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Mavis Fodness photo/0820 Crop Dusting

Pilot Matt Schanilec from AgriMAX LLC, Grafton, North Dakota, sprays a soybean field north of Kenneth earlier this month. According to aerial application manager JP Knox, his company sprayed about 25,000 soybean acres for aphids in a two-week time frame. The amount is comparable to previous years in Rock County.

Excellent crop conditions propel aerial spraying

By Mavis Fodness

It has been five years since area crops have looked this good in mid-August.

That was the finding of the Aug. 9 Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition report, which rated both corn and soybeans at the highest condition since 2010.

Locally, crop conditions mirror the state's findings.

"They look fantastic," said agronomist Dan Boltjes with CHS Eastern Farmers Co-Op in Magnolia.

"I think yields will be good."

State on track for record yields

Eighty-nine percent of the state's corn was rated in good to excellent

condition, according to the Aug. 9 report. A week later, however, its Aug. 16 report dropped corn conditions dropped 1 percent to 88 percent good to excellent.

August 20, 2015

Soybean conditions were rated 83 percent good to excellent on Aug. 9. The Aug. 16 report dropped that to 80 percent.

Despite the drop, Minnesota is on track to record the highest corn and soybean production on record, according to the monthly USDA crop production report released Aug. 12.

Minnesota corn production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels. Based on current weather conditions, yields

Favorable crop report/see page 3A

Voters to decide school levy renewal

By Mavis Fodness

One of Luverne Public School's two operating referendums will come to voters for renewal this fall.

At their Thursday, Aug. 13, meeting, School Board members unanimously approved putting the ballot question to voters on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Voters will be asked to reapprove the \$763.34 per pupil operating referendum for another 10 years.

In 2012 voters supported a \$401.27 operating levy. That 10-year levy is set to expire in 2022.

At their Aug. 13 meeting, School

Board members also supported hiring Ehlers Inc., an independent financial advisory firm in Roseville.

The basic service package will cost \$1,850 and supply board members with data and other information about the expiring levy. The package also includes a presentation about the proposal.

The board also approved how the question will appear on the ballot.

"The language at the bottom of the ballot has changed," Superintendent Craig Oftedahl explained. "It is much clearer"

Instead of informing voters that a "yes" vote could result in the increase in taxes, the district's renewal ballot will read, "By voting 'yes' on this ballot question, you are voting to extend an existing property tax referendum that is scheduled to expire."

Polls on Nov. 3 will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If renewed, the \$763.34 per pupil levy will begin with taxes payable in 2016, ending in 2026.

Currently the levy generates about \$948,000 in annual revenue.



Mavis Fodness photo/0820 Youth Fishing Pond

Jesse Gutierrez and his cousin Marcos Diaz cast a line at the Creamery Pond Monday afternoon, Aug. 10. Officials with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources were also at the pond to determine if it can be included in the state's Youth Fishing Pond Program.

Creamery Pond could be designated for Youth Fishing

By Mavis Fodness

A small group of interested fishermen gathered around the Creamery Pond in Luverne Monday afternoon, Aug. 10, while two Minnesota Department of Natural Resource (DNR) officials crisscrossed the former gravel pit looking for fish.

"A lot of nice shiners," shouted Ryan Doorenbos from the boat.

Doorenbos is the area supervisor from the

Windom area fisheries office.

Along with the shiners, Doorenbos and technician Luke Rossow also found other game fish, including black crappies, large mouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed sunfish and blue gills.

"There's not too many bullheads," he told the group.

Doorenbos and Rossow were electrofishing the Creamery Pond using an electrical current to draw fish to the research boat. The current reaches out in a 10-foot radius to a depth of 2 feet from the boat.

"They are basically paralyzed and then they come back to," Doorenbos explained.

The paralyzed fish are scooped out of the water and measured, and the species is recorded. The fish are then released back

Creamery Pond designation/see page 8A



Mavis Fodness photo/0813 Brad Goembel

Brad Goembel took the reins as Luverne Public School's transportation director in May. Monday will be his first day of organizing and scheduling the bus routes for more than 700 students who rely on district transportation to get to and from school.

Local graduate new bus director

By Mavis Fodness

Brad Goembel is no stranger to city and rural residents in the Luverne School District.

For 20 years Goembel was a driver at Ketterling Services Inc., Luverne, and through the years he grew familiar with local streets and addresses.

On May 1 he put this route experience to use in his new position as Luverne School District's transportation director. Now he is connecting faces to the residents he only knew by name and address.

"This is only my second job since high school," said Goembel, a 1996 LHS grad.

Monday will mark the first day of school for Luverne students and the first test of Goembel's organization of the district's 12 bus routes.

Goembel said he was intrigued each time

Goembel new bus director/see page 3A

Cardinal Gold'n Bowl set for Aug. 22 for first home football game

The annual Cardinal Gold'n Bowl is set for Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Luverne Public School Football Field before the Luverne-vs.-Worthington football game.

The Luverne Area

Chamber will team up with Gold'n Plump and Glen's Food Center to serve grilled chicken sandwiches with homemade toppings and chips. Meals cost \$3.

Serving begins at 5:30 p.m.; visit Cardinal Country for LHS clothing and gear.

The food is donated by Gold'n Plump and Glen's Food Center, and proceeds from the meal benefit the Chamber and the Luverne Cardinals athletic programs.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

at 283-9590.

Thrivent of Rock County Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

MSSupportGroup will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Luverne Bowling Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at Luverne Lanes. All bowlers are welcome to come and form a team for men, women or both. Call Luverne Lanes at 283-8172 or Pat Weerheim at 227-5258.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, for a tour of landscaping with grasses at a home in Brandon, SD. Call 507-597-6378 for more details.

TRIAD will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Sherriff's office.

Sound Cascade Sweet Adeline Chorus rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Washington Crossing Senior Living

in Sioux Falls (east side of Sioux Falls). Call 507-597-6288. Luverne Rotary meets at noon every Tuesday at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Call Teresa Hup

TOPS #698 Luverne (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets for weigh-in at 8 a.m. every Thursday at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. The meeting follows at 8:30 a.m.

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

basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Rock County Community Library.

Call 605-321-4324. Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Monthly Food Ministry is Aug. 20

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Community Meal Aug. 26

The free Fourth Wednesday Community Meal will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

Tuff Memorial Home Car Show

The Tuff Memorial Home will host a car show at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, on the front parking lot of the nursing home. If you are interested in participating in the car show, contact Shateen in the Tuff Home Activity Department at 962-3275.

Women of Rock County at Carnegie

Women of Rock County Fine Arts will show their new art work during the month of August at the Carnegie Cultural Center. The show includes work by Naidine Aanenson, Cindy Reverts, Kristen Peterson, Carol Ceynowa, Lois $Young, Kathy \, Deuschle, Nan \, Kaufenberg, \, Judy \, Edenstrom,$ Mary Petersen, Lori Hallsrom and Kaia Nowatzki.

4-H to host Lego Robotics Open House

Lego Robotics Open House will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at the community meeting room next to the Extension Office in the Health and Human Services Building at 2 Roundwind Road, Luverne, MN. For more information, contact Rock County Extension at 507-283-1302.

Community Ed

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

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

Concerned about your child's development (ages 0-5 years)? Call 283-4724 for a private screening at no cost.

Checkout the Community Education brochure on the Luverne School website, the community Education link.

Register for 2016 **Discovery Time** preschool. There are openings for children ages 3, 4, or 5 years in the Tuesday/ Thursday afternoon classes.



Rick Peterson photo/0820 beer fest

Luverne hosts Rock River Beer Fest

An estimated 375 people attended Saturday's annual Rock River Beer Fest in Luverne. The event, staged this year at the Blue Mound Ice Arena, attracted more than 30 vendors, including Luverne's Take 16 Brewery, who shared more than 100 different profiles of craft beers. Beer Fest also featured live music, food from local restaurants and a winery, Round Lake Vineyards. The event was first staged near Redbird Field under a tent, but the numbers of vendors and crowds prompted organizers to move it indoors at the arena.

School starts Aug. 24; mark calendars

Luverne High School/ Middle School begins Monday, Aug. 24. Student schedules are available online and in the school office. Schedule changes should be done before school starts.

The High School/Middle School Open House is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. Student photos will be taken in the elementary school gym. Picture packets will be available on site.

New residents to the Luverne District should register students for 2015-16 school year. Call to make an appointment at 283-4491 for Middle School and High School grades 6-12. Parents of elementary grades K-5 can call 283-4497.

H-BC high school packets ready; open house Aug. 20

H-BC Back to School packets are available for pickup. Families with Hills or Steen addresses should pick up materials at the Hills Jr./ Sr. High School. Families with Beaver Creek, Brandon, Valley Springs or Luverne addresses should pick up materials at the Beaver Creek Elementary

An open house for secondary students and parents is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the H-BC High School.

A seventh-grade parent meeting is set for 7 p.m.



Lori Sorenson photo/0820 school energy check

Energy conservation pays back

Lisa Fischer of Missouri River Energy presents a check for \$43,712 to Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl (far left) and Luverne School Board Chair Dave Riphagen (far right) during the July 28 Luverne City Council meeting in Luverne City Hall. Also pictured is Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian (second from left). The school district recently replaced a 225-ton chiller with a 120-ton chiller and also installed an ice storage system that helps to curb the district's peak usage. MRES provides electric power for the city of Luverne, and the school is a city utility customer. According to Fischer, the rebate check is from the city of Luverne through the Bright Energy Solutions Program. It was awarded for the district's energy savings (from 250 KW to 139 KW) with the new \$320,000 chiller and ice storage equipment.



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Land Surveying

Crossing lights not up until November; restriping iffy by Monday

By Mavis Fodness

Learning will take place immediately Monday morning for students walking to the Luverne Public School

Beginning Aug. 24, students will be directed to cross Highway 75 in only two locations instead of three as in previous years.

"We want parents to be aware there are no crossing guards at Adams Street anymore," said Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

For the next couple of months, crossing guards at Adams Street will direct students to cross at Barck or Dodge streets.

A crossing guard will continue to help students cross Dodge Street at the Northeast Park Street during the school year.

Crossing guards at Barck and Dodge Streets, however, will be available only until crossing lights are installed later this fall.

This spring, officials from Luverne schools, Rock County and the city of Luverne worked with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to plan for the installation of two rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) for safe year-round crossing of Highway 75.

RRFBs will be installed on the south side intersection of Dodge Street and the north side intersection of Barck Street. The motion-sensitive beacons only flash to slow or stop traffic when a pedestrian is waiting to cross the highway.

Crossing guards will continue to assist students across Hwy.75 until lights are installed; no crossing at

As part of the agreement with MnDOT, all other signage including the 25-mileper-hour speed limit will be removed.

Adams Street

The speed limit will be reposted at 30 mph.

Besides the installation of RRFBs, MnDOT will also restripe the highway from four-lanes to three.

A three-lane highway has a center turning lane, allowing traffic to continue to flow as vehicles use the turning lane to wait to turn left.

Completion of the restripingprojectwassexpected this week, but recent rains may delay that until after school starts.

Once the RRFBs are in place, a safe crossing Highway 75 to the school will be available 24/7, according to Verbrugge.

"It's a step in the right direction for safety," he said.

The lights will be available for all pedestrians at all times of the year, not just during the school year.

Goembel new bus director/ continued from page 1A _

he picked up refuse from the bus garage on West Dodge

He often talked with nowretired transportation director Lon Remme about bus maintenance and Remme's stepping down from the position he filled for 36 years.

"I was at the point of either choosing a different job or continue to work at (Ketterlings)," until retirement, Goembel said.

His wife, Tricia, three sons, Brody, 7, Rylin, 5, and Liam, 16 months, plus another child arriving in October prompted him to apply for Remme's position, where he could more easily attend school activities.

As transportation director, Goembel said he could now choose to drive the bus for his boys' teams to future away games.

Since beginning in the position three months ago, Goembel said he was overwhelmed by the transportation needs of the district. The last month of the school year ended with more than a dozen buses needed for field trips

conducted the same day. "It was very hectic," he recalled.

The summer months al $lowed\,Goembel\,to\,familiarize$ himself with each of the bus routes he rode before school ended, and now he can easily add new families into the

He has also serviced each the district's vehicles in preparation for next week.

Assisting Goembel has been the district's newest bus driver, Remme, who continues to assist Goembel as he settles into the position. Remme has not been the only one easing Goembel into the job.

"I have a great set of drivers," he said.

The drivers have been contacting families on their routes, affirming pickup and drop-off times plus locations for the new school year.

Goembel said a future challenge will be helping to determine if road conditions warrant postponement or cancellation of classes.

"I hope we have a good winter," he said.



Mavis Fodness photo/0820 School Renovation

Luverne Public School's business manager, Marlene Mann (third from right), gives a tour of the middle/high school media center Thursday night, Aug. 13. New lights and carpet were installed in the media center and asbestos was removed. The media center was one of several areas in the high school that benefited from this summer's \$494,000 in renovations.

School renovations nearing completion

Portions of the Luverne Middle/ High School are a little brighter as a \$494,000 summer renovation project is

School board members toured the progress Thursday night, Aug. 13, during their regular monthly meeting.

Business manager Marlene Mann conducted the tour that included the media center, art rooms, auditorium, agricultural and industrial arts classrooms.

Lighting was improved in each of the areas as well as the inclusion of a new heating, cooling and ventilation system located in the auditorium's

Walls were painted in the agricultural areas by district staff and the classroom received a dropped ceiling as part of the new lighting system.

"It looks like a real classroom instead of a part of the ag room," Mann said.

Each of the renovated areas has brighter, more efficient lighting, which will automatically shut off after 10 minutes if no movement is detected in the room.

In other business, the board:

•Heard the first policy reading on advertising guidelines. Currently the district does not have a policy for advertising or promoting of projects or services to students and parents in the schools.

•Heard enrollment numbers will be similar to last year. Elementary is projected to have 530 students, middle school 267 and high school 375 with a total enrollment around 1,172.

•Accepted the resignation of twohour food service worker Laura Richters, effective Aug. 1, and social studies teacher and coach Derrick Brown, effective Aug. 11.

For the teaching position, middle/ high school principal Ryan Johnson said interviews will be conducted with a suitable candidate starting as soon as possible.

•Approved the hiring of Alexandra Taylor and Karin Moser as part-time paraprofessionals for the Discovery Time Program.

"It looks like a real classroom instead of a part of the ag room."

> - Marlene Mann, school business manager

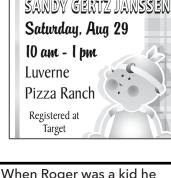


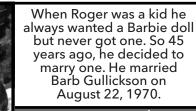
The agricultural classroom shows the most improvement after the recent renovation project at the middle/high school. Below is the classroom before the improvement in lighting and above after the renovation's completion









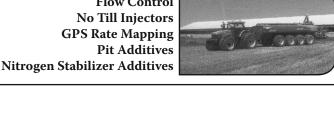


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UPINION

Mexican cancer clinic oh, where to begin ...

near the end of a threeweek stay at a Mexican cancer clinic. After a year of trying to stop the progression



of anal cancer using nontraditional methods, I decided I needed additional guidance. So here I am at Hope4Cancer three blocks south of the Mexican-American border.

I don't know if one newspaper column can even begin to convey the impressions and information I've gained in 10 days' time.

The people ... the atmosphere ... the treatments ...

So instead of details, I'll tell you about just one of the many wonderful people I've met.

He's 19. His name is Dustin. He comes from out east. He plans to become the fifth-generation farmer of his family's dairy farm after he gets well. At age 19 he's already graduated from college. He's a smart kid. Bright. Funny. Engaging. Responsible.

He has a form of pediatric brain cancer never before seen in someone his age. The first doctor told him he might have "some side effects" from the prescribed treatment. The second doctor said Dustin could expect rather significant brain damage from surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. The odds of him living a normal life after treatment were slim. The third, fourth and fifth doctors said the

Dustin's mom began the search that all of us here are on - the search for "a better way."

His bill at this clinic will exceed \$50,000 and none of it is covered by insurance. He's here on his own dime. Literally.

To get the required funding together, Dustin gave up the \$6,000 he'd saved for a pickup. His two married sisters and their husbands donated thou-

THE **NORTHVIEW**

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Meeting Dustin and others like him has been the highlight of this trip for me so far. At this clinic there is an amazing spirit of hope and strength ...

sands of dollars they'd saved for down payments on houses, and his parents borrowed against their property.

He plans to pay them all back when he gets well.

What strikes me about his story is the level of responsibility this kid is taking for his own health. First of all, he's paying for it. (All of the treatments at home would be "free.") Secondly, he's not looking for someone to give him a magic bullet or a quick fix. Beating this cancer is going to require hard work on his part.

He has a remarkable lack of a sense of entitlement.

Meeting Dustin and others like him has been the highlight of this trip for me so far. At this clinic there is an amazing spirit of hope and strength — even among the people who are gravely ill and most likely won't live much longer regardless of the kind of cancer treatment they

It's been a joy and a delight to spend time with these amazing people in this clinic.

Of course the Big Question remains: Does their treatment

I'll keep you posted.

Rural broadband necessary, not just nice

 $In \, 1922 \, the \, Minneapolis \, Tribune$ speculated, "... The day will come soon when farms are run by electricity, just as the other great industries are."

The newspaper marveled that the relatively new technology was creatingneweconomicopportunities in rural Minnesota and was making work more efficient and life a little

Eventually Minnesota farms were electrified, but it didn't happen for everyone for nearly 15 years. In 1936 President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Rural Electrification Act to assist rural communities in finally replacing kerosene and wood stoves with alternating currents and wires.

Access to electricity revolutionized farming and dramatically improved the quality of life.

Today, nearly 80 years later, we are at a similar juncture for broadband Internet access. Increasingly, farmers are recognizing the importance of high-quality, affordable

Right now, only three of Minnesota's top 10 agricultural counties have broadband availability that meets the state's standards for accessibility. In fact, five of these counties are below 60 percent availability for broadband.

Broadband in Minnesota's rural

STAR HERALD GUEST EDITORIAL

By Tina Smith, Lt. Governor

communities is not just nice; it's necessary. As the world's population continues to grow, Minnesotans are producing more food, fuel and fiber to help meet the growing need. Precision agriculture and technologybased solutions are essential tools for farmers as they increase efficiency $and \, maximize \, production. \, And \, these \,$ tools require high speed, affordable, reliable broadband Internet access.

Last year, the governor and I worked with the Legislature to invest \$20 million in rural broadband access. Our plan was to create a partnership with local communities and local private providers to fill in the gaps in underserved or unserved rural communities.

This spring we announced 17 projects located across the state from Luverne and Roseau to Tower and Becker to expand access across Greater Minnesota.

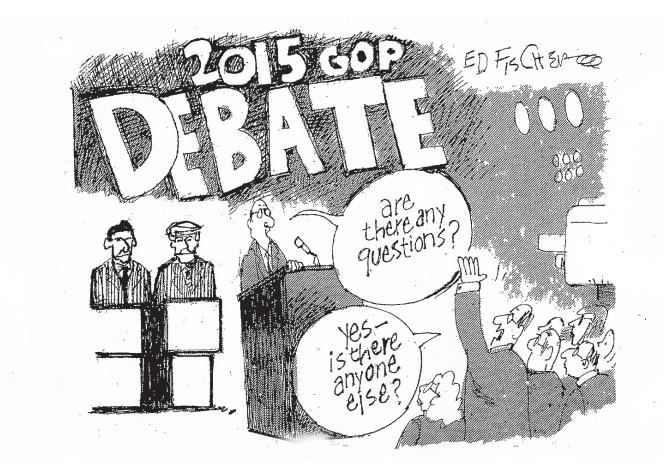
By 2017 an additional 6,095 households, 83 community institutions and 150 businesses will have access to high-speed broadband

During the 2015 legislative session, the governor and I proposed an additional \$30 million investment in rural broadband in 2016. This appropriation would have expanded access to 8,500 additional unserved households.

Unfortunately, House Republicans agreed to only \$10 million in additional funds. At half of what we invested in 2014, I think this is a big missed opportunity.

If we expect Minnesota farmers and rural communities to successfully compete in the global market, we also must provide them the tools and infrastructure they need.

Just as the federal government helped make the rural economy work through electrification in the 1930s, we need to connect rural Minnesota to broadband access. Let's work together to get this done, and build an economy that works for everyone in Greater Minnesota.



Change in weather means it's time for football, pheasant hunting and gun giveaways

Did you feel it this past Sunday and Monday? I bet you did, and you more than likely said, "Oh my! There's a touch of fall in the air." If you did, you would be right. Fall, football and pheasant hunting are just around the corner, and I, for one, couldn't be happier.

The first day of fall isn't until Sept. 22, but football is already underway, and the annual Rock County Pheasants Forever banquet is set for Thursday, Oct. 1.

The Luverne Cardinals' first Friday night clash is actually on a Saturday this year. Yep, that's right. The Cardinals' first game this season is Saturday night under the lights. The Cardinals will host the neighboring Worthington Trojans. Kick-offis 7 p.m. Fans will be able to come early and enjoy Gold'n Plump chicken grilled to perfection for only \$3 at the annual Gold'n Bowl beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Plans for the 31st annual Rock County Pheasants Forever are already



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager **Tollefson Publishing**

underway with the banquet date of Oct. 1. Tickets for the banquet and gun raffles will be available starting next week, both of which you will be able to purchase at the Star Herald

The gun raffle is a bit different this year. By that I mean it's awesome. It's a gun raffle trifecta. Three guns, one winner. For \$20 you get a chance to win a Henry Golden Boy 22, Henry Silver Boy 22 and a Henry Boy 22. If you would rather have the cash, you can take the cash option of \$800.

By the way, if guns are your thing — or if you're just a proud American and you want to help the Adrian American Legion Post 32—the Legion is selling gun raffle calendars for 2016. The calendars cost \$25, and that gets vou a raffle ticket for the weekly gun raffle starting in January 2016.

I have a handful of calendars at the office if you'd like to buy one. A limited number of both the calendars and Pheasants Forever gun raffle tickets will be sold, so I wouldn't wait too long if I were you.

'Driving too slow' could be ticketed

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

Question: Can a person get a ticket for driving too slow?

Answer: Yes. Freeways in Minnesota have an actual posted minimum speed limit. A driver must use due care in operating a vehicle, so there are times when traveling under that limit would be legal and encouraged because of weather conditions (snow, ice, fog, etc.) and actual or potential hazards on the highway.

Here is what Minnesota State Statute 169.15 says about impeding traffic: "No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law or except when the vehicle is temporarily unable to maintain a greater speed due to a combination of the weight of the vehicle and the grade of the highway."

I look at it as how a "normal

and reasonable" person would travel on a road. If a motorist is unable to maintain a safe speed when it's a clear, sunny day and roads are in good condition, I would look for a reason beyond the violation, including:

•Impairment from alcohol or drugs, even prescription medica-•General physical/health prob-

lems •Diabetic loss of consciousness

Vision problems

•Lack of physical driving skills •Lack of knowledge of traffic

•Mental or emotional problems (including road rage, memory loss,

If you have any questions con-

cerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848, Troy. Christianson@state.mn.us or on his Twitter feed at MSPPIO_SOUTH.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

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•Complainantreported that she was missing an old white push mower that belonged to her ex-husband's aunt and uncle. He left it behind when they divorced and she believes her father took it.

•Complainant reported someone just threatened to burn down his house. Subject said he was there trying to collect money he was owed and he made a comment to complainant.

•Complainant reported theft of medication.

•Complainant requested assistance with traffic control detouring people off the interstate at mm 18 eastbound because of an accident.

•Complainant requested assistance with the accident on I-90 eastbound lane mm 18.

•Deputy stopped vehicle for speeding on Hwy. 75 mm 6 for going 111 in a 60 mph zone.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. They haven't seen him all day and he hasn't brought in his recycling. Complainant called back to report his sister returned home.

•Complainant requested extra patrol as he has received a threat from someone.

•Complainant reported her daughter is making threats of suicide and there is a child in the home. Contacted Sioux Falls to check on her.

Aug. 8

•Dispatch received a 911 call with movement on the line but no one would talk. Pocket dial.

•Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle.

•Complainant requested a residence check for one week.

•Complainant reported identity theft.

•Complainant reported her boyfriend knocked her off a lawn mower Parties were separated

mower. Parties were separated.
•Complainant reported several young kids on S. Main Ave. in Hills who said their parents

locked them out of their house.
•Complainant reported residents on W. Lincoln Street are having a gathering in their yard and it's a little noisy. Complainant would like a deputy to ask them to keep it down. Deputy spoke to resident and they will keep it quiet.

•Deputy stopped vehicle and cited driver for no Minnesota driver's license and marijuana in motor vehicle. Vehicle was towed by Erwin's.

Aug. 9

BILL'S WATER CONDITION

COUNTRY

& PIONEER.

•Complainant reported a jeep in front of them was swerv-

ing on I-90 westbound mm 7. Also notified State Patrol.

•Deputy conducted a traffic stop and cited him for no MN driver's license. Valid drivers showed up to take his vehicle home, along with theirs

•Complainant reported problems with her boyfriend. She is in South Dakota at the rest area.

Aug. 10

•Complainant reported someone driving with a newborn baby in their lap. They are currently in McDonald's in the drive thru.

•Dispatch received a 911 hang-up call with no answer. Sent deputy to check and no one was there. A neighbor had just seen her and she was going to go run errands.

•Complainant reported a patient had received narcotics and was instructed not to drive. Subject then drove off property and headed east toward N. Bluemound Ave.

•Complainant reported a shotgun lying on the shoulder of the road on I-90 mm 17. Notified State Patrol.

•Complainant reported a car sitting on County Rd. 6, north of I-90, all blacked out. There are a couple of people sitting in front of it. State Patrol heard traffic and said they were in the area and would check on it.

•Deputy was stopped by a male in Hills who reported a young couple in their 20's walking around town. It looked like they were trying to break into a house.

Aug. 11

•Complainant reported her grandson unlocked the front door of her apartment and took off. Child is autistic and non-verbal. He is wearing a tan shirt with dark green lettering, navy blue shorts, and is barefoot. He has blond hair and green eyes. Child was found inside the apartment building.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. They can't get hold of him and he has been depressed lately.

•Complainant reported there is a car parked in the streetthathas been running all day. Complainant got to work at 8 a.m. and the car was running then and has not moved all day.

•Complainant reported someone burning garbage on W. Lawn Park St.

•Complainant reported

ELECTRIC

vandalism to her property.

•Complainant reported

LUVERNE<u>BASK</u>ETBALL ASSOC. GOLF SCRA

Edward Jones

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Attorneys at Law **Exchange** someone stole a 2" hitch slug and a piece of rebar. Complainant stated he went inside for a minute and it was gone when he came back.

•Deputy stopped vehicle and cited subject for small amount of marijuana.

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•Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported a carpet cleaner was rented and never returned.

•Complainant reported she was attacked by a family member.

•Complainant reported he wants to press charges against people for trespassing.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. Deputy checked and everything was fine.

•Complainant reported a break-in and requested a

deputy meet them to discuss it.
•Deputy arrested subject on warrant and took her to jail.

•Complainant reported a darker red pickup with a flag hanging from the tailgate speeding up and down E. Luverne St.

•Complainant reported subject wrote a bad check to Glen's Food and Gas Center.

•Complainant reported a vehicle with a female driver and children almost caused an accident in the construction and yelled obscenities at her. Complainant would like a deputy to speak with the driver. Vehicle was maroon.

•Complainant requested we do a welfare check on a relative whom she has not seen in months. Sent deputy to check on him.

Aug. 13
•Deputy stopped vehicle for expired registration.

•Reserved for narcotic information.

•Complainant reported that her husband took their three-year-old child and left after hitting her. He was headed south toward Hills in a blue Dodge truck. Sent deputy.

•Complainant requested we transport a transient to the South Dakota line.

•Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 2 funeral escorts, 18 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 4 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 gas drive-offs, 7 log/alarm sheets, 4 drug court tests, and issued 5 purchase/carry permits and 5 burn permits.

Ag

ALGATOR

Enrollment deadline Sept. 30 for 2014 and 2015 Farm Program

The third and final step in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) process, the annual enrollment into the particular program/s that producers elected earlier for the 2014 and 2015 crop years, is underway and will end on Sept. 30.

To get this task accomplished as smoothly as possible, producers are requested to call the FSA Office to make an appointment.

If they choose to stop in without an appointment, we may be able to serve them right away, but more than likely we will

either give them an appointment to come back later, or ask them to wait for perhaps an extended period, especially if they come in during peak times, such as between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

So for customer convenience and in order to complete this task as efficiently as possible, please call 283-2369, ext. 2, for an appointment

Contact Fraser Norton, Rock County FSA director, at 507-283-2369 ext. 2 with questions.

Favorable crop conditions/continued from 1A

are expected to average 184 bushels, an increase of 28 bushels per acre from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 366 million bushels, 11 percent above the previous high from 2010. As of Aug. 1, forecast yield is 48 bushels per acre.

If this materializes, yield will be the highest on record, surpassing the 2005 high of 45.5 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July forecast.

Rock County could also exceed record yields

If state crop conditions indicate the best yields in the past five years, Rock County's best yields may also be exceeded.

Locally, both yield records were set in 2010.

That year, area corn yield was 189.2 bushels per acre with soybeans yielding 54.3.

Since the production report's release, the area has received additional rainfall and is still experiencing ideal weather conditions.

As of Aug. 9, 90 percent of the state's soybean plants are setting pods, up from 76 percent a week ago and well ahead of the five-year average of 69 percent.

This is the optimal time to protect soybeans from aphids.

Recent aerial spraying seen

as yield protection

Two aerial spraying com-

panies have been working out of the Quentin Aanenson Airfield south of Luverne since late July.

According to Ben Baum, Luverne's fixed base operator, pilots from Wilber Ellis Agribusiness and AgriMAX have had multiple aircraft at the airfield.

The pilots have been spraying pesticides to curtail soybean aphids, an insect that sucks fluid from the plant, stunting growth and pod development.

Some corn was also sprayed to inhibit fungus growth.

"If they feel it pays back, it's worth it," said CHS Eastern Farmers Co-Op's Laurine Gerritsen, also in Magnolia.

Agronomist Boltjes said producers were quick to spray for the tiny insects because of the reduction of yield the bugs can cause.

Boltjes estimated spraying garners a three- to four-bushel yield gain. A decision not to spray could mean as much as a 10-bushel-per-acre reduction.

So far, almost 50,000 acres of soybeans have been sprayed in Rock County, which is average. Last year local producers planted 109,500 soybean acres.

Pilot Nicholas Matthews with Wilbur-Ellis in Huron, South Dakota, has sprayed 16,000 of those acres.

"That's a fair amount for

one plane to do," he said.

The choice of spraying by air rather than from the groundmore effectively places the pesticide inside the plant canopy, where more of the aphids reside.

Matthews sprayed his last field on Wednesday, Aug. 12, ending the seemingly constant buzzing of planes.

"This weekend will be peaceful again," he said.

U.S. crop production forecasts lower yields

U.S. corn production is forecast at 13.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production, according to the Aug. 1 crop production report.

Yields are expected to average 168.8 bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels from 2014. If this is realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the U.S. Corn's estimated price per

bushel is \$3.65 to \$3.75, down from \$4.46, the 2013-2014 average farm price. Soybean production is

Soybean production is forecast at 3.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year.

Yields are expected to average 49.6 bushels per acre, down 0.9 bushels from last year.

Soybean's estimated price per bushel is \$10.05, down from \$13.00, the 2013-2014 average farm price.

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Star Herald COMMUNITY



Rebecca DeBoer (right) is on staff as the new Little Lambs teacher, and Christine Thorson was recently hired as her assistant. Both women are new at the helm of the Little Lambs Preschool at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, and both women bring professional education experience to their positions at the school.

Little Lambs Preschool starts year next week with two new shepherds at helm

By Lori Sorenson

Little Lambs Preschool at St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne, will start the new school year next week with a new class of lambs and two new shepherds.

Rebecca DeBoer is on staff as the new Little Lambs teacher, and Christine Thorson was hired as her assistant.

Both women bring an arsenal of

experience to the classroom, offering leadership that will ensure a smooth start to the 2015-16 school year.

DeBoer has an elementary education degree from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, and has classroom experience as a first-grade teacher and as St. John's family ministry leader.

She is the daughter of Charles and Carol Goehle, Luverne, (Carol is a former Luverne Elementary School teacher) and a 2002 LHS graduate.

Her husband, Darin DeBoer, teaches physical education and developmental adaptive physical education in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District. They have a son, Grady, 2.

She is a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church and said she has fond memories of attending Little

Little Lambs Preschool/see page 8A

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

CELEBRATIONS

Births

Aboy, Crosby Jake, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Phil and Deanna Smith, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Monday, July 6, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He joins a sister, Bristol, 5, and a brother, Grady 21/2. Grandparents are Terry and Glenda Sandstede, Steen, and Ken and Margret Smith, Sioux Falls.

Aboy, Bennett Lee, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Chad and Melinda Kissell, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He joins a brother, Corbin, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Terry and Glenda Sandstede, Steen, and Paulette Kissell, Sioux Falls.

A boy, Otto Dean, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born to Lexy Luethje and Chris Smook, Hills, on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne. He joins a sister, Charlee, 5. Grandparents are Dean and D.J. Luethje and Dennis and Arlene Smook, all of Luverne.

A girl, Aubren Lea, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 1/4 inches long, was born to Perry and Stephanie Hoven, Luverne, on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She joins two brothers, Camden and Gavin. Grandparents are Judy Hendel and Neil and Jean Hoven, all of Luverne, and the

late Robert Hendel.

A girl, Emma Kayte, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to **T.J. and Angie** Newgard, Luverne, on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Grandparents are Tom and Sandy Bush, Hills, and Tom and Sandi Newgard, Pipestone.

Open houses

A baby boy shower for Sandy Gertz Janssen will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for Becca Sandager (bride-to-be of John Goossens) will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in the basement of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card showers

Burdell Willers will celebrate his 90th birthday with a card shower. Greetings may be sent to him at Bethany Meadows, 3008 E. Aspen Blvd. #606, Brandon, SD 57005.

Verlyn and Susie Van-Batavia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Aug. 21. Greetings may be sent to them at 513 S. Fairview Dr., Luverne, MN 56156.

Arlene Hoeck will celebrate her 90th birthday Wednesday, Aug. 26. Greetings may be sent to her at 463 50th Ave., Hills, MN 56138.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rock County's Thea Richards selected as **Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador**

Thea Richards and 27 other outstanding Minnesota 4-H youth have been selected as Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors for 2015-16. Elected through a meticulous selection process by 4-H adults and youth, this year's group of state ambassadors will serve as spokespeople for the youth development organization.

The Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador Program began in 1968, and over 1,000 youth have participated since its founding.

Throughout the year state ambassador responsibilities include:

•Educating youth and adults about the importance of youth development, leadership, citizenship, service, teamwork, and other invaluable life skills.

•Appearing at various events, including the Minnesota State Fair.

•Planning and implementing various local, regional, and statewide 4-H leadership events.

Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador Thea is the daughter of Mark and Teri Richards and lives in Steen, She will be a senior at Hills-Beaver Creek High School this year. Thea has been a member of 4-H for 11 years in the Blue Ribbon Club,.

To learn more, contact Jacquie Lonning at jlonning@ umn.edu.

It just seems like many crops arematuring earlier than they normally would. However, when I look

back in my archive of garden advice, we're not too far ahead of a typical

Summer always becomes a blur because we have waited so long for it to arrive and then we're back to facing another winter. Well, that is where a

camera becomes our encour-



agement.

If your planters or perennial flowerbeds have been a good success, take a picture so next year you remember what you were most pleased with ... or maybe not pleased with. I'm always in favor of trying a new variety, but in

my vegetable garden, I usually replant varieties that have proven to be reliable.

Remember successful planting beds by taking pictures

Deadheading is important at this point in the garden season to not only keep the garden looking neat, but also to prevent plants that reseed freely from becoming pests

If you are having a problem with creeping Charlie in your lawn, this is a good time to work at eradicating it. Bayer broad leaf and crab grass herbicide is a newer brand of weed spray that seems to be working well for me. It pretty well cleans up everything you don't want in your lawn and is rain-safe in an hour, a huge improvement over most brands that require a 24-hour interval. Doing an application of weed spray now will leave time for an additional application in four weeks for the really hard to control weeds.

I have had excellent results using rose systemic to both protect my shrub roses from insect attacks and produce lush growth and color. Mid-August is when we stop feeding the roses so that we are not encouraging new growth. We want the stems we have now to mature so they will survive the winter. However, do keep up with deadheading to prevent the plants from pumping energy into the seed

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



New school year, new teachers in Adrian

Eight new teachers are joining the staff in Adrian schools this fall. Pictured are (front, from left) Connie Vreeman, third grade; Summer Phelps, first grade; Kayla De Jong, school psychologist; Sharyn Story, counselor; (back, from left) Dustin Boyum, music; Neal Mulder, industrial technology; Joe Kruger, fourth grade; and Ann Thier, middle school science. Jason Berghorst photo/0820 adrian new teachers

1922: Luverne, Maplewood cemeteries merge, bodies moved

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on December 1, 1922:

TRANSFER OF BODIES IN **OLD LUVERNE CEMETERY APPROVED**

Maplewood Cemetery Proposition to Receive and **Care for Bodies**

The proposition of merging the Luverne cemetery with that of the Maplewood cemetery was reported as accepted at a meeting of the trustees of the

Luverne association held Wednesday evening.

As outlined in these columns in previous issues, this provides for removing the bodies now interred at the old Luverne cemetery to Maplewood, and the eventual sale of the Luverne cemetery land, the funds and property of this association to go to the Maplewood association.

It was announced that the officers of the Maplewood association had arranged to set aside suitable lots for the re-interment of bodies now in the old cemetery, but it was

decided to postpone the work of removing them until spring.

The unplatted portion of the Luverne cemetery, consisting of about 22 1/2 acres of land, was leased to W.L. Ward for the ensuing year at the Wednesday evening meeting.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



BITS BY **BETTY**

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

•With lush fields and a longhorn cattle herd serving as backdrop, area Catholics celebrated the upcoming harvest season with a special mass led by Bishop Bernard J. Harrington.

John and Awanda Siebenahler opened their farm Monday morning to more than 500 parishioners from the Diocese of Winona.

20 years ago (1995)

•An outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in Luverne has hospitalized more than 21 people since Sunday, and four others have apparently died from complications involving Legionnaires' symptoms.

The earliest death traced to Legionnaires' disease was in July, though health officials aren't yet sure that death is related to the three since Sunday.

50 years ago (1965)

•The Administration's proposal to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$1.75 and extend this coverage to thousands of added rural businesses was criticized by Congressman Ancher Nelsen (R-Minn.) in a statement to the House of Representatives last week.

75 years ago (1940)

•With threshing operations nearly completed in all parts of the county, farmers have begun to give more serious thought to the corn crop now reaching maturity. Although rains last week were beneficial in most instances, many of the farmers feel that it arrived too late to be of any great value.

100 years ago (1915)

•With practically only half of the building season of 1915 past, there are now eighteen new residences in various stages of construction in Luverne. What is more gratifying, there is not one among them that is not of such substantial character as to constitute a distinct improvement to Luverne — the city that justly lays claim to more beautiful homes and fewer abodes that might be termed "shacks" than any other city of twice its size in southern Minnesota.

OBITUARIES

Florence Buys

Florence Buys, 91, Edgerton, formerly of Leota, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015, at the San ford HospiceCottage in Luverne.

Funeral services were Saturday, Aug. 15. at Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. Burial was at Leota Community Cem-

Florence Koelewyn was born April 10, 1924, to Frank and Gerritje (Buijert) Koelewyn on the family farm in Leota Township, Nobles County. She attended Country School #63 and graduated from the eighth grade. She pro $fessed\,her faith\, at the\, Ebenezer$ Christian Reformed Church. After graduating from eighth grade, she helped ladies with housework.

On Oct. 18, 1943, she married Walter Buys in the Chandler Christian Reformed parsonage. They farmed in Chanarambie Township until 1963 when they purchased a farm south of Chandler in Moulton Township. In 1978 they moved a mile to the Natte place where they lived for 16 years. In 1994 they moved to Leota. Walter died in 1995. Florence continued living in Leota until she moved to Edgebrook Assisted Living in May 2011. In August 2013 she moved to Edgebrook Nursing Home.

Florence was a member of the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church. She enjoyed volunteering at the Worthing-

A.D. "Bud" Bjerrum, 85,

A private family burial

A.D. Bjerrum was born

Luverne, died Thursday, Aug.

13, 2015, at the Minnesota

Veterans Home in Luverne.

Aug. 9, 1930, to Henry and

Orva (Mitchell) Bjerrum

at the Seward Hospital in

Seward, Nebraska. Bud grew

upandreceivedhiseducation

in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1952

Bud joined the United States

Army where he was sergeant

of the motor pool. He was

honorably discharged in 1954.

ried Alice Cuda in Benedict,

Nebraska. They made their

home in Nebraska until 1970

when they relocated to Slay-

ton, where Bud worked for

Champion Home Builders.

They moved to Ortonville in

1992 to retire on Big Stone

Lake. In 2001 they moved

to Luverne to be closer to

their children. Bud became

a resident at the Minnesota

Veterans Home in Luverne

Donna Stoterau

Beaver Creek, died

Tuesday, Aug. 11,

2015, at the Dough-

erty Hospice House

in Sioux Falls, South

was Monday, Aug. 17,

at Blessed Redeemer

Lutheran Church in

Brandon, South Da-

kota. Burial followed

in Luverne.

at the Maplewood Cemetery

18, 1942, to Virgil and Lucille

(Lauck) Oye in Hardwick. She

grew up in the Hardwick area

and graduated from Luverne High School. Donna worked

at the Worthmore store in

Luverne at the soda fountain.

ried Dale Stoterau and moved

to Beaver Creek where they

raised their three children.

Donna attended Stewarts School in Sioux Falls, worked

for Ford Motor Company,

became a repo agent, and

finished her career at the

Sport Bowl. She taught all her

and sew for her grandchil-

dren. She made dresses, baby

clothes for the girls, and quilts

and "quillows" for everyone.

Donna also loved all kinds

She loved to cook, bake

grandchildren to bowl.

On July 17, 1960, she mar-

Donna Oye was born Feb.

A funeral service

Dakota.

He was a member of

Donna Lee Stoterau, 73,

in June 2011.

On Dec. 3, 1955, he mar-

Bud Bjerrum -

will take place.

ton Regional Hospital, Pioneer

Village and Nobles County Historical Museum. She loved going to household auctions. She also enjoyed the outdoors, visiting relatives and friends, playing Rook and other games.

Florence is survived by two children, Merlyn (Edna)

Buys, Luverne, and his extended family, Larissa (Kevin) Caspersen, Edgerton, Ava (Arlan) VanderWoude, Tracy, California, Renita (Jason) Jasper, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Joan (Don) Willemsen, Pella, Iowa; and her extended family, Vivian Willemsen, Pella, Pam (James) Landrum, West Lafayette, Indiana, Karen (Jason) Doonan, Newton, Iowa, and Jody (Dustin) Gritters, Prairie City, Iowa; 14 greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Gertrude (Harvey) Sas and Dena (Clares) Christians: a sister-in-law, Leona Koelewyn; a brother-in-law, Gilbert Corbin; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Buys; her parents; two brothers, Frank Koelewyn, Art (Henrietta) Koelewyn, two sisters, Bertha Corbin, and Grace (John) Van Hulzen; and a daughter-in-law, Mary Buys, in December 2005.

Arrangements were by the Leota Burial Association and Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons. com.

the Murray County Lodge in

Slayton and also the El Riad

Shriners in Sioux Falls, South

Dakota. He loved fishing and

spent many summers fishing

on Big Stone Lake. His dream

was to move to Minnesota so

he could be closer to the good

wife, Alice Bjerrum, Luverne;

a daughter, Lori Hess, Luverne;

a daughter-in-law, Penny Bjer-

rum, Sioux Falls; two grand-

sons, Chad Hess, Mankato, and

Andy (Heather) Hess, Luverne;

two granddaughters, Sara

Garrett and Kelly Shuck; six

great-grandchildren; a sister,

Marian Augustine, Council

Bluffs, Iowa; a brother-in-law,

Dan (Jeanne) Cuda, Lincoln,

Nebraska; and many other

by his son, Allen Bjerrum; his

parents; two brothers and

Hartquist Funeral Home of

Luverne, www.hartquistfu-

of animals: dogs, cats and

especiallyhorses.She

owned several race-

horses and spent a lot

of time at Canterbury

vived by her husband,

Dale Stoterau, Beaver

Creek; three chil-

dren, Kurt (Yvonne

Severson) Stoterau,

Luverne, Gwynne

(Brent) Anderson, Brandon,

and Lucinda Stoterau, Sioux

Falls; seven grandchildren,

Shane Stoterau, Sioux Falls,

Kelcey (Brenton) Smith, Bran-

don, Dallas Szakatz, Sioux Falls, Kaylee Anderson, Bran-

don, Jordan (Dan) Wilson,

Sienna Stoterau, and Mariah

Stoterau, all of Sioux Falls;

two great-grandchildren; four

siblings, Bruce (Marilyn) Oye,

Hardwick, Virginia (Woody)

Peters, Jordan, Rita Shirkey,

Worthington, and Burdell

(Barbara) Oye, Prior Lake; and

death by her parents; a sister,

Rea; a brother-in-law, Timo-

thy Shirkey; and one grandson,

Heartland Funeral Home of

Brandon, www.heartlandfu-

Arrangements were by

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Adam Stoterau.

nerals.com.

She was preceded in

other relatives and friends.

Donna is sur-

He was preceded in death

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relatives and friends.

one sister.

neral.com.

Bud is survived by his

(0820 F)

Evelyn Feit

Evelyn Cecelia Feit, 97, Luverne, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne.

A memorial service was Friday, Aug. 14, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Wilmont.

Evelyn Bergin was born Nov. 13, 1917, to John and Barbara (Gilfoy) Bergin in rural Springwater Township, Rock County. She attended school at St. Mary's Academy in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, for three years and graduated from Sherman High School in Sherman, South Dakota. She then attended Mankato State Teacher's College. After graduation Evelyn returned home and began her teaching career in Rock County. Throughout the years she taught school in both Rock and Pipestone

On June 14, 1939, Evelyn married Eugene Feit at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Pipestone. The couple made their home in rural Rushmore, where they farmed for 50 years. In 1977 they began wintering in Mesa, Arizona. After retirement in 1987, they moved to Luverne. Eugene preceded her in death in 2000.

Evelyn was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and most recently a member of St. Catherine Church in Luverne. She was a 70-plusyear member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, holding both local and state offices. In 2014 Evelyn was recognized as the oldest living Catholic Daughter. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wilmont, holding offices in the WCCW. She was also a member of the LCCW in Luverne, Senior Dining and the Nobles County Extension Club. She was active in the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), especially at Sanford Hospital and the Hinkly House. She was an avid golfer, enjoyed playing cards, swimming and baking.

Evelyn is survived by seven children, Ronald (Kathy) Feit, Pine City, Larry (Bernadette) Feit, Winter Haven, Florida, Lowell (Rhonda) Feit, Luverne, David (Crystal) Feit, Rushmore, Bradley (Debra) Feit, Dell Rapids, Barbara (Robert) Verhey, Luverne, and Brian (Linda) Feit, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a daughter-inlaw, Barbara Feit, Mankato; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene; three sons, Steven, James, and an infant son, Daryl Feit; a granddaughter, Bethany Feit; her parents; and two sisters, Esther Bergin and Barbara

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

(0820 F)

Luverne, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Friday, Aug. 14, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Henrietta Haak was born Aug. 9, 1934, to Richard and Alice (Smith) Haan in Hills. She spent her childhood in Hills and graduated from Hills High School in 1953. She then attended Nettleton College in Sioux Falls for cosmetology. She worked as a cosmetologist in Sioux Falls for several years. Henrietta moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she worked at Pine Rest Mental Institution and pursued her nursing degree. She moved back to Luverne and was a nurse at the Luverne Community Hospital as well as the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home.

On Sept. 23, 1960, Henrietta married Clarence Hargesheimer at her father's homein Hills. The couple lived in Luverne. In 1974 she and her husband began working together at Luverne Public Schools as custodians. She

Henrietta was a member

formed Church in Luverne. She taught Sunday School and was a Gems counselorformanyyears. She was an avid reader and enjoyed cooking and baking. She also liked to crochet.

Henrietta is survived by her hus-

Lesile) Hargesneimer, Lakev ille; four grandchildren, Sarah (Christopher) Nuffer, Nicole and Alicia Hargesheimer, and Katie (Matthew) VanGrootheest; stepgrandchildren, James (Tiffany) and Karlinn O'Neil; three great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-grandchild; and a sister, Francis (Albert) Haak, Luverne.

death by her parents; her brothers, Richard and Jacob Haan; a sister, Charlotte Oldenkamp; and a nephew,

Memorials may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

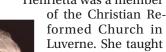
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Henrietta Hargesheimer

Henrietta Johanna Hargesheimer, 81,

retired in 1993.



band, Clarence Hargesheimer, Luverne; three children, Crystal(Kevin)Ailts,Luverne,Bruce (Michelle) Hargesheimer, Bloomington, and Robert

She was preceded in Charles Oldenkamp.

DEATH NOTICES

Grace Braasch

Grace Johanna Braasch, 93, Luverne, died Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at

11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will be Saturday, Aug. 22, in Minot, North

Dakota. Visitation will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service at the

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funeral home on Thursday.

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Ralph Lais -

Ralph Lais, 91, Magnolia, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial will be at St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

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Shopko writes check for band festival

On behalf of the Tri-State Band Festival Committee, Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow applied for a grant from the Shopko Foundation to support the 2015 Tri-State Band Festival set for Saturday, Sept. 26. Pictured here, Luverne Shopko store manager Linda Lynch (center) presents a check to Tri-State Band Festival 2015 Chairman Evan Verbrugge (left) and LIFT Vice-President Gary Papik.

Healthy eating is well worth the fight

The phrase "pick your battles" is often used to justify our desire as parents not to fight with our children about that which means little to us, or that which we feel means little to them for their future. In some things this is a sanity-providing mantra that provides the necessary peace to move on to other things. For instance, if it is mentioned that your child perhaps should not wear jeans to church, yet you simply feel thankful that your child is happily by your side in church on Sunday, one might feel that this is not a fight worth picking.

As healthy eating goes, we all might occasionally feel that the fight for healthy foods at the table is just not worth it. Days get long, meal times get rushed. Sometimes, we just want to fill the bellies, pick up the mess, get on to the next activity or task, and go to bed. It might feel like a battle not worth fighting. The grumbling that many children engage in may not feel good to the momsand dads, and frankly, the parents themselves may feel more like fries than salad as well. Some may even feel that their children are naturally picky. While food preferences are very real, children will not allow themselves to starve. A good battle may be engaged in by both parties, but children (and adults) will not allow themselves to starve.

Awise teacher (from right here in Luverne!) once told me that it's the parents' job to be more persistent than their children. This perspective reaches across issues related to discipline, chores, and, of course, healthy eating.

So what are we fighting for, anyway? If we look around us and read the news, we can see that our nation is currently less



HEALTHY BYTES

By Mary Brown, RN, Luverne

healthy, less productive, and more vulnerable because of this. Little of this is related to access to health care. At least 80% of our health care is how we take care of ourselves and our families. Healthy foods and exercise can help energize our country to be the healthy, productive, strong nation we truly are.

In the coming weeks, let's explore ways to encourage our children and ourselves to be as healthy as we can be. If any of you have suggestions, or problems that you face related to healthy eating and exercise, please email me at the address below. I'd love to hear from you! The goal is not to encourage a boring, unsatisfying lifestyle; quite the opposite! Pioneer families enjoyed their food, and every generation before and since. We, too, can provide enjoyable food and activity to help us be as healthy as we can be. I look forward to hearing from you.

Brown is a registered nurse with an interest in health promotion and fitness. She can be reached at unionjack524@ gmail.com.

Thursday, Aug. 27: Roast

Program: Peer Helpers

Friday, Aug. 28: Liver or

visits; Music with Bruce Dys-

the and anniversary celebra-

pepper steak, au gratin pota-

toes, peas, bread, apricots.

dinner roll, pudding.

MENU

Monday, Aug. 24: Chickbeef, mashed potatoes, carrots,

Program: 1 p.m. pinochle.

Program: Two Buck Tues-

Citizens Board meets.

Chef salad, muffin, cookie.

Program: Pastor of the

Creamery **Pond DNR** youth fishing/ continued from page 1A

into the pond.

The carp, however, an invasive species, are not returned to the pond. They found some of those, too, in the Creamery Pond.

Bringing the DNR to the area were public accounts of an occasional northern pike and walleye caught from the shallow pond. None were found on Monday, however.

Earlier this month, Doorenbos and Rossow sonar-mapped the pond, recording the deepest depth (in the southeast corner) at

They also mapped and inventoried the former Hiawatha Pageant pond in Pipestone.

Both sites are being considered for the DNR's Youth Fishing Pond Program.

That would make the



Luke Rossow (left) pulls in the electrofishing booms Monday afternoon, Aug. 10, at the Creamery Pond in Luverne. Rossow and Ryan Doorenbos (right) are with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fisheries office in Windom and were in Luverne recording the number and species of fish found in the pond.

Luverne and Pipestone locations eligible for the DNR's game fish stocking.

"It's encouraging to see these (game fish) species present," Doorenbos said.

Also encouraging are recent efforts to make the Creamery Pond accessible to the public.

Currently there are 10 youth fishing ponds in southwest Minnesota including Edgerton campground pond and Schoeneman County Park located south of Luverne.

Doorenbos said the collected

data from Creamery Pond would be entered into the DNR database to match results with historical

"We want to make sure there will be no harm in stocking (the Creamery Pond)," he said.

If stocking proves to be a positive for the area, Doorenbos said the Creamery Pond could be placed on the DNR's work plan for stocking as soon as next summer.



Mavis Fodness photo/0820 Youth Fishing Pond

Luke Rossow (left) and Ryan Doorenbos of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources count and record fish netted at the Creamery Pond west of Luverne on Monday afternoon, Aug. 10. At left, Rossow shows some fish they netted.

Little Lambs staff/ continued from 6A

Lambs as a preschooler herself.

"I loved Mrs. Sonntag," DeBoer said about the longtime teacher who retired three years ago.

DeBoer, who replaces former Little Lambs teacher Brianna Leuthold, said she never imagined she'd find herself back in the classroom teaching pre-

"I'm going to have to remember that they are little and they can't do all the stuff that I'm used to teaching," DeBoer

"Our job is to get them ready for kindergarten ... how to stand in line and sit quietly on the carpet and not interrupt ... and to play with others, for those who haven't been in a daycare setting."

She said teaching these basics will be a priority as well as introducing educational concepts such as the alphabet and counting.

DeBoer said she's looking forward to introducing students to Christian living.

"Teaching the kids the life of Jesus, that he's here for us; he teaches us how to live," she said.

"I have to admit it was hard (in the public school setting) because the kids would mention Jesus and God, and it was hard not to expand on it."

Thorson replaces Little Lambs assistant Sheila Schneekloth, a 20-year veteran with the program.

She hails from the East Coast but found herself in Minnesota for graduate school in Mankato in 1999. She and her husband, Kip, moved to Luverne in 2013 when he took a job at Minnesota West in Worthington.

She has experience as a paraprofessional in Mankato where she worked with special needs students, primarily in the area of autism.

She worked as an adjunct voice and choral instructor at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Worthington for the 2013-14 year.

She now works as an assistant in the Rock County Library in Luverne, and she'll maintain those part-time hours in addition to her work with Little

The Thorsons live in Luverne, and their son, Ian, attended Little Lambs during the last school year.

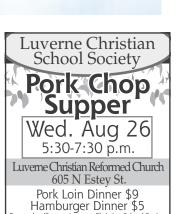
"He loved it," Thorson said. "We chose it because we wanted to incorporate the Christian component in his education."

She said she could tell he was learning to pray and would talk about

"I felt that he was learning academic concepts in a way that he thought he was playing."

There are still some openings for the 2015-16 Little Lambs school year. Call 283-2316 to inquire.







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Financial donations can be sent to Garden of Hope, 953 74th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.



Garden proceeds benefit the Krempges family, Dell Rapids.



Sterling's owner Brian Sterling (right), general manager Dustin Lybarger and employee Livy Reiter pick green beans in the Garden of Hope near Beaver Creek Thursday morning, Aug. 13.

Garden of Hope produce is sold at the Luverne Farmers Market Thursday evenings and the Hills Farmers Market Saturday mornings.



Greg Lingen is pictured at the Garden of Hope produce stand at the end of his driveway near Beaver Creek.

Comfort food

Garden of Hope brings fresh produce to local plates, raises money for family in fatal crash

Photos and text **By Lori Sorenson**

The Garden of Hope near Beaver Creek is supplying fresh vegetables for local restaurants and families, but there's a broader purpose for the produce.

Garden owners Greg and Tammy Lingen are giving the proceeds to a young family involved in a fatal accident by Flandreau.

The July 13 crash killed 38-year-old Joshua Krempges, Dell Rapids, and his daughter, 7-year-old Mari-

Mariana's twin sister, Madelyn, and 11-year-old Malory Krempges, survived the crash, but 11-year-old Madyson Barbee, a friend,

A photograph of the Krempges' daughters is posted in the vegetable stand at the end of the Lingen drivewav.

"As a result of a car accident, one of these 7-year-old twin girls was called home by God," are the words accompanying the image.

"The other is still fighting

a giant battle in a Sioux Falls hospital. The 11-year-old is healing, but has a long road to go."

The girls' mother is Tammy's niece, so the Lingen family decided to donate profits from their 2-acre garden to the girls' family.

"I'm asking for your help," the sign in the vegetable stand states. "I cannot help them if I don't sell produce."

Cause goes viral

The message was also shared on Facebook.

"I am challenging all of you to stop by the Garden of Hope vegetable stand and buy the veggies," the message states.

"If you do not have money to buy veggies, come spend a day in the garden harvesting or pulling weeds, and I will donate on your behalf. Plus, you can take home free veggies for your time."

Financial donations can be sent to Garden of Hope, 953 74th Ave., Luverne, MN

Greg's phone number, 605-838-5977, is posted with



the information, and the Lingens said they've received calls from all over the

"It's gone viral since we put it on Facebook," Tammy

Their story has been told in several local and regional news outlets, and it continues to attract media atten-

"I didn't expect it to be this big," Greg said. "I think people really found it in their hearts to come out and help

The community, the families ... people know the need and are willing to help." — Greg Lingen, pictured at left

"I think God works

in our lives and

brings us together

in times of need.

with his wife, Tammy

out.... One guy stopped last week and bought \$3 worth of tomatoes. When he read the story, he wrote a check for \$50."

He said the garden is hard work, but it's a family project, enlisting the help of their children, Jonah (and his wife, Rachel, and their son, Ian, 3), Jocilan (and her husband, Dan), and Jasmine.

"They've been troopers," Greg said. "There's no way we could have done it without them. ... People don't realize what 2 acres is until you get out there."

Fresh, chemical-free produce on menu in restaurants

The Garden of Hope so far this year has taken in \$2,600 for the Krempges family.

And that doesn't count the expected donation from Sterling's Café and Grille, Luverne, which harvests about 100 pounds of produce per week.

For Sterling's and Tailgator's in Brandon, which also serves Garden of Hope produce to its customers, the fresh food on their menus adds value to their business.

"The customers can tell," said Jacob Frewaldt, head chef at Sterling's.

"It's a great thing to have them part of the process. That's what farm-to-plate is all about. It's good for the community."

Sterling's owner Brian Sterling said he's glad to part of the trend driving the popularity of clean eating.

"We've got a great product at a great price, and our customers get healthy food," he said.

"You get the results of your product when you can get it right off the plant and to the plate within 24 hours."

The food is grown without chemicals and washed with an organic rinse. The fact that the proceeds are helping a local family is a bonus.

"It's a three-time win for everyone," Sterling said.

That's part of the reas his staff doesn't need to be persuaded to work in the garden; they, too, understand the mission.

Two or three times a week, Sterling, Frewaldt and restaurant manager Dustin Lybarger travel with Sterling's employees to the Garden of Hope to pick produce and pull weeds.

"I'm glad the garden is planted out here and we can use it for us, our customers and for the community," Sterling said.

The Lingens work with the chefs to plant extra rows of produce they might need, and they plan ahead for late season requests.

"We're still planting vegetables," Greg said, mentioning lettuce, radishes, baby carrots and other produce with a 60-day growing period.

He said the hard work has been rewarding in many

"I think God brought us to this," Greg said. "We weren't out to make a profit, but it has excelled in that since we donated proceeds."

Comfort amid pain

The Lingens themselves are no strangers to suffering after the loss of Greg's son, Jared, two years ago just before his senior graduation.

"When the tragedy with Jared happened, so many people came out and helped," Tammy said.

Greg recalled that they were still cleaning up after the April 2013 ice storm, and dozens of volunteers helped them with that.

"I think God works in our lives and brings us together in times of need," he said.

"The community, the families ... people know the need and are willing to help."

He said helping Tammy's niece doesn't heal the pain of losing his son, but he said there's comfort in helping others.

"It's always a good feeling to help out when you can. It's satisfying. When it comes to Jared, though ... nothing can bring him back."

Tammy said, "It makes

us feel good to give back." In addition to the stand at the end of Lingens' driveway, Garden of Hope produce is sold at the Luverne Farmers Market Thursday evening and the Hills Farmers market Saturday morn-

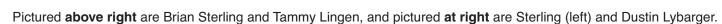




Sterling's Head Cook Jacob Frewaldt (left) shares a laugh while picking green beans with Tammy Lingen. Above, Sterling's employee Livy Reiter and her daughters Ava (left) and Mia do their share.



A group from Sterling's Café and Grille shows up two to three times per week at the Garden of Hope near Beaver Creek to harvest produce and pull weeds. Pictured Thursday morning, Aug. 13, are (from left) Jake Frewaldt (head chef), Bailey Scholten, Livy Reiter and her daughters Ensley (holding), Ava (left) and Mia, garden owners Greg and Tammy Lingen, Sterling's owner Brian Sterling and Sterling's manager Dustin Lybarger.





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Melissa Sandbulte repeats at LCC Saturday

Champ fires 38 in final round to withstand challenge

By John Rittenhouse

As the mother of two young children, Melissa Sandbulte doesn't get the chance to play much golf any more.

In fact, based on a piece of information she shared after Saturday's 64th version of the Luverne County Club Women's Club Tournament, she played her first 18-hole round of the year as a member of the event's championship

Although her golf outings mostly are limited to nine-hole league rounds on Tuesdays, a lack of course exposure wasn't evidentinherplayonSaturday.

Sandbulte fired a five-overpar 77 to repeat as the LCC women's club champion.

"It always feels good when you win," Sandbulte said shortly after claiming her eighth club title since 2003.

"This was my first 18-hole round of golf for the year, so I guess I played pretty well."

Sandbulte needed to play well in order to thwart a spirited challenge offered by Mary Jo Graphenteen during Saturday's final round.

Both Sandbulte and Graphenteen shared the lead after carding 39s during the opening round, and they were still deadlocked after two holes of play in the final round.

Sandbulte moved in front to stay when the third hole was complete, but she never led by more than two strokes over the final six holes of a tournament that could have been won by either player.

Ultimately, it was Sandbulte's work on the greens that settled the issue.

"My putting saved me," she exclaimed.

"My drives were good, but my second shots left me with a lot of long putts or long chips. My putter saved me a lot of times."

Sandbulte drained a sevenfoot putt for par to open a one-shot lead after the first hole of the second round, but Graphenteen answered the challenge by making par on the second hole to gain a share of the lead.

Sandbulte regained the lead by making a two-putt par on the third hole, while Graphenteen took a three-putt bogey set up by a drive that came to rest on the fringe of the left side of the green.

Sandbulte extended her lead to two shots after sinking a 13-foot putt on the fourth hole.

A three-putt bogev by the leader on the fifth hole, combined with nice chip from the left rough that led to a fourfoot par putt by Graphenteen, trimmed the difference to one

Sandbulte, however, extended the lead to two shots by cupping a seven-foot par putt on the sixth challenge of the round.

Graphenteen put herself in a position to draw even with Sandbulte on the seventh hole.

After placing her drive on the par-three challenge on the putting service, Graphenteen drained a 10-foot downhill putt for birdie.

Sandbulte, who ended up short of the green and in the right rough with her shot from the tee box, managed to remain in the lead with a solid chip that led to a four-foot putt for par.

"IknewIneeded to make that

putt," Sandbulte said. "It was a pretty straight putt,



John Rittenhouse photo/0820 champ photo

hand, three-putted for bogey

to come up on the short

end of a 77-79 decision at

Paula Lammert, playing

in a group in front of the

final threesome (Sandbulte,

Graphenteen and Karen

Fey), placed third in the

Fey shot a 44 in the first

tournament's end.

Melissa Sandbulte (middle) fired a five-over-par 77 to repeat as champion of the LCC Women's Club Tournament Saturday. Mary Jo Graphenteen (left) and Paula Lammert (right) placed second and third.

and I knew I was putting well so I wasn't too worried about it."

Sandbulte's par putt on the seventh green left her sporting a one-shot edge that remained intact after both the leader and challenger made par on the eighth hole.

Sandbulte's one-shot advantage appeared to be in jeopardy when her tee shot on the ninth hole caromed off a tree and the ball came to rest

in the right rough.

With the branches of the same tree not allowing Sandbulte a clear shot at the green with her second shot, she elected to punch a shot with an iron that came to rest three feet off the putting

Graphenteen, on the other hand, struck a beautiful drive downthemiddleofthefairway before lifting her second shot

onto the putting surface.

"After Mary Jo hit her second shot, and seeing that it left her a long putt for birdie, it took a lot of the pressure off me," Sandbulte said. That it did.

Sandbulte used her putter from her position in front of

the green to set up a fourfoot par putt that she would convert.

Graphenteen, on the other Repeat/continued on page 3B

championship flight.

Reisch, Nath walk away with flight championships

By John Rittenhouse

The 64th version of the Luverne County Club Women's Club Tournament produced a trio of winners.

Along with club champion Melissa Sandbulte, two other players captured flight championships.

Sharla Reisch took top honors in the first flight, while Colleen Nath placed first in the second flight.

Reisch got off to a good start in the opening round by registering one birdie to shoot a flight-low 46.

The 46 gave Reisch a two-shot lead over Susan Schneekloth (48) and a four-shot advantage over Missy Verbrugge (50).

Reisch couldn't keep the pace she established early during the second round, but she did enough to win the flight title rather handily.

Reisch didn't register a par during a 50-stroke effort in the final nine holes of the round.

Reisch, however, matched Verbrugge's second 50-stroke round of the day to top her nearest challenger by four strokes (96-100) at tournament's end.

Schneekloth shared third place with Marlene Kopp in the flight when play was complete.

Kopp fired a flight-low 46 that included her making par twice to match Schneekloth's final tally of 103 strokes.

A solid start lifted Nath to a one-shot win in the second flight. Nath made par twice during a 45-stroke opening round.

The 45 gave Nath a five-stroke advantage over Joan Kindt and Susan Skattum (50s) and a six-stroke cushion over Wendy Evink

Nath struggled late in the second round, but she managed to pull out a one-shot win with her 45-51-96 tally.

Kindt, who made partwice and shot a flight-low 47 in the second round, placed second in the flight standings with 97 strokes. Skattum placed third after carding a 50-49-99.



John Rittenhouse photo/0720 redbirds 7

Luverne's Cole Johnson takes a cut at the plate during the championship series opener against Fairmont at Redbird Field Aug. 12. Luverne posted a 4-3 win over Fairmont. Luverne won the series with a 9-3 victory in Fairmont Friday.

Redbirds clinch Region 13C title Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Redbirds completed a successful march through the Region 13C Playoffs by posting a 2-0 win over Fairmont in the championship series late last

Luverne nipped the Martins by one run in Luverne Aug. 12 to open the series before completing a sweep with a sixrun victory in Fairmont Friday.

By winning the region title, Luverne receives a bye in the first round of the Minnesota State Class C Amateur Baseball Tournament.

The 22-4 Redbirds make their state debut in Watkins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

Luverne 9, Fairmont 3

The Redbirds captured the

region crown by topping the Martins by six runs Friday in Fairmont.

Luverne exploded for nine runs in the top half of the fourth inning and pitcher Brandon Alfson protected the lead by tossing eight shutout innings before yielding three runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Luverne's nine-run rally in the fourth inning started with two outs in the frame.

Josh Slieter supplied the key blow of the frame by ripping a three-run double.

Tony Sandbulte and Cole Johnson delivered RBI doubles during the uprising, while Sandbulte, Joey Slieter, Mike Wenninger and Jared Pick contributed RBI singles to the rally.

Alfson fanned 11 batters and

limited Fairmont to five hits during his nine-inning stint on the mound.

He walked one batter and

yielded two earned runs.					
Box score	АВ	R	н	ві	
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Js.Slieter	4	1	1	3	
Zeutenhorst	3	1	1	0	
Kor	1	0	0	0	
M.Wenninger	3	1	1	1	
Fisher	2	0	1	0	
Pick	3	1	1	1	
Hiller	1	0	0	0	
Sandbulte	4	1	2	2	
Fitzer	1	0	0	0	
Johnson	3	1	1	0	
Mauer	1	0	0	0	
Norman	4	1	1	0	

Luverne 4, Fairmont 3

The Redbirds moved to within one game of winning the Region 13C Tournament by nipping the Martins by one run during the series opener in

Luverne Aug. 12.

Fairmont plated three unearned runs early in the game, but Luverne scored the final four runs of the contest to gain a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Martins registered a pair of runs in the second inning before adding another counter in the fourth to sport a 3-0 lead. Luverne responded to the

challenge by scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth and fifth innings. Joey Slieter walked and

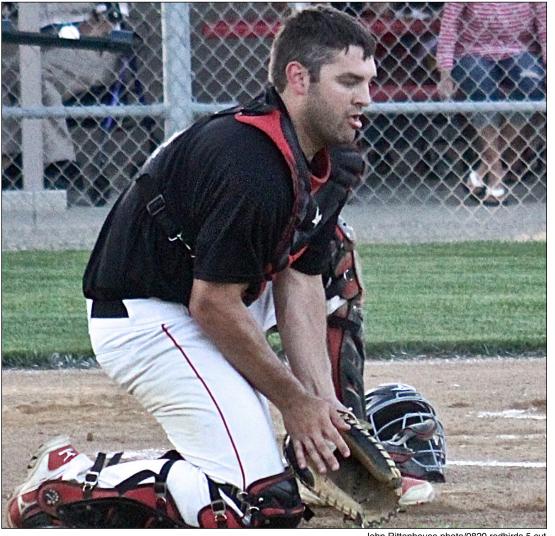
scored the first of two RBI doubles from Codie Zeutenhorst in the fourth. Phillip Paquette, who

reached base on an error, scored the second run in the

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Sharla Reisch (left) and Colleen Nath (right) won the first and second flights respectively during the Luverne Country Club Women's Club Tournament staged Saturday.



Catcher Codie Zeutenhorst scoops up a ball at home plate during an Aug. 12 game against Fairmont at Redbird Field. Zeutenhorst drove in two runs with a pair of doubles during a 4-3 win.

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fourth when Mike Wenninger chopped a single into left field. Skyler Wenninger tripled

and scored the first run in the fifth when Slieter registered a single.

Slieter scored the decisive fourth run when Zeutenhorst doubled to left field.

Andrew DeBoer pitched all nine innings for Luverne without yielding an earned

DeBoer fanned nine batters and surrendered five hits.

Box score S.Wenninger Paquette Zeutenhorst M.Wenninger Pick Js.Sliete

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round to trail both Sandbulte and Graphenteen by five shots.

Fey never found her footing in the second round, when she made par three times during another 44-stroke effort that left her with an 88-stroke tally at tournament's end.

Lammert registered a 43 during the opening round and trailed the leaders by four shots.

Lammert made par four times and sank one birdie as a part of a 39-stroke final round that left her in third place with 82 strokes.

Here is a look at all of the scores turned in by players in the championship flight.

Championship flight: Sandbulte 39-38-77, Graphenteen 39-40-79, Lammert 43-39-82, Fey 44-44-88, Lisa Dinger

Forecasting a future gem to follow at Hills-Beaver Creek

If my instincts are correct, I believe I recently had a brush with future greatness.



Projecting what will happen 15 to 18 years down the road can be tricky.

In this instance, I'm pretty sure my glance into the proverbial crystal ball will prove to be true.

My hunch centers around a recent addition to Rock County.

Halden and Erica Van Wyhe, who reside on an acreage near Hills, welcomed their first child to their family a couple of weeks ago.

As friends of the young couple, my wife, Astrid, and I were invited to the couple's home to view the new addition to the Van Wyhe family in person.

Although Teagan Van Wyhe was only slightly over two weeks old at the time, I have no doubt he will make a huge splash in the Rock County sports scene around 2030 or a little after that.

I base this conclusion on the gene pool Teagan stems from, which clearly is a pretty good one.

Having witnessed the high school athletic careers of both parents play out a few years ago, I'm certain Teagan is destined to be a future phenomenon here in southwest Minnesota.

Both the new father and mother experienced

From the sidelines

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

stellar athletic careers before graduating from Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian high schools in 2009.

Halden was a basketball and cross country standout during his high school days.

With 1,758 career points, the young father still is the all-time leading scorer of H-BC's prestigious basketball program.

Erica (formerly Thier) was no slouch on the basketball court either.

A key member of Adrian's first and only state-qualifying basketball team at the end of the 2008-09 season, Erica pumped in 1,450 points as a top-notch shooting guard.

Although Halden may sport the edge in a family that produced a combined 3,208 points in basketball, Erica owns the family bragging rights when it comes to distance running.

Not only did she run with Adrian's four Class A girls' state championship cross country teams from 2005-08, she also advanced to state in track and field as a member of Adrian's 3,200-meter relay for three years and as a member of a 1,600-meter relay in 2009.

Halden never advanced to state in track, but

he did qualify for the state cross country meet individually as a junior and a senior.

While it's unclear what other traits Teagan will draw from his parents, one was clearly on display during our 50-minute visit Aug. 5.

He will not be the type of person who is easily rattled.

The visitors from Luverne can be rather loud and obnoxious at times, but that didn't seem to bother the infant, who measured out at 21.6 inches and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, when he came into the world.

He remained in his mother's arms without opening his eyes during our initial meeting.

That was all right with me, because I'm sure we'll meet again.

It might not be in the capacity Halden was thinking of, because I'm 100 percent sure I won't be writing sports 15 years down the road.

However, if my hunch plays out like I think it will, Teagan might find some Rittenhouse followers in the stands at a future H-BC basketball game.

Knowing how accomplished his parents were, I'm pretty sure it would be worth the road trip.





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

Thomas Jennings, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 20: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Communion Service. Friday, Aug. 21: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. Catechetical Days at Lourdes High School in Rochester. Saturday, Aug. 22: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Aug. 23: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Bulletin. Tuesday, Aug. 25: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Mass at Poplar Creek. 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine FC. 7:30 p.m. SC-KC. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, Aug. 27: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 6 p.m. Cluster Planning at St. Catherine.

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 20: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 21: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, Aug. 23: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Tuesday, Aug. 25: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Thursday, Aug. 27: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor Josh Enderson, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 20: 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Aug. 21: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 23: 8:15 a.m. Prerecorded Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 24: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 7 a.m. Men's Study. Thursday, Aug. 27: 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

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

Thursday, Aug. 20:5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 23: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, Aug. 27:5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, Aug. 20: 1:30 p.m. Renaissance Group (55+). Friday, Aug. 21: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 25: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 7 p.m. Youth Praise Team.

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Worship. 1:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home Worship. 2:15 p.m. Poplar Creek Worship. Monday, Aug. 24: 7 p.m. Healing Core meeting. Tuesday, Aug. 25: 2 p.m. Pastoral gathering at the Tuff Home in Hills. 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Care meeting. 7 p.m. Music and Worship Committee meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 9 to 11 a.m. Food shelf meeting. 5:30 p.m. Fourth Wednesday Free Community Meal.

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

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

Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. Monday, Aug. 24: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Aug. 25: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

email: stjohn@iw.net - www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org Thursday, Aug. 20: 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. Friday, Aug. 21: Church office closed. Saturday, Aug. 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion; Installation of Rebecca DeBoer and Christine Thorson; Blessing of Backpacks. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Monday, Aug. 24, and Tuesday, Aug. 25: Little Lambs open house. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 8:30 a.m. M/W/F Little Lambs class begins. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Sixth- through eighth-grade Catechism. 7 p.m. Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Acolyte Training. Thursday, Aug. 27: 8:30

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

a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tu/Thu Little Lambs Classes begin.

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 20: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 21: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, Aug. 24: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Aug. 26: September Newsletter deadline. Thursday, Aug. 27: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

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

> **Hills United Reformed Church** 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Genuine love

"Let love be genuine hold fast to what is good." Ro-

mans 12:9 It was market day in Patzun, Guatemala. As we shopped, a friend explained that when the older vendors chose a place to display their merchandise, they liked to set up their wares next to an exposed length of metal pipe. Before they accepted a coin in exchange for their produce or pottery, they dropped the coin onto the pipe. If it made a clear ringing sound, the

was counterfeit. Just as none of us

coin was genuine. If not, it

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission **Effectiveness**

wants to receive counterfeit money, God does not want to receive counterfeit love. He wants our love for Him and each other to be genuine and true.

Lord, our God, help us hold tight to what is genuine and good. Teach us how to recognize the counterfeit in our lives. Let our love for You and each other ring pure and clear and true. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Thursday, Aug. 20: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting. Sunday, Aug. 23: 10 a.m. Joint Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 7 p.m. Confirmation meeting for all eighth- and ninth-grade students and parents.

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

Thursday, Aug. 20: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at First Lutheran Church. Sunday, Aug. 23: 10 a.m. Joint Worship Service. Wednesday, Aug. 26: 7 p.m. Confirmation meeting for all eighth- and ninth-grade students and parents at First Lutheran.

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 20: Pastor Kristi at hospice meeting in Luverne. Saturday, Aug. 22: Kramer/Haarsma wedding in Magnolia. Sunday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 25: Newsletter printed. Wednesday, Aug. 26: Newsletter mailed. Fourth Wednesday Free Meal in Luverne.

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

Reuben Sinnema, Pastor Sunday, Aug 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Pulpit Supply: Merlyn

Sandbulte. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

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

Sunday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem; Backpack blessing. Tuesday, Aug. 25: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study. Thursday, Aug. 27: TED Talk live streaming on Stewardship.

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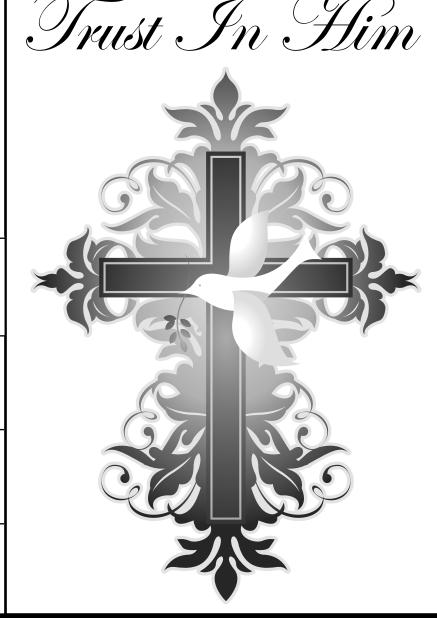
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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **DISTRICT COURT** PROBATE DIVISION

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF ROCK** Estate of Lorna J. Schmidt Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 14, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to the be the Will of the Decedent, dated May 15, 2008, and codicil(s) to the Will dated, and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Harold Schmidt, whose address is 1002 Hwy. 75, Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

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

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

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

Date:

/s/ Judge Terry S. Vajgrt Terry Vajgrt Judge of District Court

BY THE COURT

Date: /s/ Denise Brandel Denise Brandel Court Administrator

Attorney for: Petitioners BENJAMIN VANDER KOOI, JR. VANDER KOOI LAW OFFICES, P.A. 127 E. Main, P.O. Box 746 Luverne, MN 56156-0746 Attorney License No: 112124 Telephone: (507) 283-9546 Fax: (507) 283-9629 Email: lawkooi@gmail.com

(8-20, 8-27)

City of Luverne public hearing set for Aug. 31

City Planning Commission Public Hearing set for August 31, 2015 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICTE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2015. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following:

1. A Preliminary Plat for the Walnut Industrial Subdivision.

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

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 17th day of August, 2015.

Jessica Mead City Clerk

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 340

ORDINANCE NO. 340, THIRD SERIES AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL ESTATE (Lots 2 and 3 Barck Subdivision)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

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

Lots Two (2) and Three (3) in Barck Subdivision of the City of Luverne, Minnesota, and subject to easements of record, if any.

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

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

/s/ Esther Spease-Frakes

Esther Spease-Frakes, Mayor Pro-Tem

/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator John M. Call, City Administrator

Introduced: August 11, 2015 Adopted: August 11, 2015 Published: August 20, 2015 Effective: August 27, 2015

ISD #2184 School Board meets July 21

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on July 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Dave Riphagen, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Eric Hartman. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Travis

Kriens – K101/KQAD Radio, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald. Chairperson Dave Riphagen called the meeting to order. Motion by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Chairperson Dave Riphagen reviewed the community input from this evening.

Administrative reports were given. Motion by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the June 25, 2015, school board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,927,038.14. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to receive the Student Activity Report

showing the balances as of June 30, 2015. Motion unanimously carried. The following bakery product quotes were received on July 17:

BIMBO	BAKERIES USA	EDGERTON BAKERY		
51% Whole Grain White Sand. Bread	2.01/loaf			
100% Whole Wheat Bread	2.01/loaf	1.95/loaf		
53% Whole Grain White 4-inch				
Hamburger buns – 12 count	2.05/pkg	2.35/pkg		
53% Whole Grain White				
Hamburger buns 16, 3-3/4 inches	2.56/pkg			
Delightful Wheat Hamburger buns-8	1.85/pkg			
Old Home White Sand. Bread	1.60/loaf			
Old Home Wheat Sand. Bread – 24 oz.	1.70/loaf			
53% Whole Grain White				
6" Coney Bun - 16	2.56/pkg	2.50/pkg		
Delightful Wheat Coney 8	1.85/pkg			
53% Whole Grain White Steak Bun -24	6.14/pkg	2.70/pkg		
9" Footlong Cluster 8 Bun – White	2.07/pkg			
6" Master Coney 16 Bun – White	2.16/pkg			
Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to accept the quote from Rimbo				

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to accept the quote from Bimbo Bakeries USA. Motion unanimously carried.

The following vehicle fuel quotes were received on July 17:

	EXPRESSWAY LUVERNE BP	CHS - EASTERN FARMERS	I-90 Fuel Services GAS STOP HOLIDAY
Premium	-8.6 cents/gallon	Z/IO/Z/III///IIII/III	-10. cents/gallon
Ethanol	-8.6 cents/gallon	050/gallon	-10. cents/gallon
E-30	-8.6 cents/gallon		
E-85	-8.6 cents/gallon		
#1 Diesel	-8.6 cents/gallon	050/gallon	-10. cents/gallon (blend)
#2 Diesel	-8.6 cents / gallon	050/gallon	-10. cents/gallon

Discussion was held regarding the convenience and pump operation of both Gas Stop Holiday and Expressway – Luverne BP. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the quote from Expressway-Luverne BP for vehicle fuel for the 2015-16 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

The following dairy products bid was received on July 17: DEAN FOODS NORTH CENTRAL MILK PRODUCTS: calator Bid

	Escalator/De-esc
1% white - 1/2 pint	0.179
Skim white - 1/2 pint	0.174
True Moo - 1/2 pint (choc or strawberr	y) 0.180
Cottage Cheese - 5# carton	6.890
Yogurt - Individual Servings (6 ounces	s) 0.449
1% white - gallon	2.950

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to accept the bid from Dean Foods North Central. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the Elementary Parent/ Student handbook for 2015-2016 as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve the Middle/High School Parent/Student handbook as presented. Discussion was held regarding the dress code and if this is enforced. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve membership in the Minnesota School Board Association for 2015-16. Membership dues are \$4,497 and Policy Service renewal is \$625. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to designate the following depositories: First Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Minnwest Bank of Luverne and/or Minnwest Bank Systems; Exchange State Bank; Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus; and, Smith Barney Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to designate the Rock County Star Herald as the official newspaper to be used to publish school board minutes. Motion

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to designate the following school district attorneys: Knutson, Flynn and Deans; and, Ratwick, Roszak, Malone and Bartel. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to designate Superintendent Craig Oftedahl as the School District representative and Todd Ove as the Student Activities representative to the High School League governing board. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Baustian, to authorize Marlene Mann, Craig Oftedahl, and Brenda Teal to wire transfer depositories and also to remove Gary Fisher from school district bank accounts and to add Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding school board compensation for the 2015-16 school year. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to set the pay rate at \$60 for each scheduled regular Board meeting, \$50 for special meetings, and \$110 for all special meetings that are over 6 hours including travel time with members of the Board of Education covered by Workers Compensation. Board members also receive an honorary individual activity pass. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to set the substitute teacher rate at \$110 per day for the 2015-16 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Baustian, to set the maximum reimbursement amount for bus driver physicals at \$115 and license reimbursement at \$47. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to set the private/parochial transportation rate at \$345 per pupil for the 2015-16 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to authorize Superintendent Craig Oftedahl to complete necessary paperwork at the Farm Service Agency as required. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the Capital Expenditure Health and Safety Budget Summary as presented for FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to grant Superintendent Craig Oftedahl the authority to serve as the identified official to authorize user access to the MDE website. Motion uanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve a salary of \$32,085 for Ann Rigney, Food Service Director, for the 2015-16 school year. Motion unanimously

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Mark

Ehlers, custodian, effective July 22, 2015. Motion unanimously carried. Discussion was held regarding the Schedule C – Extra Assignments listing. There was a question as to why Special Olympics was no longer listed and why the 7th grade boys basketball coaching position was listed as open. Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve the Schedule C – Extra Assignments as presented. Motion

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve Josh Crabtree as a volunteer football coach. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve Dan Serie as a volunteer football coach. Motion unanimously

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve Cameron Blackwell as volunteer marching band advisor. Discussion was held. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve a maternity leave request

from Amy VonHoltum, elementary teacher, for August 18 through September 5, 2015. Motion unanimously carried. Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

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

Dated: July 21, 2015

Location:

unanimously carried.

Jodi Bosch, Clerk

Kellenberger Farms conditional use hearing Aug. 24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR KELLENBERGER FARMS

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2015. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant and Property Owner: Kellenberger Farms SW 1/4 of Section 32 of Clinton Township, Conditional Use:

507-283-8862, Extension 4

T101N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota Expansion of an existing feedlot to more than 1,000 animal units

The conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The feedlot consists of a total confinement barn with poured reinforced concrete manure storage under the barn. The barns house 2,400 head of finishing swine between 33 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, the permitted capacity of the existing facility is 720 animal units.

The expansion shall consist of adding a total confinement barn, with poured reinforced concrete manure storage under the barn, housing 2,400 head of finishing swine. After the expansion, the facility shall hold 4,800 head of swine between 55

Using 0.3 animal units per head, the total capacity of the site will be 1,440

Dated: August 13, 2015 By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator 311 W. Gabrielson Road Luverne, MN 56156

(8-13, 8-20)

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> **Nellie Smith** (8.20 - 8.23)

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Contact Green View 651-639-1913

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Starting wage: \$16.10. Benefits available. **Application deadline:**

August 28, 2015. **Apply online:** http://mn.gov/mmb/careers/ For information call 507-283-6211. AA/EOE



ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN ROCK COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Engineering Technician for the Rock County Land Management Office until August 24, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Responsibilities include providing assistance to landowners for implementation of conservation practices using a wide array of programs. Duties will include making personal, one on one contacts with prospective, long-term conservation program participants and provide technical assistance to interested landowners in collaboration with local, state and federal agencies (SWCD, NRCS, FSA, DNR, MCPA etc). A majority of the work is conducted outdoors. Minimum qualifications include a High School diploma or equivalent with a minimum of a 2-year degree in a related field and 1-year of work related experience. This position is a full time grant funded position with full ben-<u>efits;</u> starting hourly wage range will be \$18.75 – \$21.10, DOQ; grant funding is for 3-5 years with possible period extensions.

To obtain a job description and an application for this position, please access the following website at co.rock.mn.us/employment.html or contact Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065 or email susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Position #1: Insurance Eligible position

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