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## County hosts meeting to address marijuana legalization

By Mavis Fodness

County Board members and city leaders from around the county will meet Tuesday, July 25, to discuss the state's legalization of recreational marijuana.

The 7 p.m. meeting will be in the basement of the library in Luverne.

County attorney Jeff Haubrich will lead a discussion about a possible moratorium on sales and use in the county.

The moratorium would be in effect until the state's newly created Office of Cannabis Management provides more guidance in the selling, processing and growing of marijuana and cannabis-derived products.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre said he'd like the city leaders in Beaver Creek, Hills, Steen, Magnolia, Luverne, Kenneth and Hardwick to agree on several issues involving the legal sale and use of marijuana in the county.

"We'd like to draft one ordinance like we have for tobacco sales and use," Oldre said.

Under the new state law, residents are limited to where the consumption of cannabis products can take place, primarily at a private residence or yard.

City and county leaders will discuss the definition of public and private locations. Discussion will also address the licensure to sell products locally.

Legislation requires the county to allow for at least one cannabis retailer for every 12,500 residents.

If a county meets the resident threshold, individual cities within the county will not be required to allow a cannabis business and/or limit the number of additional retailers within the city limits.

On Aug. 1 it is legal for Minnesotans age 21 and older to possess and use recreational marijuana.

Beginning in 2025, sales of recreational marijuana across the state, including Rock County, will become legal.



Mavis Fodness photos/0720 Hot Dog Night 2023

A large crowd gathers on Freeman Street just off Main Street to watch the wiener dog beauty pageant and wiener dog races Thursday night, July 13, during the annual Hot Dog Night in Luverne.

## Luverne celebrates 61st annual Hot Dog Night

A passing thunderstorm hurried activities along Thursday night, July 13, for the 61st annual Hot Dog Night. The annual wiener dog race was ended about 7:30 p.m. as light rain fell for a short time along Main Street Luverne. Evening activities were delayed but resumed in cooler temperatures. Thousands had gathered in a concentrated area of three blocks along Luverne's Main Street to consume 14,000 to 15,000 free hot dogs distributed by merchants and organizations.

At right, Esmeralda Hernandez points her dog, Gabby, toward the finish line during the wiener dog races.



Below, Natalia Wieneke drop-kicks a board break during the taekwon do demonstrations.



Above, Sterling's Café and Grill employees Isaac Hudson (left) and Frank Hutchinson serve hot dogs. At right, Lucas Zangara, 2 1/2, splashes through water draining from the sprinkler set up by the Luverne Fire Department on Main Street Luverne.



Mavis Fodness photo/0720 Fair 2023 Ag Society member Tim Banck hangs a banner Monday night at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Luverne to prepare for the fair.

## Rock County Fair 2023 is next week

By Jason Berghorst

The 2023 Rock County Fair kicks off in Luverne on Wednesday, July 26, and continues through Saturday, July 29.

The annual event continues to grow each year with entertainment, 4-H exhibits, food, education programs, rides, racing, concerts and much more, according to Rock County Ag Society President Lee Sells.

"We are always trying to offer as much free entertainment as possible to make the fair as fun as it can be for the most people," he said.

"We have been busy planning events, looking for new ones, and inviting favorites back to this year's four-day event. As a result, there's a little bit of everything for everyone."

Admission to the Rock County fair is free.

See the 2023 Fair Preview special edition in this week's newspaper for much more information about this year's fair.

Grandstand events include Celebrity Donkey Races Wednesday night and tractor pulls on Thursday night.

The Friday night grandstand lineup features the new Ag Olympics and Kiss the Pig followed by the Undercover Band.

The popular enduro races return to the grandstand oval track Saturday night.

Midway and carnival rides will be open Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m., Friday at 3 p.m., and at noon on Saturday.

Commercial buildings are

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## Beaver Creek community to host first-ever 'Beaver Days' Aug. 4-5

By Jason Berghorst

The city of Beaver Creek will host its first-ever community celebration Aug. 4-5.

"Beaver Days" will include a 5K run/walk, parade, vendor fair, car show, community meal, street dance and more.

"We have been talking about doing something for a while now between city officials and members of the fire department," said Beaver Creek Mayor Josh Teune. "We have always said that if other towns have city celebrations, then why can't Beaver Creek have one?"

According to Mayor Teune, a Beaver Days committee was formed that was open to

"We would like for people to leave and say, 'You know, that was pretty fun,' or 'We should plan on doing that next year.' That would be the greatest compliment we could receive."

— Josh Teune, Beaver Creek Mayor

community members to join. "Each person brought to the group what they would like to see in our town celebration, and we



Graphic courtesy of Quality Printing

put together what we could and couldn't get done," Teune said. "We also joined with HBCS — Helping Build Communities

Stronger. They were great help financially and with their experience running Hills Friendship Days."

Teune said coming up with both the name and dates for the first-ever celebration were the first orders of business for the committee.

"Some of the names that didn't quite make the cut were Dam Days, Railroad Days and Creek Days," he said.

"And we decided that most of the town celebrations were early summer, so we decided to go a little later in the summer, trying to find a date that wasn't taken. We know it won't work for everyone, but we did our best."

The weekend will begin with a Friday night border league softball

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Euphonium music July 20

#LuvLuvAll 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.

### Start registering new students in Luverne Schools July 24

Families can register students who are new to the district starting July 24. Call the elementary office at 507-283-4497, Option 4, and the high school and middle school office at 507-283-4491, Option 5. School open house is Aug. 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the elementary and from 4 to 7 p.m. in the middle school-high school.

### Suicide prevention information available online July 25

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@sanfordhealth.org](mailto:angela.nolz@sanfordhealth.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 #LuvLuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

### Free summer events in July

**Live music on the Plaza** Luverne Street Music is celebrating their 10th anniversary and will provide live music on the Plaza on Main at 5:30 Monday, July 24. Bring a chair.

**Senior dance** Luverne Aquatics & Fitness will host a senior dance class at the Plaza on Main from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, to promote free exercise thru dance class.

**Life on the Prairie** The Rock County Historical Society will host a hands-on prairie experience for kids from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Fitzer Barn on the Rock County Fairgrounds. The event is free.

**Live music on the Plaza** Ron and Jane Cote will provide live music at the Plaza on Main from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday, July 27. Enjoy lunch from Wildflower's Lunch Trailer. Attendees are asked to bring a chair.

### Aug. 1 is deadline for classes, updates at Community Ed

Aug. 1 is the deadline to share ideas about new classes for Luverne Community Education. It's also the deadline for teachers wanting to lead new classes or update information about current classes. Email [li.nath@isd2184.net](mailto:li.nath@isd2184.net) or call 507-283-4724.

The most recent community ed brochure is on the school website, [www.isd2184.net](http://www.isd2184.net). Community Education thrives through the sharing of talents, interests, and information from all members of the community.

The new brochure will be available on Sept. 2 in the Luverne Announcer and online on Sept. 5.

### Library Happenings

For more information about library happenings, call 507-449-5040 or email [rockcountystaff@gmail.com](mailto:rockcountystaff@gmail.com).

**All Day Scavenger Hunts** challenges library visitors to find various items. Successful hunters can earn a prize. The last hunt takes place July 25.

**Story Time in the Park** is at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays through July at the following locations.

- July 20, Veterans Memorial Park
- July 27, Hawkinson Park

**Traveling Story Time** continues in parks in all the communities outside of Luverne in July.

•Monday, July 24, 10 a.m., Beaver Creek, 10:45 a.m., Hills, 11:30 a.m., Steen.

•Wednesday, July 26, 10 a.m., Magnolia, 10:45 a.m., Kanaranzi.

**Arts & Crafts** provides an hour of fun for kindergarteners through fifth-graders. The event begins at 3 p.m. each Wednesday through July.



Mavis Fodness photo/0720 Ag Society 2023

The Rock County Agricultural Society organizes the annual county fair each year. This year's event is Wednesday, July 26, through Saturday, July 29. Volunteers who posed for a photo Monday night near the fairgrounds commercial building include (front, from left) Jim Hatting, Bill Miller, Lyle Nelson, Secretary Amy "Lou" Reisch, President Lee Sells, Treasurer Robert Remme, Brad Beers, Brandon Bosch, Sharon Zinnel, Bob Zinnel, (second) Lynette Jauert, Amanda Walker, Twyla Walker, Greg Vande Velde, Jim Klosterbuer, Greg Uithoven, Ron Fick, AlAanenson, Lowell Jauert, Kevin Ferguson, Cory Schoeneman, Scott Wessels, (back) Brent Hulstein, Ryan Fick, Tim Banck, Bob Boelman, Tom Sells, LeRoy Van Wyhe, Adam Kinsinger, Mike Aning, Aleck Scheoneman, Jordon Stegenga, Isaac DeBoer, Ryan Walker and Lyle Rollag.

### Rock County Fair 2023 set for July 26-29/Continued from page 1A

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— Ag Society President Lee Sells.



open from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

The 4-H building is open from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

The Ida Reverts Floral Hall is open

from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

"We really encourage people to come down multiple days," Sells said.

"There is different entertainment and shows throughout the grounds each day so you'll see something new every time you come."



Firefighters Eric Woodley (left) and Aaron Altman spray debris off the walkway outside the 4-H food stand. At right, 4-H'ers Brecken Van Belle (left) and Tyson Uithoven clean the photo-op signs. In the center photo above, Ag. Society members Lynette Jauert (left) and Twyla Walker (right) steady the ladder for Lyle Rollag to secure the sign for the Ida Reverts Memorial Hall.



### Beaver Creek celebrates 'Beaver Days' Aug. 4-5/from page 1A

doubleheader at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. Most of the events will be staged on Saturday, Aug. 5.

The 5K Run/Walk will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Elementary School and the parade will kick off at 10 a.m. on Main Street.

"The parade will be just jump in line and drive through, pretty much whatever you would like to drive through," Teune said.

"We hope to get a bunch of people to throw out candy to kids as well."

A vendor fair, car show, and family fun fest will follow the parade through the afternoon.

A community meal will begin at 4:30 p.m. with freewill donations benefiting the Beaver Creek Fire Department.

According to organizers, a highlight of the celebration will be the Saturday night street

dance. The dance will feature John King, an up-and-coming singer from Nashville, Tennessee. Gates open at 7 p.m. and cost of admission is \$10.

"If you have a chance, check out some of his songs on YouTube. They are very good," Teune said.

"He is mostly a country music singer but will do other types of covers."

Teune said the community is excited to welcome visitors to its first

celebration.

"We would like for people to leave and say, 'You know, that was pretty fun,' or 'We should plan on doing that next year.' That would be the greatest compliment we could receive," he said.

"The goal for the first time was to start small and see how things go. We have ended up with a pretty complete slate of Beaver Days activities that we think all ages will enjoy."

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# Want to shoot better? Now is your chance

A few weeks back I spent some time in this column running through the basics of shooting at long-range targets. I am no expert on this subject matter but certainly have gotten bit by the long-range-shooting bug.

What prompted my entry into this discipline was an introduction to a gentleman by the name of Todd VanLangen. Todd is a 25-year veteran of the Army Special Forces unit where he spent 13 years in Iraq and Afghanistan leading hostage rescue missions.

He spent his last five years of service as the lead instructor at the Army's sniper school. He is an all-American war hero. Today he is the long-range ambassador for Beretta Arms Company. They make all kinds of different guns but have several specialty companies that produce rifles for both the rank-and-file big game hunter as well as for those of us who think hearing the chime of a bullet hitting a steel target at 1100 yards is a very pretty sound.

I met Todd at one of our first Veterans Appreciation Hunts six years ago sponsored by my local Pheasants Forever chapter. He was so impressed with this event he offered to drive all the way from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, back to southwest Minnesota to teach a precision long-range rifle class. This will be the fourth or fifth time he has made good on that commitment.

He is teaching a class in Worthington, Minnesota, on Aug. 4, 5 and 6. The first class is going to be a tactical pistol class. I took the pistol class last year, and it is hard to explain just how beneficial it was. The class will be from noon to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. The participants of this class will learn all about tactical pistol shooting, shooting while moving, strong hand versus weak hand shooting, timed pistol plates and a friendly competition pistol tree.

He covers the ins and outs of all kinds of handguns and gear and what has worked the best for him over the years. This class costs \$200. The participant will need to forward their class fee to Nobles County Pheasants Forever; PO box 1033; Worthington, MN 56187, in order to hold their spot for this class.

The precision rifle class starts at 10 a.m. Saturday Aug. 5, with a 2-hour classroom segment where the students will get all the ins and outs of shooting ballistics, scopes, range finding, windage calculations and oh so much more. This class is limited to 15 participants, and the class is currently about half full.

You are encouraged to use your own rifle but can utilize one of the instructor's guns if you don't have a suitable one. Ammunition will be available for purchase at a reasonable rate. The bottom line is that each and every participant who enrolled last year was



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

consistently hitting the 860-yard target by the end of the very first day on the range.

We had a young man who had purchased a \$350 gun/scope combo from his uncle the week before and even with a rudimentary scope was all smiles when he heard the chime of a bullet on steel at ranges far longer than any he had ever attempted before.

Several students dialed in their primary gun and still had time to shoot several of the other guns they brought will the same level of success. One year we had winds in excess of 30 miles per hour, but even so, hits out to our maximum ranges were still very consistent.

Participants can expect to shoot about 250 rounds at the pistol class and approximately 150 rounds during the long-range class. If one chooses to take both classes, there is a \$50 discount for doing so. The long-range class requires a \$200 deposit to the same Nobles County PO address I listed earlier in the column.

This is truly a one-of-a-kind opportunity to get your feet wet or greatly improve your shooting if you consider yourself an experienced shooter.

We have one participant who took the class last year and enrolled again this year. He told me when he called that just the opportunity to visit with Todd would be worth the fee.

I have a flyer ready to go with more detailed information and will be glad to send it to anyone who would like a little more detail. Just drop me an email at [scottarall@gmail.com](mailto:scottarall@gmail.com) and I will get it out to you on the spot.

Class participants will receive a much more detailed communication about addresses and other gear and supplies you will need or might want to bring along about a week before the class.

You don't have to have any advanced level of proficiency to take part in these opportunities. I certainly learn more each and every time I observe. You either need just a little curiosity or an interest in learning something new. Class size is limited so reach out soon to reserve your spot today.

Scott Rall,  
Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, a hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at [scottarall@gmail.com](mailto:scottarall@gmail.com).



Luverne's Sydney Biever shared this photograph of zebras grazing in the OI Pejeta Conservancy, a 140-square-foot non-profit wildlife conservancy in Central Kenya. "I saw just about every animal you could want to see," she said about her field ecology studies in Africa this spring. "Giraffes, elephants (my favorite), baboons, monkeys, lions, a leopard, ostrich, a million zebras, Cape buffalo, hyenas and more. ... I am a pretty big lover of animals, so that was incredible."

# Luverne pre-med student studies in Africa

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne High School 2020 graduate Sydney Biever spent part of this summer in Africa through her studies at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

The faculty-led study-abroad trip was for a Field Ecology course that brought students to African national parks and introduced them to wildlife within each park.

"We learned about field ecology in a few ways," Biever said.

"We had meetings almost every night to discuss topics within the scope of field ecology — including a lot of talks about effects of poaching. Each day we tried to identify as many new species as we could using field guides."

She said students partnered on small research projects that they conducted at camp, and her project focused on the differences of East African moths at varying elevations.

The African study-abroad program in Kenya brought students to the Nairobi National Museum where they learned about native animals and the origin of humans.

Biever said she visited a primary school where she led a short science lesson for fifth-graders. "That was fun," she said. "The kids were extremely excited."

She said the trip, despite the two nine-hour flights in a row, was a rewarding experience.

"I got more out of it than I could have asked for," she said.

"I saw just about every animal you could want to see — giraffes, elephants (my favorite), baboons, monkeys, lions, a leopard, ostrich, a million zebras, Cape buffalo, hyenas and more. ... I am a pretty big lover of animals, so that was incredible."



Luverne High School 2020 graduate Sydney Biever feeds a blind black rhino during her study abroad in Africa earlier this summer.

She also mentioned hiking up part of Mount Kenya and enjoying the scenic waterfalls of the Aberdare National Park.

Biever is majoring in medical biology at USD with plans to pursue a medical degree.

She is applying to USD's

physician assistant this summer, which is a master's degree.

She is the daughter of Lori Winter and Dan Biever and granddaughter of Wayne and Isabelle Biever and Gerald Winter and the late Sandy Winter, all of Luverne.



Sydney Biever shared this photograph of a sunrise in the Samburu National Game Reserve in Kenya.

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## Niece's death has this reporter finally facing her anger at God

For more than a decade I've been mad at God.



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

It seems funny to be mad at someone you've never met or really know if he's even real.

My Christian upbringing, however, says he is there and, thus, he is the one I am directing my anger toward.

My sister died unexpectedly in 2011 and I've never forgiven God for taking her away from her family.

We all prayed for a miracle that she would recover and come back to us. Instead, she was taken to heaven, and our lives have been filled with sadness and a sense of loss ever since.

God left me questioning his wisdom.

I've repeatedly asked, "Why?"

I've received no response. Or so I thought.

I've come to realize God repeatedly attempted to get my attention, but I've been too angry to listen.

I'd forgotten he'd answered prayers 12 years ago to keep my 23-year-old niece's brain cancer at bay so she could lead a full and productive life.

He'd helped her find her life partner, marry, and bring two kids into the world.

Two years ago he let the cancer come back, and on July 5, he took her to heaven.

This time, instead of anger, God left me with a feeling that my niece is fortunate because she's able to be with my sister in heaven.

They are together now, talking with one another, and laughing.

There's no reason why I should be angry with God,

because he'd been sending me signs all these years.

I started to slowly notice them this week.

I've noticed the birds' merry chirps.

The beautiful sunrises where the sun's rays kiss my face with their warmth.

The return of hope, where life has beautiful moments along with the bad.

It's been about which one I've chosen to focus on.

My niece noticed these beautiful moments long before I did. Her faith brought her courage to fight cancer these past two years, while I've only been angry.

Her belief in God didn't waiver in her final weeks, because her life was full, despite the loss of her mom, while I've chosen to be angry.

As we mourned my niece last week, each of us remembered how she embraced her fate and faced it with courage and a positive attitude.

She died content with what she accomplished, that her cancer fight was over and she just enjoyed the beautiful moments she had left.

We had three weeks to say our goodbyes.

During that time my anger has gradually receded with positive feelings flowing into its place.

I may no longer be as angry at you, God — please thank my niece for the more positive feelings when you see her.

## Cost of summer cookout down slightly from 10-year high

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By American Farm Bureau

A summer cookout costs significantly more than two years ago but slightly less than record highs in 2022. Families now pay \$67.73 to host a cookout for 10, based on the 2023 American Farm Bureau Federation market basket survey.

The \$67.73 grocery bill is down 3 percent from 2022, but still approximately 14 percent higher than prices were just two years ago.

The cookout favorites include cheeseburgers, chicken breasts, pork chops, homemade potato salad, strawberries and ice cream, among other products.

AFBF Chief Economist Roger Cryan said farmers aren't necessarily the winners of these higher prices at the grocery store.

"They're price takers, not price makers, whose share of the retail food dollar is just 14 percent," Cryan said.

"Farmers have to pay for fuel, fertilizer and other expenses, which have all gone up in cost."

The market basket survey shows a year-to-year increase in the cost of hamburger buns, beef and potato salad, while there are drops in the cost of chicken breasts, lemonade and cookies.

The retail price for a package of eight hamburger buns increased 17 percent to \$2.26. Homemade potato salad costs \$3.44, up 5 percent from 2022. The cost of two pounds of ground beef rose 4 percent to \$11.54.

Several factors influence the increases.

•Drought conditions have increased the cost of feed and reduced the number of available cattle for the summer grilling season, driving up beef prices.

•Higher potato prices can be attributed to poor weather, leading to a drop in production.

•General inflation is driving up the price of processed foods like bread. The exception to this is a package of cookies cost 10 percent less than 2022.

The price of chicken breasts and eggs, which had reached record-high prices in 2022, are both lower. This is good news as the number of avian influenza cases has fallen, which has allowed chicken populations to recover.

Lemonade is 16 percent less expensive, at \$3.73, due to a drop in the cost of lemons.

Although historically high, the cost of the cookout breaks down to less than \$7 per person. In a global context, Americans spend a smaller percentage of their income on food than citizens do in any other country. "America still has one of the

Prices for AFBF 2023 summer cookout	
2 pounds of ground beef,	\$11.54 (+4 percent)
2 pounds of chicken breasts,	\$8.14 (-9 percent)
3 pounds of pork chops,	\$14.37 (-6 percent)
1 pound of cheese,	\$3.53 (no change)
1 package of hamburger buns,	\$2.26 (+17 percent)
2 ½ pounds of homemade potato salad,	\$3.44 (+5 percent)
32 ounces of pork and beans,	\$2.44 (-3 percent)
16-ounce bag of potato chips,	\$4.53 (-4 percent)
13-ounce package of chocolate chip cookies,	\$3.90 (-10 percent)
½ gallon of ice cream,	\$5.29 (+3 percent)
2 pints of strawberries,	\$4.56 (+3 percent)
2 ½ quarts of lemonade,	\$3.73 (-16 percent)

most affordable food supplies in the world, which is due in part to strong farm bill programs," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall.



## Frakes: 'Two-letter word'

To the Editor:

We've been seeing and hearing a lot about abortion these days. They talk about the fact that a woman should have the right to control her own body, but the real fact is that abortion is a reward to a woman who couldn't control her body.

I know that it hasn't been that long ago that we thought storks brought the babies, but modern science has figured out the whole process now right up to when the eggs meld and that first spark of humanity takes place. Since science has figured this out, of course it has also figured out numerous ways to prevent the process in the first place. The women know this. Heck, a simple two-letter word even comes to mind.

Another fact that they don't mention is men. Men contribute to one half of this process and should be held accountable also. At least they know who they are.

Bill Frakes, Luverne

## Kienholz shares reflective poem about The Child's Remembrance Garden in Luverne

To the Editor:

My daughter, Alyssa, took a creative writing class at the University of Nebraska Omaha last year. I wanted to share this reflective poem she wrote about The Child's Remembrance Garden in Luverne.

We have watched this project from its early stages because we walk the trail daily when the weather permits. It is right by our neighborhood and it has been amazing to see how the clearing of trees, dirt work, and progression of the beautiful garden took shape. The transition is so exquisite and located in a very quiet, peaceful area that allows people to stop and reflect on all these amazing children who were taken from this earth too soon. Take a moment to

stop, reflect, shed a tear, or say a prayer and be at peace.

Thanks to the City of Luverne and all the devoted board members who made this happen. It certainly takes a village to work together and find a way to create something so heartfelt and that touches so many people. The donations came in and many more will be ongoing to enhance and add to what is already in place.

We were excited to attend the dedication of The Child's Remembrance Garden last year. If you have not had a chance to see it, make sure to head up to the north end of town on the walking path and see for yourself. It is beautiful.

Patty Kienholz, Luverne

### The Child's Remembrance Garden, 1:00 p.m.

Alyssa Kienholz

The sun is glistening brightly in the sky.

Nothing can hide God's light. I walk along the winding path of the serene garden, Surrounded and framed by black and gray rectangular bricks.

The engraved names on the bricks captivate me, as I focus on each child's name,

Each precious life never to be forgotten.

All these children who have died too soon.

I feel the pain of heartfelt tears and aching hearts for all the families left behind. I am filled with grief and say a quiet prayer for the losses endured.

The bubbling, clear water is soothing and beautiful as it lightly splashes from the uniquely constructed fountain formed out of large, red Sioux Quartzite rocks.

It is an amazing and tranquil focal point in the garden.

Several red stone benches are exclusively placed in the garden with beautiful sayings and Bible verses given in memory of children by many families or other

donors.

The wind wildly blows red, yellow and green leaves to the ground as fast as lightening.

Distinct stones lay on the ground shaped like dragonflies in flight. A smile forms as I am filled with happiness as I enjoy such tranquility and beauty. Praise God for his amazing creation and his eternal love.

My mind envisions God in heaven surrounded by all these miraculous children.

One day they will be joined together again with their families. That will be a day they will cherish forever.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

#### July 7

- Complainant on W. Warren Street reported theft/larceny.
- Complainant on W. Warren Street and S. East Park Street requested assistance from another department.
- Complainant on S. Walnut Street reported a civil issue.
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported trespassing.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, requested assistance from another department.

#### July 8

- Complainant northbound on Highway 23, mile marker 15, Jasper, reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Beaver Creek, reported debris.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, Luverne, requested assistance from another department.
- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

Complainant on S. West Park Street reported a civil issue.

- Complainant reported an assault.

#### July 9

- Complainant on Highway 23, Beaver Creek, reported theft.
- Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported theft.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street and 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ellsworth, reported a fire.

•Complainant on Blue Ridge Drive reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported theft.

#### July 10

•Complainant on Interstate 90, exit 12, Luverne, reported a pedestrian.

•A warrant was issued in Panama City, Florida.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported vandalism.

•Complainant on S. West Park Street requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant requested assistance from another department.

#### July 11

•Complainant on S. Josephine Avenue, Hills, reported burning.

#### July 12

•A weather alert was issued.

•A warrant was issued on E. Minnesota Avenue in Steen.

•A warrant was issued in Luverne.

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#### July 13

Complainant reported vandalism.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a parking issue.

•A weather alert was reported.

•A weather alert was reported in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on 141<sup>st</sup> Street reported vandalism.

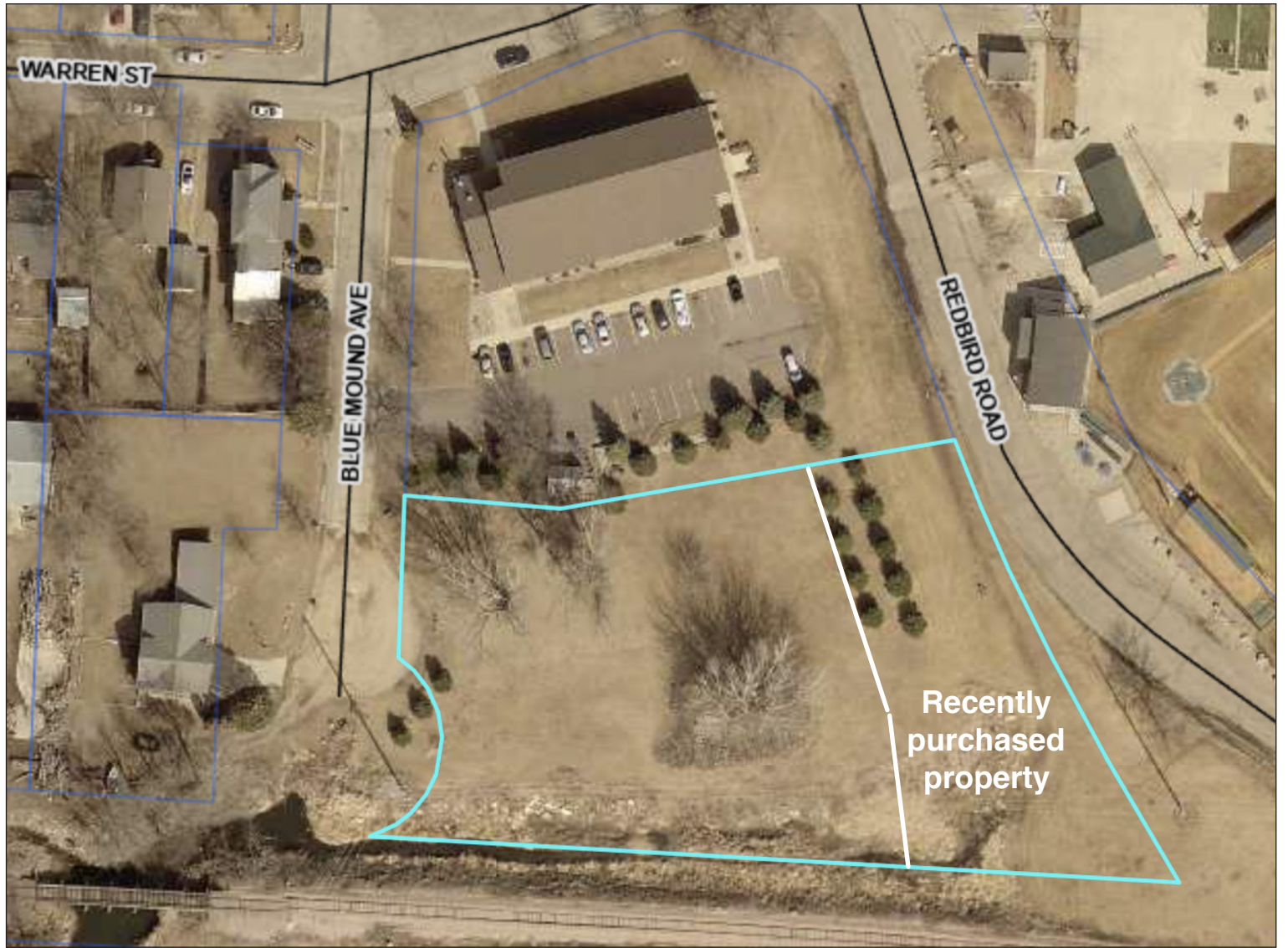
•Complainant on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Church Avenue, Hills, reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported disturbing the peace.

#### July 14

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, reported a pedestrian.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports 5 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 8 burn permits, 2 alarms, 4 stalled vehicles, 37 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 welfare check, 1 report of cattle out, 1 curfew check and 1 follow-up.



The city of Luverne purchased .53 acres of land from Sandy Maxwell for \$16,325 after Maxwell recently had her property surveyed. The new survey found that her property line actually extended to the middle of Redbird Road.

## City pays \$16,000 for property to correct survey error

By Jason Berghorst

Members of the Luverne City Council unanimously approved the purchase of 0.53 acres of land from Sandy Maxwell during their meeting July 13.

The land, located near Redbird Field, was purchased by the city at a cost of \$16,325.

According to City Administrator Jill Wolf, when Maxwell recently had her property surveyed, it was found that her property line actually extended to the middle of Redbird Road.

“This meant that a portion of the city right of way and utility assessments were on her property,” Wolf said. “So this action corrects that mistake.”

Wolf said the property includes a triangle area that includes a portion of Redbird Road as well as the grass berm on the west of

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— City Administrator Jill Wolf

the road generally up to the trees.

The property is also located along the railroad and near the river. It is part of the original settlement of Luverne.

“The abstract of the property actually showed it dated way back to the

beginning of incorporation of Luverne,” Wolf said.

“Throughout the years, many different parcels were subdivided and combined, so at some point, I would guess, a parcel was combined and either recorded incorrectly or it was purchased

before Redbird Road was developed,” Wolf said.

“This is a pretty rare scenario and does not usually happen.”

Redbird Road, including the newly purchased land, provides access to Redbird Field baseball stadium as well as the wastewater treatment facility and a pair of city wells.

Wolf said the city had an appraisal done on the land that needed to be purchased and that the appraiser took into consideration its location next to the rail line and in a flood zone.

“We really appreciated Sandy notifying us of the situation and allowing us to correct it by purchasing the land and retaining ownership to the right of way and utility assessments,” Wolf said.

“She was great to work with.”

## Apply through Aug. 18 for special youth deer hunts

Hunters can apply for special youth deer hunt permits through Friday, Aug. 18. The number of permits for each hunt is limited.

Individual hunts will be held in several state parks, and in the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, on various dates in the fall.

At the Blue Mounds State Park, the youth deer hunt will be Nov. 18-19.

Adults must accompany youth during these hunts. These firearms hunts are for youth ages 12-15 at the time of the hunt.

Youth archery hunters in Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County can be ages 10-17.

Special youth deer hunts are different from the statewide youth deer

season, which takes place Oct. 19-22 and does not require an application. More information is available on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/special-deer-hunts.html](http://mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/special-deer-hunts.html)).

In most instances, hunters may only possess and use nontoxic ammunition when participating in a special hunt in a Minnesota state

park; however, nontoxic ammunition requirements do not apply to youth special hunts in the shotgun-use area if hunters remove all parts of harvested deer, including the entrails.

Nontoxic ammunition includes steel, copper-plated, nickel-plated, zinc-plated and other projectiles made from a

nontoxic material approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A full list is available in the [Code of Federal Regulations \(ecfr.gov\)](http://Code of Federal Regulations (ecfr.gov)) and can be found by typing “hunting methods” in the search box and clicking “What hunting methods are illegal?”

Contact: Barbara Keller, big game program leader, 651-259-5198.

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*“What I realized about my love for all of these is that it’s the creativity that I really enjoy.”*

— Jessica Martens

Jessica Martens’ business, The Studio on Main St., features three of her favorite creative activities, a hair salon, a photography studio and a place to conduct piano lessons.

Mavis Fodness photos



# Capturing her creativity

Martens’ business features three of her favorite talents

By Mavis Fodness

Hills resident Jessica Martens was uncertain which of her three interests she wanted to turn into a business — so she chose all three.

Her business, “The Studio on Main St.,” celebrated its grand opening July 12.

Located on Main Street of Hills, Martens’ business features a hair salon and spa, a photography studio, and a place for piano lessons.

“What I realized about my love for all of these is that it’s the creativity that I really enjoy,” she said.

A year ago, the Sioux Falls native moved with her husband, Jason, to be closer to his family in Hills.

They have four children ages 2 to 11.

“What we’ve learned through our journey is that we longed to get back to a small town,” she

said.

Martens first began turning her artistic talents into a for-profit business when she began teaching piano lessons at age 16.

After graduating from high school, she used the proceeds from the piano lessons to attend Stewart’s School of Cosmetology.

The two-year degree in cosmetology led her to rent a booth for six years until she added a degree in music in ministry from the University of Sioux Falls.

After two years at USF, she met her husband and the two married in 2016.

They moved to Salem and led worship services for a local church before moving to Hills.

Among her enjoyments over the years has been photography.

She first started taking pictures for herself and gradually added family and friends.

Martens’ business specializes in portrait photography (fami-



The Studio on Main St. features a one-chair salon.

lies, seniors, individuals), business branding and professional headshots.

Her business combines all three creative activities into “your one-stop shop for creative services.”

Martens said her primary focus is the salon, which is open four days a week.

Fridays and weekends are reserved for the natural light photo

**Martens, go to page 7A**

## 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.

**Dorothy Rosenberg** will celebrate her 95th birthday on Sunday, July 23. Greetings may be sent to 110 S. Walnut Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Marvin Scherff** celebrated his 85th birthday on Sunday, July 16. Greetings may be sent to 1204 N. Linden Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### LHS Student named to council

Luverne High School incoming senior Henry Hartquist was elected president of the Southwest Division of the Minnesota Association of Student Councils (MASC) during the division assembly in April.

Hartquist will lead the organization made up of 39 schools from across southwest Minnesota during the 2023-2024 school year.

LHS Student Council adviser Jason Berghorst was also named the Southwest Division Adviser of the Year at the same event.

Also in April, incoming senior Patrick Kroski was elected as LHS student body president for the upcoming school year. Kroski will lead the Luverne Student Council and be the student representative at school board meetings. The following incoming seniors were elected as student council officers: Tyler Arends, vice president; Sarah Stegenga, secretary; and Kai Buss, treasurer.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2013)

•It takes dozens of involved staff and volunteers to run a county fair smoothly, but this year in Rock County, one loyal organizer will be absent.

Floral Hall superintendent Ida Reverts passed away last fall, so this year, her co-workers are learning to manage without her.

“I think anyone who has spent time at the fair in the past 50 years realizes that Ida was always there,” said Lynette Jauert, who is Open Class co-superintendent this year with Twila Walker.

“She was the first person to arrive in the morning and the last to leave at night.”

To recognize those contributions and Ida’s contributions to the fair through the years, the Rock County Fair Board renamed the Floral Hall the “Ida Reverts Memorial Hall.”

### 25 years ago (1998)

•Bill Nath, Luverne, will be 80 years old in February, and after more than 50 years of working with the Rock County Fair, he has decided to retire.

Nath began working with the Fair Board as groundskeeper back when ice cream cones were a nickel apiece and midway rides cost a dime. Of course, back then the main attractions were the Ferris wheel and merry-go-round, rather than the Zipper or the scrambler.

I used to come to the fair every year, even before I started working there,” he said. “It was a thrill when the fair was here and we’d get to go.”

### 50 years ago (1973)

•Brent Ross and Bob Vrtacnik added a new experience to their list of summer time involvements this month.

Sponsored by the Rock Soil and Water Conservation District, the boys spent two weeks studying environmental education at the Long Lake Conservation Center.

In addition to study with plants and work with visual projects, the boys participated in contour mapping, watershed, forestry, and wildlife management, aquatic biology, population dynamics, recreational skills and soils.

### 75 years ago (1948)

•John Reimer announced this week that his new laundry, to be known as the Luverne Laundry, will be open for business next Monday.

Installation of all the equipment has now been completed, and the plant is ready for operation. The laundry is located on the corner of Main and Oakley streets, across the street west from the Spease Tire Shop.

“Luverne has long felt the need of having its own modern laundry, and it is our aim to provide one,” Reimer said this week. “We will be using modern equipment and modern laundry methods to insure quick, reliable service at an economical price. We invite the public to try our service. We will call for and deliver all laundry, and we will endeavor in every way to make out business one which will answer a long felt need in Luverne.”

### 100 years ago (1923)

•Another big dance, of the kind for which Dell-Hogan Post, of the American Legion, of this city, has become noted during the past year, will be held at the Armory, in this city, Monday night, July 22.

The committee in charge has planned a big carnival dance on this date and it is a safe bet that the evening will be as entertaining and enjoyable as at any dance ever held in this city. Arrangements have been made to provide every dancer, both gentlemen and ladies, with carnival hats and caps. The hall will be attractively decorated in Legion colors. All carnival accessories will be supplied by the committee. Notice has been given out that there will be no confetti used at the hall, owing to numerous complaints against this practice.

Following the custom of the past year, the Legion will make a free distribution of prizes at the dance. Various assortments of staple and fancy groceries will be given away including fifty pounds of sugar, two baskets of assorted fancy groceries, a sack of flour, coffee and a box of fancy biscuits.

The Country Club orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music, and assurance is given that they will give the crowd the best they have both in quality, correct time quantity of music.

## 1943: Berg’s life story includes 1888 blizzard

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.

Thor Berg continues his life story from last week.

Mr. Berg was always fond of the out-of-doors and since his boyhood days, has been fond of hunting and fishing. In Norway, he often donned a pair of snow shoes and went hunting in winter for hours at a time. After coming to this country, he hunted ducks, geese and prairie chickens, all of which abounded in great numbers. Fish, too, were extremely plentiful in all the rivers and creeks, and he states he has caught many good sized pickerel in the Rock river. He still enjoys reading magazines dealing with outdoor sport.

He managed to escape harm in the blizzard of 1888, but he recalls how the day was as beautiful as it could be in the forenoon, with a genuine January thaw in progress. By five o’clock in the afternoon, however, the storm raged in blinding fury. He recalls



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

how two men were frozen to death when they were unable to reach shelter.

Mr. Berg worked on farms north of Luverne in Mound and Vienna townships practically his entire life after coming to this country. He never married, and has only the one brother, Nels, with whom he resides here in Luverne.

Despite the fact that he is nearly 90, he is still active, can hear well, and can read without glasses. He often makes a trip down town, and he enjoys visiting with his older friends.

Mr. Berg is a member of Blue Mound Lutheran church, and for years served as janitor there.





## LMS students travel to nation's capital

Thirty-four Luverne Middle School students, three school chaperones and nine adults traveled to Washington, D.C., July 7-11. The days were full for the group as they visited the Capitol, White House, Arlington National Cemetery, Gettysburg Battlefield, the Washington Monument, the Holocaust, American History and National Archives museums, and the Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, MLK, World War II, Vietnam, and Korean memorials. Pictured are students (front, from left), Sophia Remme, Hazel Sailor, Rylee Kurtz, Macie Edstrom, Garret Cattnach, Ben Hartquist, Danny Aning, Cole Buss, (second) Cassidy Saarloos, Alexa Braun, Duncan Benjamin, Carter Como, Will Bergman, Colton Haubrich, Jackson VanMaanen, Collin Knips, Kelby Schomacker, Hudson Hough, Andrew Deutsch, Matthew Gangestad, Ashton Pick, Liam Brown, (third) Olivia Versteeg, Allyssa Evers, Marlee Nelson, Charlie Mostad, Logan Willi, (back) Olivia Lund, Aubrey Van Belle, Anna Reisdorfer, Haily Steele, Natt Hernandez, James Wendlandt and Ethan Van Batavia.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Holthaus receives degree

Grace Holthaus, Hills, graduated following the Spring 2023 semester at St. Cloud State University with a Master of Science in Communications Sciences and Disorders.

### Huisman makes dean's list

Anna Huisman, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at Bemidji State University. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### Smith graduates from Drake

Jade Smith, Luverne, graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, following the Spring 2023 semester. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and actuarial science.

### Area students graduate from SDSU

Several area students graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings following the Spring 2023

semester.

Luke LaRock, Hills, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in arts, humanities and social sciences.

Greta Ahrendt, Luverne, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Jacinda Hustoft, Luverne, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts and an undergraduate certificate in arts, humanities and social sciences.

Breanna Richters, Luverne, graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and an undergraduate certificate in arts, humanities and social sciences.

McCall Stegenga, Luverne, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy and allied health professions.

### MSU Mankato releases dean's list

Olivia Wieneke, Luverne, and Faith Mounce, Hills, were named to the high honors list for the Spring 2023 semester at Minnesota State University Mankato. Students with a 4.0 and at least 12 graded credits are recognized as high honors recipients.

## EVENTS AT THE STATE PARK

The Blue Mounds State Park has announced its July programs and events. Contact [bluemounds.statepark@state.mn.us](mailto:bluemounds.statepark@state.mn.us) or 507-283-6050 with questions or special requests.

**Storytime on the Plains** will be from 5-6 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at the bench across from

Campground Host. Long before writing and libraries, people have been sharing their culture, history, and values through story telling. Hear stories that have been shared on the Great Plains for centuries. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Story-lovers of all ages are welcome.

**Mammal Mania Nature Cart** will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Picnic Area. Bison may be the star of the show, but they are not the only mammal that make their home at the park. All ages welcome! **Magical Mon-**

**archs** will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 28, at the Amphitheater. The monarch has become a national icon for pollinators across America. From life cycles to a long migration, explore the world of pollinators through the lens of our state butterfly. Bring a chair as seating is limited.

## MENU

**Monday, July 24:** Goulash, corn, tropical fruit, bread.

**Tuesday, July 25:** Biscuit with sausage gravy, roasted potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, dessert.

**Wednesday, July 26:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, fresh fruit.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

**Thursday, July 27:** Ham and turkey chef salad, breadstick, fresh orange, dessert.

**Friday, 28:** Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert.

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

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

## OBITUARY

### Janice Vander Poel

Janice Alfreda (Karssen) Vander Poel was born on May 5, 1939, to William Karssen and Jeanetta Karssen (Eggink). Janice was born in Leeds township in Murray County, Minnesota.

Jann grew up with five siblings on a farm outside of Chandler, Minnesota. She graduated as valedictorian from Chandler High School in Chandler. She later graduated from Pipestone Vocational School in the medical records field in the 1990s.

Jann and Kenneth Vander Poel were married August 12, 1957, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They had seven children together and raised their family in Luverne, Minnesota.

Janice had a strong belief in God, loved going to church and being with friends. She enjoyed loud music, especially the opera, reading books, gardening, and

spending time with her family.

Janice loved to reminisce about memories.

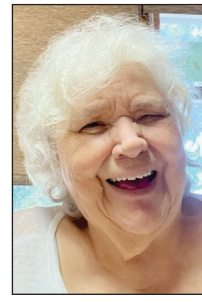
Janice passed away at Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton, Minnesota, on July 14, 2023, at the age of 84 years.

She is survived by her seven children: April (Marv) Hubbling, Melanie (Bernard) Carmen,

Noreen (Randy) Hawes, Daniel (Paula) Vander Poel, Ferlin (Kimberly) Vander Poel, Nina (Todd) Halls, and Ben (Mindy) Vander Poel; 19 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her three brothers and one sister: Derald (Joann) Karssen, William Karssen, Alden "Patch" (Marlene) Karssen, and Gaylene (James) Chapman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Jeanetta Karssen, and one brother, Roland Karssen.



The Studio on Main St. photography studio provides natural light.

### Martens/continued from 6A

shoots and piano lessons.

Appointments can be made on her business website, [www.thestudioonmainst.com](http://www.thestudioonmainst.com)

Martens intends to keep her salon as a one-person operation but has brought in massage therapist Rosa Mitchell, who is also an eyelash technician.

"For now it is just me in the salon," Martens said. "I want to create a relaxing environment where I can listen to the customer in a quiet, calm atmosphere."

In the future, she said she plans to expand in her existing building by establishing a community room that can also be used by the public.

Her own plans for the community room involve offering various classes involving creativity.

"What I love about the services I provide is that they allow time and space for genuine communication, relationship building and rejuvenation," she said.

# Hidden in the Herald

We are hiding things in the Star Herald! Count the items, pictured below, and submit your guess before 10 am on Monday, July 24. All correct guesses will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 Sunshine Foods gift certificate!

**Congrats to last week's winner, Jill Ykema!! There were 26 baseballs hidden!**

**This week you are looking for Grand Champion Ribbons!**



The ribbons look like this! (Do not count this ribbon.)



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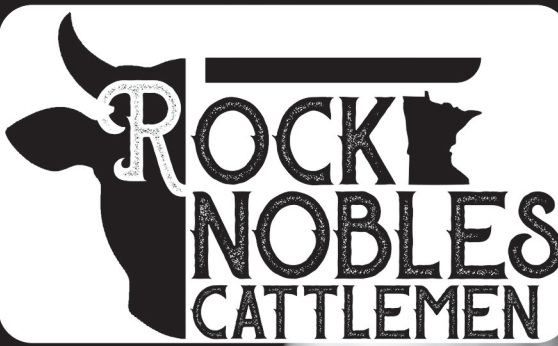





Submit your guess via e-mail to [sales@star-herald.com](mailto:sales@star-herald.com) or message us on Facebook at RCStarHerald - please include your name, phone number and guess. You can also drop your guess off at the Star Herald office. Guesses must be submitted by 10 am on Monday, July 24.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ My Guess \_\_\_\_\_

# Rock County Fair



Meal includes

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Thursday, July 27

Serving at 5:30

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Hamburger meal **\$5.00**

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**Great Plains Tractor Pullers**  
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**At left:** On June 29, Keith Erickson stands next to the dollhouse he built as a replica of his own house on North Cedar Street in Luverne. The dollhouse will have a removable addition that mirrors the real house addition and the detached double garage.

**At right:** Keith and Joan Erickson's granddaughters Piper (front, left), Anika (back) and Hadley stand next to the dollhouse replica of the Erickson home (pictured above). "It's a lot bigger than I thought it would be," Anika said. "It looks really realistic."

Mavis Fodness photos



# Erickson fulfills granddaughters' dollhouse wish

**By Mavis Fodness**

It was Christmas in July for Keith and Joan Erickson's granddaughters who visited during the Fourth of July holiday.

Since April, Grandpa Keith has been building a to-scale dollhouse replica of the Erickson home, complete with the detached garage.

The girls, ages 8, 10 and 11, saw it for the first time during their early July visit to Luverne.

"This has been crazy — 'I'm not a builder or a contractor,'" Keith said. "I've told the grand-

daughters they've given me a project that's just been fun."

For weeks Keith has walked around the couple's North Cedar Avenue home (originally built in 1917), measuring the perimeter and each room, converting the size for the dollhouse.

At 26-by-28 inches, the dollhouse mirrors the 26-by-28-foot, two-and-a-half story original.

Erickson said he received a phone call in April from his oldest granddaughter, Anika, 11, who lives in Muncie, Indiana.

She excitedly told him of the

dollhouse she saw at the store and was wondering if he could build her one.

"And not just any dollhouse. I want you to make the house that you and Grandma live in," Erickson recalled Anika telling him.

She wanted the house to be something she could show her own grandchildren and they, in turn, can show their children.

Plus, she wanted to play with the dollhouse.

Erickson said his first thought was, "I don't have the ability to make it that fancy."

However, the retired Luverne school teacher and high school guidance counselor couldn't disappoint his three granddaughters.

In addition to Anika, Hadley, 10, and Piper, 8, live in South Minneapolis. They soon learned of Anika's request, and the anticipation has grown through photos their grandpa has shared along the way.

Using materials stored around the house and shingles left over from a recent project on his roof, Erickson constructed a replica of the detached garage.

Inside is the man cave where the girls and Erickson watch TV and also the wood shop, which is the dollhouse's current home.

With suggestions from friends and fellow retirees, Erickson designed the dollhouse with a removable south side so furniture can be placed inside. The roofs on both the house and garage are removable to allow access inside.

In the house are oak stairs, oak baseboards and oak door frames around each of the 11 doors, as well as crown molding in each room.

Douglas fir is used in the dollhouse kitchen just as it is in the original home.

Erickson said the project has allowed him to reflect on the 50 years he and Joan have lived in their home where the granddaughters' mothers, Kim and Jen, grew up.

"It's those first two rooms where we fell in love with the house," he said about the kitchen and dining rooms.

"Everybody who has ever lived here has kept the house well-maintained."

He included variations of the built-in China hutch and oak bookshelves that divide the rooms, but he was unable to duplicate the glass and oak doors, opting for plain oak shelves instead.

This fall, he said he plans to build the addition added in 1984.

"They are really fired up by this goofy thing," he said. "I've told the granddaughters not to hold their breaths for this summer. This might be a fall project."

The girls are pleased with Grandpa Keith's project.

"It is a lot bigger than I thought it would be," Anika said. "It looks so realistic."

In their anticipation for playing with the dollhouse, the girls brought existing toys from home to place inside the house.

Erickson said his granddaughters searched Amazon.com and purchased a front porch swing similar to the original.

The girls indicated they are currently looking for furnishings that look exactly like those Grandma and Grandpa have. They are also looking for dolls to depict themselves.

"You can find anything on Amazon," Erickson said.

Except maybe a replica of Grandma and Grandpa's house.



The Erickson granddaughters searched their toy boxes from home to furnish the dollhouse including a doll to represent Grandpa Keith in the man cave in the garage (**below**).

**Far left:** A porch swing similar to the one on the existing Erickson house was purchased on Amazon.

**Middle:** Grandma Joan doll works in the kitchen. The bathroom is upstairs.





## Annual Tour de Donut rolls through Rock County

By Greg Hooegeven

Early in the morning on Saturday, July 15, more than 100 bikers were gearing up for the Sixth Annual Tour de Donut bicycle event in Luverne.

The competition, organized by Dave Duffy and volunteers, draws bikers from as far away as Minneapolis, Grand Forks and Kansas City to ride bikes, eat donuts and have fun.

The event is broken into four routes based on distance.

- The untimed 7-mile or 11-mile fun routes around Luverne on the Loop and Ashby Trail.

- The timed one stop 19-mile route to Beaver Creek and back.

- The timed 35-mile route with stops in Beaver Creek and Steen.

- The timed 50-mile route through Beaver Creek, Steen, Hills and Lester, Iowa

At stops in the timed routes, bikers could eat donuts to shave minutes off their final time.

For each donut eaten, six minutes is taken off a biker's ride time. Plus, there was a fritter bonus of three minutes for each one eaten.

Many riders eat one to three donuts in the events, but there were two individuals who ate 12 donuts each.

Eating the 12 donuts resulted in 72 minutes taken off their total ride time, which offered a big advantage for those who could stomach the extra weight.

There were 26 bikers in the seven- and 11-mile routes combined.

The 19-mile route had 13 riders, 36 riders took on the 35-mile route, and 26 riders braved the 50-mile excursion.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0720 donut road  
Tour de Donut bikers head into Beaver Creek for stop number one to refill water, rest and possibly have a donut July 15.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0720 devour  
Nathan Rhan, from Grand Forks, devours three donuts at the Steen stop.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0720 donut tandem  
Jeff and Debbie Ptacek from Sioux Falls participated in the 2023 Tour de Donut on their tandem bike.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0720 donut in  
Tour de Donut riders set up for a group shot at Beaver Creek July 15. Refreshments and fun were part of the event.

*“All of their generosity is like the sprinkles on a donut.”*

— Jill Arp, mother of Jennica Arp of Jennica's Journey

### Results in 19-mile race

In the men's division, **First Place** went to Rory Davis, age 13, from Brandon in one hour, 17 minutes flat. **Second Place** was Stephen Davis, age 47, from

Brandon in 1:17:28. **Third Place** was Jase Arp, age 19, from Luverne in 1:28:00. **Fourth place** was Jerad Arp, age 43, from Luverne in 1:30:21.

In the women's division, **First Place** went to Kathryn Davis, age 48, from Brandon in 1:23:12. **Second Place** was Nicole Christoffer, age 53, from Sioux Falls in 1:28:22. **Third Place** was Nancy Van Overschelde, age 52, from Sioux Falls in 1:47:45. **Fourth Place** was Paula Jelken, age 59, from Luverne in 1:48:12.

### Results in 35-mile race

In the men's division, **First Place** went to Craig Carlson, age 66, from Sioux Falls in 1:30:48. **Second Place** was William Ward, age 26, from

Sioux Falls in 1:40:43. **Third Place** was Jon Alvey, age 40, from Sioux Falls in 1:51:12. **Fourth Place** was Jeff Ptacek, age 58, from Sioux Falls in 2:01:00.

In the women's division, **First Place** went to Tricia Way, age 48, from Mitchell in 2:27:39. **Second Place** was Nicole Van Ginkel, age 41, from Rock Valley in 2:28:14. **Third Place** was Kellen Boice, age 41, from Sioux Falls in 2:30:45. **Fourth Place** was Katina Voje, age 47, from Mitchell in 2:31:00.

### Results in the 50-miler

In the men's division, **First Place** went to Nathan Rham, age 42, from Grand Forks in 1:44:50. **Second Place** was Shane Taylor, age 55, from Mitchell in 2:09:37.

**Third Place** was Samuel Zollicker, age 36, from Sioux Falls in 2:31:56. **Fourth Place** was Matthew Kennedy, age 24, from Pipestone in 2:44:01. In the women's division, **First Place** went to Meredith Keith, age 36, from Sioux Falls in 2:56:10. **Second Place** was Grace DeVries, age 57, from Worthington in 3:02:24. **Third Place** was Tammy Schnaible, age 64, from Sioux Falls in 3:13:31. **Fourth Place** was Alexis Wilson, age 25, from Kansas City in 4:02:25. The Tour de Donut

event partners with “Jennica's Journey” for Jennica Arp, who was born with cystic fibrosis. Jill Arp, Jennica's mother, said, “She absolutely LOVES donuts, so volunteering at Donut Stop #1 in Beaver Creek is her favorite.” “Unfortunately, the air quality and Jennica's current lung health prevented her from helping us at this year's Tour de Donut.” Jennica's Journey volunteer crew served up donuts and met all of the riders at the Beaver Creek stop.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0720 donut trio  
Volunteers Traci Siebenahler Davis (left) and Jennifer Wiebe Kramer (right) pose with bicycle race participant Shane Taylor (center) at the Tour de Donut stop in Steen on Saturday, July 15.

## Redbirds send six balls over the fence in two game wins

By Greg Hooegeven

The Redbirds posted six homeruns in two games this past week, beating Hadley 10-1 at home July 12 and Ruthton 17-1 on the road July 16.

The win against Hadley clinched Luverne's Gopher League regular season championship.

The Redbirds will play their last regular season game against the Tea Steam Wednesday, July 19, at home.

### Redbirds 10, Hadley 1

The Redbirds beat the Buttermakers 10-1 at Redbird Field Wednesday, July 12.

Phil Paquette hit a grand slam in the third inning, helping spark the Redbirds' bats.

Paquette drove in Skyler Wenninger, Ben Serie and Nick Smith with his line drive over the left field fence.

Later in the inning, Cade Wenninger hit a

ground ball, knocking in Newt Johnson from third base.

Skyler Wenninger was walked to score Derek Lundgren from third.

Serie closed the inning with a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Sehr and taking the team to a 7-1 lead over Hadley.

In the bottom of the sixth inning Lundgren singled to center to drive in Smith.

With two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning, Declan Beers singled to center, scoring Johnson and Lundgren.

Cade Wenninger took the mound for the Redbirds, pitching five innings, allowing one run on four hits while striking out three batters.

Jake Haugen came in to relieve Wenninger to pitch four innings, allowing four hits and zero runs, striking out three batters.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0720 redbirds phil hr  
Phil Paquette celebrates his home run against Windom with his team July 12 at home. Luverne won the contest beating Windom 10-1.

**BOX Score**  
HDLY 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0  
RBirds 0 0 7 0 0 1 0 2 x

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

Johnson 4 2 3 0  
Lundgren 3 2 2 1  
Beers 5 0 1 2  
Sehr 4 1 0 0  
C. Wenninger 4 0 0 1  
2B: Smith  
HR: Paquette  
Total Bases: Paquette 5, Johnson 3, Smith 3, Lundgren 2, Serie 2, Beers, C. Wenninger

**PITCHING**  
Luverne IP H R ER SO  
C. Wenninger 5 4 1 1 3  
Haugen 4 2 0 0 3  
Pitches-Strikes: C. Wenninger 62-44, Haugen 49-36  
Batters Faced: C. Wenninger 20, Haugen 14

### Redbirds 17, Ruthton 1

Five home runs from the Redbirds powered Luverne to a 17-1 win over Ruthton on the road Sunday, July 16.

Cade Wenninger sent two over the wall in the game to record a grand slam in the second inning and a solo in the sixth.

Paquette, Skyler Wenninger and Sehr also posted homeruns in the game.

Luverne had 20 team hits in the game with no errors and only two strikeouts against them.

Lundgren got the win on the mound, pitching three innings, allowing zero runs on one hit, striking out three and walking one. Skyler Wenninger, Paquette and Beyer also

pitched scoreless innings for the Redbirds.

**BOX Score**  
RBirds 3 6 5 0 0 3 0  
RTHT 0 0 0 0 0 1

**BATTING**  
Luverne AB R H RBI  
S. Wenninger 6 3 2 1  
Sehr 4 3 2 1  
Paquette 5 3 3 4  
Johnson 4 2 1 1  
C. Wenninger 5 3 4 5  
Lundgren 4 2 2 3  
Beers 5 0 4 0  
Beyer 5 0 2 2  
Ripka 2 1 0 0  
Overgaard 1 0 0 0  
2B: Paquette 2, Lundgren, C. Wenninger  
HR: C. Wenninger 2, Paquette, S. Wenninger, Sehr  
Total Bases: Paquette 8, S. Wenninger 5, Sehr 5, Beers 4, Lundgren 3, Beyer 2, C. Wenninger 11, Johnson 1

**PITCHING**  
Luverne IP H R ER SO  
Lundgren 3 1 0 0 3  
S. Wenninger 1 2 0 0 2  
Paquette 1 2 0 0 1  
Beyer 1 1 0 0 2  
Sehr 1 1 1 0 0  
Pitches-Strikes: Lundgren 35-24, S. Wenninger 21-14, Paquette 16-12, Beyer 17-11, Sehr 6-6  
Batters Faced: Lundgren 10, S. Wenninger 5, Paquette 5, Beyer 5, Sehr 4



# Weekly local race results

Following are the racing results for local drivers competing in Rock Rapids, Hartford, Slayton, Worthington and Brandon for the week of July 11-17.

### Rapid Speedway

July 14 Rock Rapids, IA  
**Sportsman's**  
 6th - #17 Brandon Boeve, Beaver Creek  
 10th - #24H Brock Harnack, Hills  
**Hobby Stocks**  
 2nd - #22E Eric Gaul, Luverne  
 5th - #14K Bryant Klaassen, Adrian  
 12th - #15X Kaden Kracht, Steen  
**B-Modifieds**  
 3rd - #52 Trevor Kracht, Luverne

### Stock Cars

2nd - #46 Colton Arends, Luverne  
 5th - #4D Cory Kelderman, Hills  
 8th - #5X Kevin Kremin, Kenneth  
 DNF- #15 Thomas Kracht, Luverne  
 DNF-#117L Chad Lonnerman, Adrian  
 DNF-#21 Larry Kracht, Magnolia

### Murray County Speedway

July 14 Slayton, MN  
**Bombers**  
 4th - #22H Cody Hansen, Edgerton  
**Hobby Stocks**  
 1st - #17 Evan Schüttler, Adrian  
 7th - #16B Zachary Bierman, Adrian

### I-90 Speedway

July 15 Hartford, SD  
**No local drivers**

### Worthington Speedway

July 15 Worthington, MN  
**Bombers**  
 DNF-#22H Cody Hansen, Edgerton  
**Hobby Stocks**  
 1st - #17 Evan Schüttler, Adrian  
 2nd - #16B Zachary Bierman, Adrian  
 DNF-#15B Isaac Bullerman, Adrian

### Huset's Speedway

July 16 Brandon, SD  
**Sprint Car**  
 5th - #4D Logan Domagala, Brandon  
 14th - #96 Blaine Stegenga, Valley Springs  
 17th - #18D Dalton Domagala, Brandon  
**Street Stock**  
 2nd - #20K Spencer Kalass, Luverne  
 13th - #46 Colton Arends, Luverne

# Luverne Junior Legion continues in sub-state action

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Post 123 Jr. Legion baseball team won the 2023 Southwest Sub-Sub State bracket July 11, beating Windom 11-6.

Luverne won its first two sub-state games against St. James, 4-0, and Madelia, 9-8, on July 16.

Luverne is scheduled to take on Slayton Tuesday, July 18, in Sleepy Eye at 5 p.m.

### Luverne 11, Windom 6

Luverne took down Windom 11-6 at home July 11.

Blake Sauer led Luverne with three runs on four hits and one RBI.

Alex Schlosser and Landon Ahrendt both added two runs while Carter Sehr, Layke Miller, Josh Hansen and Landon Lais each had one run in the game.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0720 jr jaxon  
 Jaxon Lais connects with the ball against Windom July 11. Luverne beat Windom 11-6 at home.

### BOX Score

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne				
Sauer	4	3	4	1
Schlosser	4	2	2	1
Sehr	4	1	2	1
Miller	3	1	0	1
Ahrendt	3	2	3	2
Hansen	3	1	1	1
J. Lais	3	0	0	1
L. Lais	3	1	0	0
Vortherms	3	0	0	0

2B: Ahrendt 2, Schlosser, Hansen  
 3B: Sauer

Luverne's Sauer pitched a no-hitter, striking out 12 batters along the way with no walks. One batter for St. James did reach base on an error. Scoring for Luverne were Sauer, Schlosser, Sehr and Landon Lais.

Miller	3	0	2	1
Ahrendt	3	0	1	0
J. Lais	3	0	1	0
Hansen	3	0	0	0
L. Lais	2	1	0	1
Domagala	2	0	0	0

2B: Schlosser

### Luverne 9, Madelia 8

In the second round of sub-state action, Luverne beat Madelia 9-8 in a July 16 evening game.

Luverne was down 6-8 going into the bottom of the seventh inning and scored two runs to tie the game.

Maddux Domagala bunted into a suicide squeeze, scoring Lais from third base by beating the tag at home.

Johnson, Hansen and Ahrendt pitched in the game.

Ahrendt got the win, throwing a scoreless last three innings.

### BOX Score

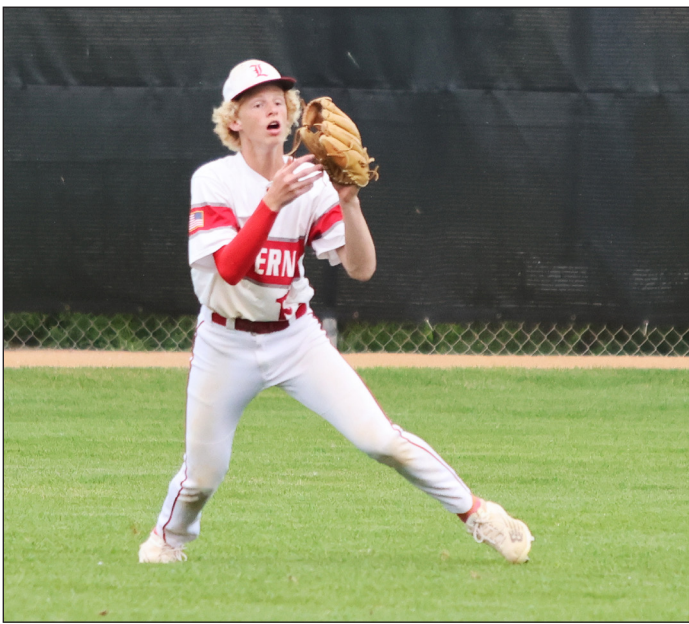
BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne				
Sauer	4	1	2	1
Schlosser	4	2	2	0
Sehr	4	1	1	1
Miller	4	0	2	2
Ahrendt	4	1	2	1
J. Lais	4	1	1	0
L. Lais	4	1	1	1
Hansen	4	1	2	0
Domagala	3	1	3	0

2B: Sauer, Schlosser, Sehr, Ahrendt, L. Lais

### Luverne 4, St. James 0

Luverne sent St. James packing July 16 with a 4-0 win in the first round of sub-state play.

BOX Score	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne				
Sauer	4	1	0	0
Schlosser	3	1	2	1
Sehr	3	1	2	1



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0720 jr maddox  
 Maddux Domagala catches a fly ball to center against Windom July 11 at home. Luverne won the game 11-6.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0720 sr legion team  
 The Luverne Senior Legion team members are (front, left) Braydon Ripka, Marcus Vortherms, Trevor DeBates, Elliot Domagala, Alex Schlosser, Carter Sehr, Will Serie, (back) assistant coach Casey Sehr, Layke Miller, Landon Ahrendt, Jacob Stroh, Riley Sneller, Conner Connell, Kaden Anderson and head coach Codie Zeutenhorst. Not pictured are Kai Buss and Zach DeBates.

# Luverne Sr. Legion Post 123 finishes year with 9-3 record

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Sr. Legion Post 123 baseball team traveled to Veteran's Park in St. James for the 2023 American Legion Division II Southwest Sub-State Tournament this past week.

The Cardinals won their first game against Wells 7-0 July 13 but lost the next two games, 1-0 to Sleepy Eye July 14 and 7-2 to St. James on July 15.

The Sr. Legion team closed the season with a record of 9-3.

### Luverne 7, Wells 0

Luverne won its first-round sub-state game 7-0 against Wells Thursday, July 13.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fourth inning when Luverne posted five runs.

Alex Schlosser got the ball rolling with a single to center field, driving in Carter Sehr and Elliot Domagala.

Landon Ahrendt sent a line drive into center field to score Schlosser from second base.

Conner Connell doubled, scoring Blake Sauer and Riley Sneller.

In the sixth inning Luverne added two more runs to ensure a first-round win.

Sneller sent a single to right field scoring Kaden Anderson, and Connell flew out to left field and Sneller scored on the throw home.

Anderson took the mound and pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing zero runs on three hits and striking out nine batters.

Josh Hansen came in to relieve Anderson, pitching two-thirds of an inning, with no runs scored on zero hits.

BOX Score  
 WLLS 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 LUV 0 0 0 5 0 2 0

BATTING  
 Luverne AB R H RBI  
 Sneller 3 2 1 1

CONNELL 3 0 1 2  
 Stroh 4 0 0 0  
 Serie 3 0 0 0  
 Sehr 3 1 1 0  
 Domagala 3 1 1 0  
 Schlosser 3 1 2 2  
 Anderson 2 1 0 0  
 Ahrendt 3 0 2 1

2B: Connell, Domagala  
 Total Bases: Connell 2, Schlosser 2, Ahrendt 2, Domagala 2, Sneller, Sehr

### PITCHING

Luverne IP H R ER SO  
 Anderson 6.1 3 0 0 9  
 Hansen 0.2 0 0 0 0  
 Pitches-Strikes: Anderson 103-59, Hansen 2-2  
 Batters Faced: Anderson 25, Hansen 2

### Sleepy Eye 1, Luverne 0

In the second game Luverne lost a close 1-0 contest to Sleepy Eye Friday, July 14.

Luverne fell behind Sleepy Eye 1-0 in the first inning and couldn't find a way to cross the plate the rest of the game.

Sleepy Eye's one run came on a pop-up to left field, and an error resulted in a runner on third base scoring.

Luverne had three total errors in the game to Sleepy Eye's one.

Serie, Braydon Ripka, Connell and Ahrendt each collected one hit in the game and turned one double play.

Zach DeBoer pitched a full game, going six innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out two batters.

BOX Score  
 LUV 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 SLPY 1 0 0 0 0 0 x

BATTING  
 Luverne AB R H RBI  
 Sneller 2 0 0 0  
 Connell 2 0 1 0  
 Stroh 3 0 0 0  
 Serie 3 0 1 0  
 Sehr 1 0 0 0  
 Schlosser 3 0 0 0  
 Ripka 3 0 1 0  
 DeBoer 3 0 0 0  
 Ahrendt 2 0 1 0

Total Bases: Ahrendt, Ripka, Serie, Connell, Sneller

PITCHING  
 Luverne IP H R ER SO  
 Stroh 5 10 3 3 4  
 Johnson .1 1 3 1 0  
 Hansen .2 1 1 0 2

Pitches-Strikes: Stroh 84-56, Johnson 16-8, Hansen 20-11  
 Batters Faced: Stroh 28, Johnson 4, Hansen 4

Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 65-44  
 Batters Faced: DeBoer 22

### St. James 7, Luverne 2

In the final game for the 2023 season, Luverne lost to St. James 7-2 on Saturday, July 15.

A triple by Connell put Luverne on the board in the first inning, scoring Sneller from first base.

In the top of the fifth inning Sehr helped to tie the game 2-2 with a single to left field, driving in Connell from second.

In the bottom of the fifth Luverne gave up one more run and in the sixth inning saw Sleepy Eye score four more runs to win the game 7-2.

Connell was able to pound the ball, posting one double and a triple while covering six total bases in the game.

Stroh took the mound pitching five innings, allowing three runs on ten hits and striking out four batters.

Jayden Johnson pitched a third inning in the sixth, allowing three runs on one hit, and Josh Hansen went two-thirds of an inning, allowing one run on one hit.

BOX Score  
 LUV 1 0 0 1 0 0  
 STJM 1 0 0 1 4 x

BATTING  
 Luverne AB R H RBI  
 Sneller 3 1 1 0  
 Connell 4 1 3 1  
 Sehr 4 0 2 1  
 Serie 4 0 0 0  
 Ripka 4 0 0 0  
 Schlosser 3 0 1 0  
 Stroh 2 0 1 0  
 Miller 1 0 0 0  
 Anderson 1 0 1 0  
 Ahrendt 1 0 1 0

2B: Connell  
 3B: Connell  
 Total Bases: Connell 6, Sehr 2, Sneller, Stroh, Ahrendt, Schlosser

PITCHING  
 Luverne IP H R ER SO  
 Stroh 5 10 3 3 4  
 Johnson .1 1 3 1 0  
 Hansen .2 1 1 0 2

Pitches-Strikes: Stroh 84-56, Johnson 16-8, Hansen 20-11  
 Batters Faced: Stroh 28, Johnson 4, Hansen 4

## PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Sound of Freedom**

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## HILLS-BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

### REQUEST FOR QUOTES

The Board of Education of Independent School District No.671, also known as Hills-Beaver Creek School District, will receive sealed firm quotes for delivery of up to 15,000 Gallons of Heating Fuel Oil at its Elementary Site in Beaver Creek 404 S 4th St (2,000-gallon tank capacity) and delivery of up to 25,000 Gallons of Liquid Propane delivered to two District Sites in Hills, MN—301 N Summit Ave and 205 E 2nd St.

Quote must indicate that delivery service company is able to furnish trained and certified LP gas service within 24 hours.

All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Amanda Rozeboom, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at the District Office.

Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes in whole or in part.

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## Is America heading for judgment from God?

Chicken Little ran around the farmyard yelling, "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" because an acorn dropped from a tree, hitting Chicken Little on the head.

I believe God's judgment will come to America unless we repent! Is this just the cry of "Chicken Little" or is it more than an acorn hitting me on the head?

Paul, writing to the church in Rome some 2000 years ago, gave a warning for them that is just as applicable to us today. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of humanity, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." (Romans 1:18).

In Noah's time the people thought of Noah as a "Chicken Little." They laughed at his warning on the coming flood until the water was at their ankles and rising to their heads. Sodom and Gomorrah were filled with homosexuality and "the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave." (Gen 18:20). They failed to heed God's warning, and we see what happened to them.

God always gives a warning, but humanity is not good at listening. Romans 1:24 begins with four frightening words, "So God abandoned them." Paul repeats these same words in verses 26 and 28.

The Bible describes Satan as a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour. What would happen to America if God said, "Okay, enough. You want it that way, but don't complain about

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser  
First Baptist Church, Luverne

what happens." God is at some level holding Satan back from destroying everything and everyone.

Paul has given the warning of God's wrath and the subsequent abandonment of God, and then he explains why God abandoned them and why God is going to pour out his wrath on them. We read the cause of God's judgment in Romans 1:24-31.

"Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts ... because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie. God gave them up to dishonorable passion. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature and men likewise. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Does any of this sound like what is happening in America? I believe God is giving us a call to repent. We do not want to experience God's wrath. It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God.

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Thursday, July 20: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, July 22: No activities. Sunday, July 23: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, July 24: Youth to Valley Fair. Tuesday, July 25: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, July 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at [els.org](http://els.org)). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)  
Friday, July 21: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, July 23: 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.

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

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529  
Wednesday, July 19: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, July 22: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, July 23: 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 24: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, July 25: 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, July 26: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 8 p.m. Meeting.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: [fpcemilie@gmail.com](mailto:fpcemilie@gmail.com)  
Wednesday, July 19: 9 a.m. Kitchen cleaning (All members are invited to help). 4 p.m. Music staff. NO deacons meeting. Thursday, July 20: Visitor deadline. Friday, July 21: 2:30-3:45 p.m. Getting to Know Dementia. Session 3, by Alzheimer's Alliance LLC. Sunday, July 23: 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.

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**New Life Celebration Church**  
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**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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Ph. (507) 669-2855; [zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)  
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**  
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[igtwb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwb@WOW.net)  
Bill Bates, Pastor

**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor  
Sunday, July 23: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at First Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValleySprings; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [palisadchurch@alliancecom.net](mailto:palisadchurch@alliancecom.net)  
[www.palisadelutheran.org](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)  
Sunday, July 23: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at First Lutheran. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025  
email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto:lori.firstpres@gmail.com)  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
Ph. 605-215-3429  
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Nancy Manning, Pastor  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
Jeremy Wiersma, Pastor  
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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270 / [bethlehemofhills@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## Rock County Commissioners meet June 6

**Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rock County Courthouse June 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson with all Commissioners present. Also in attendance were County Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the June 06, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the May 16, 2023, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Bonnie Christianson, University of MN Regional Extension Director, along with Sheila Steinhoff, Office Manager, Kelsey Maeschen, 4-H Youth Development Coordinator, Lindsey Vander Wal, Summer Intern presented a program activity updates and thanked the County Board for the financial support, via the Memorandum of Agreement. Student Representatives serving on the Extension Committee Justin Mente and LaNae Elbers gave testimonials of the positive skills and leadership the 4-H program has given them. The County Board thanked them for the update.

Department Heads Auditor/Treasurer Ashley Kurtz, Rural Water Systems Manager Ryan Holz, Community Library Calla Jarvie, Land Management Office Eric Hartman, Veterans Service Officer Dave Haugom, Land Records Office Rachel Jacobs and Public Works Director/Highway Engineer Mark Sehr presented legislative updates and the local impact it will have for Rock County. No action was taken.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and Per Diems of \$900.00; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

### JUNE 6, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$4,432.46
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	3,500.00
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP	2,636.81
BREMIK MATERIALS, INC	9,286.22
BUFFALO RIDGE CONCRETE	12,926.12
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	7,608.44
CONCRETE CREATIONS	10,248.00
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC	8,717.19
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	7,175.00
DLT SOLUTIONS	4,240.70
EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKETING CO	2,415.00
HEIMAN INC.	2,084.00
HENNING CONSTRUCTION, INC	8,813.28
JOHNSON CONTROLS	496,155.45
LUVERNE/CITY OF	2,160.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	7,685.47
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	6,746.49
OCV LLC	2,995.00
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	3,000.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	11,506.00
58 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	26,688.34
TOTAL	\$641,019.97

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflects a fifty-percent distribution of the first half tax collection to school districts; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer also presented a CIP Bonding update stating that the remaining balance is \$586,773.08; presented as information.

The Auditor/Treasurer stated that she is in receipt of (2) Rock Home Initiative (RHI) applications for Andrew and Natasha Kellenberger and Glenn and Dianne Lorenzen. As per policy, motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to schedule a Public Hearing for July 11, 2023 at 9:05 A.M. for public comment on the RHI tax abatement requests, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the 2023 Appropriations listing; the listing reflects a five percent increase to Jasper, Edgerton and Rock County Ambulance service organizations. The distribution was presented as information.

JASPER AMBULANCE	\$5,250.00
EDGERTON AMBULANCE	\$2,625.00
ROCK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$25,000.00
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	\$20,000.00
SW ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL	\$1,000.00
LUVERNE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	
-AMBULANCE FUND	\$25,983.30
SOUTHERN MN TOURISM ASSOCIATION	\$500.00
GREEN EARTH PLAYERS	\$1,000.00
SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION	\$2,920.00
LUVERNE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	
-GENERATIONS	\$30,000.00
PLEDGE (YEAR 4 OF 5)	
LUVERNE AMERICAN LEGION	\$300.00
HARDWICK AMERICAN LEGION	\$300.00
SW MN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD	\$2,300.00
HILLS AMERICAN LEGION	\$300.00
PACHOLL-MOSER POST #2603	\$300.00
	\$117,778.30

Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve lost warrant #10213 payable to Innovative Office Solutions LLC for the amount of \$36.93, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Chair initiated a discussion regarding voting procedures, mail ballot verses voting in person at designated precincts. After discussion it was determined to keep the voting procedures the same by allowing cities and townships the choice of utilizing mail ballots.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented a conditional use permit for Henningsen Construction for the placement of a temporary asphalt plant to be located in the SW 1/4 of Section 36 in Clinton Township; the plant would be operational in August and September. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the conditional use permit with (7) conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for consulting services for monitoring and reporting requirements for the Rock County Demolition Landfill, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the following bids for SP 067-601-014 (Replace Bridge 67501 on CSAH 1 over the Kanaranzi Creek:

Prahn Construction Inc.	\$1,301,184.28
Structural Specialties, Inc.	\$1,481,940.78
ICON Constructors, LLC	\$1,500,763.28
Graves Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,664,559.80
S.M. Hentges & Son, Inc.	\$1,849,910.55

On a recommendation by the Engineer, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to accept the low compliant bid from Prahn Construction, Inc. for \$1,301,184.28, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson to add the committee Luvorne Initiatives For Tomorrow (LIFT) with Commissioner Thompson as the Rock County representative and the Rock County Ag Society Board with Commissioner Overgaard as the Rock County representative, declared carried on a voice vote. Commissioner appointments for both committee and boards are eligible for per diem payments.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the Juneteenth holiday observed on June 19, 2023. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10.55; 645.44, subdivision 5 establishes Juneteenth as a state legal holiday and amended Laws 2023, chapter 5, section 2, makes the Juneteenth legal holiday effective June 19, 2023. All county offices are required to be closed to the public and cannot conduct any public transactions. Current policies and contracts do not identify Juneteenth as a paid holiday. After discussion, it was determined to close all county offices as per 2023 legislation, with the exception of Law Enforcement, and take no action to amend the holiday schedules at this time.

The County Board was informed that the Rock County codification project is ready to move forward with adoption; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to schedule a Public Hearing to allow for public comment on the adoption of a codified general ordinances on July 11, 2023, at 9:10 A.M., in the Herreid Board meeting room of the Rock County Courthouse, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator briefly discussed repairs to the Kahler Terrace causing water leaks in the tunnel/annex area; the bid exceeded the estimated amount of

\$250,000 to repair. The Administrator requested to table the issue to allow for additional investigation on the project.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to initiate an Employee Health and Wellness program sponsored by the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative and designate Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum as the Wellness Coordinator, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator stated that he had attended the Governor's Emergency Management conference, a number economic development meetings, building issues pertaining to the Human Services Bldg and the Kahler Terrace and a City/County Liaison meeting.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council and Economic Development Authority. Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: n/a

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Economic Development Authority, Solid Waste, Rural Energy, Planning & Zoning and (2) meetings with Hardwick City officials.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Southwest Health and Human Services

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: Southwest Health and Human Services, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Luvorne Loop Bike Trail.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourn, declared carried on a voice vote.

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## H-BC School Board meets June 26

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

June 26, 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN.

Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Gehrke, Harnack, Helgeson, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Principal Kellenberger and Board member Uittenbogaard were absent.

Motion by Harnack, second by Helgeson, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald, Aaron - Ehlers, Kathy Fick, Rod Bonander, Alec Bonander, Alison Breuer, Renee Edmundson, Samantha McGaffee and Amy Comp.

Ehlers Financial presentation on Sale of 2023A Bonds. Hearing for Miscellaneous Pay Schedule and District Fee Schedule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

Building Grounds Steering- 6/21

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Consent

Agenda:

-Minutes—6/12/2023

-Bills

-Imprest Cash Report

-Treasurer Report

-Student Activity Accounts Report

-Approve 2023-2024 Miscellaneous Pay Schedule

-Approve 2023-2024 District Fee Schedule

-Approve sale of 2001 School Bus to the Round Lake-Brewster School District

-Approve Membership in MN Rural Education Association for the 2023-2024 School Year

-Approve Membership in the MN School Boards Association for the 2023-2024 School Year along with policy services.

-Designate the following as excess district property and direct the superintendent to liquidate items: Industrial Tech Air Compressor, Secondary Kitchen Oven, 2012 Chevrolet Impala

-Approve Lane change for Brianna Leuthold to BS +15 beginning with the 2023-2024 School Year.

-Approve transfer of the Class of 2023 Student Account funds in the amount of \$56.75 to the School's General Fund- Fund 01, per agreement.

Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Resolution ratifying the issuance and sale of bonds, series 2023a, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$21,500,000, fixing their form and specifications; directing their execution and delivery; and providing for their payment.

Motion by Helgeson, second by Bosch, and carried to approve District Budget for fiscal year 2024 for District Revenue and Expenditures.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Resolution ratifying membership with the MN State High School League for the 2023-2024 School Year and view MSHSL Partnership Video.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Regular Board meeting, Monday, July 10

Regular Board meeting, Monday, July 24

MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION

Motion by Bosch, second by Helgeson, and carried to approve moving to close meeting as permitted by MN Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a) to evaluate the performance of Todd Holthaus, District Superintendent.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve adjournment of meeting.

Time of Adjournment: 9:21 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk

(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, Luvorne, 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 Luvorne, 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, Luvorne, 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)

## Rock County passes title and summary of ordinance

### Title and Summary of

**An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying and Compiling Certain Existing General Ordinances of the County of Rock Dealing with Subjects Embraced in Such Code of Ordinances**

**1. Title of Ordinance:** An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying and Compiling Certain Existing General Ordinances of the County of Rock Dealing with Subjects Embraced in Such Code of Ordinances

**2. Summary of Ordinance:** The Ordinance provides for the compilation, revision and codification of the ordinances of Rock County into one ordinance in book form under the following Titles:

Chapter	<b>TITLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>
	10. Rules of Construction; General Penalty
	<b>TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION</b>
	30. Emergency Management
	31. Employee Policies
	<b>TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS</b>
	50. Solid Waste Management
	<b>TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE</b>
	[Reserved]
	<b>TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS</b>
	90. Right-of-Way Management
	<b>TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS</b>
	110. General Business Licensing; Administration
	111. Food and Beverage Establishments
	112. Lodging Facilities
	113. Tobacco Sales and Use
	114. Youth Camps
	115. Public Swimming Pools
	116. Adult Entertainment
	117. Transient Merchants
	118. Hemp-Derived Products
	<b>TITLE XIII: GENERAL OFFENSES</b>
	130. Clandestine Drug Lab Sites
	<b>TITLE XV: LAND USAGE</b>
	150. Subsurface Sewage Treatment
	151. Manufactured Homes Parks; Recreational Camping Areas
	152. Riparian Buffers
	153. Planning and Zoning

### TABLE OF SPECIAL ORDINANCES

[Reserved]

### PARALLEL REFERENCES

References to Minnesota Statutes

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**3. Availability of Ordinance:** A complete printed copy of this Ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular business hours in the office of the County Administrator located at 204 East Brown, Luvorne, Minnesota 56156. This Ordinance was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rock on the 11th day of July, 2023, and shall become effective seven (7) days after the date of publication or August 1, 2023, whichever is later

/s/ Sherri Thompson  
Chair, Rock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
/s/ Kyle J. Oldre  
Rock County Administrator  
(07-20, 07-27)



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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

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## Rock County Commissioners meet June 20

Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.  
Rock County Courthouse June 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson with all Commissioners present. Also in attendance were County Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the June 20, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the June 6, 2023, County minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Planning & Zoning Board Appointment – Jed Matthesen  
Jay Trusty, Director of Southwest Regional Development Commission (RDC), presented a program update stating that recent legislation will bring in an additional \$75,000 in funding and that they intend to hire 3.5 FTE's. Recent RDC project in Rock County include: Regional Trails Plan, RLF Project and Hills Day Care. The Southwest Regional Development Commission will be recognizing their 50th Anniversary in 2023.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, introduced new deputies Max Brewer and Griffin Haas and conducted a swearing in ceremony.

The Administrator presented an update regarding the Dispatch Supervisor position, authorized on January 5, 2023. The job description is complete along with the Grade of H16, a 8% increase from the Team Lead-Dispatcher position with a classification of non-exempt, nonunion status. Sheriff Verbrugge, requested to compensate the Dispatch Supervisor with Shift Differential and Standby pay, as the individual is serving as a Dispatcher as well due to staff shortage. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to authorize the Shift Differential and Standby compensation for the Dispatch Supervisor effective 06/19/2023 – 09/30/2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Elizabeth Hoffman, Plum Creek Library System Director, presented an activity update to include the following:

- The Regional Library System has 26 locations
- Weekly delivery of materials total 1,100 miles
- They funded 101 Arts and Cultural Heritage programs in 2022
- They currently have 16,673 eBooks and eAudio available

Hoffman requested a funding request for 2024 of \$3,250 from each of the nine counties that the Plum Creek Library system serves, the same amount as in years past. The chair referred the request to the budget committee for consideration with the 2024 budget.

The County Board was in receipt of the claims; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office. **JUNE 20, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000**

ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO	\$7,500.00
BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	23,883.53
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	4,658.59
CHS INC	19,808.84
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,925.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,085.47
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	7,031.96
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	15,813.96
LIVERNE FLOWERS	2,596.00
LIVERNE/CITY OF	6,507.06
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	21,892.22
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	2,928.72
MIDWEST LIFT WORKS	5,583.16
QUALITY PRINTING INC	2,958.32
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	222,267.83
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,121.17
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	4,054.18
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	2,539.50
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,961.50
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	3,653.33
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOC, INC	3,100.00
63 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	22,542.10
TOTAL	\$398,412.44

Motion Thomson second Overgaard to accept the Fund Balance report as presented, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve amendments to the Rock County Personnel Policy (Resolution No. 08-23) and Memorandums of Agreement for (3) AFSCME Council 65 Union Contracts and (1) MN Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Local N. 320, all adding the June 19th (Juneteenth) as a paid holiday, as per MN Statutes 2022, section 10.55; 645.44, subdivision 5 and MN Laws 2023, chapter 5, section 2, effective June 19, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the State Demographers April 2022 Census estimate, no action was taken.

Administrator provided an update on the HVAC project at human services. Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: AMC District meeting.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: AMC District meeting, SWCD, RCRW, and FSA Equip meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: SWCD, and a discussion with a potential wind turbine blade recycler to be scheduled at a future meeting.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: AMC District meeting and Adult Mental Health Consortium meeting

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: AMC District meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourn, declared carried on a voice vote.

(07-20)

## County Board of Equalization meets June 20

Rock County Board of Equalization Meeting  
Herreid Board Room  
Rock County Courthouse

6:30 P.M.  
June 20, 2023

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. Also present were: Administrator Kyle Oldre and Land Records Office staff Rachel Jacobs, Jeff Sehr and Scott Adams.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the June 20, 2023, Board of Equalization Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

There were no attendees.

Land Records Office Director Rachel Jacobs presented the projected value changes throughout the county as well as an assessment executive summary identifying an increase of 22.79% in taxable market value county wide to a total of 4,353,126,400.

The Land Records Office Director identified the following (16) Property changes from the local Board of Appeals and Equalization:

PARCEL NUMBER	TAXPAYER	VALUATION NOTICE VALUE	NEW ASSESSOR VALUE	VALUE CHANGE	DESCRIPTION/NOTES
02-0182-000	GREGG & SHARON TAUBERT	\$ 271,500	\$ 242,600	\$ 28,900	DECREASED EFFECTIVE AGE. THE HOUSE IS FAIRLY DATED ON THE INTERIOR AND THE FOUNDATION IS IN POOR SHAPE
02-0201-200	AUDREY & JOHN WESTBERG	\$ 1,515,100	\$1,488,900	\$ 26,200	REMEASURED LAND TYPES ON PROPERTY. CAME UP WITH NEW ACRE COUNTS FOR TILLABLE, PASTURE, AND WASTE.
02-0275-100	FRED & AMY WILGENBURG	\$ 425,900	\$ 325,100	\$ 100,800	DECREASED EFFECTIVE AGE. INSPECTION WARRANTED CHANGES DUE TO HOME NOT BEING BUILT IN 2003 LIKE STATED IN SYSTEM.
04-0126-000	CARSON DAVIS	\$ 150,500	\$ 144,200	\$ 6,300	CHANGED CLASSIFICATION FROM AG NON-HMSTD TO RES NON-HMSTD. LAND VALUE UPDATED.
06-0172-000	PETER CHANG	\$ 148,700	\$ 116,300	\$ 32,400	INTERIOR OF HOME ALL DOWN TO STUDS. EXTERIOR OF HOME WITH NEW SIDING, WINDOWS, ROOFING, SOFFETS AND GUTTERS. PLAN TO FINISH INTERIOR IN 2023.
06-0253-000	RAYMOND SKYBERG	\$ 8,200	\$ 1,800	\$ 6,400	CHANGED LAND TYPE FROM BUILDING SITE TO PASTURE VALUE. THE PARCEL IS A 1.00 ACRE STRIP OF LAND ALONG A WETLAND, UNABLE TO BUILD.
07-0040-000	BRIAN & ELENA CANFIELD	\$ 750,300	\$ 714,000	\$ 36,300	BASEMENT VALUE REMOVED AS BASEMENT WAS DOWN TO STUDS ON ASSESSMENT DATE.
07-0145-100	GREG & MARGARET KUIPER	\$ 958,200	\$ 902,400	\$ 55,800	CORRECTED SQUARE FOOT OF HOME.
11-0055-000	ADAM NELSON	\$ 270,000	\$ 269,500	\$ 500	DELETED OLD BARN VALUE.
11-0062-000	RONALD BLY	\$ 2,164,600	\$2,063,100	\$ 101,500	REMEASURED LAND TYPES ON PROPERTY. CAME UP WITH NEW ACRE COUNTS FOR TILLABLE, PASTURE, AND WASTE.
11-0196-200	TIMOTHY & LISA ERICKSON	\$ 363,000	\$ 278,700	\$ 84,300	UPDATED THE HOME TO REFLECT THE MODULARLY BUILT HOUSE.
13-0153-000	SPRING BROOKE LLC	\$ 389,900	\$ 358,900	\$ 31,000	LAND VALUE DECREASED DUE TO NOT HAVING A FUNCTIONING GOLF COURSE.
14-0120-000	ALAN MEAGHER	\$ 25,500	\$ 16,800	\$ 8,700	DECREASED EFFECTIVE AGE.
15-0284-000	JEFF & MELISSA BASS	\$ 430,700	\$ 423,100	\$ 7,600	CHANGED EFFECTIVE AGE TO MATCH YEAR BUILT OF HOME.
15-0331-000	CHARLES & SANDRA KUNTZE	\$ 349,300	\$ 341,200	\$ 8,100	CHANGED EFFECTIVE AGE TO MATCH YEAR BUILT OF HOME.
15-0332-000	DEREK & STACI BUNDESEN	\$ 332,000	\$ 322,800	\$ 9,200	CHANGED EFFECTIVE AGE TO MATCH YEAR BUILT OF HOME.

TOTALS: \$ 8,553,400 \$8,009,400

DIFFERENCE \$  
OF: (\$544,000)

On a recommendation from the Land Records Director, motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the property values as identified, declared carried on a voice vote.

With no further business to come before the Rock County Board of Equalization, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair.

(07-20)

## 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)

## Termination of parental rights over child(ren)

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

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)

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## CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Arla Bakken is humbled and thankful for the outpouring of support on the recent passing of our mother. A special thanks to Dr. Stephen Chesley and staff at the Luverne Sanford Hospital and Hospice Cottage for the care and compassion Mom received. Thank you to Jeff Hartquist for his compassionate guidance through the week. Thank you to our Grace Lutheran Church family for enveloping us in love, to Pastor Mark Eliason for his words of comfort, music by Sandy Klosterbuer and Beryl Haugen, those who served the lunch and Kath Siebenahler. We are truly blessed.



**The family of Arla Bakken**  
(7.20-7.22)

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### THURSDAY, JULY 27

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**MAGIC JOE** 11:30 AM, 3:30 & 6:30 PM

**MEET MISS MINNESOTA** 2 - 8 PM

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**DAZZLING DAVE YO-YO MASTER** 3 - 8 PM

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**CASEY CHRISTENSEN CARICATURE** 11 AM - 1 PM & 3 - 8 PM **FREE**

**TOBY KID SHOW** 11 AM - 1 PM & 3 - 8 PM

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**REMOTE CONTROL CAR RACING** 1 - 8 PM

**ALFY'S WORLD OF ROBOTIC PUPPETS** 11 AM - NOON & 3 - 7 PM

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# JULY 26 - 29

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☼ 4-H General Exhibit judging ..... 2 - 6 pm

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**

☼ Open Class registration (perishable & non-perishable) 5 - 8:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

☼ Livestock entries can be brought in ..... 9 am - Noon

☼ Open Class reg. (perishable & non-perishable) ..... 9:30 am - 1 pm

☼ 4-H Food Stand open ..... 11 am - 9 pm

Linder Farm Network - Jeff Stewert ..... Noon - 12:30 pm

☼ 4-H Pet Show ..... 5 pm

☼ **FREE Community Meal** ..... 5:30 pm - until gone

★ Celebrity Dairyland Donkey Races ..... 7 pm

**THURSDAY, JULY 27** DAY CARE DAY\*

☼ Herdsmanship begins ..... 8 am

☼ 4-H Swine Show ..... 8 am

Moogician ..... 9:30 am

☼ 4-H Goat Show ..... 10 am

Life on the Prairie Demos (by Historical Barn) ..... 10 - 11 am

Phil Baker - Kids' Entertainer ..... 10:30 am

Radio Works Broadcasting from the Fair ..... 11 am - 1 pm

☼ 4-H Dairy Show ..... 11 am

Zooman ..... 11 am - 1 pm

Phil Baker - Kids' Entertainer ..... 11:30 am

● Music on the Patio: Classic Country with Gloria Jean ..... 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

☼ 4-H Lamb Lead/Sheep Show ..... 1 pm

New Vision Safety Demos ..... 1 - 5 pm

Meet Miss Minnesota ..... 2 - 8 pm

☼ 4-H Poultry Show ..... 2:30 pm

Phil Baker - Kids' Entertainer ..... 2:30 pm

● Music on the Patio: Classic Country with Gloria Jean ..... 3 - 4 pm

Doug Ohman ..... 3 pm

☼ MN Kite Society - Build your own kite ..... 3 - 7 pm

☼ 4-H Rabbit Show ..... 4 pm

MN Soil Coalition ..... 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Doug Ohman ..... 5 pm

☼ Rock/Nobles Cattleman Beef Feed ..... 5:30 pm

FREE Watermelon Feed ..... 5:30 pm

● Music on the Patio: Goodroad Band ..... 6 - 9 pm

★ Great Plains Tractor Pullers ..... 6 pm

Doug Ohman ..... 7 pm

**FRIDAY, JULY 28** SENIOR CITIZENS DAY\*

Rib Cook-Off ..... 8 am (all day)

☼ 4-H Beef Show & Cow / Calf Show ..... 8 am

☼ 4-H Horse Training ..... 8:30 am

☼ 4-H Cloverbud Horse, Horseless Horse, Showmanship, Pleasure Show, Trail, BREAK, Games ..... 9 am

● Music on the Patio: Mogen's Heroes ..... 12:30 - 1:30 pm

● Music on the Patio: Shirley Harrison ..... 1:30 - 2:00 pm

▲ Senior Day Program - GEP Skit, Dan LaRock, & Linda Wenzel - ACE ..... 2 pm

☼ Sign up deadline for 4-H Livestock Ribbon Auction ..... 2 pm

● Music on the Patio: Mogen's Heroes ..... 3 - 5 pm

☼ MN Kite Society - Build your own kite ..... 3 - 7 pm

☼ 4-H Fashion Revue ..... 4 pm

☼ Pork Meal (Sunshine Foods) ..... 5:30 pm

▲ Century Farm & Farm Family of the Year ..... 6 pm

Rib Cook-Off - People's Choice Judging ..... 6 pm

● Music on the Patio: Prairie Home Rebellion ..... 6 - 9 pm

★ Ag Olympics (With Strong Man - John Beatty at the end) ..... 7 pm

Ken & Phyllis Vos & Friends Tractor Ride through Fairgrounds ..... 7 pm

★ Undercover Band (Free) ..... 9 pm - Midnight

**SATURDAY, JULY 29** KIDS DAY\*

☼ 4-H Livestock Ribbon Auction ..... 9 am

☼ 4-H Livestock Skillathon ..... 11 am

Moogician ..... 11 am, 1:30 & 4:30 pm

● Music on the Patio: Allie LaRock ..... 11 am - 1 pm

Zooman ..... 11 am - 3 pm

Shriners ..... 11 am - 4 pm

☼ MN Kite Society - Build your own kite ..... Noon - 3 pm

Pedal Pull (registration at noon) ..... 1 pm

● Music on the Patio: Allie LaRock ..... 2 - 4 pm

☼ 4-H Herdsmanship Concludes ..... 4 pm

☼ 4-H Premier Showmanship ..... 4 pm

● Music on the Patio: Back 40 Band ..... 5 - 8 pm

☼ 4-H Parade of Champions ..... 6 pm

★ Enduro Race ..... 7 pm

☼ Livestock Exhibits released ..... 8:30 pm

☼ 4-H and Open Class Exhibits released ..... 9 pm






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The Rock County Fair opens Wednesday, July 26, and continues through Saturday, July 29. Midwest Rides Carnival supplies the rides and games for the four-day event. Rides open 5 p.m. at on July 26 and 27, and 3 p.m. July 28, and at noon on July 29.

# It's county fair time

## Ag Olympics joins Rock County Fair grandstand lineup

*Kiss the Pig contest to raise money for Carson's Cause during intermission*

**By Jason Berghorst**

"We try to make the fair a little new every year, while keeping the good stuff people enjoy the most."

That's how Lyle Rollag of the Rock County Agricultural Society describes the organization's goals when planning the annual Rock County Fair.

This year, Ag Olympics on Friday, July 28, joins the lineup of grandstand events, and Rollag expects it will fill seats in the bleachers.

"We wanted a family-type event similar to the donkey races, which we added last year and had good luck and a great crowd with," he said.

"We try our best to have events that are popular."

The five-event Ag Olympics will include bale roll and flip, backseat driver, calf shuffle, wheelbarrow obstacles and a water bucket relay.

Each team is comprised of four people, including at least one female, and each team member must compete in at least two of the five events. Competition is timed, and teams will be awarded



Celebrity Dairyland Donkey Races return to the 2023 Rock County Fair. The grandstand event takes place Wednesday, July 26. The first of the team heats begin at 7 p.m.

gold, silver and bronze ribbons.

Organizers are hoping for six to 10 teams to compete, and so far, they have commitment from eight teams, including the city, county, and school, plus the Star Herald, CHS, First Farmers and Merchants Bank and two 4-H

families.

"It should be a fun night," Rollag said.

"It's always more fun to watch people you know compete. That's what

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*A message from Rock County Agricultural Society president*

## Rock County Fair is July 26-29: Hope to see you there

**By Lee Sells, Rock County Agricultural Society president**

With the Rock County Fair fast approaching, the Rock County Agricultural Society has been working hard to prep the grounds and book the events.

Some of you may have seen the new tin siding on the commercial building or the new shingles on the fair office along Freeman Street. (I would like to thank the Rock the Edge Service Over Self group who completed the shingling task.)

New cement has been poured and many electrical updates have been complete.

Keeping our facilities upgraded and maintained is a yearly job — with these old buildings comes lots of maintenance.

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Rock County Agricultural Society President Lee Sells stands in front of the new photo opportunity boards designed by the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club. The fair opens Wednesday, July 26.





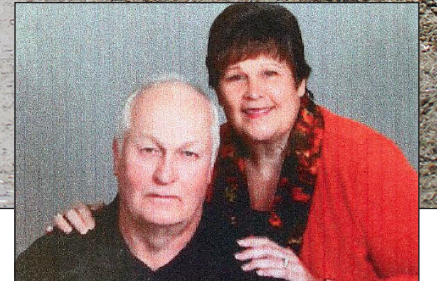
The Rock County Farm Family of the Year along with the county's Century Farms are honored at 6 p.m. Friday, July 28, in the Frank Boon Shelter.



Jake and Cheryl Moss



Justin and Daci Moss family including (from left) Brooklynn, Zachary, Justin, Tage, Daci and Makenna.



The Moss families are the 2023 Rock County Farm Family of the Year and includes three family partners in the dairy business.

Above are Neal and Char Moss.

## Moss families named 2023 Rock County Farm Family of Year

**By Mavis Fodness**  
A family of milk producers is this year's Rock County Farm Family of the Year. Moss Farms Inc. involves

the three families of Justin Moss and his dad, Jake, and his uncle, Neal. The Rock County Extension Committee selected the

Moss family as part of the U of M Extension Service's Farm Family Recognition Program. "They do a lot in the community that showcases their

dairy world," said Extension committee member Kurt Elbers.

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The Erdmann family farm was designed as a Century Farm through the Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation in 2022. The farm used to be located at 632 161<sup>st</sup> Street (County Road 20) in Springwater Township. But time and Mother Nature forced the removal of the farmhouse and all the outbuildings, including the distinctive red brick barn and silo. The family decided to sell the five-acre farm site in 2020, while the Erdmann family continues to own and rent the 155 acres of the Century Farm's cropland to a neighbor.

## Erdmann Century Farm tells history of Springwater Township

By Mavis Fodness

Decades before the Erdmann family purchased 160 acres in Section 22 of Springwater Township in 1922, the farm site was already a witness to history.

Today, the Erdmann family has owned the property for 100 years and will be recognized as Century Farm owners at the Rock County Fair. The recognition takes place at 6 p.m. Friday, July 28.

The farm was the gathering site for the creation of Springwater Township in 1874.

"Springwater Township used to be called Albion Township for a very short time," Gary Erdmann

said. "Apparently they didn't like the name — our farm is where the vote took place to change the name."

The Erdmann farm used to have a distinctive barn and silo made of brown brick from Solid Concrete Silo Co.

"It was a big barn," recalled Erdmann. "There was a big board across the front with 'Stock Clover Farm' printed on it — that was its name prior to the foreclosure."

Fred and Ella Erdmann, Gary's grandparents, purchased the foreclosed 160 acres that included cropland and the farm site from an

Erdmann, continued on page 10C



Above: Fred and Ella Erdmann purchased the former "Stock Clover Farm" located in Springwater Township in 1922. At right: Second owners of the Erdmann Century Farm were Randall and Lucille Erdmann, who posed in the remodeled farmhouse in 1972.



Grandstand events include:

• **Wednesday, July 26**  
7 p.m.  
Celebrity Dairyland Donkey races

• **Thursday, July 27**  
6 p.m.  
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• **Friday, July 28**  
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works with the enduro races and the donkey races and hopefully will make the Ag Olympics fun, too.”

The event begins at 7 p.m. Friday, July 28. Cost of admission is \$5. The free concert will begin right after the Ag Olympics.

“We hope everyone comes out and has a good time,” Rollag said.

**Kiss the Pig to raise money for charity at intermission during Ag Olympics**

During an intermission during Ag Olympics at the grandstand, a Kiss the Pig contest will raise money for the local Carson’s Cause charity for brain health.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian and Luverne School Principal Ryan Johnson are so far on the list of candidates to kiss a pig.

The one with the most money raised for Carson’s Cause will have the honor of kissing a pig, and candidates will compete to make sure their opponents end up with more money (in order to avoid kissing the pig themselves).

**Ag Olympics joins many new entertainment offerings at the fair**

In recent years, the fair board has added many new entertainment options for fairgoers to enjoy, and this year’s fair will be no different.

“Each year we evaluate afterward to determine the good, bad and maybe what’s run its course when it comes to the entertainment,” Rol-



File photos  
The Rock County Pork Producers will again sell rib-ticklers at this year’s fair. **Below:** The rib cook-off is Friday, July 28.

lag said.

New events this year include racing pigs, a goats and ducks show, a comedy show, an Australian animal stage show, remote control car racing, axe throwing, a mechanical bull, a strong man show, and more.

The 2023 Rock County Fair dates are Wednesday through Saturday, July 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Follow rockcounty-fairMN on Facebook for the full fair schedules and for updates between now and next week.



Anyone can enter projects into Open Class offering at the Rock County Fair. Entry day for Open Class items is from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 26.

**Fair time/from page 1C**

In between building projects, society members have been busy planning events, booking new ones and inviting favorites back for this year’s four-day event.

As a result, there’s a little bit of everything for everyone.

We have a new petting zoo coming and they will offer horseback rides.

Everyone will be able to take their turn throwing an axe or riding the mechanical bull.

And the Aussie Kingdom will bring animals from Australia that you don’t want to miss.

Along with the new are the traditional fair activities.

One of my favorite activities is seeing all the projects that have been worked on by the 4-H kids.

The exhibit hall typically finds dozens of static projects that the youth have spent hours assembling. The livestock shows take place daily, and when the animals are not in the show ring, one can view the care the animals receive and the preparations 4-H’ers do on a daily basis.

Being the fair board president sometimes makes for long days during the fair.

During that time I get to see many people come and go each day, many with smiles on their faces.

Kids, especially, when they get their faces painted or are handed a balloon animal.

Those smiles make those long hours at the fairgrounds well worth it.

If food is why you love to come to the fair, you are in for a treat this year.

We have brought more food vendors and will have a meal in the beer garden during three nights of the fair.

Friday will see the rib cook-off with a people’s choice award given out by those who buy tickets to taste-test the event.

Free entertainment has been added to the garden area with the stage the ag society purchased being put to good use.

I, for one, can’t wait for my first dish of ice cream and my first rib-tickler. (I know that I will be having more than one of each during the four-day fair.)

Best of all, the grandstand lineup is full once again.

The events start Wednesday, July 26, with the Celebrity Donkey Races, and the fair wraps up Saturday, July 29, with the ever-popular enduro race.

We’ve added a new event for Friday night, July 28.

The Ag Olympics has local teams of four vying for bragging rights in five “farm” events.

Thursday night, July 27, is the Great Plains Tractor Pull.

All of these events wouldn’t be possible without all of those who support the fair both with their volunteering and through their financial support.

The financial support makes it possible for us to bring in new attractions at minimal cost or free to fair-goers.

To stay up-to-date with possible changes or more information about special events, follow Rock County Fair on social media.

A complete list of activities is also available online or in the local newspaper, in print or online.

I hope to see you at the fair!

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**Moss families honored for dedication to dairy industry, farming /continued from page 2C**

He said any time the Rock County Dairy Producers' booth is present at activities or when milk and cheese is served at community meals at the Rock County Fair, the Moss family likely had a hand in getting the products there.

"They are a hard-working dairy family," Elbers said.

Justin represents the third generation of Moss dairymen.

His grandparents, Albert and Henrietta Moss, moved from Carmel, Iowa, to Section 21 in Mound Township in the 1950s.

"He wanted to farm, so he found cheaper land up here," Justin said. "Farm ground was expensive down there."

Albert, who previously operated a feed grinding business, included milk cows in the Minnesota farm operation along with raising pigs and chickens.

Over time, raising Holsteins and producing milk became the focus on the Moss farm, which has evolved over time.

Among Albert and Henrietta's six children, Jake and Neal chose to carry on the family dairy tradition. Albert died in 2005 at age 85.

Justin, the son of Jake and Cheryl, was inspired at an early age by his grandfather to carry on the family dairy.

"He made a living doing it," Justin said. "Farmed the same ground his whole life and we are still farming it."

After graduating from Ridgewater College in Willmar in 2001, Justin joined the family dairy.

Justin, Jake and Neal each have distinct duties within the farm operation.

Neal and his wife, Char, complete the farm's bookwork, and Neal handles corn and alfalfa on the farm's 700 acres of crop land.

Jake and his wife, Cheryl, are active on the American Dairy Association board as promoters of the industry. He is president of the Pipestone/



Milking in the double-twelve parallel parlor at the Moss dairy takes place three times a day in seven-hour shifts.

Rock Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Jake also handles the feeding of the nearly 1,200 dairy cows, dry cows, calves and replacement heifers, which are grazed on 200 acres of pasture each summer.

Justin handles the care, milking and breeding of the dairy cows.

Up until 2008, the Mosses milked 150 cows in a tie-stall barn at Albert's farm on 161<sup>st</sup> Street.

Today, the Moss family milks 600 cows three times a day with seven full-time employees in a free-stall barn and double-twelve parallel parlor southwest of the homestead on 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The cows produce an average of 85 to 90 pounds of milk a day. The Grade A quality milk is sold to Land O'Lakes Dairy in Sioux Falls where it is further processed into liquid carton and gallon jugs or made into cheese or butter.



Justin and his wife, Daci, have four children: Brooklynn, 20, Makenna, 18, Zachary, 14, and Tage, 11. All the children help with milking, chopping silage or working in the field when needed.

Much like Justin did as a boy, Zachary has taken an interest in possibly being a fourth-generation dairyman.

"Zach loves to help on the farm," Justin said.

The Moss family will be recognized locally at the Rock County Fair at 6 p.m. Friday, July 28.

All the U of M Extension Farm Families of the Year will be recognized at Farmfest, conducted near Redwood Falls Aug. 1-3.



*The Open Class items are housed in the Ida Reverts Memorial Floral Hall. The hall is open from Thursday, July 27 through Saturday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

*The historical buildings are open Thursday, July 27, and Friday, July 28, from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.*

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The 4-H food stand is open all four days of the Rock County Fair:

•Wednesday  
July 26  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

•Thursday,  
July 27, and  
Friday, July 28  
7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

•Saturday  
July 29  
7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The 4-H exhibit hall is open:

•Wednesday,  
July 26  
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

•Thursday, July 27,  
through  
Saturday, July 29  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Mavis Fodness photo/0720 Fair Tab 2023 Burkman Sisters  
Sisters Klarissa (left) and Krista Burkman are surrounded by a few of the quilts they have made over the years as exhibitors at the Rock County Fair including their first quilts that they are holding. They plan to exhibit quilts again next week for a chance to exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair this fall. Last year, they achieved purple ribbons at the state fair, the highest honor given in 4-H in the static project areas.

## Purple ribbon-winning sisters excel at quilt making in 4-H

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County 4-H'ers Krista and Klarissa Burkman accomplished a feat at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair not many static project entrants accomplish: They each were awarded purple ribbons.

Judged by peers, the Burkman's skills and knowledge in their needle arts projects were judged as excellent, needing no improvement and were outstanding in all aspects.

They will be entering quilts again at next week's Rock County Fair because the project still holds their interest.

Krista, 18, recently graduated from Brandon Valley High School. She's made seven quilts, since she entered the needle arts project as a 9-year-old.

"My favorite part of quilting is how creative I can be with what materials I use and the design I choose to make," she said.

"I also like seeing the final product when I'm done, and giving back to others."

Her 2022 purple ribbon-

winning quilt was used in a fundraising raffle for Sioux Falls Junior Darts, in which Krista is a member.

The quilt's colorful pattern featured three different sizes of stars.

"It was big enough to be used on a king-sized bed and it was by far the hardest quilt I have ever made," Krista said. "It took me two years working on it off and on to make."

The quilt raffle raised enough money for any member wanting to attend state or national tournaments to have the entry fees paid.

Krista credits the "Barbs" at the Sewing Basket in Luverne for teaching her quilting skills.

"As I call them, Old Barb (Barb Bork) and New Barb (Barb Sandbulte) during the sewing classes," she said. "While my mom (Kris Burkman) does not sew, she does help me with pinning and ironing so I can complete my quilts a little faster."

Her first quilts were made using her mom's Singer sew-



Krista Burkman's purple ribbon-winning quilt was donated to a fundraising raffle after the Minnesota State Fair.

Submitted photo

ing machine she used for home economic classes in high school. Now she uses a Designer Ruby Royal sewing machine. She hand-stitches the binding into the quilts, completing this task for the first time for her purple ribbon quilt.

She sometime uses machine quilting for more durable quilts.

"I did this because my science quilt was going to college with me and would be used and

**Sisters, continued on 10C**

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Mavis Fodness photo/0720 Fair Tab 2023 4-H Intern

Lindsey Vander Wal will be a familiar face at the Rock County Fair. As the 4-H program summer intern, Vander Wal will assist Extension staff with 4-H events at the July 26-29 event in Luverne.

## 4-H intern inspires youth to try something new, find passion

**By Mavis Fodness**

Lindsey Vander Wal is spending the summer as an intern with Rock County 4-H.

As a senior at South Dakota State University in Brookings, she is assisting the U of M Extension-Rock County with day camps, organization meetings and preparations for the Rock County Fair on July 26-29.

"I hope to inspire the 4-H'ers to try something new and find what their passion is," she said.

Vander Wal spent 11 years in South Dakota 4-H, participating in achievement days in Brookings since she was a clover bud.

"My favorite 4-H project was showing my beef heifers," she said.

Vander Wal explored the electrical projects and baked

*'I hope to inspire the 4-H'ers to try something new and find what their passion is.'*

- Lindsey Vander Wal

before graduating from Sioux Valley High School in Volga.

"I started building my Simmental herd when I was in eighth grade," she said. "I have 10 cow-calf pairs and growing."

Her parents, Dean and Polly Vander Wal, care for the animals as she finishes her degree in agricultural education, inspired by her desire to learn new skills, which the 4-H program helped fulfill.

"I chose an agricultural education degree because I love agriculture and inspiring the next generation of ag advocates," she said.

After college next spring, she hopes to instruct middle and high school students, the same age of the ambassadors she works with to organize summer

activities in Rock County.

Vander Wal will use many of those skills learned from the youth organization back home.

"4-H has taught me many leadership skills and public speaking skills," she said. "I wanted to learn more about Minnesota 4-H and try something new."



### The 4-H livestock show schedule:

• **Wednesday, July 26**  
5 p.m. Pets

• **Thursday, July 27**  
8 a.m. Swine  
10 a.m. Goats  
11 a.m. Dairy  
1 p.m. Sheep  
2:30 p.m. Poultry  
4 p.m. Rabbits

• **Friday, July 28**  
8 a.m. Beef  
8:30 a.m. Horses

• **Saturday, July 29**  
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The sixth generation of the Sandager family now lives in the original homestead, settled in 1873. Brittany Sandager (far right, holding Kieran) and her husband, Dakota Steensma (left, holding Marley), currently reside in the Martin Township home. Pictured in the center are Brittany's parents, Gene and Shirley Sandager.

### Sandager Sesquicentennial Farm

## After 150 years, Hills farm still owned by descendants of original Rock County homesteaders

By Jason Berghorst

"It's my goal to prolong the life of that land during my reign as its caretaker. I want to pass it on in better shape than when I got it."

That's how Gene (Pucky) Sandager responded when asked about owning the land that has been in his family for six generations now.

The Sandager farm is being recognized as one of Rock County's first Sesquicentennial Farms ... meaning the farm has been owned by the same family for 150 years.

Pucky Sandager is the fifth generation of the family to own the original land homesteaded in 1873, the southeast quarter of Section 19 in Martin Township.

Simon Skovgaard came to America from Denmark in 1872 and was the first pioneer of the land that is west of where Hills is now.

He and his wife had one son, Carl, who married Ingebord Moen, the daughter of another homesteader.

Carl, also known as Charles, and Ingebord Skovgaard were the parents of seven children. Three of their daughters married three Sandager brothers.

*'My goal has been to make it better each year so we can give the next generation the same opportunity.'*

— Gene Sandager

The Sandagers were also Danish immigrants. They arrived in the Danish settlement of Tyler, Minnesota, in 1890.

Nels Sandager married Clara Skovgaard in 1915 and eventually purchased the original homestead in Martin Township, bringing the Sandager name onto the land in its third generation.

Nels and Clara were the parents of nine children, one of whom was Sheldon, who eventually farmed the land. Three of Sheldon's sons, Robert ("Charlie"), Gene ("Pucky") and Mike, farmed the land in its fifth generation.

Charlie split off to farm his own operation, and Pucky and Mike continued to farm together as Hills Brothers Farm.

When that partnership ended, Pucky retired and moved to a nearby farm while retaining ownership of the original homestead land.

Pucky's nephew, Lucas Sandager, and his wife, Ann, are currently renting and farming the original land and are the sixth generation of the family to do so.

Pucky and his wife, Shirley, are the parents of three adult daughters. Britney is a lawyer in Worthington and lives in rural Hills, Tarah is an extension educator in Buffalo, and Kelly is studying nursing in Sioux Falls.

Brittany and her husband, Dakota Steensma, are the sixth generation of the family to live in the home that was built by Simon Skovgaard in 1882 after living in a sod house for the first nine years.

"They had to wait for trains to make it to Hills to get lumber to build a frame house," Pucky Sandager said.

"When you learn the history, you realize the tremendous sacrifice our early pioneers made in order for us to have what we have now, six generations later," Sandager said.

"It's been passed down for 150 years and I've been involved for over

50 of those years," he said.

Pucky and Shirley plan to celebrate the farm's sesquicentennial as well as their 50th wedding anniversary with a large gathering in the summer of 2024.

"My goal has been to make it better each year so we can give the next generation the same opportunity."

Pucky said its not getting easier for young farmers to carry on family farms.

"It's a huge challenge to get young people into ag," he said. "There are a lot of outsiders who come in to buy the land and, in my opinion, use the tenants to build their wealth."

"I could have rented to 100 different people, but I wanted to rent to someone who will take care of the land. The goal of farming is to care for the land and produce food for the world."

For now, the Sandager family continues to do just that – produce food while caring for the same land for 150 years.

"The first pioneers grew crops to feed just their families. Now we have a much bigger job to do," Pucky said.

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# Over a 150-year period, farm's history involves evolution of travel routes

## Chesley Sesquicentennial Farm

By Jason Berghorst

One of Rock County's oldest pioneer farms is being recognized for 150 years of continuous ownership by the same family.

Jason and Angela Chesley are the sixth generation to operate their Sesquicentennial farm in Section 23 of Beaver Creek Township.

The farm was originally homesteaded by Willard Walkup and his son Charles, who came with a group of pioneers from Wisconsin in 1872.

Willard claimed the northwest quarter of Section 26. Charles, being only 20 in 1872, had to wait one year to homestead his own claim just across the road to the north, the southwest quarter of Section 23.

The family has farmed both pieces of land ever since.

Charles and his wife, Vangie, had one daughter, Ella Mae. The original homestead came into the Chesley name when Ella Mae married Roy Chesley, a pioneer farmer from Springwater Township.

Roy and Ella Mae's son, Cecil, became the fourth generation to farm the homesteads located just east of the town of Beaver Creek in the 1930s.

Cecil and his wife, Caroline, were the parents of four children. Their son Leroy became the fifth generation farmer when he returned home from military service in 1964 to take over the farm homesteaded by Willard Walkup.

Cecil and Caroline continued living on the north farm. They passed away weeks apart in 1991.

Leroy and his wife, Mary, have five children, Stephan, Nathan, Jason, Jennifer and Jessica.

Leroy continued to farm the land with help from Jason, who had earned a degree in auto mechanics from Southeast Technical Institute and was working full time in town at Papik Motors until Leroy died unexpectedly in 2007 at the age of 66.

At that time, Jason quit his job in town and began farming full time.

"I had to jump right in," Jason said. "I didn't have time to really think about it."

Jason and Angela, who had just been married a few months before, were now the sixth generation to farm the Walkup-Chesley land full time.

"My dad died one day and I was farming the next," Chesley said.

Chesley reflects on both the past and the future of his sesquicentennial farm.

The farm, located between Interstate 90 and County Road 4, has always been near routes that moved people and goods.

First the stagecoach routes, then the railroad, then old U.S. Highway 16 and finally



Jason Berghorst photo/0720 Fair Tab 2023 Chesley

Jason and Angela Chesley's 150-year-old farm in Beaver Creek Township is still an active cattle operation.

the interstate highway have passed near the original homestead.

"There have been a lot of changes in six generations," Chesley said.

He said he's fortunate that his grandmother and aunts have done a lot of work to research and preserve the family history.

"Some people just don't have or understand the history of their own farms and how much things have changed."

"The day before my grandpa died, I rode with him to town, and we talked during the trip about all the old farms that are gone now," Chesley said.

"Every quarter section used to have a farm on it," he said. "There are still a lot of old driveways you can see but many of the farms are gone."

As for the future, Chesley isn't sure what's next for the Chesley farm. It's too early to tell if he and Angela's daughters, Katelyn and Raeanna, may be involved with the farm in the next generation.

"Farming is becoming more about technology and marketing and managing the operation overall now, so you never know," Chesley said.



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The Chesley family is the sixth generation to call the homestead in Beaver Creek Township home. Pictured from left are Raeanna, Angela, Jason and Katelyn Chelsey.

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insurance company. They lived there for 42 years.

Gary said income tax records from 1917 showed Fred Erdmann raised and sold mules and horses. He purchased his first tractor in 1929 with the animals still used to work the farm.

"A picture dated 1954 shows him (Fred) spreading manure with his last team of horses," Gary said.

Growing up on the farm in the 1950s and 1960s, Gary recalled his family raising swine and milking shorthorns.

At the time, Fred Erdmann offered his grandson some sage advice. "Someday, if you're worthy, you'll own this."

However, Gary never chose a career in farming nor moved back home after graduating from Jasper High School in 1964. He made a career in the ag industry operating the cooperative creamery in Russell for 43 years.

Now retired, he makes his home in rural Balaton with his wife, Elizabeth. The couple has seven children.

Gary, an only child, became owner of the Erdmann farm in 2005.

His father, Randall, and his aunt, Merlin "Babe" Eide, inherited the farm in 1972 and split the section in half.

Randall farmed and remodeled the existing home on the property. In 1976 he began renting the cropland to a neighbor while continuing to live in the farmhouse. Today, Erdmann



Submitted photos  
Fred Erdmann, who sold mules and horses from the Erdmann Century Farm, plows with a team of six mules. The first tractor (pictured below) was purchased in 1929.

*'A picture dated 1954 shows him (Fred) spreading manure with his last team of horses.'*

— Gary Erdmann



The first tractor purchased for the Erdmann Century Farm was a 10-20 International and was bought in 1929 by Fred Erdmann. In later years, son Randall Erdmann posed with the same little tractor his father purchased.

continues to rent the farmland to neighbors. Since 2007, renters occupied the farm site until 2020, when Gary sold the five acres.

Mother Nature began taking a toll on the brick barn and silo, damaging the struc-

tures beyond repair in the mid-2010s.

There are no buildings on the farm site today.

The Erdmann farm is one of 89 farms and/or farmland (the only farm from Rock County) recognized this year

for 100 or more years of continuous family ownership.

The Century Farm program is organized through the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

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washed quite frequently," Krista said before choosing to donate the quilt for the darts league fundraiser.

Younger sister, Klarissa, a freshman at BVHS, grew to enjoy quilting through her sister and her grandmother.

"It was always fun to watch her (grandmother) and my sister order patterns on the Internet," she said. "When she would get them in the mail and think, 'Wow, this looks cool' or some fun things that would come with the pattern."

It's the final outcome that Klarissa enjoys the most about quilting.

"Sometimes during the process of putting the quilt together, I think, 'I might not like this but I also might like this' and then after it is quilted and we put the binding on, I love the way they turn out."

Both sisters also know the frustrations of quilting.

"Patterns are sometimes hard to understand or confusing," Klarissa said.

Klarissa is currently designing a quilt with a rose along with a table runner for her needle arts entries at the Rock County Fair.

Krista is completing a pinwheel quilt.

"This is something new for me because I have never made a pinwheel quilt before," she said. "It will not be as big or difficult as the star quilt I made last year, but the binding on this quilt will be sewn on."

The static projects are displayed in the 4-H exhibit hall attached to the 4-H food stand.

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