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Rock-Nobles cattlemen prepare for state tour

Hills host aims to share message of sustainability and efficiency in beef production

By Lori Sorenson

Brad Van De Berg's cattle feedlot near Hills is among the best and most innovative in southwest Minnesota.

That's why he was asked to host one of the eight stops on this summer's 40th Annual Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association Summer Beef Tour July 13.

The event travels to different parts of the state each year, and this year the Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's Association is showcasing beef production in southwest Minnesota.

It's an honor to be a tour host, but it requires a fair amount of preparation in addition to spending an entire day with the expected 1,200 people on 15 tour buses.

So why do it? Van De Berg offered two reasons:

- He wants to share information about beef production the same way others shared with him in his earlier years, and
- He wants to share the message of humane animal care and sustainable farming with those who may not understand agriculture.

Van De Berg's operation features a 900-head capacity slatted barn, a unique 95-head capacity shipping and receiving barn and bed pack barn with sick pens.

He added concrete to existing cattle yards to create feed storage for his operation that buys cattle at 850 to 950 pounds and has them on feed about 180 days before they go to market.

He said his feedlots are large enough to make a living and to offer opportunities for the next generation.

"I want the operation to be

Beef tour Van De Berg/see 8



Robbie Drake

Luverne hosts Fourth of July at The Lake

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

The July 4 celebration in Luverne at The Lake had all the makings of hot summer fun at the beach, with fireworks, picnics, beer garden, a land and water triathlon and a whole bunch of new attractions. These included, a hula hoop contest, stories from the graves, live music and foam dancing, to name a few. See www.star-herald.com for more photos.

At left a motor bursts mid-air over The Lake. Below left, the Southwest Crisis Center shares free freezies with (from left) Ethan Lindsey, Jennifer Lindsey, Marlen Gonzalez, Kari Voss-Drost and Florence and Addie Drost. In the center photo, Kim Fritz (left) and Tanissa Feit compete in the July 4 bean bag tournament. Below right, Liam Almond and his mom, Rachel Almond, cool off in the water with one of the Manley Tire innertubes. In the bottom image, dancers and splashers in foam dancing pit.



Locals work to improve Hills ball fields

By Mavis Fodness

Almost daily in June, the sounds of balls hitting bats and cheering crowds were heard more than usual in Hills, as two ball diamonds are now in use near Jacobson Park.

Thanks to the efforts of city officials and volunteers, the south ball field was recently improved and brought back into play.

"The field was a regular baseball field," said Ross Metzger. "What we did was make it into a multi-purpose field."

For years, the south grass surface wasn't conducive to community baseball or softball games.

"The field sat there for a lot of years, and I know there were people who wanted to use it,"

Hills baseball fields/see p. 5



Mavis Fodness photo/0708 Hills Ball Park Revitalization
The south ball field at Jacobson Park in Hills looks considerably different July 1 during a 14-and-younger baseball game. For years the field was unused before a community effort this spring transformed the former grass infield into a multi-purpose playing surface.

Farmers market lifts COVID-19 restrictions

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Farmers Market finished the first month of the 2021 season with good participation in a new program.

Now organizers are lifting coronavirus prevention measures — like no touching the produce — that have been in place for a year.

Corrine Bonnema is the member-elected president of the Luverne Farmers Market. "This year they get to squeeze the tomatoes (touch the produce)," she said.

However, some of the measures — such as drive-up buying — are now common practice.

'PoP Plus' proves to be popular event

The children-focused Power of Produce (PoP) program returned this year, along with PoP Plus, which is directed toward adults 60 and older.

PoP educates participants on the nutritional value of eating market items. The children, ages 4 through 12, receive a weekly \$2 token to spend on produce at the market.

Pop Plus registrants receive \$4 tokens each week.

Bonnema said funding for the PoP Plus program is

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 12, in the township hall.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, for a potluck supper at the Blue Mound Church.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Prairie Ally tree care workshop July 10

Prairie Alley Outdoor Center and Project Food Forest will host a free tree care workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at 308 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne.

AmeriCorps Community Forestry Corps member Bertey Stearns lead the workshop, which will address a variety of topics, from selecting the right trees to problems that may arise over time. RSVP through in-fo@projectfoodforest.org. Donations welcome at <https://donorbox.org/support-pff>.

Summer beef tour July 13

Rock and Nobles county cattlemen will host the 40th Annual Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association Summer Beef Tour Tuesday, July 13, to showcase local livestock innovations and to educate the public on sustainable and environmentally sound practices.

Participants from all backgrounds — farming or non-farming, are encouraged to register at www.mnsca.org or by contacting Bakken at jsbakken918@gmail.com. Tour buses will stop at the operations of Grant and Eric Binford, Luverne; Glen and Matt Boeve, Steen; Brad VanDeBerg, Hills; Dave Mente, Adrian; Ryan Thier, Rushmore; Russ and Brian Penning, Wilmont; Brake Feedyards, Wilmont; and Bullerman (3B Farms) Adrian.

Athletic events coming in July

Registration is open for the following events: •July 10, Tour de Donut Minnesota: 7 a.m. 55-mile start, 7 :30 a.m. 35-mile start, and 8 a.m. 10- and 19-mile starts.

•July 15, Wienerman World Championships, compete as an individual or a four-person, re-lay team during Luverne's Hot Dog Night, 7 p.m. start.

To register go to www.allsportscentral.com and www.wiernermanevents.com. For more information contact Dave Duffy at dduffy@rconnect.com or call 507-920-3345.

Free food for seniors July 15

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer its Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 15, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne, as a drive-through distribution. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 to pre-register and for more information.

Free food offered July 15

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.

Community Ed announcements

Luverne Community Education will offer the following activities and classes in coming weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to sign up. See comed.isd2184.net to view the brochure and list of offer-ings.

Friday morning Adventure Day Camps will be at the Rock County Fairgrounds this summer. Events included July 9, **Go for the Gold**, and Aug. 13, **End of Summer Fun**. Fee is \$15 per day. Limited to 15 students in grades 1-4 as attended during 2020-21 school year.

Reclaimed Wood Art class on July 13 will give you an opportunity to make an unique “string art deco” piece to enjoy a home or give as a gift. Open to any grad 2 through adult. Fee is \$18/person.

Have fun cooking at **Kids in the Kitchen** this summer for grades K-8. New added classes in-clude **Snack Attack**, July 15, and **Bakery Fun**, Aug. 19. Fee is \$16/child.

Crazy About Science on July 19, 20 and 21 will be filled with exciting experiments. Open to students who attended grades 1-4 during the past school year. New classes added. Fee is \$30.

Kids in grades 1-3 (completed) can sign up for **Paint and Snack Classes** on July 22. Fee is \$33.

Students ages 8-13 may attend **Boot Camp** the week of Aug. 2-6. Learn how to muster, march and drill, about military history and the American flag, complete service projects, hear guest speak-ers who were in the military and more. Cost is \$60.

Art Camp is three days of creativity for students who added grades K-5 during the past school year. Dates are Aug. 10, 11 and 12. Cost is \$100.

Grades K through adult will **Learn to Play Chess** on Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 26. Use grade at-tended through the 2020-21 school year. Last class is a tournament. Great adult/child activity. Fee is \$15.

Taking **Defensive Driving Classes** allow adults aged 55 or older to save on insurance premi-ums. After the beginning eight-hour class, a four-hour fresher class must be taken every three years to receive the reduced premium benefit. Beginning class is Nov. 11 and 18. Four-hour re-fresher is Sept. 16

FF&M bank hires new branch manager

By Mavis Fodness

Dave Sternborg is the new branch manager at First Farmers and Merchants Bank in Luverne after 10 years of driving by on I-90 during his commute between Sioux Falls and Worthington.

“It’s a piece-of-cake drive compared with what I was doing,” said Sternborg, whose mother grew up in the Ellsworth area.

He began working for FF&M on June 10, replacing Ryan Wynia, who decided this spring to pursue a local career in production agriculture.

Previously, Sternborg was the senior ag lender with the Fulda Area Credit Union and also worked in various banks in Huron and Dell Rapids and Slayton since graduating from South Dakota State University in 1982.

In the month that he’s been working in Luverne, Sternborg attended Chamber events welcoming improvements to Rock County.

“I am impressed how the communities take care themselves,” he said.

“A lot of towns don’t do anything —many just complain and won’t do anything about it. Here they work at it and get it fixed.”

In his position as branch manager, Sternborg said the bank’s role is to help people succeed. “We want the focus to be on our customers and we want



Mavis Fodness photo/0708 Sternborg FFM
Dave Sternborg is the new branch manager at First Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Luverne. He began the position in June.

them to be as successful as they can be,” Sternborg said.

In the process of helping customers with home ownership or business expansion, he said it’s his job to find practical lending solutions and to steer borrowers toward achievable goals.

For most of his childhood, Sternborg dreamed of becoming a farmer, following in his dad’s footsteps on the family farm near Estherville, Iowa.

However, the early 1980s financial crisis was not a good time to begin farming.

“Thank God I didn’t try to start

farming; I would have taken my dad down,” he said, but added that he’s wistful during spring planting for what might have been.

One of Sternborg’s personal interests for more than 25 years has been barbershop music in quartets and choruses, both as a singer and more recently as a director.

“My family likes music, and that particular genre caught my ear,” he said.

Sternborg enjoys spending time with his family — his wife, Lori, and their two adult children and two grandchildren. All live in Sioux Falls.

Rock, Pipestone producers must file grazing reports by July 15

Agricultural producers in southwest Minnesota who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports should make an appointment with their U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) office before July 15, 2021.

“This year it is especially important to report grazed pastures due to the dry conditions,” said Eva Kramer, county executive director. Reporting your grazed acres by July 15, 2021, will ensure timely certification for potential program eligibility due to drought conditions.

An acreage report

documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses.

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA service centers are open to limited visitors. Contact your service center to set up an in-person or phone appointment.

To file a crop acreage

report, you will need:

- Crop and crop type.
- Intended use of crop.
- Number of acres.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practices.
- Acreage prevented from planting.

Exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after

the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA’s Risk Management Agency.

For questions, visit the Luverne FSA office or call 507-283-2369.

Reclaim Community hosts three events as part of July 9-11 Jasper Quartzsiter Days

The Reclaim Community, which is working to preserve the historic Jasper school, will host three events for this weekend’s Jasper Quartzsiter Days celebration.

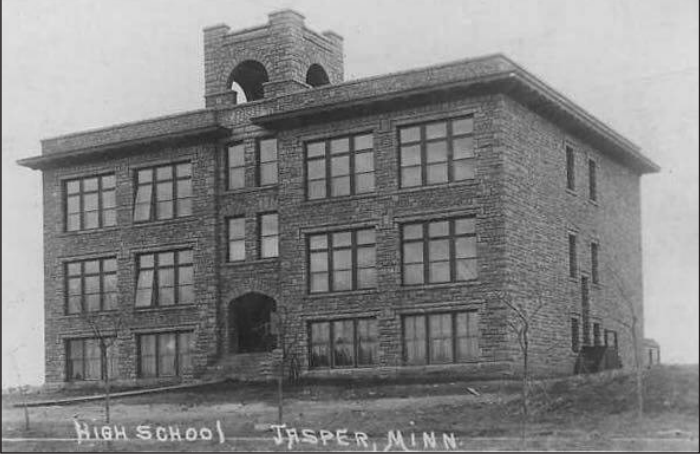
The July 9-11 weekend features a Friday night classic car cruise-in and barbecue meal, a Saturday vendor fair and farmers market followed by a community meal and evening parade.

Tents will be set up along Main (Wall) Street for the vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They may move to the park if necessary.

Also on Saturday local “athletes” can participate in the popular Quartzsiter 0.5k UN-run “race” for donuts and beer.

“If you’re barely willing to put in any athletic effort, and you enjoy carbs, this is the event for you,” states the online event promotion.

“It’s all inclusive — no need for talent or hard



work, and you can be rewarded with a T-shirt, medal and flashy car sticker to show off how much community spirit you have.”

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/Jasper/QuartzsiterPoint5k>.

Proceeds from these events will support Reclaim Community’s efforts to secure grants for preserving Jasper’s historic quartzite buildings and help pay for repairs and maintenance through the construction planning process.

Reclaim Community

is working with the Quartzsiter Club to host Jasper’s celebration, along with the Lions, Historical Society and other volunteers and groups.

Progress so far and future plans

Architectural blueprints are nearly finished for Bauman Hall, as is the Historic Structure Report to evaluate the conditions and repair needs of the Jasper School.

To date the group has raised over \$148,000 in grant funds and \$120,000 in private donations that have been reinvested in projects in Jasper,

Volunteers are also hoping to start a new community fund to assist historic building owners with funding to help with costs of repairing their historic buildings.

The fund would support a “30-30-30 split” of grant funding, low interest community loans and owner investment to preserve and renovate downtown buildings.

The group describes it as “a powerful economic strategy of creating jobs and providing affordable business spaces and residences, as well as dramatically increasing property tax base for the city and attracting more investment.”

More details about Quartzsiter Days and about Reclaim Community is at reclaimcommunity.org.

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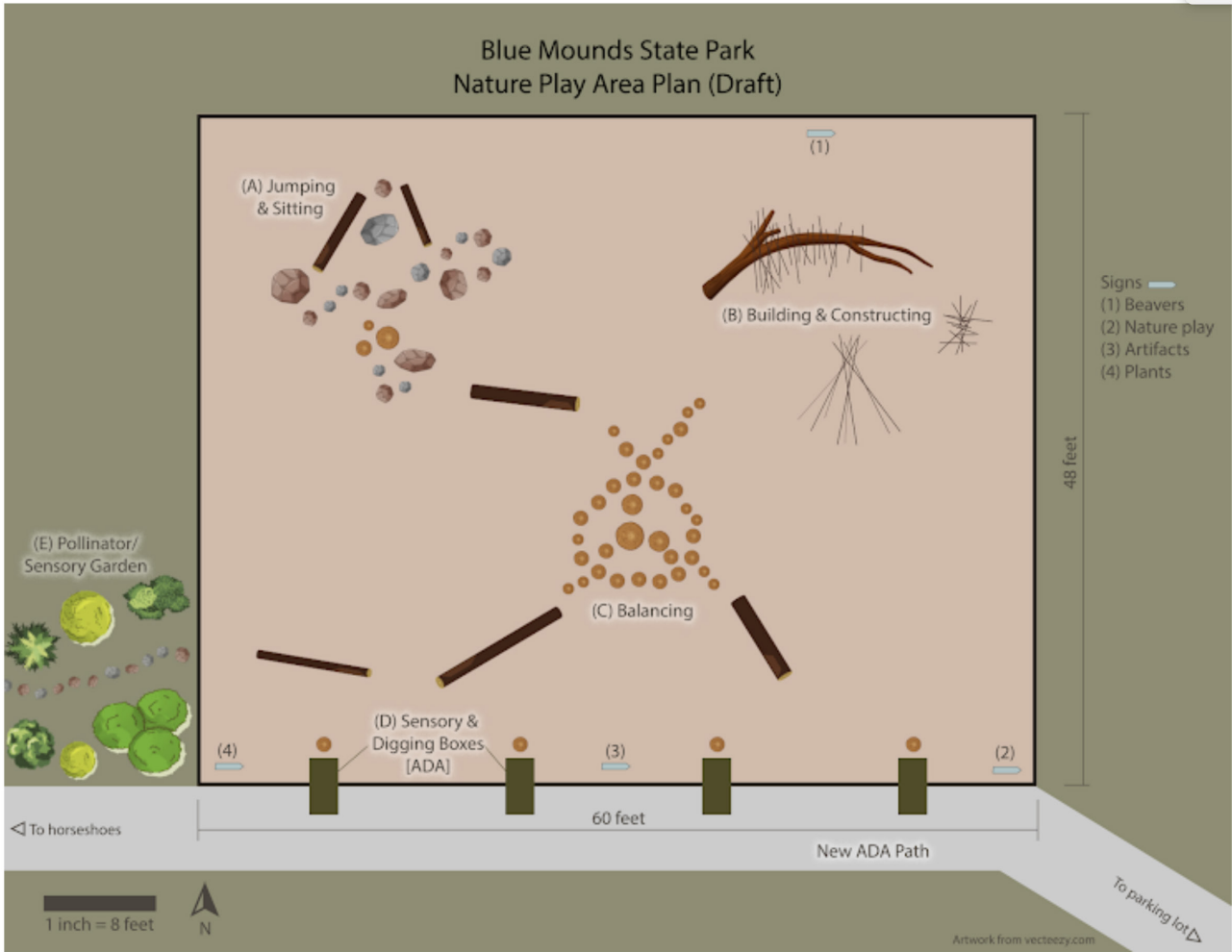
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Friends of Blue Mounds State Park introduce ‘nature play area’

By Lori Sorenson

The Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park will soon have a nature play area ready for park visitors, especially for families with small children. It will be located in the picnic area of the park, replacing the aging metal swing set, designed to “spark curiosity, invite discovery, and foster learning.” According to Amy Nelson with Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park, the nature play area has been a goal since the group was first organized in 2018. “Given the number of families that use the park, this gives them another opportunity to experience nature,” Nelson said.

“Also, it can be a draw to the park. ... There are so many people in town who don’t see it as a destination.” She and Carol Morgan, also a Friends member, said the project gets at the heart of why outdoor nature areas are preserved for the public. “That’s why state parks exist,” Morgan said. “I’m thinking of my own grandchildren who come down from the city where they live on asphalt and concrete and short grass, and they can go out and get dirty and experience nature,” She said the play areas create a safe environment for younger children to do that. “This in my mind is a little more compact and controlled,” Morgan said. “If you’re out there with the kids, it’s a little easier to keep



track of them than having them go sprinting out into the prairie.” The draft plan shows four activity areas: •Jumping and sitting: A series of boulders, rocks, logs and stumps arranged randomly to promote climbing, clambering, balancing and jumping. Some features could double as benches. •Building and constructing: A collection of small trees and branches downed by beavers for building structures like teepees, cabins or forts — with a larger, permanently placed log for building against. •Balancing: Vertical logs placed about a foot apart at various heights in a spider web shape. This activity provides opportunity for balancing, hopping and changes in altitude. •Sensory and digging boxes: Rectangle boxes filled with

various loose materials, such as pea gravel with various bones and artifacts to excavate, stones with different edges and sizes, and small branches and twigs for building. This component will be wheelchair height for accessibility. •Pollinator sensory garden: Native prairie plants with interpretive information about how they support pollinators and encouragement to touch

and smell the plants. Nelson said locating the nature play setup in the picnic area avoids disturbing other parts of the park that are meant to be native. Also, the DNR has plans to build a wheel-chair accessible trail from the parking lot to the play area and set up another picnic table there that is ADA compliant. Nelson said the initial compact area will serve as a pilot project to inform what may be future developments of nature play areas throughout the park. The Friends of Blue Mounds is a fiscal client of Parts and Trails Council of Minnesota, which provided a grant to help with planning and some materials. However, most of the natural materials for the play area will be sourced within the park.

Those interested in helping with the project can call Nelson at 507-370-0662, follow the group on Facebook, or contact them by email at friendsofbluemounds@gmail.com. Donations for the project can be made to Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park through the park office. Nelson and Morgan encourage the public to utilize the free park access program through the Rock County Library. They can check out a backpack, which includes a park pass.

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through the Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging, which received legislative funding Wednesday. “If the legislature didn’t approve the money, we would have been suspending the program,” she said. Since its start in early June, the program has 60 registered adults. In-person activities also resume for the PoP programs as a result of the lift in coronavirus restrictions.

Drought affecting produce supply First-year vendor Andrew Ainsworth owns Kanaranzi Greens, which specializes in leafy greens and root vegetables in rural Rock County. “It’s been a difficult year,” Ainsworth admitted. With Rock County under severe drought conditions, yields have not been as abundant. Ainsworth said his garden started as a food source for his growing family with the over-production offered at the farmers market. “Everything we grow, we pull,” he said. After preparing produce for the market, the produce parts not meant for human consumption



Mavis Fodness photo/0708 Farmers Market 2021 Amy Lou and Terry Reisch purchase turnips from Kanaranzi Greens vendor Andrew Ainsworth (far right) and his son, Eli, Thursday, July 1, at the Luverne Farmers Market. The market recently lifted coronavirus restrictions and is offering a new for those 60 and older.

are fed to the family’s laying hens and soon-to-be ready broilers. Ainsworth said attendees at the Luverne Farmers Market have been “fantastic” supporters. He’s learned more about which produce is preferred by customers and how to more effectively grow that produce under a variety of weather conditions.

Customers drop by weekly Because produce and other items brought to the market vary from week to week, customers have a weekly habit of dropping by the Thursday evening event. For Terry and Amy Lou Reisch of Luverne, the stop took a matter of minutes. Amy Lou said the couple didn’t plant a garden and instead buy

what’s available from farmers market vendors. On Thursday they purchased turnips from Ainsworth and they checked with other vendors to see what was coming up in the following weeks. Luverne Farmers Market is open Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. at Redbird Field on East Main Street.

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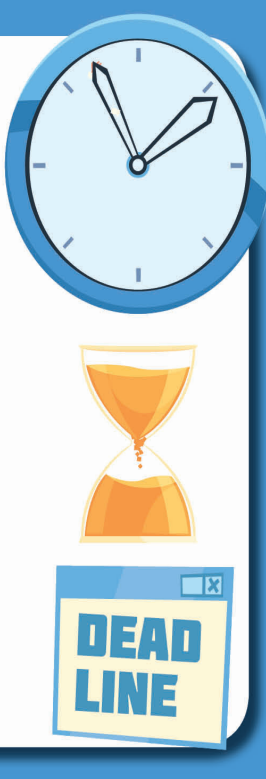


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After three close calls I'm knocking on wood for safer summer

"Things happen in threes."

I've heard that phrase, or variations of it, numerous times over the years, most often referencing deaths or other bad circumstances and events.

I usually dismiss "happens in threes" as simple superstition.

If you wait long enough, eventually three people you know are going to die or three unfortunate things will happen to your family.

Don't get me wrong, I'm superstitious in other ways, just not when it comes to three bad events happening together.

At least not until this month.

I've had a chance this summer to do all kinds of things I have missed doing for the last year and a half.

And that means that I've been driving a lot.

Maybe that's why I'm now hoping things really do happen in threes.

Three times in the last two or three weeks I've had what I would call "close calls" for accidents while driving.

The first driving scare of the summer was actually more of a lesson in government spending than driving for me.

I was driving on Highway 169 between Jordan and Belle Plaine when I noticed a cloud of dust and debris on the other side of the highway.

A car was off the roadway, bouncing along a median barrier that was built to prevent traffic from colliding with oncoming traffic. It was working exactly as promoted.

Although the driver's side of the car was getting



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

shredded, the barrier bent but didn't break. The car didn't flip, bounce back in the driving lane or cross the median into my lane.

My thought was, "Wow, those things really work!"

I also couldn't help but think what might have happened in the absence of the median barrier.

The second incident in Sioux Falls was a much closer call.

I was driving with a friend on Interstate 229 entering a construction zone. While traffic had slowed, we were still going about 35 to 40 mph.

While visiting with my passenger, we heard the unmistakable sound of a crash and I immediately, instinctively hit my brakes and safely swerved onto the shoulder — narrowly avoiding the SUV in front of us that had just rear-ended the car in front of it.

I must say I was pretty rattled by that close call, but also pretty impressed by my driving instincts.

As I left for a Fourth of July weekend excursion that would involve a lot of driving, I cautiously considered the "happens in threes" superstition.

When a pickup ran a red light about 50 yards in front of my car in downtown Hutchinson Saturday, I actually felt a sense of relief.

I considered this to be the final incident of the "things happen in threes" theory, and I'm now looking forward to less eventful driving for the rest of the summer.

... Knock on wood.

Slow down, save lives

July speed patrols aim for safer roadways

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Preliminary figures from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety show 202 people have died on Minnesota roads since Jan. 1, compared to 148 last year at this time.

The state reported its 200th traffic death on July 1, the earliest since 2009, and State Patrol Lt. Matt Sorenson said this is unacceptable.

"Most tragedies on the road can be prevented, and we're working to remind motorists to slow down — for their own benefit and others they share the road with," said Sorenson, who oversees the 13 southwest Minnesota counties in District 2300.

"Many crashes could have been prevented had drivers not been speeding. Higher rates of speed exacerbate what might have otherwise been near misses, because reaction time is diminished and impacts are more devastating."

To remind motorists to slow down, the The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) is coordinating extra speed patrols during the month of July.

Recent deaths on Minnesota roads include:

•A 17-year-old male driver who died when he was hit head-on by a

speeding vehicle in Polk County.

•A 26-year-old unbelted male driver speeding on a county road in Scott County died when he crashed into a concrete barrier.

•A 44-year-old motorcyclist who was not wearing a helmet was allegedly speeding on a county road in Anoka County when he hit a car making a left turn out of a parking lot driveway. The rider died.

•A 42-year-old motorcyclist riding in Ramsey County died when he ran off the road, hitting a chain-link fence. The rider was allegedly speeding and not wearing a helmet.

The first 202 traffic fatalities include:

•142 motor vehicle occupants compared with 109 reported this time last year.

•26 motorcyclists compared with 18 reported this time last year.

•23 pedestrians compared with 18 reported this time last year.

•Three bicyclists compared with three reported this time last year.

Bad choices lead to tragic

results

For the first 202 traffic fatalities, preliminary information shows:

•80 speed-related deaths (40 percent) compared with 49 this time last year (33 percent).

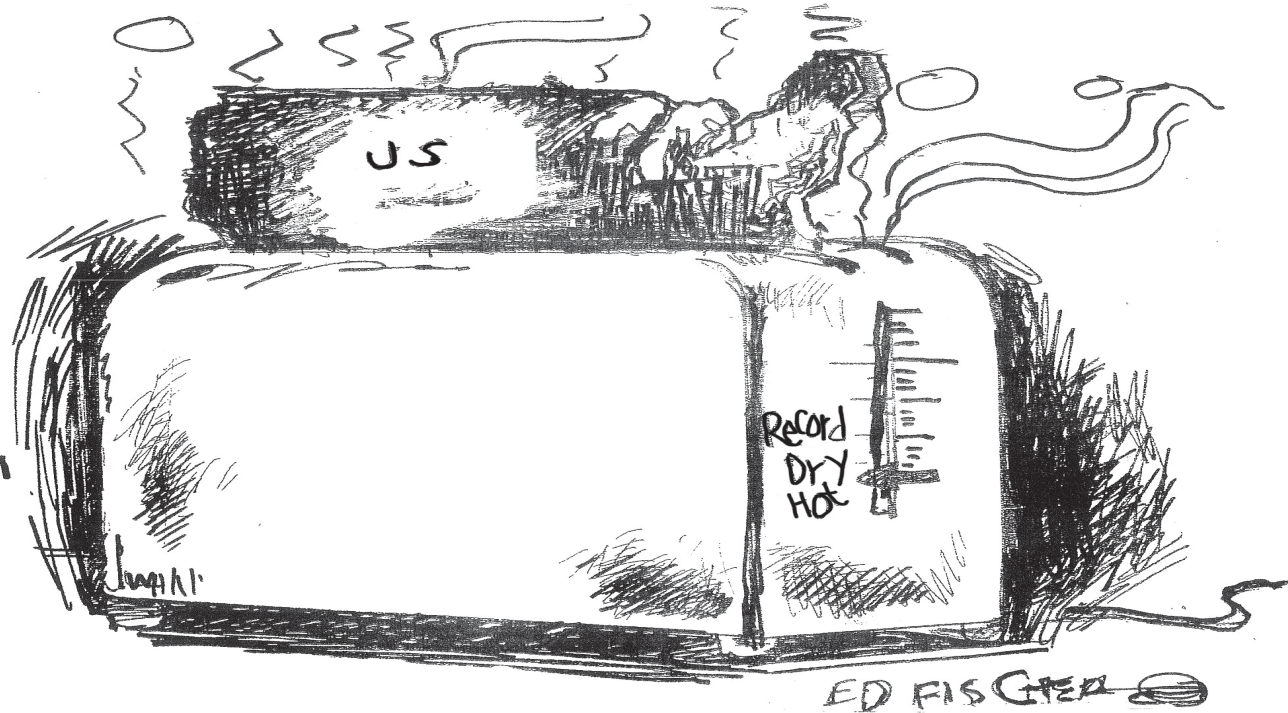
•45 alcohol-related deaths (22 percent) compared with 60 this time last year (28 percent).

•5 distracted-related deaths (2 percent) compared with 9 this time last year (6 percent).

•46 unbelted motorist deaths (32 percent) compared with 37 this time last year (34 percent).

"Exactly halfway through 2021, and I'm at a loss for words. What is it going to take for drivers to understand the importance of driving smart?" asked Mike Hanson, director of the Office of Traffic Safety.

"Two hundred traffic fatalities by July 1 is just unacceptable. You're at much greater risk of planning a funeral now than in the past because of what's happening on our roads. We all need to drive smart to help protect each other while out on the roads."



Ask a Trooper: Driver must provide proof of insurance

Question: What is the law with regard to insurance cards? I was told it must always be available in the vehicle and then I was told that if you do not have it, there is no fine if you produce it within three days. What exactly are the statutes with regard to having your driver's license on you while driving?

Answer: The driver of the vehicle is required to provide current proof of insurance on a vehicle. The proof can be a hard copy or electronic proof of insurance. If the driver is issued a citation for no proof of insurance, the owner of the vehicle must provide proof of insurance stating the vehicle was properly insured at the time of the stop.

This must be completed no later than the date and time specified on the citation. Court will dismiss and there will be no fine. The required proof of insurance may be sent by mail or

presented in person at courthouse. If there is no proof of insurance provided, the citation remains a no insurance citation.

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working (dead battery on your phone, website not accessible, no service, etc.), you could be cited for "no proof of insurance." I recommend that you print a copy of your insurance card in case your electronic equipment is unable to display your proof of insurance, and keep it in your vehicle.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at Statue 169.791 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach Sgt. Troy Christianson at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

'Thumbs down' to Star Herald for 'snarky comment'

To the Editor:

A big thumbs down to the Star Herald June 24 edition for their thumbs column.

Why did you feel the need to publish the snarky comment about the covid shot?

Do you really believe it's your heroic efforts that have allowed things to open up? Would you vilify someone who opted not to receive chemo for the cancer they have, or someone who takes a holistic approach to their health?

Maybe it's time to do some unbiased journalism and do some investigation

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into both sides of the story.

It seems to me that attacking 50 percent of your target audience is simply bad business, not to mention attacking Dollar General, a business in our community.

God bless America!

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Not all garden talk

The Luverne Community Gardens provide space for both gardening and camaraderie for those with similar interests. From left, Dave Shelton, Lynette Jauert and Terry Althoff are among local gardening enthusiasts to tend plots in the community gardens. They're pictured with Althoff's trellis arches that grow squash vertically.

Jason Berghorst photo/0708 Community Garden Group



Luverne community gardens grow more than vegetables — friendships made, hobby shared

By Jason Berghorst

"It's kind of like a magnet ... one person comes and it seems like more show up."

That's how Dave Shelton, Luverne, explains the camaraderie among those who rent plots at the Luverne Community Gardens.

"It's beautiful out here in the mornings and others come in the evening to avoid the heat of the day," he said about the busier times of day.

Lynette Jauert, Luverne, coordinates the community gardens on city-owned land on the edge of town on East Dodge Street.

"We exchange ideas, give each other tips, check out all the other plants," she said.

"I also hear conversations about vacation plans, updates on family members, all that stuff."

Community gardener Terry Althoff agreed.

"We talk about gardening, but not all the talk is about gardening," he said.

And they share in the work, as well as the information.

Althoff, for example,

made green sticks for gardeners to mark their plots to indicate they are on vacation and others can water their plants.

There are sixteen 10' by 10' plots in each of the three gardens. Gardeners rent one or more plots for \$15 per season.

There were a couple of open plots this season and Jauert encouraged anyone interested in renting space at the community gardens for next year to contact City Hall to get on a waiting list.

A tiller, weed eater, mower, gardening tools, kneeling bench, grass clippings for mulch and a water source with a hose and wheel are all included.

"Holly Sammons at the city was a driving force behind this, and most of it is funded by grants," Jauert said.

Current gardeners are the best advertisers.

"The soil is fantastic here, there's plenty of sun, and they provide everything you need," Althoff said, "it's easy and convenient."

A wide variety of ages take advantage of the community gardens, according



Jason Berghorst photo/0708 Community Garden Shelton
Dave Shelton, Luverne, harvests an especially large cabbage from one of his plots at the Luverne Community Gardens.

to Jauert.

"We have some families that garden together, even one family that has

three generations out here," Jauert said. "We also have a lot of retired teachers and retirees in general;

I grew up a farm kid and this is as close as I can get to farming now. It's my hobby. Some guys golf, but I'm not the good at that. So I stick to gardening.

— Dave Shelton

there's a real nice mix."

Althoff is one of those retired teachers who have a passion for the community gardens.

"We really appreciate how it's all organic; there are no pesticides," he said. "We like having fresh produce and knowing where it comes from. That's important to us."

He and his wife, Deb, have been gardening at the community gardens for six seasons. He built two trellis arches that allow him to grow three varieties of squash vertically.

"My wife lays out our plots and plants them, and then I come out through the season and weed and

take care of it," Althoff said.

Althoff and Shelton both have smaller gardens at home, but they said the community gardens offer more opportunity to enjoy their hobby.

"Certain plants need more sun; squash, onions and others do really well out here in the sun," Shelton said.

Shelton is growing cabbage, pumpkins and other vegetables in his plots.

"I grew up a farm kid and this is as close as I can get to farming now," he said.

"It's my hobby. Some guys golf, but I'm not good at that," Shelton said. "So I stick to gardening."

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•The Luverne Area Chamber invites everyone to visit Luverne for its annual customer appreciation event, Hot Dog Night.

In its 49th year, Hot Dog Night features local Chamber members giving away more than 12,000 hot dogs and 350 gallons of drinks.

Hot dogs and beverages will be served from 6 p.m. Thursday until they're gone at participating Chamber members all over Luverne.

The event has grown to include several major competitions and entertainment events.

25 years ago (1996)

•Tim Anderson, Luverne, placed among the top 20 in Phase I of the Buick Technician Shooting Competition. Because of his high score on a test, he will advance to Phase II competition at the GM Training Center in Kansas City. He is employed by Papik Motors, Luverne.

50 years ago (1971)

•Ben VanderKooi Jr., 1971 Luverne High School graduate, found the competition rough at the National Forensic League Tournament held at Stanford University last month.

VanderKooi was eliminated after three rounds in the extemporaneous speaking category, but he was eligible for the radio speaking competition where he went on to place fourth

in a field of 130 contestants.

75 years ago (1946)

•Flying received an added boost this week when it was announced that Hardwick's Air Strip will be opened for the first time. The Air Strip is located on the Pete Hansen farm located a mile east and one mile south of Hardwick. Government licensed instructors and new Aeronca planes will be furnished for flying instructions, and rides, by Earl McDowell's Sky Ranch.

The strip is sponsored by the Archer Petroleum Co. which is sponsoring scores of air strips throughout the Midwest area in order to provide additional facilities for those who want to fly.

Pete Hansen is the representative of Archer Petroleum Co. for Rock, Nobles and Murray counties.

The strip is 3 rods wide and 130 rods long on nice, level ground and to date about a dozen flights have been made off the strip.

100 years ago (1921)

•Chas. Sarver, of Hardwick, last week purchased an airplane from Donaldson Bros., of Milford, Iowa, and plans to take up the calling of an aviator as a business proposition.

The machine bought is a Curtiss, one passenger, and during the coming fair season, which starts the first of next month and extends through September, Mr. Sarver will become a part of the Donaldson Brothers' organization.

CELEBRATIONS

Open house

Judy Ripley will celebrate her 70th birthday with a celebration from

1-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

MENU

Monday, July 12: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, frosted cake.

Tuesday, July 13: Chef Choice, vegetable, fruit, bread, dessert.

Wednesday, July 14: Tuna pasta salad, tomato wedges, orange, dessert.

Thursday, July 15: Barbecue pork riblet on a bun, coleslaw, fresh fruit, gelatin with whipped topping.

Half-Price Day sponsored by McClure Electric.

Friday, July 16: Baked fish, rice pilaf, peas, peaches. *LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.*

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 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.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Roemeling

Ruth Joann Roemeling, 86, Luverne, died Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at Sanford Luverne Hospice in Luverne.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday, July 3, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Luverne.

Ruth was born May 26, 1935, to Joe and Jeannette (Post) Berghorst.

She moved with her parents to Magnolia in 1941 and Beaver Creek in 1948 before settling in Luverne in 1952. She graduated from Beaver Creek High School in 1952.

Ruth married Merle Roemeling on Oct. 29, 1954, at St. John Lutheran Church.

Ruth lived on SW Park Street in Luverne for 60 years, where she made life-long, lasting friendships with her neighbors.

She worked at Northwestern Bell from 1952-1981. She then worked for Rose Dell Insurance from 1984-1987. In 1987, she became a customer service representative for Ferrellgas. She retired in 2005.

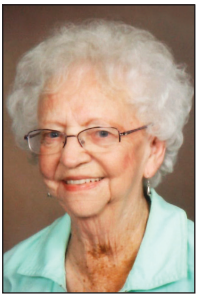
She fought cancer for more than 15 years.

Ruth was a member of St. John, serving on the Chancel Guild, Little Lambs board, women's society, funeral committee and various circles. She participated in Relay for Life, delivered Meals on Wheels, Sanford Luverne hospital and hospice cottage volunteer.

Ruth is survived by her children, David (Pamela) Roemeling, Wichita, Kansas, Bradley (Susan) Roemeling, Salem, Oregon, Nancy (Michael) Olsen, Oakton, Virginia, and Kris Roemeling, Sioux Falls; siblings, Theodore (Bonnie) Berghorst, Beaver Creek, Thelma Symanietz, Omaha, Nebraska, and Kathy (Charlie) Ruud, Sioux Falls; 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Merle; siblings, Joel Berghorst, Henry Berghorst, Mill Sweezy, Sharon Flatequal, Barbara Flanigan, and her parents.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com (0708 F)



Howard Hoyme

Howard Berdell Hoyme, 97, of Hills died Sunday, June 27, 2021, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Thursday, July 1, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery at Hills.

Howard Hoyme was born Jan. 24, 1924, on a farm west of Hills to Emil and Ella (Colby) Hoyme.

Howard married Lois Sundal on Sept. 21, 1952, at First Lutheran Church at Colton, South Dakota. They made their home at Hills. He enjoyed farming and the mechanics of machinery. His hobby was woodworking and he made several pieces of furniture and knick-knacks. His wife died in 2004, and he continued to live in their home until he became a resident of the Tuff Memorial Home.

He was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills, where he served on the church boards, as deacon, trustee and usher. He also served on the Elevator Board and as a Township Supervisor.

He enjoyed travel. He especially enjoyed visiting the birthplace of his and also of his wife's grandparents in Norway.

Howard is survived by his children, Neal (Kathy) Hoyme of Pierre, South Dakota, Holly Willmer of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Eric (Wanda) Hoyme of Hills; eight grandchildren, Nicole Hoyme (Clint Haffner), Jessica (Dan) Oltman, Michael Hoyme, Kyle (Rachael) Willmer, Kevin Willmer (Jillian Pannell), Alissa (Todd) Steve, Ashley (Tony) Wertish and Andrew (Krista) Hoyme; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant grandsons; brothers Neil Hoyme, Curtis Hoyme and Paul Hoyme; and sisters Mae Lynn Larsen and Kathryn McClune.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0708 F)



David Huiskes

David Alan Huiskes, 72, of Luverne, died Friday, July 2, 2021, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Funeral service was Wednesday, July 7, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial was in the Maplewood Cemetery, Luverne.

Dave was born April 23, 1949, to Alvin and Dorothea (Kurtz) Huiskes in Luverne. He was baptized on May 15, 1949, and receive his confirmation on June 2, 1963, at St. John Lutheran Church.

Dave enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the 551st Military Police Company in 1969 and served at the Fort Polk, Louisiana until 1971.

He returned to Luverne and worked with Deutz and Crow Concrete from 1971 to 1973. He then worked for Sweetman Construction/Concrete Materials (later known as MDU) from 1973 to Sept. 6, 2019, when he retired. David worked in different positions including truck driver, plant maintenance mechanic, dispatch, plant operator and plant manager.

Playing cards with his family was one of his favorite things to do as well as playing bean bags, sitting at the lake, fishing, and helping anyone in need. Dave's greatest joys were his wife, children and grandchildren.

Dave was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne, his entire life. He served as elder for a number of years, the board of education for 12 years, on various committees, drove church bus for 20 years until 1999, head usher for both services for 15 years and coached the St. John softball team from 1979 to 1992.

David is survived by his wife, Shirley, Luverne, children, Paul (Rebecca) Huiskes, Luverne, Amy (Matthew) Lee, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, and Mark (Jacqueline) Huiskes of Shakopee, Minnesota; 10 grandchildren, Kayetlin, Addison and Emmery Huiskes, Christian, Jordyn, Mya and Jaxon Lee, Sydney, Samantha and Ryan Huikes; siblings, Dianna (Glen) Malmquist, Luverne, Darla (Keith) Schmuck, Luverne, Donna (Lon) Remme, Luverne, Marcia (Don) Bork, Beaver Creek, Jim (Mary) Huiskes, Northfield, Minnesota, Dawn (Dan) DeWispelaere, Luverne, and Kathy (Jeff) Wilsey, Sioux Falls.; sister-in-law Anna Mae Huiskes, and many nieces, nephews, family and numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Darrel Huikes.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com (0708 F)



MEMORIAL SERVICES

Konrad Eidahl

Konrad Orlan Eidahl, 86, Luverne, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Crossroads Care Center in Worthington.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 16, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial of cremains will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0708 DN)

Donald Spease

Donald Spease, 87, Luverne, died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth.

A celebration of his life will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. (0701 DN)

1877: Penmanship classes begin Monday evening

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Nov. 16, 1877.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

On Monday evening, the 3rd proximo F. N. Robinson will open at the school house a school of instruction in penmanship, to be continued on Monday and Tuesday evenings of each week thereafter during a series of sixteen lessons. Instruction will commence at 7 o'clock p.m. and continue till 9. Price, \$2 per term of 16 lessons. Mr. Robinson instructed a large class in the mysteries and graces of the art of chirography last year, and the proficiency of his former students attests the efficacy of his teaching. He has in his possession numerous testimonials received from those who attended his class last year, which demonstrate, in sentiment and in penmanship, the peculiar qualifications of the teacher for the work and the beauty of the system taught.

Examine specimens of his skill, to be seen at his

stand in the old post office building, next door to I. Crawford & Co.'s drug store.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

David Rollag

David Lee Rollag, 78, of Luverne, died under hospice care Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown in Luverne.

A graveside service was Wednesday, July 7, at the Maplewood Cemetery, Luverne.

David was born May 8, 1943, to Orville and Rose (Sanderson) Rollag in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids.

Rollag attended the Rock Rapids school system. Following his education, he left the area and worked as a carpenter in various locations including California. He married and the couple had three children, David, Derrick and Jennifer.

While in California, he was involved as a boy scout leader.

He eventually returned to the Midwest, settling in Luverne in 2002. He enjoyed doing small carpentry projects for friends.

David is survived by two children, David and Jennifer; four siblings, Dwayne (Helen) Rollag, Sioux Falls, Darlene VandeKop, Des Moines, Iowa, Sharon Snuttjer, Clive, Iowa, and Rhea (John) McBride, St. Paul.

He is preceded in death by his son, Derrick; his parents; siblings and their spouses, Donovan (Catherine) Rollag and Doris (Diedrik) Nelson; and two brothers-in-law Gene VandeKop and Jerome Snuttjer.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com (0708 F)



Leif Gilbertson

Alonzo Leif Gilbertson, 61, died Saturday, May 22, 2021, in Powell Butte, Oregon.

Leif was born Sept. 15, 1959, to Curt Gilbertson and Susan Horner Gilbertson in Sacramento, California.

The family moved to Luverne in 1973, where he graduated from Luverne High School in 1977.

He drove log truck in Oregon. In 1981, he and his brother began driving cattle trucks out of Sioux Falls. He married Dawn Tschantre in Oregon in 1984.

Leif is survived by three children, Sterling, Dakota and Shayanne; two granddaughters; his parents; and siblings Wynn, Chance, Levy and Darcy. (0708 F)



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-Myrna, Kim, Randy, Mark, Jana, Amy and families

Van De Berg hosts Minnesota Summer Beef Tour/continued from page 1

big enough so my kids can come back,” he said.

Learning and teaching

Getting to this point, he said, required a great deal of learning — much of it from others in the industry.

“As a beef farmer you’re always looking for a way to do things a little bit better,” Van De Berg said. “And every farm has one or two things that you like and figure you can do on your own operation to make it more efficient or better.”

He grew up on a dairy farm north of Beaver Creek and worked at the nearby Bakken feedlot after graduating from college.

“I started working for them shortly after college, and they’re the ones who taught me how to feed cattle,” Van De Berg said about Richard, Peter and Jay Bakken.

“I do it totally different from the way they do it because my yard is different, but I kept a lot of things I learned from them. That’s where my enjoyment of feeding cattle came in.”

Once he started his own cattle operation near Hills, he made it a point to keep learning, attending workshops and beef tours that other cattle producers were willing to host.

“I guess I’m trying to repay that,” he said

Sustainability and efficiencies

Van De Berg said he also hopes to talk on the tour about efficiencies that have made his and other local farms environmentally sound and sustainable.

“In general there’s a lot of misinformation about agriculture and animal



Lori Sorenson photos/0708 beef tour vandeberg

Brad Van De Berg said one goal for his feedlot near Hills is to grow it large enough to support his family and for his children, including 8-year-old Jase, to one day come back to the operation. They’re pictured with the family dog, Brutus.

agriculture in general, and if we get people that are not in the ag industry on the tour, I would really like to talk to them about what we do,” he said.

“As farmers in general, we get viewed as not sustainable, and that is the farthest thing from the truth.”

A key illustration at Van De Berg’s operation is the combination of precision manure application with strip-till planting.

“I produce enough manure, and I use all that manure on all my acres,” Van De Berg said. “And we get it to where it’s just the right amount — I only have so much and I want to



Eight-year-old Jase is getting his own start in the livestock business with bottle calves ... They’re the ones that end up being tame enough to pet in the feedlots.

spread it across everything.” He strip-tills grain farming with his dad, Vern

Van De Berg, and the manure is placed precisely underneath the seedbed for

maximum benefit.

“Basically, I hardly buy any commercial fertilizer,” he said. “I can produce enough corn to feed my cattle, and I produce enough manure to feed all my corn. And we do it with very little fuel or tillage, because it’s strip till, and there’s very little erosion.”

While he’s pleased with the results, Van De Berg said he can’t take credit.

“It’s something I learned from some other guys in Rock County,” he said. “There’s a network of us, and we learn from each other.”

Animal care

Van De Berg said he’s also eager to show how well cared for his cattle are. “You hear about animal

abuse and big corporate farms ... I’ve got cattle in every pen where I pet their ears in the morning,” he said.

“They’re such a part of my life that you’re with them all the time and walking pens, and when it’s bad weather — too hot or too cold — I’m spending the majority of my time with the cattle, making sure they’re comfortable.”

While he and his wife, Melissa, have invested heavily in their cattle operation, they’re raising their three young children in a modest home on the acreage.

“My wife will joke that we built a mansion for our cattle, and we don’t live in a mansion ourselves,” he said. “I would like to get the point across, how much we care for our animals.”

Fifteen tour buses, eight ‘innovative’ stops

Other stops on the July 13 Summer Beef Tour include:

- Binford Feedlots (Grant and Eric Binford), northeast of Luverne, features bedded barns, slatted barns and modern feed commodity facilities.

- G&A Farms (Glen and Matt Boeve), Steen, features outdoor lots and a unique wastewater handling system with dewatering and pivot irrigation.

- Dave Mente, Adrian, features the tour’s only cow/calf operation. It will highlight rotational grazing and local seed stock display to illustrate genetics of breeding bulls.

- R&R Thier (Ryan Thier), Rushmore, features outdoor yards and bedded and slatted barns.

- Summit Lake Livestock (Russ and Brian Penning), Wilmont, features a unique hog-finishing barn converted into cattle slat facilities.

- Brake Feedyards, Wilmont, is a multi-generational Brake family feedlot operation

- 3B Farms, Adrian, is a multi-generational Bullerman family slatted barn feedlot operation.

Fifteen tour buses will depart at 7 a.m. from headquarters at the ice arena in Worthington to the farms, where they will spend about an hour talking to the producers and viewing the facilities.

The event is for anyone who wants to board a bus and view the local operations, according to Jay Bakken, Beaver Creek, president of the Rock Nobles Cattlemen’s Association.

“It’s open to anyone, from fellow farmers to the local priest and hairdresser,” Bakken said. “You don’t have to be a farmer or involved in the beef industry to attend.”

On the way to each stop, video footage from each farm is broadcast on the tour buses.

“We have a lot of producers doing innovative things here,” Bakken said, “and we’re going to see top-notch feedlot production enterprises in this part of the state.”

All buses will stop at the Magnolia New Vision facility for a noon meal, and then return to the ice arena in Worthington at 5:15 p.m. for an evening steak supper.

Summer Beef Tour registration information is at www.mnsca.org or by contacting Bakken at jsbakken918@gmail.com.



Submitted photo

Brad and Melissa Van De Berg have been married 14 years, and their family now includes Jase, 8, Melanie, almost 5, and Miranda, 18 months. Melissa is an accountant at Meulebroeck Taubert in Luverne and handles bookkeeping on the farm. “And she keeps track of me and the kids,” Brad said. “I can’t do it without her, I guarantee you that.” **Below right**, 8-year-old Jase Van De Berg gets reacquainted with one of his former bottle calves, now nearly full grown.



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— Brad Van De Berg, Rock County cattle producer and host for July 13 beef tour

Trio of Luverne Cardinal football players selected to compete in 2021 Minnesota All-Star Game

By Brennen Rupp
The Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game is a showcase of some of the top senior football players in the state, and Luverne had three players competing in the event.

This year's all-star game was played Saturday, June 26, in Collegeville at St. John's University. The game ended with the North squad defeating the South team 25-7.

Playing on the South team, Luverne's Bailey Cowell, LaShad Smith and Zach Ahrendt all represented the Cardinals one last time before changing in their Cardinal helmets for their respective collegiate helmets.

"Representing Luverne with two of my teammates was a blast," Cowell said.

"It meant a lot to me to be able to represent our great community."

Cowell will play college football at Minnesota West in Worthington this fall.

Smith will play at Valley City State University, in Valley City, North Dakota.

"Getting one more chance to play in the All-Star game means a lot to me," Smith said.

"I never thought that I'd get the chance to play football with my teammates one more time."

Ahrendt, who will take his talents to Southwest



Submitted photo/0708 Football

The Luverne Cardinals had three players that competed in the 2021 Minnesota All-Star Game on Saturday, June 26. They are (from left) LaShad Smith, Bailey Cowell and Zach Ahrendt.

Minnesota State University, Marshall, said it was an honor to be part of the June 26 event.

"Being able to play in the All-Star game and to represent Luverne one last time was a huge thing for me,"

Ahrendt said.

"I've wanted to play in this game since I was in middle school. It was a huge accomplishment when I got selected to play in the game. It also shows that they believed

I was one of the top linemen in the entire state."

Bailey Cowell

Cowell was a three-sport athlete for the Cardinals playing football, basketball and

"Representing Luverne with two of my teammates was a blast. It meant a lot to me to be able to represent our great community."

- Bailey Cowell

baseball.

"Bailey's greatest strength is his athleticism," Smith said. "He is an all-around athlete who can get the job done pretty much anywhere on the field."

Cowell started playing football when he was in fifth grade, and he said playing college football is a dream come true.

"I believe only about seven percent of high school athletes play at the next level," Cowell said.

"It's a blessing to have this opportunity."

While Cowell had dreams of playing at a bigger school at the next level, he said his background played a role in his decision to stay close to home.

"As a little kid you always have the dream of going to a Division I school and playing at the highest level," Cowell said.

"Not being able to achieve that does hurt. I have a different story than most of my teammates. I have a daughter and I chose Minnesota West to stay close to my little girl. COVID-19 also messed up a lot of opportunities for many athletes. I'm ready to get to work."

At Minnesota West, Cowell will be a wide receiver, a position that will showcase his quickness.

"His greatest strength would be his speed and agility," Ahrendt said.

"He can catch a lot of guys off guard with how fast he can run and he also can make guys look silly with the moves he puts on them in the open field."

This fall Cowell will start to write the next chapter of his football career as a Blue Jay, but he said he'll always be a Cardinal.

"The Luverne Cardinal football team is a brotherhood," Cowell said.

"You spend a lot of time together during the season, but what makes it a brotherhood is the time you spend together outside of practice and games. I will forever be a Cardinal."

LaShad Smith

Smith, like Cowell, was a

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Redbirds split pair of games to bring overall record to 15-5

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne Redbirds split a pair of games this past week to bring their overall record to 15-5.

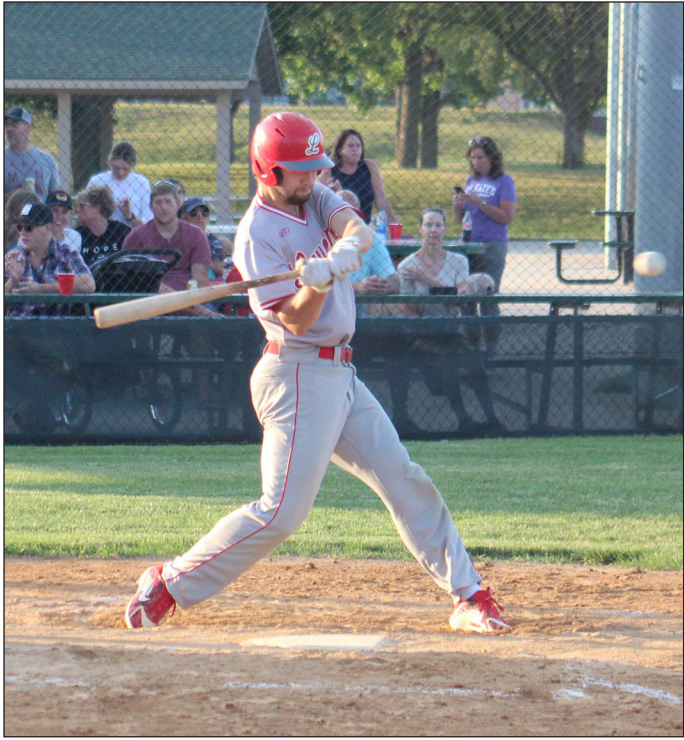
The Redbirds opened the week with a 5-2 victory over the Windom Pirates Wednesday, June 30.

Luverne then dropped a hard-fought extra innings affair to Brookings 6-5 on Thursday, July 1.

The Redbirds will be back on the diamond Wednesday, July 7, when they welcome Pipestone to Redbird Field. The Redbirds defeated the A's earlier this season 5-2.

Luverne 5, Windom 2

The Pirates got the scoring starting with one run in the top of the first inning to



Jason Berghorst/0708 Redbirds

Logan Norman swings at a pitch during Luverne's matchup against Windom on Wednesday, June 30.

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Luverne Legion bests Pipestone 11-3 to pick up road victory

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne American Legion baseball team picked up an 11-3 victory over Pipestone Thursday, July 1, in Pipestone.

Luverne collected 11 hits and drew seven walks to put constant pressure on Pipestone's starting pitcher and defense.

"We faced a hard throwing left-handed pitcher," Luverne coach Codie Zeutenhorst said.

"We were able to put a lot of balls in play and took advantage of walks and wild pitches to put pressure on them."

Luverne got the scoring starting in the opening frame by scoring a pair of runs to take an early 2-0 lead.

Pipestone got one run back in the bottom half of the inning to make it a 2-1 ball game after the opening

inning.

Luverne added one more run in the top of the second inning to push their lead to 3-1.

In the top of the fourth inning with Luverne leading 3-1, the visiting team added one more run to make it a 4-1 ballgame.

Pipestone added a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth to trim Luverne's lead to 4-3.

Luverne answered back by scoring three runs in the top of the sixth inning to push their lead back to 7-3.

In the top of the seventh inning, Luverne scored four insurance runs to make the final score 11-3.

Cade Wenninger picked up the win on the mound for Luverne.

The left-handed starting pitcher pitched 5 1/3 innings and recorded six strikeouts and scattered five hits.

Casey Sehr pitched 1

2/3 innings of relief and recorded four strikeouts.

Ethan Beyer led the team with three hits

Bailey Cowell, Wenninger and Trevor Halverson all recorded two hits for Luverne.

Wenninger had the lone extra base hit for Luverne, with a triple.

Cowell, Wenninger, Halverson and Riley Anderson all recorded one RBI for Luverne to lead the offense.

Luverne will play their final two regular season games this week before the playoffs start July 15.

Luverne will first welcome Adrian to Redbird Field Thursday, July 8.

Luverne will then wrap up the week Friday, July 9, when they head to Madison to end the regular season on the road.

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne Junior Legion team dropped a pair of games this past week to bring its overall senior record to 11-5.

The Junior Legion team opened the week with a 5-1 loss to New Ulm in Luverne on June 29.

Luverne then wrapped up the week on the road against Pipestone. The junior legion team fell to Pipestone 7-3 on Thursday, July 1.

New Ulm 5, Luverne 1

Luverne could only muster one run during its home contest against New Ulm on Tuesday, June 29. With the bats silenced, Luverne fell to New Ulm 5-1.

New Ulm got on the board with a three-run

third inning.

Luverne scored one run in the bottom of the sixth inning to make it a 3-1 ballgame.

New Ulm added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh to make the final score 5-1.

Pipestone 7, Luverne 3

Luverne fell to Pipestone 7-3 on Thursday, July 1.

Pipestone scored one run in the third and one run in the fourth to build a 2-0 lead.

Luverne got on the board by scoring one run in the top of the fifth inning to trim Pipestone's lead to 2-1.

Pipestone answered back by scoring a pair of runs in the bottom half of the inning to push their lead to 4-1.

Luverne trimmed Pipestone's lead to one by scoring two runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Just like in the fifth inning, Pipestone answered back by scoring three runs to push their lead to 7-3.

Connor Connell recorded nine strikeouts on the mound for Luverne. Connell is coming off an all-conference season for the Cardinals and has carried that momentum over into legion ball.

"He's just carried into this summer," Luverne coach Jared Pick said. "He's pitching kind of how we expect him to. He's pitching well for us."

Luverne players will be back in action on Thursday, when they welcome Adrian to Redbird Field.

Sixth annual Davis Lake Triathlon held over 4th of July weekend

By Brennen Rupp
The sixth annual Davis Lake Triathlon was held in Luverne Sunday, July 4.

A total of six teams competed in the team portion of the Shark Race, which entailed kayaking for 0.5 miles, a 2.5 mile run and a seven mile bike ride.

The team of Jenna DeBates, Sarah DeBeer and Dave Duffy took home first place with a time of 50 minutes and 18 seconds.

The trio of Amanda McDonald, Dave McDonald and Camden Janiszkeski placed second with a time of 52:30.

Amanda Adams, Jon Adams and Ameillia Lyon placed third with a time of 54:52.

Trent Selle and Klint Kubiak finished fourth with a time of 54:59.

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Submitted photo from Luverne chatter/0708 Team

The trio of (from left) Sarah DeBeer, Jenna DeBates and Dave Duffy placed first in the Shark Race during the Davis Lake Triathlon. The trio finished with a time of 50:18.

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three-sport athlete during his time at Luverne. He played football in the fall, basketball in the winter and was a member of the track and field team in the spring.

Smith started playing football in Minneota when he was in fifth grade. He'll continue to play the sport he loves this fall at Valley City.

"The opportunity to play college football means a lot to me," Smith said. "It's what I love to do."

The opportunity to play at the collegiate level is a credit to all the hard work that Smith has put in over the years.

"LaShad's greatest strength is his mindset," Cowell said.

"If he wants something, he's going to go get it."

After playing running back and cornerback during his time at Luverne, Smith will be playing safety at Valley City.

"On defense he was always right with the receiver," Ahrendt said. "He's always right where the ball is."

Smith said he felt right at home during his campus visit to Valley City.

"I just love the school and campus," Smith said.

"I love the connections that I made with the people there."

Smith said the people and environment played a major role in his decision to commit to Valley City. Those two things are the things he's going to miss the most about the Luverne football program.

"I'm going to miss the community," Smith said. "Everybody here is so nice and understanding. We all work together to accomplish our goals. It's a nice vibe to be around and I'm going to miss that."

Zach Ahrendt

Ahrendt has dreamed about playing college football since he was a young boy. He's going to get to live out that dream in Marshall at SMSU.

"Being able to play college football means a lot to me," Ahrendt said.

"Not many guys get to play at the next level since colleges are looking at guys all over the country. It also shows all the hard work I have put in."

SMSU's program is built on a family-like environment.



Submitted photo/0708 Football

A trio of Luverne Cardinals represented the Luverne football program at the 2021 Minnesota All-Star Game on Saturday, June 26. They are (from left) LaShad Smith, Bailey Cowell and Zach Ahrendt.

"I'm going to miss the community being there and supporting us every Friday night. I'm going to miss the coaching staff. Without them I wouldn't be playing college football this fall. They helped push me to make me the best football player I could be on and off the field."

- Zach Ahrendt

That environment played a major role in Ahrendt's decision to attend SMSU.

"I chose SMSU because I really liked the environment there," Ahrendt said.

"I went there for a camp, and the coaches made everything welcoming and enjoyable to be there. It's also not too far from home so I'm able to come home and still support all the Cardinal activities."

Cowell said that Ahrendt's greatest strength on the gridiron is his brute strength.

"He is a very strong kid," Cowell said. "He also has a very high football IQ."

Smith got to experience that Hulk-like strength firsthand one day in practice.

"I didn't know how strong he was until I played defensive end one time," Smith said.

"He just pushed me right into the ground."

Ahrendt will get to put that strength to use as a Mustang when he will get the opportunity to play center.

For Ahrendt there was something special about playing in front of the Luverne community on Friday night under the bright lights.

"I'm going to miss the community being there and supporting us every Friday night," Ahrendt said.

"The fans made us push ourselves and made everything enjoyable while we were out there on the field. I'm also going to miss the coaching staff."

Without them I wouldn't be playing college football this fall. They helped push me to make me the best football player I could be on and off the field."

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take an early 1-0 lead.

That lead was short-lived, as the Redbirds answered back with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 2-1 lead.

The Redbirds added one more run in the bottom of the third to push their lead to 3-1.

In the bottom of the fourth the Redbirds scored one run to make it a 4-1 ballgame.

Windom got one run back in the top of the fifth to make it a 4-2 ballgame. The Redbirds got that run back in the bottom half of the inning to make it a 5-2 game.

Jake Haugen picked up the win for the Redbirds. Haugen pitched the complete game and recorded nine strikeouts.

Newt Johnson and Codie Zeutenhorst both collected two hits for the Redbirds.

Windom 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Luverne 2 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 x

Hitting: Paquette 1-4; Johnson 2-4; S. Wenninger 1-3; Zeutenhorst 2-3; Lundgren 1-3
Doubles: Lundgren
RBI: Johnson; Zeutenhorst 2; Haugen

Brookings 6, Luverne 5

The Redbirds scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning to force extra innings in Brookings Thursday, July 1.

Unfortunately for Luverne, the momentum they picked up from the



Jason Berghorst/0708 Redbirds

Jake Haugen fires in a pitch against Windom on Wednesday, June 30. The Redbirds defeated the Pirates 5-2.

ninth inning rally couldn't carry them to victory, as they fell to Brookings 6-5 in 10 innings.

The Redbirds got on the board first with one run in the top of the first inning.

The bats for Brookings came alive in the bottom of the fifth inning as they scored four runs to claim a 4-1 lead.

Brookings added one more run in the bottom of the sixth to push their lead to 5-1.

The Redbirds were able to get back one run in the top of the seventh to trim the lead to 5-2.

In the top of the ninth, the Redbirds mounted a rally to tie the game at 5-5 and force extra innings after Brookings was unable

to score the winning run in the bottom half of the ninth inning.

After failing to score a run in the top of the 10th, Luverne gave up the game-winning run in the bottom half of the inning.

Phil Paquette led the Redbirds with four hits, including a double.

Ben Serie drove in a team-leading three runs.

Luverne 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0
Brookings 0 0 0 0 4 1 0 0 0 1

Hitting: Lundgren 1-5; Paquette 4-5; Johnson 1-4; S. Wenninger 3-4; Serie 2-3; Haugen 1-4; Crabtree 2-5; Bartels 1-5
Doubles: Paquette
Triples: Serie
RBI: S. Wenninger; Serie 3

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The Trio of Reid Hulen, Dave Hulen and Jamison Hulen finished fifth with a time of 55:57.

The team of Carson David, Tom Brown and Nathan Rust placed sixth (time not listed).

In the 10 and under division, Emmett Woodley placed first with a time of 1:42.29.

In the 10 to 18 division, Mason Hamm finished first with a time of 1:00.03. Han-

nah Woodley finished second with a time of 1:04.39.

In the 30 to 50 division, Jason Ratliff finished with a time of 1:01:04. Nicole Woodley finished second with a time of 1:42.35.

In the 60 and over division, it was Greg Haburn placing first with a time of 1:34.31.

In the minnow race, which included kayaking for

0.3 miles, a two mile bike ride and a one mile run, Aniyah Rivas placed first in the 10 and under division with a time of 34:34.

Felicity Woodley placed second with a time of 36:38.

In the 11 and older division, it was Jaxon Pick taking home first place with a time of 29:19.

Michael Ykema placed second with a time of 32:40.

Rock County drivers compete over holiday weekend

By Jason Berghorst

Two area dirt tracks staged races over the July 4 weekend.

Local drivers raced at Murray County Speedway in Slayton Friday and I-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota, Saturday.

Murray County Speedway

Trevor Fluit of Kenneth led Rock County drivers in Slayton Friday by placing fourth in the MCRA Bomber class.

Dylan Fitzpatrick of Magnolia finished fifth in the Hobby Stocks class.

Luverne's Jeremy Smith placed seventh in the IMCA Modified A Feature race.

I-90 Speedway

Fitzpatrick led three local drivers competing in the Hobby Stocks class in Hartford Saturday.

Fitzpatrick placed second in the B Feature race.

Thomas Kracht and Cadyn Wessels, both of Luverne, finished fourth and eighth, respectively, in the same race.

Dalton Domagala, Luverne, raced in the IMCA Racesaver Sprint Car class at I-90 Speedway.

Domagala finished in fifth place in the B Feature race and sixteenth in the A Feature.

Below are the place finishes of Rock County racers last weekend.

Murray County Speedway – July 2

Modifieds A Feature
J. Smith Luverne 7

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature
D. Fitzpatrick Magnolia 5

MCRA Bombers A Feature
Trevor Fluit Kenneth 4

I-90 Speedway – July 3

IMCA Racesaver Sprints A Feature
D. Domagala Luverne 16

IMCA Racesaver Sprints B Feature
D. Domagala Luverne 5

IMCA Hobby Stocks A Feature
D. Fitzpatrick Magnolia 17

IMCA Hobby Stocks B Feature
D. Fitzpatrick Magnolia 2
T. Kracht Luverne 4
C. Wessels Luverne 8

Luverne Baseball Schedule 2021

Redbirds

May 2	Lakefield	13-1	W
May 9	Milroy Irish	10-4	L
May 19	Tracy	10-0	W
May 21	Pipestone	5-2	W
May 23	Ruthton	8-6	W
May 23	Mountain Lake	9-0	W
May 28	Marshall	8-2	L
June 2	Jackson	6-5	W
June 9	Worthington	15-4	W
June 12	Blaine	3-1	L
June 12	Mayer	6-5	L
June 16	Brandon Valley	6-5	W
June 20	Adrian	11-2	W
June 20	Adrian	5-0	W
June 23	Hadley	9-3	W
June 27	Tracy	15-4	W
June 27	Ruthton	2-1	W
June 30	Windom	5-2	W
July 1	Brookings	6-5	L
July 7	Pipestone (Home)	7:30pm	
July 11	at Heron Lake	2:00pm	
July 11	at Fox Lake (in HL)	5:00pm	
July 14	at Milroy		
July 18	Fairmont (Home)	2:00pm	
July 21	Playoffs begin		

June 21	RTR	3-2	W
June 24	Minneota	3-1	W
July 1	Pipestone	11-3	W
July 8	Adrian	7:30pm	
July 9	at Madison	7:00pm	
July 15	Playoffs begin		

Junior Legion

June 4	St James	11-3	L
June 5	St Peter	5-4	W
June 6	Worthington	18-0	W
June 7	Minneota	8-4	W
June 10	Worthington	18-0	W
June 10	Worthington	16-5	W
June 14	Marshall Black	15-5	L
June 15	Lamberton	5-0	W
June 15	Lamberton	4-1	W
June 17	Marshall Orange	3-2	W
June 21	Slayton	9-7	W
June 25	Hutchinson	15-0	W
June 25	Excelsior	3-2	W
June 26	Omaha Gross	11-2	L
June 28	Tracy	11-7	W
June 29	New Ulm Gold	5-1	L
July 1	Pipestone	7-3	L
July 8	Adrian	7:30pm	
July 18	Playoffs begin		

American Legion

June 19	Worthington	6-5	L
June 19	Marshall	7-5	W
June 20	Albany	6-5	W

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Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
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First Baptist Church
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Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
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Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

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500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els. org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
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1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Ph. 612-800-1255; email info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor
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United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Saturday, July 10: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, July 11: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion and live streamed on Facebook and radio. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, July 12: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Wednesday, July 14: 6:30 p.m. Rocky Railway FUEL Fun Nigh. 8 p.m. AA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor
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803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
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www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
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igtwlb@WOW.net, Bill Bates, Pastor

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Ph. (605) 757-6662
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, July 11: 10 a.m. Community worship at ballpark in Valley Springs. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
Nita Parker, Pastor
Sunday, July 11: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship service at Bethlehem with Holy Communion and instillation service. VBS July 11-15. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, July 13: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, July 14: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
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Thankful for our freedoms

On the Fourth of July we celebrate Independence Day, the birth of our nation — "the land of the free and the home of the brave!" For many Americans, the Fourth of July provides an opportunity to watch parades and fireworks, hear "The The Star Spangled Banner," and enjoy grilling out and spending fun times with friends and family.

While it's great to enjoy these wonderful traditions, it is also important to remember the reason behind why we celebrate this holiday.

Samuel Adams, one of our founding fathers and an important leader of the American Revolution, was bold in proclaiming his faith. To Adams and many others, signing the Declaration of Independence meant no longer submitting to Great Britain, but rather, submitting to God. As a result, America would be free from the power of secular tyranny and able to serve Christ and share the Gospel in true freedom. This is an amazing day in history!

Independence Day is certainly a fitting time to thank our gracious God for the many blessings he has showered upon our nation, our state, our community, and us as individuals. James 1:17 reminds us, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights ..."

Think of some of the earthly blessings God has given you: plenty of food to eat, clothes to wear, a home to live in, Christian parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren who know and love the Lord, a job and means of making a living, our abundant possessions, fair leaders, good government, good weather, peace, honor, true friends, good neighbors, health, and recovery from a pandemic (items included in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer).

Ponder also the great spiritual blessings God has shared with you: Faith in Jesus created in our heart by the Holy Spirit working through the Word and waters of Baptism. Forgiveness of sins and deliverance from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Peace with God during this earthly life and the ability to live in harmony with our neighbors and friends. Strength to fight temptations and endure trials. Eternal life with believers in paradise in the presence of our loving Savior — a life free from sin, suffering and sadness.

Yes, American liberty truly is

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Andrew Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

a blessing from God. Because of our freedom, you and I can freely express our faith in Jesus Christ and boldly share the life-saving Gospel with others.

On the Fourth of July we also take time to remember the service and sacrifice of those who fought and died to establish our nation and to protect the freedoms that God has bestowed. John 15:13 tells us: "No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends."

Thank God that there are men and women in the past and present who were and are willing to sacrifice everything so that we can live free. Because of their sacrifice we can enjoy the freedom to worship the true God and our Savior Jesus. Because of their service we can fearlessly proclaim the great sacrifice that God made when he gave us his Son. That he gave Jesus over to death for us so that through him our sins are forgiven, we have peace with God, and everlasting life in heaven is ours. Because of Jesus we are free of Satan's tyranny, free of the guilt of sin, free even of death.

Please don't take this liberty for granted. Practice your religion and pray for our nation, our leaders, and our servicemen/women. Pray that peace and harmony may prevail. Gather together with fellow Christians and hear God's word. Hear him proclaim to you that in Jesus your sins are forgiven. Use that freedom also to tell others of Christ's amazing life and his blessings so that they too can enjoy this ultimate freedom.

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(07-01, 07-08)

Filing dates set for election to
Dist. 671 School Board

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 671
HILLS-BEAVER CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 671 shall begin on July 27, 2021, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 10, 2021.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. At that election, one (1) member will be elected to the School Board for a term of one (1) year.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 10, 2021.

Dated: June 28, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Renae Knobloch
School District Acting Clerk
(07-08)

ISD #2184 request
bids for dairy products

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LIVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

A. Dairy Products

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

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

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(07-01, 07-08)

H-BC School Board
meets June 14

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
June 14, 2021

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room.

Board members present were Bosch, Fransman, Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk, and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance.

Oath of Office: Appointed Board Member Fransman.

Public input for in-person learning plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda.

Proposed Addition to the agenda: 8.16, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-HBC All-Conference Golfers - Tess Van Maanen, Thomas Dysthe, and Hannah Fick

-Track All-Conference - Tyson Bork, Cole Baker, Dewell Rauk, Casey Kueter, Liam Raymon, Taryn Rauk, Brandon Taubert, Ty Bundesen, Cooper Gehrke, Ashlee Kelderman, Emma Deelstra, Brynn Rauk, Abby Knobloch

-Golf Sections and end of season

-Track Sections--Great job! Girls 4 by 100 and Boys 4 by 100 teams advance to state. Girls--Abby Harris, Layla Deelstra, Taryn Rauk, Ashlee Kelderman; Boys--Cole Baker, Tyson Bork, Dewell Rauk, Gavin Wysong

-H-BC Choir Performance Foreigner Concert, Friday, June 25

-Great end to the school year!

-Graduation!

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

-Personnel/Finance 6/9; Building Grounds Committee 6/14

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

-Minutes--05/24/2021

-Bills and Imprest

-Property/Casualty/Cyber/Vacant Building Liability Insurance agreements beginning July 1, 2021 and covering through June 30, 2022.

-Agreement with Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP to audit district financials for fiscal year 2021

-Revoke Policy 808 COVID 19 Face Covering Policy effective immediately

-Teri Richard's resignation as teacher effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

-Hiring Steve Wiertzema as Secondary Business/Accounting Teacher and Athletic Director for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Hiring Tyler Johnson as K-12 Art Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Hiring Kerri Baker as Secondary Math Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Hiring Erika Bierman as K-12 Vocal Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Hiring Max Wolgen as Secondary Science Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Assigning Amy Comp as District Band Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Assigning Dan Ellingson as Knowledge Bowl Coach.

-Assigning Steph Bass and Caitlin Slaba as Co-Secondary Student Council Advisors

-Assigning Secondary Advisory Co-Leaders Samantha McGaffee and Alison Ceynowa-Breuer

-Assigning Kale Wiertzema as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 School Year

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Donation Resolution- \$85.00 for FFA Student Account.

Motion by Rauk, second by Fransman, and carried to approve payment of remaining amount towards MN State High School League invoice from 2020-2021.

Motion by Harnack, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve changing Regular Board of Education Meeting from Monday, July 26, 2021 to Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Bosch, and carried to approve offering Afterschool enrichment childcare program for the 2021-2022 school year. Hiring a Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator.

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Safe Return to in-person learning plan for the 2021-2022 school year-ESSER III.

Motion by Harnack, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Quote for replacement of Elementary Retaining Wall by BlueStone Landscape Company-\$32,800

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Quote for New Concrete GAGA Cement Platform at the Elementary School and cement platform for the relocation of the elementary school transformer for \$27,823 with Verhey Concrete of Hills.

Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Electrical quote for relocation of elementary school transformer for \$26,194 with RB Electric of Lester Iowa.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Hearing for District Miscellaneous Pay 2021-2022 Schedule
- Hearing for District Fee 2021-2022 Schedule
- Preliminary 2022 Budget
- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Legislative Update

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Regular Board Meeting, June 28

Regular Board Meeting, July 12

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(07-08)

Robinson descent
of property

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 67-PR-21-126

In Re: Estate of

William F. Robinson
a.k.a. **W. F. Robinson** and
Billee G. Robinson,
Decedents

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
DECREE OF DESCENT AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

A Petition for Decree of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedents died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota, and requests the probate of the Decedent's last will, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

It is hereby Ordered, and Notice is given, that on August 2, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom, on a Petition for Decree of Descent in the Estates of William F. Robinson a.k.a. W. F. Robinson and Billee G. Robinson as consolidated pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 525.311 (7).

Any objection to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

Notice shall be given to all interested persons and persons who have filed a demand for notice. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order for Hearing as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order for Hearing at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: June 29, 2021

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator
/s/ Jennifer Thode

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(07-08, 07-15)

ISD #2184 School requests
quotes for bakery products

REQUESTS FOR QUOTES
LIVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for bakery products will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

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

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