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## County: Will Highway 75 last another four years?

*MNDOT schedules reconstruction for summer 2027*

**By Mavis Fodness**

North Highway 75 from Luverne to the county line is scheduled for reconstruction in the summer of 2027.

During the annual Minnesota Department of Transportation's visit with the Rock County Board Aug. 8, local commissioners asked if the road will last another four years.

The answer is maybe.

MnDOT District 7 Engineer Greg Aus and planning director Sam Parker outlined the 10-year road and bridge plan for the district, which encompasses Rock County and 12 other counties.

The plan indicated \$360 million is earmarked for 25 road projects in the district over the next four years.

All but one of the projects are outside of Rock County.

"It is irritating and frustrating to know money is being poured into roads that are in much better shape than the beat-up asphalt on North Highway 75," said commissioner Greg Burger.

The one project scheduled in 2025 is resurfacing Highway 75 from Main Street to Veterans Drive.

The stoplight intersection will be reconstructed to accommodate truck traffic. Total estimated cost is \$4.8 million.

Two years later, the rest of

**MNDOT Hwy. 75 plans/see 2A**



Lori Sorenson photos/0817 Luverne alumni garden construction site

Workers with Concrete Arts, Hudson, Wisconsin, lay the base of the Alumni Garden in front of the Luverne Middle School High School Monday.

## Alumni Garden dedication on track for Oct. 6

**By Lori Sorenson**

The Alumni Garden at Luverne Middle-School High School is taking shape as contractors work to meet an Oct. 6 deadline.

Buffalo Ridge Concrete trucks delivered load after load of cement earlier this week to frame the walkways that will wind through vegetation and large Sioux quartzite boulders.

Included in the design is stadium seating for 30-40 people complete with a podium and sound system. Initial costs were slated at \$1.4 million.

Waterlines will support vegetation along the garden pathways, and heated sidewalks under the existing canopy will aid in snow removal.

The base of the project includes 154 tons of granite slabs. Sioux quartzite boulders will be added along with similar materials used in other monuments and gardens in Luverne.

The Alumni Garden is a Luverne Education Legacy Fund (LELF) project, which funds various school facility improvements through community donations. The KAHR Foundation is funding the

**Luverne Alumni Garden/continued on page 5A**



Layers of granite and concrete begin to take shape at the Alumni Garden construction site Monday morning. Dedication is planned for Oct. 6 during homecoming week.

## Cannabis retailer approaches Hills, which sets ordinance

**By Mavis Fodness**

Hills City Council members unanimously supported a county-wide ordinance on recreational marijuana at their meeting Tuesday night, Aug. 8.

At that same meeting South Dakota business owners voiced interest in starting a marijuana retail outlet, Dakota Herb, in Hills.

Dalton Grimmus and Dylan

Stokes (a Luverne High School graduate) operate the business that cultivates, manufactures and dispenses medical marijuana in five locations in South Dakota.

The two inquired about purchasing commercial properties in response to Minnesota's recent legalization of recreational marijuana.

"We wanted to stop and

express interest in expanding our business across the state line from South Dakota into Minnesota," Grimmus said.

"And Hills makes a ton of sense to us. My house is eight miles from here. It would be ideal."

Hills Mayor Keith Elbers said Hills is looking at signing a countywide ordinance regulating

the use of cannabis and cannabis-derived products in public places.

The ordinance would also stipulate setback requirements for dispensary permits.

"I don't know any property in town that doesn't fall within a 1,000-feet of a school property or public park," Elbers said.

The first retail licenses won't be valid until Jan. 1, 2025.

"We would like to get ahead of it so we know before we start buying property and then going through the building with permits ... if someone is going to be friendly to our business or allow us to be here," Grimmus said.

"We just want to get the trigger pulled as quickly as possible."

**Hills marijuana/see page 3A**

## County Harvest Hosts offer rural experience

**By Mavis Fodness**

Last week, Canadians Curtis and Ellen Abbott stopped at an unusual camping spot in Rock County, choosing a view they don't normally see from their New Brunswick home.

"Everywhere I look, it is just fields," Ellen said.

"Nothing but food," Curtis observed.

The couple, along with their Australian shepherd, Misty, stayed at one of four "Harvest Hosts" camping sites in Rock County.

The Abbotts chose the site named "Family Farm on the Prairie."

The Feikema family establish the prairie camping site three years ago, on an acreage site in Denver Township along 100th

**Harvest Hosts/see page 2A**



Mavis Fodness photo/0817 Harvest Hosts

Canadian travelers Ellen and Curtis Abbott and their dog, Misty, pose outside their camper last week at the "Family Farm on the Prairie" owned by Harvest Hosts Shawn and Becky Feikema.

## Luverne updates nuisance ordinance for snow, grass

**By Jason Berghorst**

Luverne City Council members updated the public nuisance ordinance in response to last winter's extreme snowfall.

"We heard from many residents last winter about snow and ice needing to be removed from sidewalks," Luverne City Council member Caroline Thorson said.

"There were places with a foot or 18 inches of snow or more built up on the sidewalks," Mayor Pat Baustian said.

At their Aug. 8 meeting, council members amended current ordinance language for abating snow and grass nuisances.

"This amended ordinance makes the process more efficient

and effective," said Jill Wolf, Luverne City administrator.

The new ordinance calls for nuisance notices to be posted on the premises, rather than through certified mail, which can take seven to 10 days. The notice can be posted on the premises 24 hours after a snowfall.

The owner would then have 36 hours after the time the notice is posted to abate the snow or grass nuisance.

According to Wolf, if the problem isn't solved, city public works staff will remove the snow, clear the ice or mow the grass at the expense of the owner. If the owner doesn't pay

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Mobile dental clinic Aug. 17

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne Thursday, Aug. 17, at ATLAS of Rock County (use Community Room entrance) for adults and children of all ages. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. Organized by #Luvv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

### Free rootbeer floats for Bloodmobile donors Aug. 22

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Luverne from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Living Rock Church on East Main Street. The Red Cross especially needs Type O negative, Type O positive, Type B negative and Type A negative blood, as well as platelet donors.

Schedule an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org, 800-733-2767, or through the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Donors will receive a free rootbeer float from A.C.E. of Southwest MN and a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice.

### 'Living Well with Diabetes' starts Aug. 23

Living Well with Diabetes workshop will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 23 and 30, and Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at A.C.E. of SW MN Rock County, 102 Estey St. Luverne. Learn how to manage diabetes with simple lifestyle changes. Call 507-283-5064

### Youth prayer breakfast Aug. 24

Rock The Edge will host its third annual Community and Youth Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Luverne High School.

Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. in the commons, and the program is at 7 a.m. in the performing arts center with guest speaker Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken.

Make reservations by noon Aug. 21 by calling 283-4061. Donations will be accepted. The public is invited to attend.

### 'Rock the Ride' Sept. 12

The Substance Free Coalition of Rock County will host a Rock the Ride bike ride event Tuesday, Sept. 12, on the Loop starting at 6 p.m. at the Luverne Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Ride at your own pace and at 7:15 p.m. enjoy free pizza at Luverne City Park. This is a family-friendly event open to the public to support those living a substance free life. Call 507-227-1978 with questions.

### Census Info Needed

Families new to the community are encouraged to call Luverne Community Education at 507-283-4724 with information on children ages 0 up to kindergarten. The district uses the information for planning purposes and to alert families about school opportunities. Families with 4-year-olds not yet screened for preschool, should call to schedule a screening prior to kindergarten.

### Free summer events at Plaza

**Yard Games & Fellowship** Free fun activities will be available at the Plaza on Main from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, hosted by Rock County Opportunities.

**Music on the Plaza** Bruce Dysthe will sing from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Plaza. Enjoy the great sounds of one of the area's finest vocalists.

**Crazy Summer Fun for Kids** [This event is hosted by Luverne Chamber at the Plaza on Main from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 18. Free lunch will be served for kids. Reservations are requested by Aug. 16. Call the Chamber at 507-283-4061.

**Sip & Ride Golf Cart Coffee Tour** This event is hosted by Luverne Chamber at the Plaza on Main. Rides depart at 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, for the Tales of the Graves golf cart tour. Reserve your seat by calling the Chamber at 507-283-4061.

**Stick Fitness** This is a free exercise class hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21.

# H-BC enters new school year with full teaching staff

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School District filled the last of its open teaching positions for the 2023-24 school year at Monday night's meeting.

Board members approved a contract with April Prohl as full-time secondary special education teacher at a salary of \$44,970.

The board hired Paul Opheim as full-time secondary agriculture teacher and FFA adviser with required license approval. His salary will be \$50,388.

In a special board session Friday, Aug. 4, board members approved Tyson Metzger as full-time English language arts and science teacher. His salary is \$55,000.

The new hires replace teachers who resigned over the summer.

Randi Oftedahl resigned as middle school science and social studies teacher, Kale Wiertzema as special education teacher and head boys' basketball coach, and Cloey Anderson as ag teacher, whose contract

the board decided not to renew in May.

In other personnel business at their Monday meeting, board members:

- assigned Chad Rauk as head boys' basketball coach, Tyson Metzger as assistant boys' basketball coach, and Lydia Scruggs as assistant varsity volleyball coach.

- accepted the resignation of Courtney Kruger as assistant volleyball coach and Arlen Leenderts as bus driver, effective Sept. 1.

- assigned Mark Top as morning bus route driver.

## LHS junior is selected as winning designer for 2023 Tri-State Band Festival button

Luverne High School junior Ryker Johnson submitted the winning design for the 2023 Tri-State Band Festival button.

The Tri-State Committee partners with the Luverne High School graphic arts class to come up with a new button design each year.

The designs are formatted with Quality Printing, and the buttons are assembled by Rock County County Opportunities.

Buttons are sold during the annual Tri-State Band



Festival in Luverne, this year on Sept. 30, and serve as admission to field competition.

Johnson is a student in Bill Thompson's graphic design class and is the son of Jim and Heather Johnson, Luverne.



## MNDOT North Highway 75/from page 1A

North 75 will be resurfaced. Work is planned for the summer of 2027, using funds from fiscal year 2028.

Additional state funding, however, could move the North 75 project to an earlier timeframe.

Aus explained that the state's newly increased gas, license and tab fees could mean more funding for District 7.

"I'm ready when money comes into that bucket," Aus said.

District 8, which borders Rock County to the north and includes Pipestone County, plans to resurface Highway 75

south from Pipestone in 2026, according to the District 8 website.

Commissioner Gary Overgaard asked why Rock County's North 75 resurfacing project can't be included with Pipestone County's, instead of a year later.

"Common sense tells you that's the way it should be done," Overgaard said.

Funding doesn't allow the combining of the two projects, Aus said.

In addition to funding, road surface conditions could factor into the improvement project.

This fall each road

in District 7 will undergo the yearly ride quality index (RQI) performance rating. The RQI rating is an important indicator in roadway reconstruction.

This past winter proved to be hard on most road surfaces.

"We have seen a definite decline in the condition of the roads this year," Aus said. "We are still patching roads. We would have been done by now."

Last year North Highway 75's RQI was 2.4, which is rated as "fair."

MNDOT projected the RQI will fall to 'poor' by 2028.

The plan outlined two other road and bridge projects planned in Rock County in the next 10 years, including:

- In 2030 South Highway 75 from Luverne to the state border and the east bound lane of I-90 from Beaver Creek to Luverne.

- In 2031 Highway 270 from South Highway 75 west to Hills.

"We get corn out of a can."

— Ellen Abbott, New Brunswick Canada

## Harvest Host/ from page 1A

Avenue, away from their cattle feedlot.

"Since then, we've had hundreds of campers," said Becky Feikema. "Several stay each week during the season from the end of April through October."

Campers like the Abbotts are Harvest Hosts members.

The online site harvesthosts.com touts itself as "a recreational vehicle membership program that allows self-contained travelers to overnight at unique locations throughout the U.S. including farms, wineries, breweries, golf courses, museums and attractions for amazing experiences."

The Abbotts agree their stays at several Harvest Hosts haven't been boring, as they have learned interesting facts from the breweries and wineries they have stayed at so far.

It's much more interesting than staying at Walmart parking lots as they did when passing through Maine.

At their stay on the prairie, they learned about corn varieties for cattle and humans.

"I didn't realize the corn (at the Feikema site) is just for cattle," Ellen said. "We get corn out of a can — we get four ears to a can."

They said they'll stay at other Harvest Hosts as they make their way to Utah, where they will view the annular solar eclipse on Oct. 14.

"We want to get a feel of different areas (across the U.S.)," Ellen said.

Harvest Hosts include 5,000 sites across the U.S.

Rock County's three other sites are titled "Tap Room with a View" at Take 16 Brewing, "Pottery Studio and Art Gallery" at the Deuschle acreage north of Luverne, and "Farm Camping with a 130-year-old Farmstead" in rural Rock County.

Stays at Harvest Hosts sites are free, but visitors drive or pull in self-contained campers. No water or sewer hook-ups are available.

"We kindly ask our members to support their hosts by purchasing one of the local products with each stay," the website advocated.

For the Feikema family, maintaining a Harvest Hosts site for free is part of their agriculture advocacy.

"We wanted to open the experience of living on a farm," Feikema said.



## Thank You

Thank you for all the gifts, cards and phone calls for our 60th wedding anniversary. It was awfully nice to hear from all of our friends. Also, a big thank you to our family for planning and attending the party, all were there!

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# Kids Rock! gets fundraising boost

**By Jason Berghorst**

Members of the Luverne Economic Development Authority heard updates on the Kids Rock! Child Care Center during their regular meeting Aug. 14.

LEDA Director Holly Sammons reported that the non-profit board overseeing the center has raised over \$500,000 toward the \$1,000,000 private funding goal.

"We have seen a great response from what we call our Tier 1 donors," Sammons said. "These are our larger businesses and donors that board members have had face-to-face meetings with. They have all been supportive and see the need for the project."

Sammons said she believes the board has done well advocating for the project and informing the community of the need the center hopes to fill.

"People understand the vision and see the need," she said. "It's really been exciting."

Mayor Pat Baustian mentioned media attention that the project has received.

"They've seen what we're doing and are curious," he said.

Sammons mentioned coverage in the Minneapolis Star Tribune specifically.

"There was a nice article in the Star Trib on a Sunday a few weeks ago," she said. "That led an anonymous person who read that article to

contact Emily at the Community Foundation and donate \$50,000 to the fund drive."

Baustian said, "It pays to talk to the media."

City leaders are in the process of selecting a construction manager at risk and establishing the guaranteed maximum price (GMP).

"We hope to have that contract signed soon," Sammons said.

The USDA is completing the environmental review and will formally obligate funds in September.

According to Sammons, tentative plans still call for construction to begin in March 2024, with a projected opening in early 2025.

An executive director will be hired sometime in 2024 to prepare for the opening of the center.

"That person will be hired by the Kids Rock! Board, and their salary will be paid by the board," Sammons said. "The board is fully in charge of operating the facility."

According to Sammons, the executive director will be instrumental in establishing policies, developing program manuals, hiring staff and other duties needed to prepare for the opening of the center.

"All of that needs to be done well," Baustian said. "That will be an important job."



Mavis Fodness photos/0817 Plaza Ribbon Cutting

## Plaza on Main celebrates opening in Luverne

The new Plaza on Main shelter at the corner of Main and McKenzie streets in Luverne has hosted 32 summer events through the Luverne Area Chamber. Tuesday's Story Time at the Plaza with children's librarian Bronwyn Wenzel (pictured at right) is among the list of summer activities at the Plaza. The shelter was built through a \$3,000 grant that the LIFT committee received from the Lyon County Riverboard Foundation. Construction was completed through the city of Luverne. A ribbon-cutting Monday celebrated the Plaza's grand opening. Pictured above for the festivities are (seated from left in one of the 30 lawn chairs also purchased through the grant) Faye Bremer, Amanda McDonald, Megan Klaassen, (standing from left) Adam Geraets, Annie Opitz, Pat Baustian, Jenny Jorgensen, Holly Sammons, Kim Von Tersch, Scott Viessman, Corrine Bonnema (with scissors), Pastor Bob Junak and Becky Walgrave.



## Township assessor opts out of contract, county extends offer for services through land records

**By Mavis Fodness**

The townships of Clinton, Magnolia, Mound, Springwater and Vienna are without assessor services following Joyce Schmidt's sudden non-renewal of her contract.

She told township supervisors in a July 27 letter that she won't extend her 2024 assessing services due to unforeseen medical concerns in her family.

"It would be my suggestion that you reach out to the Rock County Assessor's Office to see what options are available to your township," Schmidt wrote.

At their meeting Tuesday morning, Aug. 8, the Rock County commissioners accepted Land Records Office Director Rachel Jacobs' suggestion to offer three-year contracts with Rock County to each of the five townships.

"They are up in the air," Jacobs said of the affected townships. "They have 90 days to find and fill the as-

essor position, but really we are the only local assessor around here except for Tom (Houselog)."

Former Rock County Land Records Director Tom Houselog is an independent assessor in Pipestone County, but the five Rock County townships are unlikely to contract for his services.

"Because the whole reason they didn't come to the county in the first place five years ago is because they didn't agree with Tom," Jacobs said.

Assessing contractors must have an Accredited Minnesota Assessor license, according to a mandate that became effective in 2022.

The five townships opted not to contract with Rock County in 2017, when independent property assessor Pete Jessen stepped down as assessor for the city of Beaver Creek and 11 Rock County townships.

Everyone but Clinton, Magnolia, Mound, Springwater and Vienna town-

ships opted to contract with Rock County.

These townships signed a three-year contract with Schmidt at a higher rate of \$14 per parcel. With Rock County, the same services were \$12 per parcel.

At Tuesday's meeting, commissioners considered offering the five townships an assessing contract at the \$14-per-parcel rate, the same rate they were paying.

"I have a difficult time dropping that rate down to \$12 when they are used to paying \$14," said Commissioner Greg Burger.

After initially supporting developing a two-tier fee system, commissioners decided a single fee system for all the townships was a fair and equitable option.

Commissioner Sherri Thompson made a motion to extend an offer of three-year contracts of \$12 per parcel (plus 3-percent increases after the initial year) to the affected townships starting in 2024.

Burger seconded the motion.

"We want to be good neighbors and fix the relationship with your office and these other townships. You're (Jacobs) being proactive in your offer," Thompson said.

Commissioners, in a 4-0 vote, accepted Jacobs' recommendation that all township assessing contracts have the same fee schedules. Commissioner Jody Reisch was absent.

Township supervisors can choose to accept the assessment contract with Rock County or make an agreement with another licensed assessor.

Because the townships of Clinton, Magnolia, Mound, Springwater and Vienna are without assessor services, these supervisors have 90 days from July 27 to choose an assessor.

If one is not chosen by the supervisors, the county auditor will appoint an assessor.

## Nuisance ordinance/ continued from page 1A

for the expense, it will be assessed through property taxes.

Council members asked if the owner or renter is responsible for removing the nuisance at rental properties.

Wolf said the notice will be posted at the property by public works staff and also will be sent to the property owner.

"Most standard leases have it spelled out who is responsible for snow removal," said Luverne

City Attorney Ben Vander Kooi. "That kind of thing is in the lease, but ultimately it is the responsibility of the property owner."

Baustian said, "Many other cities have language like this and it's worked well for them."

The updated ordinance was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

"It's clear something like this needed to be done," Thorson said. "Hopefully this helps."

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## Marijuana in Hills/from 1A

Hills City Council members attended the July 25 countywide meeting between Rock County and its cities.

Each city supported a conservative, countywide approach to recreational marijuana use in public places.

The ordinance won't be ready for public review and comment until commissioners unveil the document later this month.

"We don't have any definite answers," said Hills council member Stacen Burgers. "There's no concrete answers for anyone at this time."

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## At the starting line as doubt starts to creep in

As I stood at the starting line of the Celebrity Donkey Races at the county fair, a feeling of doubt came over me.



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Doubt that I could even get on this animal's back.

Doubt that Ex-Lax (the donkey's stage name) would even want me riding him around the course.

I was wrong to doubt. When organizers announced that the women riding in Heat 3 were to go counter-clockwise around the course, I gained a little confidence.

As a herd animal, Ex-Lax would feel less likely to follow his herd mates' actions.

All ready I discovered Ex-Lax would tense and round his back, winding up to buck if I grabbed his mane to mount.

When the race started, I placed my hand across the donkey's mane and slid my leg over his back. Fully mounted we headed off.

And no buck. Just a casual walk to the grass side of the course, when he promptly dropped his head and began grazing.

He wouldn't move. I anticipated this.

Like a horse, a donkey cannot pass up the sweet taste of green grass.

I slipped off the donkey's back with the dread that I would eventually have to get back on.

Grabbing the lead rope, I dragged Ex-Lax through the grass area and to the dirt where I pointed him to the finish line.

I slipped on his back and coaxed the reluctant animal forward.

As he drifted toward the grass growing at the side of the cement wall where the

grandstands were set up, I pulled his head in the opposite direction.

I crossed the finish line in third.

All I felt was relief, and later, a sense of accomplishment.

Last year I didn't even get past the first turn.

As I leave my donkey riding days behind me, I've turned to another event that leaves me with just as much anxiety as the donkey races did.

In a little less than a month, my horse, Emma, and I will travel to the Twin Cities for the WSCA Championships.

As in the donkey race, one class has me riding Emma bareback.

At the age of 58, I'm thinking I'm too old to do activities with entrants whose ages are closer to age 20.

You'd think I should be old enough to know I don't have to do these activities.

I'm also old enough to know that I can.

Two years ago I told myself I wasn't the same high caliber of a rider to even compete at the championships.

But I did.

Doubt had me telling myself that I couldn't, and I believed it.

Age has taught me that if you want to do something, all you have to do is be prepared.

You can bet Emma and I will be practicing, and we'll be ready to succeed at yet another activity I started.

There's no doubt about it.

## Kudos to the Chamber and partners for summer of fun

As we linger in the Dog Days of Summer, the Star Herald applauds the Luverne Area Chamber and its volunteers and community partners for organizing a full summer of entertainment and activities.

Rock County already enjoys a full slate of community entertainment with Buffalo Days, Hills Friendship Days, Hardwick Jubilee Days and the new Beaver Days in Beaver Creek. In between, there's the Fourth of July at The Lake, Hot Dog Night, the Rock County Fair and others.

In addition, plenty of private ventures welcome public participation. For example, there are regular Take 16 block parties, church picnics, ATV rides, class reunions and other festive gatherings that advertise, "All are welcome."

Add to these our Palace Theatre and Verne Drive-In lineup of movies

and bands, and the Blue Mounds State Park weekends of naturalist programs. There is literally never a dull moment in Rock County.

But just in case we needed something a little more in the middle of the week, in the middle of the day, the Chamber launched its Free Summer Events at the Plaza on Main Street under the canopy.

From live music and story time to Zumba and yard games, there was something for everyone in the itinerary, which continues through the end of summer.

For example, don't miss the "Sip & Ride Golf Cart Coffee Tours"

departing from the plaza at 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday for a Tales of the Graves golf cart tour. (Reserve a seat by calling the Chamber at 507-283-4061.) It's free.

On Monday, work out your weekend kinks with "Stick Fitness," a free exercise class hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 11 a.m.

Free is the key word here. Great entertainment at a great location. For free.

Thanks to the organization of the Chamber and a long list of willing community partners and participants.

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL



### Fick: 'We're overlooking serious national problems'

#### Letter to the Editor:

The big question in Washington now seems to be at what age is an individual disqualified from running for public office. Mental and physical status could be determined by medical doctor exams if an individual is qualified to start running for public office.

Age brings experience and can bring knowledge and wisdom. Let's not overlook these assets. I'm sure either party has well-qualified individuals.

Why then are we wasting precious time and money defending an individual with his lies and his "buffalo" remarks to the very people

he once represented. How much wisdom and knowledge does this show? At the same time, we're overlooking serious national problems.

What are foreign countries thinking, watching the turmoil in Washington, D.C.?

Robert Fick,  
Luverne

### Radisewitz: Banners on Main Street honor our veterans – well done, Luverne

#### To the Editor:

Lately I've been admiring the banners lining Main Street thanking our veterans for their service.

Many communities recognize veterans with a few words on special days or a monument, but to actually display names and faces of our local heroes on banners goes above and beyond the cause.

I can't help but look at each

soldier's banner without wondering about their story. How did their time go in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and other destinations away from home?

What sacrifices did they have to make to serve our country? What adventures did they encounter?

As I walk to my office, it's fun to greet each face and wonder about

their stories. Maybe our friends at the Star Herald could do a weekly column highlighting a few of these heroes?

Some on the banners are friends, colleagues, classmates of my daughters, a few I recognized from times past, and others I'm just getting to know.

Good morning, Edwin Holst-SP4 Army NG, Eddie Deutsch-

CPL in the Korean War (it was an honor meeting you at The Veterans Home), Curtis Smook-EOCA in Vietnam, Charles Eglund-QM2 in Vietnam (who is still excited about his hole-in-one last week), Bill Brakke-Captain in World War II/Korea, David Stoltenberg-SP4 in Vietnam, Ian Sandager-Sgt. Global War on Terror, Anthony Dispanet-SP5 Vietnam, Holly Sammons-Sgt.

Army NG (a great addition to our city administrative team) and Brad Deutsch-SPC Global War on Terror (we miss you).

Thanks to all the veterans displayed on the banners (and those whose names aren't yet included on a banner) for your service to our country.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Aug. 4**

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Exit 18, Magnolia, off of Interstate 90, reported a transient.

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and 131<sup>st</sup> Street, requested roadside assistance.

**Aug. 5**

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant reported an outage.

•A weather alert was issued.

•Complainant on S. West Park Street reported a missing person.

**Aug. 6**

•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen, reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported an open door.

•Complainant northbound on Highway 23, mile marker 14, Jasper, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant reported harassing communications.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant reported harassing communications.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.

**Aug. 7**

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant at city park requested roadside assistance.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Main Street and Estey Street reported found property.

•Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Adams Street reported found property.

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**Aug. 8**

•Complainant on N.

Kniss Avenue reported theft.

•Complainant on 171<sup>st</sup> Street, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported lost property.

**Aug. 9**

•Complainant reported an outage.

•Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported suspicious activity.

•A warrant was issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street E. in Jasper.

•Complainant on E. Second Street, Hardwick, reported trespassing.

**Aug. 10**

•Complainant southbound on Highway 23, mile marker 22, Jasper, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, near Minnesota Rest Area, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a transient.

•Complainant on 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported vandalism.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a pedestrian.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 38, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and 131<sup>st</sup> Street, reported found property.

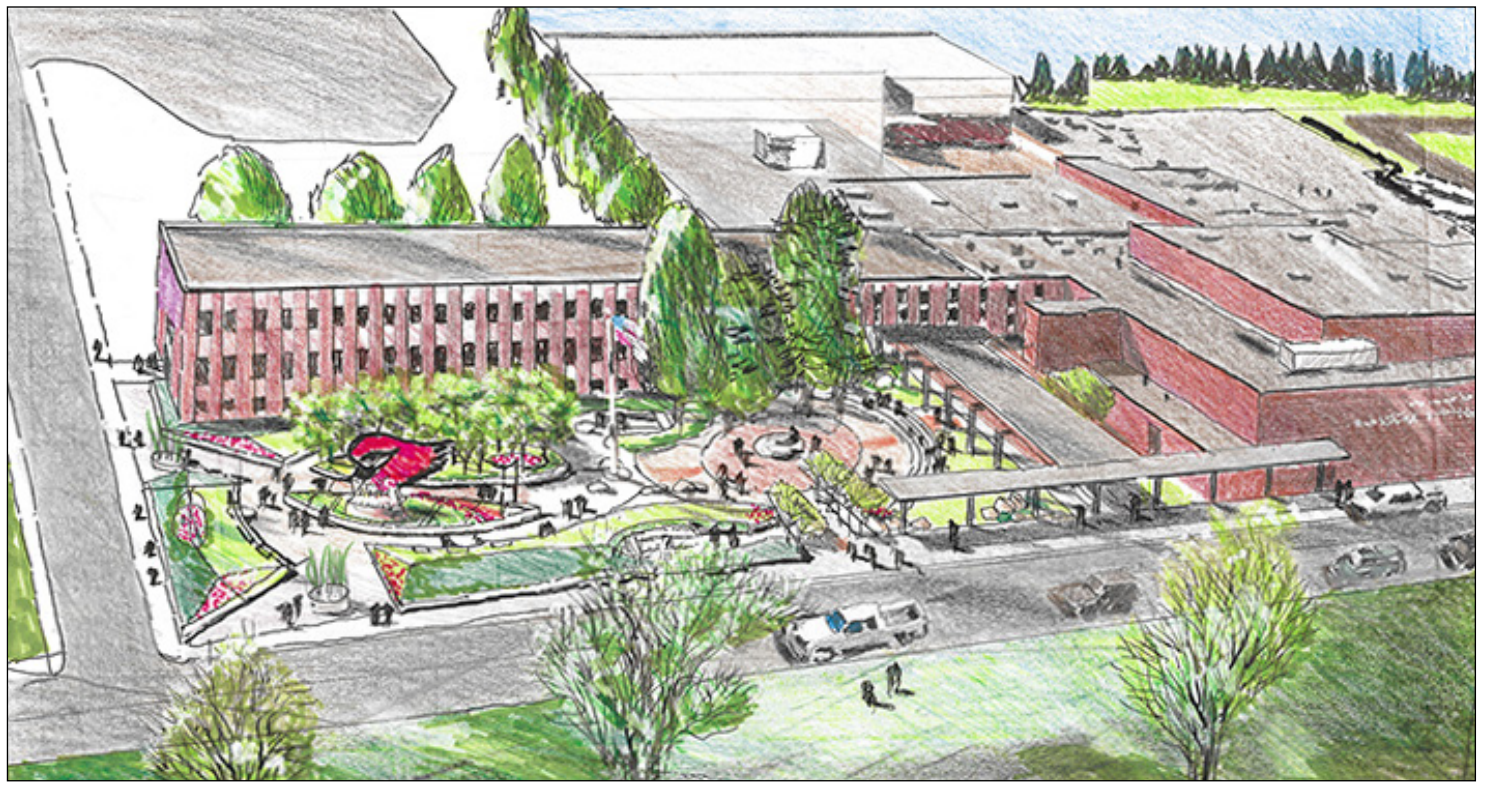
•Complainant on 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 191<sup>st</sup> Street requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported a civil issue.

**Aug. 11**

•A warrant was issued on 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Slayton.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 escort, 14 ambulance runs, 2 parking violations, 6 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 4 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 2 alarms, 5 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 53 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 4 welfare checks, 3 reports of cattle out, 1 curfew check and 4 follow-ups.



An early rendering of the Alumni Garden, Klinefelter Landscape Design, shows an aerial view of the planned features.

### Alumni Garden on track for Oct. 6 dedication/from page 1A

project, which includes a hall of fame wall to recognize former Luverne students. KAHR is a private foundation of Jeannine Rivet and Warren G Herreid II. The existing steel canopy will be incorporated into the garden design that

includes a 30- to 40-person seating area with podium and sound system.

Steve "Junior" Selseth with Oh'Landscapes out of Mayer, Minnesota, is heading up the project.

The garden will be dedicated on

Oct. 6 during Luverne's homecoming festivities.

Luverne's first class of Alumni Hall of Fame members will also be inducted this fall during the district homecoming weekend.

## School supplies are expensive; families urged to take advantage of tax benefits

As inflation continues to eat away at family budgets, parents are encouraged to save receipts on school supply purchases to take advantage of Minnesota tax credits.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue reminds parents to use the receipts to claim valuable K-12 tax benefits when filing their taxes next year.

In addition, due to changes made during the legislative session, over 31,000 more Minnesota families will be able to claim the credit this year.

Two tax benefits can help Minnesota families pay expenses related to their child's education — the refundable K-12 Education Credit (income limits apply) and the K-12

Education Subtraction (no income limits).

"As a parent and grandparent, I know the strain that families feel during back-to-school time trying to balance the need for new school supplies with other family expenses," said Revenue Commissioner Paul Marquart.

"Saving school supply shopping receipts and claiming either the K-12 Education Subtraction or the expanded K-12 Education Credit will help Minnesota families save some money when filing their taxes next year."

Last year more than 17,000 families received the K-12 Education Credit for an average credit of \$280. Over 134,000 families received the K-12 Education

Subtraction for an average subtraction of \$1,266.

These programs reduce the tax parents pay and could deliver a larger refund when filing a Minnesota income tax return.

To qualify, the purchases must be for educational services or required materials. The child must be attending kindergarten through 12th grade at a public, private, or qualified home school and meet other qualifications.

#### Save those receipts

Remember to save your receipts to claim the credit or subtraction.

Use a folder or envelope to store receipts for the upcoming tax filing season or pick up a special envelope at our State Fair booth,

located in the Education Building.

Most expenses for educational instruction or materials qualify, including:

- Paper.
- Pens and notebooks.
- Textbooks.

Rental or purchases of educational equipment such as musical instruments.

•Computer hardware (hotspots, modems, and routers) and educational software (up to \$200 for the subtraction and \$200 for the credit).

•After-school tutoring and educational summer camps taught by a qualified instructor.

Fees for internet service do not qualify.

Details are available at [revenue.state.mn.us](http://revenue.state.mn.us).

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## PALACE THEATRE

### UPCOMING EVENTS


	<b>Afternoon Escape: Barbie</b>	PG-13
	Thursday, August 17	2:00 pm
	\$5 Admission	
	<b>Kids Summer Cinema: DC League of Super Pets</b>	PG
	Friday, August 18	10:00 am
	Sponsored by: Security Savings Bank, Connell Car Care, American Family Insurance - Nick Domagala, Agent	<b>KIDSSUMMER CINEMA 2023</b>
	\$5 Admission	
	<b>Haunted Mansion</b>	PG-13
	Friday, August 18	7:00 pm
	Sunday, August 20	7:00 pm
	Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, \$7 for adults	
	<b>Movie Premiere: From the Heartland</b>	
	Saturday, August 19	4:00 pm
	"From the Heartland" was filmed locally as a partnership of the Feikema family and Director/Editor Matthew Coddaira. A Q&A session will take place immediately following the movie.	
	FREE ADMISSION	
	<b>Silent Movie: Hot Water</b>	
	Sunday, August 20	2:00 pm
	Accompanied by Leona Hoek	
	Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, \$7 for adults	

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**Tuesday, Aug. 22:** Pasta with meat sauce, romaine salad with dressing, pears, Texas toast, cookie.

**Wednesday, Aug. 23:** Orange chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, pineapple.

**Thursday, Aug. 24:** Pork loin, yams, broccoli, bread, dessert.

**Friday, Aug. 25:** Chicken mandarin salad, pea salad, fruit, dessert.

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

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve one day prior, to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at [www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).

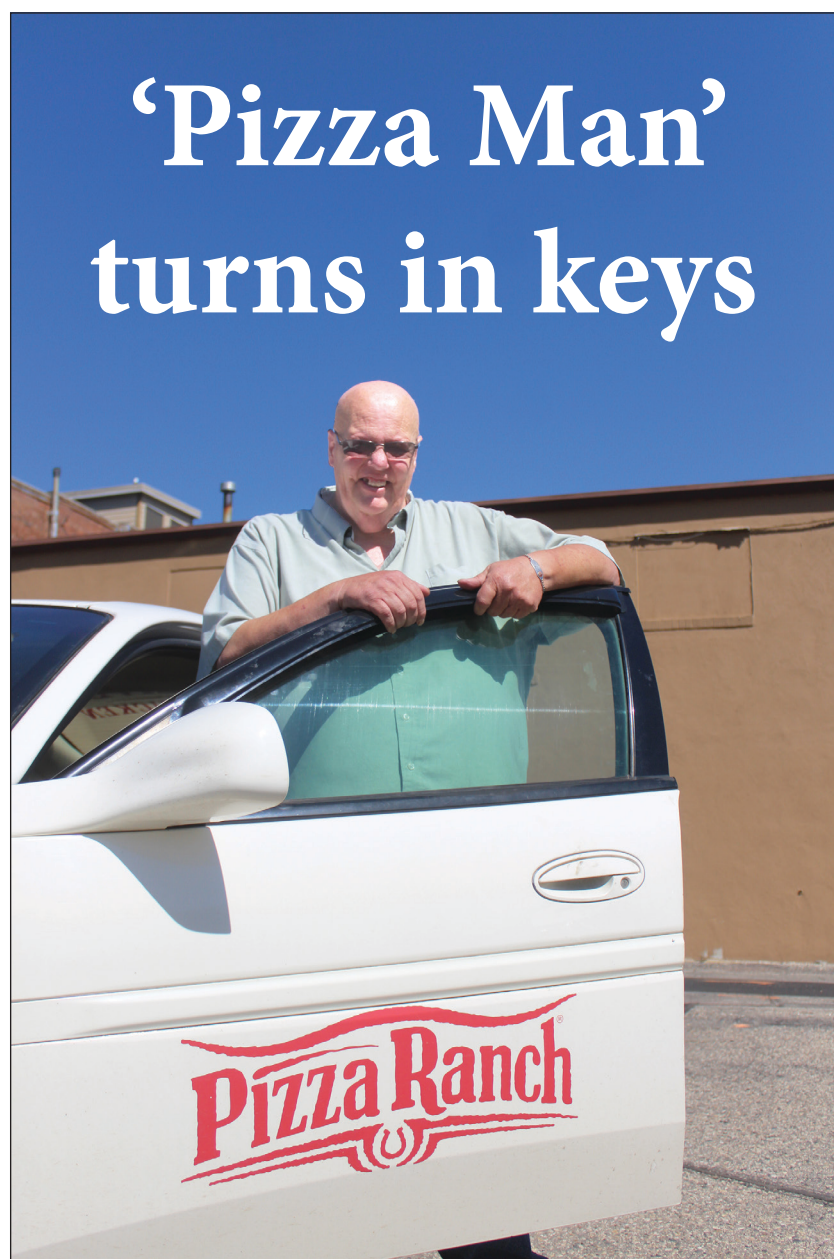
**COLLEGE NEWS**

**U of M releases dean's list**

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities released the Spring 2023 semester dean's list. Named to the list from Luverne are freshman Billi Connell, College of Education/Human Development; junior Solveig Tofteland, School of Nursing; and senior Jordan Winter, Carlson School of Management. To qualify, students must earn a 3.66 GPA or higher with at least 12 graded credits.

**Wendland named to dean's list**

Cortney Wendland, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded credits.



**'Pizza Man' turns in keys**



At left: Kevin "Pizza Man" Elbers retires as the delivery driver for the Luverne Pizza Ranch after 29 years behind the wheel. His last day was Monday, Aug. 7. Pizza Ranch sponsored a public open house for their longest-tenured employee on Friday. Above: Dawn Cope, a co-worker with Kevin Elbers at Luverne Pizza Ranch, baked cupcakes in honor of Elbers' retirement. A few personal messages on the cupcakes read, "Happy Retirement Kevin," "Oh the miles," "Delivery," "29 years," "Thank you Kevin," and "Turning in the keys."

**Kevin Elbers retires from Pizza Ranch delivery after 29 years**

**Story and photos by Mavis Fodness**

Kevin Elbers was 34 years old when Pizza Ranch owner Lila Bauer hired him as a delivery driver in 1993, a year after opening the Luverne restaurant.

On Monday, Aug. 7, at 7:45 p.m., Elbers clocked out for the last time, retiring after 29 years with Bauer and the Pizza Ranch.

On Friday, Bauer and the rest of the Pizza Ranch crew hosted a retirement party for Elbers. "Some of these kids working here now could be my grandkids," Elbers said.

His friendly personality propelled him to be the restaurant's unofficial ambassador, and he

treated co-workers like family.

"People remember how you treat them," he said. "I treat them better than I treat myself."

Elbers is known to greet diners by first names as he waits for delivery orders to be ready.

Then the self-proclaimed "lead foot," would get the deliveries out quickly.

Through the decades, Elbers became the real-life "Pizza Man" to kindergartners who visited the restaurant on spring field trips.

To each class Bauer reads the book, "Hi, Pizza Man," as they eat the personal pan pizzas they created and watched bake.

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Terrie Gulden (left) shakes Kevin Elbers' hand after Elbers shared a friendly greeting from Linda Gulden (center) Friday morning during his retirement open house at the Luverne Pizza Ranch, where he served as delivery driver for 29 years.

**REMEMBER WHEN**

**10 years ago (2013)**

•Bill Ketterling has been in the garbage hauling business long enough to remember when cities used dray services.

In fact, when he started more than 40 years ago, he bought out Orville Kannenberg's Dray Service.

"Orville had the business for sale, and no one else wanted to do it, so I thought maybe that meant it would be job security," Ketterling said.

The term "drayage" historically refers to the transport of goods over short distances on sideless carts pulled by dray horses.

When Ketterling took over on Feb. 7, 1973, Orville's route included 40 to 50 stops on Main Street. ...

"I was a one-man band," Ketterling said. "I just kept plugging away at it."

**25 years ago (1998)**

•Godfather's Pizza, Luverne, will be open for lunch Tuesday in the former Hardee's building on South Highway 75.

Thomas Studer, Luverne, has been hired as manager, and Nancy DeGroot and Joyce Sandbo, both of Luverne, are assistant manager and second assistant manager, respectively. ...

The Luverne location is the 48<sup>th</sup> restaurant group operated by ROC Management & Associates, Sprits Lake, Iowa. The franchise group purchased the Luverne property in March, less than three months after Hardee's closed in January. The Hardee's restaurant in Pipestone closed at the same time, and a Godfather's Pizza will soon be there as well.

**50 years ago (1973)**

•Neil Hoven, a 22-year old former Kenneth resident now living in Magnolia, is currently sitting on top in driver's standing in the Worthington Stock Car races held each Sunday.

Hoven has compiled a total of 1,027 points to date with at least four more races to go before the season ends.

This is Hoven's second year in racing stock cars, and after an uneventful debut, this season he leads over 40 regular

drivers for the honors.

Employed by Van's Motor Co. in Luverne as a mechanic, Hoven drives a 1962 Chevrolet with a 327 engine. He also races at Rock Rapids, Iowa, and occasionally at Sioux Falls, but he is strictly a quarter or three-eighths mile track racer.

**75 years ago (1948)**

•A heavily loaded runaway trailer menaced traffic on Highway 75 at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The trailer crashed into a telephone pole just north of the H. A. Shelby office and garage. The badly shattered pole will have to be replaced.

Driving the light tractor which was towing the vehicle was Lloyd Siebenahler, 17, Luverne. The outfit is owned by Paulson Dehydrated Products Co. and was being brought to the plant from field operators at Trosky.

As Siebenahler passed the intersection, headed south, in front of the W. L. Merrick residence, the equipment repair house trailer cut loose from the tractor and careened down hill. ...

Although the pin and tongue were still in place on the trailer after the accident, it is believed that the pin jumped loose and then dropped back in the hole again. There was no key or nut on the pin and no safety chain as added precaution. One wheel of the trailer was wrecked.

**100 years ago (1923)**

•Convinced that violation of traffic regulations in this city are becoming daily too frequent by many motorists, Mayor R. B. Hinkly has instructed police officers to make a checking record of those guilty of violations, and thus make the city safer for both riders and pedestrians.

To carry out his purpose, the mayor has instructed Chief of Police Connell and Night Policeman Will Linville, to file reports of any cases of speeding or violation of traffic rules which may come to their attention. They have been provided with printed cards by which these gentlemen will be aided in securing all the necessary information for the prosecution of the law-breakers.

**1943: Spease's life history includes 'working steadily'**

*The following article is part of the Diamond Club Member group that began in the January 7, 1943, issue of the Rock County Star Herald. Members of this group consist of persons of age 75 and older.*

*The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Dec. 2, 1943.*

William John Spease, Luverne, now 75, is of the opinion that a man is just as old at 50, or young at 80, and it is the latter goal that he is trying to reach.

Since he was 11 years old, he's been working steadily, and to this work and exercises he attributes the fact that he has reached the three-quarter century mark, and is still going.

Speaking of work, Mr. Spease says the hardest work he believes he has ever done is wood chopping. The odd part of it is, he is still at the job. "Come over and take a look for yourself," he said. Anyone who accepts will usually find logs neatly piled, ready for sawing, or will find them sawed into smaller pieces and already in his basement. In the summer time, he always has a big garden.



**BITS BY BETTY**

**By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian**

Mr. Spease was born at Spitzer, Wis., November 6, 1868, the son of George and Ellen Spease. His father died when he was 11 years of age, and his mother sold out the farm property, thinking that he was too young to do the work alone.

After their sale, Mr. Spease was employed by one of their neighbors to herd cattle for two months. "I received \$5 for the two months," Mr. Spease said, "and it certainly was a very lonesome job, and I became

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## OBITUARIES

### Donald Kneip

Donald "Don" Kneip, age 89, of Jasper, Minnesota, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Memorial Service was Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper with visitation one hour prior to the service from 9-10 a.m. Burial was in the Jasper City Cemetery in Jasper.

Arrangements are with the Hartquist Funeral Home – Jasper Chapel. Please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com) to sign an online registry.

Donald Lloyd Kneip was born on February 10, 1934, to Irvin Alfred and Ruth Elizabeth (Carlson) Kneip in Oak Park, Illinois. In 1939 he moved with his parents to Villa Park, Illinois, and began attending school there. When he was 14 years old, his family moved to Colton, South Dakota, and one year later to Jasper, Minnesota. After his graduation from Jasper High School, he attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On August 29, 1954, he was united in marriage to Gwendolyn Larson at Trinity Lutheran

Church in Jasper. Don held various jobs in Jasper and Sioux Falls, and in 1972 he purchased his father-in-law's auto repair business and moved his family back to Jasper. While living in Jasper, Don owned and operated Kneip Auto Repair and Sales. During this time, he also

owned and operated Kneip Bus Company from 1985 to 1992. He sold his repair business to his son Jim in 1985 and retired from Kneip Sales in 1996.

He served on the Jasper City Council, Jasper School Board, and was a member of the Historical Society and the Jasper Senior Citizens. He enjoyed woodworking and antique auto restoration.

He is lovingly remembered by his four children, Steve (Dede) Kneip of Omaha, Nebraska, Jim (Debbie) Kneip of Luverne, Minnesota, Barb (Kurt) Facile of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Brenda (Dale) Bostic of Edgerton, Minnesota; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Gwendolyn; daughter Susan Kneip; granddaughter Aja Pelster; his parents; and a sister, Virginia Berdahl.



### Arvin Tilstra

Arvin Vernon Tilstra, age 92, of Hills, Minnesota, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A visitation will be Friday, Aug. 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Steen in Steen, Minnesota. A funeral service will be Saturday, Aug. 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the church with burial to follow at Eastside Cemetery in Steen.

Please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com) to sign an online registry.

Arvin Vernon Tilstra was born on October 23, 1930, to Cornie and Fannie (Hommes) Tilstra on a farm southwest of Rock Rapids, Iowa. He attended country school in Lyon County, Iowa, finishing in Rock County, Minnesota. He then moved to a farm northwest of Steen, Minnesota. Arvin loved the farm and farm animals. He always had a favorite dog that would help him with chores around the farm.

After grade school, Arvin stayed home and helped his father farm until he was drafted into the Army during the Korean Conflict. He and Cena Mae made their profession of faith in February of 1952. While in the service, Arvin attended leadership school in Japan and was in Korea when the war ended. His rank was sergeant when he was honorably discharged in December of 1953.



He married the love of his life and neighbor, Cena Mae Elbers, on June 4, 1954. They made their home in a country school house that Arvin and his dad had remodeled. They lived there for eight years and bought a farm one and a half miles southeast of the school. Their marriage was blessed with three children.

Arvin and Cena Mae loved to travel. Together, they crossed the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, visited the Netherlands and Japan, and traveled to the northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest portions of the United States. For many years they traveled to Mesa, Arizona, for a short while each winter. One of Arvin's more memorable experiences was to go on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. and to the Ark Encounter in 2019.

Arvin was very active in his home church, the Reformed Church of Steen, serving as an elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and catechism teacher for many years. He was also a longtime member of the American Legion in Hills. He enjoyed attending school activities of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arvin was a neat farmer and kept up his machinery well. He enjoyed several "tractor rides." Arvin loved his Lord, his family, his church, and his country. He appreciated good neighbors and enjoyed the farm. He

never missed one year of combining.

On Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, while surrounded by his loving family at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, Arvin went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the age of 92 years, 9 months, and 15 days.

Arvin is lovingly remembered by his wife, Cena Mae Tilstra of Hills, Minnesota; his children Donna (Norm) Sjaarda of Hills, Darwin Tilstra of Dundas, Minnesota, and David (Debbie) Tilstra of Hills; grandchildren, Jennifer Sjaarda (James Axelson), Angela Sjaarda, Caleb (Nicole) Tilstra, Jayna (Kevin) Tomalty, Micah Tilstra (Michelle Doty), Elijah Tilstra (Fiona Conner), Amanda (Mark) Meredith, Brooke (Matt) Watnemo, Isaac (Ashley) Tilstra, and Paige Tilstra; 15 great-grandchildren; siblings, sister-in-law Ann Tilstra of Hills, Ferd (Bernice) Tilstra of Hills, sister-in-law Joan Tilstra of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Inez Hoogveen of Le Mars, Iowa, sister-in-law JoAnn Moeller of Mitchell, South Dakota; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cornie and Fannie Tilstra; parents-in-law William and Elizabeth Elbers; brother and sister-in-law Fred and Anna Tilstra; brothers John Tilstra, Raymond Tilstra, and Cornie Tilstra; sister-in-law Evelyn Tilstra; brother-in-law Don Hoogveen; and brother and sister-in-law Gilbert and Henrietta Elbers. Blessed be his memory.

### Delores Harner

Delores "Dee" Ann Harner, of Luverne, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023, while residing at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A visitation will be at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 1-2 p.m. with a memorial service to begin at 2 p.m. Burial will be at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery on Monday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. To sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

Delores "Dee" Ann Harner was born Sept. 13, 1933, to Edwin and Lottie (Willis) Schultz in Mason City, Iowa. She was baptized on Jan.

7, 1934, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City. She received her confirmation of faith on May 25, 1947, at Trinity Lutheran Church. She graduated from Mason City High School in 1951 and Mason City Junior College in 1953.

From 1953 to 1960 she taught in Rockford, Iowa, Clear Lake, Iowa, and Albert Lea, Minnesota, while continuing her education. She spent the summer of 1954 working at the horse racing track in Denver, Colorado.

While taking classes at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa, she met Jim who was continuing his education. The summer of 1960 she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UIU. Dee

and Jim were married Aug. 6, 1960. She then went to teach in Grundy Center, Iowa, where Jim was teaching.

The summer of 1961, Dee and Jim spent three months traveling in Europe. She taught in Greeley, Colorado, while Jim was completing his graduate studies. They then moved back to the Midwest where Jim was a high school principal in Wykoff, Minnesota, and then Zumbrota, Minnesota, before taking a high school principal position in Luverne, Minnesota (1971).

Dee spent a number of years raising their family before taking a teaching position in the Hills-Beaver Creek, Minnesota, schools. She also taught GED classes in Luverne. While teaching she continued her education, re-

ceiving her Master's Degree (1981) in Special Education and in EBD (emotional-behavioral disorders) from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She continued her post-graduate work at Mankato State College in Early Childhood Special Education. She utilized this in establishing the Early Childhood Special Education program in Hills-Beaver Creek.

Dee was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was active in Bible study, Circle, the knitting group, teaching Bible School and Sunday School, and held various church office positions. She was a member of the Tourist Club, a Girl Scouts and 4-H leader, and helped with Meals on Wheels. Dee

enjoyed reading, book clubs, bridge clubs, gardening and flowers, crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and needlework. She loved camping as a family. She cherished family time and made it a routine to read aloud (innumerable children's stories, books, and classics) to her children before bedtime. Sunday nights were set aside to relax by the fireplace eating popcorn and watching Disney on the television.

Dee and Jim traveled extensively throughout their marriage, visiting all 50 states and many countries. Dee and Jim enjoyed catching "live theater" performances throughout their travels.

Dee is lovingly remembered by her children, Bradley Harner of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Pamela (Joe)

Van Erem of DePere, Wisconsin, and Cynthia Harner of St. Cloud, Minnesota; nine grandchildren, Elizabeth (Neal) Elms, Brittany (Derek) Schrock, Danielle Van Erem, Tyler, Max, and Tori Helm, Greg, Jennifer, and Chris Harner; five great-grandchildren, Violet Elms, Haddie Elms, Elia Schrock, Avery Schrock, and Mabel Schrock; and sisters Beverly Hall of Sioux City, Iowa, and Maxine Hull of Mason City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; parents Edwin and Lottie; brothers Larry, Arden, Carroll, and Ronald Schultz; sister Marjorie Miller; and brothers-in-law George Hall and Perry Hull.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of your choice.



### Beaver Creek Class of 1963 gathers for 60<sup>th</sup> reunion

The Beaver Creek High School Class of 1963 gathered for a 60-year reunion on Aug. 4 in Luverne. Of the 22 graduates, 16 remain and 13 were able to attend the reunion. Two classmates who graduated elsewhere\* also attended. Pictured are (front, from left) Marie (Dunn\*) Schroeder, Thelma (Berghorst) Symanietz, Dorothy (Bennett) VanPykeren, Pam (Kahler) Hanson, Carol (Severson) Farrar, Jacque (Sandstede) Eads, Susan (Tatge) VandenBos, (back) Betty (Gorter) Melloon, Mary (Bruxvoort) DeYong, Warren Boeve, Marlin Boom, James VanMaanen\*, Roger Eads, Sharon (Wheelhouse) Hatendorf and Neil Bly. (Photo and caption information submitted by Roger Eads.)

### Bits/from page 6A

very homesick. The neighbor was unable to keep me over night, so every evening at milking time, I would sneak away and run for home.

As I was training for foot racing, I wore no shoes. One evening, after it had become dark, I happened to be on my way home, when I rounded a high bluff and heard the screech of two hoot owls. Mistaking them for wolves, of which I was very much afraid, I fairly flew the rest of the way

home, unmindful of the flint rocks which cut my feet."

The following year he obtained a job on a farm for eight months, for which he received \$25 or approximately \$3 per month. After corn picking was completed that fall, he came home and went to school until March 1, when he again left school to go to work. "I never had much chance to get an education," he said. "When I was 21, my uncle suggested that I go to

school to get more education, but then I felt it was too late to start anything, so I never did it.

As he became older, he was able to do a man's work, and then received \$15 a month. He recalls that at the age of 12 he bound grain behind an old-fashioned reaper with a self-rake. Before that, he and his grandmother had bound grain that his grandfather had cut with a scythe. When he was 20, he

left Wisconsin and moved to Odebolt, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for four years at \$20 per month. He was 24 years old when on February 14, 1893, he was married at Sioux City to Anna Winkler. That spring, they began farming at Shaller, Iowa. The next year, they moved to Lyon county, where for 15 years, they farmed near Rock Rapids.

(William Spease continues his story next week.)

### Kevin/from page 6A

"He's a treasure," Bauer said, adding that Elbers is also good with directions.

"Before 9-1-1 addresses, I used to call Kevin," Bauer said. "He could tell you (where someone lives)."

The rural Steen native and 1979 graduate of Luverne High School began working for the state at the rest stop near Beaver Creek six years ago and now

works for the one by Adrian.

"I can't sit around," Elbers said. "I don't want to slow down."

He said he'll spend more time with each of his three siblings, Keith Elbers, Kurt Elbers and Sharla Broersma, and their families.

"I'd like to read more books," he added. "I like mysteries."

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## Redbirds clinch regional championship, clinch bye in state tournament

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Redbirds won the Region 13C Championship, shutting down the Jackson Bulls in two games.

Luverne won the first game Aug. 9 at home 1-0 and the second game 11-6 in Jackson Friday, Aug. 11.

With the series win, Luverne will receive a bye in the first round of state competition.

The 2023 State Amateur Baseball Tournament will be played at three sites, Delano Municipal Ballpark, Saints Field in Dassell and Optimist Park in Litchfield Aug. 18-20, Aug. 25-27, and Sept. 1-4.

The Redbirds will play the winner of the Friday Round 1 game between the Plato Blue Jays and St. Stephen Steves.

The Round 2 game is set for Sunday, Aug. 27 at 4:30pm at a field to be determined.

In the second round of draft picks, Luverne chose pitcher Kobe Lovell from the Windom Pirates, and in the third round the Redbirds chose pitcher Alex Fick from the Windom Pirates.

Kobe Lovell and Fick will join Collin Lovell as part of Luverne's roster in the state tournament.

### Redbirds 1, Jackson 0

The Redbirds won Game 1 against the Jackson Bulls 1-0 Wednesday, Aug. 9, in Luverne.

The Redbirds grabbed a 1-0 game lead in the three-game Region 13C Championship series.

The Redbirds and Bulls played eight and a half innings without scoring a run.

Both teams played solid defense, bending at times but not letting the other team score.

Ben Serie pitched a full nine innings, allowing only one hit and



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0817 redbirds win3  
Luverne celebrates their 1-0 victory over the Jackson Bulls Aug. 9 at Redbird Field. The Redbirds took a 1-0 lead in the Region 13C three-game championship series. **Below:** Nick Smith slides safely into third base. He went on to score the only run in the Game 1 win over the Jackson Bulls.

striking out 14 batters.

Jackson sent three different pitchers to the mound allowing five hits while striking out four Redbird batters.

Nick Smith led Luverne with two hits, a double and a single, and scored the winning run.

The game came down to the bottom of the ninth inning with Luverne at bat.

Having held Jackson from scoring in the top of the ninth, this was Luverne's chance to drive in a winning run.

Smith led off the ninth with a

**Redbirds/continued on page 13A**



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

### I don't even have to take my shoes off

Finally, some rain showed up across much of southwest Minnesota and everyone was more than happy to see it. I certainly didn't need it to make a living like many others, but it was still a welcome sight to me for a different reason.

The first two weeks of August is the timeframe when the Minnesota DNR conducts their annual roadside counts for a variety of species, but the king in all this is the pheasant. Hunters utilize the roadside counts to get a feel for how the season looks to shake out.

The roadside counts are driven each year, and the results are compared to the prior year, the past 10 years and against the lifetime averages. I have wanted this job for almost three decades. It was only after the conservation officer who had it before me retired that the Nobles County spot opened up.

I drive three separate routes on three different days with each drive starting at sunrise. The routes are each 25 miles long and are driven at 10 mph. Each time a bird is spotted, I jump out of the truck and run down the ditch in order to see if I can flush out the rest of the brood. The birds seen are recorded on a data sheet. The sex, approximate age and mile marker is recorded.

The key to a successful drive is the right conditions. Each observer is supposed to pick a morning with clear skies, little to no wind and heavy dew. The issue this past week was lack of dew. I could walk 100 yards in the ditch at sunrise, and all I could come up with was the gravel dust on my boots from the grass.

The recent rains will change this a lot. As of today, I have exactly one week to complete the three routes in my county. I should have no issue making the timeline, but it is compressed into a week instead of 15 days. Tomorrow will be Day 1.

I remember my very first drive on the first year I did the roadside counts, and it took a very short time for the learning curve to kick in. I saw my first brood of pheasant chicks and went barreling into the ditch to flush the rest. In a span of about 20 yards I was completely soaked to the skin and spent the next 2.5 hours driving like I was caught in a flash flood. Now it's a full rain bibs and jacket in order to finish success-

**Rall/see page 13A**

## Diaz wins LHS Cardinal Pride competition

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne High School's Marcos Diaz opened his junior football season with a big accomplishment Monday morning.

Diaz was crowned the champion of the 2023 Cardinal Pride competition, the annual skills test of 10 fitness events hosted on the first morning of football practice.

Diaz' overall score of 1833 points topped seniors Gavin DeBeer, who placed second with 1466 points, and Sam Rock, who tallied 1451 total points.

In individual events, Diaz placed first in the jump rope competition with 165. He and junior Ryker Johnson tied for first in the power press event at 302.5 pounds.

DeBeer tied sophomore Jaxon Lais in the 400-meter dash by finishing in 60 seconds.

Conner Connell won both the squats



Jason Berghorst photo/0817 cardinal pride

The Luverne Cardinals football team opened fall camp with the annual 10-event Cardinal Pride competition Monday morning. The Top 5 overall finishers and individual event winners are (front, from left) Sam Rock, Elliot Domagala, Marcos Diaz, Adam Ask, (back) Conner Connell, Eli Woodley, Gavin DeBeer and Coulter Thone. Not pictured are Ryker Johnson and Jaxon Lais.

and vertical competitions. The senior lifted 419 pounds in the squats and jumped 32.8 inches in the

vertical jump.

Junior Adam Ask won the bench press with 257 pounds. Junior Eli Whitney

placed first in the cleans lift at 240 pounds.

**Cardinal Pride/see 13A**



Luverne's Chuck Eglund hit a hole-in-one at the Adrian Country Club Aug. 8

## Eglund gets hole-in-one

By Greg Hoogeveen

Chuck Eglund shot his first-ever hole-in-one at the Adrian Country Club on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Eglund used a 9-iron on the par-3 eighth hole in his second round of play.

Witnesses were Chuck Tweet and Roger Fick.

## Nowatzki wins LCC senior men's club championship

By Jason Berghorst

Chris Nowatzki was crowned the 2023 Luverne Country Club senior men's club champion Saturday.

Nowatzki secured the low gross score of 72 to earn the title.

Gary Golla placed second overall with a 73. Dan Kern and Dan Serie tied for third with scores of 78.

Golla's 65 net score, which is gross score minus handicap, made



Winners of the 2023 Luverne Country Club senior men's club tournament Friday and Saturday are (from left) Dar Elbers, Gary Golla, club champion Chris Nowatzki and Dan Kern. Not pictured are Scott Remme and Dan Serie.

him the overall low net winner.

The tournament also named age group flight winners.

Following are the flight winners of this year's LCC senior club tournament.

### Pre-seniors

**40-49**  
First, Scott Remme (79)

### Seniors

**50-59**  
First, Chris Nowatzki

(72)  
Tied for second, Dan Kern (78) and Dan Serie (78)

**60-69**  
First, Dar Elbers (80)  
Tied for second, Tim Knoll (84) and Tom Kopp (84)

**70-79**  
First, Gary Golla (73)  
Second, Tim Connell (81)  
Third, Dave Gangestad (90)



### St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne  
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; [www.stscl.org](http://www.stscl.org)  
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
Friday at the nursing homes – check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>. Visit [www.stscl.org](http://www.stscl.org) for more information.

### Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
[www.luverneccrc.com](http://www.luverneccrc.com) — [office@luverneccrc.com](mailto:office@luverneccrc.com)  
Joe Steenholdt, Pastor

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on YouTube at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

### First Baptist Church

103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4091; email: [fbcluv@iw.net](mailto:fbcluv@iw.net) — [www.fbcluverne.org](http://www.fbcluverne.org)  
Walt Moser, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

### Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4431; [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)

Thursday, Aug. 17: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Baptism. Monday, Aug. 21: Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle meets. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 3 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Aug. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Community Block Party. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

### Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at [els.org](http://els.org)). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

### American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)

Thursday, Aug. 17: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, Aug. 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 23: 6:30 p.m. Apologetics Study. Friday, Aug. 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study.

### Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: [info@rockrivercommunity.church](mailto:info@rockrivercommunity.church)  
Bob Junak, Pastor

Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

### United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529

Wednesday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:30 p.m. Organized prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Inspiration Hills Retreat Aug. 16-18. Saturday, Aug. 19: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and radio. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Aug. 21: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to revelation Bible study. Messenger deadline. Tuesday, Aug. 22: 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6 p.m. Family Ministry meeting. 6:30 p.m. Organized Prayer. Thursday, Aug. 24: 6:30 a.m. 3rd Annual Community and Youth Prayer Breakfast.

### First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: [fpcemilie@gmail.com](mailto:fpcemilie@gmail.com)

Wednesday, Aug. 16: 10 a.m. Circle outing to Rock Ranch. 4 p.m. Music staff meeting. 5 p.m. Praise team rehearsal. 7 p.m. Deacons meeting. Friday, Aug. 18: 2:30-3:45 p.m. "Getting to Know Dementia" Session 5, by Alzheimer's Alliance LLC. Sunday, Aug. 20: 9:30

a.m. In-person Worship service. View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays). 10:30 a.m. Fellowship coffee hour; Visitor deadline.

### St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316; email: [stjohn@iw.net](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)  
[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org). Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

### Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
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101 W. Maple, Luverne  
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### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
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Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

### Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
[igtwb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwb@WOW.net)  
Bill Bates, Pastor

### First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 17: 7 p.m. Parish council meeting at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Aug. 20: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at First Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

### Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.  
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[www.palisadelutheran.org](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)

Thursday, Aug. 17: 7 p.m. Parish council meeting at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Aug. 20: 10 a.m. JOINT worship at First Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

### First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
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email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto:lori.firstpres@gmail.com)

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

### Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
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Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

### Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills  
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Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org).

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Praveen Muthasamy, Pastor

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 5 p.m. Evening worship service.

## AI pictures and Jesus

Have you seen the pictures that you can make by typing in random phrases and then are generated by artificial intelligence (AI)? Phrases such as, "cats in outer space, eating tacos." Or "a bunny riding a bike in Time Square." These phrases are taken and generated into pictures that are funny but look so realistic! If you don't believe me, google it right now. These images are created from people thinking of the most random things and typing them into an AI system that creates them. It is truly fascinating and terrifying!

Now that you have searched them and have seen how ridiculous they are, what terrifies me the most is that we seem to do the same thing with Jesus. We take ideas, concepts and things that we like and can impose those things on him, thus creating an AI Jesus. Or maybe I should say an AM (artificially made) Jesus. A Jesus that fits what we like, who we vote for, what we stand for, and how we think we should live, instead of opening the revealed Word of God and seeing Jesus for who he truly is.

Instead of having a Jesus that says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," (Matthew 5:44) we have a Jesus that says don't welcome immigrants and pray only for your blessings. Don't read that last statement on immigrants as a political statement. Read it as a statement on how we should care for others.

Instead of having a Jesus that says, "If anyone comes after me, let them deny themselves, pick up their cross daily and follow me," we have made a Jesus that says do whatever you want, do whatever feels right, and make sure all of your pleasures are satisfied, no matter what the cost.

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Joshua Hayden  
Living Rock Church,  
Luverne

Of course I could keep going on with examples, but you understand my point.

There has been a creation of who Jesus is in our culture, in some churches, and in many believers to create a Jesus that is okay with what we want. We are just like Adam and Eve, taking a bite out of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, thinking we know better than God.

But look where that got them.

So what is the remedy to fix this? If you are reading this and realize that you have formed God into your image rather than being formed in the image of God, I have good news for you.

There is a way to change this and see God the way he is. There is a way to stop putting in your mind an AI Jesus that meets only your needs. And the remedy is the same as it was back in the book of Acts, Chapter 2. You need to repent (or turn away (since I know that can be a scary word) from the wrong thinking. Confess to Jesus that you have been worshipping a false god that you created and then believe in the Lord Jesus Christ who is revealed in scripture. Start reading the Bible in Matthew, Mark, Luke or John and start seeing this true Jesus who has been revealed to us through the kindness of God.

May God give us the grace to not make God in our image but to continually know him and be formed more in His image.

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aka Gertrude Raak,  
Decedent  
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APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 9/18/2023, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown St., Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated June 3, 2020, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Irwin Raak, whose address is 2254 70th Ave., Jasper, MN 56144 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 Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 8, 2023

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

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(08-17, 08-24)

## Brandt estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of Marcia Ann Brandt  
Decedent  
Court File No. 67-PR-23-186  
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 9/11/2023, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of James D. Brandt, whose address is 100 Dakota Street, Beaver Creek, MN 56116 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 Representatives 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 Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice of the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 4, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(08-10, 08-17)

## City of Beaver Creek amends ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BEAVER CREEK CITY CODE, CHAPTER 4 — BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSING AND REGULATION

THE CITY OF BEAVER CREEK DOES ORDAIN (new material is underlined in bold; deleted material is lined out; sections which are not proposed to be amended are omitted):

SECTION 1: That Beaver Creek City Code, Chapter 4 — Beer, Wine and Liquor Licensing and Licensing and Regulation, Section 4.33, Beer License Restrictions and Regulations, Subdivision 5 be amended as follows:

SECTION 4.33. BEER LICENSE RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS

Subd. 5. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, no license shall be granted for any building within 300 feet of any public elementary or secondary school structure, or within 100 feet of any church structure. **The spacing requirement shall not apply where the beer license was in existence prior to the time of construction of the school or church building.**

SECTION 2. That Beaver Creek City Code, Chapter 4 — Beer, Wine and Liquor Licensing and Regulation, Section 4.52, Liquor License Restrictions and Regulations, Subdivision 3(F) be amended as follows:

Subd. 8. No license shall be granted for any building within 300 feet of any public elementary or secondary school structure or within 100 feet of any church structure. **The spacing requirement shall not apply where the liquor license was in existence prior to the time of construction of the school or church building.**

SECTION 3. That Beaver Creek City Code, Chapter 4 — Beer, Wine and Liquor Licensing and Regulation, Section 4.70, On-Sale Wine, Subdivision 8 be amended as follows:

F. No license shall be granted for any building within 300 feet of any public elementary or secondary school structure or within 100 feet of any church structure. **The spacing requirement shall not apply where the on-sale wine license was in existence prior to the time of construction of the school or church building.**

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Beaver, Minnesota, this 7th day of August, 2023.

/s/ Josh Teune  
Mayor

Attested by:  
/s/ Jane Blank  
City Clerk

(08-17)

## Overgaard probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of Glenn A. Overgaard,  
Decedent  
Court File No. 67-PR-23-180  
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 9/18/2023, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this at Court 204 E. Brown St. Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, March 8, 2006, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Loren Overgaard, whose address is 1801 W. Parkwood Cir., Sioux Falls, SD 57108 and Mark Overgaard, whose address is 1154 Rowe Dr., Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representatives 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 Representatives 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 Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 8, 2023

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner  
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120 N. McKenzie  
Luverne, MN 56156  
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(08-17, 08-24)

## Kuiken probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Margaret Kuiken,  
Decedent  
Court File No. 67-PR-23-176  
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of September, 2023, at 8: 30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated October 12, 2011, and for the appointment of Virginia Sandbulte whose address is 508 Uithoven Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed administrator of the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: August 8, 2023

/s/ Terry Vajgrt  
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Resich  
Court Administrator

Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-4828  
I.D. #158343

(08-17, 08-24)

## Helle estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of Florence Helle,  
aka Florence M. Helle,  
Decedent  
Court File No. 67-PR-23-170  
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF  
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of David Helle, whose address is 791 150th Ave., 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 Representatives 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 Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice of the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 7, 2023

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner  
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(08-17, 08-24)

## Ask probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Loren Lynn Ask, a/k/a Loren L. Ask,  
a/k/a Loren Ask,  
Deceased  
Court File No. 67-PR-23-173  
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of August, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated December 19, 2011, and for the appointment of Lucille Minnie Ask, whose address is 2074 190th Avenue, Kenneth, Minnesota 56147, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: July 31, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-4828  
I.D. #158343

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(08-10, 08-17)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Aug. 31

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 3, 2004

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$42,800.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Steven K. Baumgard and Rosalia H. Baumgard, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: First Premier Bank

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: March 16, 2004, Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 158299

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: Washington Mutual Bank, FA

Dated: March 3, 2004

Recorded: March 16, 2004, Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 158300

And assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Dated: December 23, 2021

Recorded: December 27, 2021, Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 201638

And assigned to: Community Loan Servicing, LLC

Dated: December 23, 2021

Recorded: December 27, 2021, Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 201639

And assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Dated: June 28, 2022

Recorded: June 28, 2022, Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 202740

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: First Premier Bank

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 109 S. Cottage Grove Ave, Luverne, MN 56156

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0855-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The S 1/2 of Lot in Block 3 in Kniss

Park Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$31,275.57

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 31, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota

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

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on February 29, 2024, or the next business day if February 29, 2024, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

**THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

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

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

DATED: July 5, 2023

MORTGAGEE: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200  
Woodbury, MN 55125  
651-209-3300  
File Number: 050335-F2

(07-13, 07-20, 07-27, 08-03, 08-10, 08-17)

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**City of Luverne amends  
Ordinance No. 37**

ORDINANCE NO. 37, FOURTH SERIES  
AN AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LUVERNE CITY CODE CHAPTER 91: PUBLIC  
NUISANCES, AMENDING SECTION 91.22, EMERGENCY PROCEDURE;  
SUMMARY ENFORCEMENT

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That City Code Chapter 91, Public Nuisances, amending section  
91.22, Abatement is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 91.22 EMERGENCY PROCEDURE; SUMMARY ENFORCEMENT.

(B) REMOVAL OF ICE/SNOW, GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS.

1. Declared a Hazard. The Council hereby finds that the removal of snow and ice  
from public sidewalks, grass and noxious weed mowing will unreasonably  
endanger the public health, safety and welfare and that summary enforcement  
shall be ordered by the officer charged with enforcement.

2. Abatement. The City may cause to be served upon the owner of the property  
upon which such nuisance exists, by registered or certified mail, or by posting on the  
premises, a notice ordering such owner to remove the nuisance within thirty six (36)  
hours after the time of the notice, and stating that in the event the owner does not  
comply with such order, the necessary work may be performed or caused to be per-  
formed by the City at the expense of the owner, and that if the owner does not pay for  
such expense, the cost of the work will be assessed against the property benefited.

SEC.2. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.  
(08-17)

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**Rummage Sale: 1303  
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Rock County  
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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Nobles County Community Services is accepting applications for an Eligibility Specialist.** Apply now for this exciting career opportunity! Starting wage: \$23.45/hour Applies program eligibility criteria to individual client requests for assistance with SNAP (food support), Cash Assistance, Healthcare, and other financial assistance programs. Must be able to independently research, comprehend and apply program policies and rules as intended for applicants. You can make a difference in our community by helping individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency! We offer flexible scheduling and telecommute options following an initial probationary period. **Qualifications:** High School diploma, minimum three years clerical, business or bookkeeping experience. Valid driver's license required. Previous experience in social services/human services agency preferred. Proficiency in a second language may be eligible for an extra \$1.00/hour. Excellent Benefit Package. **APPLY TO:** Nobles County Administration Office. Visit our website at [www.co.nobles.mn.us](http://www.co.nobles.mn.us) for application and to view full job description and benefit sheet. **Deadline: Open until filled.** EEO/AA Employer (8.10-8.26)

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308 Sherman Avenue  
Ellsworth, MN 56129

**ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Luverne, MN**  
**Dispatcher - Full Time Position**  
The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of **Dispatcher** in the Rock County Sheriff's Office until August 21, 2023 at 5:00PM. Nature of work is specialized emergency communications involving the skillful and prompt operation of radio, telecommuter systems and is responsible for the receipt and transmittal of messages for law enforcement, ambulance personnel and the performance of related recording tasks; **work is performed on a shift rotation basis.** Minimum qualifications are a High School diploma or equivalent with one year of work related experience, applicants must possess excellent communication skills, have the ability to read a map and multi-task duties in a fast paced environment. Starting hourly wage will be **\$21.65 - \$23.43 DOQ with additional compensation for overtime and shift differentials.** This is a **full time position and is a union position of AFSCME Council 65, Local Union No. 2558-9.** Rock County offers an excellent benefit package to include **employer paid health, life insurances and pension.**  
A full job description and application form can be obtained at [https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job\\_opportunities/](https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/) or by scanning the QR code below. For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota.  
Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,  
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**LUVERNE CARDINALS**  
**Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for PARAPROFESSIONALS**  
LPS is seeking a variety of school year paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 school year.  
**Qualifications:** Candidate should have a two-year degree, 60 hours of college credits, or be willing to fulfill the required competencies for eligibility.  
**Description:** Paraprofessionals may fill a variety of possible roles that work closely with students to meet individual needs. Generally, paraprofessionals meet with a small number of students in a variety of possible settings. Positions that are open and may be assigned include:  
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**Part-Time Title I Paraprofessional:** Works with small number of students in areas of reading and math.  
**Application Deadline:** Position open until filled  
**Start Date:** August 28, 2023  
**Apply To:** Send letter of application and completed district application to **Craig Oftedahl, Supt. of Schools** ([c.oftedahl@isd2184.net](mailto:c.oftedahl@isd2184.net)) 709 North Kniss Avenue Luverne, MN 56156  
**District Application:** District application form can be found at the following link: [https://www.isd2184.net/about\\_lps/open\\_employment](https://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment) EOE

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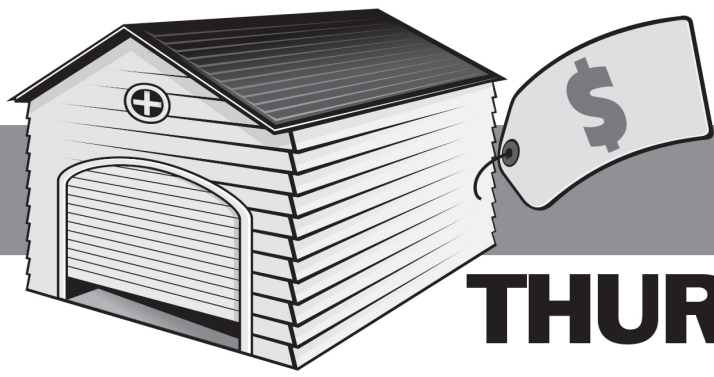
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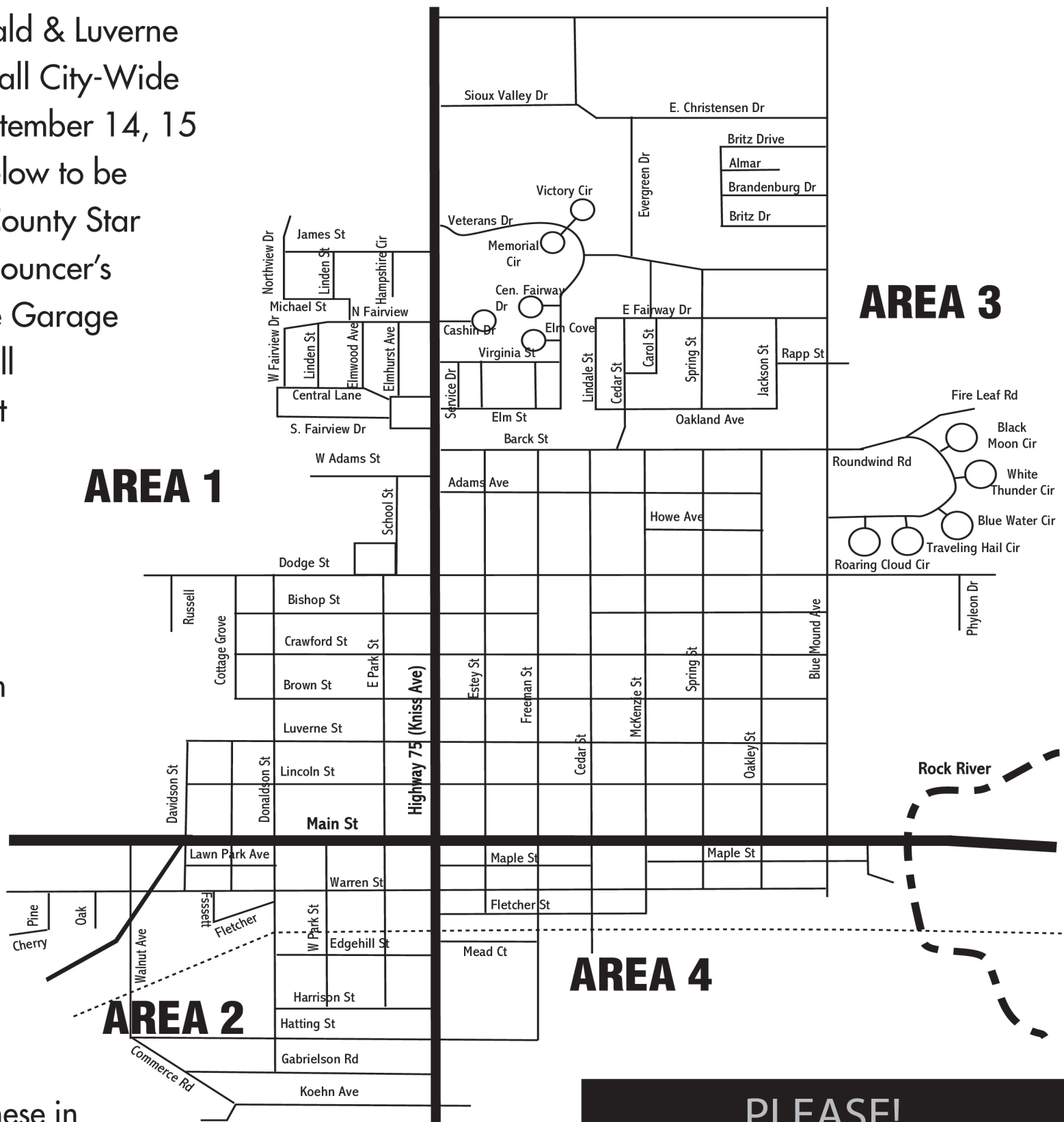
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# Redbirds advance to state playoffs after beating Jackson in semifinal round/continued from page 8A

double to left field. Paquette was intentionally walked to place force outs at all the bases. Newt Johnson then earned a walk on pitches, putting Paquette on second and Smith in position to score on third base. Derek Lundgren at the plate delivered a deep sacrifice fly to center field that drove in Smith from third base for the winning run. Once Smith touched home, the dugout cleared and the celebration began. As a side story during the Aug. 9 game, the ball field sprinklers started near the visitors dugout between the third and fourth innings. They were quickly turned off and play resumed.



Greg Hooegeven photos/0817 redbirds sehr Casey Sehr scoops up a ground ball and throws out a Jackson batter in Game 1. Luverne beat Jackson 1-0 in Luverne. **Below:** Redbird Declan Beers heads for third base against Jackson in Game 1 of the Region 13C Championship series. Beers was safe.

**Box Scores**

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	F
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RBirds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	

**Luverne Redbirds**

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
S. Wenninger	4	0	0	0
Serie	4	0	0	0
Smith	4	1	2	0
Paquette	3	0	1	0
Johnson	3	0	1	0
Lundgren	3	0	0	1
Beers	3	0	1	0
Sehr	3	0	0	0
C. Wenninger	3	0	0	0
Haugen	3	0	0	0

**2B:** Paquette, Smith  
**3B:** Beers  
**Total Bases:** Beers 3, Smith 3, Paquette 2, Johnson 1  
**PITCHING** IP H R ER SO  
 Serie 9 1 0 0 14  
**Pitches-Strikes:** Serie 115-75  
**Batters Faced:** Serie 29

**Jackson Bulls**

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Bahr	4	0	1	0
Wolf	4	0	0	0
Olesen	2	0	0	0
Gumto	3	0	0	0
Gardner	3	0	0	0
Snyder	3	0	0	0
Wacker	3	0	0	0
Basch	3	0	0	0

Bretzman	1	0	0	0	
Handevitd	1	0	0	0	
<b>Total Bases:</b> Bahr					
<b>PITCHING</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>SO</b>
Olesen	8	5	1	1	4
Larson	.1	0	0	0	0
<b>Pitches-Strikes:</b> Olesen	116-67,				
Larson	4-3				
<b>Batters Faced:</b> Olesen	32,				
Larson	3				

**Redbirds 11, Jackson 6**  
 The Redbirds won 11-6 with a comeback effort in the ninth and 10th innings drive Friday, Aug 11.

Luverne took Game 2 from the Jackson Bulls to win the Region 13C Championship series 2-0. They are now heading into the state tournament with a bye in the first round. The Redbirds fell be-

hind the Bulls 4-0 in the third inning.

In the fourth inning Lundgren stepped to the plate for the Redbirds and delivered a long home run over the left field, igniting Luverne's 11-score game.

In the sixth inning Smith followed suit and added a home run shot, driving in Serie.

Jackson added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth to lead Luverne 6-3 after five innings.

The sixth, seventh and eighth innings went scoreless and kept the game within reach for



## Rall: Keep pheasants by preserving grass/continued from 8A

fully. We count all kinds of different critters. Deer are counted and the age and sex is noted on the data sheet. Mourning doves are always the most prevalent, with numbers reaching over 150 in a 25-mile span. Cottontail rabbits and jack rabbits are counted and recorded. If I see even one jack rabbit in 25 miles, that is a win in my book. Hungarian partridges are also on the count list, but most routes end with no sighting at all. In a good year I might see a half dozen. Sandhill cranes are on the list, but in the 10 years I have been doing the roadside survey, I have

only seen one, and I'm sure he/she was lost and looking for home as they don't nest anywhere close to me. There is just something special about a wildlife ride as the sun comes up. Recording the sighted species is just a great reason to get out of bed a little earlier than normal. I always try to avoid any weekend days for these drives as there is more traffic around, and if a car or truck comes blazing down the road in my direction from 3 miles away, there will be very little to count on those miles. Many of the miles on each of my routes offer very little cover in the way of grasslands or wetlands. Of the 75 miles in my three routes, there is about 50 miles of mowed and hayed road ditches. It would be

great if the routes were re-organized, but the only way to keep the data from being skewed is for them to remain the same. All I know is that when I do have a mile that passes some private wildlife habitat or a citizen-owned Wildlife Management Area, I see wildlife. All wildlife needs is a place to live and carry out their natural lifecycle. We have changed that landscape so dramatically over the past 200 years I am surprised many times by just how resilient wildlife can actually be. The key to high pheasant numbers is undisturbed grass. Nature can and will do the rest. The results of the roadside counts will be out in late August or early September. You can see

how we fared in pheasant reproduction then. In the meantime, consider getting out of bed early and doing your own wildlife counting ride. Sunrise is equaled only by a colorful sunset. I get to see a lot of both. *Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com.*

## Weekly racing results

Following are racing results for local drivers competing in Rock Rapids, Slayton and Worthington Aug. 11-12.

**Rapid Speedway**  
**Aug. 11 Rock Rapids, IA Sportsmen**  
 5<sup>th</sup>-#24H Brock Harnack, Hills  
 13<sup>th</sup>-#17 Brandon Boeve, Beaver Creek  
**Hobby Stock**  
 8<sup>th</sup>-#22E Eric Gaul, Luverne  
 DNF-#14K Bryant Klaassen, Adrian  
**B-Modifieds**  
 DNF-#52 Trevor Kracht, Luverne  
**Stock Cars**  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-#46 Colton Arends, Luverne

5<sup>th</sup>-#69 Cadyn Wessels, Luverne  
 8<sup>th</sup>-#4D Cory Kelderman, Hills  
 9<sup>th</sup>-#15 Thomas Kracht, Luverne  
 11<sup>th</sup>-#5X Kevin Kremin, Kenneth  
**305 Sprints**  
 10<sup>th</sup>-#7 Shane Fick, Brandon  
 11<sup>th</sup>-#4D Logan Domagala, Brandon

**Murray County Speedway**  
**Aug. 11 Slayton, MN Hobby Stock**  
 4<sup>th</sup>-#17 Evan Schettler, Adrian  
 5<sup>th</sup>-#16B Zachary Bierman, Adrian  
 8<sup>th</sup>-#15B Isaac Bullerman, Adrian

**Worthington Speedway**  
**Aug. 12 Worthington, MN Bombers**  
 1<sup>st</sup>-#59H Chris Hoogland, Jasper  
 8<sup>th</sup>-#5 Collin Schoneman, Steen

## Cardinal Pride/from page 8A

Junior Coulter  
 Thone won the shuttle event by running 15 yards in 4.52 seconds. Following are the overall Top 10 and event Top 3 results from the 2023 Cardinal Pride competition.

Overall Points	Points
Marcos Diaz	1833
Gavin DeBeer	1466
Sam Rock	1451
Elliot Domagala	1317
Conner Connell	1308
Cade Kracht	1296
Adam Ask	1204
Ryker Johnson	1187
Jacob Stroh	1104
Tucker Remme	1075

Bench	Points
Adam Ask	257
Will Serie	253
Eli Woodley	253

Cleans	Points
Eli Woodley	240
Ryker Johnson	236
Keaton Ahrendt	236

Squats	Points	Shuttle	Points
Conner Connell	419	Coulter Thone	4.52
Sam Rock	401	Conner Connell	4.56
Ryker Johnson	401	Sam Rock	4.59

Power Press	Points	Jump Rope	Points
Marcos Diaz	302	Marcos Diaz	165
Ryker Johnson	302	Elliot Domagala	154
Eli Woodley	230	Patrick Kroski	143

400	Points	Vertical Jump	Points
Gavin DeBeer	60	Conner Connell	32.8
Jaxon Lais	60	Gavin DeBeer	30.9
Connor Bose	61	Ashton Hood	30.8

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## 2023 Redbirds

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RECORD: 25-1**

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REGION 13C  
CHAMPIONS**

**5<sup>TH</sup>  
CONSECUTIVE  
STATE  
TOURNAMENT  
APPEARANCE**

**15<sup>TH</sup> STATE  
TOURNAMENT  
APPEARANCE**



Greg Hoogeveen Photo  
Front, from left, Ethan Beyer, Brayden Ripka, Gaige Nath, Mark Sterrett, Jake Haugen, team manager Brooks Maurer, Skyler Wenninger, Nick Smith, (back) Newt Johnson, Casey Sehr, Connor Overgaard, Derek Lundgren, Cade Wenninger, Joe Ahrens, Ben Serie and Declan Beers. (not pictured) Brandon Fowler, Charlie Reisch, Logan Norman and Phil Paquette.

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## 2023 Jr. Legion Post 123



Greg Hoogeveen Photo  
Front, from left, Maddux Domagala, Blake Sauer, Alex Schlosser, Marcus Vortherms, Carter Sehr, Kasey Buss, (back) head coach Jake Haugen, Layke Miller, Connor Bose, Jaydon Johnson, Brody Goembel, Josh Hansen, Landyn Lais, Landon Ahrendt, Trevor DeBates, Jaxon Lais and assistant coach Ben Serie.

**REGULAR  
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RECORD: 17-7**

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# 2023 Rock County Fair WINNERS



Following are the names of all  
4-H ribbon winners for the  
2023 Rock County Fair:



August 17, 2023

### Charles Barber - Blue Ribbon

Cloverbud sheep showmanship, beef showmanship, poultry showmanship, static exhibits (6).

### Zoey Barber - Blue Ribbon

Cloverbud sheep showmanship, beef showmanship, poultry showmanship, static exhibits (6).

### Caycee Bixby - Livewires

Blue pet show, woodworking, photography.

### Paige Blom - Denver Go-Getters

Purple crossbred spring calf. Blue junior dairy herd, production poultry, egg & spoon gr. 6-9, key race gr. 6-9, barrel race gr. 6-9, pole weaving gr. 6-9, jumping figure gr. 6-9, metal work, crossbred winter calf. Red english equitation gr. 6-9, english pleasure gr. 6-9, horse showmanship gr. 6-9, ranch pleasure gr. 6-9.

### Parker Blom - Denver Go-Getters

Cloverbud horse showmanship, dairy showmanship, beef showmanship, static exhibits (3).

### Peyton Blom - Denver Go-Getters

Purple crossbred two-year-old cow. Blue metal work, egg & spoon gr. 6-9, dairy fall calf, dairy winter calf, dairy prospect market steer, dairy senior herd. Red english equitation gr. 6-9, barrel race gr. 6-9, key race gr. 6-9, horse showmanship gr. 6-9, pole weaving gr. 6-9, ranch pleasure gr. 6-9, jumping figure 8 gr. 6-9, western horsemanship gr. 6-9, english pleasure gr. 6-9.

### Claire Boeve - Blue Ribbon

Blue western horsemanship gr. 6-9, egg & spoon gr. 6-9, trail gr. 6-9, western pleasure gr. 6-9. Red horse showmanship gr. 6-9.

### Mallorie Boeve - Blue Ribbon

Blue crafts gr. 3-5.

### Ayden Bonnett - Magnolia Juniors

Blue egg & spoon gr. 10+, barrel race gr. 10+, jumping figure 8 gr. 10+, trail gr. 10+, pole weaving gr. 10+, key race gr. 10+, ranch pleasure gr. 10+. Red horse showmanship.

### Cash Bonnett - Magnolia Juniors

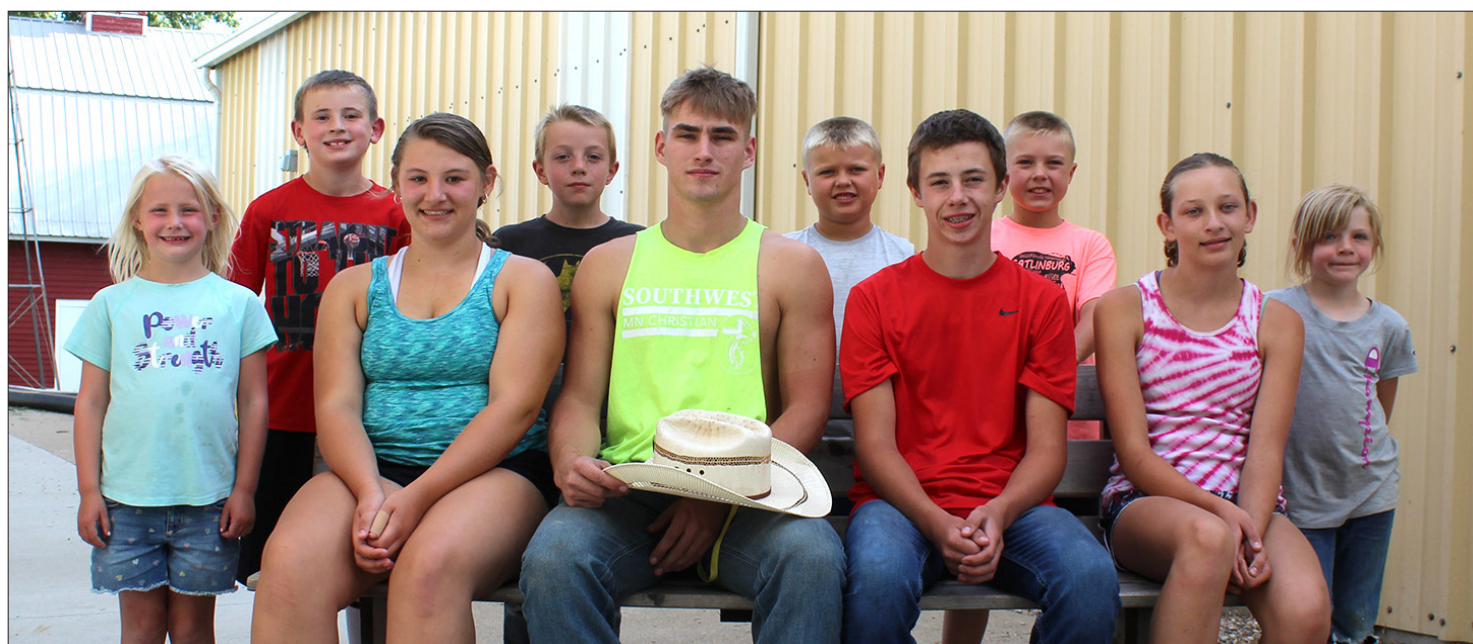
Blue ranch pleasure gr. 10+, key race gr. 10+, pole weaving gr. 10+, horse showmanship gr. 10+, trail gr. 10+, jumping figure 8 gr. 10+, egg & spoon gr. 10+. Red western horsemanship gr. 10+, barrel race gr. 10+.

### Caul Bonnett - Magnolia Juniors

Blue trail gr. 3-5, barrel race gr. 3-5, key race gr. 3-5, jumping figure 8 gr. 3-5, egg & spoon gr. 3-5, ranch pleasure gr. 3-5, western horsemanship gr. 3-5. Red horse showmanship gr. 3-5, pole weaving gr. 3-5.

### Morgan Bonnett - Magnolia Juniors

Blue english pleasure gr. 10+, ranch pleasure gr. 10+, key race gr. 10+, pole weaving gr. 10+, western horsemanship gr. 10+, english equitation gr. 10+, trail gr. 10+, horse showmanship gr. 10+, barrel race gr. 10+, jumping figure 8 gr. 10+.



## DENVER GO-GETTERS

Mavis Fodness photo/0817 Fair Results 2023

Pictured (front, left) are Peyton Blom, Caleb Raak, Keagan Jessen, Paige Blom, (back) Guinevere Carlson, Garrett Carlson, Matthew Koedam, Levi Jessen, Landon Jessen and Morgan Koedam. Club awards include purple community pride and blue scarecrow.

### Elaina Bos - Blue Ribbon

Purple agronomy, small breed rabbit buck. Blue small breed rabbit doe.

### Rylan Bos - Blue Ribbon

Cloverbud rabbit showmanship, static exhibits (2).

### Cosmo Brim - Springdell

Cloverbud static exhibits (3).

### Eliot Brim - Springdell

Blue self-determined (2), photography.

### Camdyn Broesder - Blue Ribbon

Blue market steer. Participant beef showmanship.

### Grady Broesder - Blue Ribbon

Blue market steer. Participant beef showmanship.

### Caylix Buchholz - Springdell

Purple flower gardening. Blue global connections, photography gr. 3-5 (3), technology, foods gr. 3-5 (3), crafts gr. 3-5 (4), fine arts gr. 3-5 (4).

### Colton Buchholz - Springdell

Blue fashion revue/purchased clothing gr. 6-8, photography gr. 6-8 (3), photo manipulation gr. 6-8, foods gr. 6-8 (2), fishing sports, crafts gr. 6-8 (2), fine arts gr. 6-8 (3), flower gardening. Red foods gr. 6-8.

### Coyer Buchholz - Springdell

Cloverbud fashion revue, static exhibits (6).

### Klarissa Burkman - County K9's

Purple quilting. Blue quilting, fine arts gr. 9+.

### Krista Burkman - County K9's

Purple home environment, clothing/purchased clothing gr. 9+ (2), photography gr. 9+ (2). Blue needle arts gr. 9+, clothing/sewn non-garment gr. 9+, fine arts gr. 9+, food gr. 9+.

### Garrett Carlson - Denver Go-Getters

Blue vegetable gardening box, foods gr. 3-5, crafts gr. 3-5, needle arts gr. 3-5, flower gardening.

### Guinevere Carlson - Denver Go-Getters

Cloverbud static exhibits (6).

### Cooper Cauwels - Springdell

Purple breeding goat doe (2).

### Eliot Cauwels - Springdell

Blue breeding goat doe.

### Emma Corbin - Blue Ribbon

Blue egg & spoon gr. 3-5, western horsemanship gr. 3-5, english equitation gr. 3-5, ranch pleasure gr. 3-5, english pleasure gr. 3-5, trail gr. 3-5. Red pole weaving gr. 3-5, horse showmanship gr. 3-5, barrel race gr. 3-5, jumping figure 8 gr. 3-5, key race gr. 3-5.

### Emma Deutsch - Livewires

Blue photography gr. 9+ (3), crafts gr. 9+. Red crafts gr. 9+.

### Jacob Deutsch - Livewires

Cloverbud static exhibits (2).

### Amelia Devine - Springdell

Cloverbud horse showmanship.

### Hayden Devine - Springdell

Blue english pleasure gr. 3-5, trail gr. 3-5, jumping figure 8 gr. 3-5, key race gr. 3-5, barrel race gr. 3-5, horse showmanship gr. 3-5, english equitation gr. 3-5, western pleasure gr. 3-5, western horsemanship gr. 3-5, egg & spoon gr. 3-5, pole weaving gr. 3-5.

### Lily Ehlers - County K9's

Purple photography gr. 9+. Blue western pleasure gr. 10+, home environment gr. 9+ (2), english pleasure gr. 10+, pet show, elements of photography gr. 9+, western horsemanship gr. 10+, english equitation gr. 10+, trail gr. 10+, horse showmanship gr. 10+, egg & spoon gr. 10+. Red key race gr. 10+, pole weaving gr. 10+, jumping figure 8 gr. 10+, barrel Race gr. 10+.

### Seth Ehlers - County K9's

Blue photography (2).

### Lanae Elbers - Blue Ribbon

Purple sheep wether dams, market steer. Blue beef rate of gain.

### Gracie Fagerness - Blue Ribbon

Purple crafts gr. 9+, foods gr. 9+. Blue crafts gr. 9+, market barrow. Participant sheep showmanship.

### Jed Fagerness - Blue Ribbon

Purple breeding gilt. Blue market barrow, market gilt, photography gr. 6-8 (2).

### Blakley Fick - Magnolia Juniors

Blue photography gr. 6-8 (2), horse showmanship gr. 6-8, western horsemanship gr. 6-8, trail gr. 6-9, western pleasure gr. 6-9, egg & spoon gr. 6-9.



## COUNTY K9's

Mavis Fodness photo/0817 Fair Results 2023

Pictured (front, left) are Luella Johnson, Klarissa Burkman, Gabriella Porter, Fox Forrest, (back) Lily Ehlers, Seth Ehlers, Ashlyn Johnson, Grace Ingebretsen, Egypt Forrest and Madysen Reber. Club results include reserve champion scarecrow, purple community pride and blue banner.

Continued on page 3B...

**Grand Champion & Reserve Winners**

NOT PICTURED Eliot Brim, Springdell  
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Grand dairy showman gr. 6-8  
Grand horse games gr. 6-8  
Reserve poultry showman gr. 6-8

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Claire Boeve Blue Ribbon

Reserve horse pleasure gr. 6-8

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Grand fashion revue constructed clothing gr. 9+  
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**Mallie Fick - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple market gilt, market barrow. Blue western horsemanship gr. 10+, western pleasure gr. 10+, key race gr. 10+, egg & spoon gr. 10+, breeding gilt, trail gr. 10+. Red pole weaving gr. 10+, barrel race gr. 10+, horse showmanship gr. 10+.

**Egypt Forrest - County K9's**

Purple crafts gr. 9+, large breed rabbits doe, market goat, pet show. Blue crafts gr. 9+ (3), fine arts 9+ (2), performing arts gr. 9+ (2), food preservation gr. 9+ (3), potatoes, market goats, flower gardening (3), market barrow, market gilt, clothing/constructed clothing gr. 9+ (4), clothing/sewn non-garment gr. 9+ (3), photography gr. 9+ (4), fashion revue/constructed clothing gr. 9+ (2), fashion revue/upcycled clothing (2). Red fine arts gr. 9+ (2), flower gardening (2). Participant rabbit showmanship, swine showmanship.

**Fox Forrest- County K9's**

Purple clothing/sewn non-garment, flower gardening, indoor gardening, large breed rabbit doe (2), herb gardening, production poultry, foods gr. 9+. Blue photography gr. 9+ (2), clothing/sewn non-garment gr. 9+ (3), market gilt, market barrow, flower gardening (4), production poultry (2), pet show, needle arts gr. 9+, market goat (2), largest vegetable, fruit (3), herb gardening (2), potatoes, vegetable gardening box, vegetable plate, food preservation gr. 9+ (3), performance arts gr. 9+ (2), crafts gr. 9+, fine arts gr. 9+, self-determined, foods gr. 9+ (3). Red photography gr. 9+ (2). Participant poultry showmanship, swine showmanship, rabbit showmanship.

**Karsten Hass - Denver Go-Getters**

Purple crafts gr. 3-5. Blue prospect market heifer calf, woodworking. Participant beef Showmanship.

**Cannon Halbersma - Springdell**

Blue aerospace, crafts gr. 3-5.

**Dashel Halbersma - Springdell**

Cloverbud static exhibits (2).

**Noël Henrichs - County K9's**

Purple photography gr. 3-5. Blue clothing/sewn non-garment gr. 3-5 (2), needle arts gr. 3-5, photography gr. 3-5 (3), fashion revue/ purchased clothing gr. 3-5, crafts gr. 3-5 (4).

**Allison Honken- Livewires**

Purple market poultry, production poultry (2). Blue clothing/purchased clothing, western horsemanship gr. 6-9, photography gr. 6-8 (4), fashion revue/purchased clothing, egg & spoon gr. 6-9, crafts gr. 6-8 (2), fine arts gr. 6-8, trail gr. 6-9, small breed rabbit doe. Red ranch pleasure gr. 6-9, jumping figure 8 gr. 6-9, horse showmanship gr. 6-9, pole weaving gr. 6-9, crafts gr. 6-8, barrel race gr. 6-9, key race gr. 6-9. Participant poultry showmanship.

**Andrea Honken - Livewires**

Purple production poultry (2), crafts gr. 9+ (2). Blue clothing/purchased clothing gr. 9+, fashion revue/purchased clothing gr. 9+, photography gr. 9+ (4), key race gr. 10+, ranch pleasure gr. 10+, small breed rabbit buck, trail gr. 10+, jumping figure 8 gr. 10+, crafts grades 9+, fine arts gr. 9+ (3), barrel race gr. 10+, egg & spoon gr. 9+. Red western horsemanship gr. 10+, pole weaving gr. 10+, horse showmanship gr. 10+.

**Joshua Honken - Livewires**

Purple photography gr. 6-8, market poultry, production poultry (2). Blue photography gr. 6-8 (3), woodworking.

**Colby Jansma - Livewires**

Cloverbud poultry showmanship.

**Darwin Jansma - Livewires**

Purple production poultry, market barrow. Blue market poultry, production poultry, market turkeys. Participant swine showmanship.

**Jaxen Jansma - Livewires**

Cloverbud poultry showmanship, swine showmanship.

**Ella Jansma - Springdell**

Blue flower gardening (2), large breed rabbit doe, needle arts gr. 3-5, crafts gr. 3-5 (4), fine arts gr. 3-5, dog showmanship novice junior gr. 3-8, dog obedience foundation. Red needle arts gr. 3-5. Participant rabbit showmanship.



**SPRINGDELL**

Mavis Fodness photo/0817 Fair Results 2023

Pictured (front, left) are Amelia Devine, Coyer Buchholz, Cannon Halbersma, Cosmo Brim, Landrie Jansma, (second row) Eliot Cauwels, Hayden Devine, Caylix Buchholz, Leeland Maloney, Eliot Brim, Dashel Halbersma, Ella Jansma, (back) Cooper Cauwels, Brenna Reker, Zach Uhl, Nora Maloney and Lillian Maloney. Club awards include blue scarecrow.

**Landrie Jansma - Springdell**

Cloverbud rabbit showmanship, pet show, static exhibit (6).

**Keagan Jessen - Denver Go- Getters**

Purple market lamb. Blue breeding Ewe, trio of market lambs, market lamb (2).

**Landon Jessen - Denver Go- Getters**

Blue market lamb (2). Participant sheep showmanship.

**Levi Jessen - Denver Go-Getters**

Cloverbud foods revue, sheep showmanship.

**Ashlyn Johnson - County K9's**

Purple pet show, fine arts gr. 9+, photography gr. 9+. Blue photography gr. 9+ (2), fine arts gr. 9+.

**Luella Johnson - County K9's**

Blue foods gr. 6-8, crafts gr. 6-8 (2), fine arts gr. 6-8 (2).

**Brianna Kinsinger - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue photography gr. 9+, performance arts gr. 9+.

**Nathan Kinsinger - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple beef rate-of-gain. Blue breeding heifer, cow-calf pair in pen, market steer, prospect market steer calf. Participant beef showmanship.

**Claire Knobloch - Blue Ribbon**

Blue market heifer, photography gr. 9+. Participant beef showmanship.

**Matthew Koedam - Denver Go-Getters**

Purple crafts gr. 3-5 (2). Purple crafts gr. 3-5 (2). Blue cow-calf pair on halter, crafts gr. 3-5 (2), photography, prospect market steer calf, baby beef.

**Morgan Koedam - Denver Go-Getters**

Cloverbud beef showmanship, static exhibits (5)

**Alyssa Krull - Blue Ribbon**

Blue photography gr. (2), crafts gr. 3-5, fine arts gr. 3-5, pet show. Red photography gr. 3-5.

**Danette Leenderts- Blue Ribbon**

Blue foods gr. 9+, market steer, photography gr. 9+, beef rate-of-gain. Participant beef showmanship.

**Beau Lessman - Springdell**

Cloverbud static exhibit (2).

**Grace Leuthold - Livewires**

Cloverbud beef showmanship, swine showmanship, static exhibit (2).

**James Lindsey - Livewires**

Purple fishing sports. Blue foods gr. 3-5.

**Ellie Loose- Magnolia Juniors**

Purple crafts gr. 6-8, small breed rabbit doe. Blue western horsemanship gr. 6-9, jumping figure 8 gr. 6-9, small breed rabbit buck, ranch pleasure gr. 6-9, horse showmanship gr. 6-9, pole weaving gr. 6-9, egg & spoon gr. 6-9, crafts gr. 6-8 (3), barrel race gr. 6-9, key race gr. 6-9, and trail gr. 6-9.

**Andrea Luitjens - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple small breed rabbit buck (2), large breed rabbit doe. Blue market poultry. Participant poultry showmanship.

**Joshua Luitjens - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple small breed rabbit does (2). Blue pet show, photography gr. 3-5.

**Lily Lund - Magnolia Juniors**

Cloverbud rabbit showmanship, beef showmanship, swine showmanship, pet show, static exhibit (2).

**Neveah Lund - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue pet show, market gilt, crafts gr. 6-8. Red market steer, market heifer. Participant beef showmanship, swine showmanship.

**Olivia Lund - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue crafts gr. 6-8, market heifer, market barrow, woodworking. Participant swine showmanship.

**Otto Lund - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple mechanical science. Blue pet show.

**Leeland Maloney - Springdell**

Blue woodworking, crafts gr. 3-5 (4), fine arts gr. 3-5, vegetable gardening box, vegetable plate (3), largest vegetable.

**Lillian Maloney - Springdell**

Blue home environment, foods gr. 6-8 (3), fruit, flower gardening (3), fine arts gr. 6-8 (2). Red needle arts gr. 6-8.

**Norah Maloney - Springdell**

Purple foods gr. 6-8, flower gardening (3). Blue foods gr. 6-8, fine arts gr. 6-8 (4), herb gardening, flower gardening (2).

**Kiyra McClain - Livewires**

Blue fine arts gr. 9+, woodworking, pet show.

**Justine Mente - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple breeding heifer. Blue breeding heifer.

**Penni Moore - Blue Ribbon**

Blue plastic sculpture challenge, fine arts gr. 3-5.

**Cody Moser - Blue Ribbon**

Purple market barrow. Blue market gilt.

**Hailey Moser - Blue Ribbon**

Blue market barrow.

**Jack Moser - Blue Ribbon**

Participant swine showmanship. Blue foods gr. 9+, market barrow (2).

**Alayna Oechels - Livewires**

Purple foods gr. 3-5 (3). Blue crafts gr. 3-5 (2), fine arts gr. 3-5.

**Janica Oechsle - Livewires**

Blue foods gr. 9+ (2).

**Austin Ossefoort - Magnolia Juniors**

Red market steer.



**MAGNOLIA JUNIORS**

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Pictured (front, left) are Tyson Uithoven, Austin Ossefoort, Nathan Kinsinger, Justin Mente, Evan Ossefoort, Addison Uithoven, (back) Andrea Luitjens, Blakley Fick, Neveah Lund, Otto Lund, Vaughn Sandbulte, Elaina Sandbulte, Aubrey VanBelle, Lily Lund, Olivia Lund and Bri Kinsinger. Club awards include blue scarecrow and blue banner.

**Noël Henrichs** County K9's

Grand constructed clothing gr. 3-5  
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Grand market sheep trio

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Grand baby beef  
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Grand photography gr. 3-5

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Blue home environment, market steer. Participant beef showmanship.

**Claire Popkes - Livewires**

Blue prospect market heifer calf, cow-calf pair in pen.

**Gabriella Porter - County K9's**

Purple flower gardening. Blue needle arts gr. 6-8, quilting gr. 6-8 (3), pet show, fruit, food preservation gr. 6-8 (2), flower gardening (2), crafts gr. 6-8 (3), fine arts (4), fashion revue/constructed clothing gr. 6-8 (2), fashion revue/ purchased clothing gr. 6-8, photography gr. 6-8 (3), photo manipulation gr. 6-8 (3), clothing/constructed clothing gr. 6-8 (3), clothing/purchased clothing gr. 6-8 (4), clothing/sewn non-garment gr. 6-8. Red flower gardening.

**Caleb Raak - Denver Go-Getters**

Purple dairy senior herd, dairy production, senior yearling (2), three-year-old cow. Blue fine arts gr. 9+ (2), dairy steer, two-year-old cow, junior yearling, dairy prospect market steer. Red dairy steer rate-of-gain. Participant dairy showmanship.

**Madysen Reber - County K9's**

Blue pet show.

**Brenna Reker- Springdell**

Blue pet show, market gilt, market barrow, breeding gilt. Participant swine showmanship.

**Addison Sammons - Blue Ribbon**

Purple spring calf.

**Ella Sammons - Blue Ribbon**

Purple fall calf. Blue dairy junior herd, junior yearling, winter calf.

**Maxwell Sammons - Blue Ribbon**

Purple spring calf. Blue junior yearling, dairy junior herd.

**Austin Sandbulte - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue market gilt, market barrow, small breed rabbit doe, small breed rabbit buck. Participant swine showmanship, rabbit showmanship.

**Dennie Sandbulte - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue small breed doe, market barrow, market gilt. Participant rabbit showmanship, swine showmanship.

**Grace Sandbulte - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple small breed doe, small breed buck. Blue small breed rabbit doe (2), market gilt, market barrow, small breed rabbit buck (2). Participant swine showmanship, rabbit showmanship.

**Vaughn Sandbulte - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue market steer. Participant beef showmanship.

**Dakotah Sina- Livewires**

Blue jumping figure 8 gr. 6-9, pole weaving gr. 6-9, horse showmanship gr. 6-9, prospect market heifer calf, market steer, trail gr. 6-9, egg & spoon gr. 6-9, barrel race gr. 6-9. Red western horsemanship gr. 6-9, breeding heifer, ranch pleasure gr. 6-9, key race gr. 6-9.

**Daniel Sina - Livewires**

Blue prospect market steer calf, breeding heifer, market steer, cow-calf pair on halter. Red breeding heifer.



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Pictured (front, left) are Grady Broesder, Maxwell Sammons, Jed Fagerness, Amber Wiersema, Danette Leenders, Rilynn Krull, Lanae Elbers, Tamie Krull, Ava Steinhoff, Gracelyn Krull, Larissa Steinhoff, Gracie Fagerness, (back) Rylan Bos, Addison Sammons, Claire Knobloch, AnnMarie Wiersema, Claire Boeve, Malorie Boeve, Elaina Bos, Emma Corbin and Alyssa Krull. Club awards include grand champion banner, grand champion community pride and blue scarecrow.

**Demmi Sina - Livewires**

Cloverbud beef showmanship.

**Connor Snell - Springdell**

Blue small breed rabbit doe (2), small breed rabbit buck, photography gr. 3-5, crafts gr. 3-5 (3). Red vegetable gardening box. Participant rabbit showmanship.

**Noelle Snell - Springdell**

Cloverbud rabbit showmanship, static exhibit (4).

**Reagan Spath - Blue Ribbon**

Blue trial gr. 6-9, egg & spoon gr. 6-9, english pleasure gr. 6-9, horse showmanship gr. 6-9, ranch pleasure gr. 6-9 western horsemanship gr. 6-9. Red barrel race gr. 6-9, key race gr. 6-9, english equitation gr. 6-9, pole weaving gr. 6-9, jumping figure 8 gr. 6-9.

**Ava Steinhoff - Blue Ribbon**

Blue photography gr. 6-8 (4), foods gr. 6-8, crafts gr. 6-8, fine arts gr. 6-8 (3), potatoes.

**Larissa Steinhoff - Blue Ribbon**

Blue vegetable plate, photography gr. 9+ (4), crafts gr. 9+, fine arts gr. 9+, foods gr. 9+.

**Ivy Tiesler - Livewires**

Purple needle arts gr. 3-5, breeding ewes (2), market gilt, market barrow, market lamb, small breed rabbit buck. Blue clothing/sewn non-garment gr. 3-5, photography gr. 3-5.

**Myles Trimble - County K9's**

Purple crafts gr. 9+ (2). Blue fine arts gr. 9+.

**Eden Uithoven - Magnolia Juniors**

Cloverbud static exhibits (3).

**Tyson Uithoven - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue market gilt, needle arts gr. 3-5, market barrow, market lamb (2), crafts gr. 3-5. Participant sheep showmanship.

**Aubrey Van Belle - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple crafts gr. 6-8. Blue crafts gr. 6-8, breeding heifer. Participant beef showmanship.

**Brecken Van Belle - Magnolia Juniors**

Blue cow-calf pair in pen, crafts gr. 3-5 (4). Participant beef showmanship.

**Kallista Van Grootheest - Magnolia Juniors**

Cloverbud swine showmanship, rabbit showmanship, pet show, static exhibits (5).

**Morgan Van Grootheest - Magnolia Juniors**

Cloverbud static exhibits (5).

**Sydney Van Grootheest - Magnolia Juniors**

Purple craft gr. 3-5. Blue fine arts gr. 3-5 (4), crafts gr. 3-5.

**Kellie VanDerBrink - Blue Ribbon**

Blue egg & spoon gr. 10+, barrel race gr. 10+, jumping figure 8 gr. 10+. Red horse showmanship gr. 10+. White key race gr.10+.

**Amber Wiersema - Blue Ribbon**

Purple food gr. 9+. Blue needle arts gr. 9+, quilting gr. 9+.

**Ann Marie Wiersema- Blue Ribbon**

Purple home environment. Blue woodworking, photography gr. 6-8, crafts gr. 6-8 needle arts gr. 6-8.

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