RCO to stop sorting for Ketterling

Facility to transfer sorting duties to Sioux Falls company

By Mavis Fodness

Officials with Rock County Opportunities (RCO) gave notice last month terminating a more than 20-year employment cooperation agreement with Ketterling Services Inc.

Ketterling handles the collection of the single-stream recycling programfor residents of Luverne and drop-off points in Rock County.

Working with RCO, the recyclables were sorted at Ketterling's South Cedar Street facility and Ketterling sold the materials.

Now that sorting and selling will take place in Sioux Falls.

"We are going to change the way we do business," said Bill Ketterling of Ketterling Services. "There will be no change through the front door."

Instead of sorting, Ketterling will transfer 100 percent of the recyclables collected in Rock County to Millennium Recycling in Sioux Falls.

The Rock County Commissioners authorized the five-year contract at their regular July 7 meeting with the city of Luverne supporting the decision.

When the agreement will start depends when Ketterling has all the transport equipment in place.

Until then, RCO will continue to staff the sorting center in Luverne as itseeks different employment options for up to 15 clients who currently work at the facility on a weekly basis.

RCO cites industry changes, hazards for the termination

When contacted after the commissioner's meeting, Beth Bartels, RCO's executive director, cited industry changes along with the potential health hazards to clients as factors to end the current recycling sort arrangements.

RCO is a private, non-profit organization that works with clients with various disabilities in developinglife and career skills. Employment opportunities are provided in-house or with private businesses depending on a client's ability.

on a client's ability.

Bartels said in the 20 years RCO has worked with Ketterling, automation is playing a bigger role in the recycling industry with machines completing the sorting rather than

"The writing was on the wall," she said. "We had to do something before clients were out of a job. We wanted

RCO-Ketterling contract/see 2A



Stephanie Christensen photos/0716 hinkly music

Hinkly House summer music series opens July 9

The Historic Hinkly House Museum opened its doors Thursday night for the opening act of its summer music series with a front porch performance by Dolly Talbert and friends. Work has been in progress this summer to replace the roof of the historic home on North Freeman Street in Luverne, but that didn't get in the way of Thursday's live musical event, which featured root beer floats and tours of the home. The home is open to the public for tours from 2 to 4 p.m. every Thursday this summer through August. Pictured below left are are Historical Society volunteers (from left) Janet Burger, Diana Jauert and Shirley Harrison serving up root beer floats to benefit the Historical Society.





State gives \$12.5 million to small communities for roads

By Mavis Fodness

Each Minnesota community smaller than 5,000 residents will split \$12.5 million for city street repairs, thanks to the Small Cities Assistance Bill passed during the recently completed Legislative session.

The one-time funding is in lieu of a transportation bill that earmarks

funds for road repairs in townships, cities larger than 5,000 residents, counties and state-aid highways.

Cities with fewer than 5,000 residents receive road repair funds through a portion of their county funds, an amount that has dwindled each funding cycle, said Carolyn Jackson with the Coalition of Greater

Minnesota Cities.

"This (directly) gives small cities some money for city streets," she said. Each community in Rock County will receive funds this year, the first

payments arriving this week.

The announcement came as the city of Hardwick decided to spend roughly \$12,000 to fix more than

3,300 square feet of potholes on its city streets.

Action taken at the July 9 meeting authorized Shawn Staples of Southwest Sealcoating in Hardwick to fill the numerous potholes that dot each street. Council members questioned

State road money/see page 5A

Albert Lea man buys old turkey barn; City chips in \$50,000 for cleanup, site prep

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne is investing \$50,000 in a local land annexation and demolition project to help replace blighted property with an operable new business.

An Albert Lea semi trailer business owner, Darv Habben, recently purchased the 3-acre parcel south of I-90 on the east side of Highway 75 from Greg Gabrielson, who used to operate turkey barns there.

The citywill provide unto \$50,000

The city will provide up to \$50,000 for demolition and site preparation to develop the property, which will feature a sales building and trailers for sale parked in the lot.

The work is scheduled for completion in the 2015 construction season.

According to City Administrator

Land annexation/see page 8A



This Google maps image shows the former turkey barn property north of the red roof of the Busse building south of Luverne.

Wait for county's solid waste permit could soon be over

By Mavis Fodness

The six-year wait for a renewed solid waste permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) may soon be over for Rock County.

A letter dated June 23 from MPCA assistant commissioner Kirk Koudelka outlined a timeframe and a plan to expedite Rock County's renewal of its demolition landfill.

"Although your facility can still continue to operate under its existing permit until a new permit is issued, since a timely application was submitted, we agree the failure to act on your application for reissuance for such a long time is unacceptable," he wrote.

Rock County Land Management Office submitted a renewal application on March 23, 2009. A letter received in May of this year

was the first communication from an MPCA official since the application was received. The letter requested the last five years of monitoring results to make a decision on issuing a renewed permit.

The letter further stipulated an MPCA staff member had been assigned to expedite Rock County's application. Currently, a public notice is being prepared for the permit and was anticipated to take place July 6, the letter stated.

In the six years since the renewal application was submitted, the MPCA staff talked about Rock County's renewal application since its submission, but no action was taken until recently.

"... we also find the lack of clear written documentation of the status

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Thrivent Financial Rock County Board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne. Contact Doug Boeve at 507-290-0085.

MS Support Group meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Beaver Creek Township monthly meeting has been rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the town-

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be in the back room of Orv & Sons in Ellsworth.

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

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the library. Call 605-321-4324.

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

Hot Dog Night set for July 16

Luverne's 53rd Annual Hot Dog Night will be Thursday, July 16, on Main Street. The event will feature a beer garden at Sterling's Café, live music, wiener dog races, a wiener dog beauty contest and much more.

Monthly Food Ministry is July 16

Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Register for Wienerman Triathlon

Registration for the Hot Dog Night Wienerman Triath $lon\,on\,July\,16\,is\,available\,at\,www.all sports central.com.\,The$ race will begin and finish at the old Herman Motor Building with post race awards to follow. IV Play will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. Call Dave, 507-920-3345, with questions.

Transfer Station open Saturday, July 18

The Rock County Transfer station will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Call Mark Sehr, 507-283-5010, with questions.

Community Meal July 22

The free Fourth Wednesday Community Meal will startat 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

Grace Lutheran blood drive July 27

The American Red Cross blood drive will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. To set up an appointment or for more information, call Greta, 507-283-5064, Eileen at 507-283-8301 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code LuverneMN.

'Capture the Prairie' at the Carnegie

The Carnegie is currently featuring a display by photographer Deb Leilani Parks, including photos taken at Blue Mounds State Park by her "Capture the Prairie" photography class. The exhibit is on display now until the end of July at the Carnigie Cultural Center in Luverne.

Community Ed

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

The Luverne Community Education office will be closed from July 17 through July 31.

Play Dates at the Park for parents and their children ages birth to 5 years meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the city park throughout the summer. Gather as a group to have fun and socialize. No fee, but registration required, please.

Football camps for elementary and middle school will be July 20 and 21. Fee is \$25.

School Readiness Preschool program has openings for children ages 3-5 years. The program will meet once a week during the school year on Tuesday morning or Tuesday afternoon. Scholarship help is available. Call 283-4724 for more details.



Lori Sorenson photo/0716 missoula auditions

Missoula Children's Theatre directors Jackie Wiles and Emma Harr work their way through the circle of local children auditioning for parts in this weekend's performances of "Cinderella." Auditions were Monday morning at St. Catherine Church, Luverne, and rehearsals and performances are at the Palace Theatre.

Local student actors to present 'Cinderella'

By Lori Sorenson

The Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theater group, is in Luverne this week with its directors, set, lights, props and costumes.

Nearly 60 young local actors and singers will take the stage this weekend to perform the musical, "Cinderella," after rehearsing for only one week.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Tour directors Jackie Wiles and Emma Harr began the week with auditions Monday morning in the gym at St. Catherine Catholic Church.

By noon that day, all of the children knew which characters they were playing and rehearsals began.

Makayla Bakken plays the role of Cinderella, and Mary-Francis Ladd is the evil stepmother. Stepsisters "Lovely" and "Beauty" are played by Julia Ferguson and

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Jo-Hanna Ladd.

Other leading cast members include Alli LaRock as Raggedy Annie, Aidan Bartels as the Prince and Luke Thorson as the King.

Town cryers are Jordan Winter and Gunnar Oldre, and Mallory VonTersch and Madilyn Wenzel are Fido and Cleo.

Many other local youth will be acting and singing on stage in other roles.

Beggars include_Katelin Schroeder, Peter Baustian, Xavier Carbonneau, Xander Walgrave, Sophie Holmberg, Ashlee Boltjes, Josie Golla, Reilly Wulf, Anna Warntjes and Camden Hoven.

Lords and Ladies are Mekiah Kremin, Kyle Ferguson, Tori Hemme, Leif Tollefson, Rachel DenHerder, Johnathon Sjaarda, Zoe Perkins, Burke Johnson, Rylee Anderson, Logan Ommen, Lily Ehlers, Ashton Eitreim, Katherine Kelm and Britton McKenzie

Mice are Lydia Schuld, Abby Boltjes, Hallie Bork, Abby Moothart and Ashlyn Johnson.

Pumpkins include Brenna Reker, Khloe Viskar, Tabitha Sjaarda, Isaac Coon, Benjamin Hartquist, Xavier McKenzie, Xander Carbonneau, Ryker Johnson, Kaleb Hemme, Evan Frozley, Jacee Chapa, Janika Oechsle, Nicole Sjaarda, Ella Schmuck and Makayla Oechsle.

Shirley Connor is the Blue Mound Area Theater Board member in charge of this year's event. The Missoula team is staying with Pam and Dan Dobson, Luverne.

Each year, Missoula Children's Theatre conducts similar theater camps in cities across America.

The goal is to provide children with theatrical training and experiences while buildingcreativity, communication skills, social skills and self $esteem\,through\,participation$ in the performing arts.

Missoula Children's Theat recomes to Luvernethrougha joint effort by Luverne Community Education, Blue Mound Area Theatre, Green Earth Players and the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

RCO to end Ketterling contract/continued from page 1A

to be more proactive than to sit around waiting for their jobs to end."

While automation was the primary factor in RCO's decision, it wasn't the only consideration.

Continued occurrences of dog feces and diapers mixed in with recyclables had Bartels increasingly concerned about worker safety.

Ketterling agreed.

On several instances, workers had to empty entire loads of recycles at the transfer station because contaminants made the load unusable.

He said the instances were becoming more frequent, especially since single-stream

collection began several years ago.

Ketterling said, however, that he doesn't plan to automate his Luverne sorting facility.

County looks for ways to keep contaminants out, increase participation

Also at their July 7 meeting, commissioners discussed ways to keep foreign materials from contaminating recycling materials while looking for ways to increase the percentage of residents who recycle.

"You have a firm majority of the people who know how to recycle and then you have other folks who think of recycling as a garbage dump," said commissioner Jody Reisch.

Of special concernare the recycling collection sites located in outlying Rock County communities. Luverne residents have curbside pickup.

Collection sites consist of three-sided buildings that house green-colored dumpsters. The public has 24/7 access to these sites.

Discussions to keep garbage from bring tossed into the recycling dumpsters included placing gates on the buildings to limit access to installing cameras "to keep people accountable for what they are doing," Reisch said.

In December 2014, Land

Management Director Eric Hartman told commissioners that Rock County's recycling rates are considerably below the state's goal.

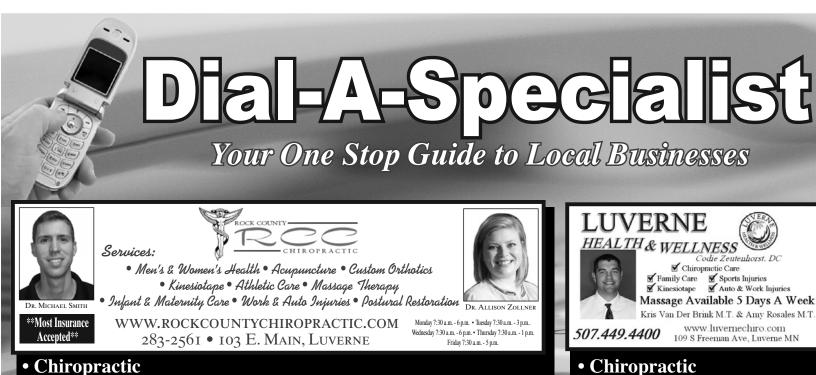
"In 10 years, the state would like 60 percent of the residents of Rock County recycling household items," he said. "Generally our rate has plateaued at 46 percent."

Failure to meet the state's goals could result in reduced funding.

Recycling reduces fossil fuel consumption, creates jobs, conserves natural resources and creates environmental benefits, according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website.

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Land Surveying

Apply by Aug. 14 for Nov. 21 youth deer hunt in Blue Mounds

Minnesota youth have from now until Friday, Aug. 14, to apply for one of 18 special deer hunts in October and November.

"Youth can hunt in select state parks and other refuge areas with a parent, guardian or mentor during these annual opportunities," said Mike Kurre, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources mentoring coordinator.

"One-on-one time with a youth is time well spent afield by making memories only the outdoors can provide."

Of the 18 special hunts, 16 are firearms hunts for youth ages 12 to 15.

Participating in a youth deer hunt does not prevent the youth from participating in the regular firearms deer season, but any deer harvested do count against the youth's season bag limit.

An adult parent, guardian or mentor must accompany the youth at all times while hunting, but only the youth may hunt. Both youth and mentor must attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation clinic.

Ten either-sex permits are available at the Blue Mounds State Park near Luverne.

The firearms permits will be given away for a hunt on Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday. Nov. 22. The clinic will be Friday, Nov. 20.

Youth must apply for the hunt at any DNR license agent,

Firearms permits will be given away for a hunt in the state park on Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22. The clinic will be Friday, Nov. 20.

the DNR License Center at 500 Lafayette Road in St. Paul, or online at http://www.mndnr. gov/buyalicense. For firearms hunts, apply with code 631.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of permits, the DNR will conduct a lottery.

Youth may only apply for one firearms hunt. Successful applicants also must meet all firearms safety requirements, purchase appropriate licenses and follow hunting regulations.

In addition to the 18 application-only hunts in state parks and refuge areas, any youth ages 10 to 15 can also participate in the youth deer season that runs from Thursday, Oct. 15, through Sunday, Oct. 18, in 27 permit areas that encompass portions of southeastern and northwestern Minnesota and portions of the Twin Cities metro area.

For more information on these hunts and more, visit www.mndnr.gov/discoverand click on youth deer hunts.



Original roof replaced on Veterans **Home in Luverne**

Workers from Premier Systems Inc. of Sioux Falls work at shingling the roof of the 65,000-square-foot Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne last week. The project began June 29 and is expected to take about two weeks to complete, according to Veterans Home Administrator Luke Schryvers. Cost was contracted for just under \$250,000 as part of the building's general maintenance. Portions of the roof had not been replaced since the home was first constructed in 1994, Schryvers said, adding that the facility has had five additions since then.



First Prairie Pedal Bike Tour begins in Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

The public is invited to join Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Tom Landwehr on a 122-mile "prairie pedal" bicycle ride from Luverne to Marshall, July 29-31.

The event is the first by the DNR commissioner for

Stops along the threeday ride will highlight some of the area's outdoor recreational opportunities in southwest Minnesota. Tota time to ride all three legs is estimated at 10 hours.

"The diversity of Minnesota's natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities is immense, but northern Minnesota gets much of the attention," Landwehr said.

"This tour will help us highlight the very beautiful prairie landscape and the many biking and camping opportunities that are available in southwestern Minnesota."

Biking enthusiasts and other interested individuals can join the commissioner at any of the stops or rides scheduled each day.

Helmets are required for cyclists on the ride.

Planned events are free, but state park vehicle fees may apply.

Currently the schedule

is as follows: Wednesday, July 29: Participants complete a 36- mile ride (estimated time three hours) beginning at 9-9:30 a.m. in Luverne.

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Map courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Tom Landwehr will lead his first Prairie Pedal Bike Tour from Luverne to Marshall from July 29-31. The commissioner is inviting the public to join him on the 155-mile bicycle ride.

Bicyclists begin the five-mile ride to Blue Mounds State Park; 9:30-10 a.m. visit Blue Mounds State Park; 12:30-2:30 p.m. community picnic at Split Rock Creek State Park (bring your own lunch); the first day's ride finishes in

Pipestone.

Thursday, July 30 The 43-mile ride with an estimated time 3 hours, 30 minutes will begin at 9-9:30 a.m. with a 5-mile ride on Casey Jones Trail from Pipestone to County

"This tour will help us highlight the very beautiful prairie landscape and the many biking and camping opportunities that are available in southwestern Minnesota."

– DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr

Road 16, finishing at Lake Shetek State Park; 7-7:30 p.m., 2-mile ride within the park; 7:30-8:30 p.m., commissioner's campfire at Lake Shetek State Park.

Friday, July 31

Final day is a 45-mile ride (estimated at 3 hours 40 minutes) beginning at 9-9:30 a.m. at Lake Shetek State Park with a 12:30-2:30 p.m. lunch at Camden State Park (bring your own lunch); and a 3:30 p.m. end of ride reception at Marshall High School.

RSVPs for the commissioner's Prairie Pedal Bike Tour are requested but are not required.

For more information on the family-friendly event or to sign up to ride, contact CommissionersBikeRide. dnr@state.mn.us.

A shuttle bus will be available July 28 for participants to leave personal vehicles at the Marshall High School and ride a shuttle bus to Luverne. The shuttle will operate from 5 to 7 p.m.

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to be troublesome," Koudelka added.

At their June 2 meeting, the Rock County Commissioners directed administrator Kyle Oldre to draft a letter asking how a six-year wait for a permit renewal is acceptable.

"It (the letter) actually got some pretty good attention," Oldre told commissioners at their July 7 meeting. "They have basically assured us we will go through the permit process

However, the process could take to the end of the year to complete.

The first step in the process is preparing documents for a public notice.

Originally to be complete by July 6, MPCA spokesperson Forrest Peterson said completion has already been moved to sometime later this month. Once the notice is published, a 30-day public comment period takes place.

He said depending on the number and issues the comments raise, the permit will be reissued.

"If there are some substantive comments, we can go back to the permit and make changes," Peterson

It is possible that a public hearing would be conducted if comments warrant such a meeting. However, public hearings are generally not necessary, he said.

"If all goes well, we will be issuing a five-year permit," Peterson said.

In other business, commissioners:

•Updated the veteran service officer's job description and approved a wage range adjustment

Besides assisting veterans and their dependents, current VSO David Haugom will also assist with exhibits and tours at the military museum. Qualifications for the position will now include a bachelor's degree in business management, military science or a related field. Originally a high school diploma or

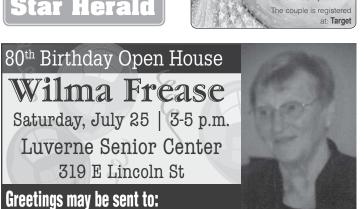
equivalent was necessary. Haugom's salary for the part-time position was raised from \$18,003 to \$18,075, retroactive to Jan.

•Met Rachel Jacobs of Ellsworth who was recently hired in the Land Records

•Set Aug. 4 to review six-month departmental expenditures.













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Conversations with pets are side effects of household with no TV

According to Nielson Media Analytics, the average American watches five hours of TV per day.



Our household has always represented the bottom side of these statistics, but for three weeks this summer our TV screens were dark.

Because we were disconnected. Completely. From TV,

Internet and phone. And it was quiet. Blissfully,

After the family went to bed, I heard crickets chirping — outside the closed windows.

And I talked to the cat and dog ... who cocked their heads sideways at me, bewildered.

That's how quiet it was. Moving is a transforming experience on so many levels there aren't enough columns in a newspaper to describe them.

But this column is about what happens in an "unconnected" house, free from distractions of blaring TV commercials and challenging "Wheel of Fortune" puzzles.

We moved into our new home before the builders were done with it, because we sold our home on the east side of the county before the new one on the west side was finished.

I've often said, amid mild inconveniences, that the little setbacks have helped us appreciate the new home more.

After two weeks of sleeping in other people's homes and in a borrowed camper, we moved into the new house the day the carpet layers vacated the prem-

We still didn't have a functioning kitchen, laundry appli-

On second **THOUGHT**

By Lori Sorenson, editor

ances or lights in most rooms, but we began settling with what

And got by with what we didn't have.

Like TV and Internet. The result is that the humans in the house have actually talked to each other. Attentively. With uninterrupted eye contact.

How often does that happen when the TV is on?

Actually, we noticed the teenagers weren't home much during this time. They had cozied up with their friends who had wired homes.

Moving into a new home has been a one-thing-at-a-time celebration.

Hey, cool, the microwave is wired." And, "Check this out; we have a light bar over the bathroom sink."

But the biggest celebration of all came on Tuesday, June 30, when the cable guy showed up to connect our phone, TV and Internet. I said to Adam, the Alliance guy, "How does it feel to be a hero?'

I got the impression he knew what I was talking about.

That night at suppertime, "Wheel of Fortune" blared in the background of table talk, and I participated in conversation while my eyes were fixed on the bonus round puzzle next to

Ahhh ... Our new house finally feels like home.

And the pets are relieved of their social obligations with the humans.

Slow down. Be patient. Stay safe.

End of Highway 75 construction weeks away

Construction on U.S. Highway 75 in Luverne is about halfway through the project timeline and we are starting to see some of its effects, both good and bad.

First the good effects.

Slowly, the large machines that have been digging and trenching in the middle and the sides of the roadway are disappearing.

There are no more gaping holes in the ground detouring traffic from both directions.

Slowly we are starting to see what U.S. Highway 75 will look like once all the rest of the machines are done and all the barricades are gone.

It's going to look nice.

Sidewalks on both the east and west sides of the highway will provide a nice walking and strolling surface.

The new surface will be safer, too, free of bumps and with ramps at each of the intersections to make it easier to maneuver up and down each of

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the curbs.

With the good, however, comes

Unfortunately, there will be more traffic interruptions as workers continue to beautify our roadway.

More barricades will seemingly appear and disappear during a given day and sometimes within hours.

Our patience is wearing thin but there is no need for the careless vehicle operation we have been seeing as the road construction enters its second month.

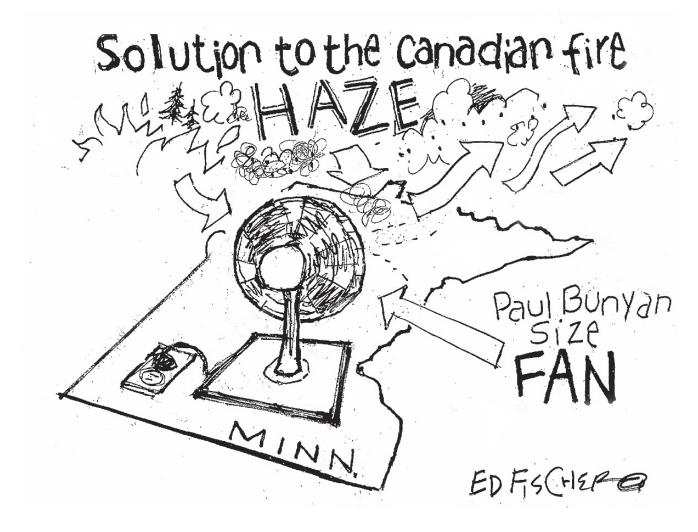
There is no need to pull out in front of traffic when we're tired of waiting at an intersection.

For the safety of everyone, we need to slow down and show more patience.

There have been numerous reports of near-miss collisions because people have sat at a stop sign a second longer than they deemed necessary. These drivers dash through traffic to the other side of the roadway or pull carelessly into traffic.

We as reporters of community news would rather not cover accidents during the road construction

Slow down. Be patient. Stay safe. Construction season will be over soon.



More than a driver's license is needed for mopeds

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, **Minnesota State Patrol**

Question: I read an article about gas-powered bicycles/mopeds and I have some questions of my own. What is needed in addition when one has a permit or driver's license?

Answer: These rules apply to required equipment and gear for moped riders:

•A moped must meet the same lighting requirements as a motorcycle, with a headlight, taillight and stop lamp. The headlight must be on during operation. Mopeds manufactured before 1987 are not normally equipped with a head light or tail lightand may be operated during daylight hours only.

•A horn and mirror are required safety equipment for a moped.

 Moped riders must wear protective eyewear.

•Moped riders under 18 years old must wear a DOT-approved motorcycle helmet.

•The Department of Public Safety recommends that moped operators observe the same rules of safety and wear the same protective



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, **Minnesota State Patrol**

equipment suggested for motorcycle riders.

These rules and restrictions apply to operating mopeds:

•Because of the relatively low speeds of mopeds, you should ride in the traffic lane as far right on the roadwayaspossibleunlessyouaremaking a left turn. Riding on sidewalks is not permitted except where it would be necessary for a short distance to get from a driveway, alley or building to an adjacent roadway.

 Mopeds are not allowed on lanes or trails that have been set aside for bicycles and the exclusive use of non-motorized traffic.

•Moped riders on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast and shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

·Mopeds are not allowed on interstate freeways.

•A moped equipped with a headlight and taillight that meet motorcycle lighting requirements may be operated during nighttime hours. "Night" or "nighttime" means the time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise.

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 MN 55901-5848, Troy. Christianson@state.mn.us) or on Twitter: MSPPIO_SOUTH.

Uncooperative co-ops

Kolsrud: Where we were trying to 'add value' we actually devalued the community

To the Editor:

It was 20 years ago this August, on a hot summer day, that a handful of farmers ventured to city hall to discuss the idea of forming a cooperative to "add value" to crops grown in the Luverne area. I remember it being a very eerie day $due \,to\,birds\,dying\,from\,insecticide$ put on top of many downtown buildings coupled with many residents sick which turned out to be an epidemic of Legionnaires' disease.

So what happened in those 20 years? Farmers, developers, builders, city-county-state officials, bankers, businessmen and etc. all worked together to make "value added" a reality. The financial results far exceeded even our bestcase scenario. From a money or financial standpoint no one could have predicted this high level of success.

Where are we today? In my opinion, where we were

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trying to "add value" we actually devalued the community. We now live in a community where:

1. We used to have neighbors now we have competitors.

2. We used to give our neighbors a hand — now we hand them subpoenas.

3. Family get-togethers that used to be fun and festive - are now arguments about "who gets what and when."

My, how things have changed in 20 years.

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On the record

Dispatch report

July 3

·Complainant reported problem with garage door.

 Complainant reported two people knocked on his door. Complainant yelled at them. One was wearing a skeleton mask and pants and the other was wearing shorts. Both had dark clothing and ran toward Blue Mound Ave.

·Complainant found a grey Stanley utility knife. Brought to Rock County Sherriff's Office.

 Complainant reported several alarms going off at a business. They said it was either a burglary or there are cattle out. Deputy found fifty head of cattle. Alarm company will contact key holder.

 Complainant requested a deputy to go to I-90 mm 1 westbound lane for a light brown Buick Lacrosse with a 51-year-old female having chest pains and trouble breathing. Valley Springs Med Star were already started.

•Complainant requested a deputy assist while he gets his stuff, due to a restraining order.

 Complainant requested we check an electrical box in the alley behind the Blue Mound Towers. It appears to have been run into and wires are hanging.

•Complainant reported problems with getting his kids for the weekend. Deputy spoke with the mother and she will take them to a public meeting place. She was warned about withholding the kids

 Deputy was flagged down by a party looking for her 8-year-old daughter. She is with five other girls and thinks she is just out having fun. Mother called in and the girl has been located.

 Complainant reported a key hanging out of a door in the car lot. Contacted owner who will take

•Complainant reported there is a 4-year-old boy running down S. Kniss Avenue looking for his mom. Child said his name is James and that his mom left him at the house and now he is looking for her. Child released to his father who was at

•Complainant requested someone check on her sister-inlaw because she didn't sound well over the phone. Complainant thinks she may be overtaking her

July 4

•Complainant reported six to seven kids vandalized property at the City Centre apartments. They knocked down ceiling tiles and damaged a fire exit sign. They were chased away by a tenant.

•Southwest Youth Services of Magnolia reported they have three runners: two Native Americans with short hair and one Caucasian with shoulder length brown hair who is limping. All three boys were wearing shorts. The boys headed southbound through the cornfield. They were all caught.

•Complainant reported the green house south of Ketterling's is shooting off fireworks for the third day in a row. Complainant's dog is tearing at the door to get out.

•Complainant reported her vehicle was stolen from her exboyfriend's house. Complainant knows who took it.

 Deputy reported a door has beenkickedin. Itlooks abandoned. Unable to make contact with the manager.

•Complainant reported she has residents with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and someone is shooting off fireworks across from the Hinkly House.

 Complainant reported aerial fireworks at a house on W. Lawn

 Complainant reported three cars throwing fireworks at passing vehicles on 121st Street. One is an SUV and one is an older whitish Oldsmobile and there is one more but no description.

 Deputy stopped at 121st Street and 60th Avenue for a motorist

July 5 Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding getting an emergency order for protection against subject. Dispatch asked if subject was being abusive and complainant responded by saying she didn't want to press charges.

 Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported subject is trying to leave and is drunk. They have people restraining him and he is arguing. Subject would not cooperate with deputies so he was taken to jail for disorderly conduct.

 Complainant reported a lady on a four-wheeler with a kid sitting on the front and a 1- to 2-year-old sitting in front of her. Yesterday, the same four-wheeler had four kids and an adult while driving.

•Complainant reported a black pickup and camper blocking the sidewalk on North Oakley.

 Complainant reported a guy is yelling at a 10-year-old kid and complainant does not like it.

•Complainant reported a branch in the road. Deputy removed it.

 Deputy arrested subject for narcotics and had the vehicle towed. Subject was taken to jail.

July 6

 Complainant reported they would be having the Honor Guard fire off their rifles at the American Reformed Church after a funeral service on Tuesday, July 7.

•Dispatcher received a 911 call and could hear kids talking. Called the number back and woman said it was her granddaughter who must have been playing with the

 Complainant reported that subject is on her way to complainant's residence to pick up some belongings and they have had issues in the past. Complainant requested a deputy be present. Subject called in also and requested we send a deputy because of past history.

•Complainant reported a motorcycle accident by the airport. Motorcycle hit a dog. Paged helicopter to meet at the hospital.

One person transported and owner of dog was contacted.

•Complainant requested we do a welfare check on a family that they have some concerns about.

Reserved for narcotic laws.

•Complainant reported the crew working on Hwy. 75 will be closing a small section of the road at Gabrielson Road by the Exchange State Bank until tomorrow.

 Complainant reported that her house was broken into sometime in the last few hours. Believes only jewelry and medication was stolen.

July 7

 Complainant reported her 3-year-old child was missing when she woke up from her nap. Glen's Food Center called and said the child was there alone. Sent deputy to get the child, along with the

•Reserved for narcotic info.

•Complainant requested extra patrol because people are speeding from Oakley Street at Main Street and out of town on County Rd. 4. They are going way too fast.

•Complainant reported man came over to work on her camper and subject came over and started yelling at the man. Two people called 911 about a dispute and requested deputies.

•Complainant reported his neighbor is pulling the siding off the house and throwing it, and a piece hit complainant's house. Deputy spoke to both parties and advised the neighbor to be careful. Complainant's house was not damaged.

 Complainant reported that he believes his neighbor stole two old Schwinn bikes from his yard.

 Complainant reported someone vandalized his house.

•Complainant reported a black car with Texas plates and a banner hanging out the window is currently parked but has been driving around and the occupants are drinking.

 Complainant reported someone is knocking on the door and shining lights through the windows. Complainant saw that it was two neighbor kids and they wanted him to open his garage and let out their trapped cat.

July 8

•Complainant reported Hwy. 75 will be closed from W. Hatting Street to W. Warren Street July 8 through July 9.

•Complainant reported there is a garbage can rolling around in the street.

 Complainant reported there will be four solicitors that were issued a permit going around selling products from Clear Satellite for Direct TV. They will be here from July 9 through July 11.

•Complainant requested a deputy come to her house. She wasn't making sense so deputy ended up transporting her to the emergency room.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject who has not been seen for a while. Deputies reported that his car is home but he hasn't been there for a while. Subject was located.

•Complainant reported a vul-

 Complainant reported one of the runaways is back at their facility. They had previously been taken to Sioux Falls.

•Reserved for POR registration.

•Complainant reported she is watching an autistic boy and she went to her car and now he is missing. Boy was located.

•Complainant reported an abandoned bike on the bike path. It was a mountain bike and was put in the impound.

•Complainant reported problems with people in one of the roomsat the motel. Subject was removed from the property.

•Complainant reported cars are going down Donaldson Street with the road construction and they are going 40 mph.

 $\bullet Complainant reported a group \\$ of girls outside on the east side of the Blue Mound Towers who were being loud. Complainant asked them to quiet down and they refused and made racist remarks.

 Complainant reported a boulder in the road at Hwy. 75 and 251^{st} Street. It is approximately 3'X3'.

July 9

•Complainant reported her son did not come home last night. He asked her if he could stay the night at his cousin's and she told him no. He won't answer his phone.

•Complainant reported she was scammed on Craigslist. Subject was going to write her a cashier's check, have her cash it and send back the extra money. Complainant is going to send back the envelope. She is not out of any money.

•Complainant reported a vagrant at the I-90 Luverne exit. He was transported to meet a Nobles County deputy to head east.

 Deputy received information that a 12-year-old boy is riding a dirt bike in the Manfred Addition and tearing up the grass. Deputy spoke with grandmother and told her not $to \, let \, him \, do \, it \, again. \, Grandson \, lives$

•Complainant reported she is being threatened, as well as her property. Complainant would like extra patrol around her residence.

 Complainant reported a vehicle swerved at him and yelled at him.

 Complainant reported that someone flagged down their deputy by Adrian to report a pedestrian walking on I-90 eastbound mm 14 with dark clothing on. Rock County deputy transported man to meet the Nobles County deputy.

•Complainant reported people playing basketball in the Baptist Church parking lot with loud music and making a lot of noise. Deputy spoke with some juveniles and they are done and will be quiet. In addition, officers responded

to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 2 funeral escorts, 18 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 5 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 1 gas drive-off, 7 log/alarm sheets, 11 drug court tests, and issued 2 purchase/carry permits and 9 burn permits.

Cloquet men injured in rollover on I-90

By Mavis Fodness

A Cloquet man was seriously injured Wednesday, July 8, in a one-vehicle rollover accident on Interstate 90 east of Luverne.

The driver, Emil H. Juntunen, 50, of Cloquet, was eastbound in a 1996 GMC Jimmy when he lost control and went into the ditch.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, he overcorrected in the ditch, resulting in the vehicle rolling multiple times before coming to rest on the driver's side.

The report states the accident occurred at 11 a.m.

Passenger Brian P. Wait, 55, also of Cloquet, received nonlifethreatening injuries.

The Rock County Ambulance Service transported both men to Sanford Luverne Hospital. The Rock County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

The preliminary report indicated neither man was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was totaled.

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if the holes could be repaired in preparation for possible sealcoating next year.

"I just looked at the worst of the worst," Staples said. "Given the condition the streets are in ... I cannot give any guarantees." One such location, Staples

pointed out, was on South Prospect Street where the area is too large for Staples to patch by hand. "We have to do something with

our streets," said member Carey Tunnissen. "We have gone too long." Work is scheduled to begin in early August.

Hardwick will receive \$9,020 through the Small Cities Assistance Bill.

Other Rock County communities and the amounts they will receive are: Luverne \$54,275, Hills \$14,424; Steen \$9,299; Magnolia \$8,069; and Kenneth \$7,274.

The funding amounts are based on population and lane miles within each community. Minimally, communities would receive \$5,100 with the largest amount at \$62,000. There are 706 cities in Minne-

sotawith fewer than 5,000 residents. Jackson said efforts are in place

to lobby for the assistance bill to become a continual funding stream for small city streets.



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Presentation Night awards 4-H'ers for their work both individually and in groups

Rock County 4-H conducted their annual Presentation Night on Monday, July 6, with members participating in performing arts, demonstrations, foods review and club banner judging.

This year's performing arts performances included piano, clarinet, flute, saxophone and vocal selections, as well as a dance presentation.

Participants receiving blue ribbons were Michaela Abels, Alex Hartman, Sarah Essman, Hannah Kruse, Krista Burkman and Elise Ferrell-Johnson. Gabrielle Ferrell-Johnson received a purple on her vocal solo. Alli LaRock received Reserve Champion with her vocal/hand/

cup performance, and Josie Scholten received grand champion on her flute solo.

Foods review participantsreceivingblueribbons included Cassi Chesley, Katherine Kelm, Danette Leenderts, Allison LaRock and Michaela Abels. Sarah Stegenga, Elisabeth Kelm and Ryleigh Beers received purple awards. Alexa Chesley received reserve champion on her "Tropical Tacos" and Maddie Stegenga received grand champion on her "Masquerade" meal and place setting.

Demonstrations included Joni VanderBeek's "Tacking Up" with her horse receiving a purple, Hannah Kruse's "Bite into Beef" receiving reserve champion, and Andrew Raak's "The Cow's Stomach" receiving grand champion.

Club banners were also judged with Livewires receiving the grand champion and Blue Mound Climbers receiving reserve champion. Both clubs earned a state fair trip.

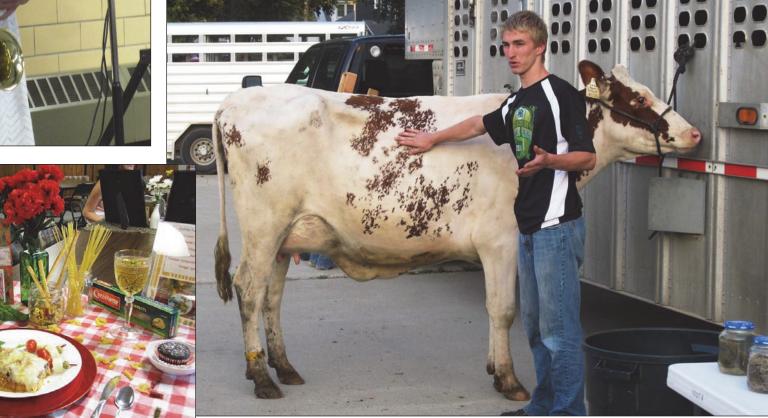
> Right: Spaghetti Pizza Bake is Cassi Chesley's foods revue entry. The County K-9 4-H Club earned a blue ribbon.

Far Right: Denver Go-Getters 4-H Club member Andrew Raak demonstrates his knowledge of a cow's stomach. Raak earned a grand champion ribbon

Right: The Livewires 4-H Club's banner "Improve your 'selfie' with 4-H" earns a grand champion ribbon. Presenting their idea to judge Joyce Soderholm are (from left) Hannah Kruse, Leah Kruse, Megan Popkes, Dalton Popkes, (standing) Karly Kruse, Claire Popkes and Sage VerSteeg.

Below: Elise Ferrell-Johnson of the County K-9 4-H Club performs a saxophone solo. Her solo earned a blue ribbon.





CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for Lexi Glies (brideto-be of Ahren Schiebout) will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the fire hall in Lake Wilson.

An open house couples shower for Ashley Hanson and Josh Christensen will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at the home of Ashley's parents at 309 W. Luverne St., Luverne.

Wilma Frease will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Luverne Senior Center. Greetings may be sent to her at 114W. Warren St., Luverne, MN 56156.

ENGAGEMENT

Mark Van Dyke, Hardwick, and Jocelyn Laverman, Ocheyedan, Iowa, announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Vickie Van Dyke, Hardwick, and Steven and Mary Laverman, Ocheyedan.

Jocelyn graduated from Sibley-Ocheyedan High School in 2006 and from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, in 2010. She is a kindergarten teacher at Hanson Elementary School in Alexandria, South

Mark graduated from Luverne High School in 2005 and from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, in 2009. He is an agronomy sales manager at CHS in Mitchell, South Dakota.

They are planning an



Jocelyn Laverman and Mark Van Dyke

Aug. 1 wedding at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sibley, Iowa.

1922: Steen State Bank robbed of less than \$300

The following appeared $in \, the \, Rock \, County \, Herald \, on \,$ November 3, 1922:

BURGLARS PAY VISIT TO STATE BANK OF STEEN

Gain Entrance Through Window and Ransack Safety Deposit Boxes-Obtain Less Than \$300

The Steen State bank was burglarized early Saturday morning. About \$150 in bonds and War Savings stamps, and from \$15 to \$20 in pennies, besides certificates of deposit and other valuables which they found in the safety deposit boxes were secured. Church money, amounting to about \$75, which had been left in



BITS BY **BETTY**

By Betty Mann, president Rock County **Historical Society**

the vault for temporary safekeeping, also disappeared.

or three o'clock in the morning, but it was not discovered until the following day when the cashier of the bank, A. H. Stell, came to open the building. The gang had stolen their $tools from \, the \, railroad \, section$ house, and gained entrance to the bank by breaking through a side window. The combinations of both the inner and outer doors of the vault were blown off, and the safety deposit boxes pillaged in a way that left them nothing more than a worthless heap of scrap metal. The robbers took the precaution of piling a number of sacks of earth around doors to deaden the sound of the explosion. The money safe had

It is believed that the rob-

bery was committed at two

not been tampered with, the \$20 in pennies mentioned above having been left outside of the safe.

Because of the fact that the safety deposit boxes had been rifled, it has been impossible to ascertain the accurate amount of the loss, for some of the customers hadkeptvariousvaluablesin their boxes, and these were also taken.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Menu

Senior Citizens

Monday, July 20: Swiss steak, baked potato with sour cream, corn,

Tuesday, July 21: Roast turkey, and carrots, cranberry garnish,

Program: Gerri Mitchell, dieti-

fresh fruit, hash browns, muffin. Program: Peer Helper visits. 5

Thursday, July 23: Pork chop

rots, dinner roll, angel food cake

with fruit sauce. Program: Music with Bruce Dysthe; Celebrate wedding anniversaries

Friday, July 24: Meatloaf with ketchup, scalloped potatoes, coun-

try blend vegetables, bread, pears. Program: Display fair projects. Senior Dining offers well-

balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Bringafriendormakenewones. Call Janice Fick at 283-9846

Attenda meeting Monday, July 20, to learn more about the program and what it offers individuals and communities.

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Attend Monday's information meeting

(BCLP) is offering its nationally recognized leader-

ship training in the Luverne area.

The Blandin Community Leadership Program

The meeting is from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, July

20, in the Bluestem. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

RSVP by July 17 to 877-882-2257. Applications for BCLP are due Aug. 3. Visit lead-

covers all the costs of the program. The community leadership program helps rural leaders develop and enhance skills, knowledge and relationships they need to build and sustain healthy communities.

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bread, pineapple.

mashed potatoes with gravy, peas bread, fruit shortcake.

tian, visits. Wednesday, July 22: Egg bake,

p.m. United Methodist Church free community meal.

with gravy, mashed potatoes, car-

to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

VanCamp brings cowboy church to Luverne July 19

By Lori Sorenson

An Arizona pastor will bring his message to the **Rock County Fairgrounds** Sunday, July 19, thanks to his connections with Minnesota snowbirds from Luverne.

The Rev. Billy VanCamp will preach in Luverne at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19, in the show arena at the fair-

VanCamp, founder of Heart Cry Cowboy Church in Arizona, delivers a Christian message "in a unique cowboy style," according to the church website.

"I preach for people to learn passion, purpose and a reason to live," said VanCamp, who describes himself as a "straight-up traditional pastor."

His church services are held at a ranch in Queen Creek, Arizona, and often involve horses, roping and



Rev. Billy VanCamp will bring his usual Arizona cowboy church service 1,500 north to Luverne on Sunday, July 19. The service will begining at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

On July 19 that cowboy church service will move northeast 1,500 miles to

"I'm looking forward to getting out of this heat," Van-Camp said Thursday when it was 115 degrees in Arizona.

He said he doesn't normally take his message on the road, but he was invited to Minnesota by some Luverne residents who attend his Arizona services when they vacation there.

Harold and Nancy Ver-Steeg and Henry and Carol Zwaan are among them.

"I ride a Harley, and so does Harold, so when he's down here we ride together," VanCamp said. "And Henry has a quad, and so do I, so we also like to ride."

VanCamp also mentioned that he met Debbie Hup and friends at an Arizona service recently.

He said he's looking forward to traveling to Minnesota with his wife and

daughter next week.

"The only place I've been in Minnesota is the airport, so I can't wait to come and spend time there," VanCamp said.

New Life Celebration Church, Luverne, is hosting VanCamp's Cowboy Church on Sunday, July 19.

He said the public is welcome, no horses necessary, and people should come prepared to hear from the raw gospel.

"I dig down deeper into the Bible and bring more light on what the gospel really is," VanCamp said. "I get really excited when I start talking about the Bible."

Questions about the July 19 event can be directed to 507-449-6522.

More information about VanCamp and Heart Cry Cowboy Church can be found at heartcrychurch.com.

OBITUARIES

Erma Smith

Erma Smith, 97, Trenton, Florida, died in Williston, Florida, on Saturday, July 4, 2015.

Erma Langhout was born to Samuel and Minnie Langhout in 1918 near Beaver Creek. She graduated from Luverne High School.

In 1939 she married her high school friend David H. Smith. The couple had three children. Her husband was a staff writer for the Argus Leader for many years. During her time in Sioux Falls, Erma owned and operated Red Barn Antiques from 1969 to 1996. In 1996 she moved to

rural Levy County, Florida. Erma is survived by three chil-

dren, Carole Ryden, Luverne, Debra Smith, Bronson, Florida, and Mark Smith, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Smith, a grandson, Tanner Ensenbach, and nine siblings, Virginia, Henry, Dorothy, Clarence, Earl, Ivan, Stanley, Charlotte and Helen.

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

·A few weeks have passed since Rock County's Relay for Life was held. It was a great event at our beautiful city park with great weather. The event raised more than \$75,000 for American Cancer Society.

25 years ago (1995)

•In an overwhelming vote of approval, members of the Magnolia and Luverne co-op elevators decided to proceed with the planned merger of the two co-ops. About 90 percent of the Luverne members voted yes, and more than 85 percent of the Magnolia members voted yes. Only a two-thirds majority vote was needed to pass the merger.

50 years ago (1965)

·Plans to construct a new express way type service station at the junction of Interstate 90 and U.S. 75, south of Luverne were announced this week. According to Earl Wilkens, district sales representative for Texaco, of Sioux Falls, The Christensen Corporation, Luverne, has been awarded the contract for the two-bay porcelain enamel structure that will go up on the northwest corner of the interchange.

75 years ago (1940)

•Laying the dust on dirt streets, cleaning up the refuse on paved thoroughfares and quenching fires, constitutes the versatility of the city's new motorized flushing and sprinkling unit, which has passed all of its tests, and is now in daily operation over the city's streets.

100 years ago (1915)

•That one person out of every twelve people in Rock county now owns an automobile is a fact substantiated by the reports of the various assessors of Rock county and the records of sales of automobile dealers in Luverne. In other words, taking the accepted theory as to the average size of a family, approximately one-half of all the families in Rock county are supplied with automobiles.

Local deputy honored at Twins game

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County Deputy Dallas Hamm is among 39 law enforcement officers and prosecutors recognized as DWI Enforcer All-Stars during the Minnesota Twins pregame activities at Target Field Thursday, July 9.

The All-Stars represent 32 agencies and, in 2014, they made 2,281 DWI arrests across Minnesota, helping prevent fatalities and life-changing injuries.

This is the eighth Minnesota All-Star team selected by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety for outstanding service in enforcement and prosecution of drunk driving.

"I am just out there trying to make the road safer for everyone," Hamm said. "One less drunk driver on the road is one less hazardous threat to hit an innocent party."

Last year, Rock County Deputy Dan Fick was among the honorees.

"While alcohol is the top factor in Minnesota traffic fatalities, most motorists don't drive impaired," said Donna Berger, Office of Traffic Safety

"More drivers in Minnesota are committed to finding



Dallas Hamm is named to the eighth Minnesota All-Star team. He attended the awards ceremony with his wife, Jessica, and son, Carter.

a sober ride, and for those who don't, we're grateful to the All-Stars and all of law enforcement for protecting our safety."

Hamm, son of Dave and Brenda Hamm, grew up near Leota and graduated in 2007 from Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton.

He now lives in Luverne with his wife, Jessica (Klein) Hamm, and their 6-monthold son, Carter.

School News

MSU, Mankato

Four area students were recently named to Minnesota State University, Mankato, dean's list for the 2015 Spring semester. Joshua Friedrichsen was recognized on the high honor list with a 4.0 GPA. Adam Gruis, Mariah Miller, and Morgan Sommers were named to the honor list with a

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Beaver Creek resident receives 'Thanks'

Harley Fransman of Beaver Creek has received a special thank you for paying it forward in his community.

Fransman was selected to receive free fuel from Tanks of Thanks, a program that re $wards\,people\,who\,go\,the\,extra$ mile for others.

The \$50 Tanks of Thanks gift card is redeemable at any Cenex® location.

Fransmanwasrecognized for his active role on the local school board and in his church. Currently, he is helping his

daughter build a house.

The Tanks of Thanks program from CHS and Cenex retailers encourages people to nominate neighbors, family and friends for free fuel as a way to thank them for doing good deeds, large or small. Each month, more than \$5,000 in free fuel is given away through the Tanks of Thanks program.

To make a nomination, visit <u>TanksofThanks.com</u> and briefly describe why someone deserves a Tank of Thanks.

Sanford offering video visits for common health conditions

Video visits, Sanford Health's service connecting patients with providers over a mobile device or computer for non-emergency health care concerns, are now available for patients in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

Videovisitsprovideaccess to a designated team of acute care providers. By using an iPhone, iPad, Android device or any computer with a webcam, patients are able to see the provider on their screen. Non-emergency primary care needs that could be addressed by a video visit include, for example, aches, pains, bladder infections, coughs, colds, diarrhea, pink eye, rashes and sinus infections. More urgent or complex cases may not be appropriate for a video visit.

Video visit patients must have a My Sanford Chart account and be at least 18 years old. The digital appointments are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Video visits are available to current patients in North Dakota and to current and new patients in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

The cost for a video visit is \$55. For more information, visit sanfordhealth.org.



Cheering despite heat, broken leg McKenzie Van Grootheest (left) and Anna Boltjes, who broke her

leg earlier in the day sliding into third base, create their own shade Saturday, July 11, at the Dutch Festival girls' softball tournament in Edgerton, where temperatures reached in the 90s. "She wanted to cheer on the team," said mom, Marti Boltjes, after taking Anna to the emergency room in Luverne and then back to Edgerton. "They (the team) wanted me to come back," Anna said. Two Luverne teams competed in the tournament where Boltjes' team finished second in the fifth- and sixth-grade division.



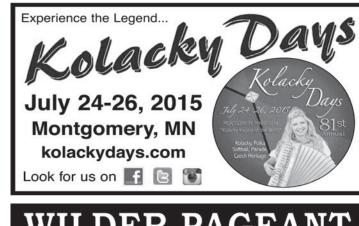
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John Call, the business, Crossroads Trailer Sales and Service, will likely have only one employee and won't generate a notable amount of property taxes, but the idea was to encourage progress.

"We wanted to provide some incentive to make this work, but the biggest incentive for the city was to eliminate blight," Call said.

"We'll have a whole new look on South Highway 75 after this year, and you go over the interstate and look at this."

Call said the dilapidated buildings are now used to store hay, and the 3-acre parcel was generating only \$8 per year in property taxes for Luverne Township.

On the agenda at Tuesday night's Luverne City Council meeting was a resolution for orderly annexation of the land so it can be served by city utilities and services.

The city of Luverne and Luverne Township had previously worked on an agreement in which the city will pay the township a lump sum of \$40 or five years of tax revenue.

Call said the city's boundary line is ragged on the south edge of town, because at one time, some property owners paid assessments to become part of the city to access to city water and sewer services. But some property owners decided not to annex, and that's why the boundary line zigzags.

Call said it won't be difficult to connect the Crossroads Trucking property to city services, because its neighbor to the south, Busse Plumbing and Heating, is already in city limits.

Also on Tuesday night's agenda was the annexation of a half-acre sliver of property between the Busse and Crossroads property.

Jim and Stacie Busse, who own the parcel, had requested it be annexed along with the Crossroads piece.



Mavis Fodness photo/0716 Highway 75

Underground work is complete on Highway 75

Construction on U.S. Highway 75 in Luverne is two weeks behind schedule, but Luverne City Administrator John Call said all underground work finished the past week. "Everything that happens now, you're going to see." The installation of new water and sewer lines took longer than expected, he said, with work just beginning on the new curb and gutter from Main Street south to Interstate 90. Call said crews are currently preparing the new sidewalks on both sides of the roadway and the mill-and-overlay work on the surface will begin soon. The project completion is set for August, when the roadway will be restriped from four lanes to three.

Permit granted for swine barn expansion

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved the expansion of a swine-finishing barn in Mound Township at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 16.

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Chad Hoff, Luverne, applied for a conditional use permit through the Rock County Land Management Office earlier this month.

A public hearing was conducted Monday, June 15, by the county's Planning and Zoning Commission, which recommended the permit's approval.

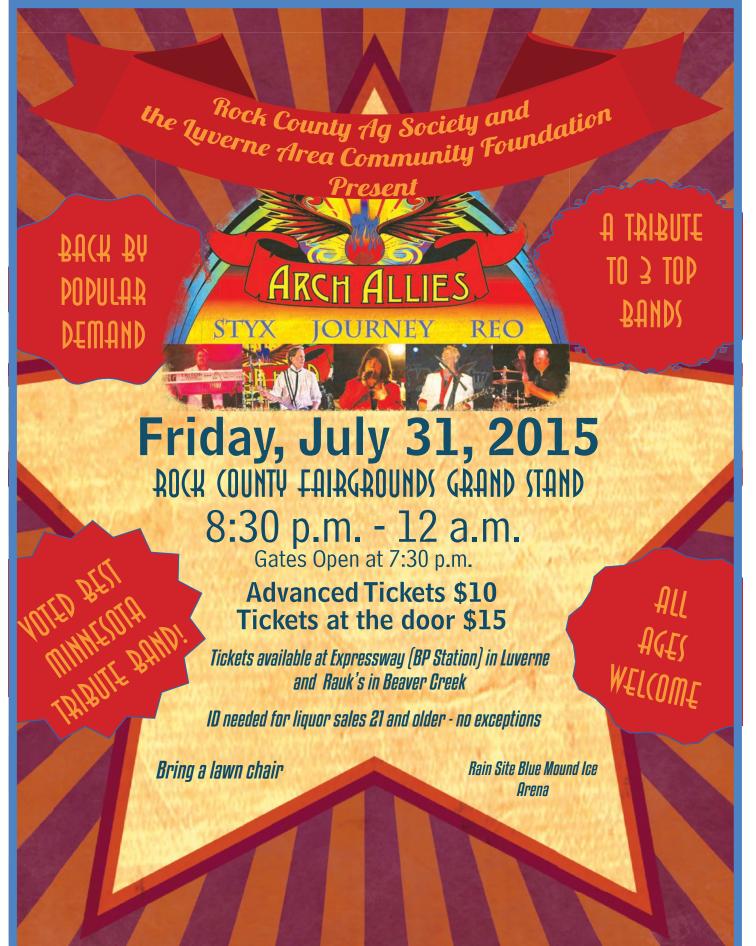
"It was a very quiet hearing last night," said LMO director Eric Hartman. "Chad was the only person who attended the hearing."

Hoff is expanding an existing operation located in the southwest quarter of Section 18 of Mound Township. Currently, the site consists of two 1,200-head finishing barns with under floor manure storage. Total capacity is 720 animal units.

Hoff's proposed expansion is for one additional 1,200-head finishing barn on the same site. The expansion increases animal units to 1,080.

Commissioners unanimously approved the conditional use permit with its eight proposed conditions

The conditions include applying and receiving a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, provide LMO with an annual letter of certification and adhere to the state's air emissions and order management plans.



Public invited to free guided prairie hike near Pipestone July 18

The public is invited to join a free guided prairie hike at the Prairie Coteau Scientificand Natural Area (SNA) at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 18.

The two-hour hike will explore a 420-acre dry hill prairie, also known as the highland of the prairies, to learn about the plants and wildlife that make this type of prairie home.

Bring a camera, field guide, sketchbook and binoculars to capture the expe-

There are no maintained trails on the SNA and hiking will be on uneven terrain. Bring footwear that is appropriate for hiking, along with a hat, sunscreen, water and insect repellant. There are no restrooms or access to drinking water at this site. The tour will take place, rain or shine.

From Pipestone go 10 miles northeast on Minne-

sota Highway 23, then one-half mile west on County Road 81 (181st Street). Turn north on County Road 80 (150th Avenue) and go 1 mile. Turn east on 191st Streetandgoone-halfmile. Park at the dead end. The hike will begin there.

Funding was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

SNAs preserve natural features and rare resources of exceptional scientific and educational value. They are open year-round for nature observation and education but are not meantforintensive recreational activities. For more information on SNAs, visit www.mndnr.gov/snas/index.html.

For more information on the hike, contact Veronika Phillips at 952-454-8428 or vphillips. habitat@gmail.com.





Star Herald RIETY



Lori Sorenson photos/0716 van wettering toy farm

Ardell Van Wettering's toy farm collection will be featured on the cover of Toy Farmer Magazine, a national publication with thousands of readers worldwide. The story, which includes some of these Star Herald images, is in the August edition, which comes out July 20.

Tiny tractors

Local toy farm collection hits cover of national magazine

Photographs and text by Lori Sorenson

Ardell Van Wettering, Luverne, is a grownup with kid-sized farm equipment.

He also has toy race cars, semi trucks and other miscellaneous miniature machinery on wheels.

But he really likes his farm toys, and there are hundreds of them in his extensive collection.

It includes tractors, wagons, combines, disks, mowers, rakes, balers, manure spreaders and every other imaginable piece of equipment you'd find on a real farm.

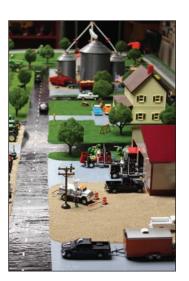
"Everyone needs a hobby so this is mine," he said. "I enjoy showing the little kids and watching their faces."

While he enjoys showing it off, he'd rather not share especially not with children, who could mess up his artfully assembled display.

The farmyard is more of a farm community, with houses, a police station, barns, machine shops, a bin site, farm animals and nearby farm ground.

Children might have too much fun with the dirt, which is cleverly sculpted to appear as if it were recently tilled in neat rows.

A nearby toy pickup appears to be stuck in a soft spot in the field, a realistic scenario for anyone accus-



tomed to spring planting.

Another area of the display is dedicated to hay and baling equipment, complete with windrows, bales (both square and round) and hayracks.

And it's all tied together by an oval railroad track, which, of course, carries a working train.

When asked why he does it, Ardell just shrugs. "I just like it ... It's something I enjoy."

His collection started on a table in the basement family room, but as it grew a few pieces every year, his wife, Jennifer, gently suggested he relocate to a nearby storage room.

That room is now filled with the collection, which also includes some NASCAR memorabilia.

"We always know what to get him for his birthday or Christmas," Jennifer said, and Ardell admits to dropping hints as to what those new pieces might be.

What he doesn't get as gifts he goes shopping for at regional toy shows in the tri-state area.

"It's gotten to be a family affair," he said about the road trips with Jennifer and their daughters, Brooke, 19, and Ashley, 15.

One of their favorite stops is in Dyersville, Iowa, home of the National Farm Toy Museum.

That's also home to the National Farm Toy Show, started by Toy Farmer Magazine, a national publication dedicated to farm toy enthusiasts.

The Van Wettering farm village caught the attention of Toy Farmer publishers, and the Luverne display will be featured on the cover of the magazine's upcoming August edition.

"When I started this I didn't know it would get this big and end up on the cover of a magazine," Ardell said of



Ardell Van Wettering's tov farm collection is actually a toy farm community, featuring streets, homes, lawns and a police department, in addition to farms and fields.









his newfound fame.

Toy Farmer Magazine, based in LaMoure, North Dakota, started in 1978 as a one-page newsletter with 17 subscribers.

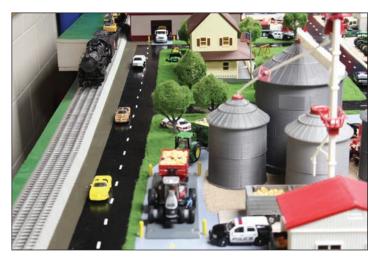
As the popularity of farm toy collecting grew through the years so did the magazine, which became a 90-page monthly magazine with a print circulation of roughly 28,000.

The August 2015 edition featuring the Van Wettering farm toys will hit the stands on July 20.









Star Herald PORTS

VFW caps regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne VFW baseball team completed a 7-8 regular season by recording a walk-off win at Redbird Field Thursday.

Taking on Westbrook for the second time this summer, the young Cardinals found themselves facing a 4-1 deficit early in the contest.

Luverne battled back to knot the score at four after four innings of play and pushed the game-winning run across home plate in the bottom half of the seventh inning.

Declan Beers was hit by a pitch and advanced to second base when Alex Loosbrock bounced out to the second baseman for the second out of the seventh inning.

Trey Roberts then came through in the clutch when he lined a single into the outfield that scored Beers and clinched a 5-4 win for the hosts.

Roberts doubled and gave the Cards a 1-0 lead in the bottom half of the second inning when he scored on an infield single by Dylan Forshey.

Westbrook moved in front with a four-run rally in the top of the third, but Luverne battled back to knot the score by scoring one run in the third inning and two in the fourth.

Beers singled and scored on a double by Roberts to make it a 4-2 game in the bottom of the third.

Jesse Reed delivered an RBI triple and scored the tying run in the fourth inning after Beers registered a sacrifice fly.

Alex Loosbrock tossed a scoreless seventh inning to pick up the pitching win for

Tyler Reisdorfer tossed six innings of four-run ball as the starting pitcher.

Box score Reisdorfer **Beers** A.Loosbrock Roberts Bass Z.Loosbrock

Haakenson, Kashdan capture M-G title

By John Rittenhouse

Tyler Kashdan believes in making positive first impressions.

To that end, the Charlotte, N.C., native stepped out of his comfort zone last summer to extend an olive branch to Luverne's Mike Haakenson.

After learning about Haakenson's passion for golf, Kashdan, who played the game from time to time on a recreational basis in the past, stepped it up a notch in 2014.

He went out and purchased his first set of clubs and went to work on his game.

"I didn't want to embarrass myself in front of my future father-in-law," Kashdan said.

"I have played golf a little bit in the past, but the woods I was using were made out of wood. I got a new set last year and worked hard at it."

The work Kashdan put in on developing his game paid off during the 34th version of the Member-Guest Tournament staged Friday and Saturday at the Luverne Country Club.

Not only did Kashdan walk away with the tournament's low net trophy, he helped Haakenson win the tournament's team title.

The Haakenson-Kashdan combination produced positive numbers during competition on Friday and Saturday to claim the team championship with 14 1/2 points.

"We were pretty steady on the course both days," said Haakenson, who won the M-G title with Jim Walker in 2006.

"We were in second place on Friday and moved up on Saturday."

With both players having their moments during the two-day event, they were able to win the team championship in an ultra competitive field.

A total of 38 teams participated in the event, and 26 of the squads turned in positive point totals.

"He(Haakenson)playedwell on Friday and I played well Saturday," Kashdan offered.



John Rittenhouse photo/0716 MG champs

Charlotte, N.C., native Tyler Kashdan (left) and Mike Haakenson (right) won the Member-Guest Tournament title.

With Haakenson leading the charge, the eventual champions turned in a ninepoint performance on Friday.

Member Scott Remme and his guest, Adrian's Dallas Bullerman, led the field when the first round was complete with 10 points.

The nine points Haakenson and Kashdan produced on Friday gave them a share of second place along with member Jon Finke and his son, Adam Finke, of Dell Rapids, S.D.

Member Jeff Hartquist and his guest, Minneapolis' Tom Spears, were three points off the pace with seven.

Member Nate Golla and Jon Kvamme, of St. Louis Park, scored six points Friday as did

member Dave Halverson and his guest, Steen's Brad Haak.

A total of 16 teams finished play on Friday with positive points. The competition proved to be even stiffer on Saturday, with 22 teams producing points.

One team (member Micky Sehr and Chad Brown, of Brandon, S.D.) turned in a stunning 20-point effort on Saturday.

In the end, it was the steady play of Haakenson and Kashdan that settled the issue.

The champs added 5 ½ points to their total from Friday for a 14 1/2-point effort, which was good enough for a one-point victory.

Member Eric Sandbulte and his guest, Brad Bergman (Sioux Falls, S.D.) placed second with 13 ½ points.

Member Craig Nekali and his brother, John Nekali, (Engelwood, Calif.) finished in third place with 11½ points.

Member Dan Serie and his guest, Chad Wallace (Omaha, Neb.), finished with 11 points to share fifth place with the Halverson and Haak team.

Although the weekend was a specialoneforbothHaakenson and Kashdan, it probably will pale in comparison when Kashdan exchanges vows with Lindsay Haakenson in Charleston, S.C., in September.

Although Kashdan was unabletocommittodefending the M-G title next year, the prospect of it seemed to intrigue him.

"Absolutely. I'll try to get back here, but I can't guarantee it right now," he said.

Along with celebrating the team title, Kashdan took top honors in the low net competition with a net 135.

Sioux Falls' golfer Derek Ohme, the guest of Jeff Sehr, finished second in the final standings with a net 140.

Serie and Jason Sudenga (Sioux Falls), the guest of Jeremy Sudenga, shared the low gross title by carding 150s. The M-G weekend also included The Derby competition on Friday.

The Derby field is made up of 10, two-player teams consisting of 10 members and

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Luverne Legion advances in tournament play

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team qualified for the Second District American Legion Baseball Tournament by going 2-1 during the Sub-District A Tournament over the weekend in Pipestone.

The Cards lost their first game of the event to Edgerton Friday, but they bounced back to defeat Heron Lake and Pipestone Saturday to place second and advance to district play.

The 13-5 Cardinals will open the tournament in St. James Friday against Wells at 11 a.m.

Luverne 7, Pipestone 6

The Cardinals clinched a berth into district competition by nipping the Arrows by one run during an elimination game Saturday in Pipestone.

The score was tied at six after four and one-half innings of play, but the Cards settled the issue by producing the gamewinning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Connor Crabtree drew a walk, stole second base and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Cole Bosch. Crabtree scored the decisive run when Ryan Gonzalez laid down a successful squeeze bunt.

Some clutch hitting from Nick Harder put Luverne in a position to win the game.

After Pipestone opened a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, Harder belted a grand slam home run in the bottom of the inning to give the Cards a 4-3 edge.

Harder delivered a two-run single to up Luverne's lead to 6-3 in the bottom of the third, but Pipestone knotted the score with a three-run rally in the fifth inning.

Gonzalez secured the pitching win by tossing two innings of scoreless, one-hit relief.



John Rittenhouse photo/0716 legion 8 Luverne American Legion baseball first baseman Ryan Gonzalez prepares to snag the ball and register an out during

Bosch worked the first five innings on the mound, yielding six runs, nine hits and

Friday's sub-district tournament game in Pipestone.

five walks. Box score

Bosch Gonzalez Roberts Sommers

Luverne 3, HL 0

The Cardinals secured a three-runwinoverHeronLake in the first of two elimination games they faced Saturday.

Crabtree turned in a dominating performance on the mound as he tossed a nohitter and fanned 12 batters.

Crabtree lost a chance at registering a perfect game when he walked a pair of batters in the second inning.

Luverne supported the pitcher by plating one run in the third inning and two in the sixth. Connor Sandbulte tripled

fly. Harder doubled and scored the first run in the second

and scored in the third when

Crabtree recorded a sacrifice

inningwhen Gonzalez singled. Gonzalez advanced to second base on a ground out by Trenton Rops and scored the final run when Declan Beers singled.

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| Sommers | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bosch | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harder | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Roberts | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gonzalez | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Rops | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Edgerton 7, Luverne 2

The Cardinals opened the tournament by dropping a five-run decision to Edgerton Friday in Pipestone.

Edgerton put together three-run rallies in the first and second innings to open a 6-0 lead and Luverne never recovered from the early deficit.

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Luverne's Monica Edstrom (left) and Kyle Feit participate in an eating challenge during the 2014 WWC.

Fifth Wienerman event is set for Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The World Wienerman Championships will be on display during Luverne's Hot Dog Night celebration Thursday.

The fifth annual version of the event will include a slightly different course, but the unique event that includes running, biking, swimming and eating challenges should provide an entertaining evening for the male, female and co-ed division teams that enter the fray.

The 2015 version of the event begins and ends at the old Herman Motors building on East Main Street.

Team registration is set for 5:30-6:15 p.m., with the event starting at 6:30.

Each team must consume four hot dogs before one member of the squad goes on a .7-mile run to Redbird Field before returning to the starting point.

The first runner will complete another eating challenge providedby the Bluestem before going on a 1.5-mile run to the Luverne Area Aquatic & Fitness Center.

The first runner will swim one lap in the pool before tagging off with a teammate to complete the stage. The second team member will complete an eating challenge

outside the LAAFC embarking on a 2.3-mile run that ends back

at the same site. The third person will complete an eating challenge provided by JJ's Tasty Drive-In before beginning a 6-mile bike ride that

ends at the Rock County Court House. The fourth person runs two blocks to the Pizza Ranch, which will serve the athlete an eating challenge upon arrival.

Following the eating challenge, the fourth person goes on a 1.7-mile run that ends at the intersection of Cedar and East Main Street.

All team members will consume desert there before running two blocks the old Herman Motors Building to complete the event. An awards ceremony follows the event and IV Play, a band

from Mankato, will provide entertainment in the parking lot of the old Herman Motors Building following the awards ceremony.



John Rittenhouse photo/0716 luverne community education

Luverne Community Education placed second in the regular season and won the Minor League baseball tournament title. Team members include (front row, from left) Masyn Akkerman, Riley Reese, Cameron Fenske, Ryan Fick, Jaden Reisch, Brendan Eidem, Tyson Cowell, (middle) Andy Halverson, Landon Ahrendt, Holden Overgaard, Layke Miller, Gavin Reisch, Austin Ossefoort, (back) coaches Scott Overgaard and Brian Miller. Missing is Matthew Rogers.



Exchange State Bank won the regular season title and placed second during the Luverne Community Education Minor League Baseball Tournament. Team members include (front row, from left) Jonathon Sjaarda, Patrick Kroski, Cade Kracht, Marcus Vortherms, Ashton Hood, Harley Wendland, (back) coach Brady Dinger, Michael Soto, Owen Sudenga, Will Serie, Conner Connell and coach Josh Slieter. Missing are Anyuon Atem, Mason Hamm and Jaren Aukes.

Second seed wins battle of top Minor League baseball teams

By John Rittenhouse

The top two teams from the Luverne Community Education Minor League baseball circuit battled each other for the postseason tournament title at Joe Roberts Field Thursday.

Exchange State Bank, the tournament's No. 1 seed after posting an 8-2 record in the regular season, met No. 2 Luverne Community Education (8-3 during the regular season) in the championship tilt.

The night ended up belonging to LCE, which rolled to a nine-run victory in the finale.

The six-team tournament opened July 7 with a pair of games that were settled by one run

Papik Motors teams up with Luverne Community Education

Submitted story

Papik Motors, one of 15 Chevrolet dealers from the Sioux Falls area that partnered with local youth baseball leagues for the 2015 baseball season, has concluded a successful summer with Luverne Community Education.

Papik Motors provided LCE with new equipment, a monetary contribution

and an opportunity for community members to raise funds for the league via a Test Drive fundraiser.

"We're glad we were able to extend Chevrolet's commitment to spreading play and possibilities it opens to the members of our community," said Jordan Papik, general sales manager for Papik Motors.

Papik Motors is proud to

partner with LCE on this

Equipment donated by Papik Motors includes items such as bags, batting tees and catcher's gear.

"We truly enjoyed being involved with LCE this year," said Micky Sehr, fixed operations manager.

"This partnership gave us the opportunity to support the love of the game and we are thrilled to have achieved such positive results for the community."

In 2015, nearly 1,500 Chevrolet dealers participated in Chevy Youth Baseball. Since the program began in 2006, Chevrolet has made a positive impact on more than 3.6 million children by bringing a unique experience for their

pulling out a 17-16 win over

year with a 4-7 record. LCE also moved into the title tilt with a 14-12 victory

Papik Motors, which ends the

over Print Express, which ends the season with a 2-10-1 mark.

What started out as a tight battle in the championship game turned into a convincing win for LCE.

After facing a one-run deficit (5-4) after one inning of play, LCE outscored ESB 12-9 in the second inning to sport a 16-14 edge.

The momentum moved into LCE's favor in the third inning, when it outscored the top seed 7-1 to make it a 23-15 game.

LCE extended the lead to nine runs (24-15) by scoring one run in the top of the fourth inning and blanked ESB in the bottom of the fourth to capture the tournament title.

LCE ends the year with a 10-3 record, while ESB finishes with a 9-3 record.

Papik Motors, the fourth seed, ended fifth-seeded McClurePlumbing&Heating's 3-8 season with a 19-18 win. The other game on July 7 featured an upset as sixthseeded Print Express knocked off No. 3 First Farmers and Merchants Bank (6-5-1 at season's end) by winning a

23-22 game.

There were no upsets in Thursday's semifinals.

ESB advanced to the championship game by

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Luverne catcher Connor Crabtree unsuccessfully attempts to tag out an Edgerton runner at home plate during Friday's sub-district tournament game in Pipestone

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The Cards did trim the difference to four runs (6-2) after plating two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, but Edgerton recorded the game's final run in the top of the seventh.

Crabtree singled and his courtesy runner, Harder, scored Luverne's first run when a ball put in play by Gonzalez was booted by

Edgerton's second baseman. Bosch scored the second run when he raced home when Gonzalez was caught in a run-down between first and second base.

Tommy Vajgrt yielded three runs, three hits and two walks in one inning of work on the mound and took the loss.

Nick Overgaard tossed the final six innings. He

surrendered four runs, four hits, four walks and fanned seven batters.

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| Bosch | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Overgaard | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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Scheidt, Nelson develop respect for NSG competitors

The local entries in the National Senior Games staged in St. Paul the past couple of weeks conclusion.

reached a common

Don't judge an athlete by age, Pat Scheidt and Craig Nelson say.

When it comes to willingness to compete and succeed, a person's age has no limitations.

Both Scheidt and Nelson joined the fray at the NSG staged at St. Thomas University, competing in events for athletes between the ages of 55-59.

Upon returning home, both athletes couldn't say enough about the level of competition they faced at the event.

"It was a lot of fun," Scheidt said.

"It was interesting to see how fit and competitive people can be around my age or older."

Scheidt should know what she is talking about because she mixed it up against a lot of different athletes as an entry in five different events.

She capped her experience at the senior games by placing 11th in her division with a time of 7:18 in the 1,500-meter run under hot and steamy conditions Monday.

Scheidt's top effort came as a member of the Nifty Fifties-Plus softball squad, a team based in Flandreau.

The team played five games between July 4-6 and placed third out of seven teams in the 55-59 division.

Scheidt also was one of 250 competitors in a 5K race July 6.

She placed ninth in her division with a time of

Scheidt participated in two more running events

over the weekend. She placed 12th in the

800-meter run with a time of 3:35 (only the first eight finishers qualify for the



By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

finals) on Saturday, and she placed 10th in the 400-meter dash with a personal-best time of 1:34 on Sunday.

Although Nelson only competed in the pole vault at the NSG, it was an eye-opening experience for him as well.

"It was fun," he said. Some of these people are amazing athletes for their age. The NSG attracts more than 10,000 athletes and they are people who take competition very seriously. I was astounded how talented these people really are."

Nelson had a rough day as a member of the 55-59 pole vault competition July 8.

He had three chances to clear the opening height of 8-2 1/2, a height he cleared to qualify for the NSG last summer.

Nelson, however, didn't clear the obstacle.

"I didn't have the standards measured right for my first two attempts. I thought I had it cleared on my third try, but I hit the bar with my hand and knocked it off."

Although he didn't clear the opening height, Nelson gained respect for his fellow competitors by event's end.

"There were 11 guys in my age group and the winner was 59. He cleared 12-1, which is pretty impressive," he said.

"My brief appearance in the NSG was a little disappointing. I was hoping to do a little better, but it didn't happen."

They may not have accomplished everything they wanted to in St. Paul, but Scheidt and Nelson earned my respect for testing themselves against our nation's top senior athletes.



John Rittenhouse photo/0716 MG awards

Member Dan Serie (right) and Jason Sudenga shared the low gross title of the M-G Tournament. Tyler Kashdan (left, of Charlotte, N.C.), the guest of Mike Haakenson, won the low net title.

Member Scott Remme (right) and Edina's Pat Connell (left), the guest of Pete Connell, won The Derby title Friday.

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10 guests who registered the lowest gross scores during the first 18 holes of play.

Themembersarepairedwith guests, and the teams compete in a nine-hole, alternate-shot event with one team being eliminated after each hole.

Member Scott Remme and Edina's Pat Connell, the guest of member Pete Connell, took top honors in The Derby.

After eight holes of play, Remme and Connell were pitted against Serie and Ohme in the final hole.

Remme delivered what he described as being a majestic drive that came to rest on the green of the ninth hole.

They completed a two-putt for birdie moments later to defeat Serie and Ohme.

Redbirds take two of three games during busy stretch

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds went 2-1 during a stretch of playing three games in a span of six days.

After dropping a six-run decision in Truman on July 7, the Redbirds rolled to an 11run home win over Wilmont July8 before posting a one-run victory in Hadley Sunday.

The Redbirds ended the stretch with a 12-3 record.

Luverne 4, Hadley 3

The Redbirds withstood a late challenge by the Buttermakers to prevail by one run in Hadley Sunday.

Sporting a 4-2 lead after four and one-half innings of play, Luverne surrendered one run in the bottom half of the seventh inning and Hadley had the bases full with one out moments later.

Luverne, however, turned a double play to clinch a onerun win.

After Hadley scored the game's first run in the first inning, Luverne tied the game with a homerun by Jared Pick in the second inning before taking a 2-1 edge with an RBI triple by Phillip Paquette in the third inning.

The Buttermakers knotted the score at two in the bottom of the third, but Josh Slieter belted a homerun in the fourth and Pick delivered an RBI double in the fifth to give the Redbirds a 4-2 lead.

Slieter tossed seven innings of seven-hit, three-strikeout ball to earn the win.

Luverne 13, Wilmont 2

S.Wenninger

Norman

Paquette

Js.Slieter

Johnson

Skattum

The Redbirds bounced back from a disappointing performance in Truman the night before by rolling to an 11-run win over Wilmont at Redbird Field July 8.

Luverne scored the first five $runs of the game \, and \, never lost$ control of the contest against the Cardinals.

Paquette and Codie Zeutenhorst carried the offensive load for the Redbirds by driving in a combined nine

Playing as the visiting team (Wilmont could not host the contest due to a lighting issue on its home field), the Redbirds played single runs in the first and third innings before scoring three times in the top of the fourth to open a 5-0 advantage.

Zeutenhorst, who registered four RBIs in the game, singled home a run in the first inning before James Fisher registered a run-scoring single in the third to make it 2-0.

Paquette, who finished the game with five RBIs, delivered a two-run single and Zeutenhorst received an RBI for a fielder's choice during Luverne's three-run fourth inning.

Wilmont produced its first



John Rittenhouse photo/0716 redbirds 6 Shortstop Skyler Wenninger releases an off-balance throw against Wilmont.

run in the bottom of the fifth, but the Redbirds countered by scoring once in the sixth inning and five times in the seventh to open an 11-1 cushion.

Zeutenhorst doubled home one run in the sixth.

Joey Slieter was hit by a pitch with the bases-loaded in the seventh inning before Paquette drilled a three-run triple.

Paquette scored on a wild pitch moments later.

Wilmont extended the game by scoring once in the bottom of the seventh, but the Redbirds countered by plating two runs in the top of the eighth to win the game by the 10-run rule after relief pitcher Zane Hiller blanked the Cardinals in the bottom of the eighth.

Zeutenhorst capped his four-RBI effort with a runscoring single and Eric Kor

singled and scored on a wild pitch for Luverne in the eighth. Andrew DeBoer worked

the first seven innings on the mound to earn the win.

DeBoer fanned six batters, walked five and surrendered five hits and two runs.

| Box score | AΒ | R | н | В |
|-------------|----|---|---|---|
| S.Wenninger | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| M.Wenninger | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jy.Slieter | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Norman | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Paquette | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Crabtree | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zeutenhorst | 5 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Pick | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fitzer | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Fisher | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| DeBoer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Js.Slieter | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Skattum | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Sandbulte | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Kor | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

MC 11, Luverne 5

The Redbirds dropped their third game of the season when they fell by six runs to Martin County July 7 in Truman.

Martin County put together four-run rallies in the third and fifth innings to open a commanding 8-0 lead.

Luverne outscored the hosts 5-3 in the final three frames, but it wasn't enough to keep from dropping an 11-5 decision.

Brooks Mauer took the pitching loss for the Redbirds, while Codie Zeutenhorst, Cole Johnson and Tanner Skattum also logged innings on the mound.

Paquette led Luverne with two hits, while Mike Wenninger and Skattum chipped in one hit each.

No box score was available from this game.

Luverne Legion wraps up 11-4 regular season with home win over Heron Lake

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne American Legion baseball team wrapped up an 11-4 regular season by hosting Heron Lake at Redbird Field July 7.

The Cardinals scored three runs in the first two innings and never lost control of the game on the way to securing a 9-1 victory.

Luverne scored one run in the first inning and two in the second to gain an early advantage.

Cole Bosch drew a walk and scored the first-inning run on an error

Jesse Reed delivered a tworun double to up the lead to

3-0 in the second.

Heron Lake trimmed the difference to two runs (3-1) in the top half of the third inning, but the Cards outscored the visitors 6-0 the rest of the night to prevail by eight runs.

Declan Beers singled home one run and Jakob Olson doubled home another to

make it a 5-1 game in the fifth inning.

Luverne capped the scoring with a four-run rally in the sixth featuring a two-run double by Tommy Vajgrt.

Connor Sandbulte drew a $bases\text{-loaded}\,walk\,and\,Bosch$ registered a sacrifice fly during the sixth.

Connor Hoffman and Vajgrt pitched two innings each to start the game, with Vajgrt surrendering one run.

Nick Overgaard worked the final three frames on the mound.

Box score Hoffman AB R H BI 3 1 0 0

| Sandbulte | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| Bosch | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vajgrt | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Sommers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Overgaard | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Olson | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Harder | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rops | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gonzalez | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reed | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |







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Thursday, July 16: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. Friday, July 17: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, July 18: 2 p.m. Goembel/Bolt wedding. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine with Fair Trade/Vouchers; Comboni Missionaries. Sunday, July 19: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary with Fair Trade/Vouchers; Comboni Missionaries. No Bulletin. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Comboni Missionaries. No Bulletin. 12:30 p.m. St. Mary Parish Picnic. Tuesday, July 21: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 6:30 p.m. Fall Fest Committee. Wednesday, July 21: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, July 22: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home.

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

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

Thursday, July 16: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 17: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, July 19: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Quarterly Business meeting. Monday, July 20, through Saturday, July 25: 2:30 p.m. Shetek Camp #4 (grades 4-5). Tuesday, July 21: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, July 23: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor Josh Enderson, Pastor

Thursday, July 16: 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, July 17: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, July 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July 19: 8:15 a.m. Prerecorded Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, July 20: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 22: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, July 23: 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

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

Thursday, July 16: 2 p.m. Ladies serve at Mary Jane Brown Home. 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, July 19: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, July 20: 7 p.m. Voters meeting. Thursday, July 23: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church 304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

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

Friday, July 17: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, July 18: 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. Sunday, July 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF. Tuesday, July 21: 1 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, July 22: 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team.

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

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

First 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, July 16: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, July 19: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Worship. Monday, July 20: 8 a.m. Messenger newsletter deadline. 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting. Wednesday, July 22: 1 to 3 p.m. Sewing Day. 5:30 p.m. Fourth Wednesday Free Community Meal. Thursday, July 23: 1 to 3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

Thursday, July 16: 1 to 8 p.m. Pictures. Friday, July 17: Rehearsal. Saturday, July 18: Kooiker/Carey wedding. Sunday, July 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship; Music Committee meeting; Nursing Home Services. Monday, July 20: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, July 21: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, July 22: 7 p.m. Christian Ed and Nominating Committee meeting.

Jason Cunningham, Pastor

St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005

email: stjohn@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Friday, July 17: Church office closed. Saturday, July 18: 5:30 p.m.
Worship. Sunday, July 19: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible
Study.Monday, July 20:7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council.Newsletter
deadline. Tuesday, July 21: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 1:15 p.m. Communion in Ellsworth. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Lyon Manor. 2:45 p.m.
Communion at Rock Rapids Health Centre. 3:30 p.m. Communion
in Hills. Wednesday, July 22: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Thursday, July
23, to Saturday, July 25: Minnesota South District LWML Women's
retreat in Mankato.

Living Rock Church 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church 211 E. Main St., Luverne

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

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

Thursday, July 16: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, July 17: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. 5:15 p.m. Zion serves evening meal at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, July 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, July 20: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, July 22: August Newsletter deadline. Thursday, July 23: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net Bill Bates, Pastor

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

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

Sunday, July 19: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, July 21: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church 211 121st St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, July 19: 10:30 a.m. Coffee Cup Sunday Worship Service.

Cheerful givers

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heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

"I want you to say you are sorry," the teacher said to JJ after he kicked over the tower of blocks.

"Sorry," he sneered at the young builders and began to walk away.

"Now help them rebuild their tower." At first he didn't want to, but within minutes the other two genial 4-year-olds engaged him in conversation and soon all three were having fun.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

What do we have to give when our "blocks have been kicked over" and our world seems to be falling apart? Sometimes we feel completely empty, even angry, but Christ's love within us can help us do what is right — and to be cheerful givers.

Lord, sometimes life isn't fair. Help me decide in my heart to be a cheerful giver. Let your love within me make a difference in every situation. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., Beaver Creek

Kenneth Lutheran Church 340 Church St., Kenneth Office Ph. 283-4804; Home Ph. 879-3216 www.hkz.lutheranweb.net Kerry Boese, Pastor

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m. Worship Service.

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

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Kristi Franken, Pastor Sunday, July 19: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

> Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336 Reuben Sinnema, Pastor

Sunday, July 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and baptism. Pulpit Supply: Reuben Sinnema. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Pulpit Supply: Grant Diekevers. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Monday, July 20, through Tuesday, July 28: Reuben and Val on vacation. Monday, July 20: No Consistory meeting. Thursday, July 23: 8 a.m. Bulletin deadline.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Interim Pastor Grant Fisher 112 N. Main St., Hills 507-962-3270

Sunday, July 19, through Thursday, July 23: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Sunday, July 19: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, July 21: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Wednesday, July 22: 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.

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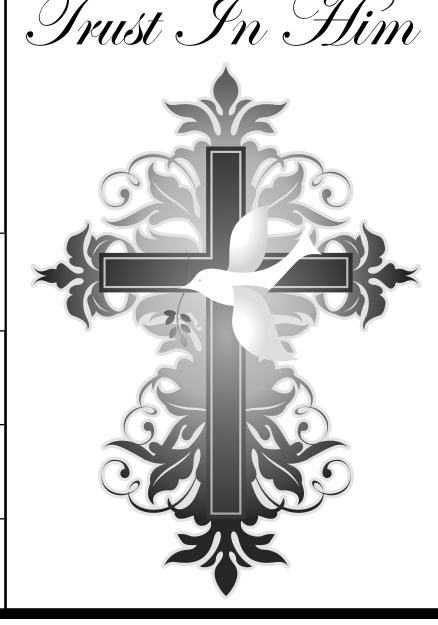
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Aug. 6

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 conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 22, 2007

MORTGAGOR: Joshua D. Christensen, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded May 23, 2007 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 166658.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated May 22, 2007 Recorded May 23, 2007, as Document No. 166659.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORT-

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORT-

GAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 713 South Donaldson Street, Luverne,

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1337.000 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The W 130 feet of Lot 4 and the N 10 feet of the W 130 feet of Lot 5, all in Block 3 in H. Snook Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,800.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUD-ING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$49,530.42 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mort-

gagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute: 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 6, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000

North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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 8, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE RE-DUCED 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 DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: May 26, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 135 - 15-004056 FC

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Swenson probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **DISTRICT COURT** PROBATE DIVISION

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF ROCK** Estate of

Leo Swenson.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 27, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent, dated January 16, 2015, ("Will") and for the appointment of Andy Swenson, whose address is 1363 80th Avenue, 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 and personal 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. BY THE COURT

Dated: 06/30/15

Dated: 06/30/15

Attorney For Petitioner

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt Terry S. Vajgrt Judge of District Court /s/ Denise Brandel Denise Brandel Court Administrator

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Notice to creditors of Bakken Trust

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DECEASED SETTLOR AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

Notice is given that on May 28, 2015, Martha I. Bakken died, who was Settlor of the Martha I. Bakken Living Trust, dated May 25, 2005, and any amendments thereto. Richard D. Bakken, whose address is 305 121st St., Garretson, SD 57030, is the current Trustee of the Martha I. Bakken Living Trust, dated May 25, 2005, and any amendments thereto.

Creditors of the deceased Settlor must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or any claim or collection efforts which otherwise could have been asserted or enforced against the trust or assets thereof may

Claims may be submitted to the Trustee by mailing a written statement of the claim to the Trustee at the address above.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2015.

/s/ Richard D. Bakken Richard D. Bakken 305 121st St. Garretson, SD 57030 (507) 597-6378

PREPARED BY: Thompson Law, P.C. 5027 S. Western Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57108 (605)-362-9100 www.cathompsonlaw.com

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Conditional use hearing set for July 27

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County USDA Service Center located at 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, Minnesota, at 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2015. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on an application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant and MSDB Partnership dba Crossroads Trailer Sales Property Owner: A 3.25 acre tract located in the SW 1/4 of Location: Section 14 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Operation of a retail trailer sales dealership in a B-1 Highway Service District

Zoning District: B-1, Highway Service District By order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator 311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156 507-283-8862, Extension 4

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Rock County seeks bridge bids by Aug. 14

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.A.P. 067-598-017 / Bridge No. 67K30; S.A.P. 067-598-018 / Bridge No. 67K27 S.A.P. 067-599-170 / Bridge No. 67K25; & S.A.P. 067-599-172 / Bridge No. 67K29 Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota, until 10:00 A.M. on Friday August 14th, 2015.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CON-TAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special **Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 166 Lin. Ft. of 16'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 8 End Sections; 92 Lin. Ft. of 12'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 76 Lin. Ft. of 10'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 1,704 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill; 528 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Bedding; 633 Tons Rock Bedding; & 320 Tons Random Riprap, Class

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

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-598-017, Etc." The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer (7-16, 7-23, 7-30)

Rock County Commissioners meet June 2 **Herreid Board Room** 9:00 A.M.

June 2, 2015 **Rock County Courthouse** The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga will all Commissioners

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 2, 2015,

County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the May 19, 2015,

County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote. Mark Johnson and Jerry Lonneman, with Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System presented a program update by reviewing a map of the LPRW service area and capital improvement plans items to include the Lewis & Clark hookup at the RCRW Magnolia site; estimated cost of the that improvement is \$4.5 million which

will be paid from revenues. Johnson also discussed the recent audit that resulted

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the bids results for SAP 067-600-002, a road improvement on 150th Ave. in Vienna Township south of the Blue Mound State

> Henning Construction, Inc. \$123,179.00 Reker Construction & Agg 185,079.00 Duininck, Inc. 219,106.30

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to accept the low bid from Henning Construction for \$123,179.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented approval of Resolution No. 12-15, a state agreement #06331 for the use of bonding funds on SP 067-611-007; motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to authorize final contract payment to Duininck, Inc. for \$112,533.76 on contract 14103, the 2014 bituminous overpay projects, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator stated that Andy Haakenson has been hired as the new Assistant Highway Engineer and will begin on June 8th.

The Administrator and Engineer discussed a road tour and scheduled the road tour for June 16 at 2:00PM; the County Board meeting will follow at 5:00PM and Board of Equalization to begin at 7:00PM.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 14-15, an order for improvement to the Rock County Rural Water system, declared carried on a voice vote.

George Eilertson, Northland Securities Senior Vice President - Public Finance,

discussed the bond sale of \$2,445,000 for RCRW improvement projects; motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve Resolution No. 13-15, the issuance and sale of \$2,445,000 of GO temporary water revenue bonds, series 2015A, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to schedule a Public Hearing on June 16 at 5:00PM in the Herreid Board meeting room for the possible adoption of the CIP and issuance of G.O. Bonds \$1,225,000, declared carried on a voice vote. Bond sale date is scheduled for July 21st.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$375.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. \$35.581.33

General

| | 1) |
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| General Reserves | \$2,928.45 |
| Library | \$7,182.11 |
| Road and Bridge | \$22,412.72 |
| Capital Projects | \$133.714.40 |
| Transfer Station | \$10,679.49 |
| Land Management | \$0.00 |
| Veterans Memorial Care | \$3,350.00 |
| TOTAL | \$215,848.50 |
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| Claims over \$2,000: | |
| American Communications Inc | \$2,558.70 |
| American Solutions For Business | 2,117.11 |
| Fleet Services | 5,688.04 |
| City of Luverne | 4,588.62 |
| MN State Auditor | 5,189.63 |
| Morris Electronics | 2,382.24 |
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Racom Corporation 4,190.00 SW MN Workforce Council 2,225.00 **Erickson Engineering** 8,282.00 Ernest G. Fiala, PE 5,350.00 Midstates Equipment 2,947.50 Ketterling Services 10,237.74 **Concrete Creations** 17,888.40 115,826.00 Stertilkoni

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report that reflected the collection of first-half of Real Estate taxes, distribution is scheduled for June 25th. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, provided an update of the recent Household Hazardous Waste event stating that overall, is was a successful

Hartman informed the County Board that he is in receipt of a response from MPCA regarding the demolition permit application submitted in 2009; the correspondence requests an updated groundwater monitoring and sampling plan dating back to permit application date of March 23, 2009. Hartman stated that this was the first and only correspondence he has received since the submission of the permit application. Hartman indicated he will comply with a plan development and appropriate response and will also take the issue up at the regional Solid Waste Commission; Oldre stated that he will also follow up with MPCA and legislators if need be

The LMO building lease was tabled until the June 16 meeting due to pending legislation and contingent on status of the Farm Services Agency status.

The Administrator and Sheriff were authorized to negotiate law enforcement contracts with the remaining cities using the same rate formula as the City of Luverne contract

The Administrator presented a follow up to the AMC District VIII meeting and stated that he will continue to serve on the panel that addresses the County Program Aid formula.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to authorize the purchase of tax forfeited property for \$1.00 to the City of Hardwick, declared carried on a voice vote. The City of Hardwick stated that the property will be utilized for public purpose serving as a park and economic development so as to facilitate the construction of a high speed internet fiber optic network to the city residents.

The Administrator informed the County Board of necessary repairs/air unit replacement to the HVAC system at the Human Services building totaling \$26,895.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve and pay for the expenditure from the Human Services building reserves account, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that Rock County Rural Water is receiving Lewis & Clark water at 75,000 gallons per day.

The County Board was in receipt of a correspondence from BCA requiring all Minnesota law enforcement agencies to submit adult court citations electronically, known as eCharging, effective July of 2016. This issue will be discussed with the Sheriff during the budget cycle and the development of an implementation plan.

Commissioner Reisch informed the County Board he has been part of the hiring process for a Library Director for the Plum Creek system and the Rock County Community Library and that he also attended the ceremony thanking the K.A.H.R. Foundation for the improvements made to the Rock County Courthouse Square. Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the AMC District VIII meet-

ing. Commissioner Boyenga stated that the Southwestern Mental Health building

project in Luverne is moving forward.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the Rock County Historical Society takes possession of the Herman Motor building on June 5th.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was

declared adjourned.

5:00 P.M.

Rock County Commissioners meet June 16

Rock County Courthouse

Herreid Board Room

June 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present. Serena Gutnik, new Rock County Library Director was introduced to the County

Board. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to call to order the Public Hearing for potential adoption of the 2015-2019 CIP and the sale of GO bonds at \$1,225,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to close the public hearing, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Thompson seconded by Boyenga, to call to order the Public Hearing

The County Board was in receipt of no written or public comment; motion

regarding amendments to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, declared carried on The County Board was in receipt of no written or public comment; motion

Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to close the public hearing. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve Resolution No. 15-

15, giving preliminary approval for the issuance of the County's General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and adopting the Rock County Capital Improvement Plan 2015-2019, declared carried on a voice

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve Resolution No. 16-15, amendments to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2000-01.3, declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, the June 16, 2015 County Board Agenda was approved. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the June 2, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director and Doug Bos, Assistant Land Management Office Director presented a conditional use permit for a feedlot expansion located in the SW 1/4 of Section 18 of Mound Township; motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman also presented a review of the 2015 legislative session and informed the County Board of the impacts it has on the LMO department, specifically the fifty foot buffer enforcement on DNR waterways as well as disaster aid funds for agricultural erosion repairs for agriculture land residents; these programs will have a substantial impact on staff with the potential of additional staff. Additional details

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regarding these funding sources will be presented as they become available.

The LMO Director and the Administrator discussed the lease agreement with DD&JJ Partnership, represented by Don Walgrave and Kelly Valnes and presented a 10-year building lease agreement for the LMO department, with a 5-year flat rate of \$10.00/sf followed by a 5-year rate adjusted for inflation; the lease agreement moves the LMO department to a different section of the building, once previously occupied. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Williamson, to approve the 10-year lease agreement, with the addendum that if Farm Services Agency relocates, the Rock County lease agreement would also terminate, declared carried on a voice

Doug Bos presented an update regarding the Rock River Terrain analysis; no action was taken.

Senator Bill Weber and Representative Joe Schomacker presented a legislative overview along with highlighting some of the legislation that was passed and

•\$19 million allocated to the Lewis & Clark project which should complete

construction in Rock County and into Nobles County; •environmental legislation that gives SWCD the authority to enforce buffer

strips on DNR waterways; •\$850 million will remain in reserves going into the next legislative session;

•\$400 million additional funds for road and bridge funding; •gas tax dollars generated by communities under population of 5,000 will retain

those funds; •2% funding increase for K-12 education along with the create of the facilities maintenance account; counties have the option to contract for private audits

with oversight from the State Auditor's office effective January 1, 2016; •elimination of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizen's Board; higher education relating MnSCU facilities;

•workforce centers will receive an additional \$4 million in funding;

•broadband initiative grants of \$10 million will be made on a competitive basis; •critical access hospitals will received a \$16 million increase

•MERCK funding for healthcare professionals allows for loan forgiveness if they work in rural hospitals;

•nursing home received a 20% increase in funding;

•tele-medicine and payment formulas were discussed with no resolution.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

| \$53,578.64 |
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| \$4,075.47 |
| \$2,191.52 |
| \$1,434.15 |
| \$32,538.17 |
| \$2,967.45 |
| \$18,204.68 |
| \$2,373.72 |
| \$1,870.50 |
| \$119,234.30 |
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| Claims over \$2,000: | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Computer Professionals Unlimited | \$5,893.70 |
| Expressway-Luverne | 2,269.63 |
| Expressway-Luverne | 4,540.39 |
| M&L Electric LLC | 6,132.35 |
| Nobles County Auditor-Treas | 7,857.50 |
| Office of MN.IT Services | 2,280.97 |
| Rock County Opportunities Inc. | 3,985.66 |
| Bear Graphics | 3,787.62 |
| CHS Eastern Farmers Coop | 3,440.93 |
| Contech Construction | 3,443.63 |
| W&N Construction | 8,925.78 |
| Lyon County Landfill | 17,078.88 |
| Busse Plumbing, Heating | 2,967.45 |

Motion Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the final contract payment of \$37,197.59 for the 2014 CSAH box culvert projects to R & G Construction and the final contract payment of \$26,648.75 for the 2014 township box culvert projects to R & G Construction, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that a little more than \$260,000 would be going the Quentin Aanenson Field Airport in Luverne in the form of a grant for taxi way improvements.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Rock County Board of Equalization meeting June 16

Rock County Board of Equalization Meeting Herreid Board Room Meeting Room

June 16, 2015

Chair Boyenga called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. Also present were: Administrator Kyle Oldre, Auditor/Treasurer Ashley Kurtz and Land Records Office Director Tom Houselog.

There were no attendees at the Board of Equalization meeting; therefore, no action was taken.

Houselog discussed assessment changes, timelines and certifications.

With no further business to come before the Rock County Board of Equalization, the meeting was closed by order of the Chair.

> Ron Boyenga, Chair (7-16)

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The Family of Marion Swenson

(7.16-7.19)

I would like to thank my family and friends for the prayers, cards and flowers following my heart attack and surgery. To the Luverne Sanford Emergency Room for your quick response. To all the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at the Sanford Heart Hospital. I was blessed to be in such wonderful care. To my family for all your love and concerns.

> Elsie Mulligan (7.16-7.19)

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital. Your kind words, prayers and company really made a difference in my recovery. I am very lucky to live in such a caring commu-

Dennis and Deanna Pick (7.12-7.16)

I would like to thank you all for the beautiful cards, gifts and flowers given for my Open House 75th birthday party. Special thanks to Arla, Arlene, Mary Beth, Kayla and Jennifer for helping there. Also, thanks to my family and friends for attending. It made my day really special to me. May God bless you all.

Shirley Honken

(7.12-7.16)

Jim and I would like to thank all our children for hosting a wonderful 50th Anniversary Open House. We would like to thank all our family, friends and relatives for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received. Also, thank you Pastor Palmquist for your prayers. May God bless you all.

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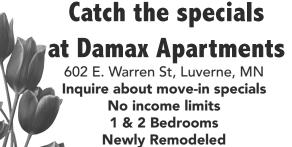
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