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Jason Berghorst photos/national guard armory tour

Luverne city leaders enter the National Guard Luverne Readiness Center construction site from the north side of the facility. This image is taken facing south toward I-90 where motorists will have a different view of the front side of the building, which is where the public will enter.

Local leaders tour armory construction progress



Jason Berghorst photo/national guard armory tour

City of Luverne officials tour the National Guard Armory main hallway that divides the community use areas from the secure areas where military personnel conduct their training and meetings.

Construction on track for fall completion of 47,000-square-foot Luverne Readiness Center

By Jason Berghorst

City leaders got an inside look at the new Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center on Wednesday, Aug. 16, under construction in the industrial park near I-90 west of Papik Motors.

The new center includes a large assembly hall, administrative offices, work bays, classrooms, kitchen, storage areas, fitness center and locker rooms.

The assembly hall is designed for community use when not being utilized by soldiers.

It will be striped for three basketball courts and two volleyball courts. Pickleball lines may be added later if funds are raised by local enthusiasts.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian and city council members Kevin Aaker and Scott Viessman participated in the tour, along

National Guard Army tour/see page 3

Cannabis hearing set for Sept. 19

Public hearing offers opportunity for community input on proposed countywide cannabis use ordinance

By Mavis Fodness

On Sept. 19 Rock County Commissioners will hear public comment on the proposed ordinance for Public Use of Cannabis and Cannabis-Derived Products in Public Places.

The hearing will be part of the commissioners' regular Tuesday meeting that begins at 9 a.m. at the courthouse in Luverne.

The four-page proposed use ordinance can be viewed on the county's website, www.co.rock.mn.us

County attorney Jeff Haubrich presented the draft ordinance to commissioners Tuesday morning.

He said he drafted Rock County's ordinance using information from the Stearns County ordinance and suggestions from the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association.

Each community in Rock County was invited to contribute to the ordinance that, once adopted, will be effective countywide.

"We heard back from all the communities, with Luverne being the only one providing input," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. "The bulk of them said to make it as restrictive as we can."

In essence, cannabis and cannabis-derived products can legally be used by anyone over the age of 21 (with no minors present) in a private residence, on private property or at an establishment or event that's been licensed through the state of Minnesota.

"Essentially you can use it

Cannabis hearing/see page 3

Palace entry remodel to protect tile, offer safety

By Jason Berghorst

The historic Palace Theatre in Luverne once had exterior doors to protect the decorative tile, ticket booth and lobby entrance from the elements.

A project this fall will return exterior glass and doors and recreate a vestibule in order to keep snow, ice and cold out of the current entry way.

"This is a project that has been needed for a long time," Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said at a recent city council meeting.

"That decorative tile gets very slippery in the winter and we're fortunate we haven't had any serious falls that we know of."

The city owns the 108-year-old building and leases it to the Blue Mound Area Theatre (BMAT) Board. The project this fall will be paid for by funds in the

Palace entry remodel/see p. 5

Workers, vacationers at home in tiny houses



Jason Berghorst photo/tiny houses mike and traci davis

Mike and Traci Davis built nine tiny houses on their property at the east end of The Lake in southwest Luverne. The houses are rented out in Airbnb-style with stays ranging from single nights to long term. Each is equipped with kitchenette with a refrigerator, microwave, toaster, air fryer and coffee pot.

By Jason Berghorst

Tiny houses at the Luverne Campground are popular lodging options for travelers and locals alike.

Owners-operators Mike and Traci Davis built the nine houses on their property at the east end of The Lake in southwest Luverne.

"We started building them in 2019 and are just about done with them now," Traci said.

"We designed and built them ourselves, did everything except the plumbing and electrical," Mike said.

The houses are rented out in an Airbnb-style with stays ranging from single nights to longer-term options.

"The demand has been strong," Traci said.

"We don't really advertise, don't have a website and aren't on Airbnb. It's pretty much all word of mouth."

Each of the tiny houses has a kitchenette with a refrigerator, microwave, toaster, air fryer and coffee pot.

"They aren't cookie cutter," Mike said. "Each one is different."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Springwater Township meets

The Springwater Township Board regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, in the township hall.

Youth prayer breakfast Aug. 24

Rock The Edge will host its third annual Community and Youth Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Luverne High School.

Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. in the commons, and the program is at 7 a.m. in the performing arts center with guest speaker Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken.

Make reservations by noon Aug. 21 by calling 283-4061. Donations will be accepted. The public is invited to attend.

Fly-in, drive-in pancake breakfast at airport Aug. 26

The Luverne Municipal Airport will host its annual Fly-In or Drive-In Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at Quentin Aanenson Field. In addition to classic cars and planes, attractions include an air ambulance, inflatables, Skydive Adventures and free Young Eagle airplane rides for ages 8 to 17 (weather permitting).

SAIL classes continue in Beaver Creek at city hall

SAIL classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday through Wednesday through Oct. 25 in the Beaver Creek City Council Meeting Room. The free classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. Call A.C.E. of SW MN manager Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064 or A.C.E. volunteer Nancy Lange, 605-838-5915.

'Rock the Ride' Sept. 12

The Substance Free Coalition of Rock County will host a Rock the Ride bike ride event Tuesday, Sept. 12, on the Loop starting at 6 p.m. at the Luverne Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Ride at your own pace and at 7:15 p.m. enjoy free pizza at Luverne City Park. This is a family-friendly event open to the public to support those living a substance-free life. Call 507-227-1978 with questions.

Census information needed for preschoolers in Luverne district

Families new to the community are encouraged to call Luverne Community Education at 507-283-4724 with information on children ages 0 up to kindergarten. The district uses the information for planning purposes and to alert families about school opportunities. Families with 4-year-olds not yet screened for preschool, should call to schedule a screening prior to kindergarten.

Library Happenings

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

Books on Tap takes place at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Take 16 in Luverne.

The 50 State Challenge for adults and older teens is currently underway where patrons are encouraged to read a book set in one of each of the 50 states through Jan. 1, 2024.

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

Living Works Safe Talk Sept. 30

Learn the warning signs of suicide and how to prevent it at a four-hour workshop, Living Works Safe Talk, Saturday, Sept. 30, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Call Diana Buffington, 507-920-2506, for registration information.



Jason Berghorst photos/tiny houses

Mike Davis used recycled or repurposed materials from homes and businesses in the area to build the tiny houses at his campground. "We have old bowling alleys from Brandon, booth seating from restaurants, light fixtures from the school ... you name it," Mike said. "People call me up and offer stuff because they like to see their stuff being repurposed."

Tiny houses at The Lake in Luverne/continued from page 1

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The houses range in size from one room for two persons to a whole family and more. The units are air-conditioned and heated.

"All of the houses are heated by a single source, a wood burning boiler," Mike said.

"People ask all the time if they're available year-round," Traci said. "We have people in them all winter."

The Davises said most of the renters are people in the area for temporary work, such as construction workers and traveling nurses. Many of them stay for weeks or even months



Traveling nurse assistant Mindy Slagle is one of the Davises' longest tiny house renters. **Below left** is a corn crib gazebo and **below right** is the interior of one of the tiny houses.

while they work in the area.

"When I was doing road construction, I never liked staying in hotels," Mike said. "I always wanted my own space, and that's what we are trying to offer with

these tiny houses."

Traci said people have asked about renting them permanently, but that wasn't their intent.

"We want to have that ability to have some people

stay longer and other people be able to stay as they travel through," she said.

The tiny houses are sometimes reserved for special events like family reunions and class reunions, however.

"We try to accommodate local people, too," Traci said. "But much of our business is travelers."

"It's fun to have travelers here and tell them more about Luverne and what we have to offer," Mike said.

"The biggest thing the people miss is having a sit-down breakfast option in Luverne. ... Travelers can't believe a town our size on the interstate doesn't have a good breakfast option. They end up driving to other towns."

Traveling nurse assistant Mindy Slagle is one of the Davises' longest tiny house renters. She's lived in a number of different houses while she's worked in Luverne and Pipestone for the last couple of years.

"This is a great place to stay," Slagle said. "It's a great campground. Mike and Traci are a lot of fun."

Slagle said she's met many travelers and other traveling workers during her time living at Luverne Campground.

"We kind of form our own community," she said. "We have cookouts and stuff like that."

Mike said that was one of his goals.

"Each of the houses has a front porch or patio, and the windows face the front and the lake," he said. "The parking is in the back. It's more friendly that way."

Traci said Luverne residents sometimes rent a tiny home just for a little "staycation," especially close to the Fourth of July festivities at The Lake.

"We had a lady from Luverne staying here, and she was visiting with a couple in the house next to her," Traci said. "She asked where they were from, and they told her Texas. When they asked her where she was from, she said, 'Oh just across town.'"



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Filing fee to officiate a wedding will become \$20 in 2024

By Mavis Fodness

Marriages in Rock County are increasingly being officiated by friends or relatives.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2024, the currently free ordination filing fee will be raised to \$20.

"We were the only region in the state that had no fee," said land records director Rachel Jacobs. "Twenty dollars was the most used fee in the state."

All Minnesota counties can issue a "certificate of filing," which allows a civilian to officiate over a wedding and legally sign a couple's marriage license.

Each county sets its own ordination fee. The region that in-

cludes Rock County adopted the \$20 fee beginning Jan. 1.

Jacobs said more of today's couples are choosing to be married privately by a close relative or a friend rather than by a minister in a church.

This year, 24 ordination certificates have been purchased at the Rock County Courthouse.

That number is up from 19 in 2022 and will more than likely surpass the total of 26 issued in 2021.

Anyone over age 21 with a photo ID can obtain an ordination certificate. Once filed, the certificate does not expire and is only valid for couples marrying in Minnesota.

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in your own home," said Commissioner Greg Burger. "For me that was the original intent of the ordinance."

Recreational cannabis use became legal in Minnesota on Aug. 1.

On July 25 Rock County Commissioners met with council representatives from the cities of Luverne, Hills, Beaver Creek, Steen, Magnolia, Kenneth, Jasper and Hardwick about the new state statute.

The group agreed to support a countywide ordinance that prevents cannabis use in public places.

"Public" in the proposed use ordinance is defined as

"a public park or trail, public street or sidewalk, any enclosed, indoor area used by the general public, including, but not limited to, theaters, restaurants, bars, food establishments, gyms, common areas, places licensed to sell intoxicating liquor, wine or malt beverages, retail businesses, gyms, common areas in buildings, public shopping areas, auditoriums, arenas, or other places of public accommodation."

Violation of the proposed use ordinance is a petty misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of up to \$300.

Community Ed announces Discovery Time registration and Defensive Driving courses

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

Register now for Discovery Time preschool starting in September for ages 3-5. Early Learning Scholarships may be available to those who qualify.

Taking Defensive Driving Classes allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. After the beginning 8-hour class, every three years drivers take a 4-hour refresher class. The Beginner Class is Sept 11 and 18 (4 hours each evening).

By Lori Sorenson

Wind technician Mitch Bjorklund has worked on turbines across the United States, from the Canadian border to south Texas and from New York to Wyoming, and nearly every state in between.

He said something all those wind farms have in common is hazards for wind technicians.

"Everyone who climbs wears a harness," Bjorklund told a group gathered for the Rock County Farm Bureau annual meeting Wednesday, Aug. 16, in the Take 16 event center. "It will save your life."

He held up his 30-pound harness and gear with heavy duty tie hooks.

"If I'm on top of the tower and I fall, the farthest I'm falling is 6 feet," Bjorklund said during his guest talk titled, "A Day in the Life of a Wind Technician."

He said 120 meters of rope is packed into his gear. It will reach from the top of a 300-foot-tall tower to the bottom, and technicians can rappel the distance in under a minute.

In addition to the possibility of falling, other job hazards include electrocution, hydraulics and the possibility of being crushed during crane work.

"Safety is paramount," he said. "You can be scared of the risks, but you sure have to respect them and



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Happy Anniversary
Sam & Joyce Hansen
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Above, the assembly hall (or drill hall) is the main space for the readiness center and will be available for community use. Below right, classrooms and work spaces include full technology access and ample natural light.

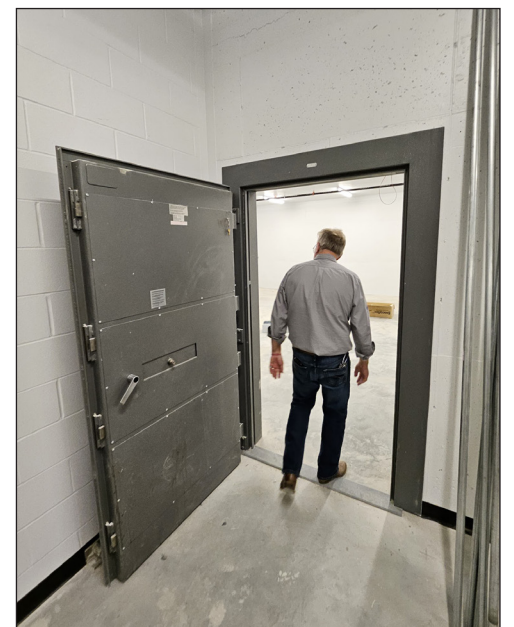
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with City Administrator Jill Wolf, City Attorney Ben Vander Kooi, Public Works Supervisor John Stoffel, Electric Supervisor Brian Remme, Water Supervisor Darrel Ykema and DGR engineer Matt Knips.

Project manager Justin Skoglund and project superintendent Kelly Sandborg led the tour of the 47,000-square-foot facility, which is visible from I-90 on West Koehn Avenue.

Construction began in December 2021 and is on track to be completed next month when the National Guard's Alpha Battery, 125th Field Artillery Regiment will move in.

A public open house is anticipated, with a date yet to be determined.



At left is the commercial kitchen area of the readiness center, and at right, Luverne city council member Kevin Aaker enters the room-sized vault to be used for secure storage for the National Guard's Alpha Battery personnel.

Farm Bureau speaker presents 'Day in the life of a wind technician'

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— Mitch Bjorklund, wind technician

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He said the weather often presents some of the biggest risks.

"With the high temps forecast for this week ... those towers are steel tubes and Fiberglas with hot running machinery, and they do not provide us with air conditioning," Bjorklund said.

"On the flip side there's the cold. This is Minnesota. We get to negative 20 before a wind chill ... If we have to go up a tower that went down overnight, that steel and Fiberglas can ruin your hands."

He said if there's lightning within 60 miles of a work site, they don't climb. If they're already in the tower, they wrap up their work quickly and get down.

Bjorklund said as a technician he gets to do everything with wind turbines except build them.

"I've changed oil in gear boxes, I've done maintenance and troubleshooting, I've helped cranes swap out gear boxes and blades and I've done a lot of walkouts," he said.

A "walkout" is a third-party inspection that reviews a "meticulous checklist" on turbines before new owners take over.

While some of the work is tedious, Bjorklund said he enjoys his job.

"The view from the towers is phenomenal, and there's no micromanaging," he said. "It's just you and your partner in the tower, and you're getting your work done. That to me is just wonderful. There's not a lot of exterior pressure."

Bjorklund started working on towers at age 20 in 2013 after completing his education at Minnesota West in Canby.

His current work site is the Next Era wind farm near Lake Benton.

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ATV wheelies ride on with wind spinner from 'Twisted Farmers Fab'

A young couple showed up on our porch in June with a gift. "We have something we'd like to give you," they said in a phone call earlier that day.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Their business is Twisted Farmers Fab, which specializes in custom metal art — commercial signs, personalized wall hangings, fire pits and, their latest, hanging wind spinners.

On this warm summer evening they handed us a heavy metal circular wind spinner that they had created in memory of our Carson.

I held it up by its swivel hook to take in the full effect. The metal concentric rings circled a cutout silhouette of Carson riding a wheelie on his four-wheeler. Tears welled over when I recognized its meaning.

It was fashioned from an image captured by his girlfriend, Gracie, ahead of their 2020 Luverne High School graduation. They staged the photo at sunset on County Road 5 at the crosswalk of our rural Palisade Lutheran Church.

Wearing his red-and-white graduation cap and gown and riding his red Honda four-wheeler, Carson idled across the parking lot into the highway crosswalk and popped up the front end while trailing his mortarboard cap on the ground behind him.

It was a striking image against a colorful sky that appeared on his graduation announcements and framed photo gifts.

Who knew it would anchor the back page of his

funeral program only two years later?

The image on social media apparently caught the attention of Jacob and Amanda Hartz who turned it into art for Carson's grieving loved ones.

They'd heard of our heartache and decided to pour their time and talent into lovingly and artfully crafting a gift that might keep his memory alive.

Words escaped me as the tears spilled over.

Why would they do this for us? They barely know us. "We just wanted to," was their simple reply.

They left us with their gift and a Twisted Farmers Fab business card ... and an overwhelming sense that there is good in the world.

People are good.

In the days and months since Carson died last fall, people have been very good to us, and their sincere acts of kindness brought us comfort.

We recently found the right size eyelid screw and set Carson's wind spinner in motion from a beam atop the porch railing.

Through tears, I watched a gentle breeze send the metal circles whirling, with Carson on his ATV in the center, turning 360s in the sky.

While mourning doves added a soundtrack for the memories, I considered again the significance of the gift.

Truly, kindnesses like these have been bright spots along our dark journey through grief, and they serve as reminders of goodness in a world of hurt.

Add safe and sober rides to the Labor Day weekend checklist

Extra DWI enforcement will stop drivers impaired by any substance Aug. 18-Sept. 4

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

To stop impaired driving from endangering lives as people enjoy the end of summer, troopers, deputies and officers will team up for a DWI enforcement campaign Aug. 18-Sept. 4.

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

"Impaired is impaired, regardless of the substance, and the effects are dangerous and tragic for motorists and their loved ones," said OTS Director Mike Hanson.

"Labor Day caps off a wonderful summer season. We want people to stay safe, whether they're driving across town or logging extra miles to a favorite getaway. Always plan ahead for a safe and sober ride."

Impaired is impaired

Law enforcement will look for drivers who appear impaired by alcohol, cannabis, prescription medications or other substances.

•During the last five summers (May-August of 2018-2022), 197 people died in drunk driving-related crashes.

•In the last five years (2018-2022), there were 412 drunk driving-related traffic deaths in Minnesota.

•Alcohol-related crashes contribute to an average of 376 life-changing injuries each year (2018-

2022).

•Drugged driving accounted for 8,069 DWI incidents from 2013-2017 compared with 15,810 from 2018-2022. That's a 96 percent increase.

Learn the new cannabis law to stay safe on the road

Just like drinking alcohol in a vehicle is illegal, the same is true for cannabis.

It's illegal for:

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

•Drivers or passengers to have an unsealed or open container of marijuana (for example, 2 ounces in a zip-close bag). Just like with alcohol, the only exception is an unsealed container or other opened products must be kept in the trunk of a car or another area not accessible by the driver or passengers.

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

DWI consequences

•Loss of license for up to a year,

thousands of dollars in financial costs and possible jail time.

•Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above blood alcohol concentration, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges or face at least one year without a driver's license.

•Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

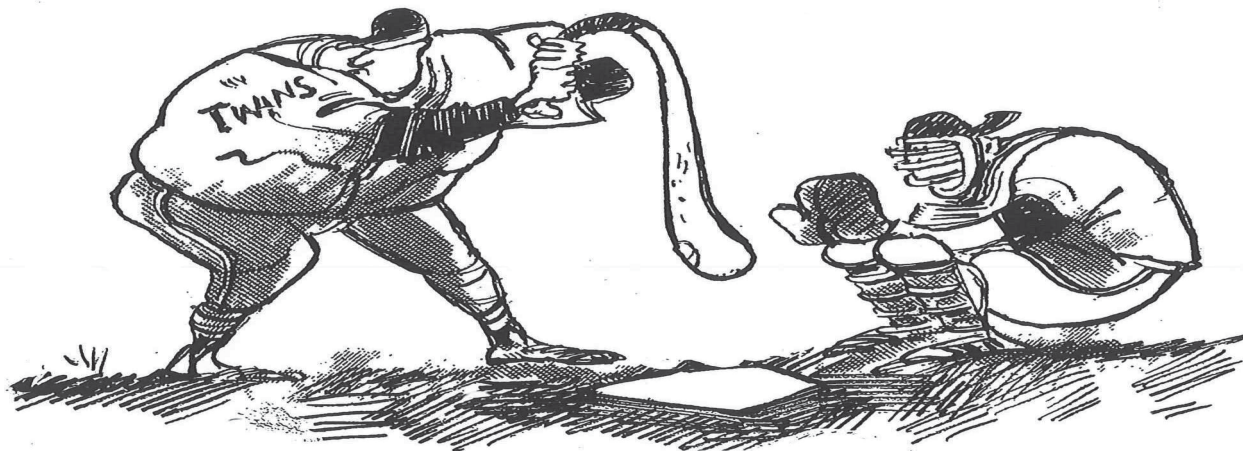
Make a plan

•Designate a sober driver, use a safe, alternative transportation option, or stay at the location of the celebration.

•Offer to be a designated driver or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere. If you see an impaired person about to get behind the wheel, get them a safe ride home.

•If you plan to drive, refrain from drugs, whether legally or illegally obtained. If you feel different, you drive different.

•Buckle up. It's the best defense against impaired drivers.



Birthdays are now for celebrating the past

I chalked up another birthday earlier this week. The years go by fast with age, as most of you know.

Funny thing about getting old ... my thoughts aren't so much on the future but more on remembering the past.

Mary and I took our two granddaughters to Arnold's Park a couple weeks ago, and boy, did that bring back some memories.

The Arnold's Park memory that came to mind was while growing up in Heron Lake on the last day of school each year, we got to take the school bus to Arnold's Park for the day. I can't pinpoint what grades got to make the annual trip, but I am guessing fifth- and sixth-graders. The really old, white roller coaster still traveled above the park filled with scared and screaming riders. You have to wonder how many kids took their first roller coaster ride on that thing.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

The 600-page Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's hunting master catalog showed up in our mailbox last week. Once again an old memory popped into my head. Thoughts of the Sears and Robuck Christmas catalog came to mind. Before I even started paging through the Cabela's catalog, I remembered the days leading up to Christmas when my two brothers and I would spend hours paging through the Christmas catalog. I also remember that most of the times we shared paging through the catalog, it ended in some sort of argument. My first new bicycle found its way

under our Christmas tree one year because of that Sears catalog.

While fanning through the Cabela's catalog, I didn't have the same interest as I did with the Sears catalog. The lack of interest may be due to the fact that now I would have to pay for the items.

Let's not forget the Sears catalog also had a women's clothing section that featured the ladies' unmentionable items as well. I bet there are more than a couple old guys out there smiling while reading this and know what I mean.

Ah, the memories.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 11

•A warrant was issued on 29th Street in Slayton.

•Complainant on 60th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported property damage.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, Luverne, reported debris.

Aug. 12

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported an individual disturbing the peace.

Aug. 13

•Complainant on Highway 270 and 80th Avenue, Hills, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant in Luverne reported training in session.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported suspicious activity.

Aug. 14

•Complainant south-bound on Highway 23 from Jasper reported a driving complaint.

•A warrant was issued on N. Cedar Street.

•Complainant on 200th Avenue and 221st Street, Kenneth, reported debris.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported a civil issue.

Aug. 15

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a fire.

•Complainant on 170th Avenue reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on Koehn Avenue reported theft.

•Complainant on Freeman and Main reported a lost child.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a road and drive law issue.

Aug. 16

•Complainant on 41st Street, Ellsworth, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported motor vehicle theft.

•Complainant on 60th Avenue from 161st Street, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on E. Hatting Street reported trespassing.

•Complainant reported suspicious activity.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 1 transport, 1 escort, 17 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 2 burn permits, 1 background check, 2 alarms, 2 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 43 traffic stops, 2 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 4 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out.

Palace Theatre entry way to be remodeled/continued from page 1

city budget.

New thermal glass windows and doors, flush with the front of the rest of the building, will seal out snow and ice as well as cold air.

“The project will not disturb any of the main structure and will enhance the preservation and safety of the Palace,” said Scott Viessman, Luverne City Council member and liaison to BMAT, which operates the Palace Theatre.

Baustian noted that there were removable doors on the front of the Palace in the winter for many years.

“You used to step over a threshold to enter back in those days when those old wooden doors were set up,” he said. “The doors are still down in the basement of the Palace.”

The new entrance will be permanent.

Heidi Sehr said slippery tile has been discussed for the 20 years or more that she’s served on the BMAT board.

“The safety of our patrons is of utmost concern, but we’ve never wanted to disturb the historic significance and beauty,” she said.

“The whole building is historic, and the tile, box office booth, and entrance are unique. We have always wanted to find a way to preserve that.”

Excessive snow and ice last winter amplified those concerns.

“After last winter, we realized action needed to be taken ... and taken soon,” Sehr said.

BMAT board member Verlyn Van Batavia also noted the difficulty in keeping the entrance and lobby areas clean throughout the year.

“You can blow out the snow or leaves from that entrance and get it all clean and turn around and it all blows right back in,” Van Batavia said.

Energy efficiency is another benefit of the project, he said.

“There isn’t the normal double doors entrance to the lobby now, so it’s hard to keep the cold out in the winter and the heat out in the summer,” he said.

“This project will really make the lobby so much more comfortable. It’s about impossible to keep it



A 1920s-era photograph shows the protective temporary doors on the front of the Palace Theatre in the wintertime.

warm or cool the way it is now.”

Viessman suggested the vestibule idea during BMAT board meetings.

“It was discussed at length and seemed to be the best solution,” Sehr said. “There are ways to make it look very nice with modern solutions.”

The project may also include new glass windows on the east side of the main entrance to match the windows in the office on the west side of the Palace.

“If the budget allows this year, we’ll replace the east side box office windows to create a consistent theme across the entire front,” Viessman said.

“Those windows on the west side would be painted to tie it all together.”

Van Batavia pointed out the aesthetic benefits as well.

“We look across the street at Sterling’s and see how nice those windows look on that historic building,” he said. “We hope to do the same thing on the Palace side.”

Baustian noted that other historic theaters have used the same modern solution.

“The Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul has a similar set up with exterior doors to create an entry like that,”



A current-day image of the Palace Theatre shows the historic tile flooring and recessed entry way that is open year-round. **Below left** is an architect’s rendering of what the remodeled Palace entry will look like. **Below right** is an image of the original doors that once served as the theater’s temporary entry erected in the winter time.

Baustian said.

“We knew we didn’t want to change the historic integrity of the building, but knowing there used to be doors on the front helped there,” Van Batavia said.

“This is the next best option for keeping the building efficient, clean and especially safe for people,” Van Batavia said. “All in

all, the advantages will far outweigh any negatives.”

Construction is planned for this fall with the entrance enclosed before winter.

“The Palace Theatre

is a pillar on Main Street Luverne,” Sehr said. “As a board, we have a love for the building and all it has to offer our community. This project will allow us to preserve that.”



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When life gives you lemons ...

At left: Ann Robinson accepts a glass of lemonade Sunday afternoon from Rayna Sterling at the table the Sterling family set up in front of their café and grille on Main Street Luverne as part of SLC6A1 Awareness Day.

Below: Serena (left) and Rayna Sterling serve lemonade Sunday afternoon as part of SLC6A1 Awareness Day. Three years ago, both girls were diagnosed with the rare genetic condition.

Mavis Fodness photos

CELEBRATIONS

Card shower
Sam and Joyce Hansen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Sept. 1. Greetings may be sent to PO Box 197, Hardwick, MN 56134.

MENU

Monday, Aug. 28:
Goulash, corn, tropical fruit, bread.

Tuesday, Aug. 29:
Biscuit with sausage gravy, roasted potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, dessert.

Wednesday, Aug. 30:
Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, fresh fruit.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

Thursday, Aug. 31:
Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dessert.

Friday, Sept. 1:
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Food Shelf evening hours

The Rock County Food Shelf is open for an additional evening shift from 5 to 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. Call Mary at 507-227-5548 or Katie at 507-227-3531.

Sterling family raises awareness of SLC6A1 one glass of lemonade at a time

By Mavis Fodness

Sunday marked National Lemonade Day and provided the Sterling family in Hills an opportunity to advocate for their daughters.

Serena and Rayna Sterling were born with a rare neurological disorder known by its genetic code, SLC6A1.

On Sunday, Brian and Amanda Sterling set up a lemonade stand in front of their café and grille on Main Street Luverne to bring awareness to and raise money for research into the rare condition.

Sunday was also SLC6A1 Awareness Day.

"Some people just don't understand what the condition is," Amanda said.

The Sterlings them-

'Some people just don't understand what the condition is.'

— Amanda Sterling on the recently diagnosed genetic disorder in her family

selves didn't know about the genetic disorder until three years ago.

They were searching for answers and additional medical treatments for Rayna, who is 9 and a third-grader at Luverne Elementary.

Rayna experienced occasional epileptic seizures, and her delayed muscle and cognitive development

were becoming more pronounced.

Older sister Serena, now 19, experienced many of the same difficulties.

Genetic tests in 2020 revealed both girls had differences in their SLC6A1 sequences.

"It was nice to pin it to something," Amanda said.

Sterlings, page 7



1943: Spease resumes life story living in Canada

The following article is part of the Diamond Club Member group that began in the January 7, 1943, issue of the Rock County Star Herald. Members of this group consist of persons of age 75 and older.

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Dec. 2, 1943.

The story of William Spease continues.

When they had an opportunity to go to Canada to live, they took it, and for 12 years they farmed near Taber, in Alberta, Canada. There he experienced both good crops and crop failures, Mr. Spease stated and he also pointed out a few things about farming there that the average Rock countyan perhaps has never heard about. For instance, in that particular section of the country, it was not necessary for a blacksmith to polish a plowshare when he sharpened it. The soil was of such a nature that a plow would scout the minute it came out of a shop. However, it was often necessary to have the plow sharpened every day and a half.

At that time, the popula-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

tion in that particular part of Canada was very sparse. On the 40-section ranch on which he was living, there were only five families living. They lived 10 miles from town, and there was not another farm place between their home and Taber. Their closet neighbor lived three miles away in another direction.

Best crop of wheat he ever saw raised was grown in that part of the country. The fields was small, but the yield averaged 61 bushels per acre. He saw one 200-acre

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

The Palace Theatre's fundraising drive for a digital projector received a significant boost from the Luverne City Council in the form of a \$75,000 grant and loan package.

At their Aug. 13 meeting, council members approved a \$50,000 loan and promised a \$25,000 donation to help fund the purchase of a digital projector at the Palace.

Hollywood's switch from old-fashioned 35-millimeter film to modern digital movies is prompting small theaters across the country to either purchase new projectors or close.

The Palace must invest in the \$70,000 digital projection equipment to continue showing first-run movies.

Theatre supporters have said that first-run movies make the difference between the Palace operating with a positive cash flow or losing money. They also said the Palace would not remain open without the ability to show first-run movies.

25 years ago (1998)

Crowds waited in line to tour The Cottage Sunday, following opening ceremonies. A steady stream of visitors, well over 700 people, waited to sign the guest book for the open house and then wandered through the spacious home. Staff members, Luverne Community Hospital Board members and volunteers stationed around the five-bedroom hospice residence explained the artwork in the rooms and how the space will be used. Dedication ceremonies included words from Gordon Gits representing the LCH Board, Marcia Ossenfort and Alvina Ruffing representing hospice family members, and LCH Administrator Gerald Carl. The Cottage, located at 217 N. Oakley Street, is a licensed facility that will serve the needs of people who are in the final phase of an incurable illness.

50 years ago (1973)

Magnolia first year grid coach, Steve Wilkowski, sweat this squad through their second week of drilling this week.

The Bulldogs have 13 lettermen returning this season with their opener slated for August 31 at Brewster.

Seniors returning include end Paul Lais (193 lbs.), Dennis Nieuwboer (170 lbs. full back, safety); Dan Kvass (151 lbs., quarterback, safety); tackles Rod Reisdorfer (192 lbs.) and Gary Lee (214 lbs.); ends Larry Von Holtum (142 lbs.) and Gary Brandenburg (150 lbs.); and Kraig Rust (140 lb. halfback).

Four juniors are listed on the squad, all lettermen: Jeff Tutsch (168 lbs., fullback and safety); Don Halverson (223 lb tackle); Rick Cauwels (180 lb. center); and Daryl Steinhoff (167 lb. end).

Doug Steinhoff, a sophomore, is a 213 lb. letterman tackle. Other sophomores included Tim Von Holt (138 lbs., end); Kyle Tutsch (140 lbs., quarterback, safety); Dean Lais (182 lbs., center); and halfbacks Jack Boomgaarden (125 lbs.) and John Binford (138 lbs.).

75 years ago (1948)

In the Ladies' Golf tournament, now in progress at the Luverne Country Club, the following were winners in the first rounds: Mrs. E. A. Blake, Mrs. Norbert Boysen, Mrs. Lloyd Davis, Miss Grace Loose, Mrs. M. C. Munson, Mrs. D. E. Boyer, Mrs. Jack Kent, Mrs. Gordon Remme, Mrs. George Carstens, Mrs. Harvey Meyer, Miss Erma Engelling, Mrs. Louis Kohl, Mrs. F.E. Hansen of Kenneth, Mrs. Fred Herman and Miss Dorothy Jean Koehn. One match has not yet been played, although the second rounds have already started.

100 years ago (1923)

During the period from August 1st to 20th, the number of visitors at the Luverne rest room was increased to 1,024, an average of fifty-one for each day. Donations of \$6.31 for the Rest room bank were received.

The appreciable increase in the number of registrations is due in great part to the large number of tourists from this and other states who visit the rest room each day.

OBITUARY

Wilmer Pap

Wilmer Pap, age 73, of Luverne, Minnesota, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, while surrounded by his family in his home.

Visitation was Friday, Aug. 18, from 4-8 p.m. at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Funeral service was Saturday, Aug. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Wilmer Ray Pap was born on Aug. 19, 1949, to Gerrit and Josephine (DeJong) Pap in Doon, Iowa, where he was raised on a farm. At a young age, his family moved to a farm west of Luverne, Minnesota. Will attended grade school first at Doon Christian School and then at Hills Christian School. He furthered his schooling in Beaver Creek and graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1968. He then served his country by enlisting into the United States Air National Guard.

Following his education, Will began working for area farmers. A short time later, he began farming on his own.

On Sept. 8, 1972, Will married Evie Vis in Luverne. The couple made their home west of Luverne and their marriage was blessed with four children. Will loved farming the land and caring for animals. He was known for his straight rows and he took pride in farming his home quarter for 50 years.

On Sept. 15, 2007, Will married Marge Nibbelink at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. In March 2021, Will was diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoma, which he courageously fought. In September 2022, Will and Marge moved off their acreage and into Luverne.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, Will went to be with the Lord while surrounded by his family in his home at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 27 days.

Will attended Hills Chris-

tian Reformed Church where he had served as a Deacon, and he was a current member of the Luverne Christian Reformed Church where he served as a Cadet leader and an LCSS Board member. He also served on the Southwest Christian School Board. Christian education was always very important to him.

He enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball, attending his children's and grandchildren's events, traveling on multiple sightseeing trips, camping at Flying Goose Campground, and playing Yahtzee and Rummikub. He was a gentle and caring person who took a genuine interest in people. He also loved carrying on conversations. His spirit will continue to remain well in the hearts of many.

Will is survived by his wife, Marge; his four children, Jared (Tara) Pap of Luverne, Nicole (Stacy) Dilly of Luverne, Jonathan (Darci) Pap of Edgerton, Minnesota, and Jamie (Brigitte) Pap of Luverne; 15 grandchildren, Haley (Jared) Vis, Hannah (fiancé Oliver Deelstra) Pap and Austyn Pap, Hunter (Emily) Dilly, Jayda Dilly, and Jovienne Dilly, Daynica (fiancé Riley Siebenahler) Pap, Whitney Pap, Josiah Pap, Dena Pap and Henry Pap, Morgan Pap, Makenzie Pap, Ryan Pap and Tyler Pap; two great-grandchildren, Everly Vis and Brielle Dilly; Marge's children; sister Rosann (Case) Feikema of Luverne; sister-in-law Jean Pap of Luverne; and numerous other dear family and friends.

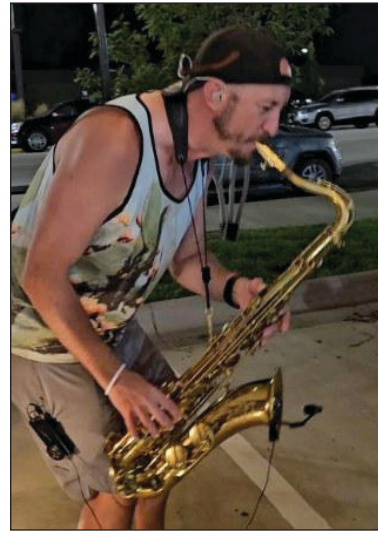
He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Josephine Dilly; his parents, Gerrit and Josephine Pap; step-mother Johanna Pap; father and mother-in-law Henry and Johanna Vis; brother Donald Pap; Marge's infant daughter, Janna Nibbelink; her son, Joshua Nibbelink; and her granddaughter, Emma Nibbelink.

field that averaged 55 bushels per acre.

In 1919, after two rather lean years, the family moved back to the states, and settled in Rock county. However, Mr. Spease really did not prefer living here to Canada. "I believe I liked Canada as a place to live as well as any place I've ever been," he said. They farmed in Rock county for 19 years, and then retired and moved to Luverne five years ago. This has since been the Spease home.

"As for hobbies," Mr. Spease asserts, "I like all kinds of clean sport such as baseball, but I fell I'm too 'young' to play it. My favorite sport, however, is playing horseshoes and there is no one I enjoy playing with more than Ott Krogmann."

He reports that he is thankful for his good health,



Brian Hanegan with Goodroad performs Saturday at the Ag Appreciation event at Take 16 Brewing Co. in Luverne. Submitted photo



Ag Appreciation Day celebrates rural economy

By Lori Sorenson

The third annual Ag/Farmer Appreciation Day attracted more than 650 people to Take 16 Brewing Co. Saturday for a free meal and live entertainment.

The event included a meal, inflatables, games and live music by Andrew Woodhull and Goodroad.

Also, in response to hot summer temperatures, water games and activities were included.

This is the third year for Ag Appreciation Day, funded by dozens of local sponsors, that thanks farmers for "their dedication to food production."

The Take 16 ag appreciation party followed a 4 p.m. premiere at the Palace Theatre of "Out of the Heartland," a film featuring the Rock County Feikema brothers, Shawn



and Mike, and their family farming operation.

The 35-minute free documentary showed how farming practices affect Main Street America and how those practices are changing to protect soil and resources.

Sterlings bring awareness to rare condition/from page 6



"We were constantly testing and the tests were coming back normal."

The gene mutation of SLC6A1 is characterized by a spectrum of the following:

- Development delay and/or intellectual disability
- Hypotonia
- Epilepsy
- Movement disorders (like

The Sterling family raised money and awareness Sunday afternoon about the genetic disorder, SLC6A1, and the support group they belong to called SLC6A1 Connect.

tremors)

•Neurobehavioral (autism, ADHD, aggression, anxiety and sleep disturbances)

•Speech and language difficulties

•Developmental regressions

•GI problems
The Sterlings joined the advocacy group, SLC6A1 Connect, and donations from the Sterlings' lemonade stand will go toward research into affective treatments for the symptoms and ultimately finding a cure.

"We are trying to do the best for them," Amanda said. "To do whatever you can."

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and states that he has never required the services of a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Spease were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living. They are Chester, and Ray Spease, Mrs. (Pearl) Prichard, and Mrs. Lila Skoland, all of Luverne, Mrs. Harold (Erma) Earhart and Mrs. Willard (Fern) Bowman, of Pipestone. They also have seven grandchildren.

Of a family of six, Mr. Spease is one of four still living. He has a brother, Wes, who lives at Spitzer, Wis.; a brother, Ben, who lives at Finnemore, Wis., and one sister, Mrs. George Riter, of Ellendale, Minn.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Terry Morse

The Rev. Dr. Terry W. Morse, age 77, of Luverne, Minnesota, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, while at the Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the church in Terry's honor.

Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Charles Ostheimer

Charles "Chuck" LeRoy Ostheimer, age 85, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, husband of Darla (Kroontje), died Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A private family graveside service will take place at a later date. Dingmann Funeral Home & The Leota Burial Association are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Market Type			
Seller's Market	Balanced Market	Buyer's Market	
Key Details			
Months of Inventory	List to Sold Price %	Median Days in RPR	Median Sold Price
2.17	96.1%	64	\$193,000
↑ 23.3% *	↓ 5.52% *	↑ 4.92% *	↓ 12.87% *
<small>* Month Over Month</small>			

Greetings! We are thrilled to provide you with the latest updates on the local real estate market.

As of July 2023, the real estate market in Rock County is healthy and flourishing. With only 2.17 months supply of inventory, the market is highly competitive for both buyers and sellers.

Over the past year, the Months Supply of Inventory has significantly decreased by a staggering -16.86%. This means that homes are selling faster than ever, creating a favorable environment for sellers.

The List to Sold Price percentage is currently remarkable at 96.1%. This signifies that sellers are receiving almost their entire asking price, making it a win-win situation for everyone involved.

The median days on the market in Rock County is 64, indicating that a property is selling within two months on average. This quick turnover highlights the high demand for homes in our area.


Lastly, the median sold price, as of July 2023, is \$193,000. This represents the midpoint of all the sold homes in the area, giving you an idea of the current market value.

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0824 Sports Practice 2023 Cutlines

Thursday afternoon, Aug. 18, LHS defensive line coach Jon Schomacker leads the Cardinal players through contact drills.

Fall sports heat up

LHS, H-BC sports teams start practice for fall season



0824 Sports Practice 2023 Cutlines Emma Nath and Corynn Oye work on serves Thursday afternoon, Aug. 17, at the Luverne High School tennis courts.

Fall sports teams at Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek high schools began practices Monday, Aug. 14, three weeks before the start of the 2023-24 school year on Sept. 5. Many of the teams have already competed in their season-opening games, including the LHS girls' tennis team matches at Morris Area and Benson on Saturday.

Fall sports practice photos by Mavis Fodness



0824 Sports Practice 2023 Cutlines

Eighth-grader Grace Kempema leads Luverne cross country team members through a drill exercise Monday morning, Aug. 21, on Luverne's track and field.



0824 Sports Practice 2023 Cutlines Senior Brynn Rauk (left) and freshman Brynn Bakken work with H-BC head coach Meghan Zylstra (with ball) and assistant coach Lydia Scruggs Thursday, Aug. 17, during the first week of practice for the 2023-24 fall sports season.



0824 Sports Practice 2023 Cutlines

H-BC junior Jackson Gacke runs at senior Riley Tatge, holding the dummy block, during the form tackle exercises Thursday morning, Aug. 17, at the H-BC practice field.



0824 Sports Practice 2023 Cutlines

A familiar task at sports practices is the gathering of equipment as demonstrated by LHS sophomore Ava Sieve.

A world most will never see

By Scott Rall

As I was walking through some native prairie with my gal the other day, she commented on how cool it was that all of the different plants all seemed to get along so well together. She wondered why they all seemed to share the same space without trying to out-compete each other.

It got me thinking just how rich a native prairie can be. Almost all the native prairie that once existed across the Great Plains is gone forever. Less than 2 percent of the original native prairie, which consisted of millions and millions of acres, still exists today.

When trying to explain native prairies to those who have never seen one or have never seen a pristine one, I point out that these ecosystems are as diverse as the

rain forests if you just take the time to slow down and take a long look.

On the planet today, grassland ecosystems are the most endangered of all habitats. That's kind of a sobering thought when you see the degradation of the planet taking place in other parts of the world.

Diversity is the word that best describes native prairies that once existed. If you could take a string and stake off an area that was 100-by-100 feet square, an area this small



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

could support over 150 different species of grasses, forbs and flowers. Each of these different species occupied a different space in this unique ecosystem. Many of those species would be short in stature. Some only grow to a height of about 6 inches. Another group would grow to a height of about 2 feet, and yet others would reach the height of 5, 6, or 7 feet and some as tall as 9 feet.

The flowers that were also present were of differing heights and also had some

very spectacular qualities. In a native prairie, different flower species would bloom starting in late March, and many different species would flower every week all the way to the end of October.

This allowed pollinators to have available food supplies all spring, summer and fall long. What a miracle! 60 million buffalo used to roam on these prairies, and their grazing and hooves pounding the ground energized the growth of these plants and kept them healthier and thriving. Lightning caused wildfires which also burned large swaths of prairie, and these uncontrolled fires also stimulated plant growth and maintained vitality of this unique landscape.

As with the advance of

The Outdoors/see page 13

How many stitches are in a baseball? How many dimples are in a golf ball?

Find out in the *Timeout Top 10* fun sports facts.

Did you know there are 108 double-sided stitches on an official major league baseball? The first and last stitch are hidden.

My daughter, Taylor, and I were recently going over ideas for my next column when she asked if I knew any weird facts about sports that may interest my readers.

I wasn't sure what to say but quickly started rummaging through the web for content.

Here are 10 facts I would like to share. Try to contemplate your answers before looking them up at the end of the column.

1. Olympic gold medals are what percent gold?
2. The average golf ball has how many dimples?
3. The first sport played on the moon in 1971 was _____.
4. Frozen what was the first-ever puck used in a hockey game?
5. The name for three consecutive strikes in a bowling game is called a _____.



TIMEOUT

By Greg Hoogeveen
Sports Editor

6. Yellow tennis balls were used for the first time in what year?

7. The volleyball drill of passing and hitting without a net is called _____.

8. Most major gymnasts start their careers as early as _____ years old.

9. There are how many minutes of total action in a baseball game?

10. The Zamboni was invented in 1949 by a man named _____.

Timeout answers /see page 13

LHS girls' tennis team starts season with two team wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' tennis team started the 2023 season beating Morris 4-3 and Benson 4-3 on the road Saturday, Aug. 19.

"It was great to start the season off with two wins," Luverne head coach Jon Beers said.

"The girls played really well considering how hot it was. The weather really made it a challenging day for all the teams."

Luverne jumps into the thick of play next week hosting Yellow Medicine East and MACRAY Tuesday, Aug. 22.

The Cardinals will head to Lac Qui Parle Valley and Montevideo Wednesday, Aug. 24, and Worthington Aug. 26 before hosting River Valley Aug. 28.

Luverne 4, Morris 3

Luverne first took on Morris Area Saturday winning two singles and two doubles matches.

In No. 1 singles play, Luverne senior Sarah Stegenga lost to Catherine Kehoe from Morris 6-1, 6-0.

Luverne senior Rayann Remme lost to Chloe Zimmel from Morris 6-1, 6-4 in the No. 2 slot.

LHS senior Morgan Hadler, Luverne, defeated Ava Breuer, Morris, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

LHS junior Katia Jarchow, Luverne, defeated

Lilia Asmus, Morris, 6-2, 6-0 at No. 4.

In doubles play, Caitlin Kindt and Augusta Papik, Luverne, lost to Ashley Koehl and Nora Meek 6-3, 6-3.

Luverne's Emma Nath and Corynn Oye defeated Izabell Hoffman and Grace Hauglie, Morris, 6-2, 7-5 in second doubles.

Roselynn Hartshorn and Cassi Chesley, Luverne, defeated Heidi Seales and Ellen Reed, Morris, 6-1, 6-1 in third doubles.

Luverne 4, Benson 3

The Cardinals beat Benson Saturday on the road, winning one singles and three doubles matches.

In No. 1 singles play, Stegenga played Elle Klerscher from Benson, winning the first game 6-3, and losing the match after giving up the next two games 6-3, 10-5.

In No. 2 singles, Remme, Luverne, lost to Elise Duncan from Benson 6-1, 7-5.

In No. 3 singles play, Hadler, Luverne, defeated Addi DeToy from Benson 3-2 and forfeit.

Jarchow, Luverne, beat Ava Oakes from Benson 6-3 in the first game of No. 4 singles but lost the match losing the next two games 6-1, 10-4.

LHS girls' tennis/see page 13

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes – check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stscluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com
Joe Steenholdt, Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on YouTube at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

First Baptist Church
103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Thursday, Aug. 24: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Aug. 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Thursday, Aug. 24: Rock the Edge Prayer breakfast. Friday, Aug. 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Tuesday, Aug. 29: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Thursday, Aug. 31: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor
Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529
Wednesday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6 p.m. Family Ministry meeting. 6:30 p.m. Organized prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Aug. 24: 6:30 a.m. 3rd Annual Community and Youth Prayer Breakfast. Saturday, Aug. 26: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 27: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and radio. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Aug. 28: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to revelation Bible study. Tuesday, Aug. 29: 9:30 a.m. Folding team. Wednesday, Aug. 30: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:30 p.m. Organized Prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: fpcemillie@gmail.com
Sunday, Aug. 27: 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship service. View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m.

and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays). 10:30 a.m. Fellowship coffee hour. Monday, Aug. 28: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Quilters meet.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Josh Hayden, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelcbration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
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 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — palisadechurch@alliancecom.net
www.palisadelutheran.org

Thursday, Aug. 24: 7 p.m. Task Force committee meeting for 150th Celebration. Sunday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m. JOINT worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

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

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Nita Parker, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Praveen Muthasamy, Pastor
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 5 p.m. Evening worship service.

What it means to be a member of a church congregation

What does it mean to be a member of a congregation? It means something different to each person. The legal definition, if there really is a legal definition, is a person who participates in Holy Communion one time per year and gives \$1 of record. That is it. Sadly, every congregation has a number of people on the roles of the church who do not even do that.

What does it really mean to be a member of a congregation? To me it means that you participate in the life of the congregation. Yes, even when our numbers go down, when people choose to stay home, or attend a service online there is still "life" in each church.

The life of the church are the people that attend. The people who learn from each other, the people who care for each other, the people who care for the community in which they live. A true Christian serves others, sees a need and finds a way to meet that need. A Christian does not ask to be paid for doing a job they know how to do. They act out of love. They act out of mercy and grace. Yes, everyone deserves to be paid for the work that they do, and they should be paid; however, not every act of love deserves pay, or should I say, the act of love may be paid with gratitude and thankfulness.

Church attendance matters! It is how we connect with each other, how we learn that someone in our community has a need. Yes, our churches collect an offering at each service. We use that offering to pay our staff, to keep the buildings heated, cooled, lights on and other bills. As a contributor to a congregation, you will learn to speak up for things that you believe should be done. For activities that you feel are needed and that look out for the good of the whole community.

As Christians we engage

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Juanita Parker, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

In ways that help us to help each other. We help by teaching Sunday School or VBS, or Confirmation. We help by reading in worship, playing an instrument, or joining our voices in song to make the worship more meaningful. We come together to pray for each other when someone is sick or dying. We reach out with love by bringing necessary things to families in need, and we reach out with hugs just because.

The church needs each person that professes their life as a Christian to want to give back the way Christ gave. Not necessarily with their life on the cross, but by sacrificing with time, talents, and gifts.

As our small communities continue to get smaller, that does not mean that the needs go away; it simply means that we need each other a little more! Check in with your local community of faith. See how you can help to keep the doors open and be a part of the lives that make up that community of faith worshipping the love of God!

In our church, when you are confirmed, you become an adult in the congregation. That does not mean that you can just stop coming, that you have graduated. No, it means that you have a responsibility to step up, to act like an adult, contribute financially, physically, and prayerfully in how you will keep God's church a viable place for your community of faith to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the world!

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Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Rock County Commissioners meet July 25

Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.
Rock County Courthouse July 25, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the July 25, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the County Board minutes of July 11, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Betty Mann, Al Stokes, Keith Elbers and Wendell Buys, all representatives of the Rock County Historical Society informed the County Board of a fundraising campaign for the construction of a 30' x 60' building to be attached to the current Historical Society building and to conduct repairs to the existing building. The fundraising goal is \$200,000 and they requested financial support. No action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of the claims; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims as presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office. **JULY 25, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000**

AT-SCENE LLC	\$4,250.00
CHS INC	4,720.02
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOG	2,335.08
JOHNSON CONTROLS	176,355.78
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	24,721.38
LSQ FUNDING GROUP LC	2,291.54
LUVERNE/CITY OF	11,313.47
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	2,168.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	3,203.43
SEBCO BOOKS	3,636.00
SHORT-ELLIOTT-HENDRICKSON, INC	3,107.27
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	2,411.79
57 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	20,528.80
TOTAL	\$261,042.56

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

The County Board was in receipt of a mid-year Budget Report reflecting 6-months of activity in 2023; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter from Beth Wilms, Southwest Health and Human Services Director requesting a transfer \$7,515.00 from the 2021 Homeless Prevention Aid legislation to UCAP who will manage the funds of the 6-member counties of SWHHS. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, directing the County Administrator and the County Attorney to contact UCAP and obtain an agreement for the transfer of funds to UCAP, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from Luke Comeau, Director of Southwestern Mental Health notifying member counties of a 2012 loan agreement of \$150,000 with a 2% interest rate. As per the agreement, Rock County can request an interest rate increase or accelerated payment. The Southwestern Mental Health Board of Director is requesting that counties in the agreement agree to raise their interest rate by 1%. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to increase the interest rate to 3% as per the request, effective October 1, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a MACA Legislative Review from a recent conference he had attended, no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of (2) bids for repairs to the Tunnel/Terrace fixtures of the Rock County Veterans Memorial building:

McGill Restoration - \$810,725
Restoration Systems \$1,087,000
After discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to award the bid to McGill Restoration for \$810,725, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that Norma VanWyhe, Administrative Assistant in the Auditor/Treasurer's office has submitted her letter of resignation effective November 3, 2023. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard to accept with regret, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board reviewed materials for the upcoming meeting on July 25 with the city municipalities regarding cannabis, no action was taken.

The Administrator briefly discussed the AMC Fall Policy meeting scheduled for September 13-15; Commissioner Reisch stated that he would be attending. Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: no report

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: no report

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Rock County Fair, Land Use, Rural Energy and Magnolia City Council.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: no report

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: no report.

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

(08-24)

H-BC School Board meets July 24

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
July 24, 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Gehrke, Harnack, Helgeson, Rauk, Rozeboom and Uittenbogaard. Superintendent Holthaus and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Principal Kellenberger was absent.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald, Samantha McGaffee and Stephanie Bass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:
Building/Grounds Steering Committee- 7/12/23

Motion by Harnack, second by Helgeson, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

- Minutes--7/10/2023
- Bills
- Treasurer Report for end of June 2023
- Student Activity Accounts Report for end of June 2023
- Hiring Marie Opheim as Part Time Related Services Nurse
- Hiring Marie Opheim as Part Time Cook's Assistant for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Accept the resignation of Kale Wiertzema as teacher and head basketball coach effective immediately.
- Accepting the resignation of Katie Angelo paraprofessional effective immediately.
- Accepting the resignation of Randi Ofstedahl as teacher effective immediately.
- Approve fall 2023-2024 coaching assignments: Football: Rex Metzger/Head Varsity, Jason Rauk/Assistant Varsity, Shared Assistant Varsity Dalton Bass/Dylan Gehrke, Scott Harnack/Jr. High, Dan Ellingson/Jr. High; Volleyball: Meghan Zylstra/Head Varsity, Courtney Kruger/Assistant Varsity, Darin DeBoer/Brianna Leuthold/Jr. High.
- Assign April Prohl to part time Secondary Spanish Teacher
- Setting 180 - 2017 Chromebooks as excess district property and direct the superintendent to sell or dispose.
- Handbook Readings/Adoption:
 - 2023-2024 Elementary Student Handbook
 - 2023-2024 Secondary Student Handbook
 - 2023-2024 Crisis Management Plan
 - 2023-2024 Staff Handbook
 - 2023-2024 Non-Classified Staff Handbook
 - 2023-2024 Transportation Handbook
 - 2023-2024 PEAC After School Enrichment Handbook
 - 2023-2024 Little Patriots Academy Preschool Handbook
- Second Reading/Adoption of Policies:

- 102- Equal Educational Opportunity
- 418- Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
- 419- Tobacco-Free Environment
- 424- License Status
- 425- Staff Development
- 506- Student Discipline
- 507- Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint
- 509- Enrollment of Nonresident Students
- 513 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design
- 514 Bullying Prohibition Policy
- 516.5- Overdose Medication
- 524- Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- 532- Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams
- 534- School Meals Policy
- 602- Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- 603- Curriculum Development
- 604- Instructional Curriculum
- 613- Graduation Requirements
- 616- School District System Accountability
- 617- School District Ensurance of Standards
- 618- Assessments of Student Achievement
- 620- Credit for Learning
- 621- Literacy and the Read Act
- 624- Online Instruction
- 708- Transportation of Nonpublic School Students
- 709-Students Transportation Safety Policy
- 806- Crisis Management Policy
- 618- Assessments of Student Achievement

Motion by Bosch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve adding furniture services to the ATS & R contract for the new elementary school.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

*Superintendent Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Regular Board meeting, Monday, August 14

Regular Board meeting, Monday, August 28

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:01 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(08-24)

Helle estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-23-170

Estate of
Florence Helle,
aka Florence M. Helle,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of David Helle, whose address is 791 150th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: August 7, 2023

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(08-17, 08-24)

Raak probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-23-188

Estate of
Gertrude Elaine Raak
aka Gertrude E. Raak
aka Gertrude Raak,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 9/18/2023, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown St., Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated June 3, 2020, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Irwin Raak, whose address is 2254 70th Ave., Jasper, MN 56144 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: August 8, 2023

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(08-17, 08-24)

Steen City Council adopts revised floodplan ordinance

SUMMARY OF Steen FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

The Steen City Council adopted a newly revised floodplain ordinance at the **06/06/2023 Steen City Council** meeting. The ordinance was based off the Minnesota DNR model floodplain ordinance, to satisfy the state and federal standards detailed in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103F; Minnesota Rules, parts 6120.5000 – 6120.6200; the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program in 44 CFR 59 to 78. The ordinance provides the general regulations for development in floodplains, as well as procedures guiding administrative responsibilities.

A copy of the ordinance in its entirety is available for inspection at **Steen City Hall**. (08-24)

H-BC School Board meets Aug. 4

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
Aug. 4, 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Gehrke, Harnack, Helgeson, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus was also in attendance. Principal Kellenberger, Business Manager Rozeboom and Board members Bosch and Uittenbogaard were absent.

Motion by Helgeson, second by Harnack, and carried to approve the agenda. Motion by Harnack, second by Rauk, and carried to approve hiring Tyson Metzger as full time English Language Arts and Science Teacher for the 2023-2024 School Year.

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

Time of Adjournment 5:03 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(08-24)

Overgaard probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Glenn A. Overgaard,
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-23-180

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 9/18/2023, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this at Court 204 E. Brown St. Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, March 8, 2006, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Loren Overgaard, whose address is 1801 W. Parkwood Cir., Sioux Falls, SD 57108 and Mark Overgaard, whose address is 1154 Rowe Dr., Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: August 8, 2023

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(08-17, 08-24)

Kuiken probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Margaret Kuiken,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-23-176

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of September, 2023, at 8: 30 O'clock a m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated October 12, 2011, and for the appointment of Virginia Sandbulte whose address is 508 Uithoven Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed administrator of the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

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

Dated: August 8, 2023

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry Vajgrt
District Court Judge

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Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
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Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-4828
I.D. #158343

/s/ Natalie Resich
Court Administrator

(08-17, 08-24)

City of Luverne sets public hearing to consider alleyway

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN ALLEYWAY PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE §412.851

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission on the 11th day of September, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Offices located at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, at 5:00 p.m. The public hearing is to consider the vacation of a portion of the West-East alley of Block 12 in the Original Plat, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

A complete copy of the legal description is available for inspection by any person during business hours in the office of the City Clerk, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota.

Published upon order of the City Council of Luverne, Minnesota.

City of Luverne, Minnesota
By /s/ Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(8-24, 8-31)

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Deadlines for classifieds and display ads for the **September 2nd issue of the Announcer will be Tuesday, August 29 at 10 am.**
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The Star Herald offices will be closed Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4.
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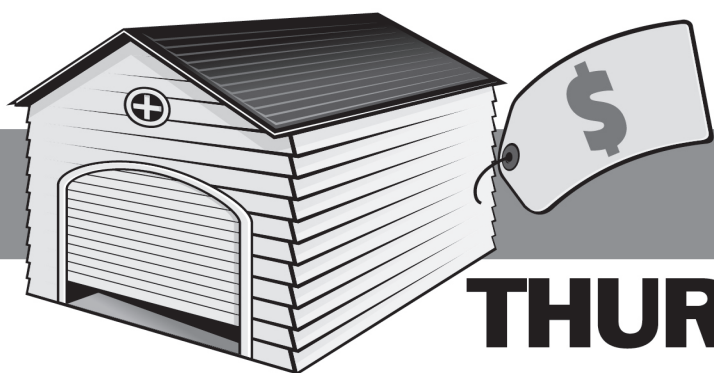
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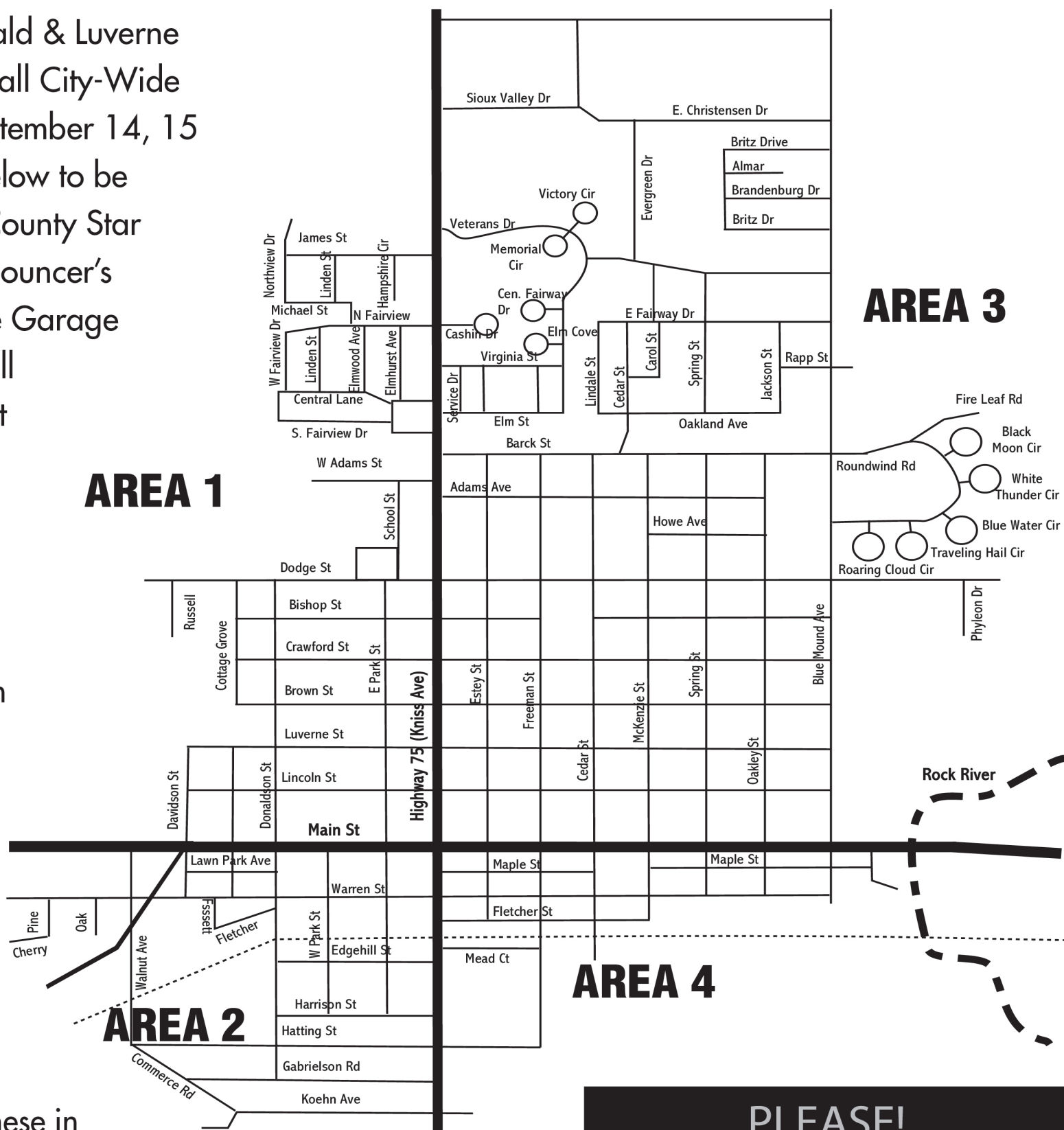
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THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 14, 15, 16

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 14, 15 & 16. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.

Ads must be paid for before they will run.

All of the garage sale ads will be published in the Rock County Star Herald and Luverne Announcer with a Garage Sale header & September 14, 15 & 16 date on top of the page - you don't need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.



**PLEASE!
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Please list your address first and time of the sale second! These words will be counted as part of the ad. Also, specify if sale will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday, or Saturday only.

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The Luverne girls' tennis team lines up for their match against Morris Saturday, Aug. 19. Pictured are (left) senior Sarah Stegenga, senior Rayann Remme, senior Morgan Hadler, junior Katia Jarchow, junior Augusta Papik, junior Caitlin Kindt, junior Emma Nath, junior Corynn Oye, senior Roselynn Hartshorn, senior Cassi Chesley, sophomore Elizabeth Mulder, sophomore Hannah Kempema, junior Madi Hansen, sophomore Addyson Mann, junior Nora Louwagie and junior Audrie DeBates.

LHS girls' tennis/from page 8

In No. 1 doubles play, Kindt and Papik, Luverne, defeated Kya Oakes and Molly Jones from Benson 6-4, 6-3.

In second doubles, Luverne's Nath and Oye defeated Keala Carroll and Tara Beyer from Benson 6-4, 6-1.

In third doubles, Chesley and LHS sophomore Elizabeth Mulder defeated Ella McGinty and Megan Anders from Benson 6-2, 6-0.

"All three doubles teams played great today. We always seem to be really strong in doubles year after year, and this year will be no different," Beers said.

"I am glad that we got the matches in with how hot it was. It didn't make for a very enjoyable time for the girls, I know, but the two wins made it a little bit more bearable for them."

Rall The Outdoors/from page 8

any civilization, landscapes change, and in many cases, no matter what we try to do, we will never be able to restore those communities to their original state.

The University of Minnesota had an interesting read about a month ago. It described their efforts to rebuild the soil back to its original condition that existed before modern food production.

One hundred years ago, this would have been in about 1823, on one of their research farms they retired a large field from farming and planted it to native prairie. The

aspect of this research that surprised me so much was that even after 100 years of no cultivation, herbicide or pesticide application or any other modern practice, the soil was still only capable of sustaining 4 percent of the plants that once existed there.

Soil is an ecosystem all to its own. There are enzymes, bacteria, and other things so small we can't see them, but all constitute a rich, healthy soil.

When you look at all of what you can see above ground, there is just as much biomass that exists underground. Hard to believe, isn't it?

I have spent much of my life trying to restore grassland habitats. What I have learned is that it will take legions of folks who care about wild places to get involved with this effort.

The more people that explore and generally understand how important this grassland ecosystem is, the more that can be achieved.

To some, grass and flowers will always be just a bunch of grasses and flowers, but as we get to understand more clearly the necessity of clean air and water and what these grasslands do to benefit those

life-sustaining resources, the more important these areas will become.

Carbon sequestration is a phrase many people don't understand, but over the next 50 years it will become a common household word, and the understanding of how grasslands can be an important part of the pollution solution will be known by almost everyone.

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.

Timeouts/from page 8

Timeout Top 10
fun facts answers:

1. **1 percent.** The last time Olympic Gold medals were made of solid gold was more than 100 years ago – in 1912. Now gold medals are made mostly of silver (over 90 percent), some copper (about 6 percent) and the remaining 1 percent is actually gold.

2. **336 dimples.** The number varies depending on the model and manufacturer. Most often, the number of dimples per golf ball falls between 300 and 500.

3. **Golf.** Alan Shepard swung a makeshift 6-iron on the moon's surface and missed on the first swing. He hit the ball on the second shot.

4. **Cow dung.** The first hockey pucks were made from frozen cow dung and leather liver pads. These early pucks had a lifespan of about one game before they were too soft or too hard for playability, so they were replaced with wooden ones.

5. **Turkey.** While no one really knows who or exactly where it started, tournament runners started giving out live turkeys to bowlers who managed to score three consecutive strikes.

6. **1986.** Historically, balls were either black or white in color, depending on the background color of the courts. In 1972 the ITF introduced yellow tennis balls into the rules of tennis, as research had shown these balls to be more visible to television viewers. Meanwhile Wimbledon continued to use the traditional white ball, but eventually adopted yellow balls in 1986.

7. **Pepper.** It is a volleyball drill or exercise you can see in just about every pre-match routine and training session warm-up. In its most basic form, it comprises a three-touch sequence executed by two players and replicates the three contacts used in competitive volleyball – dig/pass, set, hit.

8. **2 years old.** USA Gymnastics, the country's governing body for elite gymnastics, says the optimum age for kids to begin training is between 2 and 5 years old.

9. **18 total minutes.** This is a somewhat controversial answer but shows how much "action" there may be in a game that lasts over three hours. Also, rule changes in the game may affect this answer.

10. **Frank Zamboni invented the Zamboni machine.**



submitted photo/0824 colton tom Colton Arends, with his grandfather, Tom Arends, holds a trophy for winning the USRA Stock Mods at the Rock Rapids Speedway Aug. 18.

Weekly local race results

Following are local racing results for local drivers competing in Luverne, Rock Rapids, Hartford, Slayton, Worthington and Brandon for the week of Aug. 15-21.

Rapid Speedway Aug. 18 Rock Rapids, IA

Sportsmen
6th-#24H Brock Harnack, Hills
DNF-#13 Brandon Boeve
Hobbystock
6th-#210 Blake Schneckloth, Brandon
DNF-#22E Eric Gaul, Luverne
DNF-#14K Bryant Klaassen, Adrian
B-Modifieds
5th-#52 Trevor Kracht, Luverne
Stock Car
1st-#46 Colton Arends, Luverne
5th-#15 Thomas Kracht, Luverne
7th-#40 Scott Overgaard, Luverne
DNF-#4D Cory Kelderman, Hills
DQ-#69 Cadyn Wessels, Luverne
Street Stock
10th-#20K Spencer Kalass, Luverne

Murray County Speedway Aug. 18 Slayton, MN

Murray County Fair
No local drivers

Aug. 19 Slayton, MN

Murray County Enduro
3rd-#20 Jasmine Kalass, Luverne
9th-#40 Chase Overgaard, Luverne
11th-#9 Brody Goemmel, Luverne
13th-#5 Silas Top, Hardwick

I-90 Speedway

Aug. 19 Hartford, SD

Sprint Cars
DNF-#18D Dalton Domagala, Brandon

Worthington Speedway

Aug. 19 Worthington, MN

No local races

Huset's Speedway

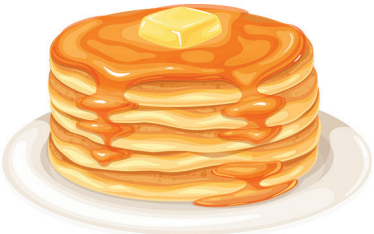
Aug. 15 Brandon, SD

No local races

Luverne

Municipal Airport

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Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 26, 2023

7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Quentin Aanenson Field - Open to the public!

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