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Tuesday primary election will narrow fields in three local races

By Lori Sorenson

In Tuesday's primary election, local voters will narrow the fields in three local races that have three or more candidates.

Four candidates are seeking election to the open county commissioner seat in District 1 currently held by Ken Hoime, who opted not to seek re-election.

Candidates are Don Bryan, Hardwick; Mike Davis, rural Luverne; Kyle Hemme, rural Hardwick; and Gary Overgaard, rural Magnolia.

The District 3 county commission seat is being sought by incumbent Ron Boyenga, rural Ellsworth, and challengers Greg Burger, Luverne, and Darrel Van Aartsen, rural Luverne.

Another three-way contested race is for the Luverne City Council Ward 1 seat currently held by Esther Frakes, who is not seeking re-election.

Seeking her seat on the council are Lennis "Red" Arndt, Larry Lanphere and Daniel Nath.

The Star Herald featured candidate profiles for these races in its July 28 edition.

That information is available for free online by linking to this story at www.star-herald.com.

The local offices that have three or more people that have filed will be on the primary ballot so that it's narrowed down to just two candidates for the general election.

The primary election is Aug. 9, and the general election is Nov. 8. The Star Herald will provide candidate information as that date approaches.

All Luverne residents vote at Luverne High School, and all other county residents vote in their respective precincts.

Those who vote by mail have already received their mail-in ballots. The Rock County Auditor's Office can be reached at 507-283-5060. Also election information is available on the Minnesota Secretary of State website, sos.state.mn.us. Search myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us and enter an address for a sample ballot.

Sharkee's owner asks city to delay property acquisition

By Lori Sorenson

Dave Halverson attended a public hearing Tuesday night to request that the city postpone acquisition of his property, the former Sharkee's Bar and Grill.

Luverne City officials had started the process of eminent domain last fall to demolish the blighted structure on South Highway 75 and to address public nuisance issues that had developed.

Tuesday's public hearing is required by statute as part of the process in order to allow testimony.

Halverson's attorney, Nicholas Maxwell, Mankato, spoke on his behalf.

"We're here to ask that the council make a choice that's consistent with how people in this community would like to be treated in the course of government taking property," Maxwell said.

"Eminent domain is a fancy term for taking. It's an extreme act of government to take private property. ... This is a taking."

By statute, the city wouldn't simply take the property; it would pay the value of the property as determined by a panel of three impartial appraisers.

Maxwell pointed out that Halverson isn't interested in liquidating the property and he intends to take responsibility for the property.

In fact, in 2013 Halverson had worked with the city on plans to improve the lot through Tax Increment Financing.

According to those plans, Sharkee's would have been demolished and reopened in its current location in 2014. The new commercial L-shaped building would also have

Sharkee's property/see page 3A



Mavis Fodness Photo/0804 Fair 2016 Poultry Returns

Poultry returned to the 2016 Rock County Fair last week after last year's outbreak of a deadly avian influenza forced state animal health officials to ban all poultry exhibitions in 2015. Locally the number of poultry pens brought to the fair neared 2014 levels.

Poultry show returns to Rock County Fair

By Mavis Fodness

Chickens, ducks and turkeys made their return to last week's Rock County Fair.

After a year hiatus to halt the statewide spread of a deadly avian influenza virus, the local poultry show went forward as if the May 15, 2015, ban didn't happen.

"I think we had a good show," said poultry superintendent Beth Kalass.

In her 21 years working with the poultry project, she said the program's numbers have fluctuated over the years mainly due to experienced 4-H'ers graduating from the program.

Prior to last year's ban, the fair had 25 pens of poultry. This year there were 19 pens.

Wayne Fischer from Arlington, South Dakota, judged the July 27 Rock County 4-H poultry show.

He said the ban on poultry shows was lifted this fall after reports of the N5N2 highly pathogenic avian influenza ceased.

Minnesota lifted the ban Dec. 1.

Fischer was worried local shows wouldn't regain their popularity.

"Last year was very different for us at the 4-H and open show levels," he said. "We judged everything but live birds."

Exhibitors used pictures of their fowl for showmanship evaluation, and other shows including last year's Minnesota State Fair had participants assembling posters and displays on various poultry topics.

Fischer, who judged the Minnesota state show, likened last year's event to a science fair with focus on poultry health, nutrition and breeding.

There have been no reports of the N5N2 this year, according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

Last year, more than 4 million chickens and turkeys were euthanized in an effort to halt the spread of the virus.

The cause has remained unknown.

Experts suspected migratory birds carried the virus throughout the state with people, equipment and vehicles bringing the virus to barns and backyard coops, indicated poultry judge Fischer.

He attended several industry follow-up meetings about the avian flu outbreak.

It's almost impossible to predict if the deadly influenza strain will return.

"It's like the human flu that can mutate from year to year," Fischer said.

Lange retires from 40 years of social work

By Lori Sorenson

For 40 years Nancy Lange has been involved with decisions affecting families, sometimes resulting in children being removed from their homes.

Friday was her last day as a social worker in Luverne, and she said she looks forward to more tranquil days ahead.

"Now maybe I'll have more energy to do some volunteer work," Lange said. "I would come home at the end of the day mentally and emotionally exhausted."

Lange worked primarily in child protective services, which gets involved in cases of child neglect and abuse.

But it was the sort of the work she thrived on, especially when it resulted in better outcomes for local families and children.

"I'm going to miss the rush of getting a new case," she said about reports of suspected child neglect or abuse.



Lori Sorenson photo/0804 nancy lange retires

Friday, July 29, was Nancy Lange's last day of work in her office at Southwest Health and Human Services on North Blue Mound Avenue.

Life-altering decisions

When a report comes in, it generates a flurry of activity to determine if the child is safe short

term, or if immediate action needs to be taken to remove a child from

Nancy Lange retires/see page 3A

No more Top 10 students; new system honors achievements

By Mavis Fodness

Instead of recognizing only the top ten graduating students in the class based on grades, Luverne High School will name students of distinction based on one of three honor designations.

"The Top Ten was essentially a competition among classmates that focused on outdoing each other," said Principal Ryan Johnson.

"The new system is a set of criteria that allows all students to reach an achievement level."

The new honors are still based on GPA.

Students with a GPA of 3.900-4.000 earn a summa cum laude distinction; 3.750-3.899, magna cum laude; and 3.50-3.749, cum laude.

Luverne School Board members approved the change when they adopted the student handbook for 2016-17.

The school's Faculty Senate also discussed developing a weighted GPA system. Under the weighted system some advanced classes would allow more than a 4.000 to be earned by students.

Johnson said students taking advanced courses are rewarded with potential college credits, and most colleges don't accept a weighted GPA, often recalculating grades to the non-weighted 4.0 system.

"There is no benefit to change," he said about using the weighted system.

A dishonesty clause was added to the middle school/high school handbook along with discipline measures.

The clause spells out how incidents of plagiarism would be handled. The clause is proactive and isn't a result of any local incidents, Johnson said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Rock County Rural Water Board monthly meeting has been moved from Aug. 8 to Aug. 15.

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

Rose Dell Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, in the Township Hall instead of Aug. 15, as regularly scheduled.

Special Olympics informational meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, in the Pizza Ranch Party Room.

Rock County VFW Post 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the Herreid Military Building, Luverne. Contact Buck Underwood at 449-0632 with questions.

The American Legion will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, in the Post home. The **Auxiliary** will not meet in August.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, for lunch at Lange's Café in Pipestone followed by tours and shopping. RSVP to Connie at 283-8470 by Monday, Aug. 8. Bring your National Park Senior Pass.

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

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

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

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

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

Museum closes for move downtown

The Rock County Museum on North Freeman Avenue is now closed in order to move displays to the new History Center opening this fall in downtown Luverne. The Rock County Historical Society can still be reached at 283-2122 and at rcmuseum@gmail.com. To volunteer help, contact Historical Society President Betty Mann at 283-2913.

Magnolia Fire Department event

Magnolia Fire Department will host a community event at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the Magnolia City Park to share information about recent new fire and rescue equipment. Hot dogs and beverages will be served. Call Fire Chief Scott Dohlmann, 507-920-7230, with questions.

Bloodbank at Sanford Aug. 8

Community Blood Bank and Sanford Luverne will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with a signed parent consent form found at www.cbllifeblood.org), weigh 110 lbs. or more and be in good general health. Bring an ID with you. Donors should drink plenty of fluids prior to donating blood. The donation process about takes 30 minutes on the bloodmobile.

Activities eligibility meeting Aug. 15

The Luverne High School Activities Eligibility Meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in the Luverne Elementary School gym. This is a mandatory meeting for students and their parents/guardians in grades 9-12 who plan to participate in Minnesota State High School League athletic activities during the 2016-17 school year. Topics covered in the meeting include MSHSL rules and school policies. A fall sports sign-up is available.

Muffin Monday at The Oaks Aug. 15

The Oaks will host Muffin Monday from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at 203 Oak Drive, Luverne, for free muffins, coffee, and juice. Call Carrie, 283-1996, with questions.

Fifth-grade band lessons begin Aug. 15

Fifth-grade band summer lessons will run Monday, Aug. 15, through Thursday, Aug. 18, and again from Monday, Aug. 22, through Thursday, Aug. 25. All lessons will be in the high school band room. The schedule will be as follows:

Flutes 1 p.m.; clarinets 1:30 p.m.; saxophones 2 p.m.; trumpets 2:30 p.m.; trombones 3 p.m.; French horns, baritone and tubas 3:30 p.m.; percussion 4 p.m. If parents have questions, email a.swenson@isd2184.net.

Fire crews practice rescue techniques

By Lori Sorenson

Local firefighters had a unique opportunity to train for a house fire in a recently functioning house Monday night on South McKenzie Street in Luverne.

The house near the old Laundromat and east of Glen's Food Center was set on fire and extinguished multiple times in order to allow several teams of firefighters to enter the smoke-filled structure for specific training.

Monday night's exercise also allowed firefighters to simulate a ladder truck rescue, sending personnel to the second floor to retrieve a 135-pound dummy through the window.

The city bought the McKenzie Street house from Mike Rogers for \$35,000 on June 9 for blight removal purposes.

According to city staff, the lot (directly east of Glen's Food Center) had been a constant source of nuisance complaints for junk and stored vehicles.



Rock County Star Herald photo by Jason Berghorst/0804 Luverne fire department training

Rock County Talent Fair results released

By Lori Sorenson

Contestants in the Rock County Talent Show performed to a full house at the Palace Theatre Wednesday night, July 27, to kick off the 2016 Rock County Free Fair.

The event, which at one time was held at the fairgrounds, attracted nearly 50 participants in more than 20 talent show entries.

There were nine entries in the Pre-Teen Division (12 and younger).

First Place went to Elise Ferrell for her vocal performance, "Burning House."

Second Place was a Spot-

light Dance performance of "Lost Boy." (Hannah Baker, Trista Baustian, Anna Boltjes, Kaysie Lenz, Mary Opitz, Hope Thorson and Cedar Viessman)

Third Place went to Vivian Brockberg for her Spotlight Dance performance of "Get Your Cape On."

There were 12 entries in the Teen Division (13 to 18 years)

Alli LaRock took first place with her vocal performance of "Popular" from the musical, "Wicked."

Kristen Ziegler took second place with her hip hop,

jazz and lyrical dance performance of her own choreographed "Dance Mix."

Autumn Driscoll's vocal solo of Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love" took third place.

There were three entries in the Open Division.

First Place was awarded to the Spotlight Dance daughter, mother, father performance of "A Tribute to Grease."

Second Place went to Heidi Kramer and Sue Sandbulte for their vocal performance of Dolly Parton's "A Coat of Many Colors."

Mariah Talsma was third for her vocal and piano perfor-

mance of "Better Place."

First place winners in each division are awarded \$100 and an invitation to perform at the Minnesota State Fair.

Second and third-place winners receive \$75 and \$50, respectively.

The event is sponsored by Sioux Valley Energy and organized by the Rock County Fair Board and Luverne Area Chamber.

George Bonnema, Susan Skattum and Mary Jo Graphenteen were judges, and Jim Juhl and Eugene Marshall operated the sound system.



Lori Sorenson photo/0804 oldre boys state award

State recognition

The Hardwick American Legion Arthur Moeller Post 478 received a Director's Award this summer for sponsoring Knute Oldre for the Boys State Convention in St. Paul in June. Oldre was second runner-up for the Boys State Governor and Lieutenant Governor's trip to nationals. Out of more than 300 Boys State participants, two advance to nationals, which were last week in Washington, D.C. As second alternate, Oldre was essentially fourth in line for the honor. He is pictured with Hardwick's Second District Commander Mark Coney at the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building Monday afternoon.

Sioux Falls police still seeking information about shooting of Luverne woman

By Lori Sorenson

Sioux Falls authorities are investigating a weekend shooting that reportedly involved a 28-year-old woman from Luverne.

The woman is hospitalized in stable condition after being treated for a gunshot wound in the back of her head.

The victim's name and that of her 48-year-old male passenger had not been released as of Tuesday morning. Reports indicate that nei-

ther the victim nor the passenger is cooperating with police as they investigate the early Saturday morning incident that occurred in the 800 block of North Redbird place.

According to Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, his office has not been contacted for information or assistance.

As of press time Tuesday, the woman's name hadn't been released. Sioux Falls authorities are seeking information at 605-367-7007.

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Plagiarism, according to the handbook, is using another person's words, ideas or work without properly citing the source. It can be either intentional or unintentional.

Consequences for academic dishonesty range from a disciplinary warning to lost credit on the assignment and/or class to suspension.

In other business, the board members:

- increased lunch prices by 10 cents. Elementary lunches will be \$2.75 per meal, \$3 for grades 6-12, and \$3.80 for adults. All other food service prices stayed the same.

- approved creating an assistant cross country coach position at a salary of \$2,082.



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Nancy Lange retires from 40 years in social work/from 1A

a situation. A screening team is mobilized (not just one person makes these decisions) and if it's determined no immediate action is required, then decisions are made about the next course of action — does a case need to be opened? Or can the problem be addressed with simple solutions?

If a case is opened, then decisions need to be made about needs and goals.

"I'm going to miss that initial rush," Lange said. "These are serious decisions; you're making recommendations that affect families, and you're having to decide, 'Will this kid be OK tonight, or should we do something right away?'"

Sometimes, it's a matter of showing parents what makes a healthy home.

A state-funded parent mentoring program teaches families how to manage stress, provide three meals a day and establish proper bedtime routines to improve mental health of children.

"It's a wonderful program," Lange said. "We could definitely use more parent mentors. You don't need to have a college degree - just good life skills."

Sometimes it's a matter of keeping children in school.

"We still see educational neglect and truancy," Lange said. "We try to help parents realize that just a high school diploma is so important."

Stress has its rewards

After nearly four decades, she said she's now seeing the fourth generation of children in the same families come through her office. "I started seeing their grandparents years ago," she said.

So why did she stay in this career for 40 years?

"A lot of people have asked me that, and I always say that I wanted to have a challenging career — and I sure did," Lange said.

"I wanted to feel like I could make a difference." She looks back and said she may have helped some families.

"I have had some kids come back to me after they grew up and tell me that they were better off after we intervened," Lange said. "That makes it all worthwhile."

In many ways Lange said children are better off today because of state-mandated reporting laws.

"In my first five years, there were no reports of child sex abuse," she said. "In the 1970s it was hid within families and no one ever discussed it."

Today medical personnel, school staff, day care providers, law enforcement, ministers, social services agencies and others are "mandatory reporters," meaning they're required by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

"Children are better off for that reason," Lange said.

"And children themselves are more educated and more aware when someone makes them uncomfortable. They've learned about 'good touch, bad touch,' and more kids are speaking out."

And there were other

rewards.

"Some have been removed from the home and gone on to be adopted — we have some wonderful stories of adoption," she said.

"And there are success stories of resilient people who have overcome their addictions and turned their lives around. ... That's what keeps you going. You always have hope."

Significant career contributions

Her efforts didn't go unnoticed by her peers, who nominated her last year for Minnesota State University Mankato's Social Work Alumna of the Year award.

It's bestowed on distinguished alumni who have significantly contributed to their careers.

Luverne native David Beimers, PhD, is an associate professor in social work and is chair of the Department of Social Work at MSU.

He presented the award to Lange and said he enjoyed the opportunity to recognize a fellow Rock County professional. "She is very deserving," said the 1988 LHS graduate.

Beimers, son of Bill and Esther Beimers, Luverne, shared with the Star Herald information about Lange that was read at the awards ceremony.

"Nancy has accomplished a lot over her professional career, but what I find just as compelling is what her colleagues have to say about her commitment to the social work profession and the field of child welfare," Beimers said in Lange's introduction.

He said her colleagues spoke of her commitment to the well-being of social work staff, mentoring, training and modeling professional behavior.

"They also spoke of her commitment to children and her passion to improve how child protection and law enforcement work together to investigate cases," Beimers said.

Lange said her office couldn't accomplish the work on its own.

She often teamed up with Southwestern Mental Health, the courts, schools, guardians ad litem, the Crisis Center and others.

"I feel so fortunate to have worked with so many dedicated professionals in our community," she said.

"It's not going to happen if we don't support each other and are not committed to the welfare of the kids. ... There are so many people on board who want kids to be healthy, safe and educated."

Lange said she doesn't have reservations about leaving her responsibilities to someone else.

"I feel there are quality people to carry on," she said. "I feel like everything's going to be OK."

Her co-workers honored her with retirement party on July 26 to celebrate her 38 years in Rock County. Prior to that she spent two years in South Dakota social work.

Lange and her husband, Jeff, live near Beaver Creek, and they have three grown children, Sarah Landin in Edgerton, Josh Lange in Jasper, and Abby Lange in Fergus Falls.



Daniel Harrington's photo of an approaching storm across the prairie was selected as the June winner of the Prairie Photo Contest through the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Sunrise at Blue Mounds State Park was captured by Debbie Kippen of Blaine and selected as the June winner of the Prairie Photo Contest. The contest runs each month through October.

June Prairie Photo Contest winners chosen

By Mavis Fodness

Board members with the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau took a little extra time deciding the winners of the June Prairie Photo Contest.

Chosen were a sunrise photo at Blue Mounds State Park by Debbie Kippen of Blaine and a prairie storm photo by Dan Harrington of Adrian.

"The board had a real challenge trying to select two of the photos out of the many that were submitted," said Jane Wildung-Lanphere, Luverne Area Chamber director.

"It is exciting to see these images taken when you are in the right place at the right time."

Winners earned \$50 and their images will be made into postcards. The postcards will be sold to support programs at Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie.

The Prairie Photo Contest continues every month through October as part of this summer's celebration of the 150th anniversary of Minnesota state parks and the 100th anniversary of America's

national parks.

Photos must be submitted digitally (at least 300 PPI or higher) by the first of each month to luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us. Include name, address, phone number, email and the title of the photo with each submission. A maximum of five entries are accepted per person per month.

All photos submitted in May and June and not selected for the postcard are eligible for the July through October selection process.

Sharkee's property owner attends public hearing/from page 1A

housed Sears, Verizon and a drive-up coffee shop.

Series of unfortunate events

But in April of 2014 Sharkee's closed due to health code violations, mainly basement sewage backup, that forced its shutdown.

Then on May 26, 2014, the buildingsuffered damage from a fire reportedly set by arsonists. The arson remains under investigation but is essentially a cold case.

Halverson's insurance carrier, Auto Owners, denied payment on the fire claim, essentially alleging that "someone close to" Halverson — a former employee — had been implicated in the arson.

While that individual had been questioned, no criminal charges were filed, so Halverson sued his insurance company.

"If someone other than you sets fire to your property, your insurance carrier ought to pay for it," Maxwell explained after the hearing.

That lawsuit may not be settled until later this year.

Meanwhile, the property has fallen into further disrepair, and building code violations have not been addressed.

As such, city charter and state law allows the city to acquire the property through condemnation proceedings, which were set in motion September 2015.

Halverson 'has resources' to address code violations and 'hasn't been ignoring issues'

Maxwell pointed that eminent domain is often prompted by property owners' lack of resources and/or blatant



Lori Sorenson photo/0804 sharkee's property hearing

Sharkee's property owner Dave Halverson (foreground) attends a public hearing Tuesday night, July 26, in Luverne City Hall council chambers.

ignoring of code violations. "Mr. Halverson hasn't been ignoring the issues; he just hasn't been able to take steps to remedy them because of the investigation and ongoing dispute with insurance," he said.

"He does have the resources to address the issues; his hands have just been tied."

Maxwell's message to the council was that Halverson would have addressed issues with his building had the arson and subsequent investigation not occurred.

He also pointed out that Halverson had started his new venture (Tailgators in Brandon) at the time Sharkee's closed, and that venture had consumed his time during

the six weeks between closing Sharkee's and when the arson occurred.

"I know Sharkee's was not his focus at the time," he said.

"But had this fire not occurred, his intent was to continue the conversation on development of the property."

Maxwell said as part of litigation against the insurance carrier, Halverson has demanded an appraisal to assess the scope of fire damage.

That information, which is expected by Aug. 23, could determine Halverson's action on the former Sharkee's building.

"He would like the city to

not move forward with the eminent domain process," Maxwell said. "He's backed against a schedule of contractor timelines and a Minnesota winter."

Halverson specifically requested the city allow him until April of 2017 to address concerns.

"That should leave enough time for Mr. Halverson to coordinate remediation and provide time for people to perform that work."

By statute, the city could not take action on Halverson's request Tuesday night, but will address it at a future meeting.

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Feline maintains dignity under duress; Mom ... not so much

Snag, the family cat, enjoys a relative life of leisure, existing both indoors and out, depending on her mood and the weather.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Mostly, she's been queen of the jungle, commanding respect of the local birds, bunnies and pocket gophers.

But lately she's been challenged by a stray Tom who travels from the neighbors but is anything but neighborly.

We figure he's a bully, given his embattled appearance.

Snag, despite the fact that she has no front claws, is not about to give ground to a pushy Tom. More than once she's been forced to defend her throne on the porch (the horrendous battle cries are more dramatic than the tussle itself).

That was again the case on a recent quiet summer night when the archenemies met in Snag's territory.

Matt and I were watching the evening news, the boys were downstairs unwinding for the night and the cat was outside finishing her nightly rounds.

We don't actually know what the cat does once she leaves the porch and disappears into the shadows, but when the humans start shutting off the lights in the house, she typically returns to the patio door and waits to be let in.

We all heard the commotion at once, but I was the first to react.

Knowing the likely emergency, I leaped over the back of the couch (in order to save steps to the patio) and yanked open the sliding door, mustering my most intimidating mom voice.

"Hey! What's going on out here?! Knock it off!"

It worked (which is good,

because I had no weapon or shoes).

The perpetrator darted off the porch, past the garage and into the darkness.

Snag, meanwhile, skirted past me and through the open door to the safety of civilization.

She was clearly shaken (puffed tail, flattened ears and wild eyes) but did her best to convey composure.

Any cat lover knows this is important at all cost. "I'm fine. I'm not happy, but I'm fine ... of course."

To prove it, she slowed her pace once inside, took a few more stiff-legged steps, and then paused to preen her ruffled feathers.

Whew! She had survived another encounter with the enemy.

Other than her bruised pride and some stiff muscles, she was fine.

I, on the other hand, had become the subject of ridicule.

Instead of being recognized for bravery, I was mocked.

"Hey! What's going on out here?!" the husband randomly blurts to the son, who laughs,

"Mom, do you really think the cats knew what you were saying?" he asked, pleased to contribute to the mockery. "Did you expect an answer?"

I'm sure they didn't recognize the human words, but they got the drift and immediately ceased.

... If only my voice of authority were so effective with the human members of our family.

And if only I maintained my dignity under duress as well as the feline member of our family does.

Create synergy by welcoming visitors, encouraging locals to explore Luverne

In the dictionary, synergy is defined as the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements, contributions, etc.

Synergy is the reason that every single business in Luverne and the surrounding area is important for the success and growth of our community.

Just recently I stopped to purchase gas and there was someone filling a vehicle right next to me. I noticed from their license plate that they were from Indiana so I asked them where they were heading.

One thing led to another and soon they asked me if we had a decent laundromat in town. They had camped somewhere in Wisconsin and the laundromat was a dump.

They said they wanted to wash clothes before they headed out to Yellowstone via the Black Hills. I told them right away about The Laundry Room, how easy it was to find and how clean it was.

After I ran a few more errands, I headed back to the Chamber and noticed their vehicle in the parking lot. I stopped to thank them, and before our conversation ended, the father and children headed out to

get some thing to eat.

This family stayed a little longer and spent more money in Luverne — that is what we all want.

I wrote about another example in June's Chamber Chatter about what Barb Bork and her staff at the Sewing Basket were doing promoting Row By Row Experience.

Quilters stop and get a free pattern to make a quilt at shops throughout the United States. As of last week, the Sewing Basket has given patterns to 136 people representing 22 states and they have sold over 70 quilt kits.

Many of those quilters filled up with gas, stopped at other shops, dined at our restaurants—and had a great experience in Luverne.

The same thing happens when businesses come to Luverne to work on a project. Their employees spend money when they are here

and we all benefit.

So why bring this up again?

Imagine the impact each of us can make in our everyday life if we take a few minutes to visit with others and let them know all the great things that we have in this town.

Maybe your neighbor doesn't really know what Luverne has to offer. Share what you know with them so they can invest a few more dollars in our community. Every dollar they spend, you spend and I spend creates \$7 in Luverne.

Encourage visitors you meet to take advantage of what we have to offer and we will all be better off. And personally, let's all try to do a better job of supporting our friends and neighbors by spending and investing locally.

This information is reprinted from the June Chamber Chatter, produced by the Luverne Area Chamber.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

By Jane Wildung Lanphere
Luverne Area Chamber Director

A successful fair is in the books; efforts now turn to Beerfest

Wow! Hats off to the Rock County Fair Board for a very successful 2016 fair. The weather was perfect and the crowds certainly reflected that.

The Star Herald staff is busy putting together a special section featuring all of the 4-H winners. Look for that in next week's paper.

Next on the community celebration calendar is the Rock River Beerfest Aug. 20 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. This is a great time to sample craft beers and wines from the region and beyond.

New this year at Beerfest is the stein-holding contest.

There will be a men's and a women's division. It's free to enter, but registration will be limited to the first 20 contestants in each division. Registration will start at 2 p.m. and close at 2:45 or after the first 20, if that happens sooner. So sign up early. Competitors will be timed while



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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holding a stein full of beer straight out in front of them at shoulder level. They can't move their arm up or down or spill any beer, or they will be disqualified.

Each division will have preliminary rounds to narrow the field to four competitors for the championship round in each division.

Once the stein is filled with beer, it will weigh a little over five pounds. The stein-holder of the men's and women's divisions will each be

competing for a \$50 cash prize. In addition to the cash, their names and times will be engraved on the official Beerfest trophy.

We did an unofficial test run at the Star Herald office using water instead of beer to fill the steins, and our own Lori Sorenson held the stein for a meager two minutes. Yours truly held it long enough to win the battle of the sexes, but three minutes is a long time, just for the record.

So we'll see you at Beerfest.

Election season policy:

Please note that our Letters to the Editor policy during election season has some unique guidelines. We do not accept letters written for the express purpose of endorsing candidates. Letters must focus on issues in a campaign rather than simply encouraging a vote for a candidate without merit. The Star Herald looks forward to being part of the process. Questions can be directed to editor@star-herald.com, or 507-283-2333

Kuechenmeister: Where were the people?

To the Editor:

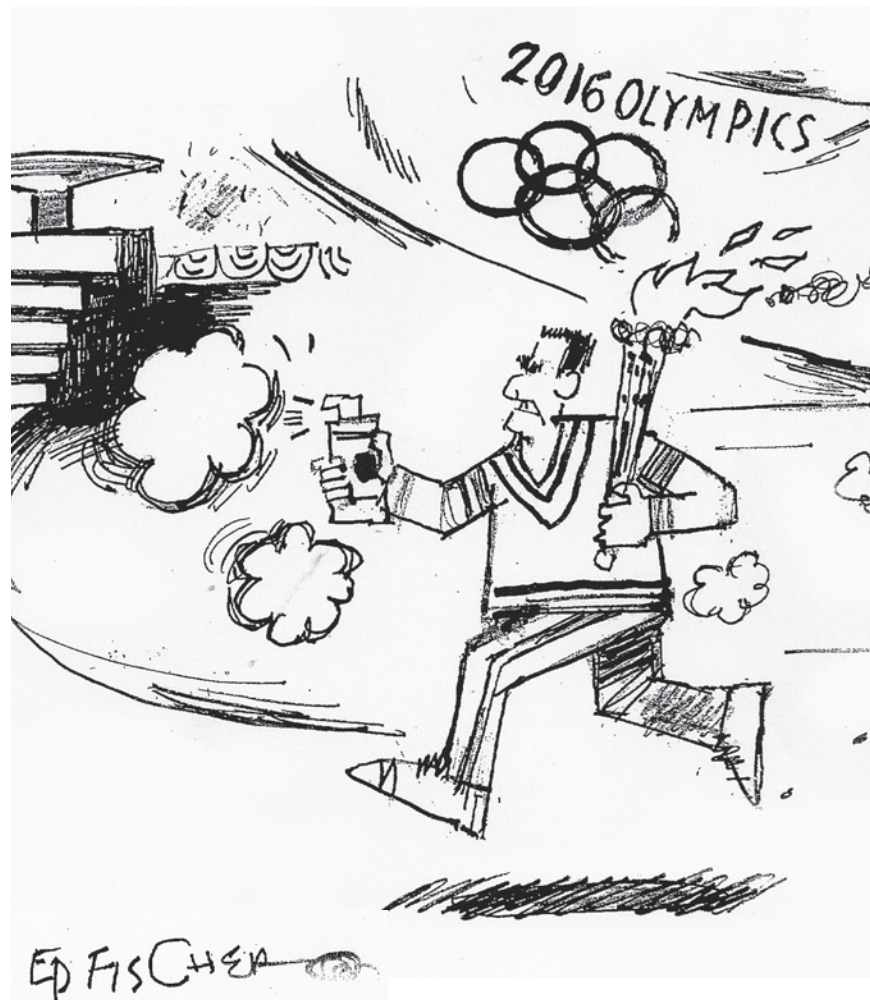
Luverne where were you? I attended the Badlands House Band concert Friday night, July 29, at the Rock County Fair. The band was awesome, and I met some people I haven't seen in a long time. I had a great time.

But I was very disappointed with the attendance for a band of this caliber at the fair, and I'm sure the band was very disappointed also. They still put on a great show regardless of the small crowd. I

VOICE OF OUR READERS

would like to thank those who were involved in getting them to come to Luverne.

Kevin Kuechenmeister
Class of '79



Doherty: Keep our board of county commissioners balanced

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to encourage all voters in the first and third county commissioner districts to be sure to vote in the upcoming primary. It is very important that those of us in agriculture maintain a balanced county board.

Everyone in Rock County is affected by agriculture in some way, but those actively involved in agriculture have more at stake than most. Agriculture is being challenged on many fronts, from animal rights to water

quality. We need to have a local government who understands the day-to-day effect this has on the county's crop and livestock producers.

Keep in mind that the county board appoints the members of the planning and zoning board as well as the rural water board, and they have final say on all their decisions. Agriculture is the driving economic force of the county, and it is important that we do all we can to protect this asset.

I also feel it is important to have

the county as a whole well represented. It would be best to have the members of the board come from varying parts of the county rather than to have a majority from one area. This would be helpful when it comes to roads, bridges, and other county infrastructure needs, as the board members would actually be using them.

Thank you, and be sure to vote for a balanced board.

Paul Doherty
Magnolia

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 22
 •Complainant reported hearing two possible gunshots coming from his backyard where the apartments are in Beaver Creek. Complainant then reported that he may or may not have confronted an individual about the sounds in the apartment lawn. When dispatch further questioned complainant, he said he did confront someone. Dispatch could not get much more information as complainant was intoxicated.
 •Complainant called again and reported that he suspects there may be drugs involved in the last call. Complainant was still quite intoxicated.
 •Complainant requested a deputy as soon as possible, as the subject from the two previous incoming calls was at their place and acting strange.
 •Complainant reported that the gravel trucks are not securing their loads, and gravel is sandblasting his vehicle every time he meets one of the trucks.
 •Complainant reported that he was driving on the 1500 block of County Road 4, and a gravel truck did not have his vehicle covered, and he sprayed his vehicle with gravel.
 •Complainant reported a theft that she would like to speak with someone about.
 •Complainant reported that there was a white male walking westbound at location. He was wearing a black sweat-shirt and holding up his thumb. She was concerned with the heat that he was OK. Unsure if he broke down or was just hitching a ride.
 •Complainant reported debris in the road on I-90 between mile markers two and three. Transferred to State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported a fire in Sioux Falls. Transferred to South Dakota dispatch.
 •Complainant reported a car broke down on I-90 in South Dakota. Transferred call to South Dakota.
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about getting some belongings from her residence.
 •Complainant reported a commercial fire alarm. Fire chief advised no fire. The sprinkler broke and leaked water on the third floor. He also advised building maintenance is in charge now, and water is shut off for a while. The cleaning process has begun.
 •Complainant reported a car with South Dakota plates on 115th Street since 4:30 a.m. today. Deputy checked on ve-

hicle and advised it is leaking a little antifreeze, so it must have broken down. He will check to see if it is still there tomorrow.
July 23
 •Complainant reported a vehicle that is for sale with its lights on. Deputy confirmed it, and dispatch notified the owner.
 •Complainant reported two people in dark clothing on Highway 75 and 151st Street walking south toward Luverne. Trooper heard the call dispatched and relayed that he had already picked them up and dropped them off at Casey's.
 •Complainant reported he had a former employee come to his place and yell at him. Subject was going to Jaycox to clean out his vehicle, and complainant wanted to give us a heads up that he has gotten out of had at Jaycox before.
 •Complainant reported their vehicle broke down, and they already called for a tow, but they need a ride to a different hotel because the rate is too high at the one they're at, and it is too hot to walk.
 •Complainant reported threat of suicide, but the subject was in Oklahoma. Complainant was calling from Murray County and was advised to contact the local police department where the subject lives.
 •Monitoring company reported that subject tested a 0.018 the first time, and 0.015 the next time. Requested his probation officer be notified.
 •Complainant reported she got a flat tire on I-90 mile marker four. Also notified State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported her son ran away and is possibly in Sioux Falls. He returned home on July 25.
 •Complainant called 911 and reported a man she knows came to her apartment last night to try to sleep with her, and she doesn't want anything to do with him. She wants deputies to arrest him if he comes back.
 •Complainant reported two missing bikes taken from a driveway sometime between July 22 at 6 p.m. and July 23 at 6:30 p.m. Bikes were recovered.
 •Deputy reported a concerned neighbor asked him to check residence because the owners are out of town, and there is a light on. Deputy did check residence, and everything is OK.
 •Complainant reported a suspicious silver/grey minivan driving up and down the road at location. He has seen it go back and forth three to four times today, and it is out of the ordinary.
 •Complainant reported that she wants an individual to stay

away from her sister's residence. Deputy advised she needs to get an order for protection. Referred her to the crisis center.
 •Complainant requested a room voucher for a patient that was just discharged. No rooms were available in Luverne.
July 24
 •Complainant reported a loud keg party taking place on the 100 block of North Spring Street. Complainant wants someone to talk to them about the noise.
 •Lyon County Iowa Sheriff's Office requested assistance with an alcohol violation.
 •Complainant requested a residence check while they are out of town.
 •Complainant reported beer cans and garbage on the 100 block of North Spring Street. Dispatch made contact with subject who said he would clean it up. Deputy advised when he went by later they were out cleaning it up.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy about her ex not bringing her daughter back to her.
 •Complainant reported some of their lawn ornaments have been stolen.
 •Complainant reported at least three individuals arguing on the road east of their residence. Two are out of the vehicle, and one driving. They are unsure if there are more in the vehicle. Trooper advised silver car with three occupants. Two black females. It left headed north on Highway 23.
 •Complainant reported that one of their guests lost his wallet last night, and the guest would like a call if found. Guest does not speak very good English.
 •Complainant requested traffic on Barck Avenue be monitored because cars have been speeding down the road, and she has kids and lives right across from a day care.
 •Complainant reported a group of adults and children harassing people driving and walking by on the 100 block of North Freeman Avenue. Complainant called back to report a fight had broken out between subjects. Deputies arrested two men for assault and took them to jail.
 •Complainant reported he caught someone trying to break into his car. They fled north from location in a white four-door sedan with unknown plates. Troopers stopped ve-

hicle at South Kniss Avenue by Casey's. Juveniles brought to Rock County Sheriff's Office and parents were called.
July 25
 •Complainant reported a threat being made via phone calls.
 •Complainant reported his son is being scammed and harassed via Craigslist.
 •Complainant reported that she closed on her new house at 10 a.m. this morning, and the former owners will not relinquish the keys because they said the money hadn't been transferred into their account yet. Wanted someone to come out there so things didn't get out of hand.
 •Complainant reported two or three bikes at the park that have been there for a couple of days. Owner had called them in previously. Returned to owner.
 •Complainant reported kids are parking on the bridge, and the semis can't get through. He said he spoke to the kids, and they won't move. Deputy reported only one vehicle parked on the bridge. Advised to move it and not park there. Other vehicles were off the bridge, and there was plenty of room to go past.
 •Complainant reported two eighth-grade girls were driving this morning. They were swerving, speeding and blew a stop sign.
July 26
 •Complainant reported he can see between three and six juvenile females and two males on his cameras possibly trying to get into cars around location. Deputies were in the area at the time of the call, and there was no one around.
 •Complainant reported he keeps seeing lights outside.
 •Complainant called back sounding agitated about a man being back. Said he was going outside then hung up. This is the third time subject has called, and he sounds like he's under the influence. Deputies are in the area because of the calls, and there is no one around.
 •Complainant requested a deputy to remove some unwanted guests. Her drug addict son and his girlfriend are there. The girlfriend got on the phone and said she is trying to get her stuff. Send the cops.
 •Complainant reported possible child abuse/neglect.
 •Complainant reported

theft of property. Called back and said it was found elsewhere on the property.
 •Complainant reported a 10-12 year old boy is riding his bike down the middle of the road, on County Road 4 east-bound from Luverne. Cars are swerving around him, and he doesn't seem to notice.
 •Complainant reported the possible theft of a check.
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a drug free building.
 •Complainant reported three hanging lights were stolen over the weekend from her neighbor's lawn.
 •Complainant reported he is 12 years old and home alone. His mother is not in the house, and there is a strange SUV in the driveway. Mother ended up being out in the yard talking with the neighbors.
 •Complainant reported subject is at her door again and wants him to leave. Upon arrival of deputies, the subject was gone.
July 27
 •Complainant reported a vehicle that has been in the library parking lot without a tire for several days. The county would like it moved. Deputy notified mother of vehicle owner to have it moved or it would be towed.
 •Complainant reported a white male with a ponytail and a ball cap walking around their building taking pictures of the outside, and when approached about what he was doing, hurriedly went to his vehicle without saying anything. Man was passenger in a mid 1980's grey Impala with a burgundy pin stripe. A woman was driving, and a teenage male in the backseat.
 •Complainant reported a white pickup pulling a trailer took the curve so fast it almost hit her. Pickup was headed west toward Luverne. Complainant is willing to sign a complaint.
 •Complainant reported a 99 Chevy Blazer kept driving past his house. Now it is a different truck but same person that keeps driving past. Complainant reported male was white, with glasses, dark blonde hair, balding in the front and approximately 65-70 years of age.
 •Two parties called to report each other following and harassing them. Both parties came to the Law Enforcement Center to talk to deputies.


•Complainant reported she is with a homeless female and wants assistance finding her someplace to stay.
 •Complainant reported a woman stealing fans at the City Centre apartments. Deputy arrested her and took her to jail.
 •Complainant reported a man walking at location 1.5 miles south of Hardway. She is concerned for his safety. He is wearing a blue shirt and a Cardinals ball cap.
July 28
 •Complainant requested deputies extra patrol between 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. during the fair due to issues with carnival employees harassing employees in the past.
 •Complainant requested a deputy to show him something that concerned him.
 •Complainant requested deputies to southeast corner of building. Deputy advised it was an argument, and both parties were advised to stay clear of each other. They were told to work through any issues about the building with Dunham Management.
 •Complainant reported some of her customers advised they saw a salt block in the middle of the road on I-90 eastbound at mile marker 9.
 •Complainant requested a fireman to come out to see if she has a fire started in her house. She's not sure if her fan started a fire in her roof or not. She was advised that we would have to page the fire department. Complainant said she did not want the fire department sent.
 •Deputy gave a juvenile male a ride home from the fair, and he was left with the babysitter.
 •Complainant reported that a friend of hers fell for a Skype act where he performed sexual acts on camera and was recorded and now is being threatened by the recorder to pay money or the video will be released to the Internet and to his social media.
 In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 deer accident, 2 transports, 1 funeral escort, 3 traffic stops, 17 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 9 animal complaints, 4 false alarms, 3 false 911 calls, 3 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 8 drug court tests, and issued 11 purchase/carry permits and 4 burn permits.

GREG BURGER

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Qualifications:

- Managed local ag based community bank
- President of Rock County Development Corp.
- Headed the campaign for new hospital
- Headed the campaign for Historical Society




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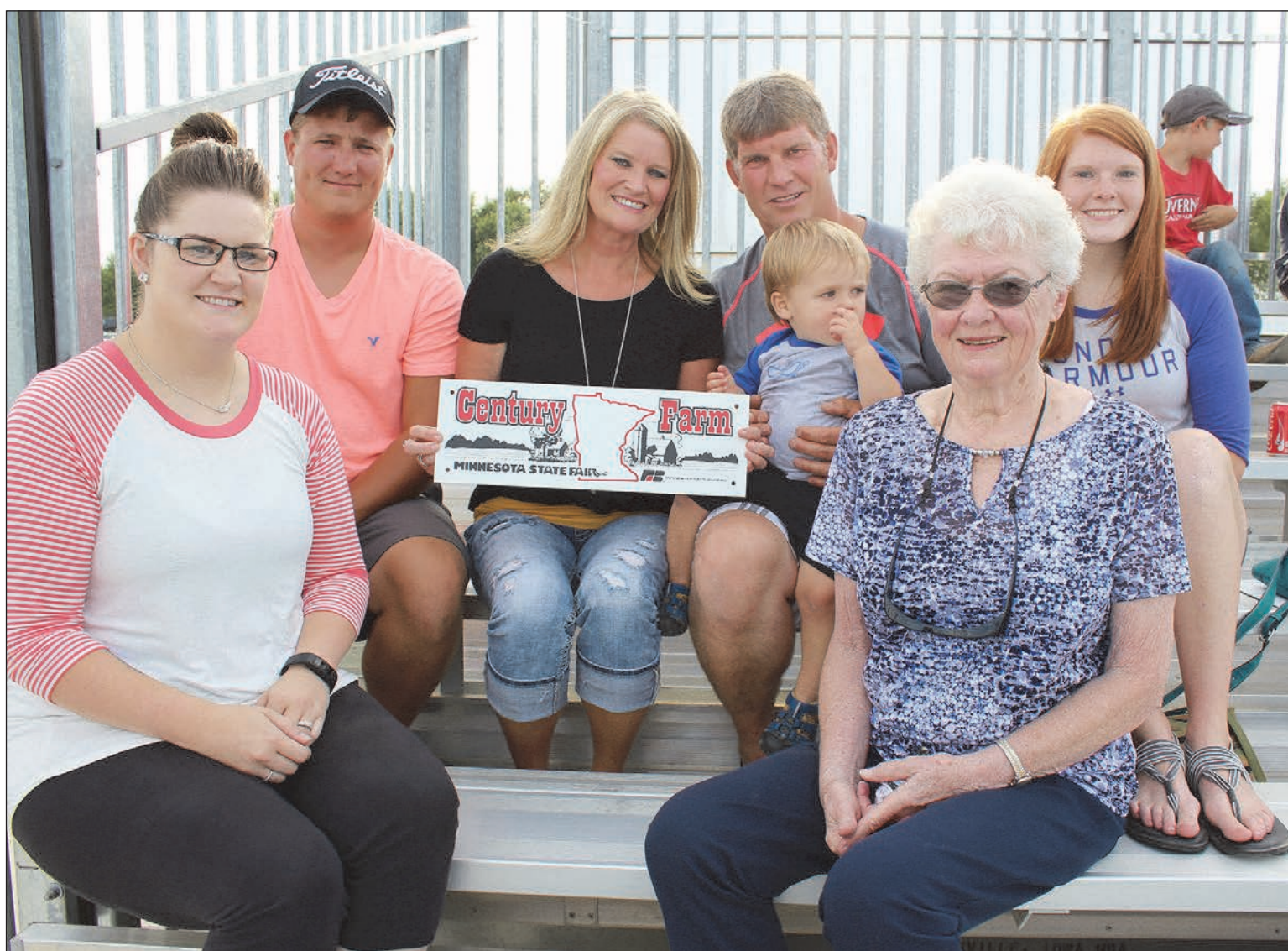
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Schilling-Wessels-Bergman farm hits century mark



Mavis Fodness Photo/0804 Fair 2016 Century Farm Schilling

The Schilling-Wessels-Bergman farm was recognized as a Century Farm during the Rock County Fair. Pictured (from left) are Danielle Spykerboer, Aaron Spykerboer, Twyla Schilling, Craig Schilling (with Axel Spykerboer), Gert Wessels and Karli Schilling.



**KNOW IT
AND GROW IT**

By George Bonnema,
Luverne Horticulturalist

**Tomato
harvest is in
full swing;
continue to
water
plants**

Last week I wrote about working on my bearded iris to address the iris borer issue. I lifted the entire clump of each variety and found borers in just one of the three, and that clump had just a few of the rhizomes affected. I found three of the critters, and they are ugly. Getting to that task as soon as I discovered the symptoms of spots on the leaves hopefully eliminated the other borers before they made it down through the leaves into the tuber. So now the leaves are cut back and they are replanted.

If you have the perennial nepta, commonly called cat mint, it is time for a haircut. Nepta is one of the first perennials to bloom, and its small blue flowers put on a long-lasting display. Those stems now are covered with gray expired flower heads that will mature to seed heads, and if you don't shear them off, you have the potential for lots more neptas ... maybe not such a good thing. Also, cutting off the old flowers gives the plant a fresh look and will encourage a great bloom season going into fall.

I'm harvesting a lot of tomatoes, and they are looking great and tasting wonderful. We have not had rain for a couple of weeks, and this hot, dry weather can be hard on tomatoes because they have a very shallow root system. That's one of the reasons I stress the importance of mulching them. My plants get watered once a week in this weather, and that keeps them happy. Letting tomatoes get extremely dry encourages blossom end rot, and that's one of the most frustrating dilemmas of ripening fruit. The tomato looks fine on top but the bottom of the fruit is black and rotten. Blossom end rot most frequently is caused by irregular soil moisture, but it can also be a symptom of calcium deficiency.

If this problem is ongoing in your garden, you can remedy the deficiency by putting a quarter cup of powdered milk in the hole when you initially plant the tomatoes. I also grind up eggshells in the blender, soak the powder in water for a few hours and then apply it around the base of the plants. I'm not a fan of using much fertilizer for tomatoes unless your soil is poor. Excess fertilization produces enormous, happy plants at the expense of fruit production.

I just finished planting my fall crop of kohlrabi, Chinese cabbage, and Romaine lettuce, so rain would be a great help to get those little plants growing happily. Again, I mulch with grass clippings immediately after planting to shade the ground and conserve moisture ... and then I still water every other day ... it gives me something to do.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iu.net.

Rock County farm receives local recognition

By Jason Berghorst

The Craig and Twyla Schilling family farm near Ellsworth was recognized as a Century Farm at the Rock County Fair on July 28.

In 1916 John and Grace Bergman, Twyla Schilling's great-grandparents, purchased 160 acres in the northeast quarter of Section 23 in Kanaranzi

Township of Rock County.

For 100 years the farm has been owned and operated by the Bergman-Wessels-Schilling family.

The Bergmans owned the farm until 1953 when their oldest son, Joseph, purchased the land.

Joseph Bergman, a bachelor, operated the farm until 1969, when he sold it to his nephew Stan

Wessels and his wife, Gert.

Stan and Gert raised their four adopted children, including Twyla, on the family farm.

"I've lived on this farm all but about six years of my life," Twyla Schilling said.

"I was about three when we moved here and lived off of the farm for about three years after we were married," she added.

Twyla married Craig Schilling, who grew up on a farm a couple of miles away, in 1989.

A few years later, Craig and Twyla purchased the farm from her parents.

The Schillings, along with their three daughters Dani, McKayla and Karli, are the fourth generation to farm the family land in

Kanaranzi Township.

"It's kind of neat that I got to come back to my dad's farm," Twyla said. "I have great memories of being out here helping him as I was growing up."

Stan Wessels passed away on June 11 of this year. Twyla's mother, Gert, was able to join the family at the recognition at the county fair.

**Getzel, Kurtz
wed in
Luverne**

Krista Getzel and Jonathan Kurtz were married Saturday, June 4, 2016, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Parents of the bride are Rodney Getzel, Brewster, and Kay and Daniel Madsen, Adrian. Parents of the groom are Mark and Cindy Kurtz, Luverne.

Pastor Ron Nichols officiated.

Music was provided by organist Anissa Hanson-Vis and soloists Daniel Madsen and Jacinda Seifert.

The bride's matron of honor was her sister, Sheena Eidhammer. Bridesman was Cory Getzel, brother of the bride. Bridesmaids were Christine Tyng, friend of the couple, and Callie Tesdahl and Kelsey Moser, friends of the bride. The bride's personal attendant was her friend Cassandra Berhow.

The best man was the groom's friend Kyle Kruen. Groomsmen were Phillip Altman and Andrew Hamann, friends of the groom, and Jeremy Stickling and Dakota Steensma, cousins of the groom. The groom's personal attendant was his cousin Samantha Steensma.

The flower girl was Seriah Getzel, niece of the bride.



Jonathan and Krista Kurtz

Ring bearers were the bride's nephews Raylan Eidhammer, godson of the couple, Ryker Eidhammer and Braylon Getzel.

Ushers were Jordan Hamann and Tim Schneekloth, friends of the groom.

A wedding reception followed the ceremony at The Bluestem in Luverne.

Krista graduated from Fairmont High School and Minnesota West, Jackson, in

2006. She currently works at Rock County Opportunities and the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Jonathan graduated from Luverne High School in 2009 and from Southeast Tech, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2010. He works for Mark's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning.

The couple lives in Luverne.

CELEBRATIONS

Open Houses

Mary Ann Ackerman will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Greetings may be sent to 201 Oak Drive, Room 114; Luverne, MN 56156.

Ray Dorn will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne.

An Open House Bridal Shower for **Annette Goetsch**, bride-to-be of **Matthew Brandt**, will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card Shower

LaVerle Colbeck Lorenzen will celebrate her 90th birthday on Friday, Aug. 8. Greetings may be sent to 110 S. Walnut Ave., Room 108; Luverne, MN 56156.

SENIOR MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Aug. 8: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pineapple.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle
Tuesday, Aug. 9: Barbecue pork, potato salad, cauliflower, bun, fruit crisp.

Program: Senior Citizens fundraiser.

Wednesday, Aug. 10: Tater tot hotdish, corn, fruit salad, bread, pudding.

Thursday, Aug. 11: Lemon pepper fish, macaroni and

cheese, peas, pears, raspberry parfait dessert.

Friday, Aug. 12: Chicken salad, tossed salad with dressing, fresh fruit, bun, blondeie.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

Morrissey Hospitality Companies names David Anderson as general manager

David Anderson has been named the new general manager of GrandStay Hotel & Suites of Luverne and returns home to Minnesota from Arizona, where he will lead the area's highest rated hotel on TripAdvisor.

Originally from Bemidji, David returns to Minnesota after nine years in Arizona where he served as director of operations, general manager, revenue consultant manager and assistant general manager of Days Inn and Quality Inn

hotels, where he collectively managed more than 200 hotel rooms and a full-service restaurant. He was very involved in the community, serving on the board of directors of the Williams, Arizona, Chamber of Commerce and as chair-

man of the Benefits Committee of his church.

"David's passion for providing the best for guests, his enthusiasm and his commitment to this community are the attributes we expect of leaders and ones we know the

community and locals will appreciate," said Phil Jungwirth, president of Morrissey Hospitality Companies Inc. "We are delighted to welcome him to the community, city, GrandStay Hotel & Suites of Luverne and MHC."

The 51-room hotel is located in Luverne off Interstate 90 and north on Highway 75. All of the guestrooms and suites have free wireless Internet, mini refrigerator and microwave, individual temperature controls, Bath and

Body Works products, desk or activity table, clock radio, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, and Grand Start Breakfast. The hotel is non-smoking and pet friendly with a large, indoor pool and whirlpool, party and meeting room, guest laundry, and business hub with wireless printing. The hotel is a member of GrandStay Hospitality, LLC out of Brooklyn Park. Reservations can be made by calling 507-449-4949 or online at www.grandstayluverne.com.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



(Lori Sorenson photo)

Images from the Fair 2016

The 2016 version of the Rock County Free Fair will go down in history as enjoying the best weather ever. Cool dry temperatures prevailed during all four days of the fair, and events and activities enjoyed record attendance.

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Tom Clarke demonstrates on the potter's wheel in the Rock County Fine Arts Association booth on the fairgrounds.



Mavis Fodness photos/0804 Fair 2016 Day 1
Future 4-H'er Tyson Uithoven (center) watches with his grandfather Greg Uithoven (left), and dad, Aric Uithoven.



Below, Livewires 4-H Club member Andrea Honken talks with judge Russ Thyen during the dairy show.



At left, Aleck Schoeneman keeps his eye on the swine judge Grady Ruble Thursday morning.

At the goat show are from left Rebecca Austin, Breanna Richters, Moriah Flanagan and Sadie Fuerstenberg.



Chantel Connell photo
Breklyn Dreesen pets a rabbit held by Michaela Sandbulte.

Trevor Mente waits beside youth beef show participant Hunter Sandbulte (hidden) as he and Casey Klosterbuer hold calves Friday morning for the inaugural open youth beef show at the Rock County Fair.

Below, checking out the farm implements at the Rock County Fair are from left Chase Overgaard, Justin Mente (back), Hunter Ahrendt, Drew Fick (front) and Blake Frahm.



Above, Hank Bork (left) and Franklin Uithoven visit with Adam Fodness about horses in the horse arena. (Mavis Fodness photos)

Sawyer Saker pauses for the camera Thursday morning as he exercises his horse.



Below, W&N Construction, Luverne, sponsored a bike giveaway during drawings at the races in the grandstands at the Rock County Fair Thursday and Saturday. Winners were (from left) Holden Overgaard, Presley Van Dyke, Ava Steinhoff (front), and (not pictured) Bayne Buchanan.



Submitted photos



Twins Jim (left) and Jerry DeKam display their toy farm in the commercial building. Fairgoer Dalton Popkes lingers at the edge to take in all the micro-details of the miniature farm. A miniature elevator carries ear corn to a bin. To create this scene required 3,500 toothpicks painted yellow. Each toothpick yielded roughly seven miniature ears of corn. (Lori Sorenson photo)



John Rittenhouse photo/0804 race 2

Luverne's Tom Walker (14) leads a pack of cars around a turn during pure stock competition at the Rock County Speedway Races Thursday. Walker won his heat race and the feature title in the pure stock class.

Local drivers shine Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

Local drivers turned in strong showings during the Rock County Speedway races staged at the Rock County Fair Thursday.

The event attracted a total of 49 drivers who raced in one of four different divisions of competition.

Local talent stole the show by claiming three of the four feature races when the evening was complete.

Area drivers had a big night in the pure stock class as all three heat (seven cars in each heat) race titles and the feature crown went to local drivers.

Luverne's Tom Walker and Greg Vande Velde drew the checkered flag at the end of the first and third heat runs respectively.

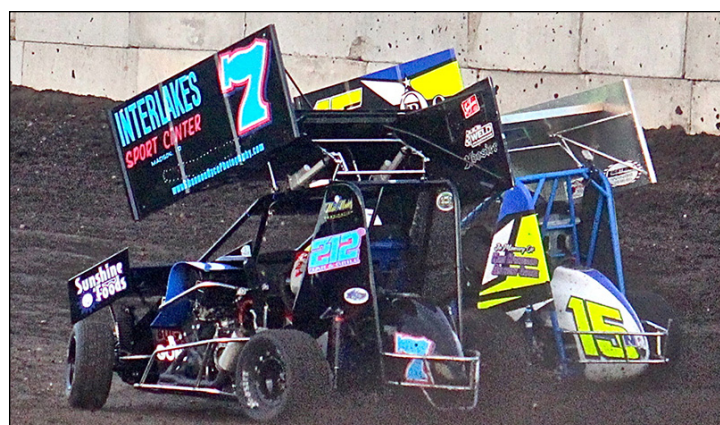
Hardwick's Heath Peterson won the second heat challenge.

Luverne's Tanner Baustian placed first and Sioux Falls driver Rick Eagan placed first and second respectively in



John Rittenhouse photo/0804 race 16

Hardwick's Silas Top (31) captured the hobby stock feature title Thursday at the Rock County Speedway Races.



John Rittenhouse photo/0804 race 29

Luverne's Shane Fick (7) captured the micro sprints feature title at Thursday's Rock County Speedway Races.

the pure stock B feature race, which gave them berths in the 12-lap feature event.

Walker completed his successful night by taking top honors in the A feature, while Adrian's Brandon Bullerman and Luverne's David Niessink finished second and third respectively.

The hobby stock competition included two five-car heat races and one feature event. Luverne's Jesse Connell took top honors in the second heat challenge, while Marty Halouska (Worthing, South Dakota) won the first heat event.

Hardwick entry Silas Top led the hobby stock field during the 12-lap feature race.

Luverne's Tom Kracht and Sioux Falls driver Jason Bradley placed second and third.

Six cars competed in the front-wheel drive division, which included one heat race and a 12-lap feature.

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Adrian splits games at state tourney

By John Rittenhouse

Adrian broke even during its appearance at the Minnesota State Division II American Legion Baseball Tournament staged in Le Sueur and Henderson last week.

Adrian split two games in its pool on Friday, but didn't meet the criteria to advance to semifinal and final rounds on Saturday and Sunday.

The Second District champion defeated Watertown during its debut in Le Sueur Friday before falling to Giant Valley in the pool finale Friday afternoon in Henderson.

With Giant Valley winning Pool B, Adrian was hoping to reach the semifinals as a wild card as the tournament included three three-team pools.

Like Giant Valley, Glenwood-Lowry won Pool A with a 2-0 record.

All three teams in Pool C (host Le Sueur-Henderson, St. Charles and Moose Lake) sported 1-1 records in pool competition, with L-H being awarded the division title and earning a berth in the semifinals.

Pierz, which went 1-1 as a member of Pool A, was awarded the wild card berth into the semifinals based on the runs-allowed tiebreaker in place for the event.

Adrian yielded seven runs in its two pool games, while Pierz surrendered one run.

Adrian secured a 2-1 win over Watertown during the tournament opener Friday.

Adrian plated a pair of runs in the top half of the third inning and withstood a late challenge by Watertown to prevail by one run.

With two outs and Ryan Wieneke on second base in the third, Zach Loosbrock delivered a single that resulted in Wieneke being tossed out at home plate.

The umpire, however, ruled that Watertown's third baseman interfered with Wieneke during his trek to the plate and Adrian was credited with the game's first run.

Logan Rogers, who was on first base when Loosbrock singled and moved to second following the interference ruling, eventually stole third base and scored the second run of the inning on an error.

Watertown produced its lone run in the bottom half of the seventh inning.

After blanking Watertown through the first six innings, Alex Loosbrock registered one out in the seventh before giving way to Rogers with the bases loaded.

Rogers recorded the final two outs to preserve Adrian's one-run win.

Giant Valley, the eventual tournament champion, saddled Adrian with a 6-1 setback during Friday's game in Henderson.

Giant Valley consists of players from Minnehaha Academy High School, a school in Minneapolis that won the

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Thirty-six members of the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club combined efforts to place fourth out of 66 teams at the ISI World Team Championships staged July 25-30 at the Schwan's Super Rink in Blaine. Representing the BMFSC in Blaine at the event include (front row, from left) Emma Baker, Brooke Nattress, Mara Thier, Riley Severtson, Brylee Zebe, Lexie Severtson, Anisa Vanden Bosch, (second row) Grace Schneekloth, Emma Schneekloth, Rylee Kurtz, Marisa Thier, Augusta Papik, (third row) Kendall Buss, Alyssa Nattress, Josee Mendel, Sydney Maciej, Jayden Zebe, Brielle Watters, Liz Spiegelhoff, (fourth row), Brooke Thompson, Makayla Huisman, Hannah Hofer, Haley Patrick, Ciana Vanden Bosch, Maranda Thier and Alysha Wieneke. Not pictured are Morgan Bain, Alexis Dunn, Cloe Dunn, Hannah Henning, Ashley Hohn, Kendal Koziatek, Matthew Koziatek, Tommy McCarthy, Olivia Saville and Bailey Weg. Katie Kopp, Sarah Nuffer, Cathy Shearer, Sabrina Sowles, Katie Shearer, Courtney DeBoer and June Warta serve as the coaches for the local skaters.

Blue Mound Figure Skating Club places fourth at World event

By John Rittenhouse

The Blue Mound Figure Skating Club turned in a strong showing at the 2016 ISI World Recreational Team Championships staged at the Schwan Super Rink in Blaine last week.

The local skaters compiled 840.5 points to place fourth in a field of 66 teams.

Schwan Super Rink (1.164 points), SportQuest Skating Academy (1,088) and White Bear Lake Sports Center (853.5 points) led the field.

It was the BMFSC's second

appearance at the World event.

Luverne placed second as a team when the event was staged in Blaine in 2011.

Five local entries won individual titles in two or more events.

Morgan Bain and Brooke Thompson led the charge by claiming five and four individual titles respectively.

Hannah Henning claimed two individual titles, while Riley Severtson and Tommy McCarthy posted two individual wins each.

Kendall Buss, Alyssa Nattress, Brylee Sebe, Josee Mendel, Anisa Vanden Bosch, Brooke Nattress, Jayden Zebe, Haley Patrick, Elizabeth Spiegelhoff and Marisa Thier notched one individual title each.

Patrick and Thompson teamed up to win a doubles title in Blaine, as did Severtson and Maranda Thier.

The BMFS also won three team and two family event championships at the World event.

KQAD/K101 fires 31 to win Rock County Kids Scrambler

By John Rittenhouse

Seventy-two golfers gathered at the Luverne Country Club Monday to compete for a good cause.

The 19th annual Rock County Kids Golf Scrambler attracted 18 four-person teams during a nine-hole event that grossed \$7,500.

The money goes to the local Child Guide and Big Buddies programs.

KQAD/K101 captured the team title during the 2016 version of the event.

The winning squad registered a five-under-par 31 that produced a net score of 27.25 strokes.



Mark Iveland, Steve Graphenteen, Mary Jo Graphenteen

teen and Anthony Graphenteen teamed up to claim the championship.

The nearest challengers finished two-plus net strokes behind the tournament champions.

REMAX finished second in the field with 29.35 net strokes.

Billy Cowell, Dave Hup, Waylon Vanden Top and Dan Hup formed the REMAX squad.

Papik Motors placed third in the final standings with a net tally of 29.65 strokes.

Keith Eitrem, Brent Schepel, Paul Sundvol and Mike Halverson played on the Papik Motors squad.



John Rittenhouse photo/0804 golf champs

KQAD/K101 emerged as the team champion of the 19th annual Rock County Kids Golf Scrambler Monday at the Luverne Country Club. Team members include (from left) Mark Iveland, Anthony Graphenteen, Mary Jo Graphenteen and Steve Graphenteen.



Star Herald file photo

Jonny Solma and the 2011 Luverne VFW baseball squad became the fourth team in program history to win one game at the Minnesota State VFW Baseball Tournament.

Two wins in Fergus Falls would make history for Luverne VFW

It's probably easier said than done, but there is a way the 2016 Luverne VFW baseball team



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

can make program history at the state tournament in Fergus Falls next week. All the young Cardinals need to do is win twice at the double-elimination event. After spending part of my weekend researching the subject, I found out that Luverne has qualified for the state tournament six times since 1986. In Luverne's prior five state appearances, no local squad has won more than one game at a state classic, and the program has a combined 4-8 record in state play. According to my sources, Luverne made its first appearance at the state VFW classic in 1986. I remember that being a great time period for Luverne baseball, as the local VFW squad also qualified for state play the next two years. Luverne went 1-1 at the state tournament in 1986 and 1987, when the event included a single-elimination format. The 1986 team traveled to Rochester for state play, where it rolled to a 12-1 victory over the Minneapolis Star Spangled Banner Post in the opening round. The win was followed by a 6-5 loss to host Rochester, which ended Luverne's

17-2 campaign. The 1987 squad won 18 consecutive games to advance to the state classic in Fergus Falls, where it ran its winning streak to 19 games with a 7-6 win over the host team in the opening round. Luverne, however, dropped an 8-1 decision to Maplewood in the second round to end the year with a 19-1 record. Luverne traveled to Duluth for the 1988 state tournament, which was played under a double-elimination format. The Cards dropped a 5-3 decision to Ranview in the opening round before avoiding elimination with a 9-6 victory over Bemidji in the loser's bracket. Litchfield saddled the Cardinals with a 4-1 setback in the next round, ending a 15-4 season for the 1988 squad. Luverne teams didn't qualify for state play for the next six years before the 1994 squad ended the drought with a dramatic win over Marshall Blue in the District championship game. Things didn't pan out well for the Cards at the state tournament in Moorhead, where Luverne went 0-2 at the state classic for the first time by dropping

games to Ranview (19-0) and Moorhead (10-8) to end the year with an 11-10 record. It would be 17 years before the Cardinals would make another appearance at the state tournament. In 2011 Luverne qualified for the state classic in Bemidji and opened the event in style by posting an 8-2 victory over Perham. The opening-round win was followed by consecutive losses to Grand Rapids (4-2) and Eagan (9-4), ending a 20-11 campaign for the Cards. Luverne's sixth appearance at the state tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in Fergus Falls, where the Cardinals take on Section 1 champion Austin in the opening round. A win over Austin would send the Cards to a game in the winner's bracket at 10 a.m. on Aug. 12. A loss to Austin would put Luverne in a loser's bracket game at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 11. We'll have to wait and see how things turn out, but I'm hoping the 2016 Cardinals can build on their 20-1 record entering the tournament and possibly make program history in the process.

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Class AA state title during the spring tournament. The teams battled to a scoreless draw through four innings of play, but Giant Valley put together three-run rallies in the fifth and seventh innings to win the game.

Adrian plated its lone run in the bottom of the fifth. Landon Rogers drew a one-out walk and scored on an error to make it a 3-1 game when the inning was complete. Logan Rogers pitched into the seventh inning and took

the loss. Giant Valley outthit Adrian 10-2 in the game. Zach Hendel singled in the fourth inning and Michael Preuss singled in the seventh for Adrian, which ends the season with a 9-5 record.

Steve Walker clinches second Enduro title Saturday night

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne man secured his second championship in a 10-year career at the Connell Car Care Enduro Race at the Rock County Fair Saturday. Steve Walker, who has driven his Caprice in the last 10 fair races, locked up his second victory at the 2016 version of the event. Walker completed 189 laps during the two-hour race to earn the championship trophy. "I didn't think I finished that many laps," said Walker, who won the 2012 Fair Race by completing 128 laps in the two-hour time limit. "It feels excellent (to win again). It takes a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun." Walker was one of 52 drivers to start Saturday's race and was in control of one of the 12 cars on the track when the event's two-hour time limit was reached. The champion edged Sioux Falls driver Brian Taylor, who completed 189 laps, slightly behind Walker. Walker said avoiding contact on the track and escaping tire problems were the keys to victory. "I would say staying on the track and keeping my tires up were the keys. Staying out



John Rittenhouse photo/0804 enduro 11

Luverne's Matt Niessink placed third in a 52-car field at the Connell Car Care Enduro Race staged at the Rock County Fairgrounds Saturday night.

of trouble was the big thing," he said. "I couldn't do this by myself," he added. "I have to thank my girlfriend, my mom and dad and my sponsors." Walker is one of five Luverne entries to place 10th or better at the race. With the exception of the 189-lap efforts by Walker and Taylor, the lap tallies for the drivers who finished third through 10th are unofficial as they may have included penalty deductions. Luverne drivers Matt Niessink, Dave Niessink and

Jasmine Kalass round out the top five by placing third, fourth and fifth respectively. Matt Niessink completed 182 laps, Dave Niessink 177 laps and Kalass 173. Luverne's Matt Lynch placed eighth with a 164-lap effort. Another Minnesota driver, Kenneth's Trevor Fluit, finished seventh with a 167-lap effort. Sioux Falls drivers Scott Jones and Nate Brady completed 170 and 160 laps to place sixth and ninth respectively. Steve DeJongh, Doon, Iowa, placed 10th by finishing 153 laps.



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Luverne's Steve Walker (left) holds the trophy he earned by winning the Connell Car Care Enduro Race at the Rock County Fair Saturday night. Race director Adam Kinsinger is pictured with Walker. Walker also won the race at the Rock County Fair in 2012.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Sioux Falls driver Keith Johnson won the heat race. Travis Johnson, of Wentworth, South Dakota, claimed the feature crown. Sioux Falls drivers Justin Peterson and Josh Lien placed second and third in the front-wheel drive feature. The micro sprints division attracted 12 drivers who competed in two six-car heat races and a 20-lap feature race. South Dakota entries Jacob Hughes (Hartford) and Nick Kirkegaard (Sioux Falls) took top honors in the first and second heat races respectively. Luverne's Shane Fick emerged as the champion of the feature race, while Hughes and Kirkegaard placed second and third respectively. According to race director Josh Klay, 575 individuals paid admission to witness the races. Papik Motors, R & S Seeds, Jaycox Implement and the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers Association sponsored the races.

Activities meeting

The Luverne High School Activities Eligibility Meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in the Luverne Elementary School gym. This is a mandatory meeting for students and their parents/guardians in grades 9-12 who plan to participate in Minne-

sota State High School League athletic activities during the 2016-17 school year. Topics covered in the meeting include MSHSL rules and school policies. A fall sports sign-up is available at the conclusion of the meeting.

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- Farmers' Union Coop
- Oil Board of Luverne and Lismore
- Five Star Coop Board
- Vienna Township Board

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

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Aug. 4: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Grades 6-12 volunteers at Bishop Dudley House meet at St. Catherine. Friday, Aug. 5: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Saturday, Aug. 6: 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Catherine. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Aug. 7: 8 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Mary. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 9 a.m. Mass. Wednesday, Aug. 10: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, Aug. 11: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

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

Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship.

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, Aug. 4: Noon Senior Focus Potluck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 5: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, Aug. 10: 7 p.m. Summer Youth Program. Thursday, Aug. 11: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 4: 7:30 a.m. Book Study. 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Aug. 5: 6 p.m. Gabrielson family gathering in Fellowship Hall. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Aug. 7: Noisy Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Aug. 8: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW executive meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. Wednesday, Aug. 10: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, Aug. 11: 7:30 a.m. Book Study. 2 p.m. GLCW at Parkview Manor. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church
Thursday, Aug. 4: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Thursday, Aug. 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Thursday, Aug. 4: 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out; Let's Ride. Friday, Aug. 5: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, Aug. 8: 7 p.m. Ridder Team meeting. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Renaissance Group. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 10: 6 p.m. Life Group Leader training. 7 p.m. 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.

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

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 4: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. UMC salad luncheon. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Backyard Roundup Vacation Bible School. Saturday, Aug. 6: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard; Adult Sunday School. Monday, Aug. 8: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Care meeting. 7 p.m. Worship and Music meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 10: 7:30 p.m. Family Ministry team meeting in the library. 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Thursday, Aug. 11: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. 7-9 p.m. Coloring and Crafting event.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, Aug. 4: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, Aug. 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 7: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Monday, Aug. 8: 6 p.m. Anniversary Planning Committee. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 6 p.m. Women's Missionary Guild at Pizza Ranch. Wednesday, Aug. 10: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Committee meeting. Thursday, Aug. 11: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church
211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

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

Thursday, Aug. 4: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Friday, Aug. 5: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Aug. 8: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:45 p.m. Church Council meeting. Thursday, Aug. 11: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, Aug. 4: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Aug. 7: 10 a.m. Joint Worship with Holy Communion at First Lutheran.

Work of God's hands

"But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand." Isaiah 64:8 ESV



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

Sometimes people wonder, "What's my purpose in life? Why am I here?" The prophet Isaiah gives us a wonderful answer. We are the clay and God is the potter, molding and shaping us. We are the work of His hands. Our lives are not our own. We were created for the purpose of loving and serving Him and each other. We are His. Our goal in life should not be for our-

elves, but rather to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." The bonus in all of this is that as we serve Him and each other, the blessings come back to us many times over. Loving Father, sometimes it is difficult to yield to You. Wash away our fears and doubts. Help us trust that You have something wonderful in mind as You mold and shape us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Thursday, Aug. 4: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at Palisade Lutheran. 8 p.m. Palisade Church Council. Sunday, Aug. 7: Joint Parish Worship with Holy Communion at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

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

Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School starts fall 2016.

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Aug. 7: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran. Tuesday, Aug. 9: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village.

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410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Downsizing Sale: Saturday August 6th 9am-4pm 110 S. 2nd Street, Beaver Creek. Furniture, lamps, home decor, wall art, holiday items, some antiques and collectibles, dishes, linens, household misc., books, jewelry, LOTS of ladies 1x-4x clothes. Fun sale, worth the trip! (8.4-8.7)

430 South Fairview Drive Friday August 5 - 4 p.m. to 8 Saturday August 6 - 7 a.m. to 12 Clothing mostly name brands Miss Me BKE Silvers Under Armour Nike Girls 14 to 20 mostly Justice Women 9 to 16 Lots of petite 10 to 16 Men's 34 to 38 Men's Large and X-Large Womens Medium to X-Large Backpacks like new Some Miscellaneous household items Everything priced to sell. (7.31-8.4)

Swanson-Nelson Sale: Back to School - Off to College. August 4-6. Thurs: 4-8, Fri: 4-8 Sat: 9-12. 105 N. Water Ave, Hills (Marilyn Nelson's) The usual popular/designer brands in apparel. Children's (girls 10-16), Teens and Adults. Top cosmetics, make up bags, totes, designer purses, backpacks, Bath & Body products, dietary aides, school and office, sewing notions, books, games and toys, decor, miscellaneous. Specialty items: 30 gallon Red Wing crock, baker's rack, Pampered Chef cookware set. (7.24-8.4)

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you! Two small words that mean so much! We the Martens Family want to thank everyone who in so many ways showed love, concern and support during the recent death of Kevin. A heartfelt appreciation to the Hills Area rescue and Sanford Medical Team in responding to our urgent call. Your gifts of flowers, food, memorials, prayers and words of sympathy were truly felt and appreciated. These deeds clearly demonstrate the meaning of friendship. How blessed we are to be amongst such close communities who rally around us with love and support during this most difficult time. The future days ahead will continue to be difficult, therefore we ask for continued prayers.

Coleen Martens
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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Kenneth

Family Fun Days

Friday, Aug 12

Dusk - FREE MOVIE

Back side of Church

See you there!

Saturday, Aug 12

11 a.m. ICE CREAM TRUCK

w/concessions

BOUNCY HOUSE w/slide

PONY RIDES

4 p.m. LAWN MOWER RIDE

6 p.m. SUPPER

Pulled pork, chips & beverage

Luverne Senior Citizens
Annual
Pie & Ice Cream Social
Luverne Senior Center
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5-7pm
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JASPER QUARTZITER DAYS
JASPER, MN
AUGUST 6 & 7

Saturday, August 6
7:30am 5k Run/Walk - Memorial Hall; registration at 7:30 am; RACE TIME 8am Early registration at www.allsportcentral.com
8:30-10am Cinnamon rolls, coffee & juice by Jasper WELCA at Memorial Hall
9am Quarry Lions Craft Show
10am Parade - Wall Street - entries welcome. Contact Lisa Rodman 507-820-9006
11am-1pm Lunch served by the Jasper Historical Society at Memorial Hall (walking tacos)
11am-2pm Quarry Tours - meet west side of Jasper Historical Museum
11am-3pm Inflatables
1:30pm Little Scrapper Pedal Pull, sponsored by Simplot Grower Solutions
2-5pm Card games/board games
5-7:30pm Pork loin supper in the park, fundraiser for the Quartziter Club
Ice cream social by the Progress Study Club
Free live music: Mogen's Heroes (bring lawn chairs; in case of rain - Memorial Hall)
7pm Bean bag tournament on Wall Street
9pm Free street dance - Rebel's Soul, sponsored by Stonewall Pub
Concessions by Brian's 19th Hole BBQ

Sunday, August 7
8:30-10:30am Breakfast served at Memorial Hall by Jasper Citizens Scholarship
10:30am Community church service at City Park with Hallelujah Hooligans bring lawn chairs (in case of inclement weather Memorial Hall)
11:30am Community potluck meal at Jasper City Park