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Fourth of July at The Lake for the dogs

Holiday celebration in Luverne features Dock Dog Contest, fireworks and more

By Jason Berghorst

It gets bigger and better every year. That's how the organizers of Luverne's annual Fourth of July celebration at The Lake like to think about the event.

What started two years ago as a water parade on what was then known as the creamery pond has grown into a full day of activities.

New to the event this year is a dock dog contest.

Luverne's Bob May, who is an experienced dock dog competition handler, was recruited to help organize the first-time event.

May and his dogs have competed in a number of competitions in Sioux Falls and St. Cloud with the Super Retrievers Series.

According to May, the basics of a dock dog competition are pretty simple.

"The handler stands on the end of the dock by the water with the dog at the start of the dock," May said.

"The handler then calls the dog and throws a favorite toy or ball into the water."

Three judges are in the water to measure where the dog first breaks the surface of the water.

"The dog that jumps the farthest wins," May said.

Mike Davis of Luverne built the green-carpeted dock specifically for the competition.

While the Luverne event will not be sanctioned as part of the series, Davis said he built the dock to meet competition specifications.

Organizers are planning for three classes of competition: seniors (dogs over 12), juniors (dogs 12 and under), and miniatures (dogs 16 inches or shorter at the shoulder).

A total of \$525 in cash prizes will be awarded in the contest.

May said all dogs are welcome to enter the competition, which begins at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

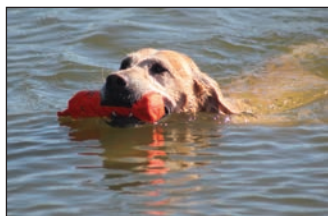
Starting at 9:30 a.m., participants can pay \$5 for a bracelet which allows them up to two hours of practice time with their dogs on the dock before the contest.

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Luverne's Bob May and his yellow lab, Sentry, try out the carpeted dock at The Lake Monday evening.

Lori Sorenson photos/0629 dog dock



School rolls out facilities work plan

Meetings July 5-11 to explain details of proposed \$24 million construction plan

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public School officials will conduct six public meetings outlining proposed building improvements and expansions.

The meetings will be July 5-11 in Magnolia, Hardwick and Luverne.

After the meetings, School Board members will make a final decision in preparation for a Nov. 7 referendum vote.

Improvement and expansion plans are a result of working with Foster, Jacobs & Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who examined the current facilities, gathered input from staff and the public, and matched the building's adequacies to today's educational standards.

Copies of the reports are currently available on the school's website, www.isd2184.net.

FJJ's Mike Hubbard, Lori Eckrich and Arif Quraishi outlined the plans at the board's regular Thursday night meeting on June 22 based on their findings.

"We have made any inadequate areas adequate," Hubbard said.

The six public meetings will offer details of the improvements and gather feedback from the community.

Current plans include \$8 million to address health and safety issues and an additional \$16 million to enhance the educational areas in both buildings.

The middle/high school would receive the majority of the upgrades under the current plan.

Board members are considering two questions for the November referendum vote.

The first question will ask voters to support spending \$16 million to improve educational spaces.

The second question asks voters to support an additional \$7 million to construct a multi-use performing

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Luverne housing market tight; market values rise with demand

By Lori Sorenson

Proposed housing on the former Sharkee's lot on South Highway 75 may offer some relief for Luverne's tight housing market.

Des Moines, Iowa, developer William Ludwig envisions a mixed development of retail, offices and housing - both to rent and own.

"The intent is to create a center of activity where people live, work, shop and entertain," Ludwig said about his Town Square plaza at the Hatting Street intersection.

He said details are still being worked out, but the initial plan would feature market-rate apartments - up to 16 units - to start construction early in 2018.

Subsequent plans would involve three- to four-story "higher end" properties in the plaza above the retail spaces.

Those units can't be built soon enough for people seeking housing

in Luverne.

And with tru Shrimp's plans to bring 120 direct and indirect jobs to Luverne, housing will get even tighter.

"There are people who want homes and there's not that much available," said longtime Luverne Realtor Gene Cragoe. "I think we have the smallest listing we've ever had."

Cragoe Realty manages several apartment complexes in Luverne with one, two and some three-bedroom units, and they're all full.

"Those are the ones we really need," Cragoe said. "Three bedroom apartments for families."

City Centre on Luverne Street has 37 units, and eight of them are occupied by Lewis and Clark pipeline construction workers who will have them through 2019. The Village Apartments on Oakley has 12, and Country View on East Dodge has 12.

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History Center gift shop features Christmas in July and all year round

By Jason Berghorst

A new gift shop, The Christmas Haus, recently opened inside the new History Center on East Main Street in Luverne.

It's a Christmas-themed store, but Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann said it offers much more than just Christmas items.

"We also have a number of Luverne souvenir items as well as jams, jellies, pickles and salad dressings with our logo on them," Mann said. Special candies and coffees are also for sale.

Some local people are also donating various hand-made items for sale at the store.

The store gets its name from the thousands of nutcrackers Mann donated from her personal collection to the History Center, and items for sale follow the Christmas theme.

"We have nutcrackers, both large and small for sale, along with Christmas orna-

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Jason Berghorst photo/0629 christmas haus

Betty Mann is pictured in the Christmas Haus gift shop

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Article 26: Rock County is no stranger to anniversary and homecoming celebrations

This is the 25th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week we bring you Part 1 in a three-part series on the 1926 county party.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann submitted the first part in a three-part series about the 1926 homecoming party in Luverne and surrounding communities. We felt it's appropriate to feature these in our 150th anniversary series to highlight Luverne's reputation for memorable parties.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sanford Pink Ladies meet July 10

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, in the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

I-90 construction starts July 5

Construction on I-90 westbound from Magnolia to Luverne is scheduled to begin July 5. I-90 will be two-way traffic in the eastbound lanes with speeds reduced to 55 mph. The westbound ramps at Magnolia will be closed. The project consists of repairing the concrete and replacing the shoulders and lighting. The timetable is for completion in September.

Luverne Post Office alerts to changes

Because of construction on Luverne Street, the post office north drive-up drop box is closed to traffic. Patrons may walk to the box, but customer vehicles are not allowed in the north lot until the end of construction. The post office recommends that customers use the mailboxes at the northeast corner of Freeman and Main and at the southwest corner of Cedar and Main. Letters mailed before 11:45 a.m. at those locations will be picked up and on the mail truck the same day. Customers may also use the dropbox inside the post office lobby.

Register now for July 15 parade

Community groups, families, neighborhoods, churches and businesses are encouraged to participate in Luverne's 150th Grand Parade on July 15 at 10 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded in five categories: Family or Neighborhood, Organization or Government, Churches or religious groups, Business or Commercial, and musical performance groups. Registration forms and more information are available at the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce.

Register now for July 4 triathlons

Registration is now open for the July 4 triathlons in Luverne, the Minnow Race at 9 a.m. and the Shark Race at 10 a.m. For more information and to register, go to allsportcentral.com or contact Dave at 507-920-3345 or at dduffy@rconnect.com.

Bloodmobile in Adrian July 6

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Adrian High School from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 6. Donors may make an appointment at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. A blood donor card, driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required. A pre-donation questionnaire is at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to expediate the registration.

Missoula Children's Theatre in July

Missoula Children's Theatre will be in Luverne the week of July 17-21 to perform "Jack and the Beanstalk" using local children's talent. The roles are open to children ages kindergarten through age 18 during the 2016-17 school year. The fee is \$40. Call 507-283-4724 to register. Rehearsals will be Monday through Friday with performances at 7 p.m. Friday, July 21, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22.

Community Ed

Community Education Summer Office hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, closed on Fridays. We are closed the last two weeks of July.
Adventure Day Camp - My World, My Planet: Science Discoveries on July 5 will teach kids about saving valuable resources with fun projects. For kids who attended grades 1-4 this past school year. Fee is \$15
Golf Camp begins on **July 10** for students who attended grades 3-8. Fee is \$50.
Early Play Ball teaches very basic skills of softball/baseball for kids ages 4-kindergarten (as attended in 16-17). **Class begins week of July 10.** Fee is \$30
 Make a tiered birthday cake, **Happy 150th Birthday, Luverne!** at **Kids in the Kitchen** class for K-6 (grades completed) on **July 10.** Fee is \$18 or register with friend or sibling at 2/\$28.
 All ages, adults, grade 1 and older (as attended during 16-17 school year) are welcome to make a project using reclaimed wood at **Barnwood Wall Art on July 12.** Fee is \$19.

Paquette's John David and the Jerks premier new music video in Luverne during 150th party

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne native John Paquette will bring his musical talent home for the community's 150th Anniversary celebration mid-July.

Paquette, lead singer and songwriter for John David & Jerks, is releasing a new album this fall — the group's third — and during Luverne's festivities he'll be debuting several new songs off that forthcoming record.

The group will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 15, in Luverne City Park ahead of the 150th anniversary celebration fireworks.

John David & the Jerks will also be premiering a new music video, which was filmed in Luverne for their song, "Every Little Road," featuring Luverne barber James Fisher.

It will be shown at the Verne Drive-In on Friday, July 14, at 9 p.m.

"It's a character piece," Paquette said, describing the video story. "James is definitely the lead character, but the city of Luverne plays a great supporting role and I thought it'd be a fun thing to have for the 150th."

The four-minute story shows Fisher's daily routine — dressing for work in his 1940s-era bowtie and suspenders, fixing his signature mustache, driving to the barbershop in his 1946



Submitted photo/0629 paquette music Luverne native John Paquette (right) and Luverne barber James Fisher worked together on a music video for Paquette's Twin Cities band, John David & the Jerks. The group will entertain crowds at Luverne's 150th celebration July 15. The music video, "Every Little Road," which was filmed in Luverne, will be shown at the Verne Drive-In on Friday, July 14, at 9 p.m.

Plymouth with rounded hubcaps. "I knew James would look great on camera, but the video turned out better than I expected," Paquette said. "He just

did a great job." The video shows Fisher at the end of each sale putting some money in the till and stashing some in his pocket. "It looks like he's up to something shady," Paquette said, "but you'll have to see the video where his true motives are revealed."

Paquette's new album, set to come out this fall, features 14 all new original songs that he wrote and composed with his band at The Pearl Recording Studio in Minneapolis. "I'd describe the album as classic Rock 'n' Roll/Americana," he said. "A lot of my songwriting is inspired by where I grew up on the prairie."

John David & the Jerks are building a name for themselves on the Twin Cities music scene at popular venues like the Turf Club and the 7th Street Entry at First Avenue.

Many of their songs are being aired on Twin Cities radio stations, and Minnesota Public Radio has featured some of their music videos online.

Information about John David & the Jerks and their previously released music can be found at www.johndavidandthejerks.com.

Paquette is a 1998 graduate of Luverne High School and the son of Dave and Rosie Paquette, Luverne.

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Demand drives up values

It's no surprise then that the assessor's 2017 estimated market values for residential properties increased nearly 12 percent for many homeowners.

"It's the largest increase in the 17 years that I've been here," said Rock County Assessor Tom Houselog. "We have never had to give a double digit increase."

That explains why his office received so many calls after valuation notices were mailed. He said recent sales prices rose sharply, which drives up market values.

"Yes — there was a large increase in market values," Houselog said.

Max Power, who lives at 304 West Lincoln Street, attended the May 23 Board of Equalization and Review hearing in Luverne City Hall.

His property value was assessed at \$3,800 more for taxes payable in 2018. That's a 6 percent increase; however, it still sold for more than the new market value.

He attended the hearing hoping to have the assessment adjusted, but that didn't happen.

Houselog reported that market values in Luverne are increasing for all properties — commercial, industrial and residential — based on sales between Oct. 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2016.

During that time, 76 homes were sold, and 54 of them were for single-story ramblers.

Of these, 30 were considered "average" in terms of quality and style and were previously assessed at an aver-



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age of \$110,600.

"The average sales price was \$128,800, so you can see why we needed to raise our 2017 values," Houselog said.

These homes had market value increase as much as 12 percent.

The total 2017 estimated market value for residential properties increased 8.25 percent from last year because of the increase in sales prices — because of the demand for these properties.

Houselog said there are simply not the numbers of houses available for sale that there would typically be — as little as one-third of the typical number.

"I think everyone would agree it's a seller's market," he said.

He added that the trend is continuing for sales from Oct. 1 until the present.

"The city of Luverne has had 41 sales — 26 of them one-story/rambler homes," he said.

Of those, he said 12 fall into the D-6 category, an average home with average sales price at \$151,700.

"Even after our 5- to 12-percent increase of the 2017 market value, the average assessor's market value is only \$129,500," Houselog said.

"Now you can see why there is a need to again increase market values for the 2018 assessment."

Creative solutions

Some senior residents have moved into recently built townhomes, offering their homes in this category for sale.

Also, the development on South Highway 75 will spur movement in Luverne housing sales.

Ludwig and the city are

planning to apply for a grant through the Workforce Housing Development Program to build market-rate apartments on the former Sharkee's lot.

The grant will allow him to charge affordable rents and still cover the cost of construction of the two- to three-bedroom rentals and town homes to accommodate a small family.

Landscaping, patios, balconies and other aesthetic details will be part of the plan, with parking in the rear of the buildings.

The future Luverne Loop biking and hiking trail will be located along the south border, and Ludwig said he's discussing with adjacent property owners "how they might fit into the larger program."

He added that they've been "very receptive" to his ideas.



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School Board rejects hockey program agreement

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members, who wanted a longer agreement with the Luverne Hockey Club, rejected the new contract and sent the groups back to the negotiations table.

The vote was 4-2 against the new three-year agreement. Previously the groups had a 10-year agreement.

"That's the only sticking point," said board member Reva Sehr.

Under the agreement that ends after the 2018-2019 school year, the school district picks up more of the program's operating costs.

In addition to the salary and benefit costs of the head coaches for the girls' and boys' programs, the district would also cover the costs of assistant coaches. Costs were estimated at \$7,300.

The district would also pay for all post-season tournament transportation plus costs incurred if the team(s) advance to the state tournament.

Cost estimates were at \$10,000 depending on the location of the games.

In return, the district would receive all revenue associated with post-season games. No estimate was given.

Last year the district agreed to purchase the players jerseys, which it currently does for its other sporting programs. Cost was \$10,000.

Board members Tim Jarchow, Colleen Deutsch and Jody Bosch joined Sehr in a roll call vote against the three-year agreement.

Katie Baustian and Eric

Hartman voted in favor. Shelley Sandbulte was absent from the June 22 meeting.

Interscholastic hockey began at Luverne High School during the 1999-2000 school year. At that time the hockey club agreed to cover all expenses.

In other business the Luverne School Board:

- approved hiring Susan Borkas as head volleyball coach; Jordan Kopp as head wrestling coach; Rebecca Redetske as chemistry/physics teacher at a salary of \$46,040; and Mark Ehlers, groundskeeper/custodian at \$15.22 per hour.

- accepted the resignation of David Rysdam, middle school girls' basketball coach.

- passed a resolution terminating paraprofessional Kayla Evers from employment.

- increased bus driver compensation effective July 1. Route rates are \$87 per day for regular/Sioux Falls; \$40.25 preschool/kindergarten; and \$14 per hour for activities.

- approved 3.5-percent salary increases to business manager Marlene Mann to \$75,596; technology coordinator Wade Hiller, \$69,221; administrative assistant/payroll Brenda Teal, \$48,489; transportation supervisor Brad Goembel, \$58,917; and food service director Ann Rigney, \$34,370.

- signed a three-year contract with Superintendent Craig Oftedahl with a 3.5-percent increase to \$128,547, \$133,046 and \$137,703. Board members also gave Oftedahl accomplished ratings on his annual performance appraisal.



Mavis Fodness photo/0525 Patsy Amborn

After 39 years on the job with a single school district, Luverne Elementary School teacher Patsy Amborn will retire to spend more time with family, grandchildren and reading her favorite books.

After almost four decades, elementary teacher Patsy Amborn retires

By Mavis Fodness

Among the academic posters in third-grade teacher Patsy Amborn's classroom are several brightly colored messages she hopes her students have taken to heart.

One reads, "Be positive and enjoy life," and after 39 years teaching at Luverne Elementary School, Amborn plans to live this advice.

"I truly love the people I work with and the kids, but 39 years is long enough," she said.

"It's time to play with the grandkids while we still have our health."

After graduating from New Ulm High School, she attended college at the University of Minnesota-Morris where she considered studying law.

The career choice, however, was short-lived.

"I took some education classes and loved it," Amborn said.

Amborn arrived in Luverne in the fall of 1978 as Miss Blomquist.

As her first day in the classroom approached, she married her college sweetheart, Dan Amborn, also a teacher.

"I showed up at school the first day as Mrs. Amborn," she recalled. Because Patsy received the first job offer, the couple moved to Luverne.

Dan taught first in Jasper and later joined Patsy in the Luverne district. He has already retired from teaching.

For the past 10 years Patsy has been instructing third-graders but has taught at every grade level, including one year as the kindergarten physical education teacher.

She said through the years she would accept a different position when asked or would volunteer to fill an empty spot.

The changes challenged Amborn and she felt appreciative teaching as a member of a team.

"We all have the toughest job in the world until you do someone else's," she said.

After June 1 Amborn's job will focus on those life lessons she emphasized to the almost 3,900 students who have entered her classroom.

She said her teaching went beyond basic skills to focusing on character traits such as kindness, respect and persistence. "These are the things that are most important," Amborn said. "We need to be good human beings."

Patsy Amborn is one of four local teachers who retired this year. The Star Herald has feature stories coming on Dale Hanson and Don Bosshart. Jerry Benson was featured June 15

School construction public meetings/from page 1A

arts center.

The almost 800-seat facility doubles the current capacity of the middle/high school auditorium.

Both elementary and middle/high school programs would use the multi-use center.

Public meetings reach out to all residents for input

Two of the six public meetings are scheduled for locations outside of Luverne, but information presented would be the same at each location.

Meetings are an hour in length, including a time for questions.

Dates, times and locations of the meetings are as follows:

- 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Magnolia City Hall.

- 11 a.m. Thursday, July 6, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

- 5 p.m. Monday, July 10, in the middle/high school library.

- 7 p.m. Monday, July 10, at the Hardwick City Hall.

- Noon Tuesday, July 11, in the Continental Western Group conference room.

- 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, in the middle/high school library.

Tax costs outlined along with cropland savings

This fall the Luverne district makes its final payment on the existing bond referendum passed in 1998, which constructed the current elementary school.

Whether or not the current voter-approved levies pass in November, district officials plan to use their levy authority for the \$8 million health and safety improvements at the middle/high school.

Under the levy authority, landowners would see a

reduction in property taxes ranging from \$1.17 for a \$10,000 acre of cropland to \$181 for a \$500,000 business. For a \$100,000 home, property taxes would decrease by \$14 annually.

The numbers reflect the recently passed Ag2 School Tax Relief bill.

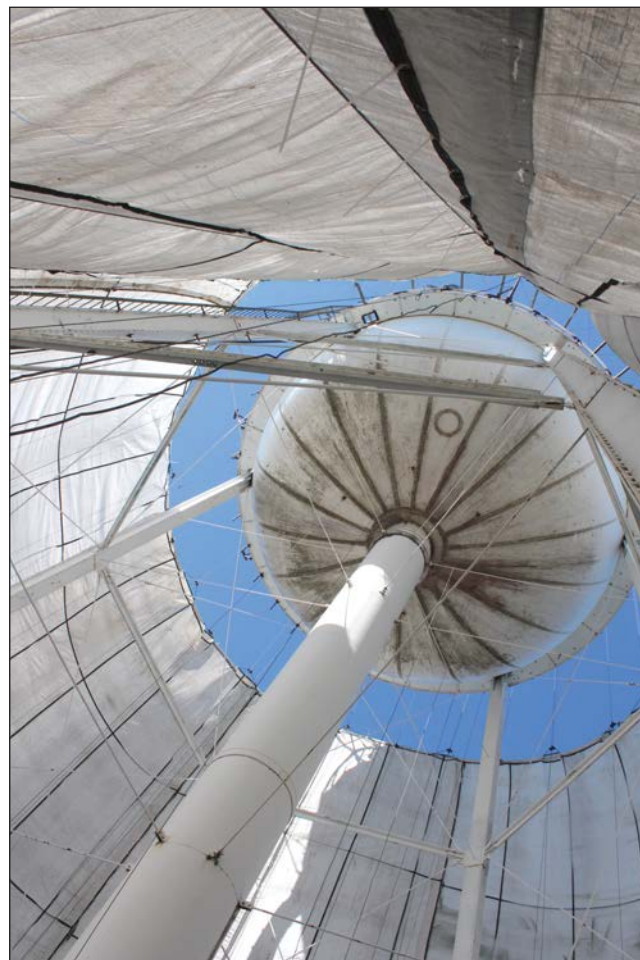
The bill gives a 40-percent relief in taxes on agricultural properties for all school bond referendums.

In the Luverne district, 74 percent of an approved bond would be paid for through agricultural land.

Under the ag land tax relief legislation, the state would provide \$8 million toward Luverne school district's \$24 million referendum to relieve ag land owners of that responsibility.

For instance, if voters approved the \$16 million bond referendum, property taxes would range from an additional \$3.57 per \$10,000 acre of ag land to \$732 for a \$500,000 business. For a \$100,000 home, the increase is \$57.

An additional tax impact would result if voters also approve the performing arts center. The increases range from \$2.07 for \$10,000 acre of ag land to \$319 for a \$500,000 business. A \$100,000 home would be taxed an additional \$25.



Lori Sorenson photo/0629 water tower

Water tower ready for paint

The 300,000-gallon water tower in the center of Luverne is surrounded by a shroud to protect the nearby neighborhood from overspray when painting takes place. The tower is due for a cleaning, safety check, interior and exterior painting, exterior balcony replacement, new lighting and an updated (and illuminated) city of Luverne logo for a total cost of \$434,000. Utility Service Co. from Perry, Georgia, was awarded the bid for the project, which is expected to last no more than 75 days.

Christmas Haus/from page 1A

ments and collectibles, table runners, napkins, coasters and dishes," Mann offered.

The nutcrackers for sale are hand-crafted by a man in Virginia who, according to Mann, is one of very few manufacturers of nutcrackers in the United States. "Most nutcrackers come from Germany," she pointed out.

"The same man makes these very unique ginger houses that we are one of very few in the Midwest to sell."

There are also Luverne-

themed ornaments for sale that include the Palace Theater, cardinals and other local themes.

Proceeds from the store benefit the Rock County Historical Society to support the History Center and the other buildings owned by the society.

"We hope the Christmas Haus brings even more people into the History Center while supporting the work of the Historical Society at the same time," Mann said.

Fourth of July at Lake/from 1A

"Anybody with a dog that likes to fetch and will jump in the water can give it a try," May said.

He and his dogs will not be competing in the local event in order to make it fair for first-time participants.

The third annual Fourth of July celebration next week includes much more than the dock dog competition.

Inflatables will be set up from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. A food court and beer garden will open at 11 a.m.

Other highlights of the day's events include:

- Mini Triathlon with registration at 8:30 a.m. and a 9 a.m. start.

- Triathlon with 9 a.m. registration and a 10 a.m. start.

- A 64-team bean bag tournament with two person teams from noon-4 p.m.

- The second annual log rolling tournament with registration and practice from 3-4 p.m. and a 4 p.m. start.

- A kids' sand castle contest with registration from 1-2 p.m. and the contest at 2 p.m.

- Bingo under the tent from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

- The Everett Smithson Band from 7 p.m. until the fireworks.

Fireworks at 10:30 p.m. More information and the full schedule of events can be found in the June 25 edition of the Luverne Announcer or on the Chamber of Commerce website, luvernechamber.com.

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Kathy King, Beaver Creek Township Clerk

Job switch prompts reflection on change

Many people have a hard time with big changes. I'm like most people.

I generally avoid change as much as possible in life.

Year after year seems to pass in a similar way, and that's just how I like it.

This year is not one of those same old, same old years, however.

This spring I decided to apply for a new job after teaching in Adrian for twelve years.

Even the decision to apply (which could lead to big changes) was difficult for me.

I was very happy in Adrian and truly enjoyed working with the students and staff over the years.

I loved the size of the school, the classes that I was teaching and the opportunity to advise the student council, among many other things.

Things were really good. No need for a change, thought this Steady Eddy.

But somehow my aversion to change began to change.

The opportunity to teach in my hometown, and in the town I choose to live in, became more appealing, even if it meant a big change.

Last month I accepted a middle school social studies teaching position in Luverne.

Indeed, this was going to be a big change for this Steady Eddy.

All of the things that made Adrian such a great place to work also make it a hard place to leave.

But for the first time I can remember, the pros of a big change outweighed the cons of the change for me.

This change is a good one for me professionally for a number of reasons.

But that doesn't mean it's been easy personally.

I'm not a big fan of saying



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

goodbye.

Every spring I find it hard to say farewell to graduates I've had in class for years and co-workers moving on or retiring.

This year it was as if every student in Adrian was "graduating" and I was the one "retiring" (in my 30s!).

People (even many middle schoolers!) said really nice and thoughtful things — in between some good-natured jabs, of course.

I didn't even know greeting cards for changing jobs existed, but I received more than a few.

In the end, though, my two-week, end-of-the-year Adrian "farewell tour" was a good thing.

It helped me put the past twelve years into perspective while getting me ready for my next opportunity.

In short, it helped make this big change not so bad.

I realize how fortunate I was to have those good years with great people who made a positive impact on my life.

I realize I made a positive impact on many of them as well.

A big change does not have to be an end to all the good things.

Instead, I will bring lots of good experiences and memories from Adrian with me to Luverne where, hopefully, I will also make a positive impact and likely get as much or more in return.

In short, this change reminds me of all the things I love most about teaching and gives me a reason to look forward to teaching for many more years.

Change is a good thing, people have said. I think they might be right.

It's important we listen

Our decisions today could influence tomorrow's education

After months of meetings and discussions Luverne School District is ready to reveal its future education plans through a series of hour-long public meetings July 5-11.

School officials will unveil a \$24 million plan to take the current middle/high school out of the 1960s and place it in the 21st century.

We think their plan is worth 60 minutes of our time, especially since plenty of us haven't stepped inside a classroom in decades.

A lot has changed.

We need to think about those changes, and what better way to become informed than to attend one of the public meetings.

We have no excuse not to attend since school officials have accommodated our busy schedules.

Meetings are scheduled for the late morning, noon, mid-afternoon and evening.

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They are also taking their presentation and listening sessions on the road to Magnolia and to Hardwick.

Each presentation will be relatively the same at each location. If your schedule allows, pick an out-of-town location.

In order to be more prepared, read the research materials on the district's website. Copies of the various reports are available, and each gives a detailed look at the current facilities, our future enrollment and the recommended improvements.

There are 24 million reasons why we should take interest in our school

buildings.

Attend one or more of the following public meetings:

•8 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Magnolia City Hall.

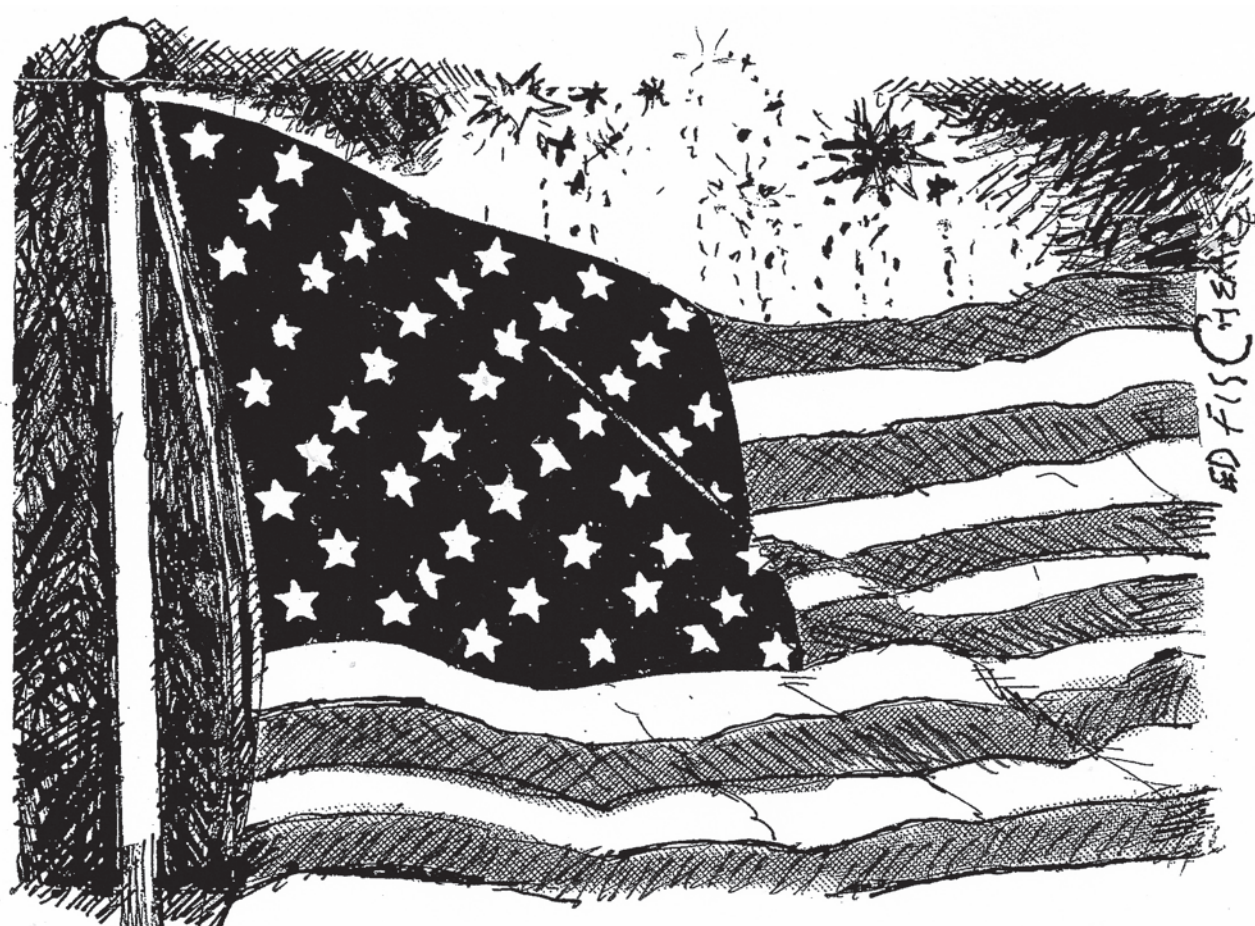
•11 a.m. Thursday, July 6, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

•5 p.m. Monday, July 10, in the middle/high school library.

•7 p.m. Monday, July 10, at Hardwick City Hall.

•Noon Tuesday, July 11, in the Continental Western Group conference room.

•5 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, in the middle/high school library.



July 4th... a day to thank your lucky stars

Can transporting full gas cans or pulling three vehicles really be safe?

Question: I see vehicles go by with extended carriers attached to their hitch with several full gas cans. We discuss what could happen if a driver was not paying attention and ran into one such vehicle. How safe can this be? Is there any law in place that makes this unlawful?

Answer: There is no law against transporting fuel containers on an extended carrier for non-commercial vehicles, although I agree that it could be a very dangerous situation in the case of a crash.

Vehicle fires tend to burn quickly when ignited by an outside source, electrical problem or engine fire. I have investigated rear-end collisions in which the fuel tank was ruptured and gasoline was dispersed at the scene, making it a very dangerous situation. Newer vehicles are designed to keep the fuel from leaking out of the gas tank in the event of a crash by placing the tank in the safest location possible on the vehicle.

Gas cans/tanks that are placed on a cargo type carrier on the rear of a vehicle have little to no protection if they are struck by another vehicle. If this occurs, fuel will most likely spill out of the tanks and potentially cause



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

a fire to both vehicles.

There are laws that pertain to an extended carrier:

•The carrier and cargo must not block the view of the taillights and license plate.

•The external cargo carrier must not extend more than four feet beyond the bed or body of the vehicle. It must have a red, yellow or orange flag or cloth not less than 16 inches square.

•If the external cargo carrier extends more than four feet beyond the bed or body of the vehicle, an additional rear light(s) is required.

It is important to mention that there is a law against hauling anything that extends beyond the line of the fenders on the driver's side

and extends more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the passenger's side.

Remember to always secure any load on a vehicle. The load must be tied or strapped down so it will not shift and fall onto the roadway.

Please place items like gas cans in an area where they have some protection if a crash would occur.

Question: What are the requirements for RV triple towing in Minnesota?

Answer: A recreational vehicle combination may be operated without an over-length-type permit if:

1. The combination does not consist of more than three vehicles,

and the towing rating of the full-size pickup truck or recreational truck-tractor is equal to or greater than the total weight of all vehicles being towed.

2. The combination does not exceed 70 feet in length.

3. The operator of the combination is at least 18 years of age.

4. The trailer is only carrying watercraft, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, off-highway motorcycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized golf carts, or equestrian equipment or supplies, and meets all requirements of law.

5. The vehicles in the combination are connected to the full-size pickup truck or recreational truck-tractor and each other in conformity with the trailer hitch laws.

6. The combination is not operated within the seven-county metropolitan area during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

The driver of a recreational vehicle does not need a special driver's license, but please keep in mind the statutory definition of a "Recreational Vehicle Combination" found in M.S.S.

169.011 Subdivision 62 (a). The law states that a "Recreational Vehicle Combination" means a combination of vehicles consisting of a full-size pickup truck or a recreational truck-tractor attached by means of a kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling to a middle vehicle which has hitched to it a trailer. And (b) For purposes of this subdivision, a "kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling" is a coupling between a middle vehicle and a towing full-size pickup truck or a recreational truck-tractor. Please note that a simple ball hitch for the first trailer does not meet the legal requirements.

Please make sure that all trailers are properly secured, safety chains are attached and lights are properly working. When towing, reduce your speeds and increase your following distance.

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 17
 •Complainant reported a loud scooter driving around. He crashed into some trees and got up and kept going. He has been going up and down West Park. Transported to Nobles County Jail.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding bullying.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy about being harassed.
 •Complainant requested welfare check on subject because of some Snapchat photos of her self harming. Subject is not home, but parents are going to get her and address concerns. If needed, they will contact Rock County Sheriff's Office.
 •Complainant at McDonald's reported customers are concerned about a Hispanic male wearing a dark shirt and a blond-haired little girl wearing a bright blue shirt. They were playing in the grass. The man was yelling at the girl, and customers thought he could be drunk or high. Walked across the street.
June 18
 •Complainant reported a woman walked to her house and said she was being abused. Transported to jail by deputy.
June 19
 •Complainant reported she found a purse and cell phone on the roadway.
 •Complainant requested welfare check on her neighbor as she will not come to the door and complainant cannot get in touch with her via phone.
 •Complainant reported his vehicle had been egged and keyed sometime last night.
 •Complainant reported underage subject recklessly driving a four-wheeler within city limits.
 •Complainant requested background check for housing application.
 •Complainant reported a white Ford Taurus overheated and out of gas parked on 110th Avenue. Complainant has given the driver some gas, and he still isn't leaving the area.
 •Complainant reported someone applied for a credit card in her name and used it.
 •Complainant reported a hitchhiker walking westbound at county roads 4 and 3 intersection. Complainant is concerned for him, as he keeps stopping and looking around.
 •Complainant reported he ran out of gas on I-90, mm 15. He just requested local service number to get assistance. Gave him G&S towing to see if they can help.
 •Complainant reported an elderly male walking around outside of a stalled vehicle on I-90 at County

Road 17 exit.
June 20
 •Complainant was accompanied to location for property pickup as there is a domestic abuse order for protection in place involving subject.
 •Complainant reported theft of a money bag from location at W. Main.
 •Complainant reported trail and park signs are being destroyed at Blue Mounds State Park.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check on her grandmother. Called back and they spoke to grandmother.
 •Complainant reported a car on the bridge over I-90 and at least one person out walking. Concerned due to the time. Unable to locate.
 •Complainant reported someone hacked her email. Also reported she is being followed by a Ford Taurus.
June 21
 •Complainant requested a welfare check. Subject was located in South Dakota.
 •Deputy reported lights on at Redbird Field. Contacted key holder.
 •Complainant reported that his dog keeps getting let off its chain at location, and he noticed tire tracks this morning. Believes someone is trespassing on his property.
 •Complainant reported they were driving, and their driver's side window exploded.
 •Complainant called to report the crossing lights on North Kniss at Bark Street are not working.
June 22
 •Deputy advised at intersection with individual. Deputy escorted subject home.
 •Manager from McDonald's dropped off wallet that was left at the business.
 •Complainant reported she witnessed a hit-and-run at location. Subject vehicle backed out of 513 West Warren and hit a green Ford Expedition.
 •Complainant reported he found a bunch of chopped up bike parts in an unused garage.
 •Complainant came in o Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with a deputy regarding "activity in Beaver Creek." Complainant refused to give dispatcher more information. Deputy spoke with complainant.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 3 deer accidents, 2 transports, 18 traffic stops, 13 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 4 abandoned 911 calls, 6 log/alarm sheets, 2 drug court tests, 2 money escorts, and issued 4 purchase/carry permits and 6 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/0629 Luverne street work

Workers with Winter Bros. Underground, Sioux Falls, begin the process of overhauling Luverne Street Monday on the east end of the street. The road will be rebuilt from Blue Mound Avenue to Cedar Street.

Luverne Street construction begins this week; Luverne Loop and fishing pier next

By Lori Sorenson

Construction started Monday on Luverne Street from Cedar Street to Blue Mound Avenue in the city of Luverne.

Luverne Street will be closed to through traffic for the rest of the summer while the road is rebuilt from the aggregate base to the final asphalt lift.

Winter Bros. Underground, Sioux Falls, submitted the low bid — \$755,000 — for the project.

It includes water lines, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, grading, aggregate base, bituminous pavement, curb and gutter, driveway approaches and sidewalks.

All intersections will be closed to through traffic, which will be directed to Cedar Street and Blue Mound Avenue.

Luverne Street is a county state aid highway within the city of Luverne, and the Rock County Highway Department is managing the project with the city of Luverne.

It's among several county road improvements within the city this year.

Also in the works are mill-offs and overlays of:

- Nearly three-quarters of a mile of **West Main Street** from Highway 75 to Walnut Avenue,
- 1½ miles of **North Blue Mound Avenue** from Fairview to

County Road 8 (the T intersection at the Blue Mounds State Park) and

- One-half mile of **Cedar Street** from Lincoln to Bark Avenue.

Duininck Company, Prinsburg, was awarded the bid for all three projects, \$848,800, which includes about \$160,000 of work on the Luverne High School **north parking lot**.

It also includes a large **box culvert** under North Blue Mound Avenue between Christensen Drive and 131st Street to facilitate drainage during flood events.

Construction on these projects will start in mid-July.

Luverne Loop Phase II

The second phase of Luverne Loop hiking and biking trail will also begin this summer.

The Luverne Loop is a 7.1-mile trail that will eventually encircle the city, connecting points of interest (parks, water features, recreation) and ultimately reconnecting to the Blue Mounds Trail at East Main Street.

Phase II will continue the bike path from Dodge Street to Hatting to Highway 75, with two

stream crossings. It will be asphalt like Phase I, except for a concrete section between the ice arena and Exchange State Bank.

The \$700,000 estimated Phase II cost will be offset by a \$400,000 grant from the state, which has been reviewing the plans since December.

Once the plans are approved, Rock County will handle bid letting and expects to start construction this summer.

Fishing pier at The Lake

The city of Luverne applied for a Minnesota DNR grant to put a fishing pier at The Lake on West Edgell Street.

The pier, similar to the one on the Veterans Pond in Luverne, costs about \$25,000 and the city's responsibility will be \$10,000.

The city will also be responsible for installing the pier this summer and maintaining it in the future.

Installation will include \$60,000 for a parking lot and handicap accessibility to the pier. The city also budgeted \$20,000 for wayfinding signs for The Lake.

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Bids will be received by the Construction Manager as Constructor, Journey Construction Professionals, at the date and time listed directly above via PHYSICAL MAIL or HAND DELIVERY.

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Access to Plans and Specifications will be available to bidders via the following avenues:

- Electronically via Grade Beam for this project. For access to the electronic plans email your name, company, phone number, fax number and email address to jnieuwohner@journeyconstruction.com. You will receive an email from Grade Beam for access.

****All costs associated with printing for either option shall be the responsibility of the Bidder****

Anyone requesting, reviewing, or copying Plans and Specifications for this project (such individual is hereinafter referred to as "bidder") agrees that they are doing so for the sole purpose of submitting a bid on the project. Bids may not be modified or withdrawn within 30 days after bids are received.

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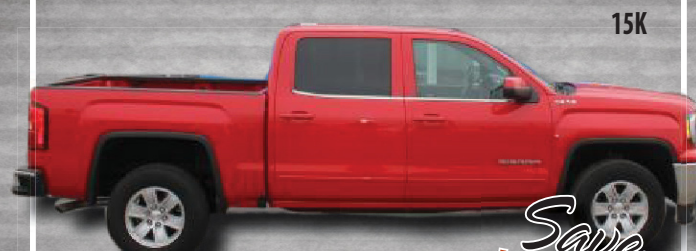


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Hardwick celebrates 125th, all-school reunion

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Some good old-fashioned fun took place June 23-25 in Hardwick during the town's 125th anniversary celebration and all-school reunion.

Bale tossing, tractor riding and a lot of reminiscing took place among the hundreds who gathered for the three days of festivities.

Feedback has been positive, especially from the 160 who registered for Hardwick Grade School's all-school reunion.

"They all liked it," said Patti Pierson, who served on the organizing committee. "They thought it was a fun weekend."

The expanded celebration took over the town's traditional Jubilee Days by adding more activities for both children and adults.

A vehicle cruise-in kicked off the town's celebration with 30 participants parking their cars, trucks and motorcycles on Main Street for viewing.

The following morning 26 participants donned sweatshirts for the tractor ride to and from Edgerton.

Temperatures in the upper 50s greeted participants.

The weather was only slightly warmer when a few of the antique tractors made a repeat appearance at the town's Saturday evening parade.

More than 50 units completed the three-block parade route. The parade began with a ceremonious fly-over by local crop duster Rick Wenzel.

"Oh, the Blue Angels," said one youngster who compared Wenzel's bright yellow plane to famous blue demonstration jets.

The weekend wrapped up with a community church service and meal, with an estimated 175 people attending.



Rural Hardwick resident Trevor Teal tosses a straw bale Saturday night during the Ag Olympics on Hardwick's Main Street. The bale toss was one of several special events in honor of the town's 125th celebration.

Right: Dale and Pat Kiebach of Harrisburg, South Dakota, examine the Dodge Charger Super Bee at the cruise-in Friday night, June 23, in Hardwick. Thirty cars, trucks and motorcycles lined Main Street for the event.



Below: Twenty-six classic tractors made their way from Hardwick to Edgerton via the back roads Saturday morning.



Deb Ripper (left) and Rick Ripper of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, along with Mandy Ripper, Los Angeles, read the names and dates etched into the brick wall of the former hardware store near Main Street Hardwick.



Right: Hardwick's oldest resident, Harold Kindt, and his wife, Lois, ride in Rodger Ossensfort's convertible Saturday night. Harold's 90th birthday is next month.



Both sides of Hardwick's Main Street were lined with parade watchers Saturday night.



Tori Larson, 2, of Luverne, admires her painted face.

CELEBRATIONS

Bridal Showers

An open house bridal shower for **Hanna (Hemme) Walters**, bride-to-be of **Dustin Walters**, will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at St. Catherine's GatheringSpace in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Natalie Stueven**, bride-to-be of **Greg Fick**, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Card Showers

Grace Wassenaar will celebrate her 100th birthday on Thursday, July 6. Greetings may be sent to her at Tuff Memorial Home Village; 301 County Road 6; Hills, MN 56138.

Vivian Holst will celebrate her 80th birthday on July 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 910 N. McKenzie St., Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, July 3: Beef tips in gravy, noodles, country blend vegetables, bread, peaches, cookie.

Program: Senior meeting. Fourth of July celebration.

Tuesday, July 4: Closed for Fourth of July.

Wednesday, July 5: Country steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, squash, bread, pudding.

Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Culligan.

Thursday, July 6: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, frosted cake.

Friday, July 7: Parmesan chicken, baked potato with sour cream, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cocktail.

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

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

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

Missoula Children's Theatre in July

Missoula Children's Theatre will be in Luverne the week of July 17-21 to perform "Jack and the Beanstalk" using local children's talent. The roles are open to children ages kindergarten through age 18 during the 2016-17 school year. The fee is \$40. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Rehearsals will be Monday through Friday with performances at 7 p.m. Friday, July 21, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•Rock County Commissioners approved the adult use ordinance after a hearing Tuesday that resulted in no public feedback.

The ordinance will regulate the types of businesses of adult nature that can be operated in unincorporated areas of the county.

The ordinance defines what "adult" means: adult bookstores, theaters, movie rental, bathhouses, companionship establishments, and businesses that may display and depict sexual activities.

25 years ago (1992)

•Forty framed photographs by Luverne native and award-winning photographer Jim Brandenburg will be displayed at First Farmers and Merchants National Bank from June 29 to July 2. The public may view the work in the bank lobby during regular business hours. ...

Arrangements for showing the Brandenburg collection were made by First Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Originally the collection was going to be flown to Luverne by bank owner Brian Short, but the collection turned out to be a little larger than expected so Mike Engesser will drive to St.

Paul on Saturday to pick it up.

50 years ago (1967)

•Police nabbed two transients "stoned to the eyes" at a North Freeman residence Monday evening.

About 8 p.m. they were called to a North Freeman residence to pick up a man who was later charged with public intoxication. He and another, both transient workers here for the summer, were first observed by police sitting in a parked car.

Both men were asked to get out of the car. One man was determined to be intoxicated; the other was released.

About an hour later police were again summoned to the same area on Freeman to pick up the second man.

Neighbors had observed the man crawl through a milk chute of the house next door and emerge via the same small entrance clutching a bottle of brandy. He then set down on the steps to enjoy himself. Police charged him with public intoxication.

75 years ago (1942)

•This community, saddened by the loss of one of its most highly esteemed citizens, gathered here Sunday afternoon to

pay their last respects to Amable O. Moreaux, 69, editor and publisher of the Rock County Herald, who was a victim of an auto crash early Friday morning. ... Despite the fact that his business required much of his time, he was ever active in civic and community affairs. He served as treasurer of the Rock County chapter of the American Red Cross ever since its inception in 1917. ... He was always active in county, state and national republican activities. In 1924, he was delegate-at-large to the republican national convention at Cleveland. ... He was executive director and vice-president at large of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association for an area covering 21 states. Since 1929, with the exception of two years, he has been chairman of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater commission.

100 years ago (1917)

•Ten automobile loads of men and about twenty dogs were on hand Sunday for the world hunt that was started from the Chas. Preston home, but the frequent showers interfered. During the day the country between the Preston home and Ballet Springs was pretty well covered, but sight of the large wolf that was especially sought was only obtained once. That was during a heavy rain and the animal made its escape.

OBITUARY

Dorothy Koens

Dorothy Ann Leona Koens, 89, Luverne, died Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at the Mary Jane Brown Home - Good Samaritan Society In Luverne, where she resided for the last three years.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial of remains will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Dorothy Gonnerman was born Feb. 28, 1928, to Roy and Florence (Peper) Gonnerman in rural Rock County. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1946. She worked as an usher at the Palace Theatre and Roy's and Long's Duba's Café during high school. After graduation, Dorothy worked at the First National Bank in Luverne and then Marquette National Bank in Minneapolis. She returned to Luverne to work for Northwestern Bell Telephone.

Dorothy married George Koens on June 3, 1951, in Luverne. After their marriage, they moved to a farm by Garretson, South Dakota, followed by a farm in Springwater Township for two years. They raised their family in the

Hills and Beaver Creek areas until 1973, and then they purchased a farm near Hardwick. In 1986 the couple moved to Luverne where Dorothy worked at the Mary Jane Brown Nursing Home for three years and later at the Heritage House for ten years. She retired and moved to the Centennial apartments in 2008.

She attended Trinity and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills and taught Bible School, Sunday School, and the Ladies Aid. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and loved gardening.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Richard Koens, St. Louis Park, and Linda (James) Barnhart, Woodbury; four grandchildren, Rebecca (Ryan Sauers) Koens, Dana Koens, Ryan (Nicole) Barnhart and Kathleen (Peter Kenyon) Barnhart; two sisters, Ruth McClure, Luverne; Marlis (Les) Kleinke, St. Cloud; one brother, Marvin (Margaret) Gonnerman, Luverne; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George, in 2013; and two brothers, LeRoy and Douglas Gonnerman.

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

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BURIAL NOTICE

Richard and Rosetta Hampton

Richard "Dick" Hampton, 88, Luverne, formerly of Adrian, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Rosetta "Rosie" Faustina Hampton, 83, Luverne, formerly of Adrian, died Sept. 28, 2013, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Graveside services with full military honors for Dick and Rosie will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Adrian Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon, South Dakota, heartlandfunerals.com.

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Dead-heading also means removing the seed pod

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist



By now most of our plants in containers are well-established and hope-fully making a decent color show. With that type of active growth, this is the time to start using a water-soluble plant food on a weekly basis to encourage and sustain vigorous growth and flower development.

I mentioned dead-heading spent flowers last week, and I want to follow on that theme because many people believe that by picking the dead flowers off their petunia plants they are accomplishing that chore.

Actually, you are cleaning up the plants, but to be an effective "dead-header" you must remove the ovary or seed pod immediately under that expired flower.

Petunias are an annual flower, meaning they complete their life cycle in one season (annual) and then they are finished. So the purpose of that flower is to produce seed ... once that is accomplished, the plant has fulfilled its obligation. Thus, to keep it

blooming with determination, we remove the seed capsules so it keeps trying throughout the growing season.

Perennial flowers, on the other hand, come back from the same crown every year. They have their time to bloom, be that a short or long period, and for the rest of the summer they just build energy for the next year. Seed production will occur, and by dead-heading these, we often encourage them to repeat bloom later in

the growing season as well as prevent the seedlings from becoming weeds.

On the bug watch this week, I'm letting you know that the cabbage loopers are active ... those cute little white butterflies are depositing their eggs on the underside of cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower leaves. Soon we'll have those not so adorable green worms feasting away to our disgust and expense.

DiPel is my weapon of choice. You can apply it as a dust or spray, but whichever form you use, try to apply it on the underside of the leaf because that is where the worms start feeding. DiPel is a safe organic product that is very effective for these critters, but not for many others insect pests we have to deal with.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Alexander earns 50-year certificate

The Captain Comfort Starr Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded Lee Alexander, Luverne, with a certificate of 50 years of membership in the NSDAR at the home of Jane Muedeking on June 3. Pictured are (from left) State Regent Rachel Sanisidro, Lee Alexander, Chapter Regent Loreena Luetgers.



Peters advances to rodeo nationals

Kassidy Peters of rural Adrian is the Reserve Champion in Breakaway Roping and Reserve Champion in Reining Cow Horse events, which earned her a position on the Minnesota National High School Rodeo Team. Peters has been involved with Minnesota State High School Rodeo Association for all four years of high school, participating in Barrels, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping and Reining Cow Horse Competition. In each of those four years she has qualified for state finals in Minnesota, each time finishing in the top five to 10 positions in her events. To advance to nationals, participants must place in the top four, and this year Peters achieved that status. She'll compete in the 69th Annual National High School Finals July 16-22 in Gillette, Wyoming.

Tilstra honored by Extension Service

The University of Minnesota Extension Service recognized Mary Tilstra, Luverne, recently for her 35 years of volunteering through its Master Gardener Program.

Tilstra began in 1981 to help area residents solve problems and make their communities more sustainable, beautiful, knowledgeable and fun by gardening.

Through the years, Tilstra has focused her garden-



ing expertise in intensive vegetable gardening and more recently trees.

SCHOOL NEWS

Vis to attend Dordt College

Dalton Vis, a senior at Southwest Minnesota Christian, has announced his intention to attend Dordt College for the 2017-2018 school year. He plans to join the Defender baseball program there. Dalton is the son of Steve and Kayla Vis, Beaver Creek.

Local students named to USF Dean's List

On the dean's list for the Spring 2017 semester at the University of Sioux Falls were Luverne natives Elijah Dooyema, sports management; Heather Doerr, elementary education; and Tannen Heideman, social work.

To be named, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Gustavus Adolphus releases dean's list

Tatiana Gust and Joseph Vajgrt, both of Luverne, were named to the Spring 2017 dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

To be named, students must achieve a GPA of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Dordt College announces spring graduates

Several Luverne area students graduated from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, on Friday, May 5. Graduates with degrees and majors/minors are as follows:

Dominic Nibbelink, Bachelor of Arts in accounting and business administration with an emphasis in finance; Hyun Myeong Goo, Bachelor of Science-Engineer degree in engineering; Samuel

Van Bruggen, Bachelor of Science-Engineer degree in engineering with a minor in computer science; Shelbi Gesch, Bachelor of Arts degree in English; and McKenzie Kooima, Bachelor of Arts degree in English with an emphasis in writing and a minor in journalism.

Horn named to spring dean's list

Tucker Horn, Hardwick, was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2017 semester at St. Cloud Technical and Community College.

To be named to the dean's list, students must earn a GPA between 3.5 and 3.9 on a 4.0 scale.

Smedsrud makes St. Mary's dean's list

Kynzie Smedsrud, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2017 St. Mary's University of Minnesota dean's list. To be named, students must earn a 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Kynzie is the daughter of Steve Smedsrud and the late Pat Smedsrud.

DeBeer awarded scholarship

Ariel DeBeer, Luverne, has been awarded a \$1,000 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to employees or children of employees of member companies. Ariel's mother, Sarah DeBeer, has worked for Teal's Market (formerly Glen's) for 25 years.

Ariel plans to attend Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

ENGAGEMENT

Evelyn and Danny Kephart, Luverne, announce the engagement of their son, Wilbert "JR" Weis III, Luverne, to Joyce Moore, Marshall, daughter of Marty Moore, Marshall, and the late Diane Moore. JR is the son of the late Wilbert "Bert" Weis Jr.

JR graduated from Luverne High School in 2004, from Minnesota West in Worthington in 2007 and from the University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2011. He currently works at Menards in Marshall and at Habilitative Services Inc.

Joyce graduated from Marshall High School in 1998 and attended Pillsbury Baptist College. She currently works



Joyce Moore and Wilbert Weis III

for Habilitative Services Inc.

The couple is planning a July 22, 2017, wedding and will reside in Luverne.

BUSINESS NEWS

The Oaks, Poplar Creek receive quality recognition

Both The Oaks and Poplar Creek Estates on the campus of the Good Samaritan Society - Luverne have been recognized as a 2017 recipient of the Bronze National Quality Award.

The award honors the assisted living provider for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care.

The distinction is one of three progressive levels through the National Quality Award Program, presented

by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living.

Providers begin at the Bronze level where they develop an organizational profile with essential performance elements such as vision, mission statement, key strengths and challenges.

As a recipient of the Bronze level, The Oaks and Poplar Creek Estates can move forward for the Silver and Gold awards.

The award will be formally presented in October.

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Luverne High School Choir explores the Big Apple

Two chartered buses carry 97 students and 12 adults cross country June 12 -17 to new experiences on east coast

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne High School choir students returned from New York City June 17 after a week of touring and singing.

"I will never forget how wonderful each choir sounded singing in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle," said Luverne High School Choir Director Seana Graber. "What a beautiful venue to sing in!"

On Monday, June 12, two chartered buses departed from Luverne with 97 students and 12 adults aboard.

They arrived in Toledo, Ohio, for their first performance at noon Tuesday, June 13, at the University of Toledo in the Center for Performing Arts.

They arrived in New York City Wednesday morning and spent the remainder of the week singing in and touring the Big Apple.

The Luverne group shared their talent with unsuspecting tourists in places like the Puglia, a live music restaurant in Little Italy, where Graber led them in an impromptu a capella performance of "Tshotsholoza," an African freedom song.

And they took in the classic landmarks of New York City, such as Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, One World Trade Center, the 911 Memorial Museum, and Amsterdam and Majestic theaters where they took in performances of "Aladdin" and "Phantom of the Opera."

Students roamed Fifth Avenue, China Town and Central Park, and they experienced the bright lights and big crowds of Times Square, where they posed for a group photo.



Luverne High School choir students and chaperones pose for a professional portrait in Times Square during their New York City trip June 9.

At the close of the trip, Graber penned a message to her travel mates, thanking them for the positive experience.

"I hope you have come away from this trip with memories that will last a lifetime," she said to students.

"Life is built on experiences ... I hope you have an appreciation for where you live, but have also broadened your vision of how others live as well. I

"Life is built on experiences. ... I hope you have come away from this trip with memories that will last a lifetime."

— Seana Graber, LHS choir director

saw many smiles on your faces throughout the week and that is what this trip was about."

Facebook page, Luverne

Choir Trip 2017, has photographs and trip highlights shared by students and chaperones throughout the week.

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Love many, trust a few, but always paddle your own canoe.



A gusty wind out of the west greets a group of kayakers as they round the bend just east of Luverne Saturday afternoon on the Rock River.

Go with the flow ... against the wind

Rock River Canoe and Kayak Tour attracts over 100 paddlers Saturday

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock River canoe and kayak trip Saturday attracted over 100 paddlers who traveled in groups from Ruddy's bridge north of town to the Luverne city park.

The trip on the river included two stops — one about an hour out for a drink of water and snack, and another for a catered lunch.

Participants were picked up in Luverne and driven to the drop-in point on County Road 8 east of the Blue Mounds State Park.

Many river travelers had looked forward to a leisurely float down the river, but gusty winds out of the west forced them to put effort into their paddling, especially in the last leg near Luverne.

At the end of the tour, however, everyone was smiling when they got out of the river at the Main Street Bridge — even those who reported tipping over and falling into the water.

Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere thanked all the volunteers who helped with the event, and said there will likely be another one next year.

Dozens of additional photographs appear on the Star Herald Facebook page and at www.star-herald.com.

Star Herald photos by Lori Sorenson and Chantel Connell



Carol Serie (back) steers the canoe while her shipmates Shirley Klosterbuer (middle) and Carol McDonald row against the wind on their final stretch of the trip.

Below, volunteers collect equipment at the city park.



Rock River travelers enjoyed cool weather on the water and otherwise hidden scenery along riverbanks as they made their way south to the exit point under the Main Street Bridge in Luverne.

Below right, a group takes a picnic break. Clockwise from lower left are Karen Radisewitz, Connie Connell, Rhonna Jarchow, Shirley Klosterbuer, Carol Serie and Lona Klosterbuer.

Below, Connie Connell is a good sport after falling in.



Locals celebrate homecoming in July 1926, not unlike our 150th this summer

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on July 2, 1926:

DAYS OF YORE BEING RE-LIVED OVER COUNTY

First Home-Coming Celebration in Rock county Draws Many Former Residents from Far and Near.

SPECIAL FEATURES WILL KEEP VISITORS BUSY

Hills is Mecca of Home-Comers Today—Community Gathering and Old-Time Dance at Armory Tonight.

List of names and addresses of all home-coming visitors who have registered at headquarters, together with dates when they first arrived in Rock county and when they moved from county, will be found on page seven.

Rock county's Home-Coming, the big family re-union that had been looked forward to by many for fully a year, was ushered in the first of this week and by Wednesday had



Bits by betty

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

assumed dimensions that stamped it an unqualified success.

There was nothing blatant in the nature of its opening. It merely stole upon one here and there as the chance came to meet some old acquaintance who had almost been forgotten in the more or less distant years that have gone.

The visitors didn't arrive by the thousands, or in even the hundreds, but came singly, in pairs, trios and quar-

tettes, as opportunity happened to shape affairs.

Each hour added to the crowd until Tuesday afternoon, when one could saunter down the street and see a great many whom they had really not expected to meet.

There was "Jim" Furlow, looking just as natural as ever before; or perhaps it might have been Ed. Buckley, with his characteristic smile.

And a little farther on stood Clarence McClure, while just around the corner one came upon Chan. Philbrick, with Oliver Plomasen standing near.

Down the street a short distance a glance disclosed Gerald Connell and John Conrad, deep in conversation, while "Bob" Groat eagerly stepped forward to greet some old friends; there was L. S. Welker, one of the old-timers, too; and still farther on Clarence Older was greeting someone he knew.

(This article will continue next week.)

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Legion loses leads, game in Worthington

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team dropped its third game of the season June 20 in Worthington.

Luverne sported 1-0 and 3-1 advantages late in the game, but Worthington plated five of the final six runs of the contest to secure a 6-4 victory.

The teams battled to a scoreless draw through four innings of play before Luverne took a 1-0 edge with a sacrifice fly by Jaden Knips in the top half of the fifth inning.

Worthington tied the game in the bottom of the fifth only to fall behind for a second time when the Cardinals scored twice in the top of the sixth.

Ben Serie doubled home one run and scored when Trey Roberts singled to give the Cards a 3-1 advantage.

Worthington settled the issue in the bottom of the sixth by scoring five runs.

Jade Smith accounted for Luverne's final run of the game when he walked and scored on a balk.

Serie took the pitching loss after tossing five and one-third innings.

Roberts recorded the final two outs on the mound.

The 4-3 Cardinals played in Heron Lake Tuesday (June 27).

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Reisch	2	1	0	0
Vis	2	0	1	0
Serie	3	2	3	1
Roberts	4	0	2	1
Knips	3	0	0	1
Smith	3	1	0	0
Nekali	2	0	1	0
Von Tersch	3	0	1	0
Johnson	4	0	1	0



Luverne second baseman Connor Hoffman lunges back to first base to foil an attempted pickoff by Ruthton during a June 21 amateur baseball game at Redbird Field. Luverne scored three runs in the first inning and never trailed in an 11-5 victory over the Royals.

Redbirds' run ends in Hadley Sunday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds split a pair of games at different venues last week.

Luverne registered a six-run home win over Ruthton Wednesday (June 21) before taking a 13-run setback in Hadley Sunday.

The 8-5 Redbirds entertained Jackson Tuesday and traveled to Adrian Wednesday (June 28).

Hadley 17, Luverne 4

Luverne's second run of three wins this season came to an end with a 13-run loss

in Hadley Sunday.

The Redbirds saddled Hadley with a 4-1 setback when the teams met in Luverne May 24, but the Buttermakers avenged the loss during Sunday's rematch.

Hadley scored the first 12 runs of the game to set the stage for a lopsided victory in a game that ended by the 10-run rule after six and one-half innings of play.

The Buttermakers sported a 3-0 lead after two innings of play before plating six runs in the fourth inning and three in the fifth to make it 12-0.

Luverne produced its first run of the contest when Cody Christensen recorded an RBI double in the top of the sixth, but Hadley countered with a five-run rally in the bottom half of the inning to open a 17-1 advantage.

The Redbirds capped the scoring with a two-run seventh inning.

Conner Hoffman accounted for the runs with a two-run double.

Codie Zeutenhorst pitched into the fourth inning and took the loss after surrendering nine runs.

Rob Fodness yielded two runs in one inning of relief, while Landon Gacke was touched for five runs in one inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Hoffman	4	1	2	2
Wenninger	2	1	0	0
Paquette	4	0	1	1
Zeutenhorst	4	0	2	0
Christensen	4	0	1	1
Crabtree	3	0	0	0
Fodness	2	0	2	0
Gacke	0	1	0	0
Gonzalez	1	0	0	0
Verhey	2	1	1	0
Sandbulte	3	0	0	0

Luverne 11, Ruthton 5

The Redbirds reeled off their

third consecutive victory when they topped the Royals by six runs in Luverne June 21.

Zeutenhorst ignited a four-RBI effort with a three-run blast in the home half of the first inning and the Redbirds never lost the lead after that.

Ruthton scored one run in the top of the third inning to make it a two-run difference (3-1), but the Redbirds plated single runs in the third and fifth innings before scoring five times in the seventh inning to open a commanding 10-1

Run/continued on page 3B

Luverne VFW wins three of four at tournament in New Ulm

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW squad went 3-1 during Junior Upper Midwest Baseball Classic in New Ulm over the weekend.

Playing all four of its pool games at Mueller Park, Luverne posted wins over Mankato, Wayzata and New Ulm Silver before falling to Maple Grove.

Mankato won a tie-breaker against Luverne to qualify for Sunday's championship rounds.

Luverne sported an 8-2 overall record at tournament's end.

Maple Grove 5, Luverne 4

Luverne's bid to win the Pool B championship slipped away in the bottom half of the seventh inning during Saturday's second game.

The Cardinals sported a 4-0 lead after plating two runs in the top half of the seventh inning, but Maple Grove rallied to score five runs in the bottom half of the frame to pull out a one-run win.

Maple Grove scored all five of its counters in the seventh with one out.

Luverne took a 2-0 lead in the second inning when Derek Lundgren was hit by a pitch and scored on a wild pitch and Charlie Reisch, who drew a walk, was awarded home play when Maple Grove's pitcher was charged with a balk.

Ben Serie walked and scored on a passed ball and Lundgren recorded an RBI single when the Cards upped the lead to 4-0 in the seventh.

Serie tossed six and one-third innings of two-run ball before giving way to Jake Haugen, who surrendered three runs without registering an out to take the loss.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	1	1	0
Sterrett	3	0	0	0
Buss	0	0	0	0
Beers	3	0	1	0
Serie	3	1	0	0
Lundgren	3	1	1	1
Reisch	1	1	0	0
Nekali	4	0	1	0
Bartels	2	0	1	0
Crabtree	2	0	0	0

Luverne 8,

New Ulm Silver 3

The Cardinals won their third game of the tournament in convincing fashion Saturday morning.

Luverne scored eight runs in the first four innings and never lost control of the contest against New Ulm Silver.

The Cards opened a 4-0 lead in the top of the first without registering a hit.

Reisch drew a bases-loaded walk to register one run, and the other three counters were the products of New Ulm fielding errors.

Luverne upped the lead to 7-0 in the third inning after Declan Beers delivered a two-run single and Gaige Nath added an RBI single.

An RBI single by Jake Von Tersch made it an 8-0 game in the fourth inning before New Ulm capped the scoring by scoring once in the fifth inning and twice in the sixth.

Jade Smith pitched five and two-thirds innings of three-run ball to earn the win.

Nathan Nekali tossed one and two-thirds innings of scoreless relief.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Sterrett	2	2	0	0
Nath	1	1	1	1
Roberts	0	0	0	0
Beers	2	1	1	2
Sehr	1	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	1	0
Knips	1	0	0	0
Lundgren	1	2	1	0
Herman	1	0	0	0
Reisch	2	1	0	1
Crabtree	0	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Bartels	2	0	0	0
Von Tersch	3	1	1	1
Buss	4	0	0	0

Luverne 6, Wayzata 2

The Cardinals finished play on Friday with a 2-0 record after topping Wayzata in Game 2 of the tournament.

The score was 3-2 after five innings of play, but the Cardinals plated a pair of runs in the top of the sixth inning and one in the seventh to ice a four-run victory.

Nath and Beers slapped RBI singles in the sixth inning to give the Cards a 5-2 cushion.

Reisch was hit by a pitch and scored Luverne's seventh-



Tyler Roberts slides safely to the bag to beat a tag by Marshall Orange's third baseman during a VFW baseball game in Luverne Monday. Luverne won three of four games at a tournament in New Ulm Friday and Saturday.

inning run on a fielder's choice by Colby Crabtree.

Beers gave Luverne a 1-0 lead in the first inning with a sacrifice fly, but Wayzata knotted the score in the bottom half of the inning.

The Cards proceeded to place single runs in the second and third frames to open a 3-1 lead before Wayzata scored its final run in the bottom of the fourth.

Nekali singled home a run in the second, while Reisch registered an RBI single in the third.

Lundgren pitched five in-

nings of two-run ball to earn the win.

Isaiah Bartels tossed two scoreless innings of relief.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	3	2	2	1
Sterrett	4	0	0	0
Beers	3	0	1	2
Serie	4	1	1	0
Lundgren	3	1	0	0
Reisch	2	1	2	1
Nekali	3	0	1	1
Herman	2	0	0	0
Knips	2	1	1	0
Crabtree	3	0	0	1

Luverne 3, Mankato 2

The Cardinals staged a late rally to nip Mankato by one run in Friday's opener.

Mankato plated single runs in the third and fifth innings to gain a 2-0 cushion.

Luverne battled back to knot the score at two by scoring single runs in the sixth and seventh innings before producing the decisive run in the bottom of the eighth.

Lundgren singled, advanced to second and scored the game-winner when Quinn Buss lifted a two-out single to left field.

Beers doubled and scored Luverne's run in the sixth when Reisch registered a sacrifice fly. Crabtree walked and scored

the tying run in the seventh when Beers delivered an RBI single with two outs.

Beers tossed seven innings of two-run ball without gaining a decision.

Haugen received the win after tossing a scoreless eighth inning.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Nath	4	0	2	0
Sterrett	3	0	0	0
Beers	4	1	3	1
Serie	4	0	2	0
Lundgren	4	1	3	0
Reisch	2	0	0	0
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Nekali	2	0	1	0
Buss	1	0	1	0
Crabtree	1	1	0	0

Luverne athlete to test martial arts skills in Detroit

What will be the highlight of summer vacation for one Luverne youth unfolds over the next couple of days.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Perceyis Trierweiler, an 11-year-old who will be a sixth-grader next September, departs for Detroit, Michigan, for a grand adventure.

Trierweiler, who has been a member of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club since she was six years old, earned the right to compete in the 2017 Tae Kwon Do National Championships in the Motor City.

The local youngster qualified for national competition at a state qualifier in Maple Grove last February.

According to her father, John Trierweiler, Perceyis is more than ready to test her skills at the national level.

"This definitely will be her highlight of the summer," John offered.

"She has been looking forward to it for a while now and she is getting more excited about it by every passing day."

The odds may slightly be stacked against Trierweiler when she arrives in Detroit.

Less than one month after completing her final classes as a Luverne Elementary School student, Trierweiler will compete against older athletes at the event.

As a competitor in the Cadet Division, the Luverne student will lock horns with athletes between the ages of 12-14.

"She is one of the youngest competitors in her division, but I don't think that bothers her," her father stated.

Being slightly younger than most of the competitors shouldn't be a source of concern for Perceyis.

Considering that she has qualified for the national event in both forms and sparring at the age of 11, Trierweiler already has proven her worthiness to compete at this level.

"She just loves Tae Kwon Do," her father offered.

"She practices five times a week and rarely misses a practice. It's her dedication that makes her excel at this sport. She enjoys what she is doing and works at it very hard every day."

The weigh-ins for the national event are set for Thursday and the sparring competition begins on Friday.

The forms competition begins on Sunday.

Trierweiler is one of 27 athletes entered in the sparring competition in the Cadet Division, and one of 93 entries in the forms competition.

The winners of each event will make Team USA and compete in the World event in Puerto Rico later this year.

"Perceyis has the goal of making the first cut in her events," John said.

"It all depends upon who she faces in sparring right away. She knows it will be a tough challenge, but I think she has a fighting chance to do it."

How things play out in Michigan for the Luverne youngster remains to be seen, but I don't think that matters very much.

Perceyis Trierweiler has earned the right to compete against older athletes at a national level.

Whether she meets her goals in Detroit or not, I have to believe she will get a lot more opportunities to do so in the coming years.



John Rittenhouse photo/0629 vfw 3

Luverne center fielder Charlie Reisch dives to make a spectacular catch during Monday's VFW baseball game against Marshall Orange at Redbird Field in Luverne. Reisch singled and scored during an 8-3 victory.

VFW plates eight unanswered runs to top Orange

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team continued its solid play by defeating Marshall Orange 8-3 Monday at Redbird Field.

Two days after completing a four-game test at a tournament in New Ulm Friday and Saturday, the Cardinals returned home to play their first game at Redbird Field since June 4.

The Cardinals got off to a shaky start as Orange opened a 3-0 lead two and one-half innings into the contest.

Luverne, however, plated eight unanswered runs the rest of the way to secure a five-run

victory.

Orange gained the upper hand early by scoring three runs in the top half of the third inning.

Luverne's comeback started in the bottom of the third, when Colby Crabtree drew a walk and scored on a sacrifice fly by Declan Beers to make it a 3-1 game.

The Cardinals moved in front to stay with a four-run rally in the fourth inning.

Quinn Buss delivered an RBI single and Derek Lundgren drew a bases-loaded walk to register an RBI.

Luverne's final two runs of the inning scored due to a Marshall error.

The Cardinals upped the lead to 6-4 in the fifth inning when Charlie Reisch singled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jade Smith.

Luverne added a pair of insurance runs in the sixth inning when Matthew Sehr was hit by a pitch before scoring on a triple by Beers.

Beers scored the final run of the game on a sacrifice fly by Ben Serie.

Isaiah Bartels pitched all seven innings to earn the win.

Bartels fanned nine batters and yielded three hits and three runs.

The 9-3 Cardinals host Adrian Thursday.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Crabtree	2	2	0	0
Herman	1	0	0	0
Lundgren	2	0	1	1
Sehr	0	1	0	0
Beers	3	1	1	2
Serie	3	0	0	1
Nekali	3	0	0	0
Roberts	1	1	0	0
Reisch	3	1	1	0
Bartels	2	0	1	0
Smith	2	1	0	1
Von Tersch	1	0	0	0
Buss	2	1	1	1

SPORTS CLIPBOARD

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Team Scores:

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 Big Orv's Bar - 94, 87
 Pizza Ranch - 89, 87
 Timmer Dairy - 88, 106

Individual scores:

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 Doug Deutsch

Chris Balster
 Jim Slocum
 Jack Boongaarden
 Bill Claussen
 Paul Steen

24 x 25

Bob May
 Mike VanWhye
 Paul Steen - 2
 Chris Balster
 Jim Slocum
 Steve Nath
 Rich DeSchepper - 2
 Bruce Predmore
 Rick Ossefort
 Doug Deutsch
 Jack Boongaarden - 3
 Dave Stearns

Recreation fee increases go into effect July 1

The Department of Natural Resources reminds state park visitors, snowmobilers and ATV riders that modest fee increases will go into effect on July 1.

However, the cost of fishing and hunting licenses, including deer licenses, won't increase until 2018.

"I want to thank the many Minnesotans and state lawmakers who supported these modest increases in parks, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, hunting and fishing fees during the recent legislative session," said Commissioner Tom Landwehr.

"These fees will help maintain quality outdoor experiences for now and for future generations. We are fortunate to live in a state

that offers such great outdoor opportunities and passionate citizenry that supports those resources."

One-day state park vehicle permits will increase \$2 to \$7 and year-round vehicle permits will increase \$10 to \$35. These fees have not changed in more than a decade, and the increases were needed to continue to provide quality facilities and services at these important places at a level that maintains their nation-leading status.

Also effective July 1, the fee to register all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles will increase and a \$15 license will be required for ice shelters that do not collapse, fold or disassemble.

"ATV and snowmobile

clubs throughout the state provide a large and well-maintained system of trails throughout Minnesota," Landwehr said.

"These trails are supported in large part by the user fees that contribute to the state's grant-in-aid trail systems. High-quality trails give snowmobilers and other motorized recreation enthusiasts a reason to travel, which bolsters tourism and strengthens local economies in Minnesota."

For a list of all the Parks and Trails fees that are changing, visit www.mndnr.gov/parks_trails/feedetails.html.

Effective with the 2018 license year, the cost for some fishing and hunting

licenses will rise. The cost of a resident fishing license will increase \$3, from \$22 to \$25, and a resident deer license will increase \$4, from \$30 to \$34. A complete list of license fee increases is available on the DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/LicenseDollarsAtWork.

These increases won't build fish and wildlife programs but do ensure that fish stocking will not be reduced; deer management and research will continue at current levels; and nuisance wildlife and wildlife damage complaints will be answered in a timely manner.

Contact DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us or 888-646-6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).

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advantage.

Skyler Wenninger, one of three Luverne players to record three hits in the contest, singled and scored on a ground out by Connor Crabtree in the third inning.

Andrew Verhey slapped an RBI single in the fifth to up the lead to 5-1.

Wenninger tripled home a run and Zeutenhorst and Phil

Paquette produced RBI singles to highlight Luverne's five-run seventh inning.

Two more runners crossed home plate in the seventh as the result of wild pitches.

Luverne's final run came in the eighth inning, after Ruth-ton scored three times in the top of the eighth.

Verhey registered a sacrifice fly to cap the scoring for the

Redbirds.

The Royals scored the game's final run in the top of the ninth.

Nick Overgaard pitched six innings of one-run ball to earn the win. He walked four batters and surrendered seven walks.

Gacke was nicked for four runs in three innings of relief. He walked four batters, hit

two batters with pitches and yielded three hits.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Christensen	5	0	0	0
Hoffman	5	2	1	0
Wenninger	4	4	3	1
Zeutenhorst	5	3	3	4
Verhey	4	1	3	2
Crabtree	3	1	0	1
Mauer	2	0	1	0
Overgaard	0	0	0	0
Paquette	2	0	1	1
D.Nibbelink	3	0	0	0
Bosch	1	0	0	0
L.Nibbelink	2	0	0	0

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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Saturday, July 1: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, July 2: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Tuesday, July 4: Office closed for Independence Day. Thursday, July 6: 4 p.m. Veterans Home Communion.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — luverncrc@gmail.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, July 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, July 3: 9 a.m. PERK UP at the Oaks. Wednesday, July 5: 6:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study.

First Baptist Church

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

Thursday, June 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Vast Channel 3. Sunday, July 2: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, July 4: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, July 6: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Vast Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, June 29: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Saturday, July 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 2: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee. Monday, July 3: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 5: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. Thursday, July 6: 7:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study at the Bean. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, July 2: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Sunday, July 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Monday July 3: Office closed. Tuesday, July 4: Office closed. Wednesday, July 5: 8 a.m. Youth Worship Camp. Thursday, July 6: 8 a.m. Youth Worship Camp. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. 6:30 p.m. Motorcycle ride.

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
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, June 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, July 1: 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, July 2: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 3: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, July 5: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, July 6: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, June 29: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Vast. Sunday, July 2: 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, July 4: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Vast. Thursday, July 6: 10 a.m. Worship service on Vast.

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

Gary Klatt, Pastor

Saturday, July 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 2: 9 a.m. Worship. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2 p.m. Worship at Popular Creek. Wednesday, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, July 6: 2 p.m. Women's Society.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662

Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, July 2: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship with Holy Communion at First Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, July 2: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship with Holy Communion at First Lutheran. Thursday, July 6: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025

Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Worship Leader Michael Blank

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School. Third Wednesday: Deborah Circle.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Friday, June 30: Vacation Bible School program.

Steen Reformed Church

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, July 2: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 4: Office closed for Independence Day. Wednesday, July 5: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

One nation under God

When I was a child, I remember reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" every day



in grade school. It was something we did without much thought. But at the same time, we put our hand over our heart and spoke it with respect. We held that flag high because we had heard the history of how men and women had fought and died for the freedom and privileges that we enjoyed. We felt good about ourselves as Americans because we were a beacon of hope for the entire world. We stood for what was good in the world and for what people could do when they worked together for a common good.

Oh, how things have changed in America today. We are divided on every issue before us. We are unwilling to work together because the other guy might get more credit than we do. We are even willing to go to blows and do violence in order to defend our position against our neighbor. It is survival of the fittest and "to hell" with anyone that doesn't agree with us. Our nation is broken at every level and it affects each and every one of us. It seems hopeless, but it isn't.

That simple pledge of allegiance still has the answer for us. "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We are the United States of America and "one nation under God." We are indivisible and we all share in the liberty and justice together. This is what made America great! We may not have applied

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By Rev. Gary Klatt
St. John Lutheran
Church, Luverne

this perfectly in the past, but it was still the foundation of what we worked toward. We taught this in our schools, both public and parochial, because it was based upon the truth of God's Word. We practiced it in our homes and in our communities. We practiced patriotism and respect not just for the flag but for the people represented by that flag.

Our hope for the future does not rest on a pledge to a flag but our faith in the God who reigns over heaven and earth. In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul writes that the church or nation is like a human body. It is made up of many different members or parts. Each part is unique and has its own purpose but they all work together to make the body function properly. The parts by themselves cannot function or accomplish their purpose. It is only when each part works together with all of the other parts that the body is able to function properly and do what it is supposed to do.

I pray that our nation may remember its past, both good and bad, so that we can return to the ideals that made us great: unity that uses our diversity to blend us together as the "melting pot" nation; and liberty and justice that are shared equally by all. May God restore us with His grace and mercy to be a nation that respects truth and honesty above all else.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com
www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, July 29: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Friday, June 30: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3. Sunday, July 2: 9 a.m. Worship service with Communion. Monday, July 3: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, July 6: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Channel 3.

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Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks fuel quotes

REQUEST FOR QUOTES LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

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

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

Shelley Sandbulte
Clerk
(06-29, 07-06)

Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks bakery quotes

REQUEST FOR QUOTES LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks dairy bids

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(06-29, 07-06)



CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Luverne to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN, 56156. Questions about this report should be directed to Barbara Berghorst at (507) 449-9900.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	Total 2016	Total 2015	Percent Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 2,129,564	\$ 1,957,562	8.79 %
Special assessments	1,440	3,290	(56.23)
Licenses and permits	102,415	81,861	25.11
Intergovernmental	1,694,863	1,737,431	(2.45)
Charges for services	815,494	797,945	2.20
Investment earnings	94,251	99,033	(4.83)
Miscellaneous	50,635	46,083	9.88
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,888,662	\$ 4,723,205	3.50 %
Per Capita	\$ 1,039	\$ 1,004	3.44 %
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General government	\$ 658,464	\$ 566,236	16.29 %
Public safety	1,202,036	1,198,483	0.30
Public works	1,036,027	1,094,617	(5.35)
Culture and recreation	1,150,222	1,031,291	11.53
Conservation and development	107,378	101,837	5.44
Capital outlay			
General government	183,360	-	N/A
Public safety	53,125	559,176	(90.50)
Public works	20,346	500,496	(95.93)
Culture and recreation	877,486	299,534	192.95
Conservation and development	470,500	101,580	363.18
Debt service			
Principal	415,555	407,556	1.96
Interest and other costs	63,121	40,419	56.17
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,237,620	\$ 5,901,225	5.70 %
Per Capita	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,255	5.63 %
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 2,084,592	\$ 2,500,147	(16.62) %
Per Capita	443	531	(16.67)
General Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,789,861	\$ 3,016,105	(7.50) %
Per Capita	593	641	(7.56)

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175(5))

	Pamida DISTRICT 16	Minnwest Bank - State Farm DISTRICT 17	Luverne Family Hsg DISTRICT 18	Ford Dealership DISTRICT 21	Barck Street DISTRICT 22
Current Net Tax Capacity	\$25,196	\$1,535	\$8,393	\$29,496	\$0
Original Net Tax Capacity	\$326	\$462	\$98	\$3,397	\$0
Captured Net Tax Capacity	\$24,870	\$1,073	\$8,295	\$26,099	\$0
Principal and Interest Payments Due in 2016	\$35,773	\$0	\$0	\$10,551	\$0
Tax Increment Received in 2016	\$23,882	\$1,148	\$7,792	\$23,448	\$108
Tax increment Expended in 2016	\$23,882	\$3,342	\$9,589	\$13,683	\$8,555
Month / Year First Tax Incr. Receipt	Jun-99	Jun-99	Jun-99	8/2016	8/2017
Date of Required Decertification	12/31/24	12/31/24	12/31/24	12/31/41	12/31/42

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					Total	Governmental
	601 Water	602 Sewer	604 Electric	609 Liquor	Other Proprietary Funds		Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES							
Charges for services/sales	\$ 1,436,994	\$ 1,337,749	\$ 7,888,078	\$ 1,340,720	\$ 679,374	\$ 12,682,915	\$ 740,588
Cost of sales	-	-	-	(993,158)	-	(993,158)	-
Service income	20,045	39,146	122,117	-	6,422	187,730	-
Pension revenue	889	1,171	485	538	441	3,524	1,298
Other income	3,011	3,045	93,481	-	433	99,970	56,104
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,460,939	1,381,111	8,104,161	348,100	686,670	11,980,981	797,990
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Personal services	254,400	368,942	208,439	152,273	137,456	1,121,510	368,748
Supplies	182,227	78,916	211,449	21,095	28,042	521,729	73,569
Other services and charges	491,994	237,802	1,478,859	82,074	192,398	2,483,127	325,605
Power purchased/delivered	-	-	5,066,605	-	-	5,066,605	-
Depreciation	321,219	341,720	765,840	6,404	115,094	1,550,277	56,640
Pension expense	12,046	18,989	10,639	7,652	5,540	54,866	28,776
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,261,886	1,046,369	7,741,831	269,498	478,530	10,798,114	853,338
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	199,053	334,742	362,330	78,602	208,140	1,182,867	(55,348)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)							
Property taxes	-	40,384	-	-	-	40,384	-
Federal grants and aids	-	-	(147)	-	-	(147)	-
State grants and aids	-	(305)	-	-	-	(305)	-
Investment income	30,273	46,058	98,369	4,884	13,016	192,600	20,570
Rental income	1,890	448	-	-	12,322	14,660	-
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	4,500	-	-	-	-	4,500	-
Interest and other costs	(108,802)	(28,400)	-	-	(13)	(137,215)	-
Economic development loan forgiveness	-	(73,000)	-	-	-	(73,000)	-
Interest on customer deposits	(7)	(7)	(333)	-	-	(347)	-
Amortization expense	2,099	(856)	-	-	-	1,243	-
Contributions to component unit	(65,000)	(65,000)	(70,000)	-	(25,000)	(225,000)	-
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	(135,047)	(80,678)	27,889	4,884	325	(182,627)	20,570
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	64,006	254,064	390,219	83,486	208,465	1,000,240	(34,778)
TRANSFERS IN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANSFERS OUT	(80,000)	(80,000)	(150,000)	(45,000)	(100,000)	(455,000)	-
CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	-	-	-	-	17,077	17,077	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(15,994)	174,064	240,219	38,486	125,542	562,317	(34,778)
NET POSITION, JANUARY 1	5,851,090	6,719,052	15,479,490	506,547	2,141,320	30,697,499	1,275,587
NET POSITION, DECEMBER 31	\$ 5,835,096	\$ 6,893,116	\$ 15,719,709	\$ 545,033	\$ 2,266,862	\$ 31,259,816	\$ 1,240,809

Change in net position as shown above \$ 562,317

Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities related to enterprise funds (31,915)

Change in net position of business-type activities \$ 530,402

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					Total	Governmental
	601 Water	602 Sewer	604 Electric	609 Liquor	Other Proprietary Funds		Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 1,449,471	\$ 1,378,267	\$ 7,988,953	\$ 1,340,921	\$ 683,956	\$ 12,841,568	\$ 777,453
Cash paid to suppliers	(663,640)	(329,995)	(6,560,056)	(1,112,745)	(225,833)	(8,892,269)	(465,388)
Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	(248,440)	(326,498)	(195,675)	(140,827)	(130,074)	(1,041,514)	(331,354)
Other receipts	1,890	448	-	-	12,322	14,660	56,104
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	539,281	722,222	1,233,222	87,349	340,371	2,922,445	36,815
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Transfers to other funds	(80,000)	(80,000)	(150,000)	(45,000)	(100,000)	(455,000)	-
Payment to component unit	(65,000)	(65,000)	(70,000)	-	(25,000)	(225,000)	-
Loans made	-	(3,223)	(9,084)	-	-	(12,307)	-
Loan payments received	11,648	18,322	18,189	-	25,089	73,248	-
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	3,699	3,699	(193,655)	-	3,699	(182,558)	86
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	-	(43)	-	-	-	(43)	-
Federal aids received (adjusted)	-	-	(147)	-	-	(147)	-
State aids received (adjusted)	-	(305)	-	-	-	(305)	-
Property taxes received	-	40,393	-	-	-	40,393	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(129,653)	(86,157)	(404,697)	(45,000)	(96,212)	(761,719)	86
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Acquisition of capital assets	(102,464)	(94,537)	(307,697)	(6,362)	(100,852)	(611,912)	(140,203)
Capital grants received	-	-	-	-	17,077	17,077	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	4,500	-	-	-	-	4,500	-
Principal paid on long-term borrowings	(323,250)	(191,750)	-	-	-	(515,000)	-
Interest and fiscal charges paid on long-term borrowings	(110,605)	(29,366)	-	-	-	(139,971)	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(531,819)	(315,653)	(307,697)	(6,362)	(83,775)	(1,245,306)	(140,203)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Interest received	31,721	50,620	96,340	4,839	13,032	196,552	20,695
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(90,470)	371,032	617,168	40,826	173,416	1,111,972	(82,607)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	2,622,475	3,496,043	7,320,865	364,377	904,977	14,708,737	1,519,592
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 2,532,005	\$ 3,867,075	\$ 7,938,033	\$ 405,203	\$ 1,078,393	\$ 15,820,709	\$ 1,436,985
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS ARE COMPRISED OF							
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 2,151,354	\$ 3,657,143	\$ 7,891,386	\$ 405,203	\$ 1,072,690	\$ 15,177,776	\$ 1,436,985
Restricted assets							
Cash and temporary investments	380,651	209,932	46,647	-	5,703	642,933	-
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 2,532,005	\$ 3,867,075	\$ 7,938,033	\$ 405,203	\$ 1,078,393	\$ 15,820,709	\$ 1,436,985

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RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	\$	199,053	\$	334,742	\$	362,330	\$	78,602	\$	208,140	\$	1,182,867	\$	(55,348)
Operating income (loss)														
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities														
Depreciation		321,219		341,720		765,840		6,404		115,094		1,550,277		56,640
Other income related to operations		1,890		448		-		-		12,322		14,660		-
Interest paid on customer deposits		(7)		(7)		(333)		-		(13)		(360)		-
(Increase) decrease in assets														
Accounts receivable		(11,700)		(1,528)		(113,402)		-		(2,552)		(129,182)		18,048
Special assessments receivable		1,061		(828)		-		-		284		517		-
Due from other governments		-		593		(68)		-		-		525		-
Inventories		-		-		51,659		1,893		-		53,552		-
Prepaid items		-		-		-		-		-		-		(248)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources														
Deferred pension resources		(64,151)		(84,854)		(35,465)		(38,824)		(31,730)		(255,024)		(94,886)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities														
Accounts payable		22,557		5,719		156,088		(11,066)		363		173,661		(37,190)
Due to other governments		77		-		82		407		(203)		363		-
Wages and related benefits payable		1,009		1,104		693		461		475		3,742		1,180
Deposits payable		60		90		(1,253)		201		(5)		(907)		-
Compensated absences payable		(8,575)		20,871		1,434		3,334		1,750		18,814		25,876
Other postemployment benefits liability		1,480		1,480		(2)		(1)		(383)		2,574		379
Pension liability		75,345		102,223		44,991		45,901		36,916		305,376		120,633
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources														
Deferred pension resources		(37)		449		628		37		(87)		990		1,731
Total adjustments		340,228		387,480		870,892		8,747		132,231		1,739,578		92,163
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		\$ 539,281		\$ 722,222		\$ 1,233,222		\$ 87,349		\$ 340,371		\$ 2,922,445		\$ 36,815

SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

	\$	1,657	\$	1,657	\$	1,660	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,974	\$	-
Book value of disposed/traded of capital assets														
Capital assets acquired on account		13,438		13,520		137,480		-		14,007		178,445		-
Loans written off		-		73,000		-		-		-		73,000		-
Special assessments levied		-		828		-		-		35		863		-
Amortization of bond (premium) discount		(2,099)		856		-		-		-		(1,243)		-

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Aug. 17

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 24, 2005
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$77,600.00
 MORTGAGOR(S): Michael John Van Der Brink and Kristin Marie Van Der Brink, husband and wife
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 MIN#: 100010402012328732
 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Suntrust Mortgage, Inc.
 SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed January 31, 2005, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 160673

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC; Dated: May 17, 2017 filed: May 22, 2017, recorded as document number 190654

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 That part of the N 1/2 of Section 9, Township 101 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 9; thence Easterly along the North line of the NW 1/4 of said Section 9 for a distance of 1867.17 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing East along the North line of said Section 9 for a distance of 779.85 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of said Section 9; thence South 90 degrees for a distance of 390.00 feet; thence Southwesterly to a point 485.00 feet directly South of the point of beginning; thence North 90 degrees a distance of 485 feet to the point of beginning, containing 7.83 acres more or less, the North 33 feet of which is reserved as a public road right-of-way, subject to easements of record, if any.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1138 61st St, Luverne, MN 56156
 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 03-0042-000
 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
 THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$54,538.82

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 17, 2017, 10:00am
 PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on February 17, 2018, or the next business day if February 17, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: June 22, 2017
 Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
 Assignee of Mortgagee
 SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP
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City of Luverne public hearing July 13

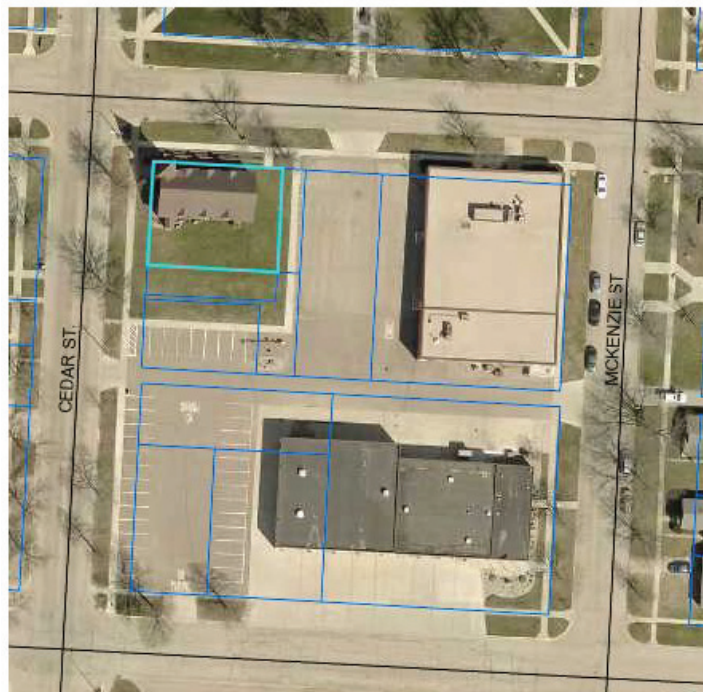
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that two public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017. The purpose of the hearings is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following:

1. Land use amendment at an undeveloped parcel as described below on Roundwind Road, Luverne, MN to rezone from B – Business Park to R-1 Single Family Residential. The current zoning of B – Business Park allows uses of medical and related offices and support services, wholesale, light manufacturing and processing, warehouses and offices. Residential use is allowed by Conditional use. R-1 - Single family residential allows single family detached dwellings, twin homes and up to 4 unit town homes are permitted at a rate of no more than 7 units per acre. This zoning change would allow for only residential construction in the delineated area with no business construction allowed in that area.



2. Requested conditional use application submitted by Lori Ann Hallstrom to allow retail and residential use at lot 19, block 16, Original Plat; 220 N Cedar, Luverne, MN.



All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building Official, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 29th day of June, 2017.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk

Published: 06/29/2017

(06-29)

Veldkamp probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
Estate of JAMES GORDON VELDkamp
Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 24, 2017 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated May 8, 2007 and codicil(s) to the Will dated n/a, and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Frances F. Veldkamp, whose address is 211 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: June 28, 2017
(COURT SEAL)

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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ISD #2184 School Board special meeting May 23

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the MS/HS Library on May 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Shelley Sandbulte. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Mike Hubbard, Roger Degroot, Lori Eckrich, Greg Crowe, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Mike Hubbard, representing Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson, reviewed the building improvement measures. Discussion was held while revisiting the needs and wants of the various areas within the school buildings.

Greg Crowe, representing Ehlers Associates, presented information regarding the tax implication of a \$21,750,000 project, a \$22,925,000 project; and, a \$17,430,000 project. He also reviewed some bonding options with the school board.

The dates for Stakeholder Feedback Meetings were discussed.

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

Dated: May 23, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(06-29)

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ISD #2184 School Board meets May 25

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the MS/HS Library on May 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Emma VerBrugge, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Darrel Van Aartsen, Eric Austin, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. It was noted that there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with the addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Elementary Counselor, presented information on her curriculum and counseling sessions she conducted this past school year.

Darrel Van Aartsen, Industrial Technology teacher, presented a summary of the classes and projects that students have worked on this semester. He thanked the school board for the opportunity to work with the students.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve the May 11 and May 17, 2017, school board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,311,826.60. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of April 30, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to set the 2017-18 School Board meeting/work session schedule as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to adopt the Seasonal Layoff Resolution as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to accept the bid from Duinink, Inc., for resurfacing of the north parking lot in the amount of \$160,242.17. This bid was received as a part of Rock County's bid process. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the resignation of Tammy Case, paraprofessional, effective June 1, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Stacy Olson as Special Olympics liaison effective May 16, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Jodi Nelson, Elementary teacher, effective June 2, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Jason Berghorst as Social Studies teacher and Mock Trial coach beginning with the 2017-2018 school year for a salary of \$50,958.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Dana Kells as Elementary teacher beginning with the 2017-2018 school year for a salary of \$37,340.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Travis Bullerman as Elementary teacher and Middle School football coach beginning with the 2017-2018 school year for a salary of \$45,562.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Joseph Stearns as English teacher for the 2017-2018 school year for a salary of \$44,014.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Alicia Reker as Elementary teacher beginning with the 2017-2018 school year for a salary of \$44,014.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. It was noted the Finance Committee met this evening to review where we are at in the budget for this year. Budget information will be presented to the School Board at a future meeting.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to move into Executive Session to conduct the Superintendent's Performance Appraisal. It was noted a summary report will be given at the June 22, 2017, school board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to move out of Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Dated: May 25, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(06-29)

ISD #2184 School Board special meeting May 30

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the MS/HS Library on May 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Mike Hubbard, Roger Degroot, Dan Miller, Lori Eckrich, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald. Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held at a school board work session held at 5:15 p.m. on May 30 regarding revising the proposed building remodeling projects in both the Elementary School and Middle/High School.

Questions were raised in regard to the proposed budget and budget numbers presented to date. Discussion was also held regarding putting enough allowance in the proposed referendum to allow for purchase of new furnishings. Discussion was held regarding whether we need to add two or three classrooms to the Elementary area. The bleachers in the gymnasiums were also discussed.

Mike Hubbard, representing Foster, Jacobs and Johnson, requested a meeting with the school administrative team on Wednesday, June 7. This meeting would be for the purpose of reviewing the revised building plan and assigning names to the various rooms and common areas. He also requested another project scope/solutioning meeting with the School Board on June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Dated: May 30, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(06-29)

ISD #2184 School Board special meeting June 8

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

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA. A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the MS/HS Library on June 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, and Tim Jarchow. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Mike Hubbard, Lori Eckrich, Katie Becker, Shelby McQuay, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Vice-Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order. Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Mike Hubbard representing Foster, Jacobs and Johnson reviewed the updated proposed remodeling/building project. This revised plan has been reviewed with administration. In this plan, there is less new square footage and more repurposing and refreshing of other areas. There will still be two kitchens and serving areas with this plan. The cost projection is still in the approximately \$23 million range.

Superintendent Oftedahl and Mike Hubbard will set up some stakeholder meeting and presentation times.

Discussion was held regarding if this building and remodeling project will serve the needs of the school district for at least ten years.

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

Dated: June 8, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(06-29)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to those that attended my retirement open house or sent a card. Your kind words and well wishes were much appreciated. Working for the same company for 50 years still seems unreal. Thanks again!

Elaine Hansen
(6.29-7.2)

Thank you to all for your prayers, cards, visits, food, memorials and generous acts of kindness shown to our family since the loss of our Tim. There are no words to express our heartfelt appreciation. Special thanks to Dingmann Funeral Home for all their help, Pastor Ron, the women of Grace Lutheran Church, and the Adrian School for the beautiful tribute at the band and choir concert and graduation.

Pam, Stephanie, Matt, and Cody Christensen
Becky Christensen
Amy and Barry Cowell
Todd and Mary Christensen
Sue and Chad Versteeg and families
(6.25-6.29)

Thank you dear family and friends for the food, flowers, phone calls, visits and the use of walkers so I can get around. I appreciate everything Dr. Crabtree and all the staff at the hospital have done for me and are still doing.

Pat Stoltenberg
(2.25-2.29)

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(6.25-6.29)

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(6.25-6.29)

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(6.25-6.29)

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(6.29-7.2)

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(tc)

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(6.18-7.6)

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