this part of the country as it was in other parts of the country.

"We didn't have the repercussions that other banks did, because agriculture at the time was doing well," Burger said. "And the thing about farming is it's cyclical."

After several years of wide profit margins, he said farmers are now preparing for another downswing.

"Ag profits right now are slim to none, and if the markets stay where they're at now, it's going to be awhile before we see things improve," Burger said.

"But most of our ag customers have been wise about maintaining some reserves in the good times to brace for recessions. ... It's a question of hanging in there and waiting for the good times to come back."

Civic involvement won't end with retirement

Burger has enjoyed being the face of Minnwest Bank in the community and he said his goal in retirement is to remain active in civic involvement.

"It defines who you are professionally and socially," Burger said about his role as Minnwest Bank president.

"I will miss the relevance of that role. I'll have to understand that when I'm no longer sitting in this chair, I'll be rel-

evant, but not in the same way."

Burger, who will retire at the end of March, said he's served on nearly every board and committee in the community in his 32-year tenure in the banking business in Luverne.

For example, he was on the Luverne Community Hospital board during the time it was sold to Sanford and the new hospital was built on the north side of town.

He headed up the recent Historical Society fundraising campaign for The History Center, and he's been involved with Luverne Area Chamber.

Burger currently serves on the Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow Board, the Rock County Development Corporation and the ATLAS for Life Board, to name a few.

People person

As bank president, Burger said it was a requirement of the job to contribute to civic organizations, but these human connections are what attracted him to the banking industry in the first place.

"I was extremely fortunate to find a career in the people business," Burger said. "I like dealing with and working with people."

He said that's the nature of financial management.

"Dealing with people and their money puts you pretty close to what's near and dear

to them," Burger said.

"Helping people through the bumps they have in their financial lives has been rewarding ... knowing you've been a help and you've provided for their needs."

The same has been true of his family of bank employees. "We all spend big pieces of our lives with the people we work with," Burger said.

In conjunction with Burger's retirement, Minnwest promoted Isaac DeBoer to market president.

He's been with the Luverne branch since 1998 and said he's appreciated Burger's leadership role in the bank and in the community. "He will be long remembered at Minnwest for the role he had in growing the business both in the market where he worked and also into new markets for the bank," DeBoer said.

"Outside of the bank, Greg will be associated with his service and leadership in the communities in which he lived. Greg was always willing to share his knowledge and experience with various groups and boards within each of the communities that he has lived in for the past 35 years."

Burger said community banking continues to change rapidly with online banking and other technical advances.

"To some degree, it's diminished the one-on-one

contacts that make the business of banking interesting and challenging," he said. "That's probably the major reason for me to exit the business at this time."

Burger and his wife, Janet, will continue to live in Luverne. Their children are Jennifer (and Troy) Thone, Luverne; Melissa (and Don) Cunningham, Spencer, Iowa; and Ryan (and Becka) Burger, Sioux Falls.

Hardwick City Council/ continued from page 1A

nissen was not at Thursday night's meeting.

The council intends to have the ordinance enforceable later this year.

In other business, the Hardwick council:

- Changed its April meeting to Tuesday, April 12, to coincide with the city's Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting at the city office. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with the equalization meeting at 7 p.m.

- Voted for the city to become a mail-ballot precinct. The city of Hardwick becomes the 13th precinct in Rock County to cease operating a polling place on election days.



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Traditional cancer treatment comes with surprising side effects

My attempt to contain or reverse cancer with alternative methods has ended.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

It's been 20 months since I was diagnosed with anal cancer in June of 2014. I've eaten a lot of broccoli since then. I've travelled to foreign countries and seen alternative practitioners in three states. I've sat in saunas, lost weight, tried to connect with my inner child and consumed copious amounts of fresh vegetable juice.

All of which has been a lot of fun, but the efforts didn't get rid of the cancer. The only side effect was pain from the slowly growing tumor.

Now, I'm on the "traditional" anti-cancer path. I'll begin a six-week course of radiation March 21. At the same time I'll take two kinds of chemo.

And I have a colostomy. Yes, a colostomy.

Which is, of course, the subject of this column. (Some topics just lend themselves to vibrant public discussion.)

The doctors tell me the radiation is going to (pretty much) destroy my nether bits and rerouting the digestive system will reduce the risk of infection. The first doctor said the "detour" is temporary. The second doctor said it's permanent.

Either way, I've joined an elite club of people who carry a secret pouch under their

clothing.

Well, it's supposed to be secret anyway. You see, it farts.

Unlike the normal gas valve that people have which can be controlled long enough to make a quick visit to the restroom, a colostomy is simply an opening. An opening that does whatever it wants, whenever it wants.

Lenten services, moment of meditation? "Pppfffffft."

Family gathered at the dinner table? "Bbbllllrrrrppppfft."

Lying in bed in the morning, quietly wondering if the loving hubby is awake. "Pweeeeeeeet."

Perhaps the most ironic part of this new twist in my life is that I am one of those people who does not pass gas under any circumstances. I come from God-fearing, hard-working, German Lutheran people and we do not fart. I am proper. I have manners.

Well, I used to have manners anyway.

Now I think I'm ready to join the happy-go-lucky folks who relish bathroom humor, farting in front of others and all the conversations and behaviors I've considered tacky.

Face it, when the diagnosis is "anal cancer" you can laugh or you can cry. When the doctors say, "You'll need a colostomy" you can laugh or you can cry.

I'm doing both. It helps.

Election season policy:

Please note that our Letters to the Editor policy during election season has some unique guidelines. For example, the Star Herald accepts only original letters — not form letters from campaigns. We do not accept letters written for the express purpose of endorsing candidates. Letters must focus on issues in a campaign rather than simply encouraging a vote for a candidate without merit. Above all, we encourage readers to be active participants in local, state and national elections, and the Star Herald looks forward to being part of the process. Questions can be directed to editor@star-herald.com, or 507-283-2333

Government business must be open; media must help hold officials accountable

Government must be held accountable.

The only way for the public to hold government accountable is for all of the actions of government to be out in the open.

That is why open government is part and parcel of democracy.

When government is allowed to operate behind closed doors, it grows out of control, is not responsive to the public and is subject to corruption.

These are some of the reasons the media, watchdog groups — and most importantly the general public — should be committed to government transparency.

Newspapers, in particular, have a long legacy of holding government accountable, and operating as the Fourth Estate. Sadly, many newspapers have abandoned that role, leaving it up to the general public to police local governments.

Any newspaper that does not defend the First Amendment and champion open government is not worth the paper it is printed on or the ink that fills its pages.

Public officials must understand the difference between the public sector and the private sector.

Men and women elected to office and people who have been appointed to boards, commissions and authorities must understand they answer to the general public.

GUEST EDITORIAL

by Jim Zachary, Valdosta, Georgia, Daily Times
Transparency Project of Georgia

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

This week, March 13-19, is Sunshine Week

Whether discussing finances, facilities, daily operations or public policy, all of the people's business must be deliberated in public and not be hidden behind closed doors.

Deliberating public business in closed-door executive sessions is not only poor public service, in most cases and in most states it is simply against the law, except for a very narrow list of reasons.

We encourage all elected officials to remember they answer to the people, not to professional government administrators and not to government lawyers.

Non-elected administrators answer to them.

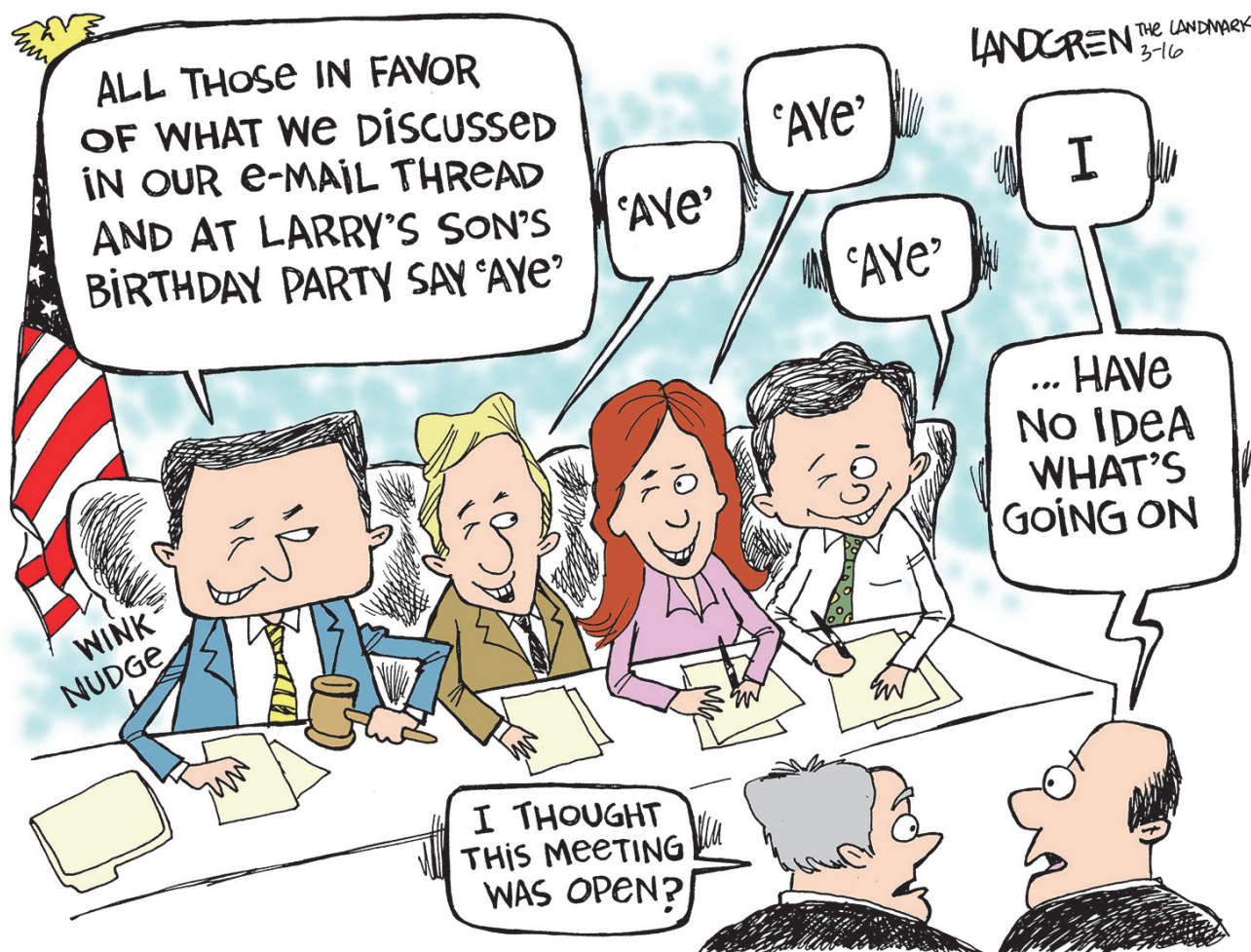
Government attorneys answer to them.

The public must hold elected officials accountable.

Elected officials, in turn, must hold the professional staff and the attorneys accountable.

It is clear the public is losing confidence in government at all levels.

The only way for local governments to gain that confidence back is to be open and transparent in the way they conduct the people's business.



Grandson's flag etiquette during national anthem bears repeating by other students

A few weeks back I wrote about 4-year-old Owen's debut on the ice at a local hockey tournament.

Owen is the youngest Peterson grandson, and I must admit I was impressed by his drive, determination and apparent enjoyment of the game. We also took in a Sioux Falls Stampede game that same weekend. During the national anthem prior to the start of the game was my proudest grandfather moment of the weekend.

That moment came when Andrew, age 8, the second-youngest Peterson grandson, rose to his feet and after a slight tug on his hat from his mother, he removed it. While holding it in his right hand placed



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

over his heart, he then put his left arm behind his back at a 90-degree angle and stood at attention during the national anthem.

Remember back at the office on the following Monday telling Hockey

Mom Chantel that while I enjoyed my first hockey weekend, what I was most proud of was how Andrew acted during the national anthem.

Just this past week a video of Virginia Tech men's basketball coach

Buzz Williams called "Changing the Game Project" went viral — last time I checked, it had over 4 million views.

The video came about because of Coach Williams' disgust with his team's disrespect for this country during the playing of the national anthem before games.

I encourage you to watch the video on YouTube. Just search Coach Buzz Williams' Veterans Day Recognition.

I encourage all area high school athletic departments to incorporate the video into all of their pre-season parent/student athlete meetings as well as part of their regular practice sessions.

This is your page!

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 4

•Complainant reported front door burglary and motion alarm at business. Company will contact key holder. Deputy reports car and male party on lot. Deputy reports subject was looking for open gas station and tried door and it opened. Deputies verified, via key holder and security footage, that subject did not take anything and left when alarms went off.

•Complainant, who is one of the managers at City Center Apartments, said there was a North Dakota vehicle in an unoccupied garage at location. It has been there for about two months and doesn't seem to move. Deputy advised her to have it towed.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about rental issues they are having here in Luverne.

•Complainant reported vehicles passing and causing others to drive on the shoulder. Transferred to State Patrol 911.

•Complainant reported an injured deer in the middle of the road. Deputy advised deer was dead upon arrival. He removed it from the roadway.

March 5

•Complainant requested to have us contact the judge in regard to an investigation that he can't tell us about.

•Complainant reported a female urinating in the parking lot next to a dark-colored, very dirty Honda pickup. Deputy arrested female for third degree DWI refusal and took her to jail.

March 6

•Complainant reported a large hole in the alleyway between Adams and Barck avenues. He said someone could drive through it and damage their vehicle. Dave was called. He advised there were cones around it because he thinks it was the gas company working on it. He will look at it and put cones out if the others are gone.

•Complainant reported an older man dragging a kid into the house. The kid was on his knees and crying. Deputy went to speak with the family.

•Complainant reported a man in a pickup not responding. The pickup is in the ditch on 145th Street. Driver was arrested for DWI and taken to jail.

•Complainant reported he is receiving threatening texts.

•Complainant in Beaver Creek reported three very small children, approximate age three to seven, riding a one-person blue Yamaha ATV on city streets and the edge of a farmer's field. The children are not wearing helmets. Complainant is concerned for their safety. Deputy spoke to the parties about ATV regulations.

March 7

•Complainant reported someone took what looked like a 32 and shot up a payload and other equipment at the gravel pit.

•Complainant reported her car was reported stolen in South Dakota and it is at location. Detective from Sioux Falls called and spoke to deputy about it. It was not stolen but loaned out. Deputy checked location for the vehicle. It is at

location. Subject is fine with it staying there until the owner can pick it up. Deputy will notify complainant.

•Pipestone County reported they received a 911 call from Rock County. Dispatcher contacted subject who said the boys were playing with an old cell phone. Everything is OK.

•Complainant reported that when she went into the grocery store, there was a red car parked near the building and a young child sitting in it alone. When she left, approximately 15 minutes later, it was still there.

•Dispatcher received a 911 hang-up call. Answered on call back bud did not talk. Next call went to voice mail. Subject called back. She is OK and at home.

•Complainant reported there are trespassers, and they are stealing stuff. Deputy reported there are pickups parked on the side of the road that is a no parking zone, and the pickups are plugged into the electricity. They are unplugging and moving the pickups now.

•Complainant reported subject was making threats. Subject was taken to the emergency room to be checked out.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported a man and child just walked into their house. The man appears to be intoxicated. Deputy arrested subject for trespassing and probation violation.

•Complainant requested to talk to a deputy about having people removed from her property. Deputy requested dispatch contact landlord to see who was officially on the lease. He stated it was only complainant. Deputy stated all three subjects have a ride coming. Complainant will stay there.

March 8

•Complainant reported a little white car driving about 20 mph. She almost ran into the back of it on I-90 near mile marker two. Transferred to Patrol.

•Complainant requested a deputy check her tabs and sign her warning from Brookings Police Department.

•Complainant reported the Luverne Fire Department would be out for training.

March 9

•Complainant reported some missing money.

•Complainant requested a motel room for the night. He had money but was traveling and didn't want to use it. He was given a ride east.

•Complainant from Minnesota Department of Transportation called and said the Farm Store made a mess on the street. He wanted us to tell them to clean it up. Contacted them, and they will clean it up.

•Complainant requested a deputy right away because she was just punched in the eye. Notified all cars.

•Complainant reported a dog bite victim at the clinic.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about getting mooned by his neighbor.

March 10

•Complainant reported

a white four-door car went through flags at location. Gave license plate number which matches. Complainant will fill out a statement. Also notified State Patrol.

•Trooper requested photo identification of subject.

•Complainant reported a small brown and black dog at location with a collar and no tags. Five to six years old. Complainant will hang onto dog for a little while until owner is located.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported she lost her purse Monday or Tuesday in Luverne. She has a South Dakota driver's license.

•Lyon County, Iowa, reported a car all over the road on Highway 75 northbound from Iowa. Gave to Patrol and Nobles County.

•Complainant reported a vulnerable adult situation.

•Complainant reported she has custody of the kids and wants to leave them for a week with their dad. Complainant wants information concerning any paper work that she may need. She thinks the father lives in Luverne.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 6 traffic stops, 1 funeral escort, 1 school zone patrol, 10 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 6 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 3 fingerprint requests, 1 driver's license check, 7 log/alarm sheets, 4 drug court tests, 1 money escort, and issued 15 purchase/carry permits and 16 burn permits.



Mavis Fodness photo/0317 Hwy 75 Crossing

Still waiting for crossing lights to arrive

Crossing guard David Ruddy (far right) stops traffic for Luverne students Friday afternoon at the intersection of Dodge Street and Highway 75. "We hoped the project would have been completed last fall when electricity and foundations were in place," said Luverne City Administrator John Call. Since then, contractors have been waiting for the parts to the rectangular rapid flashing beacons to arrive. Similar crossing lights will be placed on Highway 75 at Barck Street, eliminating the need for crossing guards.

Monday outage affects more than 1,100

By Mavis Fodness

More than 1,100 electric customers in Rock County and surrounding areas were without power for up to 90 minutes early Monday morning.

Two substations were involved in the outage, one located west of Luverne on County Road 4 and the other near Hardwick.

Both substations were connected to L & O Power Cooperative, which brings wholesale electricity to cooperatives in Lyon, Osceola, Rock and Pipestone counties.

Sioux Valley Electric spokesperson Carrie Laws said workers indicated equipment failure as the reason for the outage and were still trying to pinpoint the cause on Tuesday.

Law said reports of the outage occurred just before 3:30 a.m. and affected 518 rural customers served by the Luverne substation along with the city of Luverne. Power was restored after 90 minutes.

The Hardwick outage lasted 36 minutes and affected 614 rural customers and the city of Hardwick, Law said.

Wheel tax, road and bridge/ from page 1A

Budgeted is \$77,000 in county funds out of the proposed \$1.83 million in bridge repairs in a combination of federal (\$243,440) and state (\$343,982) aid monies.

The plan proposes replacing four county bridges:

•Bridge 5497 on County Road 15 east of Kanaranzi in Kanaranzi Township;

•Bridge L2171 on County Road 55 in Magnolia Township;

•and two bridges L191 and L1997 on County Road 3 south of Kenneth in Vienna Township.

Under a separate fund, \$325,000 is being spent on replacing four township bridges;

•Bridge L2194 on 200th Avenue south of Magnolia in Magnolia Township;

•and bridges R0233 on 181st Avenue, L2276 on 151st Street and an unnumbered bridge on 120th Avenue located north and west of the state park in Mound Township.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0317 Cardinal Dash Kickoff

Luverne fifth-grader Jocelyn Hart (left) holds the first T-shirt featuring her winning design as announced by Parent Partners in Education President Anne Shelton Friday afternoon in the elementary school gym.

Hart's design chosen for upcoming Cardinal Dash

By Mavis Fodness

Jocelyn Hart was shocked when her name was called during the Fly-over assembly Friday at the Luverne Elementary School.

All students and staff gathered in the gymnasium for the school's monthly S.O.A.R.R. program, a celebration of positive student behavior. The assembly also provided the parent group an opportunity to honor one student and to announce its upcoming fundraising event.

Hart's T-shirt design was chosen for use during this year's Cardinal Dash, a fun run event.

Her shocked expression, however, wasn't because her design was deemed the best out of 61 entries.

"I didn't want to go up in front of everyone," the fifth-grader said.

Although reluctant, Hart did stand in front of the assembly with Parent Partners In Education president Anne Shelton and was presented the first T-shirt with her design.

Hart's one-color design featured the words, "PPIE Cardinal Dash 2016." The words "Keeping Cardinal Kids Running" was written inside a ribbon graphic.

"I spent about two days on it because I waited until the last minute," Hart said.

Each fifth-grader could submit an online design through Print Express, a T-shirt design business in Luverne. Owner Dave Haugom completed a website tutorial with each of the four fifth-grade classrooms



Mavis Fodness photo/0317 Cardinal Dash Kickoff

Students react to the announcement that Jocelyn Hart (center) won the T-shirt design contest. Hart views her design projected against the wall in the Luverne Elementary School gym and registers uncertainty on her face as she prepares to leave the bleachers to stand in front of Friday's school assembly.

earlier this year.

PPIE members chose the winning design.

Friday, March 18, kicks off the parent group's annual fundraising event.

The kindergarten through fifth-grade students will receive pledge packets to complete half-mile and two-mile runs. Students earn

prizes for the various pledge amounts as well as eligibility for various raffle drawings. Students who raise \$100 or more receive a T-shirt with Hart's design.

Each Friday from now until the pledge period closes on April 1, staff members will wear a T-shirt with the newly created design.

This is the Dash's second year, which replaced the group's traditional frozen food fundraiser.

PPIE uses the monies to support various activities throughout the school year.

The 2016 dash will take place April 22 at the school.

1924: Auditor reports 283 real estate transfers

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on January 18, 1924:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS SHOW BIG DECREASE

Only Two Hundred Eighty-Three Conveyances Filed During Year With Sixty-Nine for Luverne



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Two hundred eighty three transfers of real estate were made in this county during the year 1923, according to the records of County Auditor Olaf Skyberg. This is similar to the records of a year ago, but shows an enormous decrease since the "flush" years when everybody was buying or trading land, and the real estate business was at its height.

Of the total number of transfers, a consideration is stipulated in only 126. While 28 are final decrees handed down by the probate court. The city of Luverne leads by far all the other civil divisions of the county, having 69 transfers, in thirty-five of which considerations are mentioned, and six of which are final decrees.

The transfers of the other villages and townships of the county are recorded as follows:

Battle Plain township, eight transfers, with six considerations and one final decree.

Beaver Creek township, seventeen transfers, four considerations, one final decree.

Beaver Creek village, twelve transfers, seven considerations, one final decree.

Clinton, fifteen transfers, eight considerations, and no final decree.

Denver, eighteen transfers, nine considerations, three final decrees.

Hardwick, five transfers, four of which had stipulated considerations.

Hills, nineteen transfers, with only seven considerations.

Jasper, ten transfers, having four considerations and one final decree.

Kanaranzi township, twenty-three transfers, thirteen considerations and a final decree.

Luverne township, seven transfers, with three considerations and one final decree.

Magnolia township, fifteen transfers, four stipulated considerations and two final decrees.

Village of Magnolia, seven transfers, with three considerations and one final decree.

Mound, ten transfers, three considerations, one final decree.

Rose Dell, eighteen transfers, five considerations, one decree.

Springwater, eleven transfers, four considerations and four final decrees.

Vienna township, eight transfers, with two considerations and two final decrees.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manned@iw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•Corn is now planted an average of 23 days earlier compared to the mid 60s. Since 1968 the average planting date for Minnesota's corn acreage has been earlier by about one-half day per year. The average planting date for corn was May 20 in 1966 but was May 3 in 2005.

25 years ago (1991)

•There's a new trend in teaching that may change nearly everything about going to school. It's called outcome-based education. Schools all over the country, including Luverne, are experimenting with it. The Minnesota Legislature, business interests and educational groups have embraced it.

50 years ago (1966)

•A fire at the Kanaranzi Elevator Co. damaged about 330 bushels of corn Tuesday morning just before 9 a.m. Luverne Volunteer firemen called to the scene said the fire apparently started from spontaneous combustion in damp corn at the bottom of the dryer. ...Firemen stayed on hand until the dryer was emptied and the hot corn hauled away by truck. Damage was confined to the dryer, which is located outside the elevator.

75 years ago (1941)

•One measy fox, a good deal of healthful exercise, tired muscles and one painfully damaged finger were the results of the four fox hunts staged last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday by the Rock County Sportsmen's Club with the assistance of three trailer hounds sent here by the state conservation department. About ten fox were routed from their hiding places, but all but one led the hunters on a merry chase over hill and dale and through mud and water as the fox resorted to all their wiles in eluding their would be executioners. The one fox bagged was shot Friday north of Hardwick when the three DeBates brothers, of that community, each put a bullet in him.

100 years ago (1916)

•Dr. C.L. Sherman last week materially added to the equipment of his office by the installation of a Snook-Roentgen Interruptionless X-Ray machine. The new apparatus is of the latest and most approved design, being identical with those found in the largest hospitals of the country, and is absolutely complete in every respect. ... The new apparatus is the only one of its kind in this section of the state, and replaces the Burtman static X-Ray installed by Dr. Sherman about twelve years ago. Mr. Sherman has presented the latter machine to the Luverne high school for experimental work.

Follow the calendar when it comes to starting plants indoors

As we transition from winter to spring, we have to anticipate some variability in our weather and temperatures.



A couple of really warm days and some folks are ready to plant potatoes. But the calendar is a better indicator than our emotions. None of us has the crystal ball, but the law of averages is what it is, so be reasonable about your expectations.

I talked last week about getting our landscape shrubs pruned and if you want a more detailed job descrip-

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

tion, I invite you to attend my Courageous Pruning Class at the Luverne Spring Loaded Event coming April 16.

If you are eager to get some seeds planted indoors, I encourage you to wait for three more weeks. Getting those little plants growing too early results in spindly weak plants that have a hard time adjusting to the reality of living outdoors.

From what I can tell working in my landscape, the winter

has been very kind to our plants. Even though it was hard to appreciate at the time, I think the continual blanket of snow was the blessing.

If you have a bed of strawberry plants that have grown too thick (which they seem to do overnight), this is a good time to thin them. I do it by just grabbing a handful of plants and ripping them out. I know that sounds severe, but it does work well. The best quality

berries will be produced on plants that have some space between them, so this thinning is usually an annual job, and getting it done as early as possible is essential. I also mulch my patch with a thin layer of straw. That mulch helps retain moisture, inhibit weeds, and prevents dirt from splashing onto the berries when it rains. It also keeps my feet or knees clean when I am harvesting.

Next week I am going to start a series to tell you about some of my favorite flowering annual and perennial plants for our planters and gardens. Some of them may be new to you, but they have proven their merits to me and I'll be happy to entice you to try them.

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Speech members compete in last invitational; begin prepping for sub-sections

Sixteen members of the Luverne Cardinal speech team competed in the Montevideo Invitational Saturday, March 12.

Taking home individual honors were Gunnar Oldre, second, Humorous Interpretation; Alexa Chesley, ribbon, Duo Interpretation; Knute Oldre, first, Discussion; Shelby Nath, sixth, Creative Expression; Paul Witte III, second, Storytelling; Xavier Carbonneau, fourth, Storytelling; Derek Krueger, third, Great Speeches; Jonah Louwagie, ribbon, Storytelling; and Hannah Ehlers, ribbon, Duo Interpretation.

Ribbons were awarded to seventh-place participants.

The Speaking Cardinals have a big week ahead as they compete in the Big South Conference meet today in New Ulm and at SMSU in Marshall on Saturday, March 19.

Both of these meets are large with three rounds and a final and will provide great opportunities for important feedback as the team prepares for sub-section competition on March 29 in Adrian.

There are 13 categories with each falling into a genre or informing, influencing and entertaining audiences.

Following are explanations of three categories:

Duo Interpretation: This category features two speakers interpreting one or more scenes from a published selection of drama, prose or poetry. The content may be serious or humorous. An introduction to the piece is required and the use of scripts is optional. Eye contact and focus is to be only with the audience and not with the other speaker. There is a 10-minute time limit.

Creative Expression: This category, like Duo Inter-

Taking home individual honors at the Montevideo Speech Invitational Saturday were (from left to right) Gunnar Oldre, Alexa Chesley, Knute Oldre, Shelby Nath, Paul Witte III, Xavier Carbonneau, Derek Krueger, Jonah Louwagie and Hannah Ehlers.

Submitted photo

pretation, is an interpretation category. The contestant writes his/her own material. It may include information from other sources, but 80 percent must be original. The mood may be serious or humorous or a combination of both. A script is optional, and the time limit is 10 minutes.



Discussion: The contestant in this category participates in small group problem solving. The general topic is known prior to the season and contestants research accordingly. This year's topic

is Sports in America: Has Our National Obsession Gone Too Far? The purpose and goal of the category is to help students learn critical thinking skills, what constitutes quality research, effective group com-

munication and problem solving techniques. Discussion emphasizes that participants utilize consensus building to accomplish their goals. The time limit is 45-60 minutes.

OBITUARIES

Brian 'Bernie' Schaap

Brian Jay "Bernie" Schaap, 46, Lismore, died Friday, March 11, 2016, at the Pipestone County Medical Center in Pipestone.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 18, at the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. Burial will follow at the Leota Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 17, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 18, at the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church.

Bernie Schaap was born May 26, 1969, to Harold and Wylma (Lolkus) Schaap in Pipestone. Bernie was baptized as an infant at the Chandler Christian Reformed Church and made his profession of faith at Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. He attended elementary school at Chandler Christian and graduated with

the Chandler-Lake Wilson High School class of 1987. He then attended college at Huron University and South Dakota State University. He went on to help area farmers and then drove truck for many years. Over the last five years Bernie had his own business, Buffalo Ridge Livestock, doing dispatch, buying and selling. He was also a part owner in the Timber View custom chopping business.

On June 29, 1995, Bernie married Kari Koelewyn at the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. The couple made their home in Leota, and for the past 13 years lived on Highway 91 near Lismore.

Bernie was a member of the Leota Township Board, Sons of the American Legion - Lismore Post 636, Nobles County Board of Adjustment - Planning and Zoning, and Ebenezer Christian



Reformed Church. Bernie cherished time with his wife. He enjoyed his dogs, safety meetings, Ranger riding, Garage Crew gatherings, educating his family and friends, time with nieces and nephews and just going for a ride.

He is survived by his wife, Kari Schaap, Lismore; his mother, Wylma Schaap, Edgerton; two sisters, Roxine (Larry) Luinenburg, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Carla (Don) Kooiman, Brandon, South Dakota; a brother, Harlow (Anne) Schaap, Chandler; his mother-in-law, Leona Koelewyn, Edgerton; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Schaap; his father-in-law, Frank Koelewyn; and nephews Zachary Koelewyn and Eric Schaap.

Arrangements were by Hamilton Funeral Home, Marshall, www.hamiltonfh.com.

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LeRoy Ellefson

LeRoy Irving Ellefson, 72, Jasper, died Monday, March 7, 2016, at his home.

A funeral service was Friday, March 11, 2016, at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church. Burial followed at the Jasper City Cemetery.

LeRoy Irving Ellefson was born to John and Valborg (Mellom) Ellefson on July 19, 1943, at the Pipestone County Hospital in Pipestone. Following his birth, his parents purchased a home in Jasper. He was baptized and confirmed at the Jasper Lutheran Church, and attended both Jasper Elementary and Jasper High School, where he graduated in 1961. In 1960 LeRoy enlisted as a Reservist with the United States Navy and completed boot camp between his junior and senior years. He attended the United States Navy Training Command in Memphis, Tennessee, where he obtained a degree in avionics. He was a part of Squadron VQ2 in Rota, Spain for two years as an airborne radar operator.

He was later stationed at the Sanford Naval Air base in Sanford, Florida, where he met Judith "Lanett" Thompson, and they were married Dec. 26, 1965, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Sanford. He was honorably discharged in April of 1966.

The couple moved to Minneapolis, where LeRoy began working for Honeywell, Inc. In 1971, after a company-wide layoff, they moved back to Jasper where LeRoy started work with his dad, John, at Mobil Oil until he began his career as a rural mail carrier. In 1976, with four growing boys, Leroy and his parents traded houses, and he moved back into his childhood home. He worked with the United States Postal Service for 31 years until his retirement in 2006.

LeRoy was a life-long member of the Jasper Lu-

theran Church where he was an active member, sitting on many different committees, singing in the church choir and teaching Sunday school. He spent 48 years as a member of the Jasper American Legion Oscar Iverson Post #133, holding offices up to commander, bi-county commander and also serving as chaplain. He was a 23-year EMT for the Jasper Ambulance and a charter member of the Jasper Lions Club. For over 30 years he was active in Scouts, from Cub Scouts to becoming a council member of the Scouts Organization.

LeRoy enjoyed morning coffee with the coffee crowd, making people laugh and telling a good Ole and Lena joke. He valued his fishing outings with his brother Knute. He also liked dabbling in woodworking and enjoyed bowling.

He is survived by his wife, Lanett Ellefson; sons Mark (Deb) Ellefson, Sugar Land, Texas, Donald Ellefson, Sugar Land, Texas, Russel (Joan) Ellefson, Luverne, and Daniel (Laurie) Ellefson, Tyler; grandchildren, Jennifer and Jessica Ellefson, Sugar Land, Texas, Cody, Wyatt and Rebecca, Manson, Iowa, David and Elijah Ellefson, Luverne, and Luke, Kyah and Dru Ellefson, Sanford. He was honorably discharged in April of 1966.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Courtney Jo Ellefson; and two brothers, Lewis and Richard.

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

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Mildred Keunen

Mildred Keunen, 86, Hills, died Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial of cremains will follow at East Side Cemetery near Steen. Visitation will be prior to the service.

Mildred Keunen was born July 21, 1929, to Ben and Johanna (Veldhorst) Keunen at the family home in rural Maurice, Iowa.

The Keunen family moved to a farm near Steen in 1934. Mildred attended school in Steen through the eighth grade and received her high school diploma through a correspondence course with the American School in Chicago, Illinois. She then attended Rice Hospital's nursing program for licensed practical nursing in Willmar, graduating in 1957.

She worked as an LPN in Valley Springs, South Dakota, and Sheldon, Iowa. In 1965 her father died suddenly, and she moved back to Steen to

live with and help care for her mother. She worked at the Rock Rapids, Iowa, hospital for two years before continuing her nursing career at the Luverne Community Hospital, starting there on Aug. 16, 1965. She remained there until her retirement on Aug. 16, 1995.

Mildred was a life-long member of the Reformed Church in America. She was baptized as an infant in Maurice, and she professed her faith at the Reformed Church in Steen. She taught four-year-olds in Sunday School for several years. She also read and studied the Bible daily.

She enjoyed playing piano and organ, singing old hymns, reading, doing crosswords, crocheting, visiting and going for breakfast with family and friends. She volunteered at Children's Care in Sioux Falls with her sister, Bertha Bosch, for ten years.

She played the piano for Dutch psalm-sings at Tuff, and "Music with Mil" hymn-singing was a Thursday event on the Tuff Home calendar for many years. She also played



for hymn-sings at the Health Center in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

She is survived by her sister, Joy Aykens, Hills; nieces and nephews Beth Sakurai, Stan (Gloria) Bonnema, Ginger (Jim) France, Mark (Eva) Bonnema, Mike (Jodie) Bonnema; Paul (Carole) Aykens, Joyce Aykens; Roger (Carole) Bosch, Linda (Les) Hengeveld, Darrell (Marina) Bosch, Lois Bosch, Keith (Rondy) Bosch, Ladine (Scott) Marquardt, Lexia Bosch; and 28 great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Mickie and Bertha, and their husbands, Nelson Bonnema and Bill Bosch; her brother-in-law, Richard Aykens; a stillborn niece, Wenda Bosch; a nephew, Vergel Bosch; a nephew-by-marriage, Akira Sakurai; a niece-by-marriage, Kayce Bosch; a great-niece, Wendy Bosch; and a nephew, Don Bonnema.

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Janice Ward

Janice Lee Ward, 75, Hills, died Thursday, March 10, 2016, at her home in Hills.

A funeral service was Monday, March 14, 2016, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery in Hills.

Janice Lee Hiney was born Sept. 16, 1940, to William and Pearl (Sogge) Hiney in Windom. She was raised in the Worthington area before moving to the Valley Springs, South Dakota, area where she attended high school.

On Aug. 16, 1959, Jan-

ice married Wayne Ward at Palisades Lutheran Church near Valley Springs. They lived in Hills. Janice worked at the Hills-Beaver Creek High School and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Janice was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. She enjoyed crocheting beautiful blankets, and in her younger years she loved to square dance. She cherished life together with her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her

husband, Wayne Ward, Hills; three children, Dave Ward and wife Judy Kunkel, Mountain Lake, Steve (Paula) Ward, Tea, South Dakota, and Wendy (Tim) Buss, Hills; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Marie (Darrell) Brown, Hills, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, William Hiney and Dick Hiney; and two nephews, Terry Hiney and Lonnie Hiney.

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CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Emery Lea, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20.25 inches long, was born Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016, to **Tom Sandager and Micah Pewo**, Hills, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Grandparents are Mark and Karen Sandager, Hills, and Julia Pewo, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Great-grandmothers are Fran Sandager, Hills, Marj Prunty and Irma Abbott, Brookings, South Dakota.

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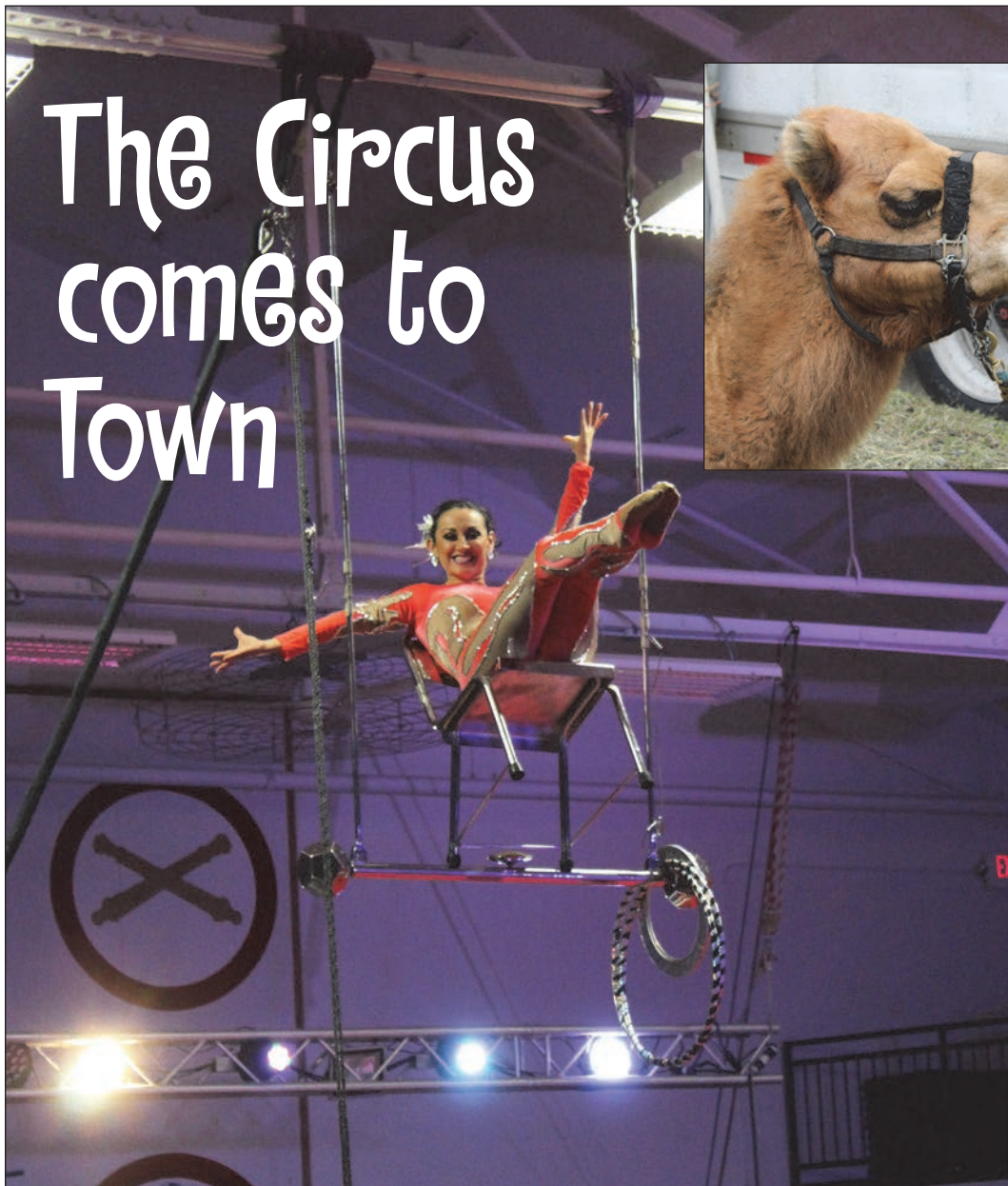
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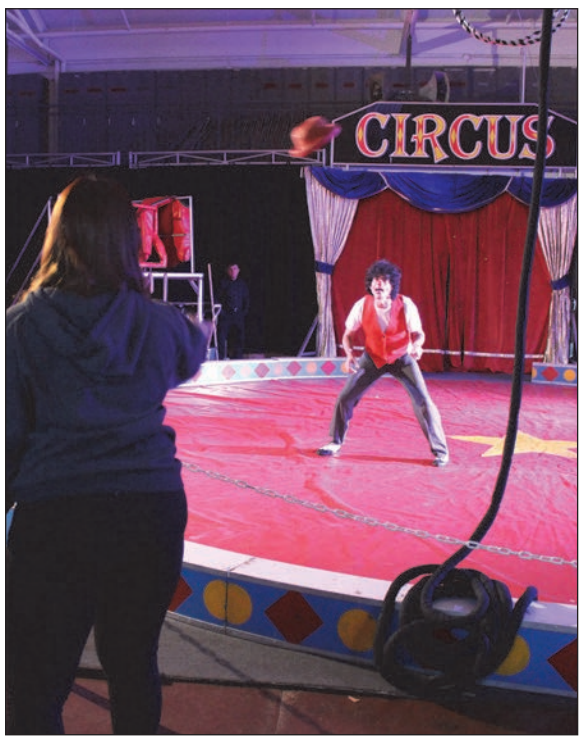
The Circus comes to Town



Above: Performing a shoulder throw, jugglers keep all three clubs in the air. **Top right:** Six-year-old Sidney Hernandez shows his excitement (and painted face) at the March 8 circus in Luverne. **Right:** Emmaline Keifer, 2, is mesmerized by the twinkling plastic snowflake as she waits for the circus to begin.



Mavis Fodness photos/0317 Circus
Balancing on a chair, an aerialist keeps her composure and sends the audience a radiant smile. She, along with the other circus performers, works for Center Ring Circus owned by Walker International Events of Myakka, Florida. They were at the Luverne Armory, Tuesday, March 8, for two evening performances before leaving the next day for performances in Fairmont. A camel (at top) was also a part of the circus act.



Below: Mellinda Parsons of Luverne (left) and her 8-year-old daughter, Lucy Smith, watch workers prepare the performance ring. Her pink blow-up dolphin was one of many items available for purchase.



Luverne's Nikki Sengvongxay puts a perfect spin on the straw hat as she was singled out by the circus clown to be a part of his funny circus act.

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Erika Egdorf has a room full of medals and trophies that she's earned through her 24-year skating career.

Princess on ice

After 24-year career, Egdorf to skate farewell performance at this weekend's spring show

After 24 years of skating, Luverne's princess of the ice rink is retiring her skates. A hobby turned competitive passion has filled a room with trophies and medals and provided a source of self-esteem for a woman born with Down syndrome.

"I just really love it," said Erika Egdorf when asked why she's kept it up for so many years.

Her mother, Signe Underwood, said skating has played an important role in making Erika who she is today. "It's been her life," she said.

This weekend will be one of Erika's biggest skating events of her lifetime — a farewell performance during the Blue Mound Figure Skaters' annual spring show in Luverne.

"She's 36 now," Sig said, "and we want her to go out on a high note."

For the spirited skater who's known for her smiles and generous hugs, this weekend's show will be just another opportunity to shine on the ice.

But it will mark the end of another chapter in Erika's life story of overcoming obstacles.

'She'll probably never walk'

Erika was born in a remote village in Alaska where her father was a bush pilot.

"The doctor looked at her and told us she'd probably never walk; that we should put her in an institution," Sig said. "He said she was the ugliest baby he'd ever seen."

Today, Sig said she'd like to find that doctor and show him all that her daughter went on to accomplish.

She mastered swimming, bicycling, track and field, bowling, softball and — of course — skating. "Skating is her love," Sig said.

It's a passion that's taken her to Seattle, Washington; Portland, Or-

"The doctor looked at her and told us she'd probably never walk; that we should put her in an institution.

He said she was the ugliest baby he'd ever seen.

... She's just such a gift to the world.

— Signe Underwood, Erika's mother



Photos and text by
Lori Sorenson

gon; Pentiction, Canada; Chicago, Illinois; and Anchorage, Alaska.

Erika's tenacity clearly comes from Sig, who as a single mom moved her little family — baby Erika and a young son, Adam — from Alaska to Wenatchee, Washington.

She went back to college to be a registered nurse, and in 1992, she married Buck Underwood.

It was in Washington that Erika, at age 12, first tried skating through a school Special Olympics activity.

"The school took them to the ice rink in a bus," Sig said. "I would have never known she could skate otherwise."

Erika learned speed skating first.

"She was really fast," Sig said. "She got first every time; she would even beat the boys."

Erika giggled at this story. "Mom!" But she admitted it was true. She was fast.

Then through public lessons, she learned figure skating and joined the local figure skating club



Above, Erika Egdorf delivers one of her signature impulsive hugs to Blue Mound Figure Skating Club Coach Cathy Shearer during a visit to Egdorf's home on Thursday, March 10. (Lori Sorenson photos)

At left is a photograph Egdorf after her medal-winning performance in the 2011 ISI World Championships.

"She knows how to 'work' the crowd and always gets the biggest cheers with her blowing kisses and waving to the audience," said Madi Jo Frankenhoff, assistant skating coach for the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club.

where private lessons were offered.

A professional figure skating couple who helped coach special needs skaters noticed Erika's natural talent and were impressed by what she could do.

"We were struck by Erika's love for skating," they were quoted as saying in an April 26, 2000,

Wenatchee newspaper article.

"Usually we're happy if we can get special needs skaters going forward and backward on ice. Erika did spins, jumps and spirals. There was nothing we showed her that she didn't enjoy doing. She loved to please and just loved being out on the ice."

Skating in the big leagues

For years Erika competed in — and dominated — Special Olympics skating competitions, but around 1995 her coaches entered her in a competition with non-disabled skaters, and she won.

Princess on ice/Continued on page 2B



At left Erika is pictured with her mom, Signe Underwood (left) and Blue Mound Figure Skating Club coach Cathy Shearer in Egdorf's home.

Below, Erika is pictured as a child with one of her early coaches in Washington. It's the cover of a scrapbook — one of several that were created to document her successful skating career.



Princess on ice/Erika Egdorf to retire her skates/ continued from page 1B

That's when her coaches entered her in the U.S. Figure Skating Association invitational in Vancouver where she would compete with hundreds of skaters from around the country.

Before she went out on the ice, Sig reminded her daughter to be a good sport and congratulate the winner. Erika replied, "I will be a good sport, but I am going to win."

And she did. She skated off the ice while blowing kisses to wildly cheering fans.

In addition to winning a big trophy that day, her performance caught the attention of a Klingbeil Skates representative.

Sig said the prestigious company makes only custom-made skates, and they offered to have a free pair of custom skates made for Erika.

This was quite a gift, Sig said, because Erika has Raynaud's syndrome, a circulation disorder, and she suffers from Lupus.

So the custom skates (valued at over \$600), with their insulated soles and sheepskin lining, were a significant gift. Another skate manufacturer, Riedell, later arranged a similar gift for Erika.

From there, Erika's successes kept building on each other.

After winning gold in the Washington State Winter Special Olympics Games in March 2000, she qualified to compete with the Special Olympics Team USA in Anchorage, Alaska, for the World Winter Games in March 2001.

"That's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Sig said.

She joined more than 2,000 competitors from 80 countries. Of that total, 160 were figure skaters, with the United States sending 20.

It was a 10-day event, and Sig said the experience almost got the best of Erika.

"We felt we had prepared her, but we did not realize the immense amount of people," she said.

"They called Erika to the

ice — twice, and there was no Erika."

Sig said she raced to the staging area where she found Erika had become ill. "I think I drank too much water," Erika said. But her mother suspected nerves.

Regardless, when Erika skated out on the ice and her music started, the jitters gave way to instincts, and her performance earned her a fifth-place medal out of seven.

"Once she heard the music she was fine," Sig said.

Welcome to Luverne

In 2002 they moved to Luverne to be closer to Sig's hometown of Worthington.

"This is the best place to live," Sig said. "It feels like living in Mayberry ... People are close and friendly. In a big city you don't see that."

They instantly appreciated the Blue Mound Ice Arena and the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club.

"I am so impressed with the Luverne rink and the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club," Sig said. "Luverne should be really proud of what they've done here."

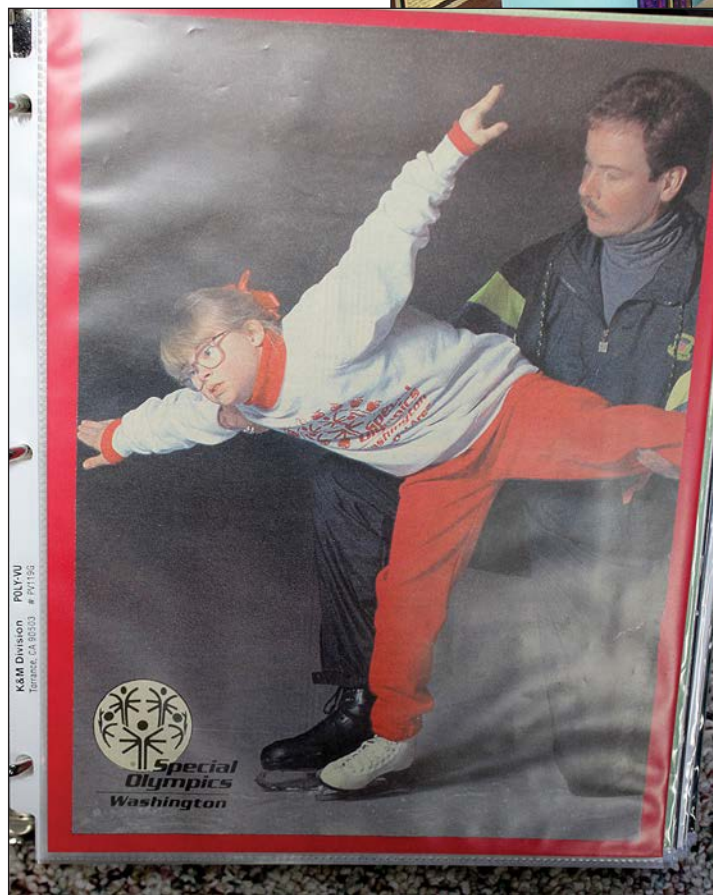
Erika had her own apartment for 11 years (now she has roommates in an HSI home in town), and when she wasn't working (at RCO,

McDonald's and Glen's) she was skating.

Her longtime coach Cathy Shearer said Erika has been a joy to work with.

"She never has a bad day," Shearer said about Erika's sunny disposition.

Sig said, "Those two on the ice are so fun to watch. She just knows how to get



Above, Erika Egdorf shows her coach, Cathy Shearer, one of her favorite medals that are displayed in a collection that nearly fills a room in her Luverne home.

At left is a photograph of Erika as a child with one of her first Special Olympics coaches in Washington.

Below at left is a collection of scrapbooks that Erika's mother, Signe Underwood, Luverne, has compiled over the years to document Erika's skating successes.

Lori Sorenson photos/0317 Erika Egdorf

the best out of Erika."

But Shearer said she doesn't give Erika special treatment. "I don't teach her different than anyone else; she'll try anything."

Luverne teen Madi Jo Frankenhoff has helped coach Erika with the Blue Mound Figure Skaters.

"Erika is a very happy and joyful girl. She loves to give me hugs and my mom too," Frankenhoff said.

"She was always excited to be at the rink and always has a smile on her face. I love her giggle."

She said Erika will be missed at performances.

"Everyone always looks forward to Erika performing at the ice shows," she said.

"She knows how to 'work' the crowd and always gets the biggest cheers with her blowing kisses and waving to the audience. ... It's awesome to see how the crowd's cheers make her feel like she's a celebrity."

Shearer said Erika is especially good at interpreting music. "She'll make up her whole program herself," she

said. "I'll miss her hugs and the goofy giggles. ... I'll miss my skating buddy."

For this weekend's show, Erika will perform an opening number with Blue Mound Figure Skaters, a group freestyle number and a solo.

She'll skate her solo performance to the music of Christian artist Josh Groban, "You Raise Me Up."

The words of the chorus are a fitting expression of Erika's life path.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;

You raise me up to walk on stormy seas;

I am strong when I am on your shoulders;

You raise me up to more than I can be.

The solo will be a bitter-sweet ending to a fairy tale story of the little girl whose doctor said she'd never walk.

"She's just such a gift to the world," Sig said.

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Skaters to present shows marking silver anniversary

By John Rittenhouse

A silver anniversary will be celebrated at the Blue Mound Ice Arena over the weekend.

For the past 25 years, the Blue Mound Figure Skaters have staged ice shows at the ice facility in Luverne.

That will not change in 2016. Super Skate XXV will be performed Friday and Saturday nights, March 18 and 19.

Both performances start at 7 p.m.

According to Katie Kopp, one of five skating instructors who have orchestrated the performances, the shows will be conducted under anniversary overtones.

"Just like the Super Bowl, we'll use Roman numerals Super Skate XXV for our shows," she said.

Along with Kopp, skating instructors Cathy Shearer, Sabrina Sowles, Sarah Nuffer and Courtney DeBoer have put together the latest version of the ice show.

A total of 38 numbers form the nightly performances, 19 in each half of one show.

Along with some popular numbers in past shows, the 2016 version features a new wrinkle.

"Our first number will be a salute to our troops production," Kopp said.

"We'll have 35 kids with a big flag in the number. It's meant as a salute to our military men and women serving our country."

The performances include solo numbers performed by Haley Ruesch, Alyssa Kienholz and Anisa VandenBosch, the three senior members of the figure skating program.

Erika Egdorf, who is retiring from the program, is slated to perform a solo number as well.

Kopp says the public can expect to view six to eight other solo numbers and eight duets.

The doors open one hour prior to each performance. Tickets for adults are \$7, and



Photo by Lifetouch

Three seniors will perform during the 25th Annual Ice Show at the BMIA Friday and Saturday. They are (front row, from left) Haley Reusch, Alyssa Kienholz, (back) Anisa VandenBosch.

student admission is \$3.50. If the weather cooperates

on Saturday, there will be a tailgating opportunity at the

BMIA parking lot prior to the show.



John Rittenhouse photo/0317 hoops 5

Basketball benefit

Luverne High School was the site of two benefit basketball games organized to help the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf. In the picture above, LHS teacher Mike Wenninger lifts a shot over defender Cole Bosch during a game between the LHS faculty and the senior members of the LHS boys' basketball program. A game between the LHS boys' hockey team followed the first contest of the evening. The teachers ended up posting a 62-57 win over the basketball seniors, while the boys' hockey players secured a 27-18 victory over the wrestlers. More than \$100 and a number of food items were collected for the Food Shelf.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Coach honored

A head coach from the Star Herald coverage area was named the South Section 3A Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year during Friday's championship game at Southwest Minnesota State in Marshall.

Kale Wiertzema, who recently completed his third consecutive season and fourth season overall as leader of H-BC's program, is the 2015-16 recipient of the honor.

Wiertzema guided the Patriots to a 16-8 record this winter.

Coach repeats

Luverne head girls' hockey coach Tony Sandbulte recently pulled off a rare repeat.

One year after being named the Section 3A Girls' Hockey Coach of the Year in 2015, he received the honor again at

the end of the 2016 campaign.

Sandbulte has earned the honor in two of his three seasons as the LHS mentor.

LHS ties

A former member of the Luverne High School girls' hockey program has made a commitment to play hockey at the University of Minnesota-Duluth next season.

Monique Aanenson, a member of the LHS program during the 2011-12 campaign, will compete at the Division 1 level next winter.

After leaving Luverne, Aanenson played with the Moorhead program before transferring to the North American Hockey Academy prior to her sophomore season.

Overgaard, Siebenahler draw BSC recognition

By John Rittenhouse

Two members of the Luverne High School boys' basketball team received post-season honors from Big South Conference officials this week.

No Cardinals cracked the roster of the 10-player All-BSC Western Division Boys' Basketball Team, but LHS athletes did draw two of five honorable mention selections doled out by the league's coaches.

Seniors Quinton Siebenahler and Nick Overgaard received honorable mention for the Cardinals.

Jackson County Central paced all teams by landing



Overgaard

three players on the All-BSC Western Division squad.

Seniors Matt Ringkob, Colton Timmer and Bodey



Siebenahler

Behrends are the Huskies on the roster.

Marshall, Redwood Valley and Windom landed two all-

conference selections each.

Senior Andrew Hmielewski and junior Weston Baker-Magrath represent the Tigers on the team, while senior Cade Johnson and junior James Pendleton made the team for RWV.

Seniors Jeff Pfeffer and Sam Huska made the team for WHS.

Worthington junior Zach Boever rounds out the all-league squad.

Other players drawing honorable mention include Marshall senior Nick Saugstad and junior Zach Bloemker and Pipestone sophomore Ty Waelber.

Hopping fence yields negative results over weekend

It seems like I always make a strange transition at this time of year.



When the state boys' basketball tournament rolls around, I find myself backing teams that I normally couldn't care less about during the regular season.

That was the case last weekend, and it was a double-dose situation.

I turned into a fan of the Jackson County Central and Fergus Falls teams during a 24-hour span.

Unfortunately, my limited-time loyalty went unrewarded when Championship Saturday was complete.

In one way, turning into a JCC backer seemed kind

of natural.

The Huskies, after all, are members of the Big South Conference. They make a yearly visit to Luverne to play the hometown Cardinals.

In another way, being a JCC supporter for a short time also made me feel a little dirty.

During a span of covering sports here in Southwest Minnesota for nearly 30 years, I couldn't recall myself wishing the Jackson Blue Jays or the JCC Huskies well at any time prior to last weekend.

The Huskies, however,

won me over with their spirited play as an unseeded team.

They defeated second-seeded Caledonia in the opening round before knocking off unseeded Annandale in Friday's semifinals.

The Huskies played well late in Saturday's championship game against fourth-seeded Braham, but it wasn't enough to keep the Bombers from winning their first state title in 10 years.

After JCC's loss, I quickly switched my attention to Plan B.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The Fergus Falls Otters qualified for the Class AAA championship game slated for late Saturday afternoon, and it left me feeling like I had a chance at redemption after watching the Huskies fall.

Not unlike JCC, being a Fergus Falls fan for a day placed me in unfamiliar territory as well.

The only thing linking me to the Otters was growing up 24 miles away and playing basketball against them twice each year as a Breckenridge Cowboy.

It may seem like a minimal link to the past, but it

was enough motivation for me to throw my support behind the third-seeded Otters for one day.

I loved the fact that Waseca defeated Marshall in an epic, four-overtime battle in the Section 2AAA title game between a pair of BSC teams.

The fact that the BSC has only been around for two years didn't leave me feeling attached to unseeded Waseca, when they lost to the Otters in the opening round of the state tournament.

I didn't watch much of Fergus Falls' upset win

over second-seeded Red Wing in the semifinals, but it did motivate me enough to root for the Otters when they played against top-seeded Minneapolis De LaSalle in the finals.

For the second time in less than four hours, my support went unrewarded.

The Islanders established a new state standard by winning the Class AAA for the fifth consecutive year by defeating the Otters by 14 points in a game that didn't seem to be that close.

In hindsight, I still don't know what to think about a Saturday that was full of disappointment.

I hopped over a fence to back a pair of teams that mean very little to me in the grand scheme of things, and went zero-for-two for the effort.

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, March 17: 10 a.m. St. Patrick's Day Mass at Tuff Home. 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts. 7 p.m. St. Catherine's Parish Council. Friday, March 18: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, March 19: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, March 20: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. Last day of Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday School and CLW. Noon: First Communion Banner Making. Tuesday, March 22: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Cub Scouts. 7:30 p.m. St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, March 23: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper. 7:15 p.m. Shadow Stations. Thursday, March 25: 4 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass at Veterans Home. 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts; St. Catherine's Holy Thursday Mass. 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Holy Thursday Mass.

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

Sunday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism Classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, March 21: 9 a.m. PERK UP at Mary Jane Brown Home. 6 p.m. Carry Supper. Tuesday, March 22: 9:30 a.m. CoffeeBreak/Story Hour. Wednesday, March 23: 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Supper.

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

Thursday, March 17: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, March 18: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Noon Union Gospel Mission Luncheon at First Baptist Church. Sunday, March 20: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, March 22: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Wednesday, March 23: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, March 17: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Lydia at Church. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, March 18: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, March 20: 8:15 Radio broadcast; Worship with Communion. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, March 21: Shetek Camp registration deadline. 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, March 22: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Mary and Martha Circle at church. Wednesday, March 23: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, March 24: 9:30 a.m. Rachel and Naomi Circles. 2 p.m. Sarah at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 5:30 p.m. Fifth grade Seder Meal. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Thursday, March 17: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 19: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Easter for Kids. All welcome. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, March 23: 6:30 p.m. Catechism Class. Thursday, March 24: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, March 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 5 p.m. Rehearsal. Saturday, March 19: Wessels/Swanson wedding. Sunday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 1:30 p.m. Worship Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship Service at Poplar Creek. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, March 21: 7 p.m. Financial Peace. Tuesday, March 22: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, March 23: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

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

Sunday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, March 23: 7 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Palisade Lutheran.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, March 17: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, March 19: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Bible Study in Upper Room. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Worship. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, March 21: 8 a.m. Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Bible Study — Making Sense of the Bible. Wednesday, March 23: 5:30 p.m. Free Community Dinner. No F.U.E.L. or confirmation classes. Thursday, March 24: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at United Methodist Church.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, March 17: 7 p.m. Esther Circle at Church. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Children's Party. Monday, March 21: 9 a.m. Quilting. 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, March 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, March 23: Youth Club End of Year party. 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 7 p.m. Choir. Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service.

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

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Thursday, March 17: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Saturday, March 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 4 p.m. Junior LYF (grades 6-8). Monday, March 21: Newsletter deadline 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, March 22: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Wednesday, March 23: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. No other activities. Thursday, March 24: No Little Lambs. 5:15 p.m. Senior Choir. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion.

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
211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, March 17: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, March 18: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 19: 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Zion. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion; Adult Choir and Sunday School sing. Monday, March 21: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, March 23: Newsletter deadline. 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, March 24: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion.

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.

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Worship; Coffee Cup Sunday. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 5:30 p.m. Free showing of "Woodlawn" at Palisade Lutheran. Wednesday, March 23: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran. Thursday, March 24: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service.

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

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

Never serve money

"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8 ESV



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness
of money if all you do is cut down trees," said the manager.

Ole and Sven both wanted to borrow some money to expand their business, so they went to the bank for loans. Sven said first, "I would like to haf \$10,000."

"What do you do for a living?" asked the manager. "What is your job title?" "Pilot!" answered Sven.

"Well, that is a good profession!" said the bank manager, so he gave him the money. Then Ole said, "I vant \$10,000, too."

"Well, what do you do for a living?" asked the manager. "I cut down trees," Ole replied.

"Well, I gave you friend the money because he has an important job. He is a pilot. I can't give you that kind

"Vell, dat doesn't make any sense at all," said Ole. "What I do is as important as him. If I don't cut de wood, how can he pile it?"

Having a lot of money doesn't make us special in God's kingdom. While money is an important part of life, it should never be the center of our lives. The Bible tells us to owe no one anything but to love each other. Whatever we do in life should bring honor and glory to God.

Thank You, Lord, for money. Help us keep it in the proper perspective. Don't ever let us serve money. Teach us how to use it to do what is right and to bring glory to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adriannmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship with Procession of the Palms. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Thursday, March 24: 6:45 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service at Adrian United Methodist Church.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor
Sunday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, March 23: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

112 N. Main St., Hills
Hills United Reformed Church
Thursday, March 17: 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at home of Marilyn Nelson. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. First Communion classes follow Worship. Tuesday, March 22: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, March 23: 9 a.m. Quilting. Thursday, March 24: 2:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at Tuff Chapel. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with Communion at Bethlehem.

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.

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City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 344

ORDINANCE NO. 344, THIRD SERIES
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL ESTATE
(Lot 2 Barck Subdivision)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to City Charter, Section 12.05, the City Council is authorized to sell or convey the following described real estate located in the City of Luverne, County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Two (2) in Barck Subdivision of the City of Luverne, Minnesota, and subject to easements of record, if any.

SEC. 2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute such legal documents as are necessary to accomplish this sale and are further authorized to execute and deliver a warranty deed upon complete fulfillment of all terms and conditions.

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

/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator
(3-17)

Rock County public hearing set for March 22

Notice of Public Hearing on Road and Bridge Replacement

An open meeting will be held to discuss the road and bridge replacement program for the transportation system of Rock County. The meeting will be at the Rock County Library Basement Meeting Room, 201 West Main Street, in Luverne, MN Tuesday, March 22 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

This public informational meeting will be held at the Rock County Library. Any individual, group or agency wishing information is urged to attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting is to provide information on the planning, programming and schedule of work on the County Highway system.

Mark R. Sehr
Rock County Highway Engineer
(3.10-3.17)

Conditional use hearing March 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant for the following:

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Henning Construction
Location: W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township, T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota.
Zoning District: A-1, Limited Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Bremik Materials, Inc.
Location: E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota.
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Duinick, Inc.
Property Owner: Marcella Scott
Location: NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 4 and part of NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 14 of Denver Township; T104N R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Duinick, Inc.
Property Owner: Marcella Scott
Location: A portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-17, 3-24)

Jansma Farms, Inc. conditional use hearing March 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR JANSMA FARMS, INC.

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant and Property Owner: Jansma farms, Inc.
Location: SE 1/4 of Section 14 of Kanaranzi Township, T101N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota.
Conditional Use: Expansion of an existing feedlot within 1/4 mile of a nearby residence by more than 250 animal units.
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The feedlot consists of a total confinement barn holding 180 head of finishing swine along with open lots and a partial confinement barn holding 400 head of finishing cattle. Using 0.3 animal units per head of finishing swine, totaling 54 animal units, and 1.0 animal unit per head of finishing cattle, totaling 400 animal units, the total capacity of the existing site is 454 animal units.

The proposed modification will be to close the total confinement swine barn and some open lots. The remaining open lot and partial confinement barn will hold 170 head of feeder cattle and the expansion consists of a new total confinement barn and will hold 800 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the cattle barn will be stored in a poured concrete pit and manure storage on the open lot will be a manure pack on the lot.

After expansion, the site will have a total capacity of 919 animal units.

Dated: March 17, 2016

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-17, 3-24)

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES

State of Minnesota

District Court

County of Rock

Fifth Judicial District

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Rock County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Rock County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus interest and costs, or file a written objection with the district court administrator. The objection must be filed by April 20, 2016, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 9, 2016. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown St, PO Box 509, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0509. You may also contact the Auditor-Treasurer at (507) 283-5060 or ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us.



Manda Steensma
Deputy District Court Administrator
Fifth Judicial District

District Court Seal

Date: February 12, 2016

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COUNTY OF ROCK

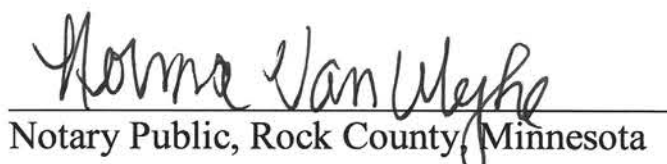
Ashley Kurtz, being duly sworn, deposes, and says that she is the Auditor-Treasurer of the county of Rock; that she has examined the foregoing list, and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true and correct.



Ashley Kurtz, Auditor-Treasurer

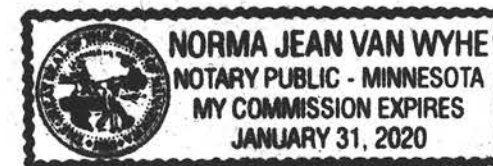
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 2016.



Notary Public, Rock County, Minnesota

(Notary Seal)



DELINQUENT TAX LIST

The following table contains a list of real property located in Rock County on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, 2016. Interest calculated from January 1, 2016, and county costs must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of real property to be removed from the delinquent tax list.

NAME OF OWNERS, TAXPAYERS & INTERESTED PARTIES	PARCEL NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	TOTAL TAX YEAR	AND PENALTY
TOWN OF BATTLE PLAIN			
MATTHEW L WIEKERAAD	01-0093-000 SECT-22 TWP-104 RNG-44 5.76 A TR IN N 760' OF W 300' OF NW 1/4 EXC .29 A TR #75 & EXC .11 A CSAH #2	2015	560.35
TOWN OF CLINTON			
MARILYN LOUISE SHEEHAN	03-0216-000 VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 4	2015	200.45
TOWN OF DENVER			
DOUGLAS DEAN LAFREZ	04-0052-000 SECT-04 TWP-104 RNG-45 A 4.44 A TR IN S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 COM AT + OF C L OF US HWY 75 WITH S LN OF SEC 3, NWLY ON C L 1236.6', WLY 75' TO POB, WLY 15', NWLY 123.24', WLY 467.38', SLY 190.20', SELY 199.17', SLY 170.63', SELY 504.27', NWLY 389.87' TO POB	2015	978.67
JAMES WM BROOMFIELD & PATTY A BROOMFIELD	04-0143-000 SEC-29 TWP-104 RNG-45 7.80 A TR IN NE1/4 DESC AS: COM AT NE COR OF SD NE1/4 AS POB; S ALG E SEC LN 546'; W390'; N43'; W250'; N503'; E640' ALG N SEC LN TO POB 7.80 ACRES	2015	426.40
DONALD BEAUBIEN	04-0169-000 SEC-36 TWP-104 RNG-45 S 551' OF E 336' OF SE 1/4 LESS .21 A CSAH #19 4.25 ACRES	2015	205.12

Van De Berg conditional use hearing March 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR BRAD VAN DE BERG

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:40 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant and Property Owner: Brad Van De Berg
Location: NW 1/4 of Section 22 of Martin Township, T101N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota.
Conditional Use: Expansion of an existing feedlot within 1/4 mile of a nearby residence by more than 250 animal units.
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The Conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of 280 head of finishing cattle housed in open lots. Using 1.0 animal unit per head, the existing capacity of the site is 280 animal units.

The proposed expansion includes constructing a new total confinement barn with under-floor concrete pit with the barn holding 900 head of finishing cattle and a new confinement bed pack barn to hold 90 head of finishing cattle. The open lots will be eliminated.

After the expansion, the feedlot will consist of 990 head of finishing cattle for a total of 990 animal units.

Dated: March 17, 2016

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(3-17, 3-24)

Drost applies for livestock feedlot permit

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, Subd. 7(a), that Gary Drost will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to construct a new feedlot of 900 animal units.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NW1/4 & NE1/4 of Section 18 of Kanaranzi Township, T101N, R44W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The feedlot will consist of one 3,000 head total confinement barn housing grow-finish swine. The barn will have an under-floor reinforced concrete pit to hold manure generated by the swine. The final animal unit capacity will be 900 animal units after the construction. The feedlot will be owned by Gary Drost.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

Published at the request of Gary Drost.

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TOWN OF MARTIN				
ENCHANTED LAKES PROPERITES LLC	08-0254-000	SECT-24 TWP-101 RNG-47 N 650' OF W 450' OF NE 1/4	6.72 ACRES	2015 1,310.52
SHERI ROZEBOOM	08-0269-000	SEC-26 TWP-101 RNG-47 7.11 A TR IN SW1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF SEC 26; ELY ALG S LN OF SD 1/4 353' TO POB; NLY 33'; CONTN NLY 459.09'; ELY 622.36'; SLY 459.73'; CONTN SLY 33' TO SD S LN; WLY ALG S LN 636' TO POB		2015 902.21
TOWN OF ROSE DELL				
WAYNE C KISLOWSKI	10-0036-000	SEC-07 TWP-104 RNG-46 4.47 A TR IN NW1/4 DESC AS: COM AT C OF MN HWY 23 AT N SIDE OF SEC 7; WLY 7.5' ON N SIDE OF SD SEC TO POB; WLY ON N SIDE OF SD SEC 572.5'; SLY 340' = W SIDE OF SD SEC; ELY 572.5' = N SIDE OF SD SEC; NLY 340' TO POB LESS .30 A HWY #23		2015 135.01
MICHAEL LORENZEN	10-0083-000	SECT-17 TWP-104 RNG-46 S 955' OF W 535' OF SW 1/4	11.73 ACRES	2015 176.10
TOWN OF SPRINGWATER				
LEO SWENSON	11-0183-000	SECT-35 TWP-103 RNG-46 THAT PART OF NE 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NE COR OF SEC 35; SLY ALG E LN OF NE 1/4 2636.57' TO E QTR COR; WLY ALG S LN OF NE 1/4 804.6'; NLY 930.35'; SLY 515'; NWLY 1680'; CONTN NWLY 50' TO N LN OF NE 1/4; ELY ALG SD N LN 320.83' TO POB	29.09 ACRES	2015 969.32
TOWN OF VIENNA				
GENE A & CHRISTINE MC CLAIN	12-0019-000	SECT-11 TWP-103 RNG-44 6.00 A TR IN SE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SE COR OF SD SE 1/4; NLY ON E SIDE OF SD SE 1/4 933' TO POB; WLY 541' = S SIDE OF SD SE 1/4 NLY 483' = E SIDE OF SD SE 1/4; ELY 541' = S SIDE OF SD SE 1/4; SLY 483' TO POB LESS .19 A CSAH #3		2015 415.13
GARY JOHN MURPHY	12-0175-100	SECT-30 TWP-103 RNG-44 10.00 A TR IN NW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT PT ON S LN OF NW 1/4 40 RDS W OF SE COR AS POB; NLY 40 RDS = E LN OF SD QTR SEC; WLY 40 RDS = S LN OF SD QTR SEC; SLY 40 RDS TO SEC LN; E ON SEC LN 40 RDS TO POB		2015 301.49
CITY OF BEAVER CREEK				
BERTHA ALICIA CAMPOS	13-0032-000	ORIGINAL PLAT W 135.5; OF BLOCK 5		2015 590.73
THOMAS B & LINDA SWANSON	13-0058-000	ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 11		2015 762.40
THOMAS B & LINDA SWANSON	13-0058-100	ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 3 & 4 BLOCK 11		2015 132.68
CITY OF HARDWICK				
MARY JO HUCKINS	14-0082-000	ROSS'S ADDITION LOTS 5 & 6		2015 270.56
RODNEY M & ALENA D ZIKE	14-0096-000	ROSS'S ADDITION N25' OF LOT 32 & ALL OF LOT 33		2015 5,028.69
JERRY PETERSEN & JEFFREY G & KATHERINE E PETERSEN & JAMES PETERSEN	14-0110-100	ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION S 40' OF LOT 17 & ALL OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 2		2015 139.69
JAMES A HOLLOWAY & NICOLE HALVERSON	14-0125-000	HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 1		2015 602.41
CITY OF HILLS				
MARK DE BOER	15-0042-000	ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 1 BLOCK 2		2015 1,123.56
MARK & KELLY DE BOER	15-0075-000	ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 13 & 14 BLOCK 7		2015 1,411.02
KEITH W & JENNIFER L FORSHEY	15-0088-000	ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 6 & 7 BLOCK 10		2015 1,897.11
MARK DE BOER	15-0101-000	ORIGINAL PLAT S 1/2 OF LOT 4 & ALL LOT 5 & N 12' OF LOT 6 BLOCK 13		2015 464.53
HILLS BAR LLC	15-0121-100	N 1/2 (EXC 9" & BRICK WALL) OF LOT 12 IN BK 8, LESS N 6 3/4' OF W 60 2/3' OF LOT 12		2015 330.15
TERRANCE MICHAEL METZLER	15-0136-000	F.C. FINKE'S ADDITION S36' OF LOT 4 & ALL OF LOT 5 & N1/2 OF LOT 6 BLOCK 17		2015 364.39
JUD DUNN	15-0234-000	QUALLEY ADDITION N 34' OF LOT 11 & S 38' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 2		2015 1,354.93
MARK DE BOER	15-0275-000	PARK VIEW FIRST ADDITION LOT 19 BLOCK 1		2015 2,054.51
CITY OF JASPER				
SHERRY WURTZ	16-0025-000	WEST-JASPER LOTS 13 & 14 BLOCK 7		2015 270.28
MICHAEL GRAVES	16-0034-000	ROSE DELL ADDITION LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 14		2015 324.93
MICHELLE MERCADO VILLANUEVA	16-0045-200	ROSE DELL ADDITION N 1/2 OF LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 17		2015 721.81
DENNIS & RHONDA GALLOP	16-0047-000	ROSE DELL ADDITION LOT 4 BLOCK 17		2015 426.40
O - BERNICE HONKEN ET AL				
MICHAEL E GRAVES	16-0051-000	ROSE DELL ADDITION N 75' OF E 150' OF LOWER PARK		2015 1,665.75
SHANNON & LISA RODMAN	16-0053-000	ROSE DELL ADDITION W 75' OF E 225' OF LOWER PARK		2015 1,703.14
MICHAEL E GRAVES	16-0055-000	ROSE DELL ADDITION S 60' OF W 85' OF E 310' OF LOWER PARK		2015 459.86
CITY OF KENNETH				
GREGORY SCOTT BODKIN	17-0037-000	ORIGINAL PLAT N 1/2 OF LOT 14 & ALL OF LOTS 15 & 16 BLOCK 2		2015 163.06
CITY OF MAGNOLIA				
AMY COWELL	18-0032-000	ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1 & 2 & N 100' OF LOTS 15 THRU 18 & VACATED ALLEY BLOCK 1		2015 174.97
JAYME SCOTT PETERS	18-0067-000	ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1 THRU 3 BLOCK 5		2015 191.88
MALIKA PHOMMARACKSA	18-0076-000	ORIGINAL PLAT W 1/2 OF LOT 2 & ALL OF LOT 3 BLOCK 7		2015 152.42
CITY OF STEEN				
LORI KERNER	19-0020-000	SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 .27 A TR IN SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT 60 RDS W OF C OF S LN OF SEC 29; N 119'; E 100'; S 119'; W 100' TO POB		2015 469.25
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0031-000	THAT PART OF UNPLATTED PORTION OF CITY OF STEEN IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 32-101-45 DESC AS: COMM AT NE COR OF LOT 6 BLK 1 OF ORIG PLAT; N ALG W LN OF MAIN ST 77.50' TO POB; CONTN N ALG SD W LN 97.22'; CONTN N 33' TO N SEC LN OF NW 1/4; WLY 80.34'; S 33'; CONTN S 97.77'; ELY 80.34' TO POB		2015 453.46
JANICE K HARRIS	19-0035-100	ORIGINAL LOTS 1, 2 & 3 BLOCK 3		2015 569.17
O - BRIAN & SHIRLEY RITTER				
DURANT KRUGER	19-0036-000	ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 4		2015 1,023.07
JODIE MARSHALL	19-0039-000	ORIGINAL S 1/2 OF LOT 4 & ALL OF LOT 5 BLOCK 4		2015 1,120.94
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0059-000	ORIGINAL LOTS 4 & 5 BLOCK 7		2015 43.87
LISA REISGIES	19-0094-100	UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE 1/4; S 726.5'; E 324' TO POB; S 119'; E 120'; N 119'; W 120' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS E 1/2 OF LOT 2 & ALL OF LOTS 3 & 4, BLOCK 5 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION		2015 329.44
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0103-000	UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE1/4; S1036.5'; E96; TO POB; S134.25'; E48'; N134.25'; W48' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 3, BLOCK 10 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION		2015 27.27
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0104-100	UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION 2 PRCLS IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: ALL THAT PART OF FORMER RR R/W LNG IN SD NE1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF N1/2 OF SD NE1/4 AS POB; ELY ALG S LN OF SD N1/2 OF NE1/4 96' TO POB; CONTN E ALG SD S LN 26.5'; NLY = W LN OF SD NE1/4 44'; WLY = S LN OF SD N1/2 26.5'; SLY = W LN OF SD NE1/4 44' TO POB & COM AT NW COR OF SD NE1/4; S1182.75'; E96' TO POB; S90.25'; E26.5'; S44'; E21.5' N134.25'; W48' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 6, BLOCK 10 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION		2015 27.27
MATTHEW W LANDES & PATRICK J LUCCI	19-0105-000	UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION 2 PRCLS IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: ALL THAT PART OF FORMER RR R/W LNG IN SD NE1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF N1/2 OF SD NE1/4 AS POB; ELY ALG S LN OF SD N1/2 OF NE1/4 96'; NLY = W LN OF SD SEC 44' SD PT BNG SE COR OF LOT 7, BLOCK 10, UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION; WLY = S LN OF SD N1/2 OF NE1/4 96' TO W LN OF SD NE1/4, SD PT BNG SW COR OF LOT 8, BLOCK 10, UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION; SLY ALG W LN OF SD NE1/4 44' TO POB & BEG AT PT 44' N OF SW COR OF W1/2 OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SD SEC 32; N90.25'; E96'; S90.25'; W96' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOTS 7 & 8, BLOCK 10 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION		2015 361.70
CITY OF LUVERNE				
FARM-DIRECT MARKETING LLC	20-0044-000	SECT-11 TWP-102 RNG-45 TR IN NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT IN EXTENDED N LN OF MEAD COURT 9' SELY OF C L OF CSTM & O RR SPUR TRACK ICC #17; NELY = SD SPUR TRACK 140'; SELY 77'; M OR L, TO + 40' SWLY FROM N LN OF LOT 3 OF COUNTY AUDITOR'S PLAT OF LUVERNE OUTLOTS; SWLY TO PT IN N LN OF MEAD COURT EXTENDED; WLY ALG SD N LN OF MEAD COURT EXTENDED 87', M OR L, TO POB		2015 399.09
LUELLA ENGER	20-0086-000	CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 10-102-45 S 50' OF N 200' OF OUTLOT 9		2015 712.25
DAVID LEROY KELDERMAN	20-0126-000	CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 W 60' OF E 134' OF N 167' OF OUTLOT 2		2015 331.69
CHRISTINE HOLTER	20-0241-000	BARCK, ADAMS & HOWE'S ADDITION S 86.5' OF LOT 1 BLOCK 2		2015 410.62
O - ROBERT J & DARLA FABER				
DENNIS W J BAATZ	20-0267-000	BARCK, ADAMS & HOWE'S ADDITION W 63' OF LOT 4 BLOCK 4		2015 983.34
KEITH C PAULSON & ROLF I BERG & STEPHEN HARTMANN	20-0689-000	E 164' OF LOT 1 BLOCK 1		2015 705.24
DOUGLAS DEAN LAFRENZ	20-0722-000	CHARLES O HAWES' ADDITION LOT 5 BLOCK 3		2015 471.50
MATTHEW & HOLLI KLINGER	20-0748-000	CHARLES O HAWES' ADDITION LOT 7 BLOCK 5		2015 1,202.12
O - DAVID & ROSANNE OLSON				
CHRISTOPHER E NOWATSKI & MARTHA FEIGHT NOWATSKI	20-0820-000	KNISS & BROWN'S ADDITION N60' OF LOT 1 EXC W12 1/2' BLOCK 3		2015 527.33
JACOB ELY & AMBER RAE WRIGHT	20-0852-000	KNISS PARK ADDITION N 58' OF LOT 3 BLOCK 2		2015 525.62
MICHAEL ROGERS & KELLY R GOETTIG	20-1100-000	ORIGINAL PLAT N 112 1/2' OF LOTS 1-2 & 3 BLOCK 7		2015 186.24
CINDY ADAMSON	20-1104-000	ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 8 & 9 BLOCK 7		2015 259.53

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PAMELA KAY DUERR	20-1286-000 RANDALL & HOLBERT'S ADDITION S 50' OF LOTS 1 & 2 & S 50' OF E 7' OF LOT 3 BLOCK 4	2015	293.36
SUE KERNS	20-1332-000 H SNOOK ADDITION E 130' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 3	2015	199.77
MICHAEL J ARNSTON & PATRICIA A ARNSTON	20-1452-000 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION W 71.5' OF LOT 7 BLOCK 23	2015	351.99
MATTHEW JOE KRUEGER	20-1459-000 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION LOT 4 EXC N 72' BLOCK 25	2015	432.98
LEO SWENSON	20-1582-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION W 22' OF LOT 17, ALL LOT 18 & E 18' OF LOT 19 BLOCK 7	2015	1,046.53
ROSALIA BAUMGARD	20-1611-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 5 BLOCK 10	2015	773.01
TROY & JODY DUSKIN	20-1657-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION N 92' OF W 50' OF LOT 19 & N 96' OF LOT 20 BLOCK 12	2015	866.49
O - MARIA RAMAGE			
SARP LLC	20-1852-000 TR IN NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 14; S ALG W LN OF SD SEC 322.63'; SELY 357.47' TO ELY R/W LN OF CSTPM&O R/W; NWLY ALG SD WLY R/W LN 317.39' TO N LN OF SD SEC; NWLY ON SD N LN 322.43' TO POB	2015	15,684.24
SARP LLC	20-1941-000 SATER'S CREEK ADDITION BLOCK 6	2015	7,461.51

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Adrian Public School is seeking applications for a 5-12 Band Instructor - Long Term Substitute due to maternity leave for the 2016-17 school year. Beginning September 6th through October 14th. Minnesota Licensure Required. Submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you can email or contact the Principal, Tim Christensen at t.christensen@isd511.net or at 507-483-2232. Position open until filled. (3.10-3.27)

Adrian Public School is seeking applications for two (2) Middle/High School Special Education Teachers beginning the 2016-17 school year. Applicants with Minnesota Licensure Required and preferable with multiple Special Education Licensures. Coaching opportunities available. Submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package 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

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CASE AIDE: FULL TIME BILINGUAL: Nobles County Community Services. The purpose of this position is to perform a variety of tasks related to the Children's Social Service's Unit and to provide assistance to English and non English speaking clients in understanding and utilizing available services. Duties include: determining eligibility, explaining social services both in the office and during home visits; and assisting social workers with case maintenance and implementation of service plans. QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma required with a minimum of three years of clerical experience and/or experience working with the public; or two years of experience in a social services/human services agency; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this position. Drivers License required. Must be fluent in at least one language in addition to English. APPLY TO: Merit application may be completed online at: <http://agency.government-jobs.com/mnmeritsystem/default.cfm>. Closing Date for Merit Applications: 12:00 p.m. March 21, 2016. Merit testing date: March 31, 2016. EEO/AA Employer. (3.13-3.17)

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CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Arnold Rieckman would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, food, and hugs. A thank you to Monsignor Kosse for the beautiful service and to the ladies of the church for their Lord's work. Thank you to Jeff Hartquist and his wonderful helpers for making things go smoothly. I can never thank the people at The Veteran's Home in Luverne enough for their great care, loving attention, and heartfelt friendship. You made it his home.

Janice Rieckman
And Family
(3.13-3.17)

I want to thank everyone for their help through this trying time for me and my family. Thank you Father Tom and St. Catherine's Catholic Church as well as the other churches in Luverne that have been praying for me. It is greatly appreciated to those who have brought food, sent flowers, cards and given gifts or come to visit. We cannot express our gratitude enough.

Thank you,
Donna Scholten
(3.13-3.17)

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, and memorials following the loss of Norman. Your random acts of kindness will always be remembered.

The Family of Norman Nelson
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The Annual meeting of the policyholders of the Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company, will be held at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne, MN on Tuesday, April 5th, 2016 beginning at 2:00pm, for the purpose of electing 2 Directors for a term of three years, for hearing reports of Officers for the past year, and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. A member may cast their vote in person or through proxy filed with the Secretary 5 working days prior to the Annual meeting. Every Policyholder is sincerely requested and urged to be present.

Door prizes will be given at the meeting. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS

Bernard Uilk, President
Mike Engesser, Secretary

Luverne Baseball Traveling Team sign up

MONDAY MARCH 21st

Howling Dog Baseball, Burgers and Fries Night (free for families who sign up)

5:30 p.m.

Traveling baseball team sign up and parent meeting for anyone grades 3-6 interested in playing traveling baseball

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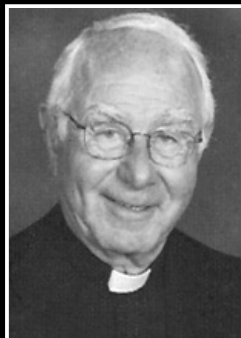
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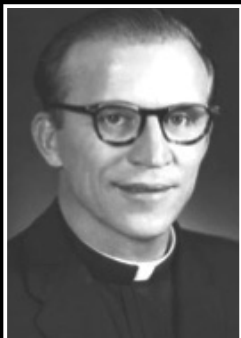
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