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Luverne celebrates Independence Day

Weather dampens midweek event; big crowds attend fireworks show

By Mavis Fodness

The annual Fourth of July celebration at The Lake in Luverne experienced cloudy skies and a rain delay while finishing with the well-attended fireworks display.

"Other than the weather — which slowed down one of the triathlon events — the weather was good," said organizer Traci Davis, who with her husband, Mike, head the Fourth of July committee.

The potential for rain forced the band to set up inside. The move didn't dampen spirits, however.

"We needed the rain," said Mike Davis. "We were happy."

Hundreds gathered for the daylong event that featured various activities, a food court and music. The event culminated with the fireworks display.

The Tuesday night event was well-attended.

Mike Davis noted that the two portable bleachers moved in for the event were



Star Herald summer intern Gracie Rozeboom captured this image of the July 4 fireworks in Luverne from the backyard of her grandma Donna Vahey's home in Carsrud Circle along the east side of the lake.

full, along with areas around The Lake, to view the fireworks.

"We had a little bit bigger fireworks show this year," Mike said.

"Jonathon Kurtz (and Jen Wieme) put a lot of work into the show. Many

July 4th/see page 3



Jackson Pick, assisted by Carson Davis, takes his turn in the log-rolling contest Tuesday morning during July 4 festivities at The Lake. Pictured above right are contestants in a tug-of-war contest on the beach. Children competing on the rope are (from left) Cora McDonald, Charlotte Rensink, Charlotte Bierman and Irissa Almand. The girls won the first round of competition but later bowed out to stronger pullers. (Mavis Fodness photos)



Merchants set to host July 13 Hot Dog Night

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne will celebrate Hot Dog Night for the 61st time Thursday, June 13.

Since 1963, local businesses have thanked their customers by serving free hot dogs. More than 50 Luverne businesses and organizations will participate this year.

"Over the years, the event has changed and responded to the current needs and opportunities," said Jane Lanphere, Luverne Area Chamber director.

"But one constant remains; Hot Dog Night is a family-friendly, fun and free event that our businesses and organizations come together to give back to their customers and community."

Between 14,000 and 15,000 hot dogs will be served on Main Street and at businesses throughout the community. Most businesses begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

Events are planned throughout the evening, and live music will be at Sterling's Cafe and Grille, Take 16 Brewing Company and Big Top Tents and Events.

Take 16 will also have a dunk tank and Big Top will host a keg throwing contest.

"Our businesses continue to come up with fun ways to thank customers during Hot Dog Night," Lanphere said.

The first official Hot Dog Night event will be in the morning at 10:30 at Kolbert Park where the Rock County Library will host a summer storytime reading of the children's book, "Hot Dog," by Doug Salati.

Some copies of the book will be given away to children in attendance.

The Hinkley House Museum is open from 2 to 4 p.m. and the Luverne Farmers' Market is open from 4 to 7 p.m. at Redbird Field.

Events on Main Street begin at 5 p.m. with face painting, inflatables and more.

"The Chamber and all our members couldn't be prouder to be able to keep up this great tradition," Lanphere said. "It's one of the most iconic summer events in Luverne."

Summer internship leads to full-time ministry in Hills for southeast Indian pastor

By Mavis Fodness

Pastor Praveen Muthusamy heard about southwest Minnesota's blustery winters, not knowing the severity of cold and snow until moving to Hills in October.

Muthusamy accepted the open pastoral position at Hills United Reformed Church, moving his wife, Sharon, and daughter, Hannah, to Hills weeks before one of the coldest and snowiest winters hit the area.

"The snow is pretty," said the native of Chennai, the capitol of Tamil Nadu in southeast India. "The coldest it gets in Chennai is 70 degrees F. That's winter for us."



Fortunately for Muthusamy, he lives in the parsonage next door to the church in Hills.

"I personally didn't mind the snow except on days where I needed to use our car for going different places," he said.

He's also become used to Hills' small population (around 700 residents), a stark contrast to his home country's population of roughly 11.8 million.

"Definitely I see a lot less people here in Hills, but I enjoy the country living. It is peaceful and quiet," Muthusamy said.

Pastor Praveen/see page 2



Luverne school has new district sign

The Luverne School District has a new sign along Highway 75, and it's been going up in segments over the past few days. It's 20.5 feet high, 18.3 feet wide and two feet deep with a 10-by-18-foot Daktronics digital screen. It replaces the existing 1990s structure that had a 2-by-10-foot screen that was no longer working. The new free-standing sign is in the same vicinity as the old one. ACE Signs, Sioux Falls, completed the work for \$223,792, which was covered through a private donation to the school. (Lori Sorenson photo)





COMMUNITY EVENTS

Battle Plain Township meeting

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, in the Edgerton Ag conference room.

Tour de Donut July 15

The annual Tour de Donut will be Saturday, July 15, at The Lake in Luverne. Start time of the first event is 7 a.m. New this year are 7- or 11-mile tours on the Luverne Loop or the Luverne Loop and Ashby Trail. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/donutMN>

Euphonium at Plaza July 20

#Luv1LuvAll will host Matthew Dulas, who plays the euphonium, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at The Plaza on East Main Street. Gourmet popcorn and freshments will be served.

Suicide prevention info online

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Minnesota Chapter online "Introduction to Suicide Prevention" is from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Register at <https://tslmmn-0725.attendase.com>. Learn common risk factors for suicide, how to spot warning signs in others and how to keep community members safe.

The online event is paid for with funds raised through the Luverne Out of the Darkness Community Walk. Contact Angela Nolz, angela.nolz@sanford-health.org with questions.

Mobile dental clinic in Luverne

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Wednesday, July 26, Thursday, July 27, and Thurs. Aug. 17 at ATLAS of Rock County. (Note the location, use Community Room entrance). This clinic provides dental care for adults and children of all ages. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance accepted. Organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Free summer events

Summer crafts and activities, hosted by Rock County Opportunities, provides free activities and fun for all ages at the Plaza on Main from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 13.

Jim Brandenburg's **Touch the Sky Prairie Nature Walk** with naturalist Pat Doyscher will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at the Prairie Waterfall Trail.

Zumba Fitness & Fun is a free exercise class hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness at the Plaza on Main from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 17.

Fun at the Beach books, a child reading outreach program, is hosted by Rock County Community Library at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18.

A Fun Day for Kids, hosted by Quality Printing, will provide free activities and games at the Plaza on Main at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 19.

Treats & Treasures is hosted by Luv1LuvAll at the Plaza on Main from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. A free snack and program will be provided.

Community Ed

Community Education will offer the following classes in the next few weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Paint and Snack Classes for grades K-4 during the 2022-23 school year are July 17 and Aug. 14. Fee is \$33/class.

Cake Decorating Camp for students in grades 3-5 (as attended in the 22-23 school year) is July 18 & 19. Learn to bake and decorate cake from start to finish! Fee is \$100. Register by July 13.

Yoga grades 3-5 starts July 24 for four sessions. Fee is \$40. Register by July 13 (Community Ed office closed July 14-28).

Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Luverne on July 31-Aug. 4 for ages Kindergarten (as attended during 22-23 school year) through age 18 to perform in "The Princess and the Pea." Fee is \$35 paid by July 13.

Pastor Praveen ministers at United CRC in Hills/from page 1

"I enjoy the slow pace of living in the town compared to the hustle and bustle of big cities life. Hills is a nice town with lots of friendly people."

Second career

The ministry is a second career for Muthusamy, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, electronics and communication.

"I was pursuing a PhD in optics and laser science in Vellore Institute of Technology Chennai campus," he said. "During that time I felt the Lord was calling me to the ministry."

He carries on the tradition of Tamil Nadu, India, in which they don't use last names.

Generally, wives and the children take the first name of their father. Muthusamy uses his father's first name as his last name, but his wife and daughter use his last name, Praveen.

In Hills he is known simply as Pastor Praveen.

He credits his mother for preparing him for the Christian ministry when he was a child.

India primarily practices Hinduism (80 percent) with just over 2 percent being Christian.

"It was God's gift to me that I was born in a Christian family in a country that has idols of gold, silver and wood in every nook and corner of a street," he said.

"My mom not only taught my brother and me to constantly pray to God



Mavis Fodness photo/0706 Hills Pastor Praveen Muthusamy and his wife, Sharon, and daughter, Hannah, moved to Hills last fall. He is from Tamil Nadu, India, and is the pastor at Hills United Reformed Church.

but showed us how to do it in her life."

English is Muthusamy's second language after his native language of Tamil. He is fluent in both languages.

He can read, write and listen to Hindi, one

of the common languages in India. He's also studied French, Greek, Hebrew, German and Latin.

In August 2018, he entered the Mid-American Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana, for a Master of Divinity Degree.

Intro to Hills came through seminary

At seminary in 2019, he met his wife, Sharon, who grew up in Indiana and taught Spanish and world history for 16 years at Illiana Christian High School.

She became a full-time mom when Hannah was born 16 months ago.

As a requirement for his divinity degree, Muthusamy needed to complete two summer internships. Both times he traveled to Hills and the Hills United Reformed Church.

The first was in 2021 and the second last summer.

"Both those summer internships went really well. We loved the congregation and the congregation loved us, which reflected in the call after I sustained my candidacy exam in September 2022," Muthusamy said.

"So, in God's providence it was clear that God wanted us to serve his people at Hills."

At Hills United, Muthusamy said his primary duty is to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to the congregation of 20 families.

"Lost sinners are brought into true faith in Jesus and those who have true faith continue to mature and become more and more like Jesus," he said.

"This is what I want for my congregation so that by the grace of God the Father and through the power of God the Holy Spirit, we can be the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

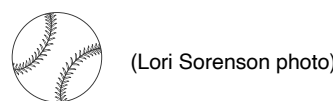
Work continues on school grounds

Cement trucks commanded a big presence in the bus garage area of the Luverne School District campus earlier this week when the new driveway and parking was installed on the west edge of the school grounds.

Work continues on the parking lots south of the school campus after Hulstein Excavating of Edgerton milled off the old asphalt surface earlier this summer.

The \$819,000 project is expected to be finished in August.

The district is also replacing the school sign on the front lawn along Highway 75. (see the photo and information on page 1)



(Lori Sorenson photo)



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Department of Revenue announces process for one-time tax rebates

The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced this week the process to send 2.4 million one-time tax rebate payments to Minnesotans.

This rebate was part of the historic 2023 One Minnesota Budget, signed into law by Governor Tim Walz on May 24, 2023.

"This rebate will help millions of Minnesotans pay for everyday expenses such as groceries, school supplies, rent or child care," said Revenue Commissioner Paul Marquart.

"We know it will be very valuable to a lot of people, and we look forward to sending payments out in early fall."

The rebates amount to:

- \$520 for married couples filing a joint return with adjusted gross income of \$150,000 or less.

- \$260 for all other individuals with adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less.

- Another \$260 for each dependent claimed on your return, up to three dependents (\$780).

Taxpayers will not apply for this rebate payment. The department will use tax year 2021 individual income tax or property tax refund returns to determine eligibility and distribute these tax rebate payments in the early fall.

Eligible recipients who have not changed their address or banking information from what was on their 2021 income tax or property tax refund returns do not need to take any action.

Taxpayers who are eligible for the rebate and need to update their address or bank information should visit a new online portal at taxrebate.mn.gov to update that information before 5 p.m. CST on Friday, July 28,

2023.

There is no application for the one-time tax rebate payment. Only eligible rebate recipients who need to update their information need to use the secure online portal.

When will rebate payments go out? Eligible recipients of the one-time tax rebate can expect to get their rebate payment in the early fall.

Who is eligible for the one-time tax rebate? You are eligible if you meet all of the following requirements:

- You were a Minnesota resident for part or all of 2021.

- You filed one of the following returns by Dec. 31, 2022: **2021 Form M1**, Minnesota Individual Income Tax or a **2021 Form M1PR**, Homestead Credit Refund (for Homeowners) and Renter's Property Tax Refund.

- Your 2021 adjusted gross income (line 1 of Form M1 or Form M1PR) was \$150,000 or less for married joint filers or \$75,000 or less for all other filers.

- You were not claimed as a dependent on someone else's 2021 Minnesota income tax return.

Taxpayers who died before Jan. 1, 2023, are not eligible.

Where can Minnesotans find more information on other tax-related legislation?

The Department of Revenue is reviewing other legislation recently signed into law and is working to update the state tax filing systems to reflect changes made to Minnesota's tax laws.

For more information on other tax law changes, visit revenue.state.mn.us.



Mavis Fodness photos/0713 fourth of July at the lake

Spectators watch the log rolling contest Tuesday afternoon, July 4, during Fourth of July activities at The Lake. Below left, Jamie McCarthy, Sioux Falls, clears the stick in the limbo contest. Below, Kaleb Hein plays a round of volleyball.



people commented it was the best fireworks show they've ever seen."

The committee, Luverne Lake Events, organized this year's event for the first time, taking over from the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau and Luverne Area Chamber.

About 40 volunteers helped with this year's Fourth of July celebration, and Mike said the committee will meet soon to evaluate last week's event and plan for 2024.



DJ Rock buries his sister, Stella, in the sand. At right, Isaac Top practices for the hula hoop competition. Below, spectators gather for tug-of-war.



Editorial, 'Suicide note from a grieving mother' earns national award

The National Newspaper Association announced winners of the 2023 Better Newspaper Contest this week, and Rock County Star Herald editor Lori Sorenson is among the winning journalists.

She penned the Sept. 22, 2022, editorial, "Suicide note from a grieving mother," following the Sept. 13, 2022, suicide death of her 21-year-old son, Carson Ehde.

The editorial received second-place honors among weeklies in the national contest that was judged by the Wyoming Press Association.

"This is a stunningly

important message for a world of young humans bent on hero worship for those who take their own lives," judges wrote of Sorenson's editorial, which thanked supporters but warned of glamorizing suicide victims.

Uvalde Leader-News, Uvalde, Texas, won first place for its editorial, "Delay may be darkest hour ever," about the Uvalde school shooting on May 24, 2022.

There were 1,312 entries in the National Better Newspaper Editorial Contest and winners were named at papers in 33 states.



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Travels with 'Auntie'

Young relatives endure family road trip

Because my husband and I no longer have children of our own to subject to long, unbearable car trips, we borrowed a niece and a nephew for a drive to Denver to visit our daughter and their cousin.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

The game ended when his sister revealed that he was using a calculator.

We moved on to singing cowboy songs, some of which were sung in this spring's school concert. At the top of our lungs we belted out the American classics, "Home on the Range," "Red River Valley" and "You Are My Sunshine."

We moved on to "Stupid Songs on Spotify" (which we did not have 20 years ago, by the way.)

"Elvira! Elvira! My heart's on fire for Elvira!"

"Me and Charlotte Johnson on the front porch on a swing - just a swingin'!"

I watched the plains of South Dakota flash by the windows as we traveled through the beautiful rolling hills and thought, "It doesn't get any better than this."

Before we knew it, we were at the Luverne exit and then driving north on Highway 75.

Parked in their driveway I turned to the children to say, "Gosh, that was fun..."

But they were gone. They'd run into the house faster than a pair of South Dakota jackrabbits.

"...we'll have to do it again sometime?"

Technology has lessened the misery of car trips considerably, but even technology has its limits.

We were nine hours into the 10-hour drive back home. Both kids, ages 12 and 8, had traveled like rock stars.

But ...

The tablets and iPods and iPads and pod pads and pad pods had all worn thin.

It was time to go "old school."

We started with state capitals. My niece was shocked and amazed to learn I was the 1974 girls' champion "state capital knower" of Mrs. Mulford's Luverne Elementary School fifth-grade class.

"Vermont?"

"Pfft. Montpelier."

"Delaware!"

"Duh. Dover."

"Massachusetts?"

(yawn) "Boston."

We moved on to math problems which piqued the interest of the math whiz nephew.

"What's 12 times 12?"

Pausing briefly, he replied with the correct answer. Again and again, he stunned his aunt and uncle with his brilliance.

Slow down, it could save your life

Law enforcement teams up for extra speed enforcement on state roads through July 31

To remind motorists to drive safely, law enforcement partners are participating in a statewide extra speed enforcement and awareness campaign through the end of July. Officers, deputies and troopers will be looking for speeders endangering their own lives and the lives of others.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety coordinates the campaign with funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The campaign includes extra patrols and advertising in support of the Toward Zero Deaths traffic safety program.

"The 100 days between Memo-

rial Day and Labor Day have a deadly reputation on Minnesota roads," said OTS Director Mike Hanson.

"During the first 25 days of the current 100 days, preliminary figures show 46 people have lost their lives in crashes. That's the highest in that timespan in the last 10 years. Minnesotans can help change this deadly trajectory with smart choices such as slowing down."

While getting a ticket may be a primary concern when speeding, drivers should worry about far more dangerous consequences:

- In 2022, 129 motorists died in speed-related crashes (preliminary).

- During the 100 deadliest days in the past five years (2018-2022), preliminary numbers show that 231 people lost their lives in speed-

related crashes.

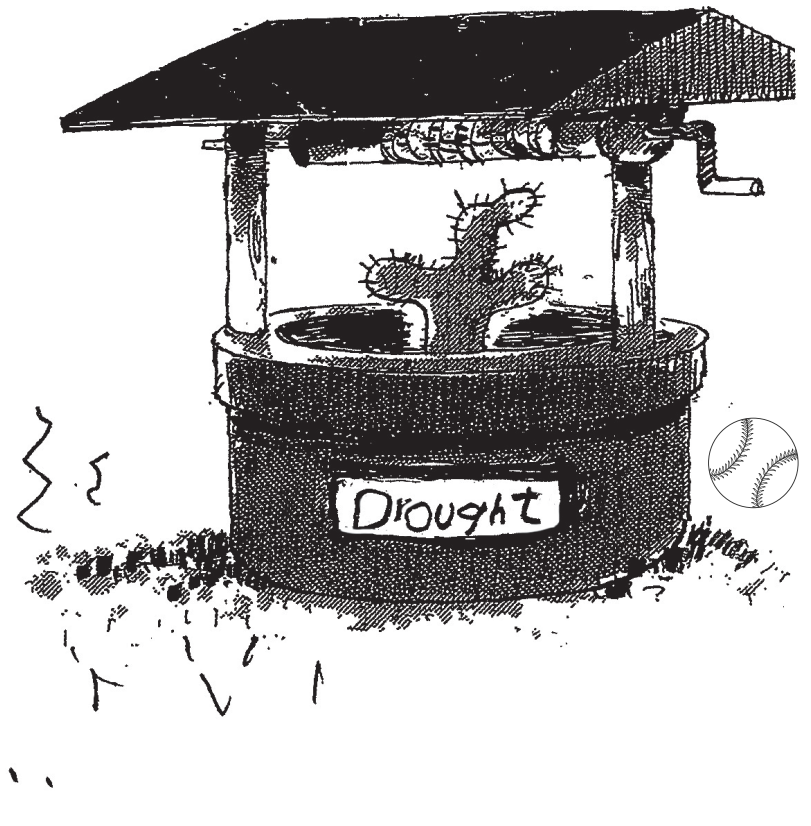
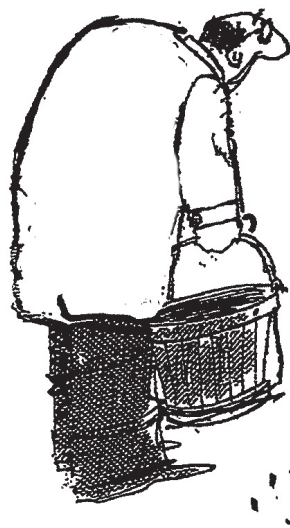
- Speed contributed to an average of 85 deaths per year from 2013-2017, but an average of 122 deaths per year from 2018-2022.

Through June 25 this year, preliminary numbers show speed-related deaths are lower so far than the past two years, but even one death is one too many.

Reducing speed reduces chances of a crashes. It gives drivers more vehicle control. It allows drivers to respond more quickly to road situations. It decreases the severity of the impact during a crash.

Motorists should keep a three-second following distance to allow for safe stopping and reaction to other vehicles. It takes more than the length of a football field to stop when traveling at 60 miles per hour.

ED FISCHER



Lost a wheelbarrow? Check with the Star Herald

We don't have a lost and found department here at the Star Herald office, but from time to time someone might stop in the office and drop off a set of keys or maybe a glove that someone apparently accidentally lost outside on the sidewalk.

Up until last week the items turned in as lost have been of the smaller size. Well, not anymore.

Monday morning when I pulled up to the back door at the office, I noticed a wheelbarrow pushed up against the back wall of the building. The black Truper wheelbarrow isn't new, but the tire has air and the handles are in good shape, so it's certainly in working condition.

The question is how and why did it end up behind our building?

On more occasions than I can remember, I have lost a few items over the years. After the frustration of misplacing said items, I kind of like the challenge of finding them.

The first search for the lost



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

item is generally a waste of time because you're in a hurry and still a little PO'd because you can't find it right away.

If the second search ends up unsuccessful, it's time to take a timeout.

For me, the third search is done a little bit more under control. Search No. 3 is a stationary search, done completely in my head with my eyes closed. Back-tracking my steps and movement, with my eyes closed seems to provide me with a clearer picture of the search. Search No. 3 usually works if the lost item is in the last place I put it.

If search No. 3 is about as suc-

cessful as the Vikings trying to win the Super Bowl, then it's on to search No. 4.

Search No. 4 is when you look in all the places where the lost item may have fallen out of sight - between the seat cushions, under the desk, in your pants pockets ... if you're looking for your glasses, check the top of your head.

Sooner or later hopefully you'll find the lost item, and that sense of relief is such a great feeling.

So, if you misplaced a wheelbarrow and you're back-tracking your steps, you won't find it where I found it. I moved it indoors.

Harrison on this year's legislative session:

'Is this what you voted for?'

To the Editor:

If you haven't heard about what has happened in our Minnesota Legislature this year, it is important that you know.

We are now a sanctuary for abortions that can occur up to the moment of birth, a "privilege" allowed only in six other nations (China and North Korea included). If a baby is born alive after the procedure, life-saving care can be refused. The positive alternatives act that provided assistance and support to pregnant women and new mothers was repealed.

We are also a sanctuary state for sex change surgeries, as well as puberty blockers for minors without the knowledge or consent of their parents. And we expect God to bless America?

Most know that recreational marijuana has been legalized. The

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\$19 billion surplus was spent as well as \$10 billion more, and new taxes were placed on us to cover the huge spending spree.

Senator Weber and State Representative Joe Schomacker, as well as many other conservative members, tried to block or at least make amendments to this madness, but the left was in control.

Is this what you voted for? The pace that our country is headed in the wrong direction takes my breath away and makes me so very sad. Please pray for our nation.

Shirley Harrison, Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 30

- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on Highway 75 and Interstate 90 requested assistance from another department.
- Complainant west-bound on County Road 4 reported a pedestrian.
- Complainant south-bound on Highway 23, mile marker 22, Jasper, reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on Evergreen Drive reported a fire.
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on E. Warren Street reported lost property.
- Complainant on Railroad Avenue near Jasper reported disturbing the peace.
- Complainant on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported trespassing.
- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported an open door.

July 1

- Complainant on Edgell Street reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, Magnolia, reported a fire.
- Complainant on N. Linden Street reported a theft.
- Complainant on 74th Avenue and 101st Street, Beaver Creek, reported a theft.
- Complainant on Barck and Blue Mound Avenue reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a fire.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 17, Luverne reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on S. Cedar Street reported theft.
- Complainant on Highway 23 and 121st Street, Garretson, South Dakota, reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 49, reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on Highway 75 and Fletcher reported debris.
- Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and County Road 8, Luverne, reported fleeing.
- Complainant on Kniss Avenue and James Street reported a driving complaint.

July 2

- Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and 131st Street, Luverne, reported a pedestrian.
- Complainant on 80th Avenue, Luverne, reported a civil issue.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne,

reported a fire.

•Complainant on E. Main Street requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported theft.

July 3

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.

•Complainant on W. Edgell Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. Church Avenue, Steen, reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant on Britz Drive reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant on Fairview Drive reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant on Linden Street reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant reported curfew violation.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.

•A weather alert was reported.

July 4

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported theft.

•Complainant on Edgell Street requested extra patrol.

July 5

•Complainant reported an outage.

•Complainant on E. Barck Avenue reported theft.

•A weather alert was reported.

•Complainant on Crawford Street and Freeman Avenue reported a parking issue.

•Complainant south-bound on Highway 23 and County Road 5, Beaver Creek, reported an assault.

•Complainant north-bound on Highway 23, mile marker 11, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Harrison and Kniss reported suspicious activity.

July 6

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, Luverne reported a driving complaint.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 3 deer accidents, 1 transport, 8 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 3 animal complaints, 3 burn permits, 1 alarm, 4 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 51 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 3 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 1 curfew check and 3 follow-ups.



Luverne drone operator Ryan Gee captured this aerial image of Sunday's fire at 261 160th Ave. in rural Ellsworth.

Buildings, bales burn in rural Ellsworth fire

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne, Ellsworth and Rock Rapids fire departments were dispatched to a fire in eastern Rock County Sunday afternoon.

According to Ellsworth Fire Chief Terry DeBeer, a storage shed and its contents were a total loss, and the fire spread to a nearby garage-machine shed, which were partially damaged by smoke and fire.

He said the property owner, Scott Kooiker, was able to remove snowmobiles, lawn mowers and other items from the machine shed.

Also destroyed in the fire were 25 to 30 nearby round bales, according to DeBeer. "It was a very, very long day," he said.

Assisting at the scene were the Rock County Ambulance and the Lyon County Ambulance and first responders. No one was injured.

The cause of the fire is unknown.



Drought conditions persist in portions of Midwest

By Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst

The weekly U.S. Drought Monitor released the week of July 4 showed slight improvement in drought conditions across some of the primary corn and soybean production areas of the Midwest.

The percentage of corn and soybeans considered in drought conditions both improved by 3 percent from a week earlier, due to significant rainfall in the first few days of July.

Rain fell in a line from southeast Nebraska across southern Iowa and northern Missouri into central and southern Illinois.

On the other hand, drought conditions intensified from a week earlier in portions of southern Minnesota, northern Iowa, southeast South Dakota

and Wisconsin.

Even with the significant rainfall in portions of the Corn Belt in early July, it is estimated that 67 percent of the corn acres and 60 percent of the soybean acres remain in some level of drought conditions.

The next few weeks will probably determine the yield and economic impacts from the drought conditions in 2023.

Rainfall in late June and early July has been very widespread across the drier areas in the southern third of Minnesota and northern half of Iowa, as well as in portions of Nebraska, Wisconsin, and southeast South Dakota.

Except for isolated significant rainfall totals, many locations have received relatively small precipitation totals. The

University of Minnesota Research Center at Waseca reported only .16 inches of rainfall during the first 10 days of July.

This followed only 1.56 inches of total precipitation in June, which was 3.82 inches below normal.

Crop conditions at Waseca have maintained quite well due to the 1.25 inches of rainfall received during the last week of June, together with the strong subsoil moisture levels that were aided by the 6.47 inches of rainfall that fell in May.

By comparison, the U of M Southwest Research Center at Lamberton received 2.88 inches of rainfall in June; however, that location and has received only .10 inches of rainfall in early July.

Much of the corn in

the Upper Midwest is now entering critical stage of tasseling development and beneficial rainfall in the next two weeks is extremely important in these areas.

Corn generally needs 1 to 1.5 inches of available moisture per week during this critical stage of development.

This can become extremely critical if drought conditions or extremely hot weather exists in areas with depleted subsoil moisture levels.

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'King Red' joins the History Center's nutcracker collection

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County History Center has acquired a new 6-foot-tall nutcracker that mirrors an existing 6-footer that greets visitors at Luverne's 5,000-piece collection.

The "King Red" German nutcracker, with an estimated value of nearly \$6,000, was first given to the Alexandria Shrine Club to be used as a fundraiser for the Minneapolis Shriners Hospital for Children.

It was brought from East Germany in the 1980s before the fall of the iron curtain. After it was purchased, it took the owners three years to get it into West Germany and eventually to Minnesota.

Now it makes its home in Luverne, standing at attention in the doorway to the nutcracker collection and across from a white one that looks nearly identical, except for its color.

"They could be twins," said Betty Mann, who started Luverne's nutcracker collection in 2016 when she donated her personal nutcracker collection to draw more people to the museum.

Since then, the collection has grown from 2,800 to more than 5,000.

The white 6-footer arrived in Luverne with a donation of 130 German nutcrackers from a Northfield resident last year, and Mann said they may name that one also, since King Red has a name.

She said the museum recently received 22 additional German nutcrackers formerly owned by the late Rev. Alfred and Trudy Schmalz, who ministered at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne from 1956 to 1981.



Mavis Fodness photo/0713 Red King Nutcracker

Rock County Historian Betty Mann stands between the newly acquired "King Red" German nutcracker (left) and the existing white nutcracker greeting visitors at the Rock County History Center in Luverne. There are currently 5,435 nutcrackers in the collection.

That brings the current number of nutcrackers in Luverne to exactly 5,435, the third-largest collection in the United States.

Seguin, Texas, has a collection of over 8,000, and the Nutcracker Museum in Leavenworth, Washington, has 9,100.

Those may be the largest collections in the United States, but Mann makes an important distinction about Luverne's collection.

"I tell everybody that comes through here that all their items are made in Germany and the majority of their collection actually cracks nuts," she said.

"Our collection has anything that reminds you of a nutcracker. I'm biased, but their collections have racks and racks

of what look like tools. ... They're beautiful, but you know, they are different from ours. And people have told me you see a lot more color here."

Regardless of who has the most nutcrackers, Mann said she's enjoyed comparing nutcrackers to Luverne's population.

"Our claim to fame at this point is that we now have more nutcrackers than people."

Luverne's nutcracker collection is housed in the Rock County History Center on East Main Street.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed on Sundays. Call 507-283-2122 or email rcmuseum@gmail.com.

1943: Thor Berg fished for a living

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 Nov. 4, 1943.

One of Luverne's oldest residents, Thor Berg, who will be 90 years of age next January 3, is the only Diamond Club member thus far who at one time fished for a living. Although Norway and fishing are synonymous, as fishing at one time was one of its greatest, if not its greatest industry, no previous Diamond Club member, and there have been a number who were born and reared in Norway, has ever claimed to be a professional fisherman.

Mr. Berg, only brother of Nels Berg, last week's member of the Diamond Club, was born near Drammen, Norway, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingebrecht Berg. As soon as he completed his common school education, he became interested in fishing, and he was about 14 when he first put to sea.

Bulk of the fish caught were cod or herring. Cod, Mr. Berg explained, was used mainly in preparation of "lutefisk," a favorite food of virtually every Norwegian.

"We'd get about five or six cents each for the cod," Mr. Berg said, "and about \$1 per barrel for the herring. That's not very much now when you consider the price of fish when you have to buy it, but in those days, it provided a living for many."

Many times, he and a companion went out 25 or 30 miles to set their nets. Sometimes, when they had extremely good luck, their haul would be four or five tons. Rowing a boat that heavily loaded through choppy and sometimes extremely rough waters provided the men with plenty of work and plenty of scares. However, he never had any serious accidents during the time he was a fisherman.

He served in the Norwegian army one summer, he reports, and he enjoyed it very much. Forty-two days were spent in war games in a wooded part of the country, and this life



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

in the open was enjoyed greatly by the Luverne man.

An uncle, Ole Berg, who had come to the United States, induced Mr. Berg to come to Rock county. He came directly to Luverne from Trondheim, Norway, in 1876, and at that time, Luverne was a small frontier town trying to get a start in life. Philo Hawes' log cabin was still standing on the bank of the river near where the city power plant now stands, and much of the residential district was then in wheat, or was still virgin prairie.

"When I got off the train and came up town," Mr. Berg recalls, "I saw a man playing croquet at the place where Backer's hardware store is now located."

Mr. Berg was employed on a farm in Mound township, and has walked behind many a plow drawn by ox-team. He has stood on a Marsh harvester and bound grain by hand, and remembers the days when wheat was the county's chief crop, and the farmers didn't believe that corn would ever become a paying crop north of the Iowa line.

Roads were wherever a person's team chose to go, Mr. Berg stated. Wagon tracks led everywhere, and a stranger could easily pick the wrong one and become lost.

He well remembers the famous wind storm that moved the Blue Mound Lutheran church from its former location, west of the Rock Island railroad tracks, to its present site. "The wind just picked it up, carried it 35 or 40 rods, and set it down again," Mr. Berg said. "Although it was not completely wrecked, it had to be torn down and completely repaired."

(Continues next week.)

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, July 17: Italian chicken, vegetable, fruit, bread, dessert.

Tuesday, July 18: Pasta with meat sauce, Romaine salad with dressing, pears, Texas toast, cookie.

Wednesday, July 19: Orange chicken, rice, mixed veggies, pineapple.

Thursday, July 20: Pork loin, yams, broccoli, bread, dessert.

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Friday, July 21: Chicken mandarin salad, pea salad, fruit salad, cake.

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

MaReese Cragoe will celebrate her 90th birthday on Wednesday, July 19. Greetings may be sent to Poplar Creek; 201 Oak Drive, Unit 407; Luverne, MN 56156.

Neil and Sharon Dohlmann will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, July 20. Greetings may be

sent to them at 410 E. Luverne Street, Magnolia, MN 56158.

Open House

Tom and Bev Martius will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and Tom's 70th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 15, in the fellowship room at the Living Rock Church in Luverne.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

The Luverne Alternative School is no longer located at 110 North Oakley Street in Luverne. It is instead located in the main floor south wing of Luverne High School. ...

Alternative school instructors Paul Johnson and Nancy Swanson moved their classrooms to the high school building in June.

School Board member Peggy Adams told board members at the June 27 board meeting she'd received a phone call from a parent of an alternative school student expressing concern about the relocation.

Adams said, "She said her family had chosen the alternative school specifically because it was not in the high school." Fisher said many students who use the alternative school are actually full-time LHS students who are doing "credit recovery," meaning they take one or two classes in the alternative school to earn credit for classes they have failed. ...

We didn't have as many kids sign up as we thought we would this summer. We'll have to see what our student numbers look like in the fall."

25 years ago (1998)

Luverne's Dan Cook secured an impressive racing victory in Brandon, S.D., Sunday night.

Competing at Huset's Speedway, the most competitive track in the immediate area, Cook produced a rare feature victory

to highlight last weekend's results for area racers.

Cook took the checkered flag in the feature event in the 360 sprint car class.

50 years ago (1973)

Elbers, Inc., of Hills, is opening a new appliance warehouse-store in Luverne this week.

Wilmer Elbers, owner, recently purchased the building at the west end of Main street, just north of the Sunrise Hotel, from the LBF Company, and has remodeled it for showroom and warehouse use.

75 years ago (1948)

A bolt of lightning during Sunday night's thunderstorm caused a blaze which resulted in about \$6,000 worth of damage on a farm 5 1/2 miles northeast of Magnolia. The farm, tenanted by Henry Johnson, is owned by P.L. Popkes of George, Iowa. Destroyed were a 32x40 hip roof barn, 20x24 hog house, 30 tons of hay, one cow valued at \$250, two pigs valued at \$50 a piece and \$200 worth of tools which were in the barn. ...

Johnson had no telephone and his neighbor who did have a phone was not home so two passersby drove to Adrian to call the fire department. The Adrian firemen worked until 2:30 protecting the other buildings.

Johnson, however, was rather fortunate in one respect. Five head of cattle and six hogs had been hauled out to market

at 6 p.m. that day, and had this not been the case, they would have been in the barn at the time of the fire.

Much harder to take though, was the fact that Mr. Johnson and his brother-in-law had worked in the hot weather all week filling the barn with hay only to have it all burn up.

100 years ago (1923)

Magnolia community will hold an old-fashioned field day at Magnolia next Tuesday, July 17. A program has been arranged for the day which is expected to fill every minute with entertainment and pleasure.

At 10:30 a.m. a ball game will be played between Magnolia and Kenneth, a purse of \$50 going to the winner. The picnic dinners will partake in the grove near the town hall, and the Adrian Concert band will be on hand at 12:45 to render a fine concert, preliminary to the address by E.H. Canfield, Esq.

At 1:30 various street sports, such as foot races, sack races, and other contests, will be held, for which prizes will be given. Another ball game, with Magnolia and Luverne as the opposite teams, will be staged at 3 o'clock, and 4:30 Shetland pony free-for-all and horse races, and the farmers' eighty-rod running race will be held. Besides the kittenball game and band concert, which will be features of the evening's entertainment, Ben Davis agrees to throw four men in forty minutes. The Davis boys will also put on one of their snappy boxing contests, and little Miss Davis will make her initial appearance as a public entertainer. In the evening a dance will be held at the hall.

OBITUARIES

Marcia Brandt

Marcia Brandt, age 77, of Beaver Creek, Minnesota, died on Friday, June 30, 2023, at her home in Beaver Creek.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 6, 2023, from 5-8 p.m. with the family present at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Juanita Parker officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery at Luverne.

Marcia Brandt was born July 16, 1945, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, to Arthur and Mary (Meyn) Rogness. Marcia grew up on the family farm just north of Hills, Minnesota, where she attended school in Hills and graduated in 1963. After graduation she then attended Augustana College and studied education.

Marcia was united in marriage to James Brandt on June 21, 1969, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. They made their home in Beaver Creek and were blessed with five children.

Marcia was employed at Hancock Fabric in Sioux



Falls, South Dakota, until her retirement in 2008. Marcia enjoyed fishing, boating, bird watching, flower gardening, baking, sewing, quilting, watching the Minnesota Vikings, and turning various caterpillars into moths and butterflies. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 54 years, James; children, Heather (Dale) Steensma of Steen, Minnesota, Amy (Mike) Brandt of Hills, Minnesota, Jared (Julia) Brandt of Luverne, Minnesota, Jennifer (Lynn) DeYoung of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Matthew Brandt of Wichita, Kansas; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sibling, Michael Rogness of Hills, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Mary Rogness; her parents-in-law, Russell and Gladys Brandt; her maternal and paternal grandparents; and two grandchildren, Mary Ann Furney and Alex Matthew Brandt.

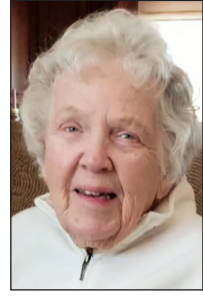
Arla Bakken

Arla M. Bakken, age 98, of rural Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Funeral service will be Thursday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To view Arla's LifeTribute or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Arla M. Bakken was born on January 4, 1925, to Clarence H. and Mabel E. (Rossum) Jacobson on the family farm in Waterford, Wisconsin. She was baptized and confirmed at the historic Norway Muskego Lutheran Church in Wind Lake, Wisconsin. She graduated from Racine County Ag. School in 1943.

Arla followed her dream to become a dietician and enrolled at St. Olaf College in



Northfield, Minnesota – never having seen the campus. While attending college, she met many great friends and created precious memories. In 1947, Arla graduated with honors and began her internship in dietetics at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. In July 1948, she accepted a position at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

Arla met Helmer Bakken while on a trip to visit relatives in Hills, Minnesota. The couple became engaged on New Year's Eve 1955 and were married on August 25, 1956, at Norway Lutheran Church by Pastor Charles Paulson. They made their home on the Bakken farm west of Luverne, Minnesota. Arla really loved being a farmer's wife! The family attended Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne where Arla began teaching the three-year-old Sunday School children and continued to teach for many years.

Paul Nath

Paul Julius Nath was born on July 14, 1938, to Julius and Gertrude (Lohman) Nath in Luverne, Minnesota. Both his mother and father were immigrants from Germany. He was raised on a small family farm near Kanaranzi, Minnesota, with five brothers. Growing up, Paul enjoyed many outdoor activities, including fishing, hunting, camping, and playing cards. He graduated from Ellsworth High School and began working.

He enjoyed working with his hands and held various jobs around southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa including as a meat packer for IBP, manufacturing cabinets, and machining.

He was married to Elizabeth (Betty) Brockberg in 1963, and the couple welcomed three boys, Neil, Dan,



and Doug. In 1987 Paul and Betty separated. Paul continued to work, helping farmers with field work in the spring and the fall, which gave him the opportunity to drive very nice equipment.

In 1997 he married Jan Brands, and the couple remained together until Jan's death in 2007.

In 2014 Paul met Jean Bolluyt, who remained his significant other for the remainder of his life. The couple enjoyed many rides in the car around the county, looking at crops and wildlife as they enjoyed each other's company.

On July 6, 2023, while receiving hospice care at Sanford Luverne Hospital, Paul peacefully passed away surrounded by his friends and family at the age of 84 years,

Arla mourned the death of her husband Helmer on August 12, 1985, and the death of her son Robert on May 2, 2016. Arla continued living on the farm for the remainder of her life. Arla joined her family in heaven at the age of 98 years, six months, and four days.

Arla was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church where she held offices in GLCW, taught Sunday School participated in soup and pie suppers, salad luncheons, 'Day of Prayer,' Meals on Wheels, Bible study, ladies aid and other church functions. She particularly loved to do table decorations with flowers for the various events. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading, playing piano, writing letters, making artwork, and writing programs for showers and church events.

Arla was a very considerate and giving person. She was faithful to write to those who were ill, had birthdays, and other occasions. She was an excellent cook and loved to bake Norwegian delicacies, especially platters of assorted

cookies to deliver to pastors, shut-ins, relatives, and others. She grew many different flowers and delighted in making arrangements for birthdays, baptisms, church events, nursing home visits and other events.

She is lovingly survived by three children, Judy (Garry) of Harrisburg, South Dakota, Paul (Jennifer) of Luverne, and Mark of Luverne; four grandchildren, Jeffrey (Mindy), Ross, Jennifer (Sean) and Hans; five great-grandchildren, Brayden, MaKenzie, Fynn-Leigh, Jacob and Connor; brother Donald (JoAnne) Jacobson of Waterford; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Jacobson of Waterford and Jackie Jacobson of Dodgeville, Wisconsin; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Helmer; son, Robert; parents; and four siblings, Paul, David, Howard, and Ruth.

In a letter written by Arla, she wrote, "It has been a simple, uncomplicated, very happy life, which the good Lord has blessed me with."

Adrianna Sneller

Adrianna Joan Sneller, age 87, of Kenneth, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 2, 2023, while at Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton, Minnesota.

A visitation was Monday, July 10, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at American Reformed Church in Luverne, Minnesota, with a funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

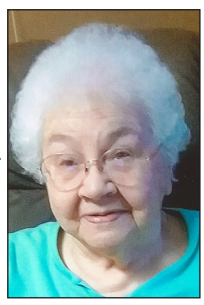
Adrianna Joan Sneller was born June 20, 1936, to John and Maggie (Riemersma) Smit in Hull, Iowa. She was baptized in Hull First Reformed Church in Hull, Iowa, where she attended school through the eighth grade. After school, at 14 years of age, she accepted a job taking care of elderly residents, cleaning houses, and as a nanny.

In 1955 she was married to the love of her life, William Sneller, in Hull, Iowa. The couple soon moved to a farm by Doon, Iowa, in 1956 and then to the farm they would call home by Kenneth, Minnesota, in 1958. For the next 41 years, Adrianna worked on the farm alongside William, helping with chores, butchering chickens, and raising their three children.

In 1999 the couple retired from the farm and moved to Luverne. Due to some mobility issues, Adrianna moved to Poplar Creek in 2014, then to the Mary Jane Brown Home and finally to Edgebrook Care Center in 2023.

On July 2, 2023, while residing at the Edgebrook Care Center, Adrianna joined her husband in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at the age of 87 years and 12 days.

Adrianna was actively



involved in the church throughout her life, starting at Hull First Reformed Church, then at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton, and finally at American Reformed Church in Luverne. She had a passion for gardening throughout her life and was an excellent cook, preferring to use the vegetables she had grown. She enjoyed canning and preserving what she grew and canned hundreds of jars of garden produce and meat. She also loved fishing and was able to butcher 100 bullheads in under an hour. Her homemade root beer floats are fondly remembered by her family, as well as Sunday afternoons visiting and enjoying doughnuts. Adrianna especially loved playing cards and winning, and she left many quilts for her family to cherish.

Adrianna is survived by her children, Myron (friend Iva Akkerman) Sneller of Morris, Minnesota, Arlyn (Karen) Sneller of Kenneth, and Linda Cours of Gheen, Minnesota; six grandchildren, Robert (Angela), Steven (Lisa), Sara (Adam), Jason, Chad, and Angie (Eric); 15 great-grandchildren, Riley, Hannah, Nolan, Kayli, Rysley, Zackary, Kelsey, Johnny, Shelby, Tori, Logan, Amber (Todd), Sydney, Tyler, and Jordan; and three great-great-grandchildren, Emily, Ellie, Kaden; and sisters, Julia (John) Vanderploeg of Sioux Center, Iowa, and Marguerite Valentine of Artesia, California.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Sneller; parents John and Maggie Smit; brothers Anthony, John, and Donald Smit; and several other distant relatives.

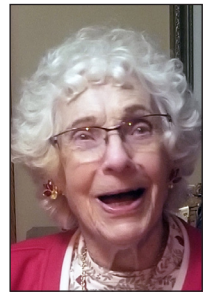
Carol Ohlsen

Carol Ruth Nicholson Ohlsen, 102, passed away peacefully at Evans Nursing Home in Cresco, Iowa, on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

Carol was a Christmas baby, born on December 25, 1920, to Richard and Helen Nicholson in Lynd, Minnesota.

After she graduated from high school in Lynd, Carol went on to St. Olaf College for a year and then transferred to Hamline University, St. Paul, to major in music.

While there, she met her husband, Roger. To this union were born three children, Gretchen, Bruce and Terry. They made their home in Lynd where Roger and Carol's dad owned a hardware store/lumber yard. After selling their business in 1962 they moved their family to Luverne, Minnesota, where Carol made her home until 2013 when she moved to Cresco. She lived at Evans



Nursing Home her last three years.

Carol was a lifelong musician, spending over 60 years playing organ for various churches in Sioux Falls, Brookings, South Dakota, and Luverne.

Throughout her life she had a variety of occupations. She worked for the Rock County Highway Department, State Farm Insurance, Creeger's Clothing Store and many years as administrator for the Blue Mound Towers Apts. where she received many state awards. She was a social butterfly playing many games of 500 and bridge with friends and family and enjoying events with Red Hat Society, the Tourist Club and RSVP. She loved to travel and to spend winters in Texas and summer vacations at lakes in northern Minnesota. She especially enjoyed attend-

11 months, and 24 days.

Paul was a lifelong outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and camping with friends and family. He always looked forward to the next fishing trip to Lake of the Woods to rent a houseboat with friends and family. He also enjoyed his trips north to help Uncle Rudy on the farm. He was also an uncomplicated man, though he could be ornery at times. Simply sitting and visiting or driving through the country were favorite pastimes of his. He was always ready for a game of cards, especially pinochle, and was available to lend a helping hand when needed. He was a hard worker, a value he passed on to his sons, along with a healthy fear and respect for God.

Paul is survived by his significant other, Jean Bolluyt, of Luverne; sons Neil (Sandy) Nath of Marshall,

Minnesota, Dan (Colleen) Nath of Luverne, and Doug (Melissa) Nath of Akron, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and siblings Karl Nath, Johannes (Mary) Nath, Norman (Lois) Nath, and Willy (Margarite) Nath.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Gertrude Nath; brother Ervin Nath; uncle Rudolph Lohman; sisters-in-law Melba Nath and Judy Nath; and previous wives Betty Nath and Jan Nath.

Visitation was Sunday, July 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Memorial service was Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Hartquist Funeral Home. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

To view Paul's LifeTribute video, service or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Heather Zinns

Heather Zinns, age 35, died Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at her home in Canton, South Dakota, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Visitation and funeral service was Monday, July 10, 2023, at Good News Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery,



Canton. In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established for Heather's children at Security Savings Bank in Canton.

Heather Beth Dragstra was born on April 8, 1988, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Warren and

Avis (Olson) Dragstra.

She was baptized at the Chandler Christian Reformed Church. She attended Chandler Christian School and graduated in 2006 from Southwest Minnesota Christian High School in Edgerton.

In 2012 she obtained a degree in hospitality from the Minnesota School of Business

Heather married Israel

Zinns on September 21, 2013, in Chandler.

Heather was a selfless, strong, independent woman who enjoyed the great outdoors, working out, and her horses, Stormy and Simon.

She loved her family deeply and often told her children, Ava and Aidyn, that she loved them "to the moon and back."

She will be remembered

for her strong faith, her smile, her energy and her love of talking.

Heather is survived by her husband of nearly 10 years, Israel of Canton; daughter, Ava; son, Aidyn; father, Warren Dragstra of Chandler; brother, Joshua Dragstra of Hartford, South Dakota; sister, Susan (Kent) Sime of Milbank, South Dakota; niece, Cailey; nephew,

Brock; grandmother, Betty Olson of Luverne; along with numerous cousins, extended family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Avis, and grandparents, Alvin Olson and Joe and Jennie Dragstra.

Anderson and Sons Funeral Home, www.andersonandsons.com, Canton, was in charge of arrangements.

Tell me a story about Jesus

Who doesn't love a good story? We resonate with stories we tell and share and those described well by a good book or movie.

Summer is when there can be an opportunity to dig into a good book again. Some flexibility might come with the summer schedule or extra leisure time outside or on vacation, and you take it as a chance to catch up on your reading list.

If you lost track of your Bible reading plan for 2023, summer could be a time to read whole books of the Bible and appreciate the author's organization of the narrative.

Often Christians are used to hearing a few verses at a time in church services or memorizing a favorite verse. Still, one can appreciate those favorite passages' larger picture when reading the broader context.

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are a great place to start to enjoy the narrative quality of the Bible. Of course, the Gospels are more than a story, but they are also not less than a story.

An narrative arc is used uniquely in the four perspectives of Jesus' earthly life. Matthew includes the most references to the Old Testament and Jewish customs and laws. He focuses on Jesus' fulfillment as the Messiah (the long-awaited promised king of Israel in David's line), a call to discipleship, and inaugurating the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mark keeps the story going rather quickly, focusing on "Who is Jesus?"

Luke paints the broadest history, starting before the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Luke's approach centers around the mission Jesus has to fulfill.

BUILD ON A ROCK

By Pastor Joe Steenholdt, Luverne Christian Reformed Church

(Luke continues the story after Jesus' ascension in the book of Acts and the beginnings of the New Testament church — one could call Acts "Luke II".)

Then John labeled the "Book of Signs," with the first half focused on Jesus' public ministry and the second half on quality time spent with his disciples and the events preceding and following the cross. John is most concerned with answering the question, "Where does Jesus come from?"

So I encourage you to read one of the Gospels in its entirety (or listen to an audio version — which is how the first audiences would have received the message).

It might be easiest to start with Mark since it is just over an hour to get through. Like any good story, pay attention to the settings, characters, and plot development. You may get more insight into the purpose of particular parables or miracles by knowing where the author placed them between other scenes.

Then afterward you can ask yourself, "Did anything new stand out after reading it as a whole? How do you learn or change from reading the story? What do you believe or do as a consequence of the story?"

I hope you have a renewed appreciation for the historical narratives of the person, work, and teachings of Jesus Christ in these gospel accounts. Happy summer reading!

St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; 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/stscluverne/videos/>. Visit 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 — 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 — 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 — graceluverne@iw.net

Thursday, July 13: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, July 15: No activities. Sunday, July 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, July 17: Grace notes deadline. Tuesday, July 18: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, July 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Amazing Grays Loop Tours. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at 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). 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

Friday, July 14: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, July 9: 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.

Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: 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, July 12: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:15-7:30 p.m. VBS. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, July 13: 6:15-7:30 p.m. VBS. Saturday, July 15: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, July 16: 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, July 17: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, July 18: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6 p.m. Trustee meeting. 6:30 p.m. Church council meeting. Wednesday, July 19: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. 8 p.m. Meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: fpcemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 12: 7 p.m. Session meeting. Saturday, July 15: Christian Ed. Work Day. Sunday, July 16: 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.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
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. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

Living Rock Church

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

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.
igtvlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, July 16: 10 a.m. Community Worship at Valley Springs ballpark. Bring lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, worship will be held at Reformed Church in Valley Springs. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Sunday, July 16-Thursday, July 20: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Meet at Reformed Church in Valley Springs. Tuesday, July 18: 7 p.m. First Lutheran council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
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Sunday, July 16: 10 a.m. Community Worship at Valley Springs ballpark. Bring lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, worship will be held at Reformed Church in Valley Springs. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Thursday, July 13: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA meeting. 7 p.m. Palisade Lutheran Council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: 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
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

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
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
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.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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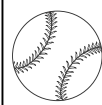
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Redbirds on fire, looking sharp for postseason

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Redbirds picked up three more wins over the past week, raising their season record to 16-1.

The Redbirds beat Worthington 10-1 at home July 5. They also outfoxed Fox Lake 13-2 July 9 and beat Pipestone 19-1 the same day in a doubleheader at Redbird Field.

Luverne is scheduled to host Hadley Wednesday, July 12, and travel to Sioux Falls Friday, July 14, to take on the Brewers.

Redbirds 10, Worthington 1

Ben Serie's clutch hitting helped the Luverne Redbirds topple Worthington 10-0 Wednesday, July 5, at home.

Serie drove in five runs against the Cubs. Two of his RBIs were courtesy of a home run smack over the wall in the sixth inning.

Declan Beers was solid at the plate, recording three runs on three hits and two RBIs in the game.

As a team, Luverne posted 12 hits over seven innings with only two strikeouts.

Worthington was held to only one hit and reached first base three times on walks.

Cade Wenninger took the mound for the Redbirds pitching the entire game, allowing zero runs on one hit while striking out 10 batters.

BOX Score
WRTH 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
RBirds 0 0 2 0 3 3 2

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne				
S. Wenninger	4	1	2	0
Serie	2	2	1	5
Smith	3	1	2	1
Paquette	2	0	1	1
Johnson	3	0	0	0



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0713 sehr

Luverne Redbird infielder Casey Sehr attacks a bouncing ball against Fox Lake July 9 at Redbird Field. The Redbirds won 13-2 in six innings, followed by a win over Pipestone 19-1 in game 2.

Sehr	4	0	1	1
C. Wenninger	3	1	0	0
Lundgren	4	2	2	0
Beers	3	3	3	2

2B: Smith 2, S. Wenninger, Lundgren
HR: Serie
Total Bases: Smith 4, Serie 4, S. Wenninger 3, Lundgren 3, Beers 3, Paquette, Sehr

PITCHING	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne					
C. Wenninger	7	1	0	0	10

Pitches-Strikes: C. Wenninger 89-64
Batters Faced: C. Wenninger 25

Redbirds 13, Fox Lake 2

Phil Paquette and Derek Lundgren both posted home runs in the sixth inning to assure the Redbirds' win.

Luverne beat Fox Lake 13-2 in six innings at home Sunday, July 9, in their first of two games that day.

Lundgren led the Redbirds with two runs on two hits and five RBIs, with four

coming off his grand slam home run.

Paquette had one run on three hits and four RBIs including his home runs in the game.

Serie and Skyler Wenninger both had one run on two hits and one RBI each.

Ethan Beyer pitched six innings for the win, allowing two runs on four

hits while striking out seven and walking two batters.

BOX Score
FOX 0 0 0 0 0 2 x
RBirds 0 0 1 6 0 6 x

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne				
S. Wenninger	4	1	2	1
Serie	4	1	2	1
Paquette	4	1	3	4
Johnson	2	2	0	0
Sehr	4	1	1	0
C. Wenninger	3	2	1	0
Lundgren	4	2	2	5
Beers	2	2	1	0
Beyer	3	1	0	0

2B: Beers, Paquette

3B: Serie

HR: Paquette, Lundgren

Total Bases: Paquette 7, Lundgren 5, Serie 4, Beers 2, S. Wenninger 2, C. Wenninger, Sehr

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Beyer	6	4	2	2	7

Pitches-Strikes: Beyer 96-64

Batters Faced: Beyer 24

Redbirds 19, Pipestone 1

The Redbirds schooled the Pipestone A's 19-1 Sunday, July 9, in Luverne's second game of the day.

Lundgren singled three times, scoring three times and driving in three runs for the Redbirds.

Cade Wenninger added three RBIs and three runs on one hit and two times being hit by the pitcher to get on base.

Serie posted his second home run for the week to scoring two of his three RBIs in the game.

Mark Sterrett, Brooks Maurer, Colby Crabtree and Johnson all scored as pinch runners for the Redbirds.

Luverne had nine team hits and 14 RBIs in the five-inning game.

Redbirds baseball // see page 12



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0713 minnows

The Minnow division triathlon participants start their race in the kayaks July 4. Calm water and competitive spirits made for a fun race just before bad weather.

Davis Lake Triathlon kicks off Fourth of July

By Greg Hoogeveen

The eighth annual Davis Lake Triathlon kicked off the Fourth of July activities at The Lake last week with athletic competition in kayaks, on bicycles and on foot.

The triathlon has two divisions, the Minnows and the Sharks.

The Minnows race is a quarter mile kayak, two-mile bike ride and one-mile run.

The Sharks race is a half mile kayak, eight-mile bike ride and 2 1/2-mile run.

Both races can be completed by individuals or



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0713 triathlon Anyiah Rivas and Ella Focile finish the Minnow division triathlon together hand-in-hand July 4 at The Lake in Luverne. They finished in 29:30.

three-person teams.

This year's event saw the Minnows race go off without a hitch, but the Sharks race was delayed for 1 1/2 hours because of threatening weather and lightning.

Once the all-clear was announced, the Sharks race started and finished in cooler temperatures.

The winning Minnows team "Splash Flash Dash" finished the race in a time of 18 minutes, 29 seconds.

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Greg Hoogeveen photo/0713 triathlon winners The Shark team, Air Force One, finished the triathlon in 49 minutes and 29 seconds. Members are Jenna DeBates, Justin Rust and Kraig Rust.

Sr. Legion heading to sub-state

By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne Post 123 Sr. Legion blew out Tracy 13-2 at home Thursday, July 6, in playoff action.

Thanks to a big 11-run fourth inning, the Cardinals were assured a sub state appearance in the 2023 American Legion baseball tournament.

Jacob Stroh and Elliot Domagala both had three RBIs in the game.

Conner Connell drove in two runners and Riley Sneller, Will Serie and Brayden Ripka each had one RBI in the game.

The Cardinals played an error-free game and held Tracy to only six hits in the game.

Zach DeBoer took the mound for Luverne, pitching five innings, allowing two runs on six hits and striking out seven batters.

On Friday, July 7, Luverne was to play Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton for the No. 1 seed.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0713 buss

Kai Buss lays down a bunt against Tracy July 6 at home. The Luverne Sr. Legion baseball team won the game 13-2 in five innings.

RTR ended up conceding the game, giving Luverne the No. 1 seed and RTR got the No. 2 seed in the Senior Legion Southwest Sub-State Tournament starting July 13 in St. James.

The Cardinals' first game will be against Wells Thursday, July 13, in St. James at 11 a.m.

If the Cardinals win,

Sr. Legion // see page 12

Luverne Blaze hosts fastpitch softball Bash-A-Rama tournament

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Blaze fastpitch summer softball club hosted its third annual Bash-A-Rama tournament Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 9.

Thirty-two total teams, some from as far away as Pierre, South Dakota, participated in four age brackets, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16/18U.

Each team played two games Saturday to determine which bracket (gold or silver) they would compete in Sunday. In bracket play, teams that lost were out of the tournament.

The Luverne Blaze had two teams in the 10U bracket.

On Saturday, Blaze 1 lost 15-0 to the Blitz (Brandon Valley), lost 15-5 to Fusion Heat (Brandon) and lost to Hit-Stix 14-5.

On Sunday, Blaze 1 fell to Boltz (Sioux Falls) 15-2. Blaze 2 lost to Flare



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The Bash-A-Rama hot dog eating contest trophy is claimed by the team that downs the most hot dogs while competing in the tournament.

(Watertown) 13-1, Boltz (Sioux Falls) 15-0 and the Wildcats (Brandon) 13-8.

On Sunday, Blaze 2 fell to Hit Stix 17-2.

In the 12U bracket the Luverne Blaze lost to the Panthers (Sioux Falls) 11-0, beat the

Strikers (Sioux Falls) 12-6 and beat the Fusion Heat (Brandon) 10-9.

On Sunday, the 12U Blaze lost 8-5 to TSC After-shock (Harrisburg).

In the 14U brackets the Luverne Blaze lost to Blast (Brookings) 12-0, lost to Relentless (Pierre) 8-7 and beat TC Typhoon (Harrisburg) 4-3.

On Sunday, the Blaze lost to the Sparks (Sioux Falls) 5-3.

In the 16/18U bracket the Luverne Blaze beat 605 Octane (Sioux Falls) 1-0, lost to Blue Bombers (Pierre) 4-3 and beat the Blast 14-1.

On Sunday, the Blaze lost to Pierre 2-1.

Bracket winners are as follows:

•10U Gold Bracket winner was Blitz from Brandon Valley. Silver Bracket winner

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Luverne Country Club hosts Member-Guest tournament

By Greg Hoogveen
The Luverne Country Club hosted its 2023 Member-Guest Golf Tournament Friday, July 7, and Saturday, July 8.

There were 53 two-man teams participating in the 36-hole tournament.

Jeremy and Jason Sudenga took top honors this year with the highest total quota score of 9.5.

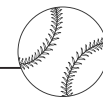
Ryan Goebel and Tony Sandbulte came in second with a score of 7.

Chris Denhoed and Robert Louisiana placed third with a score of 6.5.



Greg Hoogveen photo/0713 memberguest
The Luverne Country Club Member-Guest winning team this year was Jason and Jeremy Sudenga.

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was Hit Stix
•12U Gold Bracket winner was TSC Aftershock from Harrisburg. Silver Bracket winner was the Futures from Sioux Falls.

•14U Gold Bracket winner was Thunder from Brandon Valley. Silver Bracket winner was the Sparks from Sioux Falls.

•16/18U Gold Bracket winner was Pierre. Silver Bracket winner was Diamonds Elite from Tea.

During the tournament, Blaze board members had put together a fundraiser event that offered a "unique" slant that teams ate up.

Board member Stacey Smidt said, "Teams look forward to winning this event."

Hot dog contest

The Blaze sold hot dogs and credited one point for each hot

dog sold to a corresponding team in the tournament.

The team in each bracket with the most points would be crowned the hot dog champs and receive a metal trophy.

In the 10U bracket, the Luverne Blaze 2 team won with 55 hot dogs eaten.

12U went to the Panthers of Sioux Falls with 57 hot dogs eaten. This was their third year winning the title.

14U went to the Panthers from Pierre with 32 hot dogs eaten.

The 16/18U bracket saw Pierre win with 108 hot dogs eaten. This was also Pierre's third year in a row taking the hot dog title.

"We brought in a lot of visitors to town for a fun event and look forward to next year," Smidt said about the Bash-A-Rama event.

Weekly race results

Local racers' results for Rapid Speedway, Murray County Speedway, Hartford Speedway, Worthington Speedway and Huset's Speedway are as follows for the week of July 4-10.

Rapid Speedway
July 7 Rock Rapids, IA
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July 7 Slayton, MN
Rain Out

Hartford Speedway
July 8 Hartford, SD
Street Stock
16th - #4D Cory Kelderman, Hills

Worthington Speedway
July 8 Worthington, MN
IMCA Stock
9th - #20K Spencer Kalass, Luverne

Huset's Speedway
July 9 Brandon, SD
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COUNTY OF: ROCK COURT FILE NUMBER: 67-JV-23-4
JUDICIAL DISTRICT: FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: CHIPS - PERMANENCY

In the matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Ellysa Arnovick, Mother and Donnavon Pearce, Father Parents

Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter (CHP-115)

NOTICE TO: Donnavon Pearce, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.
2. This is your notice that this Termination of Parental Rights case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 204 E. Brown St, P.O. Box 745, Luverne, MN 56156, on August 07, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.
3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.
4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.
5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.

Dated June 26, 2023

BY:
Rock County
Court Administration
204 E. Brown St, P.O. Box 745

Luverne MN 56156
507-935-7006
(07-06, 07-13, 07-20)

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)

Quiet title action

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Quiet Title Action
Court File: 67-CV-23-145

Allen Fick and Dennis Hanson and Bernice Hanson,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
Marlin Fick, Marilyn Doppenberg, and all heirs, known and unknown, of Florence E. Fick a/k/a Florence Fick, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein,
Defendants

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiffs' attorney an Answer to Complaint, which is filed in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named county, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

Parcel 1: The West Two (2) Rods in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 of SE 1/4) in Section Twenty (20) in Township One Hundred Two (102) North of Range Forty-six (46) West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, except for that portion of said West Two (2) Rods contained within Parcel 2 described below.

Parcel 2: A tract of land in the West One-Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2 of SE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Forty-six (46), West of the 5th P.M., described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), thence going in a Westerly direction on the South side of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) 2,311.5 Feet to the point of beginning; thence going in a Northerly direction parallel to the East side of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) 663 Feet; thence going in a Westerly direction parallel to the South side of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) 328.5 Feet, more or less, to the West line of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4); thence going in a Southerly direction along the West line of the subject Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) 663 Feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the subject Southeast Quarter; thence going in an Easterly direction along the South line of the subject Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) 328.5 Feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, subject to easements, restrictions, and encumbrances, if any.

The object of this action is to remove, terminate and quiet any interest of the defendants to this action and to the real estate described above.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT NO PERSONAL CLAIM is made against any of the Defendants. If any Defendant unreasonably defends the action, the Plaintiffs are requesting an order of the Court directing that said Defendant shall pay full costs to the Plaintiffs. Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that sanctions may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 549.211.

Dated: June 27, 2023

/s/ Paul A. Vis

Paul A. Vis, Attorney at Law
130 E. Main
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-4828, FAX 507-283-9188
Attorney ID No. 297550

(07-13, 07-20, 07-27)

Luverne ISD #2184 requests bids for dairy products

REQUEST FOR BIDS
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, 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.

David Wrigg
Clerk
(07-13)

Luverne ISD #2184 requests quotes for bakery products

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LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Filing dates set for election to Dist. 2689 School Board

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2689
PIPESTONE AREA 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. 2689 shall begin on Aug. 1, 2023, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 15, 2023.

The special election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. 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, 1401 7th St SW, Pipestone, MN 56164. 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 special election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing special 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 15, 2023.

Dated: June 26, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Katie Wiese
School District Clerk
(07-06, 07-13)

Twisted Farmers Fab LLC assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: Twisted Farmers Fab LLC
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

731 111th Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Amanda Hartz Twisted Farmers Fab LLC

Address: 731 111th Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ Amanda Hartz

MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: amanda.hartz2012@gmail.com

(07-06, 07-13)

DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS MONDAY AT 10 A.M.



FOR SALE

For Sale—Small 5 horsepower snowblower. \$300 or best offer. Call 507-227-8817. (7.8-7.27)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thanks to the "Rock the Edge" for the great job they did cleaning up our fence line. These youth should get more recognition for the great job they do for the elderly and the community.
Robert and Avis Fick
(7.8-7.13)

Thank you to the Hills, Beaver Creek and Luverne Fire Departments for the quick response to our bale fire.
Daniel & Joci Fick
Morris & Beth Fick
(7.8-7.13)

To my family and friends, I just wanted to thank all of you for your prayers, your helpful and encouraging words, meals and gifts. Your much welcomed visits during those long and scary days while I was in the hospital were very much needed and appreciated. I will always be grateful for all you have done for me in this very trying time. God Bless!
Sincerely,
Erling Fleseland
(7.8-7.13)

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EMPLOYMENT

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•Letter of interest; •Resume; •Transcript(s); •Three letters of recommendation; •District employment application (<https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/Application.pdf>) which can be found on our website under Staff. Application materials can be emailed to amy.labat@ellsworth.mntm.org or mailed to: Amy Labat, Principal Ellsworth Public School 513 S. Broadway St. Ellsworth, MN 5612 (6.24-7.13)

Ellsworth Public School is seeking a Preschool instructor. The possible candidate should have a current MN teaching license in early childhood education or the ability to obtain a license. If you are interested in the position and have a bachelor's degree, we may be able to assist you in obtaining a license. This position will be open until filled. The starting date for this position will be August 21, 2023. A complete application will include:
•Letter of interest; •Resume; •Transcript(s); •Three letters of recommendation; •District employment application (<https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/Application.pdf>) which can be found on our website under Staff. Application materials can be emailed to amy.labat@ellsworth.mntm.org or mailed to: Amy Labat, Principal Ellsworth Public School 513 S. Broadway St. Ellsworth, MN 56129 (6.24-7.13)

EMPLOYMENT

Nobles County Community Services is accepting applications for registered nurses. If you have a passion for public health and serving the community this could be the career for you! Join our public health service unit and you'll be part of a skilled, caring, and knowledgeable professional team whose talents and contributions promote, strengthen and protect the health of individuals, families, and communities in Nobles County. Working in programs such as: Family Home Visiting for prenatal and post-partum women and newborns, Child and Teen Check Ups, and Public Health Preparedness. You can make a difference!
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APPLY TO: Nobles County Administration Office. Visit our website at www.co.nobles.mn.us for application and to view full job description and benefit sheet. **Deadline: Open until filled.** EEO/AA Employer (7.8-7.27)

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Rummage Sale—Pedal tractor John Deere with trailer narrow front; peddle tractor with wide front John Deere; pedal golf cart-like new; 6 BB 4-pellet rifles; toy tractors of all kinds; Tonka trucks - road grater, dig lines; fishing rods and reels; lots of western books; 2 big fish aquariums with stands and lights with lots of things inside of them; 2 wagons; Trikes, 2 boats, rockers; 4 riding lawn mowers - 3 families; 2 bicycles. Jerry and Shirley Johnson, 300 Elizabeth, Hills, MN. Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14, 8 a.m.—Saturday, July 15, 8 a.m.—2 p.m. (7.13-7.15)

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- SECURITY AT OUR GATE ENTRANCES (6 AM TO 9 PM)
- DAILY CLEANING WORKERS (9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.)



If you are interested in these positions, please contact Lee Sells by calling 507-220-1725 or emailing lee.sells1@gmail.com

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Making and keeping a promise

By Scott Rall

If you are a regular reader of my columns, you will certainly know by now just how much of a public lands advocate I am.

When I was 11 and my parents got me a new bike, I was a roving fisherman. I rode that bike all over my neck of the woods trying to find and catch whatever kind of fish I could.

When I got a car and could then drive to a fishing or hunting spot, I was sure that my desire to hunt would overshadow my fishing desire. This did not become a reality for almost 20 more years.

There was almost no place in my county at the time where you could hunt without permission. I get that private lands are private and permission is required.

My problem was that the very few spots that did exist were all tied up with people that had more money than this 16-year-old.

I must have heard "this spot is leased by so and so" at least 150 times over the years. So, fishing I went because all the lakes were public waters and anyone could fish there without having to get permission or pay a fee.

Up pops a new organization called Pheasants Forever. They started in 1982, with my county's chapter starting in 1984. Today there are over 750 chapters associated with this organization. My chapter number is 14. Boy, were we the new kids on the block!

Nobles County PF made the very first land purchase in the history of the organization. This property was then turned over to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and became the Wachter Slough Wildlife Management Area.

Since that monumental first step, the Nobles County chapter has purchased 44 additional parcels totaling over 3,600 acres in our 40-year existence. There is a sign erected on each of these sites identifying it as a Pheasant Run One, Pheasant Run Two and so on. My 90-year-old father started making these signs almost 30 years ago.

Adding to the public land opportunities so many hunters rely on has become my life's mission.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

You can start hunting on PF Run 1 and hunt a different pheasant run each day for the entire season and you will not be able to hunt each one twice before you run out of season hunting days.

Oh, what a change from when I was 16! Even seeing a rooster during an entire day's hunt was at one time called a complete success.

As with any success, there are those who try to find as much downside as they can, take the negative take, or just badmouth you because they can.

I often get asked how much land Pheasants Forever wants to purchase. Just how much public land is enough? You are competing with young farmers; you are running up the price of land! Public lands pay no taxes, so that means the rest of us have to pay more.

I always start to answer these questions with, "Just how much land do you think there is in Nobles County that is in public ownership?"

I just love the answers. They will with great confidence and in a loud voice say that it is at least 10-15 percent.

Others will guess even higher. The fact of the matter is that after 40 years as one of the most successful land acquisition chapters in the nation, we have affected .7 of 1 percent of the land in Nobles County.

If you take all the public lands (citizen-owned lands) including state managed, federally managed and county managed in Nobles County, they account for less than 2 percent of the total land base.

This percentage holds true for almost every coun-

ty making up the 12 counties of southwest Minnesota. If we were to magically double the current acres under habitat management, that total would still be 60-80 percent less than many folks think exists now.

If we could keep acquiring public lands habitats at our current pace, it would take an additional 50 years to affect an additional 1 percent of the land base.

In the last research I did a few years back, there were 43 land sales in the county for that year. PF purchased only one of them. PF was involved with only 3 percent of all the land that changed hands that year.

Of the land that was sold, the parcel PF purchased was the lowest cost per acre of all of them.

This factual information pretty much dispels all the coffee shop talk about how public lands are just exploding.

For those who have the wherewithal to own their own private land for hunting, I tip my hat to you. You're in the fortunate few.

Most hunters in the state rely to some degree on public lands to recreate/hunt. Many hunters only hunt on citizen-owned Wildlife Management Areas.

I learned a long time ago that there is room for conservation on every section. Farm the best and conserve the rest, they say. Economics and conservation can survive and thrive together.

Each has a place on the landscape. Hunting is a tradition passed down for generations.

I have made it my life's mission to be sure that my great-great-grandkids can say to their dad or mom that their first rooster, clutching it tightly around the neck with a huge smile on their face, is something that they will never forget.

The only way to guarantee this moment is to ensure they have a place to go. Public lands, citizen-owned lands, and enough of them, managed by the Department of Natural Resources are the best guarantee that this promise can be kept.

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Redbirds/from page 9

Serie took the mound going three innings, allowing zero runs on one hit with six strikeouts.

Maurer came in to relieve Serie in the fourth inning, pitching two innings, allowing one run on three hits, and striking out two batters.

BOX Score
PPST 0 0 0 1 0 x x
RBirds 8 3 2 6 x x x

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne	2	1	1	2
S. Wenninger	2	1	0	0
Sterrett	0	1	0	0
Serie	2	1	1	2
Maurer	0	1	0	0
Paquette	1	2	0	0
Crabtree	0	1	0	0
Johnson	0	1	0	0
Ahrens	1	1	0	0
Sehr	2	2	1	1
C. Wenninger	3	3	1	3
Lundgren	3	3	3	3
Beers	3	2	1	2
Ripka	4	0	1	1

HR: Serie
Total Bases: Serie 4, Lundgren 3, S. Wenninger, Ripka, C. Wenninger, Sehr, Beers



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0713 lundgren
Redbird Derek Lundgren celebrates his home run against Fox Lake with his team July 9 at Redbird Field.

PITCHING	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne	3	1	0	0	6
Serie	2	3	1	1	2
Maurer	2	3	1	1	2

Pitches-Strikes: Serie 49-33, Maurer 45-25
Batters Faced: Serie 12, Maurer 11

Sr. Legion/from page 9

they will play Friday, July 14, at 5 p.m. If they lose, they will play July 14 at 11 a.m.

BOX Score
TRCY 0 0 0 0 2 x x
LUV 0 2 0 11 0 x x

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne	1	2	0	1
Sneller	3	1	3	2
Connell	2	1	1	3
Stroh	3	0	0	1
Serie	3	2	1	0
Sehr	2	1	1	1
Ripka	2	1	1	1
Anderson	1	2	0	0
Domagala	2	1	2	3
Buss	1	1	0	0

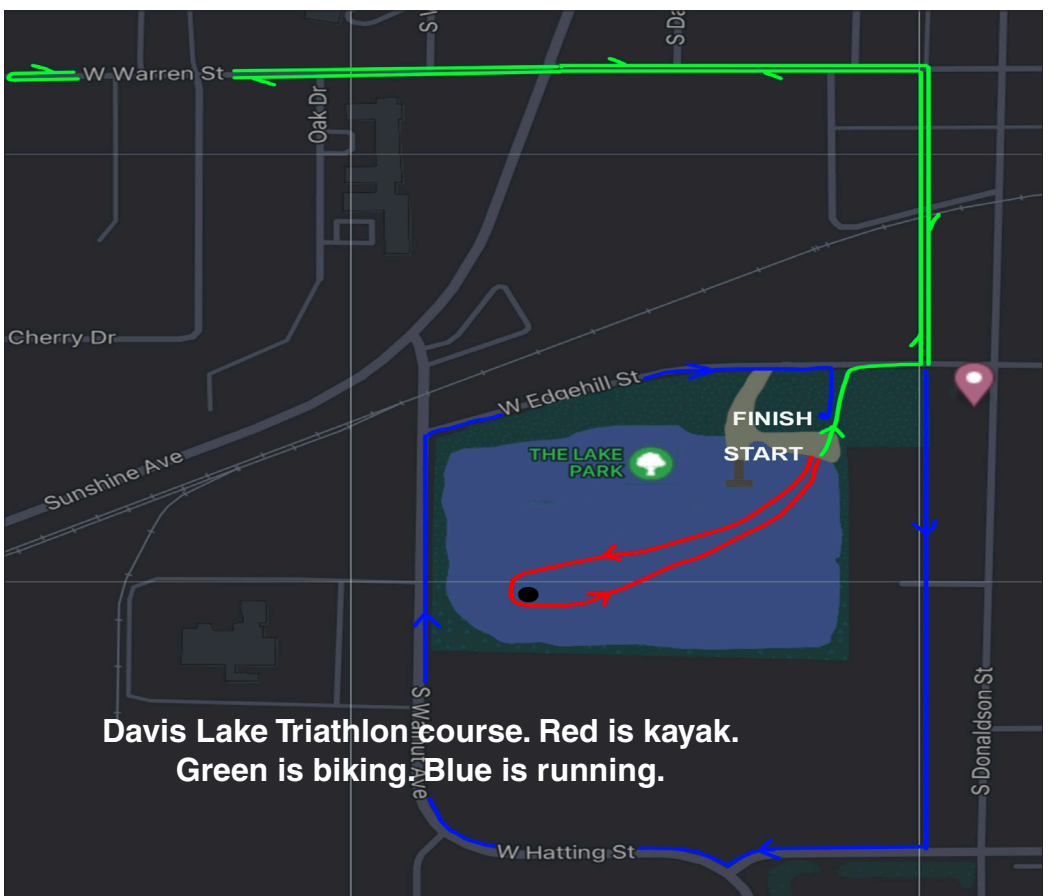
2B: Stroh, Domagala
Total Bases: Connell 3, Domagala 3, Stroh 2, Ripka, Sehr

PITCHING	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne	5	6	2	2	7
DeBoer	5	6	2	2	7

Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 67-44
Batters Faced: DeBoer 22



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0713 connell
Conner Connell takes off from first base in an effort to steal second against Tracy July 6. Connell got second and the Cardinals beat Tracy 13-2 at Redbird Field.



Triathlon/from page 9

Team members were Kasey Buss, Jaydon Johnson and Luverne High School track and

cross country runner Ella Schmuck. Minnows individual winners were Jaxon Pick,

Luverne, (male) in 24:12 and Anna Alvey, Hartford, South Dakota, (female) in 26:36.

The Sharks team "Air Force One," consisting of Justin Rust, Kraig Rust and the two-mile ringer Jenna DeBates, another LHS track and cross country runner, finished the race in 49:27.

Sharks individual winners were Jon Alvey (male) from Hartford with a time of 49:27 and Jenna Dixon (female) from Canton with a time of 1:03:09.

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