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State says Highway 75 condition is 'fair' quality

County concerned MnDOT will 'leap frog' North Highway 75 project to later date

By Mavis Fodness

North Highway 75 is on the state's to-do list for improvements from Luverne to Trosky by 2028.

That's according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Sam Parker who met with a skeptical Rock County Board in July.

Parker, acting principal planner for District 7 (which comprises 13 counties in the south half of the state including Rock County) said that stretch of highway would be past its usual life expectancy in six years.

State says Highway 75 is in 'fair' condition

He indicated the ride quality index (RQI) performance rating assigned to North Highway 75 is expected to drop by 2028.

"We currently have a RQI score of 2.4, which falls toward the middle of 'fair,'" he wrote in a follow-up email.

"Our pavement models indicate that the roadway will fall to 'poor' in 2028, the year currently planned, with a projected RQI of 2.0."

Parker presented the MnDOT 10-year highway improvement plan at the commissioners' July 19 meeting.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0811 wind construction

Construction workers with Blattner lay the first layer of concrete in a wind turbine site on the northern edge of the Walleye Wind Farm footprint.

Walleye Wind Farm construction in full swing

The 110-megawatt Walleye Wind Farm in western Rock County is taking shape with below-grade work to prepare foundations for the 40 turbines that will soon start appearing above grade. To prepare for incoming turbine blades, shoulders at multiple intersections are being widened and reinforced. NextEra is building the wind farm on a 49-square-mile (31,000 acres) footprint, bringing more than 200 workers to Rock County communities and businesses. Starting this fall, the turbines will generate \$400,000 to \$600,000 in annual local tax revenues and feed electricity to the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency through a 30-year agreement.



At left, two cement trucks with Buffalo Ridge Concrete deliver loads to a turbine site in Springwater Township Friday morning. Above right, earth-moving equipment widens the intersection at County Roads 5 and 6 Tuesday morning, Aug. 9, to prepare for turbine blade deliveries.

ATLAS baler to reduce costs, improve clothing donation process, benefit ministries

By Lori Sorenson

ATLAS of Rock County is adding another tool to its arsenal of ministries to serve the community.

Workers broke ground last week on a 20-by-30-foot detached building on the northwest corner of the existing building that will house a clothing baler to more efficiently process donations.

The ATLAS location (in the former Luverne Kawasaki) houses the Redeemed Remnants thrift store, which sells donated household items, books, toys, furniture and more at a profit to support ATLAS ministries.

At the back-alley drop-off door, the organization accepts hundreds of bags of donated clothing each week to be sorted by an army of volunteers.

The best items are sorted and sent to the showroom floor with price tags on them.

Items deemed to be less saleable are donated to other organizations, and the least desirable items are hauled to Rock Valley, Iowa, to be baled and distributed to more destitute regions of the world.

"Clothing bales are the indus-

ATLAS clothing baler/see p. 3



Lori Sorenson photo/0811 ATLAS clothing baler

Tony Gacke directs the cement truck pouring a 20-by-30 cement slab for a building that will house a clothing baler for ATLAS of Rock County. The building, which will be uninsulated without a foundation, is detached from the ATLAS building to allow a walk space for the bike ministry on the west side.

Nolz, Wessels, Hood, Hartman file for Luverne School Board

By Lori Sorenson

The filing deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 16, for local leaders interested in running for office.

So far, three new candidates — Zach Nolz, Brett Hood and Scott Wessels — and incumbent Eric Hartman have filed for five open seats on the Luverne School Board.

The open seats are held by Katie Baustian, Reva Sehr and Jodi Bosch — all three of whom have indicated they will not seek re-election.

A fifth seat on the Luverne School Board is open for election because deputy Jeff Stratton resigned this summer to become the school resource officer this fall.

Retired school board member Colleen Deutsch was appointed to fill Stratton's seat through Dec. 31, but the Nov. 8 ballot will elect a candidate to fill the remaining two years of the term.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Edgerton ag conference room.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Blue Mound Church.

Luv1LuvAll Board will meet from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, in the Southwest Health and Human Services Building in Luverne. All are welcome to join the group, which works to unite the community in support of dignity and opportunities for people to move out of poverty. Call Holly at 605-413-5415.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in the township hall in Beaver Creek.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug 16, at Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS are invited. For info call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Plaza ribbon-cutting Aug. 11

The Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow Plaza Committee will host a ribbon-cutting and concert Thursday, Aug. 11, at the "Downtown Plaza on Main" to celebrate the new plaza building.

The new Wildflowers food and beverage trailer will serve from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The ribbon-cutting will be at 11:15 a.m. The Ron and Jane Cote concert will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The community is welcome to attend.

Missoula coming on Aug. 15

Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Luverne on Aug. 15-20. There are openings yet for actors kindergarten (as attended during 21-22 school year) through age 7 and ages 12 - 18 to take part in the live production of "Hansel and Gretel." Fee is \$45. Call Luverne Community Education 507-283-4724 to register.

Give blood Aug. 15, get gift card

Sanford Luverne Medical Center will host a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15. Schedule donations at www.cbllifeblood.org (select "events" Aug. 15, and Sanford Luverne Medical Center) or call 605-331-3222. All who donate will receive a DQ gift card.

Summer band starts Aug. 15

Free band lessons for fifth-grade beginning band students will be Monday through Thursday, Aug. 15-25, on the following schedule:

Oboe 12:30, flute 1, clarinet 1:30, sax 2, trumpet 2:30, trombone 3, French horn-baritone-tuba 3:30 and percussion 4 p.m.

Lessons (not mandatory) allow students to get experience with their instruments before school starts. They need not come every day. They'll need their instruments and books. Instruments, books or other supplies that were ordered will be delivered to school.

Contact Angie Swenson, 507-283-4491 ext. 2670 or a.swenson@isd2184.net.

Prayer Breakfast is Aug. 18

Rock the Edge youth and community prayer breakfast will be Thursday, Aug. 18, at Luverne High School.

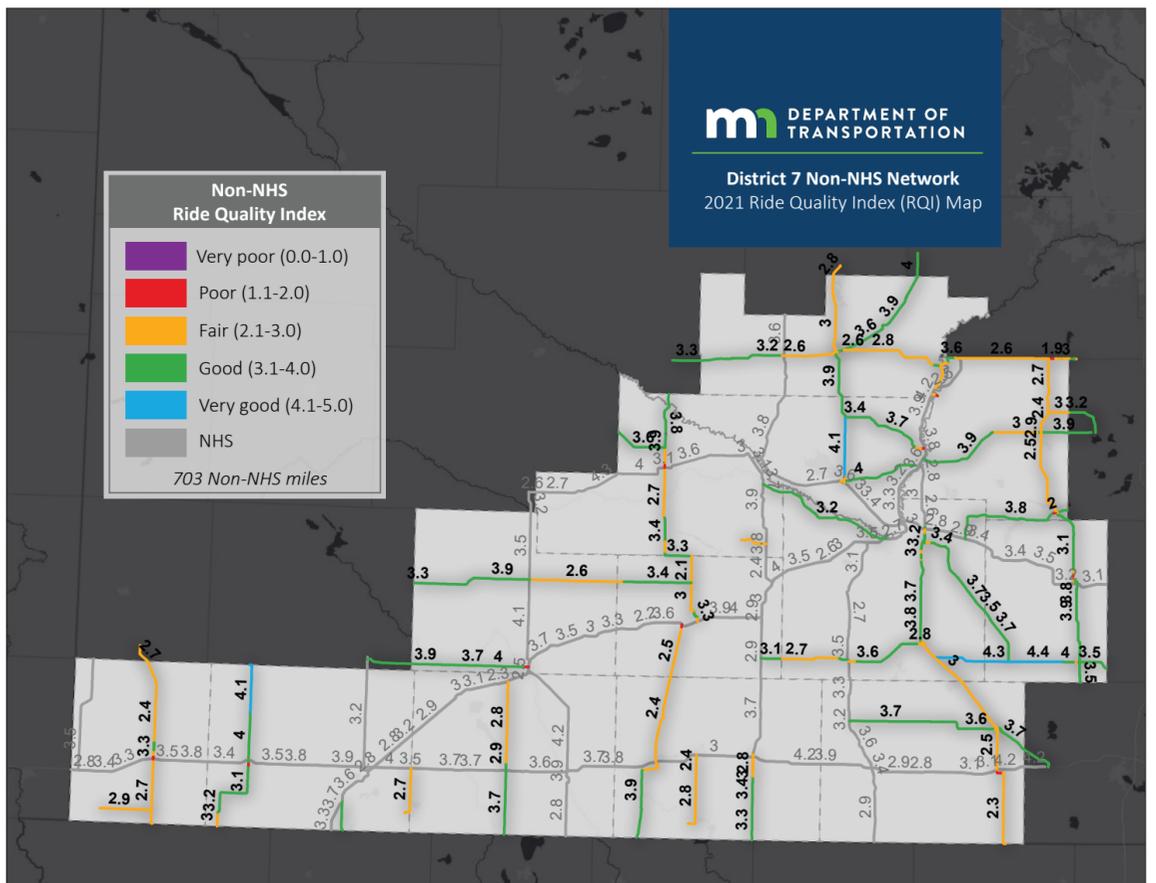
Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. in the commons, and the program, featuring Trenton Bass and Game Plan 4 Hope, starts at 7 a.m. in the performing arts center.

There is no cost to attend, but donations are accepted to support Rock the Edge activities.

RSVP by Aug. 15 at rocktheedgegm@gmail.com or call 507-283-2316.

Senior Nutrition Program Aug. 18

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 & older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18. It's a drive thru distribution in the parking lot off Maple Street at the new A.C.E. office on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration required call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.



Graphic courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Transportation

Annually the Minnesota Department of Transportation measures the road quality of roadways within its jurisdiction along with Interstate 90. Each roadway receives a Ride Quality Index number of zero to five, five being the best. The graphic depicts the 2021 RQIs for District 7, which includes Rock County. North Highway 75 is rated at a 2.4, South Highway 75 at 2.7.

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The plan still has the resurfacing and bridge improvement project of North Highway 75 from Luverne to Trosky slated for 2028 and South Highway 75 (from Luverne to the Iowa border and state highway 267 to Hills) for 2030.

Parker explained the RQI is used to rate roadway conditions throughout the state.

The RQI is one of the measuring tools MnDOT uses in deciding which surface improvement projects would be completed with its \$60 million annual budget.

"How we measure that performance is done annually by a van that rides every mile of state highways in the state," Parker said.

"It uses lasers and vibration mechanisms to record how the roads and bridges are performing for us."

North Highway 75 (outside the Luverne city limits) has a rating of 2.4 or "fair." South Highway 75 is 2.7 with MN 267 at 2.9, both also "fair."

When a roadway reaches "poor," a rating of 2.0 or below, the roadway is considered for major improvements.

Commissioners questioned the RQI given North Highway 75.

"I find it hard to believe that Highway 75 actually is fair," said Commissioner Greg Burger.

"I would caution someone putting a hot cup of coffee between their legs

'I would caution someone putting a hot cup of coffee between their legs and driving to Pipestone — find out what happens.'

— Commissioner Greg Burger on the rough road surface of North Highway 75

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County questions equity in project priorities

Commissioner Sherri Thompson inquired how the RQI ratings of Rock County roads compare to other roads within the district.

Parker followed up by sending the annual RQI district map to commissioners as part of the Aug. 4 follow-up email. The map is located at the MnDOT website, www.dot.state.mn.us/d7.

Commissioner Stan Williamson noted during Parker's presentation, "Looks like Nobles County gets everything that they need. We are not really happy with you — you probably already knew that."

State roads in Nobles County, except a small portion of state highway 91 near the Iowa border, are rated "good."

Parker said the Inter-

state receives the highest importance among the 1,600 miles of roadways in District 7 followed by the National Highway System-designated roads and then the non-NHS roads.

Highway 75 is not a "national" road.

I-90 from the South Dakota border to Beaver Creek is currently undergoing a \$22 million concrete overlay project. The project is scheduled to be finished in November.

The I-90 project is a continuation of a crack-fill project started in 2021.

"Fortunately, we are able to use some coronavirus relief funding to increase the scope and to do a long-term fix on this stretch," Parker said.

Plans and cost estimates for North Highway 75 resurfacing are being finalized for possible completion earlier than 2028.

The local project could move up in schedule if additional state or federal funding is received in the district.

Currently the city of Luverne North Highway 75 resurfacing and Main Street intersection reconfiguration is planned for 2025.

"It is a matter of finding the right funding opportunity," Parker said. "A grant could come available through the DOT bill or additional funding from the state highway trust fund. We want to be ready."

North Highway 75 originally on 10-year plan in 2025

North Highway 75 could "leap frog" other projects and be completed first — similar to what happened in 2020, when the state's 10-year plan pushed North Highway 75 from 2025 to 2028.

In 2017 North Highway 75 was dropped entirely from any state-funded improvements.

Parker's email stated North Highway 75 ride quality index makes it district's second highest rural non "national" pavement, and in line for improvements in 2028.

"RQI is obviously a key performance measure that we are using to measure pavement performance across the district (and state), but we are also looking at the rate of pavement deterioration as well as the physical assessment of the roadway in the pavement, base and soils below the driving surface," Parker added.

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USDA accepts more than 3.1 million acres in grassland CRP signup

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting offers for more than 3.1 million acres from agricultural producers and private landowners through this year's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grassland Signup, the highest in history.

This program allows producers and landowners to continue grazing and haying practices while protecting grasslands and promoting plant and animal biodiversity and conservation, and it's part of the Biden-Harris administration's broader effort to address climate change and to conserve natural resources.

"This year's record-breaking Grassland CRP signup demonstrates the continued success and value of investments in voluntary, producer-led, working lands conservation programs," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

"Grassland CRP clearly demonstrates, time and time again, that conservation priorities and agricultural productivity not only have the capacity to coexist but also complement and enhance one another. Through all our working land conservation programs, farmers and ranchers play a critical role in helping secure the

future of both our food production and our natural resources."

Nationwide, this year's Grassland CRP signup surpassed last year's 2.5 million acres by 22 percent. So far this year, producers have enrolled 2 million acres through the General Signup and more than 464,000 acres have been submitted through the Continuous CRP Signup.

This means about 5.6 million acres are entering CRP in 2023, surpassing the 3.9 million acres expiring this year.

Grassland CRP supports grazing operations and also biodiversity to conserve environmentally sensitive land, such as that prone to wind erosion.

Grasslands enrolled in CRP help sequester carbon in vegetation and soil, while enhancing resilience to drought and wildfire.

Meanwhile, producers can still conduct common grazing practices, such as haying, mowing, or harvesting seed from the enrolled land, which supports ag production.

Producers can still make an offer to participate in CRP through the Continuous CRP Signup, which is ongoing, by contacting the FSA at their local [USDA Service Center](#).

To learn more, visit [usda.gov](#).

Filing for elected office/ continued from page 1

In the Hills-Beaver Creek District, open seats on the H-BC board are currently held by Harley Fransman, Renee Knobloch, Ethan Rozeboom and Arlyn Gehrke.

As of noon on Tuesday, no one had filed in the district office.

The filing deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, for open seats on school boards, all Rock County municipalities (except Luverne) and townships that hold their elections in November.

School Board candidates should file in district offices, city candidates in respective city offices, and township candidates with their respective townships.

Cities and townships

Based on information available at the courthouse, following are the other local government seats open for election Nov. 8 and the incumbents currently serving:

Beaver Creek: Mayor Josh Teune and council members Jeff Dysthe and Pat Bender

Hardwick: Mayor Willy Baker and council members Gordon Hansen and Tom Haas

Hills: Council members Vickie Busswitz and Alan Leenderts

Kenneth: Mayor Keith Hoven and council members Sheri Vyskocil and Laurie Gangestad

Magnolia: Mayor Dennis Madison and council members Melanie Madison and Jeff DeGroot

Steen: Mayor Lynette Woelber and council members Jazmine Dagle and Brad Bosch

Battle Plain Township: Supervisors Eric Sas and Aaron Sandbulte

Denver Township: Treasurer Lloyd Hemme and supervisors Tony Roos

and Donald Arends

Martin Township: Supervisor Nathan Fick

Rose Dell Township: Treasurer Jerry Purdin and supervisors Larry Fjellanger and Joe Buysse

Vienna Township: Treasurer Albert Rust and supervisors David Severson and Brad Skattum



Lori Sorenson photo/0811 ATLAS clothing baler

A 20-by-30 cement slab is poured Monday for a building that will house a clothing baler for ATLAS of Rock County. Below, donations in the back room of Redeemed Remnants wait to be sorted for "keep," "donate" or "bale."

ATLAS clothing baler to improve processes/continued from page 1

try standard for clothing recycling," said ATLAS director Michael Blank. "It's the most efficient and cost-effective way to move clothing."

He said his staff and volunteers make the weekly two-hour round trip to Rock Valley with items to be baled.

To save money and streamline operations, ATLAS purchased its own baler this spring so that donations can be processed on site.

"As a ministry we don't like to talk about money, but over the past seven years it has cost ATLAS a lot of money to get rid of excess clothing," Blank said.

"I've been here almost four years, and it's always been costly to haul clothing to Justice For All in Rock Valley and to Savers in Sioux Falls, but when the gas prices went up, we wondered how many of our volunteers would continue driving."

He said the baler solves the problem of space (piled up donations) and transportation (gas and time).

Once clothing is baled, MCR picks it up to transport to their facility in Watkins, Minnesota, to be distributed around the world. "I've always wondered, when you see a picture of a little boy in Africa wearing a Nike shirt ... this is evidently how that happens," Blank said.

6,000-pound machine to make 1,200-pound clothing bales

The 20-by-30 cement slab was poured Monday for the wood and steel



"We accept only good, used clothing. Minnesota Clothing Recyclers are very specific about what they will take, so we have to be specific about what we will take."

— Michael Blank, ATLAS director

building, which will not be insulated and won't have a foundation. It will house a used 6,000-pound clothing baler that ATLAS bought from a party for \$2,500 under cost.

Like a hay baler, the clothing baler is 12 feet tall and 5 feet square and makes 3-by-4-foot bales that are 3 feet high, 1,200 pounds per bale.

About 70 garbage bags of clothing makes a bale.

"You can see the amount of space we're saving."

MCR will show ATLAS staff — a paid part-time employee — how to safely and efficiently make bales, and discuss inventory and what they'd like to see come their way.

The bales have value as a commodity, and MCR pays ATLAS based on the quality of the clothing in the bales.

"Our bales will be

graded," Blank said "They'll take apart one of the bales and determine quality and type of clothing. They already gave us a list of what they don't accept."

The list includes:

- No wet or mildewy clothes — we have no way of getting rid of that.

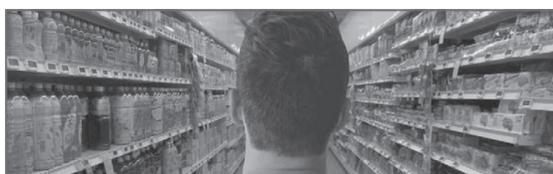
- No stained or greasy clothes (oils).

- Nothing with microbeads in it (typically used for stuffing — pillows, stuffed animals).

- No scraps of material. "Scraps have been left, and we can't take that. We can't take it for JFA or even for the baler, because they don't take clothing scraps," Blank said.

"We sort through it and take the best of the best for the showroom floor. Then

ATLAS baler/see page 5



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BATTLE PLAIN TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor Battle Plain Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the residents of Battle Plain Township that the annual filing for election of officer begins Tuesday August 2, 2022 and continues through Tuesday August 16, 2022. The following positions are to be fill at the election on November 8th, 2022:

Town Supervisor Seat A (4 year term)

Town Supervisor Seat B (4 year term)

If you wish to file for candidacy, please file with the Township Clerk by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment or need further information call 507-220-0679.

Mark VanderPol
Battle Plain Township Clerk

CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Council Members and Mayor City of Beaver Creek, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Beaver Creek City Offices shall open on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 at 5pm in the office of the City Clerk, 311 E First Ave, Beaver Creek, Minnesota. City offices to be voted on at the November 8, 2022, General Election are as follows:

Mayor (2 year term)
2 Council Members (4 year term)

Contact City Clerk at (507) 673-2266 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.

Jane Blank
City Clerk/Treasurer

Television purchase has one feeling not so 'smart'

A few weeks ago, my 11-year-old television quit.

My first course of action was to ask two tech-savvy friends for TV advice.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

to these experts.

I wasn't feeling so smart, now.

Then it was time to connect my Wi-Fi to this new TV that's so smart. I could almost see the judgment on the faces of my Best Buy guests when they walked into my home office and saw my aging modem and router — also not good enough for my super smart purchase.

Enhanced service was a must.

I told the Best Buy guys I've always lived by the old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." My Wi-Fi was good enough for my computer and Netflix so it was good enough for me.

Until it wasn't smart enough for my Smart TV.

So now it was time to call the cable company.

After the kind of negotiations that only someone as frugal as I can muster, I arrived at a price-acceptable plan for wireless streaming cable TV and greatly enhanced internet.

One week later, the friendly Bluepeak technician arrived and brought with him all kinds of smaller, fancier, nearly wireless equipment.

After installing new boxes, resetting Wi-Fi connections and programming a new remote, we were in business.

My new TV is bigger, clearer, and much smarter, my internet is faster and my bill should be smaller.

My technology has officially joined the 2010s. Maybe even the 2020s!

And maybe I and my home are just a little smarter.

Both suggested a "smart" TV. One specifically suggested an Amazon Fire TV that he had purchased online earlier this year.

Being a middle-aged, traditional shopper, I wasn't quite ready to purchase a TV online.

So, off to Best Buy I went.

No doubt the young salesperson saw opportunity when I walked in aimlessly asking about smart TVs.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not totally new to this technology. I've had an Amazon Fire Stick for a few years now.

But now it was time to take the next step. It was time for a true smart TV.

After an acceptable amount of questions and research, and the kind of pointless delay that only someone as frugal as I can muster, I made the big purchase — a 55-inch, Amazon Fire TV with full Alexa capabilities. Basically a giant computer that you can watch TV on.

I was feeling pretty smart.

I called my tech-savvy friend from the Best Buy parking lot to brag about my purchase and the good deal I got.

In just a few days, the Best Buy installers arrived to deliver and install my new smart TV. And then things went downhill quickly.

As soon as the young men entered my living room, one commented on the age and size of my cable box. It was too old and too simple for my fancy new TV. Enhanced service was a must, according

'Out of the Darkness' suicide prevention walk is Sept. 10

Now is the time to support the cause

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Angela Nolz, walk chair,
Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk

Luverne will host its second annual 'Out of the Darkness' suicide prevention walk on Sept. 10 following an amazing outpouring of support for our walk last year.

The Luverne community has been known to lend a hand in hardship and prides itself in the health and sustainability of the community.

Our goal is to ensure the mental health of this community is also considered. We want to provide support to those who suffer with mental health concerns or suicidal thoughts to know they are not alone and that help is available.

We also want to express to those who have lost a loved one to suicide that we see them and support them in their grief.

We are seeking community partners and sponsors to support this walk and these goals.

More than 48,000 Americans die by suicide each year. It is the 10th-leading cause of death in the United States and is the eighth-leading cause of death in Minnesota.

The Out of the Darkness Experience like the one in Luverne on Sept. 10 raises awareness, creates connections, builds community and provides hope.

More than 1,500 walkers, volunteers, partners and advocates worked together to raise over \$230,000 to increase awareness and support the fight against suicide in our state.

This outpouring of support is a strong indicator that the conversation about mental health and suicide prevention is changing, improving and expanding.

As we all protect our mental health and cope with uncertainty, it's more important than ever to be there for each other and take steps to prevent suicide.

Our Luverne walk raised over \$15,000 last year and hosted 300 walkers. We connected people with much-needed programs this year, and we couldn't have done it without generous support for our cause.

Now we are hoping to surpass our fundraising goals this year to help the American Foundation for

Suicide Prevention continue the important work of saving lives.

The foundation helps develop suicide prevention initiatives and education programs, and it maintains a powerful voice in mental health and suicide prevention advocacy efforts.

Support is available to those affected by suicide, to suicide attempt survivors, and to those struggling with mental health conditions. Our goal is to ensure mental health is a part of the conversation during difficult times.

Luverne's Out of the Darkness Walk will be Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Luverne City Park. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the walk is from 9 to 11 a.m.

To join us for the walk, register at afsp.org/luverne.

To support the effort financially, contact me at angela.nolz@sanford-health.org

Anderson: Despite budget surplus, Greater Minnesota seniors left behind in legislative session

To the Editor:

During the 2022 session, senior care was on the forefront at the Capitol. Debates were taking place and proposals drafted.

The Minnesota Senate approved substantial funding to increase base wages for aging services workers on a bipartisan basis, but then the House and governor did not follow suit.

The legislative fix desperately needed for seniors and long-term care facilities was bogged down in disagreements and ultimately stalled.

It's more than a disappointment — it's a crisis. Minnesota is

unique in that the Legislature sets the wages for caregivers.

Without adequate funding and critical policy changes, long-term care facilities are left in the lurch, waiting for the next session while seniors are being turned away and our caregivers are leaving the profession at alarming rates.

There are currently 23,000 job vacancies across Minnesota's senior care facilities, with no current solution to fill them.

The stress of the pandemic and years of inaction by the Legislature has left senior care in an impossible situation.

As closures loom, access to

care is quickly disappearing. Eighteen nursing homes in Minnesota have closed their doors since 2019, including six in 2022 alone.

We cannot sit idle and watch our system of care collapse. Please join me in urging our legislators to prioritize seniors and get caregivers the help we need.

The state is projected to have a \$10 billion surplus, and just a small fraction of those funds would change the trajectory of senior care in Minnesota for decades.

Jason Anderson
Director of LTC services, Sanford Canby Medical Center-Sylvan Court and Place

There's nothing like the truth when summarizing reflections on life's milestones

August is a big month for me, and this year especially has more milestones than usual. August is my wedding anniversary and my birthday month.

Mary and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary Saturday by attending our youngest granddaughter's fifth birthday party.

We have seven grandchildren, and celebrating the youngest one's birthday on our 45th anniversary allowed us to reflect on the past 45 years. Mary and I have three kids and seven grandkids. Now that is an anniversary gift we can enjoy every day of the year.

August is also my birthday month. My birthday this year, like our anniversary, is a milestone year as well.

My actual birthday is a little



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

over a week away, but according to Medicare I am already 65.

Oddly enough, after 45 years of marriage I found myself thinking more about the past and all the joys we have shared over the years.

At 65 I constantly find myself thinking about how I am aging and what that means for the days and years ahead.

I jotted down a number of things that remind me nearly every

day of the years ahead. Maybe some of you can relate.

I recently discovered putting my belt through the loops before I put my pants on makes that a lot easier.

The other day I found myself running late for work because I was reading the latest edition of the AARP magazine.

The heating pad is my new best friend.

Hearing isn't what is used to be; eyesight isn't much better.

This isn't a new thing, but sometimes I forget where I parked my car.

Tall toilets are a must.

My crappy penmanship is beyond crappy.

Gray hair — who cares?

Senior discounts are automatic.

Conversations are more about who retired, who is sick, and who died.

I take pictures of the menu with my phone so I can enlarge the text enough to read it. And that is with the cheaters.

For those of you who know what the 10-step rule is, does it ever increase to 15 steps?

My daily exercise workout program includes putting my shoes

on, walking up the stairs from the basement, and getting in and out of the car, just to name a few.

One of those grabber tools to pick things up off the floor is a must.

In addition to all of the aforementioned aging milestones, this is the one that bothers me the most: Mary and I were looking at a very recent picture of us from the Cardinal Pride Parade. We were doing what most people do when they are looking at pictures of themselves ... you know ... checking to make sure your zipper is up, checking out your hair, relieved that there is nothing stuck on your teeth. I was feeling pretty good about how we looked in the picture until Mary said, "It looks like you need a bra."

Anniversary No. 46 is iffy after that comment.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 29
 •Deputy attempted a warrant check on E. Crawford Street.
 •Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported lost keys.
 •Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue and Lincoln Street reported kids riding bikes all over the roadway.
 •A warrant service was attempted on N. Oakley.
 •Complainant on E. Crawford Street conducted a warrant check.
 •Another department assisted the Minnesota State Patrol on Highway 23 near Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant on Main Street, Hardwick, reported a loud motorcycle driving around town.
 •Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported theft.
 •Complainant on 101st Street, Luverne, reported a suspicious man in the area.
 •Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported underage alcohol sales.

July 30
 •Complainant on S. Central Avenue, Hills, reported a burglary and broken door.
 •Complainant on 101st Street, Beaver Creek, reported trespassing at location.
 •Complainant on Main Street near city park reported a vehicle in wrong lane of traffic.
 •Complainant on County Highway 4, Magnolia, reported people target shooting and scaring her dogs.

July 31
 •Complainant on Main Street filed a driving complaint about loud exhaust and speeding.
 •State patrol requested assistance in locating a vehicle westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 25, Magnolia.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 25, Magnolia, requested assistance in locating a vehicle.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a vehicle on side of roadway.
 •SFPD officers are out searching for a stolen vehicle.
 •Complainant on Elm Street reported fireworks at location.
 •Complainant on 91st Street, Magnolia, reported vehicle on side of road and nobody around.

Aug. 1
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disgruntled patient leaving the clinic.
 •Deputy is out with vehicle at location on Kniss and Adams.

•Complainant on County Highway 4, Beaver Creek, requested to speak with sheriff about a harassment order.
 •Complainant in Township Section 12, Luverne, reported a possible out of control fire.

Aug. 2
 •Complainant on County Road 7, Hardwick, reported dangerous driving.
 •Complainant on W. 4th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, reported a recovered stolen vehicle.
 •Vagrant requested assistance.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 reported cement debris on the roadway.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 north of Luverne reported damage to vehicle from road debris.
 •Severe thunderstorm warning was issued for Rock County.

Aug. 3
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a possible drunk driver.
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a probation violation.

Aug. 4
 •Complainant on W. Hating Street reported someone attempted to open her apartment door.
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported she was a victim of a scam.
 •Complainant on S. McKenzie Street reported prescription drugs stolen.
 •Complainant on Lindale Street requested extra patrol on residence while out of town.
 •Complainant on S. McKenzie Street reported a property dispute.
 •Complainant on County Highway 6, Hills, reported an unlicensed driver.
 •Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported harassing communication/harassment order information.
 •Pedestrian on W. Main Street reported unsafe driving on Main Street.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly subject causing property damage.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 transport, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 funeral escorts, 10 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 4 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 4 gas drive-offs, 3 alarms, 6 drug court tests, 5 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 10 traffic stops, 12 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 welfare check, 1 OFP, 1 curfew check and 1 follow-up.



Lori Sorenson photo/0811 ATLAS clothing baler

Clothing donations in the back room of Redeemed Remnants wait to be sorted for "keep," "donate" or "bale." Also waiting for sorting are furniture and household donations.

ATLAS clothing baler/continued from page 3

we sort for good used clothing and bale."

Some clothing that's not usable gets shredded for use in automotive industry, for filler. "The good thing is 100 percent of what gets baled is going to get used for something," Blank said.

He encourages people to be judicious about donations, essentially requesting that donors don't bring items they wouldn't consider wearing themselves.

"We accept only good, used clothing," Blank said. "Minnesota Clothing Recyclers are very specific about what they will take, so we have to be specific about what we will take."

All for the cause

The better the donations, the better it is for the nonprofit Christian ministry of ATLAS ... "To offer support and assistance to those struggling with life's difficult issues," according to its website.

Blank said ATLAS stands ready to help those who are truly in need.

"There are people who move in and have totally nothing. Through ATLAS we take housewares and things at RR and provide them to people who truly are in need. Who have nothing. At no cost."

He clarifies that these are people in emergency situations.

ATLAS works with the Southwest Crisis Center, Southwest Health and Human Services, Salvation Army, UCAP –

United Community Action Partners, Marshall.

Blank said Christian ministry is needed now more than ever.

"We see it all the time. ... there are some people who ride the system and get along, but we've seen medical emergencies put a family in situations."

He said mental health can be quickly affected by financial uncertainty.

"The number of people we see sinking into mental depression and anxiety is much more than we used to," Blank said. "Personally, I think people are losing hope."

He said he thinks this might be because fewer people believe in a higher power.

"A lot of people who come to us, they don't know Jesus," Blank said. "If you're going through this world and you have no hope, you're in a bad place."

But he said this sometimes leads to opportunities to minister.

"Obviously we're a faith-based ministry here. Many people have walked away from Jesus, but I can cite examples of people who, because of what we do here, have explored their faith and gone deeper in their faith. ... I absolutely love working here."

To understand the mission, he said, it's easier to understand why ATLAS is investing in the \$43,000 construction and \$4,500 clothing baler.

"We already wrestle

with the public's view of ... we're giving money to ATLAS, but you're building this building. ... I think they think we're getting a little side-tracked about what we do here," Blank said.

"This problem of getting rid of excess clothing has been a problem ever since ATLAS came here to this community. ... With the new baler, we hope to turn that around and actually generate money for ATLAS and what ATLAS does in the community."

What ATLAS does, Blank said, is minister to the community through Redeemed Remnants, the ATLAS community bike shop, mentoring and other services made possible through volunteers.

"It's a place where volunteers can donate time in a relaxed atmosphere ... it helps people that way, too," Blank said, explaining that volunteerism in itself is a form of therapy.

The ATLAS baler in Luverne is expected to be operational in October. "Once the baler goes on the cement slab and is upright, the electrician can hook it up," Blank said.

Clothing donations are accepted at the Redeemed Remnants back door during business hours only.

"Please don't leave items outside," Blank said.

Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (Southwest RSDP) seeks applicants for board

Regional board focuses on natural resources and clean energy

University of Minnesota Extension Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (Southwest RSDP) is seeking applicants for membership on the board of directors and work groups.

Southwest RSDP is one of five regional partnerships that connect local communities with University of Minnesota resources to support sustainable development in Greater Minnesota.

RSDP focuses on natural resources, sustainable agriculture and local food systems, resilient communities and clean energy.

The Southwest RSDP board is composed of community volunteers from the region, along with representation from University of Minnesota faculty and staff. Board members work together to make decisions about how to invest resources in community-driven projects.

Successful candidates for the Southwest RSDP board and work groups will:

- Contribute diverse backgrounds, identities, experiences and viewpoints.
- Operate with integrity in making decisions.
- Embrace complexity and innovation.
- Be committed to building resilience and sustainability in Southwest Minnesota communities –economically, socially and environmentally.

In particular, Southwest RSDP is currently seeking those with an interest in natural resources and clean energy.

For more information and to apply, please see z.umn.edu/rsdpboard.

Applications are preferred by Aug. 11, 2022.

Anne Dybsetter, Executive Director, Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, adybsett@umn.edu, 320-235-0726 x 2012.



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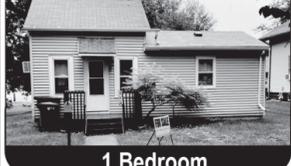
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Mavis Fodness photo/0811 Sioux Valley Billboard

A farm safety poster designed by Luverne Elementary student Emmett Woodley was chosen earlier this year to be featured on a farm safety billboard sponsored by Sioux Valley Energy. Woodley was among four area students whose art work was chosen for billboards in the cooperative's Minnesota and South Dakota service areas. The billboard is located south of Luverne along Highway 75, east of the Bomgaars store entrance. Below: Woodleys' original drawing.

Luverne Elementary student's artwork featured on local billboard

By Mavis Fodness

Emmett Woodley's artwork is displayed prominently on a South Highway 75 billboard in Luverne.

The Luverne Elementary student completed the artwork for the Sioux Valley Energy billboard as a fourth-grader and as part of the electric cooperative's annual contest.

"The safety billboard contest is a great way to showcase the students' creative artwork and lifesaving electrical safety messages," said Debra Biever, vice president of human resources and member services.

Woodley's drawing cautions farmers not to leave their augers extended as they drive farm equipment.

His message "Don't leave the auger out farmers!!!" is illustrated with a red tractor pulling a grain cart with its auger extended. Sparks are shown coming from the auger as it comes into contact with the overhead power lines.

The son of Kyle and Nicole Woodley of Beaver Creek was one of four winners selected in the cooperative's annual safety billboard contest conducted in the cooperative's east-central South Dakota and southwest Minnesota service areas.

Other winners included Bergan Oines (Sioux Valley Elementary, Volga), Taetum Horstmeyer (Robert Bennis Elementary, Brandon) and Avery Swanson (Russell-Tyler-Ruthon Elementary).

The contest winners each received a \$50 cash prize in addition to having their posters featured on billboards.

There were 175 entries submitted in the contest that is designed to help teachers incorporate electrical safety messages into their lesson



Contributed photo

Luverne Elementary student Emmett Woodley (center) holds his winning safety billboard entry with Sioux Valley Energy Manager of Safety Terry Ebricht (left) and journey line worker Tim Durst. Woodley received \$50 for use of his design.

plans.

Woodley was a student in Molly Carbonneau's fourth-grade class.

The billboards serve as a public service announcement for electrical

safety awareness. The most important tool in preventing electrical injuries is educating the public about the potential dangers of working and playing around electricity.

1943: Diamond Club features Tom Knudtson

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.

This article appeared in the April 15, 1943 edition of The Rock County Star Herald.

Skiing, now a popular winter sport in Minnesota, served a practical purpose as well as being a form of recreation for Tom Knudtson, Luverne, when he was a boy.

Living on a farm at Bjotland, near Christiansand, in Norway, Mr. Knudtson would strap on his skis and speed down a mountainside to school about a mile away. The place where he was born was about five miles from the sea and in the timber country. Although the surroundings were beautiful, Mr. Knudtson felt that an opportunity for a successful future could be found only in America, so he left home at the age of 22.

Mr. Knudtson was one of seven children and was born March 22, 1865. He was christened Torkel, but after coming to this country he has used the name Tom.

He had hardly reached school age before he was put to work, helping with the wood cutting, cattle herding and other tasks. The first money he ever earned that he could call his own was a small amount which he received from a neighbor for helping to plant potatoes. Later, he received the income that was produced by two of the cows in the herd which he watched while they grazed on the mountainside.

A sister who lived in Sioux City induced him to make his decision to leave the land of his birth. With another young man, he set out for the United States, and one day in the spring of 1887, they stepped off the train at the Rock Island depot here. Mr. Knudtson distinctly remembers that they had no one here to meet them and that they made two trips from the depot to the business district, carrying their trunks.

Mr. Knudtson had \$10 in his pocket—more than his companion had. "You'll get along right with that much



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

more," his companion stated, and Mrs. Knudtson agrees that the prediction came true.

The first year he was in Rock county, he worked at several different jobs. He recalls how Ole Iveland at one time took him in an oxcart to the brick yard to get a job. He didn't get one, and in walking back to Luverne, he took the wrong railroad track. When he realized the fact, he was almost to Kanaranzi, so had to walk back.

He worked first for Jens Haugetum, on a farm about two miles south of Luverne. It was there he milked his first cow. In Norway it was always the custom that the women folk did the milking, and for that reason, he had no training along that line endeavor.

Later, he obtained a job on the Ole Hanson farm near Ashcreek. When asked what wages he wanted, he said \$25 a month.

"To my surprise," Mr. Knudtson said, "I got it." As a matter of fact, I was so ashamed when I asked for that much, that I looked down on the ground instead of at Mr. Hanson.

"I worked there until fall, then got a job helping build the railroad into Steen. That winter, the winter of the big blizzard, I lived with Mr. and Mrs. Knute Aanenson in their dugout. I saved \$100 during the summer so I felt pretty good about my first year in this country."

Mr. Knudtson then obtained a job working for T. P. Grout in Beaver Creek township. Up until that time, whenever he wanted to go to

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Art and Bev Fleseland will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Monday, Aug. 15. Greetings may be sent to them at 313 State St., Magnolia, MN 56158.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Luverne native Anthony Nelson has published a name for himself on Mars, literally.

Nelson, a 1993 Luverne High School graduate, is a member of the team of scientists and engineers who worked on the space rover, "Curiosity," that landed on Mars Monday.

Nelson's name appears on an instrument panel on the rover that is now crawling over the planet's surface.

His parents, Lyle and Gloria Nelson, Luverne, traveled to Cape Canaveral, Fla., last fall when the rover was launched into space.

"The launch was exciting in itself," she said, "But to have a successful landing is even more exciting."

Footage broadcast on television networks around the world showed scientists and engineers celebrating Curiosity's landing in the wee hours of Monday morning.

25 years ago (1997)

•Luverne Go-Kart driver Brett DeJager will bring an impressive tag with him into Friday's grandstand show at the Rock County Fair.

DeJager, an 11-year-old Junior One competitor, earned the

nickname national champion during the Go-Kart Nationals staged at Thunder Hills Speedway Mayetta, Kan., last week.

One of 40 entries in his class, DeJager earned the pole position for a 30-kart feature race for the national title staged Wednesday, July 29, and DeJager completed the run without losing the lead.

DeJager is expected to compete on his home track during the fair races tomorrow night.

50 years ago (1972)

•Larry Rolfs has been appointed mayor of the village of Hardwick to serve until the next village election. The village council made the appointment following the resignation of William DeBates who resigned when he was elected to the school board of District 671 One year of his term still remains, so the person elected in November will be elected for the unexpired portion of that term.

75 years ago (1947)

•Youngsters taking part in the summer recreation program will hold a "soap box derby" tomorrow afternoon on Lincoln street, in front of the grade school building. The races will

begin at 2 o'clock, and all children are urged to have their racers in readiness, according to James Reinertson, who directs the program.

In last Friday's pet parade, John and Billy Martin won first prize for having the most unusual pets. They displayed three ducks. Scott Reinertson won second with his white dog, "Keeno," which he had in a cage. Roger Van Roekel, who had a dog on a leash, won third for having the best trained pet.

100 years ago (1922)

•Eleven Rock county farmers and one school district have agreed to co-operate with the forestry division of the University of Minnesota in the establishment of demonstration windbreak plantings of trees.

Trees for this purpose are furnished by the forestry division and those upon whose farms the windbreaks are being located are O. I. Godfrey, and Roy Cummings, of Beaver Creek township; O. L. Sexe and Schellhouse Brothers, of Martin township; Wm. Soutar and Ole Gabrielson, of Luverne township; Ole Gysland, F. A. Turner and Rudolph Dirksen, of Magnolia township; Wm. Perkins, of Vienna township; Hoime Bros. of Battle Plain, and the Magnolia consolidated schools.

OBITUARIES

June Polzin

June Irene Polzin, 89, Luverne, died peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, while at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

June Buckley was born on Feb. 5, 1933, to Alfred and Irene (Abbott) Buckley in Rake, Iowa. She was raised in Forest City, Iowa, where she was baptized in 1942 and confirmed in 1948. June graduated from Forest City High School in 1951. She attended Waldorf College.

On Feb. 12, 1953, June married LaMoyné (Sam) Polzin at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City. The couple resided in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for two years and then relocated to Mankato in 1955. In 1957 the couple moved to Luverne. June worked at Minnegasco in Luverne for a time and then took a position as deputy auditor with the Rock County Auditor's office where she remained employed until her retirement. Sam preceded her in death on Nov. 30,

2017. June made her home at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. At the Mary Jane Brown Home, June enjoyed the caring staff and many of the activities, such as resident council and the newsletter committee.

June was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She had a lifelong passion for music and was the student choir director at her college choir, taught piano lessons for many years, and participated in countless musical church activities during her life. She was also a member of PEO.

June is survived by her three children, Patti (Jerry) Jondahl of Fargo, North Dakota, Tim (Jackie) Polzin of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Jenny Polzin of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; four grandchildren, Dan (Steph), Lyndsay, Samantha (Paul), and TJ; and two great-grandchildren, Henry and Benjamin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam; her parents; two brothers, Bob and Ray Buckley; and two sisters-in-law.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

(0811 F)

Robert Mulligan

Robert F. Mulligan died peacefully in his sleep on July 22, 2022, at the Foss Home and Village retirement facility Seattle, Washington. He was 95.

Bob was the devoted husband of Mary Jean (nee Woeste) Mulligan. They married on October 6, 1962, in Hartland, Wisconsin.

Born in Jackson, Minnesota, to Frank and Esther Mulligan, Bob was the eldest of 10 children.

During his military career, Bob served with the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II and with the Marine Corps in Korea and Southeast Asia. He retired at the rank of gunnery sergeant. During his service he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with V for valor.

He was hired as a patrolman with the Chenequa Police Department in 1965, eventually becoming Chenequa's police and fire chief in 1973, and he later served as village administrator as well.

While at Chenequa, he led the development and deployment of the Lake Country Communications System

(LACS) regional emergency response system.

After retiring in 1994, Bob moved with Mary Jean to the Town of Erin, where they were active members of the Holy Hill parish and where Bob was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Bob was beloved by his many nephews and nieces, friends, and countless members of the community that he helped in both his role as The Chief and just a great neighbor. He will be greatly missed and his memory cherished.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary Jean, daughter Katie, grandson Sebastian, and his siblings John Mulligan (late Dolores), William Mulligan and wife Mary Lou, Michael Mulligan, and Rosemary Moerke and husband Dale.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his son Daniel, and his siblings Richard, Donald, Eugene, James and Carol Van Orden.

Bob's services and interment will be held privately, and he will be buried with military honors at St. Catherine's Cemetery, Luverne, Minnesota.

(0811 V)



Land Down Under 'Zoomerang'

St. John Lutheran Church was turned into the Land Down Under for its "Zoomerang" Vacation Bible School August 1-4. With the help of 45 volunteers, 74 area children attended and learned what the Bible says about the value of human life. As it turned out to be one of the hottest weeks of the summer, VBS participants felt like they were in Australia. Through games, crafts, music and more, children discovered how precious each and every person is to God. From the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God. The VBS theme verse was Psalm 139:14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

Above: Pastor Phil Booe welcomes the children in opening exercises on Night 3 of Zoomerang.

At right: Heather Johnson leads a craft session of clay handprints with Ross Loosbrock and Shelby Larson. Submitted photos



August is the ideal time for plant divisions

Marvelous rain this weekend, and I am so very grateful! I've been able to

water enough to keep my gardens producing quality produce, but that seems such a futile effort considering the size of the gardens coupled with heat ... rain changes the whole picture!

It is August, and if you have fern leaf peonies, you'll notice they are turning yellow because they have finished their growing cycle for the season. That means if you want to divide them or move them to a different location, this is the time to tackle that project.

Dig the entire clump and wash the soil off the tuber mass so you can see what you are doing to separate them. You will notice the

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

pink-colored eyes for next year's growth on the stem above the tuber, and every division needs at least one but preferably three of those eyes. The tubers tend to grow as a tangled mass, but with the soil washed away they can be separated fairly easily.

When you get to replanting, be sure that eye is within one inch of the soil surface. If planted too deep, they absolutely will not bloom. Also, plant them in an area that gets sun for most of the day.

Last week I encouraged you to cut the spent flower stems out of the re-blooming daylilies.

If you daylilies have not been blooming well, it is

because they are not getting enough direct sun or the clumps have become root-bound in which case they need to be divided. Now is a good time to do that. It seems that if they have been left to their own for five to six years or more, the blooming capacity is diminished by at least half.

Dig the entire clump, and using your spade, cut the clump into at least four sections and replant one of those sections back in the same spot. Water well to settle the soil around the root mass and you're good to go.

Depending on how long they have been ignored, it may take a couple of years

for them to regain their best bloom capacity.

August is also the time to divide or move German bearded iris. When you dig the rhizomes, the end with the leaves indicates the direction it will grow. Clean off any dead or dying leaves and cut the remaining leaves to an 8" tall fan. Replant, making sure the rhizome sits at soil level. It cannot be covered with soil. Again, water well to settle soil around the roots.

This summer has been brutal for our annual flowers in pots or hanging baskets. Be faithful with watering and feeding, and as the temperatures moderate, the plants will respond with renewed vigor and give a great show before frost ends the season.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowergb@iw.net.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Aug. 15: Chicken-fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, Italian blend, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Sanford.

Tuesday, Aug. 16: Ham, baked potato with sour cream, carrots, dinner roll, dessert.

Wednesday, Aug. 17: Tuna pasta salad, tomato wedges, pears, dessert.

Thursday, Aug 18: Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, Italian blend, dessert.

Friday, July 19: Turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce salad with dressing, peaches, cake.

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

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

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

DEATH NOTICE

Naidine Aanenson

Naidine B. Aanenson, 93, Luverne, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne with a memorial service to follow at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0811 DN)

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Luverne teachers gained key resources, tools, and strategies for their classrooms as a result of attending BestPrep's Technology Integration Workshop Aug. 1-3. Pictured at Cargill in Hopkins are teachers (from left) Bryan Snyders, Chelsie Wermager, April Wallace, Caroline Thorson, Kari Lais, Ann Sandager, David Moriarty (from Minnesota) and Joseph Stearns.

Luverne Public Schools teachers attend technology workshop

Thanks to sponsorship from the K.A.H.R. Foundation, seven Luverne teachers gained key resources, tools and strategies for their classrooms as a result of attending BestPrep's Technology Integration Workshop (TIW) this summer.

Kari Lais, Ann Sandager, April Wallace, Bryan Snyders, Joe Stearns, Chelsie Wermager, Caroline Thorson and other educators in attendance learned how to incorporate the newest technologies into their classrooms from experienced speakers and fellow educators.

Popular breakout sessions included "Thinking Beyond the Test," "Making the Most of Google Forms," "Building Classroom Community" and (taught by Luverne teacher Becky Rahm) "Get the Most out of Google

Classroom."

Another key component of the tech integration workshop included a job shadow, during which each educator was paired with a Twin Cities corporate volunteer to visit their workplace.

The job shadows allowed educators to learn more about workplace culture, important skills students will need to be successful in a business environment, and how to better prepare their students for the workforce.

Educators also updated a unit plan, integrating strategies and resources they learned during the workshop, giving them a new technology-inspired plan to use in their classes this fall.

"This was a great learning experience to bring back ideas for the

classroom and to better prepare our students for life in the workforce," said LPS health instructor Kari Lais. "There were good collaboration opportunities with each other and with educators from around the state."

Teachers interested in attending the TIW in 2023 can find more information at www.bestprep.org. Registration will open this winter, and sponsorships are available.

About BestPrep

BestPrep is a Minnesota-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preparing students with business, career and financial literacy skills.

BestPrep offers seven innovative programs and has served more than 1.7 million students and teachers since its creation in 1976.

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline launches national 988 number

The Minnesota Department of Health launched a new dialing code to transition the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to a phone number people can easily remember and access in times of crisis.

The new "988" dialing code will serve as a universal entry point so peo-

ple can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help, regardless of where they live. The shift also includes an online chat feature and new texting option.

The Lifeline 10-digit number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255) will continue to be available and route people to the same resources.

A.C.E. respite care available, volunteers needed

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota (A.C.E.) offers respite care services in Rock County for those needing a break from caring for a loved one.

The respite program offers short-term (1-3 hours), temporary care for families and caregivers by providing a brief period of reprieve from the daily cares they provide to their loved one.

Volunteers provide non-professional supportive services to caregivers to give them time for themselves, relieve their stress and help them remain healthy.

Respite care volunteers are also needed. Trained A.C.E. volunteers provide respite care to family caregivers of adults age 60 and older who are suffering from long-term health conditions.

Fey Industries 'Club Twenty Feyve' celebrates in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Fey Industries, Edgerton, treated their longtime employees to a field trip in Luverne, Tuesday, Aug. 2, to honor them for 25 or more years of employment with the company.

Dubbed as the Club Twenty-Feyve, there were 32 in the group this year with collective years of employment totaling 1,087

years at Fey Industries.

"Each year we treat this group to an outing of some sort during one of their regular workdays," said Cheryl Fey, wife of CEO Mike Fey.

"In the past the activities have varied and most often experience what all Southwest Minnesota has to offer with travelling to area towns."

This year the club enjoyed a midweek morning movie at the Palace Theatre followed lunch at Sterling's restaurant. T-shirts commemorating the event were printed by Luverne's Print Express.

Fey said a scavenger hunt in Pipestone one year led to many laughable moments caught on camera. Five years ago, their bus

was pulled over by a 1955 Chevy cop car and escorted to the Rock County Courthouse for a mock trial and conviction of a Fey team member.

"It is fun to get creative and visit some of our team members' hometowns," she said. "One thing is for sure with this group. No matter where we go, or what we do, it's always a great time."

This year's honored Club Twenty-Feyve members and their years of service are Trent Baas, 32, Keith Blom, 28, Colette

Brockberg, 38, Randy Brockberg, 37, Cindy Cawwels, 29, Vicki Crowley, 29, Vonda Danneman, 35, Angie DeKam, 36, Linda De Weerd, 32, Linda Dickman, 26, Sheri Erpelding, 35, Mark Ference, 28, Mike Fey, 29, Norm Fey, 57, Craig Haraldson, 42, Deb Homan, 33, Kim Hunstad, 27, Stacy Jolitz, 29, Deb Knapp, 42, Roxie Kooiman, 43, Charlene Kruse, 36, Greg Manitz, 42, Kathy Matson, 38, Sharon Polchow, 29, Darwin Schuld, 33, Shelly Smith, 27, Shir-

ley Smith, 29, Perry Stoel, 29, Mark VanderWaal, 34, Diane Van Steenberg, 25, Lori Veldhuisen, 39, and Jolene Walhof, 39.

"All of our team members are special to us," Fey said. "And the longer they are around, the more we get to experience life together."

Mike said he looks forward to the annual outings. "The Club Twenty-Feyve event is such a special time," he said. "A unique chance to celebrate esteemed team members. Cheryl and I consider it quite an honor."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Food distribution is Aug. 18

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is now at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple St. in Luverne. The next distribution is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, until the food is gone.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the west side of the building. Parking lot opens at 3 p.m. Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot, intersection or alley entrance. Food will be loaded into vehicles, which then exit via the alley going west toward Estey Street.

Call 507-283-8963 or 507-283-4366 with questions.

Register students new to Luverne

Families with children who are new to the Luverne School District can set up an appointment to register for the 2022-23 school year.

Call the Luverne Middle School/High School, 507-283-4497, or the elementary school, 507-283-4497. Both offices are open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting Aug. 1.

Give blood Aug. 23 in Luverne

The American Red Cross will accept donations from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Living Rock Church on East Main Street in Luverne.

Donors in August will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice and will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value. Schedule an appointment through the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

'Out of the Darkness' needs support

Luverne will host the second annual "Out of the Darkness" suicide prevention walk on Saturday, Sep. 10, at the Luverne City Park. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the walk will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

This event raises money for research to end and prevent suicide and to show community support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide or have struggled personally with suicide. To pre-register for the walk and to learn more, visit afsp.org/luverne

Library Happenings

For more information about library happenings, call 507-449-5040 or email rockcountystaff@gmail.com.

The **Adult Summer Reading Program** is currently underway at the Rock County Library. For every five books read between now and Aug. 15, an entry may be placed in the drawing to win one of four gift baskets. The program is open to ages 18 and older and includes e-books and e-audiobooks.

Teens in Action (grades 5-12) will meet from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. A different activity will be featured each week.

Seed library is open and available to anyone in the public who wants to plant a garden. Flowers, fruit and vegetable seeds are available for free.

Trivia Night is at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Take 16 in Luverne. Team registration begins at 6 p.m.

Reminiscence Kits are available featuring various topics such as gardening, pets, baking, sewing, farming and hunting. The kits are designed to use with a loved one experiencing memory loss, encouraging the loved one to open up about activities they once loved in the past.

Register for Luverne Community Ed

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

Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Luverne on Aug. 15-20. There are openings yet for actors kindergarten (as attended during 21-22 school year) through age 7 and ages 12 - 18 to take part in the live production of "Hansel and Gretel." Fee is \$45.

Taking **Defensive Driving** Classes allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. A four-hour refresher class will be offered on Aug. 18. The eight-hour beginner Defensive Driving class will be offered on Nov. 7 and 10.



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Sale is subject to approval by the Heirs of Dewey Dooyema. For further details, contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 227-2829.

Redbirds punch ticket to state baseball tournament

Luverne defeats Fairmont Martins 2-1 in Final Four series

By Jason Berghorst

For the fourth consecutive year, the Luverne Redbirds will compete at the Minnesota Class C Amateur Baseball State Tournament.

The Redbirds, now 27-3 on the season, earned the trip to state by winning their Region 13C Final Four series over the Fairmont Martins 2-1.

Luverne won the first game 12-2 at home Aug. 3. Fairmont defeated Luverne 6-5 Friday night before the Birds came out on top of Fairmont 12-0 at Redbird Field Sunday night.

“Qualifying for state is always a highlight of the summer,” said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer. “It’s what we play for.”

Luverne 12, Fairmont 2

No. 2-seeded Luverne opened the best-of-three Region 13C Final Four series against the No. 6-seeded Fairmont Martins with a 12-2 victory in eight innings at Redbird Field Wednesday, Aug. 3.

Luverne tallied eight runs in the first six innings before the Martins plated two in the top of the seventh to make the score 8-2.

When the Redbirds scored four more runs in the bottom of the eighth frame, the game ended 12-2 because of the ten-run rule.

Phil Paquette (3 hits, 3 runs, 2 RBIs) scored his first run in the first inning on a sacrifice fly by Ben Serie to left field.

In the third inning, Paquette scored his second run when pitcher Jake Haugen hit a sacrifice fly to the same left fielder.

Ethan Beyer scored in the fourth stanza when Paquette hit a line drive single to center field.

Paquette then scored his third and final run of the game on a passed ball to bring the score to 4-0 after four innings.

Luverne scored two more runs in the next inning with back-to-back RBI doubles.

Beyer scored Haugen with a double to right field before Gaige Nath’s double to right field scored Beyer.

In the sixth inning, a sacrifice fly by Haugen scored Skyler Wenninger, who had reached base on a double.

The next batter, Cade Wenninger, hit a line drive single that scored Ben Serie, to make the score 8-0.

After Fairmont scored two in the top of the seventh, the



Mavis Fodness photo/0811 Redbirds

Luverne Redbirds right fielder Cade Wenninger slides in for the catch and the third out Wednesday night, Aug. 3, during the second inning with the Fairmont Martins. Redbirds teammates Gaige Nath (left) and Ethan Beyer watch Wenninger’s successful catch in center field.

“Qualifying for state is always a highlight of the summer. ... It’s what we play for.”

— Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer

Birds answered with four runs in the eighth to bring the game to an end.

Newt Johnson hit a single, and Cade Wenninger and Beyer earned walks to load the bases. When Nath was hit by a pitch, Johnson scored.

A sacrifice fly by Derek Lundgren then scored Cade Wenninger before back-to-back singles by Paquette and Skyler Wenninger scored Beyer and Nath.

Haugen pitched the complete game. He gave up six hits and two runs and struck out seven.

Fairmont	0	0	0	0	0	2	x	2
Luverne	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	x

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	5	0	1	1
P Paquette	5	3	3	2
S Wenninger	5	1	4	1
B Serie	3	1	1	1
N Johnson	4	1	2	0
J Haugen	3	1	2	2
C Wenninger	4	1	2	1
E Beyer	3	3	1	1
G Nath	3	1	1	1

Fairmont 6, Luverne 5

The Redbirds’ 20-game win streak came to an end with a close 6-5 road loss to the Fairmont Martins Friday night.

The setback, Luverne’s first since June 6 and third loss of the season, almost didn’t happen.

The Redbirds faced a five-run deficit entering the ninth inning and almost came back by scoring four runs in the final stanza, but it wasn’t enough as the game ended 6-5.

Luverne scored first in the game when a triple by Declan Beers scored Serie.

Fairmont then scored four runs in the sixth inning, one more in the seventh and another in the eighth to take a 6-1 lead after eight innings.

Then the Redbirds made it interesting.

In the top of the ninth inning, Beers and Haugen reached base on back-to-back singles.

Cade Wenninger then

reached base on an error by the Fairmont third baseman, which scored Beers and advanced Haugen to second base.

A wild pitch to Beyer then advanced Haugen to third and Wenninger to second.

Haugen then scored when Beyer hit a ground ball and reached base on an error by the shortstop. Wenninger moved to third on the same play before scoring on a passed ball while Colby Crabtree was at the plate.

Beyer then scored on a passed ball during the next at bat to bring the game within one run.

When Lundgren grounded into a fielder’s choice to third, Nath was out at second, the game came to an end and the Martins forced a third and final game to settle the series on Sunday.

Serie pitched the first seven innings for Luverne. He gave

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Redbirds to face Milroy Irish in championship

By Jason Berghorst

The Region 13C Championship Series will be the matchup most baseball fans in Southwest Minnesota have expected all summer.

The No. 1-seeded Milroy Irish will face the No. 2-seeded Luverne Redbirds in a best-of-three series to determine the league championship and the first-round bye at the state tournament that comes with it.

Both teams have already qualified for the state tournament by winning their Final Four series last week.

The Irish (28-4) defeated the Hadley Buttermakers 2-1 and the Redbirds (27-3) bested the Fairmont Martins 2-1.

The Irish defeated the Redbirds 11-2 in Luverne on May 15. Luverne returned the favor by defeating the Irish 14-2 at Irish Yard on June 26.

Game 1 is scheduled for Wednesday (Aug. 10) at Irish Yard at 7:30 p.m. Game 2 will be at Redbird Field Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

If necessary, the third and decisive game will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Irish Yard.

“Milroy always plays hard baseball. They have a very solid draft pick from Windom (Collin Lovell),” said veteran Redbirds player Phil Paquette.

“It will be a fun series to watch – Friday night’s game in Luverne will be the last home game of the season!”

Region 13C Final Four Results

(1) Milroy Irish vs. (4) Hadley
Game 1 – Milroy 1, Hadley 0
Game 2 – Hadley 5, Milroy 4 (10 in)
Game 3 – Milroy 10, Hadley 1

(2) Luverne vs. (6) Fairmont

Game 1 – Luverne 12, Fairmont 2
Game 2 – Fairmont 6, Luverne 5
Game 3 – Luverne 12, Fairmont 0

Region 13C Tournament Championship Series

(1) Milroy Irish vs. (2) Luverne
Wed, Aug. 10 at Irish Yard 7:30 pm
Fri, Aug. 12 at Luverne 7:30 pm
*Sun, Aug. 14 at Irish Yard 2 pm

Third Place Series

(4) Hadley vs. (6) Fairmont
Wed, Aug. 10 at Fairmont 7:30 pm
Sat, Aug. 13 at Hadley 2 pm
*Sun, Aug. 14 at Hadley 2 pm
*If necessary



Submitted photo

Local teams golf for kids

The R & S Seeds team won the 2022 Rock County Kids Golf Tournament Monday, Aug. 1, at Luverne Country Club. Twenty teams and 80 golfers participated in the 25th annual fundraiser for the Rock County Big Buddies and Luverne Child Guide programs. The tournament was organized by Mike Smith, Stacy Schepel and Zoe DeBates. Schepel said the event raised around \$6,000.

Pictured are, from left, Cory Engen, Austin Van Santen, Hayden Bauman and Ben Nath. “It was a great night to come out and support a local program that supports the kids of Rock County,” Bauman said.

Hunting stories get better with age

I was sitting in my garage the other night with a couple of guys who had just finished up shooting on their trap league for the week.

They are both avid hunters and both have hunting dogs of differing ages. It seemed like only about an hour had passed when in fact more than four hours had turned off the clock.

Outdoor lifestyles and passions have always been my most vivid memories. As I recalled a few of my experiences and as I listened to theirs, I kind of turned into a fly on the wall for just a short moment.

I silently asked myself this question: “How many others hunters, in how many other garages, in how many other states were telling these virtually identical stories at exactly the same moment in time?”

I would have guessed that number would have been over 1,000. Almost all of these talks will center around a moderately short list of subject matter.

I thought I would run through that list to see how many of them would be on your list, too.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

The shot. It really doesn’t matter if it was a really good shot or the worst one you ever attempted, everybody remembers those “I can’t believe I got that one” or vice versa. I guess it’s probably the same as golf. You can shoot the worst round of golf in current memory, but you never forget that one pro-like shot that keeps you coming back to the course for another year.

My dog. My dog did this thing or that thing and it was sooooo good or bad you will never ever forget.

Many of these stories will start out with all of the things a dog will try to eat or roll in. ... Dead fish, a dead mammal, manure, mud ... and the list goes on and

on. Skunks would fall under this category as well.

I used to drive a Chevy Suburban with two dog crates in the back. Try taking home a skunked dog in that rig and you will never forget it. I had one dog many years ago that got sprayed over a dozen times in one season.

I carried all the right stuff, but in the confined space of a truck cab none of those remedies was successful enough.

The truck and assorted problems. I lost the rear end in my ride on a hunting trip to Mitchell, South Dakota. It was not a pretty sound.

I doubled up with another guy,

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up seven hits, five runs and struck out six.

Crabtree came to the mound for the eighth inning. He gave up one hit and one run and struck out one.

Luverne 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 5
Fairmont 0 0 0 0 0 4 1 1 x 6

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	5	0	1	0
P Paquette	2	0	0	0
B Serie	3	1	0	0
D Beers	4	1	2	1
J Haugen	4	1	1	0
C Wenninger	4	1	0	0
E Beyer	4	1	0	1
C Sehr	3	0	0	0
C Crabtree	1	0	0	0
G Nath	3	0	0	0

Luverne 12, Fairmont 0

For Luverne, the decisive game of the best-of-three series between the Luverne Redbirds and Fairmont Martins was worth waiting for.

The game was originally scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at Redbird Field, but rain and wet field conditions delayed the game until 7 p.m.

When rain continued Sunday afternoon, the first pitch was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. to allow for field preparation.

Although wet conditions continued, the game was played, and the Redbirds' famed offense made quick order of the Martins, winning 12-0 in seven innings.

"I knew coming into it



Mavis Fodness photo/0811 Redbirds

Redbirds pitcher Jake Haugen (not pictured) throws a strike into the glove of catcher Ben Serie Wednesday night, Aug. 3, in the home opener for the Region 13C Final Four Tournament against the Fairmont Martins. Haugen pitched a complete game, striking out seven Fairmont batters for the win with only one walk.

that conditions wouldn't be favorable," said Luverne's starting pitcher Cade Wenninger.

"But I knew if I could get my balls to my defense, they would make plays to get us off the field."

And that's exactly what happened.

Wenninger pitched a complete seven-inning shutout, giving up only

three hits and two walks while striking out nine.

The Redbirds opened up the game by scoring six runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Beers and Johnson led off the inning with consecutive walks before a sacrifice bunt by Haugen advanced the runners to second and third bases.

Beers then scored on a

wild pitch. Beyer was hit by a pitch to put himself and Johnson at first and third bases respectively.

A double by Lundgren scored both Johnson and Beyer. Paquette then singled to score Lundgren.

Skyler Wenninger hit a single before a Serie single scored Paquette.

A walk to Beers loaded the bases, and Wenninger

then scored when Johnson earned a bases-loaded walk.

The Birds plated four more runs in the fourth frame.

Skyler Wenninger and Serie reached base on walks. When Johnson reached base on an error, Wenninger scored. Haugen was then hit by a pitch to load the bases again.

Cade Wenninger then

hit a single to score Serie before a single by Beyer scored Johnson and Haugen.

Haugen and Beyer scored the final two runs of the contest during the sixth inning off RBI singles by Lundgren and Skyler Wenninger.

When the Redbirds had a 12-run lead in the seventh inning, the mercy rule ended the game.

Luverne won the series 2-1 and qualified for a fourth consecutive trip to the state tournament.

Lundgren led the offense for Luverne, going four for five at the plate, scoring a run and adding three RBIs.

"This summer has really been fun so far and it's awesome to play with such a great group of talented guys," Lundgren said.

"It's always fun to go to a state tournament and compete against some good teams and players," Lundgren said. "We are looking forward to that."

Fairmont 0 0 0 0 0 0 x x 0
Luverne 0 6 0 4 0 2 x x x 12

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	5	1	4	3
P Paquette	4	1	1	1
C Crabtree	1	0	0	0
S Wenninger	4	2	2	1
B Serie	3	1	1	1
D Beers	2	1	0	0
N Johnson	2	2	0	1
J Haugen	2	2	1	0
C Wenninger	4	0	1	1
E Beyer	3	2	2	2

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and in three days, about when the trip was over, they had driven in the parts from 100 miles away and I got to drive my new \$3,500 rear end back to the house. Memorable.

Weather-related trials and tribulations would also fall under this category.

I was with a group that rented an Airbnb, and the day before we were to leave, the destination in Kansas got 4 inches of rain and then 10 inches of snow on top of that and the roads were impassable.

The no-refund on the lodging cost five guys who stayed home about \$350 each. Another memorable outdoor experience.

And one last category

in the always told all over North America garage stories is "when things just really came together."

This slot in the story index is smaller than the others, because the others always happen frequently and the "it all came together perfect" section happens far, far less often.

The weather was great, the dogs behaved like pros, the shooting was unparalleled, equipment exceeded expectation and, oh were the bird numbers amazing.

Add in the amazing scenery of a new place or a new state and the memories of telling all of the trip stories over a few beers in a local watering

hole make for great garage hunting stories.

Just because a story in any category has been told before, that is no reason not to repeat that same story over and over.

All you need is one new member to attend the garage storytelling get-together who has not heard that story before and it makes telling everyone else who has heard it at least 10 times another opportunity to hear it yet one more time.

Over a 40-year history of spending time with guns and dogs, I have actually heard the same story change over time. We can call that a slight memory lapse ... or as the memory becomes more vivid, you

tend to embellish just a little bit more.

All of the activities behind the stories are certainly the cause of the storytelling, but as we all age and physically we cannot do as much in the field as we used to, we can live out our golden years with the memories of hundreds, if not thousands of days in the field and share those with anyone willing to stop into your or my garage and hear them.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com or on Twitter @habitat champion.

Hunting regulations, deer hunting licenses now available

Deer hunting licenses can be purchased starting today and the 2022 Minnesota hunting regulations are now available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/Hunting). Print copies of the regulations will be available in early August wherever licenses are sold.

When deer hunters venture out into fields and forests this fall, they will find healthy deer populations faring well in most of Minnesota, ample harvest opportunities, and a continued commitment to managing chronic wasting disease management adaptively statewide.

Minnesota has the following deer seasons:
Archery: Saturday, Sept. 17, through Saturday, Dec. 31

Youth and early antlerless: Thursday, Oct. 20, through Sunday, Oct. 23

Firearms: Saturday, Nov. 5, with various closing dates depending on a hunter's deer permit area

Muzzleloader: Saturday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Dec. 11

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice City of Luverne, Minnesota

Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the year Ended December 31, 2021
 (Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175 (5))

	Pamida DISTRICT 16	Minnwest Bank - State Farm DISTRICT 17	Luverne Family Hsg DISTRICT 18	Ford Dealership DISTRICT 21	Barck Street DISTRICT 22	Sharkee's - Mert's DISTRICT 23	Ramage Culligan DISTRICT 24
Current Net Tax Capacity	\$25,350	\$1,707	\$9,336	\$30,178	\$18,038	\$0	\$0
Original Net Tax Capacity	\$326	\$462	\$100	\$3,397	\$627	\$0	\$0
Captured Net Tax Capacity	\$25,024	\$1,245	\$9,236	\$26,781	\$17,411	\$0	\$0
Principal and Interest Payments Due in 2022	\$43,000	\$0	\$8,581	\$21,651	\$15,683	\$0	\$0
Tax Increment Received in 2021	\$25,819	\$1,222	\$9,540	\$23,963	\$15,571	\$0	-\$92
Tax increment Expended in 2021	\$25,819	\$1,000	\$9,581	\$22,547	\$3,675	\$463,096	\$1,000
Month / Year First Tax Increment Receipt	Jun-99	Jun-99	Jun-99	Jun-17	Jun-17	Jul-19	Jul-18
Date of Required Decertification	12/31/24	12/31/24	12/31/24	12/31/41	12/31/42	12/30/44	12/31/43

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Rock County STAR HERALD



Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 2, 2014
MORTGAGOR: Crystal J. Remme and Jason M. Remme, spouses by marriage.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Farmers & Merchants Bank, its successors and assigns.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded October 3, 2014 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 184765.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. Dated February 18, 2021 Recorded February 19, 2021, as Document No. 199398.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 10052840000004153
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 109 East Barck Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 200372000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The E. 60 feet of the W 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 15 in Barck, Adams and Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,714.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$85,514.44

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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: September 1, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' 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 unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

"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 1, 2022

J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp.
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
952-925-6888
85 - 22-003908 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(07-14, 07-21, 07-28, 08-04, 08-11, 08-18)

Notice of Sheriff's Sale Under Judgment and Decree

REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF ROCK)

STATE OF MINNESOTA) IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK) FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Minnwest Bank, f/k/a Minnwest
Luverne, a Minnesota banking
corporation,

Plaintiff,

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE UNDER JUDGMENT
AND DECREE**

vs.

Court File No.: 67-CV-20-54

Heath C. Petersen and Keri K. Petersen,
jointly and severally,

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, under and by virtue of Judgement made and entered in the above entitled action on the 20th day of July, 2020, by the District Court of Rock County,

Minnesota, Fifth Judicial District, a certified copy which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due plaintiff in the above entitled action from co-defendants Heath C. Petersen and Keri K. Petersen, jointly and severally, as prescribed in the Judgement, the undersigned Sheriff of Rock County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 1st day of September 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lobby of the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne Minnesota 56156, the premises and real estate, lying and being in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described inset Judgement, to wit:

TRACT 1:
THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 104 NORTH, RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 13, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST (GEODETIC BEARING) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 516.96 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 149.99 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 516.96 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 149.99 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID TRACT IS SUBJECT TO ROADWAY EASEMENT AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

TRACT 2:

A TRACT COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST (SW) CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4), THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY TWO (742) FEET, THENCE EASTERLY A DISTANCE OF ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (1320) FEET TO A POINT SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, THENCE SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) FEET SOUTHERLY TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (1320) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 104 NORTH, OF RANGE 45 WEST, OF THE 5TH P.M., ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

TRACT 3:
THE EAST SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (E 667) FEET OF THE SOUTH THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT (S 358) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION TWELVE (12) TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104) NORTH, RANGE FORTY-FIVE (45) WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. (the "Premises").

Defendant(s) shall have the right to redeem from the Sheriff's Sale Under Judgment and Decree (foreclosure sale) as provided by statute, which shall expire twelve (12) months after the date of the order confirming said sale.
Property Address: 2313 150th Avenue, Edgerton, Minnesota 56128

Dated this 14th day of July, 2022

EVAN VERBRUGGE
Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota
By: /s/ Evan Verbrugge,
Sheriff

Greg J. Bucher
STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP P.A.
300 South O'Connell Street
Marshall, MN 56258
507-537-0591
Attorney Reg. No. 299601

(07-21, 07-28, 08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-25)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 21, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Bradley G Moss and Dawn M Moss, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 26, 2010, Rock County Recorder, Document No. 173571.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Central Mortgage Company. Dated April 21, 2010, Recorded April 26, 2010, as Document No. 173572. And thereafter assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Dated October 19, 2015, Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. 187187. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 29, 2019, Recorded August 30, 2019, as Document No. 195483. And thereafter assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Dated June 30, 2022, Recorded June 30, 2022, as Document No. 202762.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank N.A.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a RightPath Servicing

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the NW 1/4, then east along the North Line of said Section a distance of 2,345 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing east along the North Line of said NW 1/4 a distance of 295 feet; thence south and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet; thence west and parallel to the North Line of said Section a distance of 295 feet; thence north and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$180,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$204,309.90

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by

statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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: September 29, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' 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 unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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None

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Dated: July 26, 2022

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
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(08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-25, 09-01, 09-08)

Erwin's Service & Towing assumes name

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MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333**

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ASSUMED NAME: **Erwin's Service & Towing**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

210 W. 1st Street, Hills, MN 56138 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Faith DeBoer**

Address: **210 W. 1st Street, Hills, MN 56138 USA**

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Signature : /s/ **Faith DeBoer**

MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **damon@eismalaw.com**

(08-04, 08-11)

Kanaranzi Greens assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: **Kanaranzi Greens**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

1579 61st Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Andrew Ainsworth**

Address: **1579 61st St., Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

Name: **Jennifer Ainsworth**

Address: **1579 61st Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

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Signature : /s/ **Andrew Ainsworth**

Date: 07-06-2022

CONTACT PERSON: **Jennifer Ainsworth**

MAILING ADDRESS: **1579 61st Street, MN 56156**

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(08-11, 08-18)

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Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne

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Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 11: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Bible Study at Wildflowers. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Baptism. 5 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Calling All Musicians. 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, 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. 12: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 12 p.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. 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.

Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church

Bob Junak, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, Aug. 13: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6 p.m. Trustee meeting. 6:30 p.m. PPR meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Aug. 18: Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net

www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Saturday, Aug. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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: newlifecelbration@gmail.com

Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionaoffice@alliancecom.net

Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 14: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 14: 10 a.m. Joint Outdoor Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church with Holy Communion. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Council meeting. Thursday, Aug. 18: 7 p.m. Parish council meeting at First Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 11: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting. Sunday, Aug. 14: 10 a.m. Joint Outdoor Worship at Palisade Lutheran with Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Sunday Funday and Ice Cream Social following worship. Also serving hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and homemade pies. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tales from the Grave. 12-2 p.m. Outdoor games—serving watermelon outside. Participants in activities are eligible to win (1 of 3) \$25 prizes. Thursday, Aug. 18: 7 p.m. Parish council meeting at First Lutheran Church. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com

Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website bichills.org. Tuesdays: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Social/dessert time. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship service.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

A good stubborn

Do you know what you believe? How committed are you to what you believe?

Those are extremely important questions for us to consider.

Most Midwesterners like myself have a tendency to be stubborn. Oftentimes people think being stubborn is a bad thing, but I don't see it that way. I believe that there is good stubborn and there is bad stubborn.

Bad stubborn is often seen in kids when they won't listen to their parents, or it is seen in adults who foolishly continue doing what they are doing even though they know it is wrong.

There is also good stubborn. Good stubborn is knowing what you believe and why. It is refusing to give into peer pressure. Good stubborn is refusing to compromise your faith. Good stubborn is being unwilling to compromise your principles to fit in. Good stubborn is being willing to work at something until the job is done. Good stubborn is being committed to God no matter what the cost.

In the book of Jude, God warns us to be on our guard and encourages us to be good stubborn. The book of Jude describes godless men in this way. They are certain people whose condemnation was written about long ago. They have slipped in among the church. They have advanced the idea of changing the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ as our only sovereign Lord.

This should be concerning to all of us. This means there are people who are taking God's

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Jeremy Wiersema, The Reformed Church of Steen

Good stubborn is knowing what you believe and why. It is refusing to give into peer pressure. Good stubborn is refusing to compromise your faith.

teachings and twisting them to use for their own advantage.

We have to be careful not to be distracted or fooled by the efforts of these godless teachers. This means we have to invest our time and energy into studying the truth. We have to focus on being good stubborn or we will find ourselves easily swayed.

It is so important for us all to know exactly what we believe and what we profess. This means we have to become everyday students of the Bible. We have to read and study God's Word so that we can know it in our heads, hearts, and in our souls. In doing so we will become confident in what we believe and our stubborn nature will work in our favor.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0811 LHS Band 2022

In the first week of a three-week band camp, members of the 2022-23 Luverne High School marching band practice their parade formation for the first time. LHS is scheduled to compete in five parade and/or field competitions this fall, a more normal post-coronavirus pandemic schedule.

Luverne High School band getting back to basics with 'Haunted' program

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School band director James Jarvie is looking forward to the 2022 marching season only due to its normalness.

The fourth-year director at LHS has persevered through a move from Ellsworth High School, a Luverne construction project and two years of the coronavirus pandemic that has left the program membership at half its normal size.

"That really hurt us," Jarvie said of the coronavirus social-distancing rules. "Most said, 'I'm not marching in a mask.'"

Band membership is at 47 as the program completes the second week of a three-week camp. There are 12 color guard members.

This year Jarvie, along with senior drum majors Parker Carbonneau and Grace Ingebretsen and first-year drum major junior Emma Lusty, is focusing on the basic maneuvers and body positions.

"My hope is to increase our overall scores by 10 points or higher," Jarvie said.

This spring, band members worked with a clinician on breathing fundamentals to increase the volume of their sound.

They will perform "Fat Bottom Girls" by Queen as parade competition music and are working on a field show that is different from those of years past.

Jarvie said instead of telling a story, this year's field program called



"Haunted" conveys a theme.

"It's a little bit of fun but mostly it is spooky and creepy," he said.

And the woodwinds wear masks of a different sort when they don paper mannequin-like white faces and perform in a 16-count dance during the program around grave stones.

"It's a fun new addition the band gets to do," said senior Tori Hemme.

The band will perform during the halftime games of the Cardinal football games on Sept. 9 and 30. The pep band will perform at the Oct. 19 game.

They will also attend the following Saturday competitions:

- Waseca Marching Band Festival, Sept. 17.
- Tri-State Band Festival, Sept. 24.
- Brandon Big Sioux Review, Sept. 24.
- Sioux Falls Festival of Bands, Oct. 1.
- Orange City Dutchmen Field Competition, Oct. 8.

A public indoor marching band concert wraps up the band's 2022 season Monday, Oct. 17.

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town, he would have to walk. Mr. Grout, however, permitted him to use one of his horses to ride, and that pleased him as much as it would a farm hand today if his employer would give him his gasoline coupon book and tell him to use the new car whenever he wanted it.

"Even though I had a horse to ride, I didn't go very much," Mr. Knudtson states. "In those early days, about the only time a young fellow would ever go to town would be on the Fourth of July."

After working for Mr. Grout, he went to work for LaDues, near Luverne, who had many cattle. For six years, he did the milking on the La Due farm, then he bought a quarter section in Vienna township. Five years later, he lost his property in the Depression, and after that came to Luverne where he worked at several jobs before going back to farming, this time in Clinton township. After 10 years, he bought a farm there and lived there until 1935 when he retired and moved to Luverne.

Mr. Knudtson was married to Anna Hollekim in Luverne on Nov. 15, 1900. They became the parents of five children, three of whom are living. They are Mrs. Alvin Olson, Luverne; Mrs. Ragnvald Nelson, Clinton township and Mrs. Olivia Moldenhauer, Chicago. They have five grandchildren.

Mr. Knudtson is a member of the Lutheran Free church and helped organize the Zion Lutheran congregation in Luverne.

Thinking back over the years which have come and gone since his friend told him, "You'll get along here all right," Mr. Knudtson declared, "God has been good to me all these years, and I'm thankful for it."

One year, he went back to Norway, but was glad to return to the United States. "I think this is the best country in the world," he said, "and when I went back to Norway, I realized it all the more. I never had any desire to return to Norway to live, even if it was my motherland."

One of a family of seven children, Mr. Knudtson has two sisters, Mrs. Esther Chesley of Denver and Mrs. Anna Haugen, who lives in Canada. Before the outbreak of the war, he had a brother still living in Norway.

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