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Community ideas sought for dog park in Luverne

Chamber and LIFT host meeting Aug. 21 in lower level of Chamber

By Jason Berghorst

Does Luverne need a larger dog park?

A local task force is being formed to investigate and make a recommendation on that question.

The Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce and the Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow (LIFT) Board are inviting community members who are interested in the topic of a potential second dog park to join the task force.

The first meeting is Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Chamber of Commerce in Luverne.

"All are welcome to serve on the task force," said Chamber Executive Director Jane Lanphere. "The more participants and involvement, the better the outcome."

Lanphere said people can join the task force at any time, and she expects the group will meet six to twelve times over the next eight months.

"The first meeting will be a 'dream session' where everyone has a chance to share what they think should be included if a dog park is constructed in Luverne," Lanphere said.

According to Lanphere, the task force will evaluate the need for a possible park as well as potential design, location, funding, policies, volunteer opportunities and more.

The group will then present its findings to the LIFT Executive Board, the Chamber Board and, possibly, the city council for potential further action.

The task force is being organized as a result of local residents expressing the need for a larger dog park that would accommodate open areas for larger dogs to run as well as a separate area for smaller dogs, according to Lanphere.

There is also interest in having a dog park closer to residential areas of town than the current facility at Rotary Park.

At their booth at the Rock

Dog park meeting/see page 3



Mavis Fodness photos/0810 Beaver Days 2023

Parade watchers gathered along both sides of South Fourth Street in Beaver Creek Saturday morning as Isaac Crawford drives the tractor pulling the family's parade entry. Sprinkles began falling halfway through the 20-minute parade, with the final entries finishing the route in a downpour.

Town celebrates first Beaver Days in rain

By Mavis Fodness

Almost 2 inches of rain fell over the weekend, but organizers and attendees of the first Beaver Days celebration are calling it a success.

"No one was complaining too much, because we needed the rain," said Beaver Creek Mayor Josh Teune. "I think it went well."

What began as sprinkles at the start of the 10 a.m. parade Saturday became a downpour by the end of the 20-minute event.

Beaver Days/see page 3



Michael Blank pilots his lawn tractor as his grandson, Elias Blank, tosses out candy. Below left, Ryker Gehrke stays dry under an umbrella Saturday morning as he rides in the Beaver Creek Sportsman Club float with Kaleb Olson (center) and Gavin Harnack.



Mike and Lori Carlson decorated their golf cart as a beaver, which included a tail. Below, riders on the Midwest Dog Boarding float stayed in place as rain began pouring during the parade.



'Heartland' documentary features local farm family

By Mavis Fodness

A Rock County farm family is the focus of a film premiering Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

"From the Heartland" is a 35-minute documentary about how farming practices affect Main Street America.

Film producer and director Matthew Coddair follows Feikema brothers Shawn and Mike and their uncle, Bob Feikema, as they operate a three-generation grain

and cattle farm north of Luverne.

Becky Feikema, Shawn's wife, appears in the film along with daughters Cathryn and Jackie.

"I love it," she said after recently viewing the promotional trailer. "I think it does a great job telling our story."

Other family members in the film are Bob's wife, Arla, Shawn and Mike's mother, Char, and Mike's, wife, Staci, and their

'From the Heartland'/see p. 2

Upgraded fire rating reflects better training, could result in lower insurance premiums

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Fire Department was recently upgraded to a Class 3 rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

Ratings are from 1 to 10, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest. The LFD was rated Class 4 during its last review in 2017.

"Getting a Class 3 rating doesn't sound like a big deal, but for a volunteer department that is dedicated to protecting the citizens and guests of our community, this is a pretty big deal," said Luverne Assistant Fire Chief Jordan Siebenahler, who led the review for LFD.

The ISO reviews departments every five to

six years. A better rating for a department can mean reduced insurance rates for homeowners and businesses served by that department.

"To my knowledge, there are no Class 1 departments in the state of Minnesota. St Paul has the highest rating at a 2," Siebenahler said. "So, for an on-call, volunteer department like Luverne to get a 3 is a big deal."

The ISO's Public Protection Classification program evaluates communities according to a uniform set of criteria. It incorporates nationally recognized standards developed by the National

Luverne Fire Department rating/see page 2



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, in the township hall.
Battle Plain Township Board will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, in the Edgerton Ag conference room in Edgertomm.
Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, in the Blue Mound Room at Sanford Luverne. Attendance is important at this meeting when critical decisions will be made. Call Sharon Zinnel, 507-227-3321, with questions.

Palisade Lutheran Church Pie and Ice Cream Social Aug. 13

Palisade Lutheran Church Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. following 10 a.m. outdoor worship on the lawn at the church in rural Rock County (corner of County Road 5 and Highway 23) west of Luverne.
 Menu includes grilled hamburgers or hot dogs, salad, chips and homemade pie with ice cream. Outdoor lawn games and watermelon will follow.

Blood Bank at Sanford Aug. 14

Sanford Luverne Medical Center will host a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14. Donors can schedule donations at www.cbblifeblood.org. Select "events," and Aug. 14, or call 605-331-3222. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are preferred. All donors receive a McDonald's gift card.

Beginner band starts Aug. 15

Free beginner band lessons for fifth-graders start Aug. 15 in the Luverne Elementary Music Room. Lessons are not mandatory, but they provide instrument experience before the school year starts.
 Lessons are Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 15-18, and Monday through Thursday Aug. 21-24, with individual instruments scheduled for specific times.
 Students will need instruments and instruction books for lessons. Orders through Schmitt Music will be delivered to school in time for the first day of summer lessons. Contact a.swenson@isd2184.net or 507-283-4491, ext. 2670.

Mobile dental clinic Aug. 17

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

Bloodmobile in Luverne Aug. 22

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Luverne from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Living Rock Church on East Main Street. The Red Cross especially needs Type O negative, Type O positive, Type B negative and Type A negative blood, as well as platelet donors.
 Schedule an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org, 800-733-2767 or through the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice.

'Living Well with Diabetes' workshop series starts Aug. 23

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

Youth prayer breakfast Aug. 24

Rock The Edge will host its third annual Community and Youth Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Luverne High School.
 Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. in the commons and the program is at 7 a.m. in the performing arts center with guest speaker Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken. Make reservations by noon Aug. 21 by calling 283-4061. Donations will be accepted. The public is invited to attend.

Luverne Community Ed

Community Ed will offer the following classes in the next few weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to register.
 Boys and girls in grades 2-7 (as attended in 2022-23) can compete in **Punt, Pass and Kick** on Aug. 16. Fee is \$10.
 Adults age 65 and older can register by Aug. 18 for **MN State Fair Trip** on Aug. 28. Fee is \$90 per person for bus and entrance fee.
Defensive Driving Beginner 8-hour Class is Sept 11 and 18 (4 hours each evening).



"From the Heartland" is a 35-minute documentary about how farming practices affect Main Street America. It premieres at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in the Palace Theatre as part of Ag Appreciation Day in Luverne. The documentary follows Feikema brothers Shawn and Mike and their uncle, Bob Feikema, as they operate a three-generation farm north of Luverne.

'From the Heartland' documentary film/continued from page 1

children, Maddie, Jenna and Ella.
 "If we, as farmers, don't tell our own story, who else will tell it accurately?" Becky said. "We've lived the facts."

Three local experts in the film further explain progress in agriculture and how its success affects the health of rural towns.

They include U of M soil specialist Jodi DeJong Hughes, Greg Talsma with Edgerton Ag LLC, and Luverne Economic Development Director Holly Sammons.

Sammons said she spent two hours with Coddaira, explaining agriculture's impact on small towns.
 "When farmers do well, our community does well," she said.



Holly Sammons, Luverne Economic Development Authority director, is a featured local expert in the 'From the Heartland' documentary film. She explains that the success of local farmers has a direct impact on the success of Main Street.



Shawn Feikema (pictured) and his brother, Mike, and their uncle, Bob Feikema, talk about preserving soil for future generations in the documentary film, "From the Heartland."

Documentary filming began three years ago

The Feikema family met the Colorado-based Coddaira in 2019 while he filmed a promotion for Gevo Inc.

Coddaira later asked if he could return and do a project with the family. He and partner Andrew Bydron spent three years visiting the Feikemas.
 "They just wanted to tell a story of a family in rural America," Becky said. "And how farming has changed over the years."

Between filming sessions at Feikema Farms, the crew filmed local events to

include in the final production.

The primary focus, however, is how the Feikemas care for ag land needed to grow corn, soybeans and small grains for the cattle operation.

"Feikema Farms has been at the forefront of innovation, adopting new practices to benefit the business, the people, and the land," film promotions say.

"Using more progressive techniques such as rotational cropping, cover cropping, strip-tilling, and significantly reducing the use of synthetic fertilizers, the Feikema Farms is a model of stewardship for other farms across the nation."

Luverne Fire Department improves ISO rating/continued from page 1

Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association.

A community's rating depends on scores received in areas such as emergency communications, fire staffing, equipment and training, and water supply, among many other criteria.

"We spend hours compiling all of the data that is required for their scoring," Siebenahler said.

LFD's higher classification in 2023 is largely due to improved training, according to Siebenahler.

"The biggest thing that helped us jump from a Class 4 to a Class 3 was increased training and better documentation of that training," Siebenahler said. "Without documentation, the training never happened in the eyes of the ISO."

Luverne Fire Chief Dave Van Batavia said the new rating is a reflection of both the department and the community that sup-



Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia (right) and Assistant Chief Jordan Siebenahler are pictured at a Minnesota Fire Chiefs convention in Duluth in 2021.

ports it.
 "To me it shows how hard our guys work and how well the city sup-

ports us so we can have the things we need to get that Class 3 rating," Van Batavia said.

"Our guys put in extra time to make sure everything is in order to get that good number."

Looking to the future, Siebenahler said LFD plans to do more to maintain, or possibly improve, the ISO rating in five to six years.

"There are three areas that can significantly improve our ISO rating: company personnel, a detailed training structure and the inspection and flow testing of fire hydrants."

Chief Van Batavia said the benefits of this Class 3 rating for Luverne could be greater than people realize.

"The rating should help residents and businesses, and hopefully new businesses, looking to come to Luverne for a good insurance rating."

Siebenahler agreed. "We have incredible firefighters and the best equipment," he said, "none of which would be possible without the backing of a great community."

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H-BC superintendent 'meets expectations' in board evaluation

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School District Superintendent Todd Holthaus continues to "meet expectations," according to the annual evaluation by H-BC School Board members.

Holthaus' overall average rating was 3.67 out of 4, falling on the four-point scale between "meets" and "exceeds" expectations.

The board met in closed session June 26 to discuss Holthaus' performance in six areas.

They accepted and approved the evaluation July 11.

The evaluation was for the 2022-2023 school year.

The seven-member board rated Holthaus using a common group evaluation rather than on an individual member basis.

A scale from 1 to 4 in each of the evaluation areas was used.

A "1" indicated "unsatisfactory," a 2 "needs improvement," a 3 "meets expectations" and a 4 "exceeds expectations."

Individual scores in

the six areas included:

- policy and governance 3.5
- planning and assessment 3.67
- instructional leadership 3.5
- organizational management 3.85
- communications/community relations 3.75
- professionalism 3.75

Holthaus completed his second year of the current three-year contract. His contract ends on June 30, 2024.

For the 2021-22 school year, Holthaus received an overall average rating of 3.4.

He has been H-BC superintendent since 2011.

In other personnel matters, the board

- accepted the resignation from Katie Schreurs for part-time nursing-related services.
- assigned Lydia Scruggs as middle level communications arts/literature teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Her salary will be \$47,422.
- hired Allesia Kolles as K-12 vocal music teacher for the 2023-24 school year at a salary of \$44,970.



Mavis Fodness photos/0810 Beaver Days 2023

Bruce Dysthe cruises the Beaver Days parade route in his personal entry Saturday morning in Beaver Creek, handing out candy to parade watchers, who donned umbrellas to keep dry from the rain showers that lasted the entire day.

Town celebrates Beaver Days in rain/continued from page 1

Activities went on as usual, Teune said, with a few minor changes.

Rain prevented miniature golf and the face painting, but other events continued as scheduled.

The evening street dance was moved indoors to Springbrooke Events, where Teune estimated 350 people attended.

He said organizers are looking forward to the next year's community event, planned for the first weekend in August.



Mike and Lori Carlson (left) decorated their golf cart as a beaver. At right, Beaver Creek Mayor Josh Teune drives a golf cart with his wife, Tonya, as the couple displays the sign "Welcome to Beaver Days" in the parade down South Fourth Street Saturday morning.



Application window open for Livestock Investment Grants

Livestock farmers and ranchers encouraged to apply by Oct. 12

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Livestock Investment Grant.

This annual grant opportunity is open to Minnesota livestock farmers and ranchers looking to improve their operations, supporting long-term development in Minnesota's \$8 billion livestock industry.

MDA anticipates awarding approximately \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2024 for Livestock Investment Grants using a competitive review process.

Grant funds are available for equipment purchases and physical improvements used to help start, improve or expand livestock operations in Minnesota.

Reimbursable investments include but are not limited to buildings or facilities for producing livestock, watering systems, fencing, feed equipment and waste management equipment used for raising livestock.

All principal operators of livestock farms in Minnesota are invited to

apply, including those who have received grants in the past.

Only one application will be accepted per farm. Preference will be given to applicants or farms that have not previously been awarded a grant.

Applicants may apply for up to 10 percent of their project's total cost, with a minimum expense of \$4,000 and a maximum expense of \$250,000.

Grant awards can range in size from \$400 to \$25,000. Only expenses incurred after the grant contract has been signed by all parties are eligible for reimbursement.

The MDA expects to have contracts to grantees by early 2024.

Applications for the grant will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023.

Applicants must use the MDA's online application portal to apply for the grant at <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/business-dev-loans-grants/agri-livestock-investment-grant>.

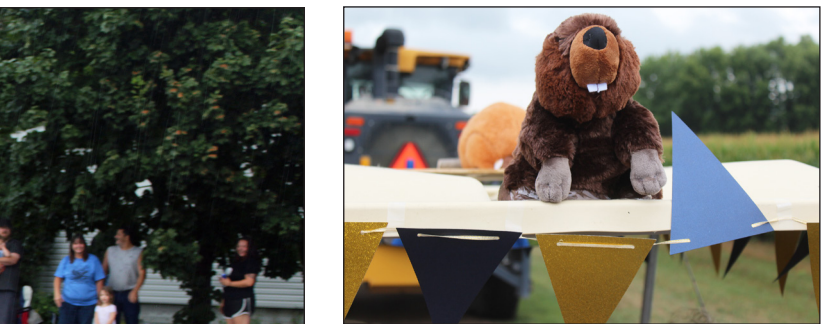
Additional information can be found on the AGRI Livestock Investment Grant webpage.



Emelia Blank wears a beaver mask for the Beaver Days parade as she drives a John Deere lawn mower with the sign "Nothing Runs like a Beaver."

At right, Rick Barber takes his 4010 John Deere tractor down the parade route for Beaver Days.

Upper right, Beavers were a popular float decoration for parade entrants at the first Beaver Days parade.



Dog park community input meeting/continued from page 1

County Fair last week, Chamber staff solicited feedback on a possible dog park. Lanphere said a majority of the feedback was positive.

"We probably had about 60 to 70 people visit with us about a dog park," Lanphere said.

"Two people who don't have dogs were a hard 'no' and said it was a waste of time and money. About four others said a dog park isn't needed, but instead the city should just allow dogs to run free in the city park and the LOOP. The

rest of the conversations were positive and supportive of the idea of a dog park."

Construction of a new dog park could be completed in 2024, 2025 or later, depending on location, funding and community support.

"There are just so many factors involved," Lanphere said.

Anyone interested in serving on the task force is encouraged to call the Chamber at 507-283-4061 or email the office at louvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

Free events at Plaza

Super Summer Books, a child reading outreach, is hosted by the Rock County Community Library at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15.

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

Music on the Plaza by Bruce Dysthe will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Plaza. Enjoy the great sounds of one of the area's finest vocalists. Wildflower's Food Truck will serve from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Sip & Ride Golf Cart Coffee Tour, depart at 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, from the Plaza for Tales of the Graves tour. Reserve at the Chamber, 507-283-4061.

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

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Karen Cook Westside Township Clerk

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Showing up matters, and so does saying, 'Thanks for coming'

"Thanks for coming!"

Maybe you've heard or said those words recently or often in your life.

I sure have. I'm a "thank you" sayer.

I've thanked police officers after pulling me over and even said thank you to another driver who hit my car in a parking lot.

To be fair, the thank you was at the end of our interactions after the accident. I was thanking the man for taking responsibility, working together as we filed the report, etc.

But still ... I thanked a stranger who just backed into my car. Think of that.

I believe saying thank you is both important and beneficial.

The older I get, the more I want to thank people for the things they do, for their time, for sharing an experience, or even just being a part of my life.

Saying thank you tells someone they are valued and that they matter.

I've been noticing a certain type of thank you more lately, like the times I'm told, "Thanks for coming."

That type of thank you is one of my favorites.

Last winter I went to a junior varsity hockey game that my friend was coaching.

After the game my friend sent me a short text from the locker room saying, "Thanks for coming," realizing that attending a JV game in which I know none of the players would not otherwise be on my to-do list.

Sometimes when I attend LHS events, I've had parents say, "Thanks for coming," as if I were there to watch



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

only their child. Of course, I'm there to support many students, but I appreciate the sentiment just the same.

Showing up matters and showing appreciation to those who show up matters.

When I attend my niece's and nephew's youth sporting events, their mom sometimes reminds them to tell Uncle Jason thanks for coming.

A couple of weeks ago, my niece thanked me for coming to her lacrosse game without her mom around. She's learned well.

Last month I went to Junior Legion baseball games that my friend's son was playing in. Isaac was the only player I knew, but it was fun to see him play and spend time with his parents while watching.

And he knew I was there to support him.

After the game we went out for pizza with his team and their families. While there, Isaac sat with his teammates, and I didn't get to talk to him much.

As I was leaving the parking lot, though, I put down my window as he walked toward his dad's pickup. He looked over, gave a big smile and said, "Thanks for coming!" (without his parents telling him to).

That thank you sure felt good. I knew that it mattered that I drove to his games that day, that I matter to him and that he knows he and his family matter to me.

Showing up matters. People matter.

Thank you for coming, indeed.

Stronger newspapers are good for local business

Urge Congress to pass the Community News and Small Business Support Act

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

A bipartisan bill, the Community News and Small Business Support Act, has been introduced in Congress to help both newspapers and local businesses that have faced economic challenges in recent years.

Local newspapers make a difference in their communities, and that's why Claudia Tenney, a New York Republican, and Suzan DelBene, a Washington Democrat, introduced the bill.

According to the bill authors, hometown news, unlike national media, is non-partisan and fundamental to the fabric of our local communities.

However, local newspapers, like other small businesses, continue to face significant economic challenges. On average, two newspapers are closing each week in the United States.

The act would save local reporting jobs in community newsrooms by allowing local newspapers to maintain newsroom staff through a series of payroll tax credits. Here's how it works:

- A five-year refundable tax credit is available to local newspapers and other local media to use for the compensation of journalists. The credit may be used on compen-

sation up to \$50,000 a year.

- The credit covers 50 percent of compensation, up to \$25,000, in the first year and 30 percent of compensation, up to \$15,000, in the subsequent four years.

- A local newspaper may claim up to \$25,000 per journalist in the first year and up to \$15,000 per journalist per year in the next four years.

The act strengthens main street businesses by allowing businesses that invest in local newspaper advertising a non-refundable tax credit based on their advertising investment. The more they advertise, the stronger their business.

- This five-year non-refundable credit provides businesses with fewer than 50 employees up to \$5,000 in the first year and up to \$2,500 in the subsequent four years to spend with local newspaper and local media.

- The credit covers 80 percent of advertising costs in the first year and 50 percent in the next four

years. To receive the full \$5,000 in the first year, a business will have spent at least \$6,250 on advertising in local newspapers and local media.

The act fosters healthier communities by increasing access to information that reflects hometown values.

More local reporting means more access to hometown news citizens rely on, and stronger newspapers mean stronger advertising vehicles for local businesses.

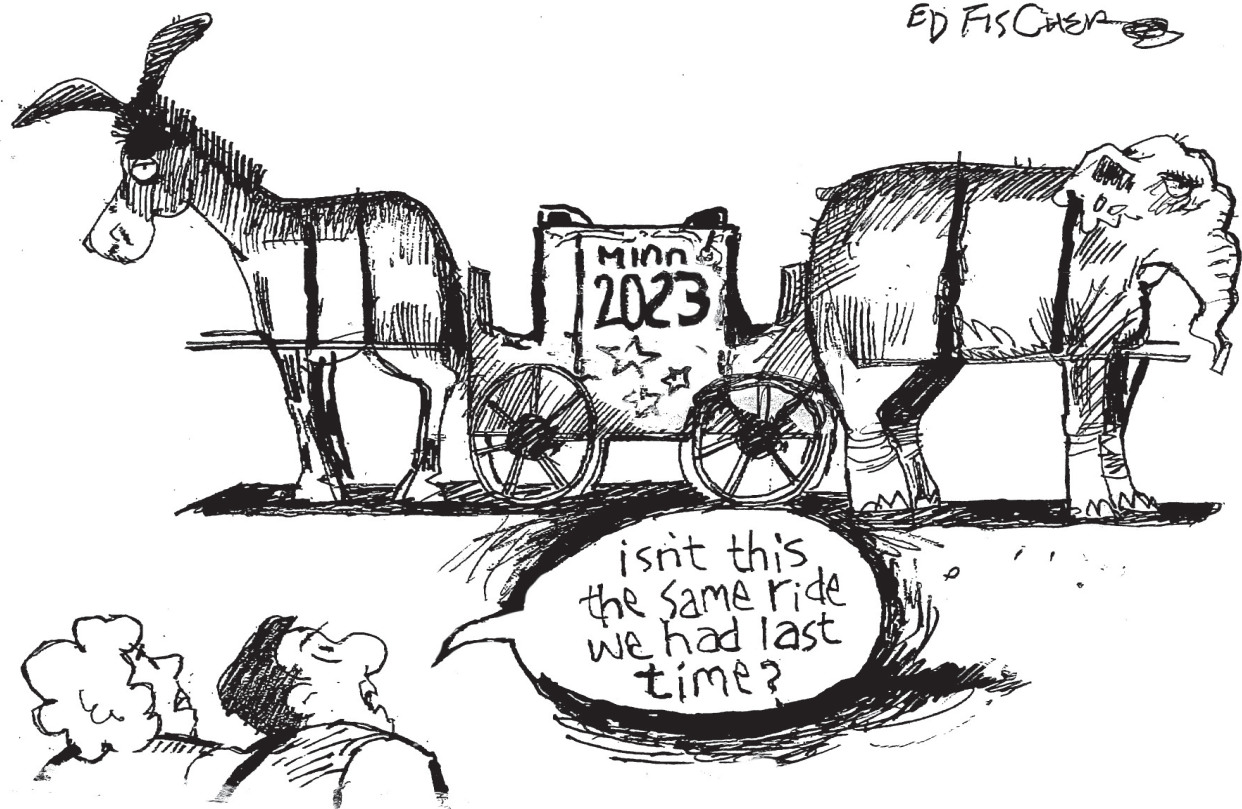
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U.S. Sen. Tina Smith, 720 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-5641

U.S. Rep. Brad Finstad, 1605 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, 202-225-2472

ED FISCHER



Granddaughter's 'rather odd request' deserves recognition

Today, Thursday, our youngest grandchild, Ellee, turns 6. Like all grandparents, Mary and I are proud as punch of all our grandkids.

Those of us that make up our morning coffee group that are grandparents share stories (brag) about our grandkids at least once a week. Most of the stories are sports-related or how old they are or what grade they are in school, or recently, where they might be going to college.

The story I shared (bragged about) at coffee this week was about Ellee's birthday party.

Like most 6-year-old girls, Ellee had given a fair amount of thought as to what kind of birthday party



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

she wanted to have. With the Barbie craze going on, one might think the Barbie theme would take center stage, but thankfully that was not the case.

I was sure her party theme request would be balloons, games and inflatables, but once again not the case.

Early on, Ellee knew where she

wanted to have her birthday party. One would think maybe Pizza Ranch or Dave and Buster's, but nope, Ellee's rather odd request for her birthday party location was at the Hartford Dog Park. I know that threw me for a loop, too.

This past summer Ellee and her 8-year-old sister, Brooke, hosted a

couple of lemonade stands, and they decided to use the proceeds from those stands to buy 50 Pup Cups at the Hartford Dairy Queen.

Ellee, with her parents' help, put together a social media post announcing an open invite to Hartford residents to bring their friendly dog to the Hartford Dog Park on Ellee's birthday. The first 50 dogs will be treated to a Pup Cup, courtesy of Ellee and Brooke, and Dairy Queen donates the Pup Cup proceeds to the local Animal Rescue. How cool is that?

Did I just do a little proud grandparent bragging? Probably, ... but it feels so good.

Keitel: 'Our water has become tainted'

Letter to the Editor:

I grew up in rural Luverne and understood crops, birds, rivers, streams, beaver, muskrat, snapping turtles, river bottoms and sand pits. I utilized the spring water that flowed out of the earth like a gift from God.

My first spring water was from the Blue Mounds where a pipe came out of the side of a hill and filled glass gallon jars

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 28

•Complainant at the Verne Drive-In requested an unlock.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on E. 1st Street, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on S. Fairview Drive reported theft.

•Complainant in Luverne reported a family/child civil issue.

•A warrant was issued on Oak Drive.

•Road closure on Highway 75, Luverne.

•Extra patrol was requested at the fairground.

•Complainant on 190th Avenue and 21st Street

July 29

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue reported property damage.

July 30

•Complainant on 21st and 90th, Edgerton, reported fleeing.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

July 31

•Complainant on W. Veterans Drive reported theft/

larceny.

•Complainant on 150th Avenue and 41st Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on 1st Street, Leota, requested assistance from another department.

Aug. 1

•A warrant was issued on Crawford Street and Oakley Street.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, reported debris.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Highway 75, mile marker 18, Hardwick, reported road and drive law issue.

Aug. 2

•Complainant in Hills reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on 31st Street, Hills, reported weapons.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 2 transport, 1 escort, 13 ambulance runs, 3 parking violations, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 1 burn permit, 1 background check, 1 drug court test, 2 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 36 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 1 curfew check and 1 follow-up.



Lori Sorenson photo/0810 freeman ave work near palace theatre

Freeman Ave. dug up to improve Palace water line

Workers with W&N Construction are digging up a portion of North Freeman Avenue to replace a one-inch water service line to the Palace Theatre. After a number of recent remodeling improvements inside the Palace, the larger water service line was necessary to accommodate the building's sprinkler system. The work could take two to three days to complete and Freeman Avenue may need to remain closed or partially closed to traffic during that time.

State agencies to keep people safe on road, trails and water as cannabis becomes legal

Since Aug. 1, Minnesotans can legally possess and use cannabis and cannabis products.

However, it's still illegal to operate a motor vehicle, boat, off-highway vehicle or snowmobile while impaired by cannabis.

The Minnesota departments of Public Safety (DPS) and Natural Resources (DNR) want Minnesotans to learn the new law and plan a safe and sober ride if they're cannabis consumers.

"Impaired is impaired on the road, regardless of the substance, and the effects can be tragic for everyone else on the road," said Col. Matt Langer, chief of the Minnesota State Patrol.

"Our focus is on impaired driving, regardless of substance, and keeping Minnesotans safe by enforcing the law. Just like with alcohol, anyone opting to consume cannabis needs to make the right choice by planning a safe and sober ride."

Make safe and sober choice on the water or riding the trails

That also remains true for those enjoying boating and other recreational activities.

"Minnesota's trails and waterways have never been busier, with people out enjoying Minnesota's natural resources," said Col. Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement Division director.

"There's no excuse for operating a recreational vehicle or watercraft while impaired. Conservation officers will not give a second chance to anyone who operates while impaired and willfully puts everyone else on the trail or on the water at risk."

The right choice keeps people safe and avoids the dangers and penalties of a poor decision.

Operating a boat, off-highway vehicle (OHV) or snowmobile under the influence is one of the main factors in fatal crashes in Minnesota.

Each year, about half of all fatal incidents involving boats, OHVs and snowmobiles involve impairment.

The penalties associated with operating a motor vehicle under the influence apply the same to operating a boat, OHV or snowmobile under the influence.

People convicted of operating any of them under the influence lose their privilege to operate all of them.

Drugged driving is dangerous driving

Drugged driving-related driving while impaired (DWI) incidents on the road are increasing in Minnesota.

Drugged driving accounted for 6,941 DWI incidents from 2012-2016 compared with 15,747 from 2017-2021 — that's a 127 percent increase.

In cases involving driving under the influence of drugs, cannabinoids are one of the most prevalent drug classes indicated in the screening of blood and urine samples.

They are often seen in conjunction with other controlled substances and alcohol.

Effects of cannabis on driving

Cannabis has measurable effects that can impair the ability to drive and react quickly in criti-

cal situations, including:

•Difficulties in road tracking.

•Lane-position variability.

•Decreased, divided attention.

•Impaired executive functions, including route planning, decision making and risk taking.

"Sadly, driving while impaired by drugs is nothing new in Minnesota," DPS Office of Traffic Safety Director Mike Hanson said.

"Changing behaviors and understanding the dangers of impairment require enforcement and education. Preventing tragedy is possible, and ultimately it comes down to taking personal responsibility for a safe and sober ride. Make that smart choice for yourself and your loved ones."

Learn the law

Just like how drinking alcohol in a vehicle is illegal, it's illegal under the new cannabis law for:

•Drivers or passengers to open any cannabis packaging, use marijuana or consume other cannabis products.

•Drivers or passengers to have an unsealed container of marijuana (for example, 2 ounces in a zip-close bag).

Similar to alcohol, the exception is an unsealed container or other opened

products may be kept in the trunk of a car or another area not accessible by the driver or passengers.

•The driver to be impaired by marijuana or other cannabis products. Driving high is a DWI.

Impaired driving enforcement and awareness promote safe driving choices

Troopers, deputies and police officers participate in statewide extra DWI enforcement and awareness throughout the year.

The awareness efforts this year include new advertising highlighting how "Driving High is a DWI."

During the legislative session, lawmakers approved additional resources for impaired driving and cannabis traffic safety efforts, including funding for:

•Expanded drug recognition evaluator (DRE) and related law enforcement training programs.

•An oral fluid pilot project. The pilot program will test a tool that law enforcement can use to evaluate a driver for possible drug impairment by cannabis or other substances.

It is a roadside test similar to the preliminary breath test (PBT) law enforcement use to detect drunk driving.

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that we brought home. The spring ran continuously.

My next spring water experience was near Adrian along the Kanaranzi River where clean water flowed directly out of a hillside along County Road 4, known to us as "Old Highway 16."

People would plan their trips to stop and fill canteens, crockery and in later times fill glass jugs with ice-cold, clear water.

In the early 1900s high nitrate levels made the water undrinkable, and the spring was closed to the public.

But this didn't happen overnight.

When we transitioned 6,000 years ago from hunters and gatherers to agrarian, we lost our height along with our varied diets as we became dependent on limited grains and a life of agrarian toil.

We planted, weeded and harvested crops, expending nearly twice the calories than when we hunted and gathered, and our life expectancy dropped.

Once we became farmers, we "pooped in our bath water" with domesticated animals and farming practices polluting water.

As long as you lived upstream and had no neighbors higher on the watershed, you were healthy, but

your livestock and farming practices meanwhile polluted water for those downstream.

Our hunter and gatherer friends slowly died off because they could not produce offspring as fast as our sedentary agrarian friends. (Hunter gatherer ovulation cycles ceased while carrying a baby or toddler on the move).

Where human population was limited, springs and artesian wells were still functional.

I am fortunate to have grown up in a time when you could still appreciate clear, cold water flowing from a hillside, but in the blink of an eye, my children know nothing of this phenomenon.

Human population has grown along with agrarian practices of tilled soil and livestock feedlots depositing nitrates upstream from flowing water tables.

Our population has flourished, but our water has become tainted by corn, soybeans, cattle, hogs and chickens.

Our children and grandchildren are well fed and nourished, but alas, they know nothing of the spring water flowing from the hillside.

Bill Keitel, Worthington

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Mavis Fodness photos/0810 Marching Band 2023

The Luverne High School marching band completes rehearsals inside the band room Thursday, Aug. 3, where they focus on learning the selections for this year's "To the Stars" field show. The group is currently in its third week of band camp with director James Jarvie (far left) and drum majors Brynn Boyenga and Elizabeth Mulder.

LHS marching band prepares for 2023 season

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School band is completing the last of its summer camps this week.

The 50-member group began rehearsing for the 2023 field program, "To the Stars," with freshman camp on July 24.

The camps end this week with the full band rehearsing through Friday.

"It's a theme — not so much the telling a story — but a piece that's star-related," said director James Jarvie.

"We've done stories for several

years, and I wanted to challenge students to a different style of show."

A theme-based show focuses on marching maneuvers, whereas telling a story focuses on the band's actions singularly or in groups.

At times the story focus has reflected negatively in the judges' scores.

"We've had some success telling a story early in the season, but later some judges commented, 'We didn't get the story,'" Jarvie said.

This year's smaller band will make performing easier.

"I have 50 kids, and every one of them wants to be here," Jarvie said. "They are driven to work hard."

Once the 2023-24 school year starts in September, the band rehearsals move to 7 a.m. starts.

Thirteen color guard members are included in the 50-member marching band.

They will be adding something new to this year's field shows.

Three soloists will highlight the celestial-themed show, said color guard coordinator Gavin Folkestad.

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Drum majors Brynn Boyenga (left) and Elizabeth Mulder lead the Luverne High School marching band Aug. 3.

CELEBRATIONS

Mary Lutmer will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, Aug. 10. Greetings may be sent to Minnesota Veterans Home — Luverne, Attn: Mary Lutmer, 1300 N. Kniss Ave., PO Box 539, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Aug. 14: Parmesan chicken, green beans, fruit cocktail, breadstick.

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Tater tot casserole, mixed vegetables, warm peaches, dinner roll.

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Ham pasta salad, creamy cucumbers, cantaloupe, dessert. Half-Price Days sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

Thursday, Aug. 17: Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, warm fruit crisp.

Friday, Aug. 18: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, cake.

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.

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1943: Fritz continues story about the "good old days"

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. 25, 1943.

Continued from last week. Frank Fritz recalls the "Good Old Days."

"Then I went to Hills and became a Norwegian," he related. "I opened a hardware store there and operated it until 1900.

There were only two democrats in hills at that time, Ole Severtson and myself. I guess there were four populists and the rest were republicans. It wasn't hard to find someone to argue politics within that town in those days."

Was Postmaster

At Hills he was appointed village postmaster, and he also installed the first telephone exchange in the town. He sold his business, however, after he had been in Hills for seven years, to Will Thompson. He then came to Luverne where he was employed by Nelson Brothers for the next seven years.

In January 1907, he began operating the Sand-Lime brick factory, which was then a big business here. Twenty men were



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

employed there, and much of the brick from which business buildings on Main street were built was manufactured at that time.

The next year, he entered the employ of Greene and De Late, plumbing and heating firm, and later that same year, he went into partnership with them. From the partnership, he went into business for himself which is now occupied by the Millard Investment company. He continued until 1920 when he sold the business to Soutar, Maxwell and McKnight, which he bought back some years later. He was employed by Mr. McKnight at the time the high school building was constructed here, and he was in charge of the installation of the plumbing

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Bob Collins of Minnesota Public Radio paid a visit to members of Luverne's Last Man's Club for their Wednesday afternoon coffee at Glen's Deli on July 31.

The result of his casual conversation with the group will be a write-up in Collins' MPR blog, "Newscut," which can be found at www.mpr.org/newscut.

Luverne's Last Man's Club organized in the summer of 2010 as an offshoot of the Glen's Coffee Clique. Of the original 24 World War II veterans, the group is now down to nine.

The group of World War II veterans meets every afternoon for coffee — often sharing war stories and enjoying the freedoms they had fought for. ...

Surviving Last Man's Club members are Warren Herreid, Robert Aanenson, Raymond Anderson, Earl Glaser, Helmer Haakenson, LeRoy Luitjens, Jake Boomgaarden, Russ Swenson and Casey Van Engelenhoven.

25 years ago (1998)

•With only a couple weeks remaining until school starts, city, school and county officials have arrived at a plan for parking and traffic patterns at the school campus.

Construction on the new elementary school won't be completed until later this fall, but when elementary students, staff and parents begin coming and going from the new school,

a plan is now in place to alleviate some safety and traffic flow concerns.

A committee of city, school and county officials has met four times to come up with a workable plan.

50 years ago (1973)

•Nelson's, a landmark at the corner of Main and McKenzie streets since 1892, will become a Ben Franklin department store about May 1. The second floor of the corner building will be razed and the ground floor will be completely remodeled. The Ben Franklin store and Our Own Hardware also will be remodeled, making them into one store building with a modern 50-foot front.

Nelson Bros., Inc., a Luverne retail establishment for 97 years, will go out of business within the next few months.

In its place will be a new Ben Franklin department store, a new Jack and Jill food store, and a third business still to be announced.

Nelson Bros., Inc., will own the buildings and will lease them to the three firms. Jack and Jill and Ben Franklin will sublet the buildings to private operators.

75 years ago (1948)

•Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Long, announced this week that they had leased Long's Service Station and Café, to Gordon Ahrendt, of Luverne. He will take possession of the business on September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Long said that they will leave later this fall for Florida to spend the winter.

Ahrendt, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Ahrendt, is a World War II veteran. Since his discharge, he has operated a bulk truck for the Standard Oil Company. His successor for the oil company has not yet been announced.

100 years ago (1923)

•With the exception of superintendent, a new corps of teachers will take up their duties with the beginning of the new year at Magnolia's consolidated schools.

S. L. Johnson, of Hallock, returns as superintendent. Marguerite Koch, of Minneapolis, as principal, will have charge of domestic science, general science and dramatics. Agnes Mac-Eachron, of St. Paul, will teach music, English A and history; Martin Peterson, of Warren, will have charge of manual training and the upper grades. The other grade vacancies have been filled as follows: Sylvia Bremer, of Waverly, fifth and sixth grades; Margaret Schneider, of Anandale, third and fourth grades; and Marie Gile, of Mason City, Ia., primary grades.

OBITUARIES

Karen Donth

Karen D. Donth, age 82, born on Jan. 10, 1941, to Edward and Jennie (Nagel) Donth in Adrian, Minnesota. He resided in Magnolia, Minnesota, his entire life. As a child, he was baptized at the Catholic Church and attended Magnolia Public School. He worked for his dad's trucking, shelling, and baling business. He later began working for Dahlen Transport before finding his lifelong career in construction. He worked for Hallett Construction and Lorentz Construction companies.



Karen enjoyed his career and mentoring junior drivers. He drove millions of miles accident-free and there were always great trucking stories about his co-workers to share with family and friends.

A visitation will be Thursday, Aug. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, Minnesota. A funeral service will be Friday, Aug. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne with burial to follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

To view Karen's life history or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com

"When I was younger, I was happy and then I got married, had kids and found out what happiness really was." — Karen Donth

Karen David Donth was

On Aug. 4, 2023, while at the Sanford USD Medical Center, Karen passed away surrounded by his loving family at the age of 82 years, 6 months, and 17 days.

Karen was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne, Minnesota, and served on both the Magnolia City Council and the Magnolia Fire Department and Rescue. He took great pride in his Chevy pickup and enjoyed spending time keeping it clean and taking it out for drives. He loved hamburgers and peanut butter cookies, snacks he often shared with his beloved dogs. He could often be found watching the Minnesota Vikings, Gunsmoke, and Mayberry RFD, as well as listening to Old Country Western Music and mowing his lawn. What he loved more than anything else, though, was his family, and

they all felt his love for them.

Left to cherish Karen's memory are his beloved wife, Mary Donth, of Magnolia, Minnesota; children Lori (Butch) Fletcher of Worthington, Minnesota; Peggy Donth of Apple Valley, Minnesota; David "Toby" Donth of Luverne, Minnesota; Mark Donth of Mankato, Minnesota; and Troy (Lisa) Donth of Good Thunder, Minnesota; grandchildren Alexander (Kayla) Donth and Nicholas Donth; great-grandchild Leo Donth; and sister-in-law Kim Donth of Luverne, Minnesota; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Jennie Donth; sister and brother-in-law Marjorie and Harold Smook; brother and sister-in-law Peter and Shirley Donth; brother Paul Donth; and infant brother Myron Donth.

Eleanor Schoolmeester

Eleanor Faye Schoolmeester, age 81, of Edgerton, Minnesota, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023.



Memorial visitation will be Thursday, Aug. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First Christian

Reformed Church in Edgerton with a funeral service at the church on Friday, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton following the funeral service.

To sign an online registry, please visit www.edgerton-burialassociation.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Loren Wenzel

A celebration of life for Loren Wenzel (LHS Class of '63) will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Generations, 105 S. Estey Street, Luverne.

To view obituary and crematory information, please visit <https://mullinsmemorial.com/obituaries/loren-alvin-wenzel/>



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Bits by Betty tells Frank Fritz' life story/continued from page 6

and heating equipment. In 1928, he re-entered business for himself, and he says he has been trying to get out of it ever since. The condition of his health is now the only thing that keeps him from being on the job.

Recalls Famous Blizzard

His recollections of early day Luverne and Rock county are many. The first winter he was in Luverne, he experienced the blizzard of 1888, the worst snowstorm he has ever seen. He recalled that he was rooming at the Lincoln house at that time, and when he returned from lunch that noon, the weather was so warm that school boys were throwing snowballs. The storm struck here about 4:15 p.m. and for an hour he stood in the doorway of the Gerber hardware store and was unable to see the other side of the street. The snow appeared to come in huge rolls, and a person could hardly walk more than 20 feet before his eyes were practically frozen shut by the snow. He remem-

bers well how A. M. Crosby lost 80 head of fattening cattle, and how Crosby's hired man froze to death in the storm while driving the cattle back from Elk's slough east of where he had taken them earlier in the afternoon for water.

Member of Fire Department

At the present time, he is the only living charter member of the Luverne volunteer fire department. He was a member of the department for 28 years, and was on the hose team that won the championship race at Pipestone, defeating teams from Sioux Falls, Pipestone and Rock Rapids.

The worst fire he has ever helped fight was the one in the Krook and Nelson store which was discovered about 10 p.m. on a night when the temperature was about 30 below zero. The firemen battled the blaze until 7 a.m. the following day, and when they finished, the nozzle looked many times its normal size because so many pairs of gloves were frozen to it. "We held on

as long as we could stand it," he recalls, "and then we'd pull our hands out of our gloves and put on a dry pair, because the ones we had been using were frozen solidly to the nozzle."

On another occasion he helped fight a blaze at a barn near where the armory is now located. The wind was so strong that burning shingles blown from its roof landed on Mr. Fritz's home about six blocks away, causing it, too, to catch fire.

Lover of Outdoors

Mr. Fritz has always been a great lover of outdoor sports, especially hunting and fishing. As a boy in Wisconsin, he remembers seeing ducks light on fields which had been newly seeded by hand in the spring, and eat virtually all the seed before it could be disked under. A number of times, he says, he stood in a field with a shotgun to frighten the birds away, by shooting at them. One day he and a companion bagged 87 Mallard ducks, as various flocks tried to settle on the fields.

Prairie chickens and

migratory waterfowl were extremely plentiful when he first came to Rock county. A person could go out and if he was an average shot, could bring back in an hour as many prairie chickens as he could carry. At that time they could be sold at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per dozen. Prairie pigeons, uncommon now, flew over in such great numbers that they darkened the sun, and the same was true of the golden plover. Then, all of a sudden, they became extinct, Mr. Fritz recalls. Ducks and geese at that time had a flight way up and down the Rock river, and hunting was exceptionally good both fall and spring. Pickerel abounded in the Rock river, and fishing was excellent. Despite the fact that he was always busy, he always managed to devote a little time to fishing and hunting.

Served on Council

As a democrat, Mr. Fritz was interested in the trend of politics, but never had political aspirations for himself. He did, however, serve on the school board

at Hills, and served one term as alderman on the Luverne city council.

Looking back over the period of life that he has lived, Mr. Fritz states: "I've seen travel change from ox team, to horses, to automobiles, to airplanes. I've seen tough times, and I've seen good times, and if I had my life to live over again, I'd go back right to where I started and come down the same way.

"I got my lessons the hard way, and I believe it was a good way. Most of the people in the early days were 'hard up', but they were all honest. When a fellow told you he'd pay you a debt that he owed you as soon as he had the

money, one could almost rest assured that he'd keep his word."

Mr. Fritz was married in Luverne on June 6, 1894, to Mary E. Enger, and they became the parents of two children, Ray Fritz, of Luverne and Mrs. Dorothy Russell, of Los Angeles. They also have two grandchildren.

Of his own family of 17, he is one of 15 brothers and sisters still living.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manned@iw.net.



Mavis Fodness photo/0810 Marching Band 2023

New drum majors Elizabeth Mulder (left) and Brynn Boyenga practice with LHS music instructor James Jarvie.

LHS band kicks off season Sept. 16/from page 6

And wooden rifles have been added as traditional flag props.

"It's a higher level of difficulty," he said. "Judges like to see more challenges."

The marching band will be led by three first-time drum majors, senior Brynn Boyenga, junior William Johnson and sophomore Elizabeth Mulder.

The band's first competition of the 2023 season will be Saturday, Sept. 16, at Worthington Turkey Days.

Other competitions include:

- Saturday, Sept. 23, Waseca.

- Saturday, Sept. 30, Luverne Tri-State Band Festival and Brandon Big Sioux Review.

- Saturday, Oct. 7, Sioux Falls Festival of Bands.

- Saturday, Oct. 14, Orange City band championships.

The band will conclude its marching season with an indoor marching band show Monday, Oct. 23.

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Luverne Jr. Legion baseball team takes third place at state

By Greg Hooegeven

The Luverne Jr. American Legion baseball team took third place in the 2023 Division II State Tournament Sunday, Aug. 6, in Granite Falls.

At the state competition, Luverne beat Le Sueur 9-0 Friday, Aug. 4, lost to an undefeated Montevideo team 13-2 Saturday, Aug. 5, and beat Granite Falls 7-5 to take third place in the tournament.

Luverne finished the season with a record of 17-7 under first-year head coach Jake Haugen and first year assistant coach Ben Serie.

"We are very proud of this group. They came a long way this summer and to end with a third-place finish at state is a great accomplishment," Haugen said.

"We had a great time coaching this team and are excited to see them develop and compete in the future."

Serie agreed.

"I had a lot of fun in my first year as assistant coach."

"These guys were super easy to work with, and the guys want to show up and work every chance we get."

Luverne 9, Le Sueur 0

Luverne won its first state tournament game against Le Sueur 9-0 on Aug. 4.

With two outs in the first inning, Luverne scored first.

Landon Ahrendt was on first and Carter Sehr on third when Jaxon Lais came up to bat.

Lais had two strikes when Ahrendt attempted to steal second base. He hesitated enough to draw a play on him, giving Sehr a clear path to home plate.

The play was designed to hold off the tag long enough for Sehr to get home for the run to count.

Ahrendt executed the play perfectly and was tagged after Sehr scored, giving Luverne a 1-0 lead after one inning.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0810 legion team. Luverne and Le Sueur line up for the first game of the 2023 American Legion State Tournament in Granite Falls Friday, Aug. 4. Luverne won the game 9-0 to move on in the winner's bracket of the tournament.

Luverne added two more runs in the fifth inning with Landon Lais and Layke Miller crossing home plate.

In the sixth inning Luverne tacked on six more runs against a tired Le Sueur team.

Scoring in the sixth inning for Luverne were Sauer, Jaxon Lais, Landon Lais, Miller, Marcus Vortherms and Mad-dux Domagala.

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	F
LeSueur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luverne	1	0	0	2	6	0	9	



Greg Hooegeven photo/0810 legion vortherms. Marcus Vortherms executes a bunt against Le Sueur Aug. 4 in the 2023 American Legion State Tournament in Granite Falls. Luverne won the game 9-0 to move on in the winner's bracket.

Luverne				
BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Sauer	5	1	2	0
Schlosser	4	0	2	0
Sehr	4	1	2	0
Ahrendt	4	0	1	2
J. Lais	3	1	1	0
L. Lais	4	2	2	0
Buss	1	0	0	0
Miller	4	2	2	1
Vortherms	4	1	1	0
Domagala	3	1	2	3
Johnson	1	0	0	0

Montevideo 11, Luverne 2

In Luverne's second game Aug. 5, they faced an undefeated Montevideo team.

"It's always tough going up against the favorite like Montevi-

deo," Serie said.

"There were obviously nerves from the kids."

Luverne lost 11-2 to Montevideo who ended up losing to Morris 2-0 for the state title.

"We were able to put ourselves in situations to score runs but couldn't execute like we needed to do to have a chance to beat Montevideo," Serie said.

In the third inning Luverne was able to score a pair of runs against a tough defensive team.

Sehr and Domagala crossed home plate, giving Luverne a 6-2 deficit they may have had a chance to chip away at.

In the fourth inning Montevideo added five more runs and closed the game in the fifth inning with a 11-2 win.

Box Scores

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	F
Luverne	0	0	2	0	0	2
Montevideo	2	4	0	5	0	11

Luverne

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

Luverne 7, Granite Falls 5

Luverne beat the host team Granite Falls 7-5 Aug. 6 for third place in the state tournament.

Luverne opened the game, scoring three runs in the first inning with Sehr, Ahrendt and Landon Lais all crossing home plate.

In the second inning, Domagala, Sauer and Sehr added three runs to take a 6-1 lead.

Granite Falls was able to gain ground on Luverne in the third and

Jr. Legion state baseball /see page 12



Kids, coaches and parents enjoy fall soccer in Luverne, thanks to organizer Michelle Raddle DeKam and volunteers.

Kids get kick out of fall soccer program

By Greg Hooegeven

Kids are getting a kick out of fall soccer in Luverne with more than 200 players on 16 co-ed teams from Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek and Edgerton.

Organizer Michelle Raddle DeKam started the fall program four years ago when she noticed a local need.

"I was traveling with my son outside of town to have him play, so I decided to reach out to the Optimist Club for help in getting something started in Luverne," she said.

The Optimist Club helped to purchase jerseys and nets for the goals, and the Luverne High School District agreed to let the program use the soccer fields. Luverne Community Education helps with registration of the players each year.

DeKam said teams have anywhere from 11 to 16 players depending on their grade and the number of registered players in that grade. The program is

available to children pre-K through sixth grade.

She said she could not have even taken on this project without help from family and friends.

"I have seven refs that are paid for their time, and countless other volunteers helping coach, organize and prep the fields," DeKam said.

"I started this to give kids an activity that anyone could participate in and keep them active in August when other programs are done."

Registration for this year's program is closed, and games are being played Tuesday and Thursday nights at the soccer fields west of the Luverne High School.

Signups will again be open in the Summer 2024 Community Education brochure that's also available online through the isd2184.net website.

DeKam said she is looking for sponsors to help in the program as it grows and gets more families involved.

Redbirds shut down Hadley, head to Region 13C Championship against Jackson

By Greg Hooegeven

The Luverne Redbirds beat Hadley 5-2 on Aug. 2 and 13-2 on Aug. 7 to move on to the Region 13C championship.

Luverne will play Jackson Aug. 9, 11 and 13 for the Region 13C championship. If the Redbirds win that series, they'll have a first-round bye in the state tournament.

The Redbirds and the Bulls will play Game 1 of three at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Redbird Field.

Game 2 will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at Wacker Field in Jackson.

If needed, Game 3 will be played at noon Sunday, Aug. 13, in Luverne.

The state tournament brackets will be determined once region play is complete.

The first round of the 2023 State Tournament will be Aug. 18-20 in Dassel, Delano, Litchfield and Waconia.

The second round will be played Aug. 25-27 in Dassel, Delano and Litch-



Greg Hooegeven photo/0810 redbirds win 2. The Luverne Redbirds team celebrates their 13-2 win against Hadley Aug. 7 at Redbird Field. The Redbirds won the series 2-0 and will move on to the Region 13C championship against Jackson starting Aug. 9 in Luverne in a best of three series playoff.

field.

The third and final round will be Sept. 1-4, also in Dassel, Delano and Litchfield.

Redbirds 5, Hadley 2

The Redbirds sent two over the wall in the fourth



Greg Hooegeven photo/0810 redbirds beers. Redbirds Declan Beers and Casey Sehr tap helmets after Declan's home run Aug. 2 at Redbird Field. Luverne won Game 1 against Hadley, 5-2, in Region 13C action.

inning to secure a Game 1 win over Hadley in Region 13C playoff action.

Luverne beat Hadley 5-2 in 8 1/2 innings at Redbird Field Wednesday, Aug. 2.

"We had a slow start again but always seems like we end up scoring in bunches," team manager Brooks Maurer said.

"The home runs were nice — always good to boost our energy with a couple bombs."

Newt Johnson and Declan Beers opened scoring with homers in the fourth inning.

Johnson cleared the wall in left field, driving in Nick Smith who was on first base.

Beers went over the right field wall, driving in Derek Lundgren from second base.

Luverne finished the fourth inning with a 4-0

lead.

Hadley kept the game close scoring two runs in the sixth inning when a Buttermakers batter doubled, to score two runners.

In the eighth inning Luverne added one more run to help secure a Game 1 win.

Casey Sehr doubled a line drive to right field with Johnson beating the throw home.

The Redbirds were able to turn two double plays in the game to end the innings with runners on base.

In the eighth inning the Hadley batter grounded a ball to Redbirds pitcher Serie, who tossed it to the shortstop, Sehr, covering second base.

Sehr had to go to his knees to block the ball,

Redbirds baseball /see page 12

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., LuverneSt. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
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605 N. Estey St., LuverneOffice Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
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Joe Steenholdt, Pastor

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First Baptist Church103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net – www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

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

Grace Lutheran Church500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org – graceluverne@iw.netThursday, Aug. 10: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Aug. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 15: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 3 p.m. Services at MJB and Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Aug. 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 11 a.m. Amazing Grays. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.**Bethany Lutheran Church**720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834

Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.**American Reformed Church**304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, Aug. 11: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Freedom Gates Ministry. Community Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Tuesday, Aug. 15: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 16: 6:30 p.m. Apologetics study. Thursday, Aug. 17: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 4-8 p.m. Washed in Grace.

Rock River Community Church1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, PastorCome as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.**United Methodist Church**109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529

Wednesday, Aug. 9: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:30 p.m. Organized prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Friday, Aug. 10: 10 a.m. Annual DS interview. Saturday, Aug. 12: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 13: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and radio. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Aug. 14: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to revelation Bible study. Tuesday, Aug. 15: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6:30 p.m. PPR meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:30 p.m. Organized prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: fpcemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, Aug. 9: 7 p.m. Session meeting. Sunday, Aug. 13: 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 of Lowell Wessels' birthday and Kim and Brian Schoneman's Anniversary.

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Circle outing to Rock Ranch (watch for time), 4 p.m. Music staff meeting. 7 p.m. Deacons meeting.

St. John Lutheran Church803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.orgSaturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.**Living Rock Church**500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Josh Hayden, Pastor**New Life Celebration Church**101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

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 Church26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662 – firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Aug. 13: 10 a.m. JOINT OUTDOOR Worship with Holy Communion at Palisade Lutheran Church. Bring your own lawn chair! 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Pie and Ice Cream Social and Sunday Funday. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Tuesday, Aug. 15: 7 p.m. First Council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 – palisadechurch@alliancecom.net
www.palisadelutheran.org

Thursday, Aug. 10: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA meeting. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting. Sunday, Aug. 13: 10 a.m. JOINT OUTDOOR Worship with Holy Communion at Palisade Lutheran Church. Bring your own lawn chair! 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Pie and Ice Cream Social and Sunday Funday. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429email: magnoliannumc@gmail.comNancy Manning, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.**Steen Reformed Church**112 N. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com

Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.**Hills United Reformed Church**410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Praveen Muthasamy, Pastor

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

Perfect timing

When our kids were in high school, we had a rule they had to participate in at least one organized sport a year. However, our son was more interested in snowboarding or skateboarding than organized school sports. Because of our house rule, last year he chose to participate in track and field.

So, we purchased him nice running shoes ... very expensive, I might add.

The very first track meet was close to my office, so I went to watch him run his race. The issue with track is you never know exactly what time a specific heat will be. I didn't even know what event the coach told him to run.

I arrived just as the meet started, looking for my son, not knowing when his debut as a track star was coming. I sat down just as the starting gun fired for the 100-meter dash. There he was, running his first race. As I watched, I noticed he wasn't wearing the shoes we just bought. Instead, he was wearing his skateboarding shoes which have flat soles and weigh a lot. I'll never forget as he ran with what looked like red bricks strapped to his feet. Clomping his way as he sprinted toward the finish line at alarming speeds, reaching the pace of a gramma driving a Prius. Unbelievable, yet hysterical!

My point of this story isn't about the shoes or his abilities. The point is, I arrived at the exact moment that I needed to be there to watch this crazy kid run a sprint with bricks on his feet. Even one minute later would have been too late. My timing was perfect!

Guess what? God's timing is perfect. This is what Paul wrote to the Galatians: *But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us*

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Bob Junak, Rock River Community Church, Luverne

as his very own children. And because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:4-6

Jesus came at just the right time in God's redemptive plan. But not until the world was prepared for him. When he was born, most people missed the miracle of the moment. They did not acknowledge the significance of Jesus' birth. People were too busy to pay attention to the young girl giving birth to her first child out in a stable.

Christ coming into the world was not a coincidence. His coming was part of God's plan established long before he created the heavens and the earth.

The timing was perfect. The Roman world was in great expectation, waiting for a savior. The old religions were dying, the old philosophies were empty and powerless to change people's lives, and strange religions were invading the empire. The world had sunk into this dark hole so deep that even the pagans were crying out against it. Spiritual hunger was evident everywhere, making it a perfect time for the coming of Christ.

If you are waiting for something in your life, be patient. Wait for God's perfect timing.

Israel waited 483 years from the time the Angel Gabriel told Daniel about the Anointed One until Christ was born.

I think we can all manage to wait a little while longer!

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Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Rock County Commissioners meet July 11

Herred Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse July 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson with the following Commissioners present: Reisch, Overgaard and Williamson; Commissioner Burger was absent. 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 Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the July 11, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the 2023 Board of Equalization minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to call to order a Public Hearing at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of hearing public comments for the following:

•Rock Home Initiative Abatement for Alex & Natasha Kellenberger for new home construction located in the NE 1/4 of Section 24 in Martin Township; estimated (5) year abatement value is \$7,207

•Rock Home Initiative Abatement for Glenn & Dianne Lorenzen for new construction located in the NW 1/4 of Section 34 of Rose Dell Township; estimated (5) year abatement value is \$2,008

•Enacting a Code of Ordinances for Rock County
No public comment was noted. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to close the Public Hearing at 9:12 a.m., declared carried on a voice vote.

Items listed on the consent agenda were pulled to allow separate action.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 10-23, a Rock Home Initiative Abatement for Andrew and Natasha Kellenberger, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 11-23, a Rock Home Initiative Abatement for Glenn and Dianne Lorenzen, declared carried on a 3-0 vote with Commissioner Williamson abstaining.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 12-23, an Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for Rock County, declared carried on a voice vote.

David Wing, Outreach Director for Congressman Finstad attended the County Board meeting to introduce himself and informed the County Board of a Farm Bill Listening Session event scheduled for July 21 at 11:00 a.m./12:00 p.m. at Bakken Farms. Wing also requested other topics of concern to put on the Congressman's agenda and items identified were federal funding to the construction of a water tower for the Rock County Rural Water system and adequate funding for federal crop insurance. The County Board thanked Mr. Wing for his attendance.

Jane Lanphere, Director of Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce presented activity updates on behalf of Southern MN Tourism Association and Explore Southwest Minnesota, formerly SW Minnesota Tourism. Explore Southwest Minnesota, a 9-county membership has developed a great partnership with the Southwest Regional Development Commission that assists with management and development services; each member county pays a membership fee and the request for 2024 is \$1,500, which will reflect a \$500 dollar increase. The funding request for Southern MN Tourism will remain the same at \$500.00. The Chair referred both funding requests to the Budget Committee.

The County Board was in receipt of the claims and Per Diems of \$700.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JULY 11, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	2,746.41
A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	5,530.00
BREMIK MATERIALS, INC	20,072.42
CHS INC	15,083.57
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	6,291.90
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	4,000.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,925.00
GEOCOMM	5,000.00
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	8,361.52
JOHNSON CONTROLS	41,243.74
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING LLC	2,007.50
LYON COUTNY LANDFILL	18,394.26
MIDWEST ALARM COMPANY INC	3,585.07
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	9,220.00
NORTHLAND TRUST SERVICES INC	454,259.38
RDO EQUIPMENT	194,468.09
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	19,670.25
RETROFIT COMPANIES, INC	6,335.00
SIR LINES-A-LOT	118,691.02
SNOW WHEEL SYSTEM INC	34,070.00
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	4,554.63
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,081.70
VIKING ELECTRIC LLC	14,024.01
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOC, INC	3,267.50
90 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	43,878.77
TOTAL	1,043,761.74

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the following lost warrants, declared carried on a voice vote. Warrant #45190, \$585.74 payable to Lynette Jauert Warrant #45177, \$513.17 payable to Lynette Jauert.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 09-23, Grant Agreement with MnDOT to the State Transportation Fund for SP067-601-014 a bridge replacement of Bridge 67501 on CSAH 1 over the Kanaranzi Creek. The grant agreement allocates \$528,490.24 of MVLST LBRP Funds to this project. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve Resolution No. 09-23, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer informed the County Board of a price increase for appliance pickup from Retrofit Environment and requested to increase the appliance fee from \$15 for appliances and microwaves to \$35.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the new rate of \$35.00 for appliances and microwaves, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented an update regarding the Rock County Demolition Landfill. An RFP process conducted by SEH for preliminary site evaluation and potential drilling services resulted the following bids:

AET \$32,576
Braun Intertec \$43,859

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to accept the bid from AET for \$32,576 and to pay the expenditure from Landfill Contingency Fund, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a presentation from Neal Barrett of Canvas, a manufacturer of products made from wind turbine blades. Canvas utilizes materials to create functional art. Mr. Barrett informed the County Board of the Canvu Donation Program that connects communities with organizations and businesses to make spaces and places more sustainable and exciting by bring functional art to the community; he encouraged Rock County to apply to be a recipient. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the County Board to move forward with the recipient application.

Emily Crabtree, Director of the Luverne Area Community Foundation informed the County Board that the Ashby Memorial Bike Trail has been completed and requested the transfer of ownership from the Luverne Area Community Foundation to Rock County, as per County Action of February 16, 2021. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution 13-23, approving the transfer of ownership of the Ashby Memorial Bike Trail to Rock County, declared carried on a 3-0 vote with Commissioner Overgaard abstaining.

The County Board was in receipt of a meeting notice on July 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Rock County Community Library to conduct a joint meeting with city municipalities to discuss the new legislation regarding cannabis.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the HVAC improvements at the Human Services Building are complete and that Southwest Health & Human Services will be moving back into the building the week of July 25-28.

The County Board was informed of a 30-unit rental townhome project in the City of Luverne with assistance from the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMNHP). The SWMNHP is drafting a grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance for significant financing of the project and request the county to submit a letter of support for the project; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that he and Nobles County Administrator and Community Corrections Director met to discuss the increase in funding changes and where those dollars will be spent; those changes include additional staffing for programming and space issues. The new monies are scheduled to begin in July of 2023.

The Administrator also stated that he attended the following meetings: Buffalo Ridge Regional Rail Authority, tour of the new Armory, Safety Committee, Hardwick EDA, was part of the training panel for AMC event. Also stated that he and Deputy Administrator met with Tessia Melvin, a Management Consultant with David Drown Associates, Inc. referencing the ongoing maintenance of selected job descriptions and market analysis and that as to date, there have only been minor changes on the job descriptions.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Southwest MN Opportunities Council, Luverne City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Buffalo Ridge Regional Authority, Beaver Creek Township.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: City/County Liaison

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: n/a
Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: Plum Creek Library, Buffalo Ridge Regional Rail Authority.

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

(08-10)

Ask probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Loren Lynn Ask, a/k/a Loren L. Ask,
a/k/a Loren Ask,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-23-173

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

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

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

Dated: July 31, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

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

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(08-10, 08-17)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Aug. 31

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 3, 2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$42,800.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Steven K. Baumgard and Rosalia H. Baumgard, Husband and

Wife

MORTGAGEE: First Premier Bank
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: March 16, 2004, Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 158299
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Washington Mutual Bank, FA
Dated: March 3, 2004
Recorded: March 16, 2004, Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 158300
And assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Dated: December 23, 2021
Recorded: December 27, 2021, Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 201638
And assigned to: Community Loan Servicing, LLC
Dated: December 23, 2021
Recorded: December 27, 2021, Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 201639
And assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Dated: June 28, 2022
Recorded: June 28, 2022, Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 202740
Transaction Agent: Not Applicable
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable
Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: First Premier Bank
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 109 S. Cottage Grove Ave, Luverne, MN 56156
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0855-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The S 1/2 of Lot in Block 3 in Kniss Park Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$31,275.57
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that this is registered property;

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

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

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

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

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on Friday 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)

Brandt estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of:
Marcia Ann Brandt
Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 9/11/2023, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of James D. Brandt, whose address is 100 Dakota Street, Beaver Creek, MN 56116 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice of the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 4, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(08-10, 08-17)

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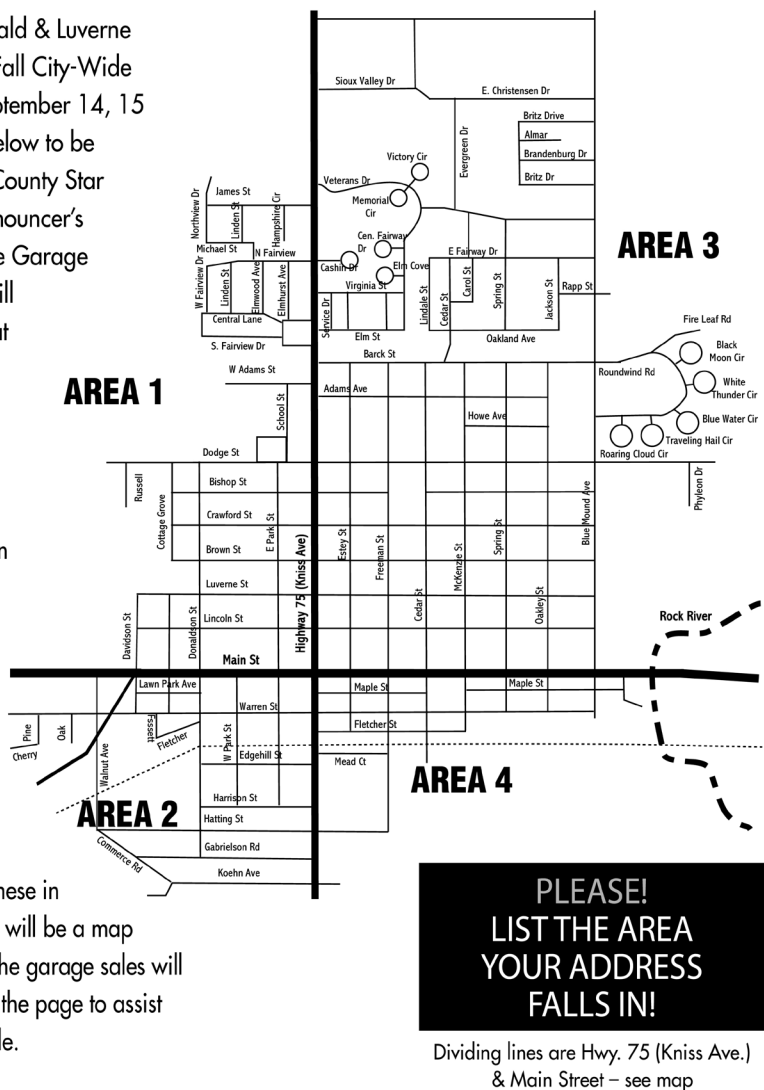
EMPLOYMENT

MISCELLANEOUS

Apartment for rent: Two-bedroom apartment for rent in Beaver Creek for \$625. Available Sept. 1. Call 507-350-9662. (8.10-8.26)

LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 14, 15, 16

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 14, 15 & 16. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.
Ads must be paid for before they will run.
 All of the garage sale ads will be published in the Rock County Star Herald and Luverne Announcer with a Garage Sale header & September 14, 15 & 16 date on top of the page - you don't need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.



**** NOTE: An additional \$4 will be charged for an additional address placed in an ad. Limit 2 addresses per coupon. ****

Your ad will look like this:
000 Any Street - LAST NAME
Sat., 00:00 am - 00:00 pm
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Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for PARAPROFESSIONALS
 LPS is seeking a variety of school year paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 school year.
Qualifications: Candidate should have a two-year degree, 60 hours of college credits, or be willing to fulfill the required competencies for eligibility.
Description: Paraprofessionals may fill a variety of possible roles that work closely with students to meet individual needs. Generally, paraprofessionals meet with a small number of students in a variety of possible settings. Positions that are open and may be assigned include:
Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional: Works closely with students that have identified needs within an IEP.
Part-Time Title I Paraprofessional: Works with small number of students in areas of reading and math.
Application Deadline: Position open until filled
Start Date: August 28, 2023
Apply To: Send letter of application and completed district application to **Craig Oftedahl, Supt. of Schools** (c.oftedahl@isd2184.net)
 709 North Kniss Avenue
 Luverne, MN 56156
District Application: District application form can be found at the following link: https://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment
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Rock County Opportunities
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Designated Coordinator
 The Designated Coordinator is responsible for an assigned caseload of individuals as directed by the Program Director, with special emphasis on program writing, Vocational Rehabilitation Services and compliance
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 • One year minimum experience working in and/or supervising a licensed setting
 • Valid Driver's License, and must pass all vehicle insurance eligibility requirements
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 • Clear demonstration of written and verbal communication skills
 • Ability to take initiative, problem solve, make independent decisions and participate actively in meetings
Fill out an application on Indeed or scan the QR code to apply:
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 Contact 507-283-4582 or info@rockcountyopp.org with questions

ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Luverne, MN
Dispatcher - Full Time Position
 The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of **Dispatcher** in the Rock County Sheriff's Office until August 21, 2023 at 5:00PM. Nature of work is specialized emergency communications involving the skillful and prompt operation of radio, telecommuter systems and is responsible for the receipt and transmittal of messages for law enforcement, ambulance personnel and the performance of related recording tasks; **work is performed on a shift rotation basis.** Minimum qualifications are a High School diploma or equivalent with one year of work related experience, applicants must possess excellent communication skills, have the ability to read a map and multi-task duties in a fast paced environment. **Starting hourly wage will be \$21.65 - \$23.43 DOQ with additional compensation for overtime and shift differentials.** This is a **full time position and is a union position of AFSCME Council 65, Local Union No. 2558-9.** Rock County offers an excellent benefit package to include **employer paid health, life insurances and pension.**
 A full job description and application form can be obtained at https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below. For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota.
 Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
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Jr. Legion/from page 8

fourth innings, posting four runs and cutting Luverne's lead to 6-5.

Not bending, Luverne shut Granite Falls down from there and added one more score in the sixth inning from Schlosser to take third place in the 2023 Jr. American Legion State Baseball Tournament.

Box Scores

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	F
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Luverne	3	3	0	0	1	0	7
Granite Falls	0	1	3	1	0	0	5

Luverne

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



#22 Eric Gaul, Luverne

Weekly race results

Following are racing results for local drivers competing in Luverne, Rock Rapids, Hartford, Slayton, Worthington and Brandon for the week of August 1-7.

Rapid Speedway
Aug. 4 Rock Rapids, IA Sportsmen

5th-#17 Brandon Boeve, Beaver Creek
7th-#24H Brock Harnack, Hills

Hobby Stock

1st-#22E Eric Gaul, Luverne
7th-#10 Blake Schneckloth, Brandon
DNF-#15X Kaden Kracht, Steen
DNF-#14K Bryant Klaassen, Adrian

B-Modifieds

DNF-#52 Trevor Kracht, Luverne

Stock Cars

1st-#46 Colton Arends, Luverne
8th-#4D Cory Kelderman, Hills
12th-#15 Thomas Kracht, Luverne
DNF-#69 Cady Wessels, Luverne
DNF-#117L Chad Lonneman, Adrian
DNS-#21 Larry Kracht, Magnolia

Murray County Speedway
Aug. 4 Slayton, MN Street Stock

DNF-#13 Spencer Kalass, Luverne

I-90 Speedway

Aug. 5 Hartford, SD Rained out

Worthington Speedway

Aug. 5 Worthington, MN No races

Huset's Speedway

July 30 Brandon, SD No races

Redbirds baseball/from page 8

then touched second with his foot to beat the advancing runner and make the throw to first while still on his knees for the double play.

In the top of the ninth inning, with no outs and one runner on first base, a Hadley batter grounded to second baseman Skyler Wenninger.

Wenninger touched second for the first out and then threw out the runner heading to first base.

"The double plays were great," Maurer said.

"Sehr making a falling down double play was one of the best I've seen," Maurer said.

Ben Serie took the mound for Luverne and went nine innings, throwing 129 pitches with 87 strikes.

Serie allowed two runs on six hits, striking out seven batters and walking one.

Box Scores

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

Luverne Redbirds

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

2B: Sehr, Lundgren
HR: Johnson, Beers
Total Bases: Johnson 5, Beers 5, Sehr 3, S. Wenninger 2, Lundgren 2, Smith
PITCHING IP H R ER SO
Serie 9 6 2 2 7
Pitches-Strikes: Serie 129-87
Batters Faced: Serie 36

Hadley Buttermakers

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Larson	4	0	0	0
Sorenson	3	0	0	0
Lenz	4	0	0	0
Zwart	2	1	0	0
Coukter	1	0	0	0
Hokeness	4	1	2	0
Blankenship	4	0	0	0
Petersen	3	0	2	2
Kluis	4	0	1	0
Deacon	4	0	1	0

2B: Deacon, Hokeness, Petersen



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0810 redbirds newt Johnson celebrated with fellow Redbirds after his home run against Hadley Aug. 2 in Luverne. Luverne won the game 5-2 against Hadley in Region 13C action.

Total Bases: Hokeness 3, Petersen 3, Deacon 2, Kluis
PITCHING IP H R ER SO
Weber 7 8 4 4 5
Coukter 1 2 1 1 1
Pitches-Strikes: Weber 112-70, Coukter 23-13
Batters Faced: Weber 30, Coukter 5

Redbirds 13, Hadley 2
The Redbirds beat Hadley 13-2 in Game 2 of their series at Redbird Field Aug. 7.

Due to rain and lighting in Hadley, Monday's Game 2 was moved to Luverne, and Hadley was the home team for the game.

Hadley took a quick lead in the bottom of the first inning, going up 2-0 on the Redbirds.

Luverne came back in the third inning to tie Hadley 2-2.

In the third, Paquette sent a line drive to center field and advanced to second on an errant throw

to first.

Skyler Wenninger and Smith scored on the play.

In the fifth inning Lundgren singled on a ground ball to left field, driving in Serie and Paquette to take the lead 4-2.

In the sixth inning Sehr stole home on a pitch that got by Hadley's catcher.

Luverne added three more runs in the seventh when Beers tripled on a line drive to right field with a ball that got by the Hadley outfielder to drive in Paquette and Johnson.

Beers then scored when Sehr grounded out to the shortstop, bringing the score to 8-2 in Luverne's favor.

In the eighth inning the Redbirds scored five more runs to bring the game to a close.

Smith singled to score Serie, Johnson singled to bring home Paquette, Beers got his second triple driving in Johnson and Lundgren, and Sehr reached first base on an error, allowing Beers to score.

Cade Wenninger took the mound for the Redbirds, going six innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out six batters.

Haugen came in off the bench in the seventh inning and pitched one inning, allowing no runs

on no hits and had two strikeouts.

Beyer finished the game in the eighth inning, allowing no runs on two hits and striking out three batters.

Box Scores

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	F
RBirds	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	5	13
Hadley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Luverne Redbirds

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

3B: Beers 2, Serie
Total Bases: Beers 6, Serie 3, Lundgren 2, Paquette 2, S. Wenninger 2, Johnson, Sehr, Smith
PITCHING IP H R ER SO
C. Wenninger 6 3 2 2 6
Haugen 1 0 0 0 2
Beyer 1 2 0 0 3
Pitches-Strikes: C. Wenninger 99-53, Haugen 13-10, Beyer 15-11
Batters Faced: C. Wenninger 25, Haugen 3, Beyer 5

Hadley Buttermakers

BATTING	AB	R	H	RBI
Larson	4	0	0	0
Sorenson	3	1	1	0
Lenz	3	1	0	0
Zwart	4	0	1	1
Hokeness	3	0	2	1
Petersen	2	0	0	0
Weber	3	0	0	0
Wixon	3	0	0	0
Polzine	3	0	1	0

Total Bases: Hokeness 2, Zwart, Polzine, Kluis
PITCHING IP H R ER SO
Erickson 7 8 8 4 3
Weber 1 4 5 4 1
Pitches-Strikes: Erickson 110-66, Weber 31-16
Batters Faced: Erickson 36, Weber 9

EARLY DEADLINES FOR LABOR DAY

Deadlines for classifieds and display ads for the September 2nd issue of the Announcer will be Tuesday, August 29 at 10 am.

Deadlines for legals, classifieds and display ads for the September 7th issue of the Star Herald will be Thursday, August 31 at 10 am.

The Star Herald offices will be closed Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4.



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August 15-20 | Slayton, MN

Murray County United Soccer Fields on Juniper Ave during the Murray County Fair

***To volunteer as AVTT security, contact Brad at 605-366-3025.**

★★★★★ Schedule of Events ★★★★★

Tuesday, August 15

Noon Escort Tribute from Fulda to Slayton

1-3 p.m. Set-up

7 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

8 p.m. Entertainment "American Classic Rockers"

Wednesday, August 16

7 p.m. USO Show (fairgrounds)

* Bob Hope impersonator and Fulda Big Band



Friday August 18

TBD - Huey Helicopter from Upper Midwest Vietnam

Helicopter Association

Saturday, August 19

TBD - Huey Helicopter from Upper Midwest Vietnam

Helicopter Association

3:30 p.m. Closing Ceremonies

4 p.m. Flag Retirement

Scan for more info or visit www.murraycountyfair.com/traveling-tribute

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