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Highway 75 to close in Luverne for one month

By Lori Sorenson

Six blocks of Highway 75 in Luverne will be closed between Main Street and Dodge Street for a sewer lining project starting Oct. 17.

The monthlong infrastructure work includes sewer lining, spot repairs, installing new manholes and replacing water service lines beneath the highway by direction boring new service lines.

The 2022 sewer and utility improvements are related to the 2025 Minnesota Department of Transportation mill-off and overlay of North Highway 75 from Main Street to the North city limits.

City officials looked at the infrastructure in the Highway 75 right of way and determined there is underground infrastructure that needs to be replaced ahead of the state's upcoming road resurfacing.

The idea was to do the underground work this summer so that the newly asphalted road wouldn't have to be dug up for utility repairs in the near future.

The work was postponed this summer for several reasons, according to City Administrator John Call.

The route needed to be open to haul materials for major construction projects in the area, such as the Lineage Logistics warehouse, Walleye Wind Farm and resurfacing Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue.

Also, there were additional community events, such as the school reunion, that affected visitor traffic on Main Street and Highway 75.

Call said on Tuesday that there was finally a window to complete the work this fall and the contractor indicated work could be done in October.

Highway 75 closed/see page 5A



Rock County farmers wrap up soybean harvest

Ron Fick combines soybeans Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6, east of Hardwick while Ryan Fick pulls the grain wagon alongside him to unload. Harvest in the state is closing in on the five-year completion average, just one day behind, according to the Oct. 3 state crop report. Corn harvest is two days behind the five-year average. Both corn and soybean prices rose significantly throughout the current growing season and have remained quite strong into harvest. This has improved the overall profitability projections for most Upper Midwest grain producers for 2022. As such, many producers have had some difficulty making grain marketing decisions for the 2022 corn and soybean crops, according to farm analyst Thiesse. In his weekly Focus on Ag column, Thiesse parses out some of these pricing decisions in light of current market conditions. See his column on page 7A for those details.

Mavis Fodness photo/1013 Harvest 2022

Commissioners take charge of voting integrity questions

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners want local residents to bring voting concerns to them, rather than to the local auditor's office.

Auditor Ashley Kurtz and her office staff answer questions regularly about voter registration and other procedures outlined by the office of the Secretary of State.

However, questions about election integrity and possible irregularities should be directed to the County Board, which oversees the auditor's office, according to discussion at the Oct. 4 County Board meeting.

"Rock County has taken compliance to the Nth degree," said Board Chairman Jody Reisch. "If they have that big of a concern, we would like to hear it."

The board meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled. The meetings begin at 9 a.m. in the courthouse commissioners' room.

Reisch told Kurtz at the board's Oct. 4 meeting that any changes in the county's election process needs to come to the commissioners.

Her office doesn't make the rules; it only follows them. "If something needs to be changed locally, we as a board

need to look into it and make those changes," he said.

Commissioners recently authorized \$13,700 from a state election security grant to place cameras at the county courthouse. One camera monitors the drop-off ballot box.

Contact the Rock County Administrative Office at 507-283-5065 to be placed on the commission's next agenda.

Luverne bicyclists share information of cross-country experience Oct. 16

Baptist pastor and wife spend summer on 4,000-mile journey

By Mavis Fodness

Not everyone would take on a 4,000-mile bike ride, and that's why completing the trip is so satisfying to Luverne's Walt and Beryl Moser.

"If you like bicycling and if you enjoy travel — do it," Walt said.

The couple will share information about their three-month cross country adventure Sunday evening, Oct. 16, at First Baptist Church, where Walt is the pastor. The program begins at 6:30 p.m.

The idea for this summer's bike ride from Portland, Oregon, to Washington, D.C., began with a simple purchase 20 years ago.

"We bought each other bicycles for our 25th anniversary," Beryl said. "We had bikes before, but we didn't do a lot of riding." They recently celebrated their 45th year together.

Walt's interest in staying physically active after retiring from the Army led him to biking.

"I never enjoyed running. Of course, in the military, you ran," Walt said. "We tried a variety of things."

The Mosers purchased a recumbent tandem bicycle, and a passion for enjoying the outdoors was born.



Walt and Beryl Moser will share information about their 4,000-mile bicycle trip Sunday at First Baptist Church.

They switched to the single riding on Salsa Fargo bikes to complete their first cross country ride in 2015, the year before they came to Luverne.

Seven years ago, they rode the northern tier of the United States. "It was something I wanted to do — ride across the U.S. — just to see if I could do it," Walt said.

Beryl had a simpler explanation of joining Walt and climbing on a bike and pedaling every day for

Mosers bicycle trip/continued on page 8A

City reviews plan for Loop wayfinding signs

By Lori Sorenson

As construction of the seven-mile Luverne Loop comes to completion, future trail work will focus on "enhancing the trail experience and making additional connections in community."

The Luverne Economic Development Authority on Monday reviewed plans for the Bike Trail Wayfinding Signage Master Plan, presented by EDA director Holly Sammons.

"The plan includes recommendations for sign types and locations and identifies opportunities to help promote the trails and additional amenities within the city of Luverne," she said.

The Loop will be marked by several different types of signs, ranging from large to small, but the trail kiosk signs will have the most information.

They're double-sided with a

Loop signs/continued on 5A



Trail kiosk signs are double-sided with maps of the Loop and also the Blue Mound Trail and Ashby Trail.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Luv1LuvAll Board will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in the Blue Mound meeting room of Sanford Luverne. Luv1LuvAll unites the community to support dignity and create opportunities for people to move out of poverty. All are welcome to attend. Call Holly, 605-413-5415, with questions.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the township hall.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Duff Dog Backyard Ultra is Oct. 15

The Duff Dog Backyard Ultra is set for Saturday, Oct. 15, in the Blue Mounds State Park. Start time is 8 a.m. at the walk-in campsites and on-line registration is open until Thursday, Oct. 13 at <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=93946>.

The backyard ultra is a form of ultramarathon race where competitors must consecutively run the distance of 6,706 meters (4.167 miles) in less than one hour. When each lap is completed, the remaining time within the hour is typically used to recover for the next hour's race. The competition is for anyone to join and challenge themselves by running one hour, two hours or more.

Extra evening hours at Food Shelf

The Rock County Food Shelf is now 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.

Atlas sets dates for One Warm Coat distribution this month and next

Atlas Ministries accepts donations for Rock County One Warm Coat from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 to 7 Thursdays and from 10 to 4 Saturdays at Redeemed Remnants.

Donations can also be left in the Luverne Elementary School commons during normal school hours.

Distributions dates are from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 10, and from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 12.

Accepted are new or gently used, clean winter wear, including coats, hats, gloves, boots, scarves and snow-pants. Call Destiny Ripka at 507-220-0030.

Indoor marching band concert Oct. 17 in LHS gymnasium

The Luverne High School marching band will perform an indoor concert 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the high school gym. Rootbeer floats will be served after the concert by the Luverne Music Boosters.

'Rock the Aqua' swimming and pizza event set for Oct. 21 in Luverne

"Rock The Aqua" free area-wide youth event is from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the Luverne Aquatics and Fitness Center for grades 9-12. The event, which includes swimming, door prizes and pizza, is sponsored by Rock the Edge and the Substance Free Coalition of Rock, Nobles, and Pipestone Counties. Call 507-227-1978 with questions.

Food distribution is Oct. 20

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple St. in Luverne.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the west side of the building. Parking lot opens at 3 p.m. Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot, intersection or alley entrance. Food will be loaded into vehicles, which exit via the alley going west. Call 507-283-8963 or 507-283-4366 with questions.

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Candidates seeking office to Luverne City Council Ward 2 and Minnesota House of Representatives respond to Star Herald questionnaire

Televised candidate forums scheduled for 2 p.m Oct. 20 at city hall

By Lori Sorenson

There are races in the Luverne City Council Ward 2 election and in the Minnesota House of Representatives District 21A election.

To assist voters in their General Election choices, The Star Herald reached out to the candidates with questions for them to respond to with the intent to be published.

City Council candidates answered the questions, "Why are you the best candidate for Ward 2 City Council?" and "If elected, what

would be your top three priorities and why?"

They were directed to respond to these questions, plus provide biographical information about themselves in 750 words or less.

Those responses are below.

On the opposite page, Minnesota House candidates were asked to provide their top three priorities and also answer the question, "What specifically will you do to improve the partisan divide and ensure that legislative respon-

sibilities are completed within a normal session timeline?"

The two city candidates and two state candidates will face each other in a televised forum on Thursday, Oct. 20, starting at 2 p.m. in Luverne City Hall council chambers.

Meanwhile, the 18 candidates seeking election to five seats on the Luverne School Board have been video-interviewed and those can be found on the Star Herald website, www.star-herald.com. No subscription is necessary to view them.

Marlin 'Mert' Kracht, candidate for Luverne City Council

What do you currently do for a living and who are your wife and family?

I own and operate Mert's Machine and Repair, a welding and general machine shop in Luverne. We have been in business for 14 years.

I have lived in Luverne for 12 years with my wife, Bobbi, and our six children, Trevor, Jackson, Kacie, Cade, Allie and Caleb.

Why are you the best candidate for Ward 2 City Council?

I am the best candidate for city council because of what I have done for a living for the past 30 years, and how I grew up. People bring problems



learned how to get things done by working together and sharing ideas.

If elected, what would be your top three priorities and why?

My top priority is to ask the hard questions.

Why are we spending this money on whatever it may be?

Has anyone looked into what this will bring to our city by spending this money?

Do we need this or do we just want it?

Is this what the taxpayers of Luverne support?

Or does it just benefit a certain few of our population?

We need to get more businesses with good pay-

ing jobs into Luverne, as well as keeping the existing businesses here.

The goal is to grow the town. If the residents of Luverne are driving to another city every day for work, they are spending their money there, not here.

When considering trying to get a company to build in Luverne, the question no one seems to ask themselves is, "Would you work there?"

We have more equipment and personnel than cities twice our population. Yet we hire out a good deal of the work that has to be done. I think we have a beautiful town. I also think we can have a beautiful town by using hard work and common sense.

to me, and I come up with ways to solve the problems by listening to what they want. I do it with hard work and common sense, not just throwing money at it.

I was raised on a 200-acre farm in the 1980s. I

Kevin Aaker (incumbent) candidate for Luverne City Council

What do you currently do for a living and who are your wife and family?

I am majority owner of Luverne Body Shop. Mary, my wife, and I have two children and six grandchildren from 2 months old through 21 years old.

Our daughter and her family live here in Luverne, and my son and his family live in Roseville, Minnesota.

Why are you the best candidate for Ward 2 City Council?

While I am running for Ward 2 I keep the interests of all citizens of Luverne in mind when making decisions.

We have a city with its eye on caring for what we have while preparing for the future. There are many small cities that have given up and are just trying to get by.

That's not our city. We have banded together and jumped in to start building a city that people want to live in.

I am working hard to set in place budgets that plan for replacement of equipment and facilities so as not to overburden citizens in any given year that something expensive needs replacement or repair.

I have always been goal-driven, not just for this year and a couple years



a problem for our children to deal with that we could have dealt with when the cost was more reasonable in the long run.

I want to help build a city that our children not only want to return to as adults but a city that has the infrastructure, housing, day care and employment opportunities that allow them to come home and thrive.

If elected, what would be your top three priorities and why?

The three projects I would like to focus on in the future are day care, housing across a wide range of affordability, and laying the groundwork for growth into the future.

Our in-home day care providers are finding it increasingly difficult to care for our children and earn a reasonable living.

Many have left the profession, and the lack of day care is affecting families and employers alike.

We have been working on this issue for years, laying the groundwork and researching options and are now at a point where we are close to having a privately operated day care center in a city-owned building.

Additionally, we have been working with local entities and county, state and even federal repre-

sentatives to find ways to make day care affordable and practical.

For housing, I'd make it a priority to cooperate with developers as well as state and federal entities to provide affordable housing in this area for all who work here and want to make a life here.

For future growth, I will continue to press for development of all infrastructure needed for industrial and business development.

This is the broadest of the three topics. It entails the next steps to have more of our industrial park ready when a company wants to build in Luverne.

Additionally, we need to make sure we have dependable utilities to support the additional needs for them.

Then we need to have the people available who want to work and have the skills to produce the products and services needed for these companies.

We are blessed to live in a city with citizens who are not afraid to do what needs to be done for our city to provide a place to thrive.

I cannot tell you how many times I have heard, "Luverne is amazing. When they see something that needs to be done, it gets done!"

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Joe Schomacker (incumbent) candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives

Joe Schomacker, seeking re-election to Minnesota House District 21A seat as the Republican candidate

Biographical information

I am a Main Street business owner. My parents, brother and I operate Schomacker Cleaning, Schomacker Home Galleries (selling flooring, appliances and mattresses), and The Sewing Basket.

I understand what it means to make payroll, how it feels to have Governor Walz say my business is not essential and close my doors, and how gas prices affect every portion of the local economy.

I am honored to serve the people of southwestern Minnesota in the Minnesota House.

I have focused on Health and Human Services, serving as the policy committee chair when Republicans were last in the majority.

I work on rural health care needs and do so on a bipartisan basis. This is how I earn the endorsements from nursing homes with Care Providers of Minnesota as well as the leading health care labor union, SIEU Healthcare.

I am asking for another term as Rock County's state representative because we need a responsible, common-sense approach to the nearly \$10 billion budget surplus. I prefer to return the surplus to the taxpayers, starting with the Social Security income tax.

If we don't have the votes to get that done, I could support road and bridge funding or water infrastructure as long as it took care of the issues for the next generation.

I'm not running with a backup plan to get a job in the Governor's administration after the election or anything like that.

I sincerely respect the values of southwest Minnesota and appreciate bringing that to St. Paul.

I hope the voters are gracious enough to send me there again.

In this campaign I have earned the endorse-



ments of other bi-partisan and non-partisan political groups including the pro-life group Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL), Minnesota Doctors (MEDPAC), the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association and Minnesota Farm Bureau.

Top three priorities:

Law enforcement is under attack, yet we wonder why crime in our state rises.

I talk with constituents daily who don't feel safe going to a Twins or Vikings game, or express concern for their friends and family that live up there.

I support stiffer penalties on criminals. That includes repeat offenders of violent crimes, fleeing law enforcement recklessly, fentanyl dealers and carjackings.

I support more grants and funding for programs that support law enforcement and promote more good actors in the system. I support funding the police.

Skyrocketing inflation affects our pocketbooks hard. We should not use state funds to subsidize inflation like they did in Washington.

We must find ways to reduce spending and decrease demand. We can't stop inflation on our own, but we can avoid contributing to it.

A global recession is on the horizon. We can fend some of it off with tax incentives that encourage private investments in local economies, keeping them strong. We cannot

spend our way into prosperity.

Our education policy decisions get taken away from parents by activists in St. Paul. We need to ensure that parents take back their child's public education and that local school boards have the power to make more decisions.

What specifically will you do to improve the partisan divide and ensure that legislative responsibilities are completed within a normal session timeline?

I will request that those negotiating the bills have jobs outside of the Capitol to get back to when session wraps up. A full 20 percent of current legislators list their occupation as "retired" or "legislator" – both Republicans and Democrats. If being in St. Paul is their full-time job, they're going to drag things out.

It's especially a problem in the current environment where politicians think that the other side must lose in order to win. I've been in business long enough to know that's not the case. I was involved with training this summer on strategies to get beyond winners and losers in negotiations.

We need to break down the large spending bills and portion them out so when it's ready, it can be voted on.

So much time is wasted trying to bring these omnibus bills together just to consolidate power over the bill.

We'll also see more bi-partisan votes on bills this way.

Finally, I am advocating for a House Rule which requires budget bills to only have language in them that affect the budget spreadsheet.

This will reduce policy from being slipped into bills and make it easier to pass the bills.

Even with the partisan divide and the social media lies that stir up the base and the amount of money that pours in to persuade legislators, it remains a privilege to serve the people of this state.

Patrick Baustian candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives

Patrick Baustian is seeking election to Minnesota House District 21A seat as the DFL candidate

Biographical information

I was born in Luverne and raised on our family farm northwest of Luverne with my six other siblings by my parents, Walter and Jean Baustian.

I graduated from Luverne High School and entered the United States Air Force in 1981, where I served on active duty for five years and three months as an Electronic Warfare Systems Specialist.

Upon my honorable discharge from active duty, I enlisted with the South Dakota Air National Guard where I continued to work in avionics for the next 14 years and the last 19 years in cyber systems, network infrastructure, and finally as the Chief Enlisted Leader for the 114th Fighter Wing Communications Flight.

I deployed five times in direct support of military contingencies throughout my career.

I retired from the South Dakota Air National Guard as a federal technician in January 2020 and militarily in May 2020, attaining the rank of Chief Master Sergeant with over 38 years of military and federal service to our country.

I have been happily married to my wife, Katie, for over 31 years.

We have four grown children, all of whom have been born in Luverne and graduated from the Luverne Public School system.

They are also all currently serving in the Minnesota and South Dakota Air National Guard.

I served as a Luverne City Council member for eight years and was elected as the mayor of Luverne for the last 12 years, for 20 consecutive years of civic service to our community.

If elected, my top three priorities would be to:

1. Address the ever-growing statewide day care shortage that has significantly affected growth in Greater Minnesota communities for the last 20 years.

Lack of day care is affecting economic development in many communities and has affected families that want to have more children but are told they can't or must wait because no infant slots are available.

For many parents the decision has to be made to either both continue to work or decide that one parent will stay home to take care of the children. Some couples decide not to have children at all.



The farming community is the most recent area that day care is affecting.

Young farm families are voicing concerns about where they can take their newborns for day care, which is directly affecting our family farming operations.

2. Address inflation. Financial experts have stated that the inflation peaked in January 2022 at 27

percent and currently inflation is at or below 5 percent.

This is affecting the bottom line of many businesses, farming operations and working families.

During the last legislative session, Minnesota had a \$9.4 billion dollar surplus.

We are lucky to have a state with such a robust economy.

My priority would be to support the tax cuts that were agreed to by the House, to support the elimination of the state income tax on social security, and to work on how to best reduce income tax on those that it affects the most.

3. Support public education:

I would work to ensure local, high-quality public education is funded to the highest degree possible and to ensure that our schools have the tools and funding they need to teach our children.

I would also work to get more young adults to go into teaching to help the teacher shortage issue.

We need to be creative with this so we don't have a train wreck with the lack of teachers in the near future.

What specifically will you do to improve the partisan divide and ensure that legislative responsibilities are completed within a normal session timeline?

One must look at last year's legislative session that has been referred as the "do-nothing session." This is one of the biggest reasons that I am running.

When the current elected legislators don't listen to their constituents' priorities and issues and instead take the priorities of their caucus over them, one must ask if we are truly being represented out here in District 21A.

If elected, I intend to represent everyone. I have always tried to work with everyone on local issues because that's the only way we move forward.

Relationship-building across the aisle pays many dividends and will be a tool that I use to get things done.

You can agree to disagree, but on the legislative items you agree on, then legislate them into law.

Reserve by Oct. 21 for LIFT social, tour of local development

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow annual meeting will be Friday, Oct. 28, in the form of several tours highlighting community developments.

Between 4 and 6 p.m. attendees will visit four sites for 20- to 25-minute tours:

- The Trailhead Building at Blue Mound Avenue and Main Street to hear

Premium Minnesota Pork's Dan Paquin talk about the construction of a \$70 million smokehouse in 2023.

- The City Power Plant on East Main Street to see and hear about the \$11 million remodel and repowering with City Administrator John Call and Electric Utility Supervisor Brian Remme.

- Prairie Loft Apartments on South Highway

75 for a tour of the newly completed apartments with Greensmith Builder's Aaron Smith and Luverne's Rich Dreckman.

- The former TCI building (originally Tri-State Insurance), the site of the Luverne's future community child care center with Luverne EDA director Holly Sammons.

From 6 to 7 p.m. attendees will gather at Take

16 to meet and greet some of Luverne's newest business owners: Luverne Lawn Care, Benson Tech Solutions, First Comes Love, Graphenteen Real Estate Group, B's Bakehouse, Prairie Wind Pet Cremation and others.

At 7 p.m. Bluestem Catering will serve soup, sandwiches and dessert.

The event is open to anyone in the community,

but prepaid reservations of \$20 per person are required by noon on Oct. 21.


Call the Luverne Chamber office, 507-283-4061 or email luverne-chamber@co.rock.mn.us.

LIFT is a 501C3 corporation dedicated to "strengthening Luverne and Rock County."

Current board members include president Pat Baustian, vice president

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Lessons in grief: *Everybody hurts. There's power in prayer.*

Carson has been gone for a month.

It's been one of the hardest parts of grieving

his loss — knowing that with each passing day he's slipping farther into the past.

There will be no new social media posts, no new Christmas card photos with his smiling face among our own, and no new milestones in his life to celebrate.

What we have of Carson's 21 years is the current sum of all we'll get.

But we're blessed to have had him for 21 years.

One of the first things we learn in grief is that we're not alone. Many others in this "Grieving Parents Club" lost their children as infants or young children.

At least I have more memories to cherish.

In the first four weeks of this journey, I've learned some other things.

For one thing, people are good. Very good. And very generous — with their time, talents, gifts, sentiments and prayers.

We continue to receive cards with heartfelt messages of sympathy and encouragement ... in handwritten notes in beautiful cards, some of them artfully handmade.

A mountain of cards remains in our home office waiting to be read. My thoughtful husband has opened each note to direct monetary gifts and then returned the messages to their envelopes for a day when I'm ready.

I look forward to reading them all (and properly thanking their senders).

When asked how I'm do-



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

ing, I say, "People have been so good to us."

And I say, "God is good."

And when they ask what they can do for us, I say, "Please keep praying for us." Because this is hard.

In grief we learn about the power of prayer.

I felt it during the four-hour funeral wake of marathon hugs and tears. At the end of what should have been an exhausting night, I wasn't tired. Remarkably.

I described what felt like a pair of angels, one on each side, with wings under my arms for strength and grace.

Which allowed me to connect with each and every dear person in that long line of human sympathizers, young and old. I felt their connection to my Carson, and I was deeply grateful for their presence.

At times I felt like a third-party observer, watching myself and my grieving family and friends among the flowers and tears, wondering when I'd wake from the bad dream.

They say grief brings clarity, and it's even more true now than when I buried my parents. Skies seem bluer, sunsets more magnificent, harvest moons more celestial ... Stars twinkle with prisms when viewed through tears.

Clarity in loss reminds us that in a blink of God's eternal plan, we'll be with our loved ones again.

And we'll meanwhile hold our earthly loved ones more closely, count our blessings more often, and lean on angels' wings when needed.

It's no joke

Vow not to stand in silence during Domestic Violence Month (or any other month)

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Kari Voss-Drost,
Southwest Crisis Center assistant director

This past weekend I was in line at a concession stand when a guy standing behind me started harassing the woman at the front of the line.

As he did so, he laughed and rhetorically asked, "If you can't verbally abuse your neighbor, who can you?"

The answer is, "No one."

Whether it is verbal, physical, sexual or psychological, violence and abuse is never OK.

Now, I understand that the man thought he was being funny and making a joke, but the problem is that abuse is never OK and it is certainly not a joke.

In the last 12 months, the Southwest Crisis Center (SWCC) worked with over 400 individuals who experienced domestic violence.

None of them came to the SWCC laughing that their partner was so funny. Across the state of Minnesota in 2021, at least 26

people were killed from domestic violence.

How does this happen?

How do over 400 people in rural Minnesota find themselves not safe in their own home? How is it that every year Minnesotans are losing friends, family members, sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers to domestic violence?

It is because we laugh — uncomfortably, so maybe we snicker, we stand in silence. We use phrases such as "It's just a joke," "Lighten up," "Don't take things so seriously," "Boys will be boys," and "Don't let a girl do better

than you."

This year for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, vow not to stand in silence. Question where someone's sense of entitlement comes from that they think any form of violence against another person is permissible. Lend support and encouragement to someone experiencing violence.

Not sure where or how to start? The Southwest Crisis Center is here to help you. Check us out online at mnsbcc.org, on social media, or by calling 1-800-376-4311.

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Fick wants comments on controlling weather

To the Editor:

So NASA now has sent machinery into outer space, targeting toward an asteroid, in fact striking it, attempting to send it into a different orbit. Controlled from earth?

Why then can't they send a rocket into the eye of a developing hurricane over the center of the ocean, igniting an explosive, destroying or lessening its strength before it hits land, causing severe destruction and human loss? Or redirecting it over colder water or even sparsely populated real estate, controlled from earth!

Will some knowledgeable or informed person comment or explain, please.

Let's not deny rebuilding storm damaged areas. Guess where many of these people would go. Just a thought!

Robert Fick, Luverne

Wallig: Thanks, Good Samaritans, for stopping, helping wife after fall

To the Editor:

I want to thank the two anonymous Good Samaritans who came to my wife's aid when she fell at the corner of Crawford and Estey streets.

We had come to Luverne for the Tri-State Band Festival and were walking up to the field competition when she tripped, fell and hit her head hard on the sidewalk.

An EMT and a pediatrician who were just passing by stemmed the bleeding and helped when I returned with our car nearby.

The Luverne ER decided she required specialized attention, and she was rushed to the neurological wing of the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

After surgery and two weeks

of wondering if she would survive, I can report she is rapidly improving but will require weeks of therapy with no guarantee of full recovery.

We meanwhile appreciate her friends and the various faith communities of Luverne who are praying for her. Those prayers give her great comfort.

My wife was born and raised here and has family here. We live in Arizona, and Luverne is our second home.

"Love the Life" is an appropriate motto for a truly magnificent rural city. Our deepest gratitude to all of you who truly care.

Mark Wallig
(for Ruth Van Batavia Wallig)
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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 30

•Complainant on Highway 75, Hardwick, reported a driving complaint.

•Extra patrol was requested at the location at 161st Street, Luverne.

•A fire was reported on 486th and 237th, Flandreau, South Dakota.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported property found.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly subject.

•Complainant on Donaldson Street reported parking complaint.

Oct. 1

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street and N. Blue Mound Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant requested information.

•Complainant on Highway 75, Jasper, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported an open door.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Main Street, Luverne, reported driving complaint.

Oct. 2

•Complainant on W. Warren Street and Sunshine Avenue reported loitering.

•Report of road closure on 41st Street, Hills.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

Oct. 3

•Complainant on County Highway 4, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported property damage.

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

•A civil issue was reported on S. East Park Street.

•Complainant on 61st Street, Luverne, reported a fire.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Koehn Avenue reported a public assist.

Oct. 4

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, exit 18, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant reported identity theft.

Oct. 5

•Complainant on Veterans Drive reported a runaway.

•Complainant on W. Veterans Drive reported suspicious activity.

Oct. 6

•Complainant reported suspicious activity.

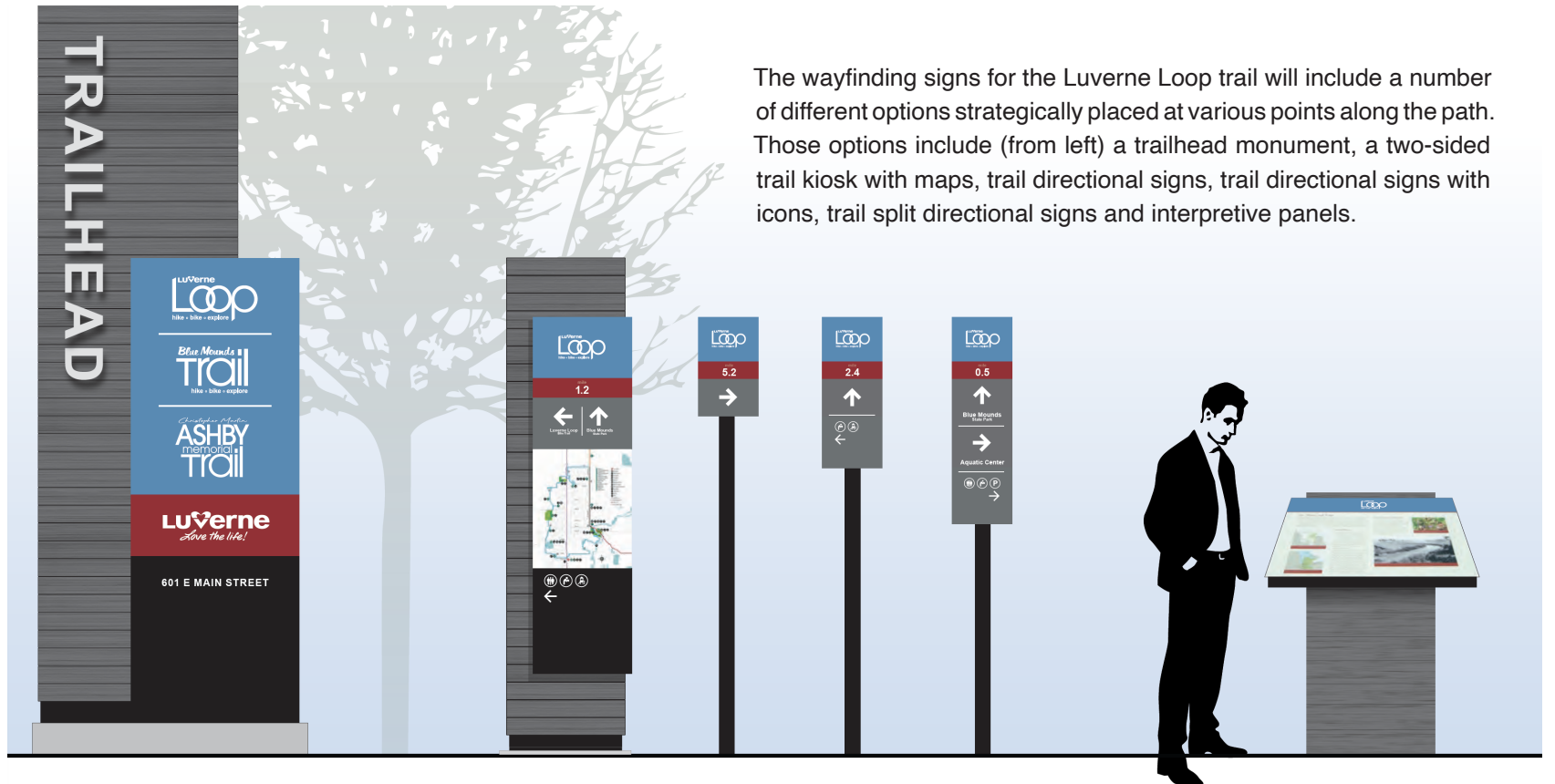
•Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported parking issue.

Oct. 7

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker, 18, Luverne, reported assistance from another department.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 1 funeral escort, 8 ambulance runs, 8 paper services, 11 animal complaints, 6 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 2 background checks, 3 gas drive-offs, 3 alarms, 6 drug court tests, 8 purchase and carry permits, 31 traffic stops, 12 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 welfare check, 4 reports of cattle out and 3 follow-ups.



The wayfinding signs for the Luverne Loop trail will include a number of different options strategically placed at various points along the path. Those options include (from left) a trailhead monument, a two-sided trail kiosk with maps, trail directional signs, trail directional signs with icons, trail split directional signs and interpretive panels.

Luverne Loop to get wayfinding signs, amenities/continued from page 1A

map of the complete Luverne Loop on one side, and on the other will be a broader map including all three local trails — the Loop, the Blue Mound Trail and the Ashby Trail.

The maps will also identify local parks, provide directions to trail amenities (such as bathrooms) and include distance information from starting points.

Five kiosks are planned along the Loop route:

- at the Trailhead on East Main Street.
- at the intersection of 131st Street and Blue Mound Avenue.
- at the School Prairie View Complex.
- at Rotary Park on South Highway 75.
- at Redbird Field.

She said maps at these locations will catch state park users on the north end of town to alert them that there's more

trail experience in Luverne.

It will catch travelers from the interstate at the dog park, some of whom may want to take their dogs for walks along the Loop.

It will inform visitors to school on the west edge of town and at the ballfields on the east side.

"They give people a visual idea of how long the trails are and how to get around and experience them," Sammons said.

"These maps are a work in progress and will need to be constantly updated between our signages, website, brochures, community guide, visitors' maps ... it's really good to have a nice base layer that's constant and then we can go in and make changes as they happen."

Trail directional signs are tall and narrow and will be

placed along the Loop easements to direct users to trail amenities and provide distance information along the route.

Sammons said the recent work to widen the path on the north end of town by the hospital will also be helpful for users to see exactly where the trail goes.

It's 10 feet wide with a total 30-foot easement, which distinguishes it from regular sidewalk routes.

Interpretive panels (with angled table tops) will acknowledge trail funding, the RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota set aside acres) property.

One will be placed along the river near the wooded area the newest part of the trail.

"It will talk about the importance of taking care of what we have," Sammons said.

"That's one of the pillars

of Legacy funding ... to talk about the prairie, to talk about the land, the native grass and habitat and the river and conservation methods that are used."

The final portion of the Loop project received an \$839,300 Legacy Grant through the Greater MN Parks and Trails Commission.

The trail wayfinding signage project is planned for 2023 with a budget of \$50,000 to \$75,000, some of which may be offset by additional grant funds.

Sammons said she is working on promoting the finished Loop to encourage more visitors to Luverne.

"We're now in a position where we can market our trail, not just to local and regional people, but in statewide publications," Sammons said.

Hills-Beaver Creek pulls out of 'Solar On Schools' program

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School District withdrew its participation in the state's "Solar On Schools" program in action taken at Monday night's board meeting.

Board members accepted the recommendation from the board's building/grounds committee, who met Oct. 6.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus told committee members that an updated analysis on solar production and anticipated utility rates lowered the annual savings to the district.

Instead of a possible savings on electric usage, a detailed analysis indicated that the district would lose \$18,886 over the next 25 years.

"We thought for education purposes it would still be worth it," he said.

Under the program, the solar installation would be a part of the school's curriculum for students to learn about green energy and its impact on the environment.

However, costs to remove the solar arrays from both

the elementary and secondary schools for any roof repairs would be the district's responsibility. Cost to remove the solar arrays from the roofs is estimated at \$20,000.

Due to those removal costs, committee members Tim Bosch, Ethan Rozeboom, Chris Harnack and Dalton Bass opted to recommend to the board not to proceed in the program.

Instead, a similar program may be available through Sioux Valley Energy, which has already approached the district about a similar opportunity.

H-BC was preliminarily approved earlier this year for a \$66,000 grant through the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

The district would own the solar arrays and iDEAL Energies in Minneapolis would operate the arrays and purchase the generated electricity from iDEAL for 20 years.

However, lower-than-expected rates paid by the utilities for the generated electricity eliminated the potential energy savings to the district.

Highway 75 to close for one month/continued from page 1A

In an Oct. 4 memo to the council, city engineer Gary Kurth of DGR welcomed the fall work.

"There will be some extra cost due to the delays, increase in price of materials since the spring and additional traffic control," he said. "If we waited until spring of 2023, the addi-

tional costs will be higher."

Hulstein Excavation of Edgerton was awarded the contract in February after submitting the low bid of \$567,000, including alternates.

The city is using the federal funding in the American Rescue Plan to pay for the project.

REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE

The second half real estate tax installment for all non-agricultural property is due **October 17, 2022**. To avoid penalty, payment can be dropped off at the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse, placed in the drop box outside of the Courthouse entry, or mailed to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer **postmarked on or before October 17th**. Please keep in mind the post office deadlines when mailing in payments and remit the appropriate stubs to assure proper credit. Payments postmarked after October 17th **will** be returned for the tax and penalty due at that time.

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Luverne congregation supports Ukraine with stove fundraiser

The First Presbyterian Church in Luverne is supporting Ukrainian people affected by the war during a mission service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

During that service Yakov Daniko, a Ukrainian pastor from Sioux Falls, will talk about the needs of the Ukrainians and about local opportunities to help. A youth choir from the Sioux Falls congregation will provide special music.

The Luverne Presbyterian Church is raising money to distribute simple stoves to keep Ukrainian people warm this winter in war-torn areas where standard heating sources won't be available.

The stoves, which will use wooden rubble of war as fuel, will be distributed in homes, churches, government offices and businesses to help the Ukrainian people withstand the coming frigid winter weather.

The Ukrainian people in the Sioux Falls area have direct contacts in Ukraine, and 100 percent of the donated funds will be spent on the stoves. Western Union has waived transfer fees for funds going to Ukraine.

For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Val Putnam, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne, by phone at 507-283-4787 or email at vputnam@sio.midco.net.

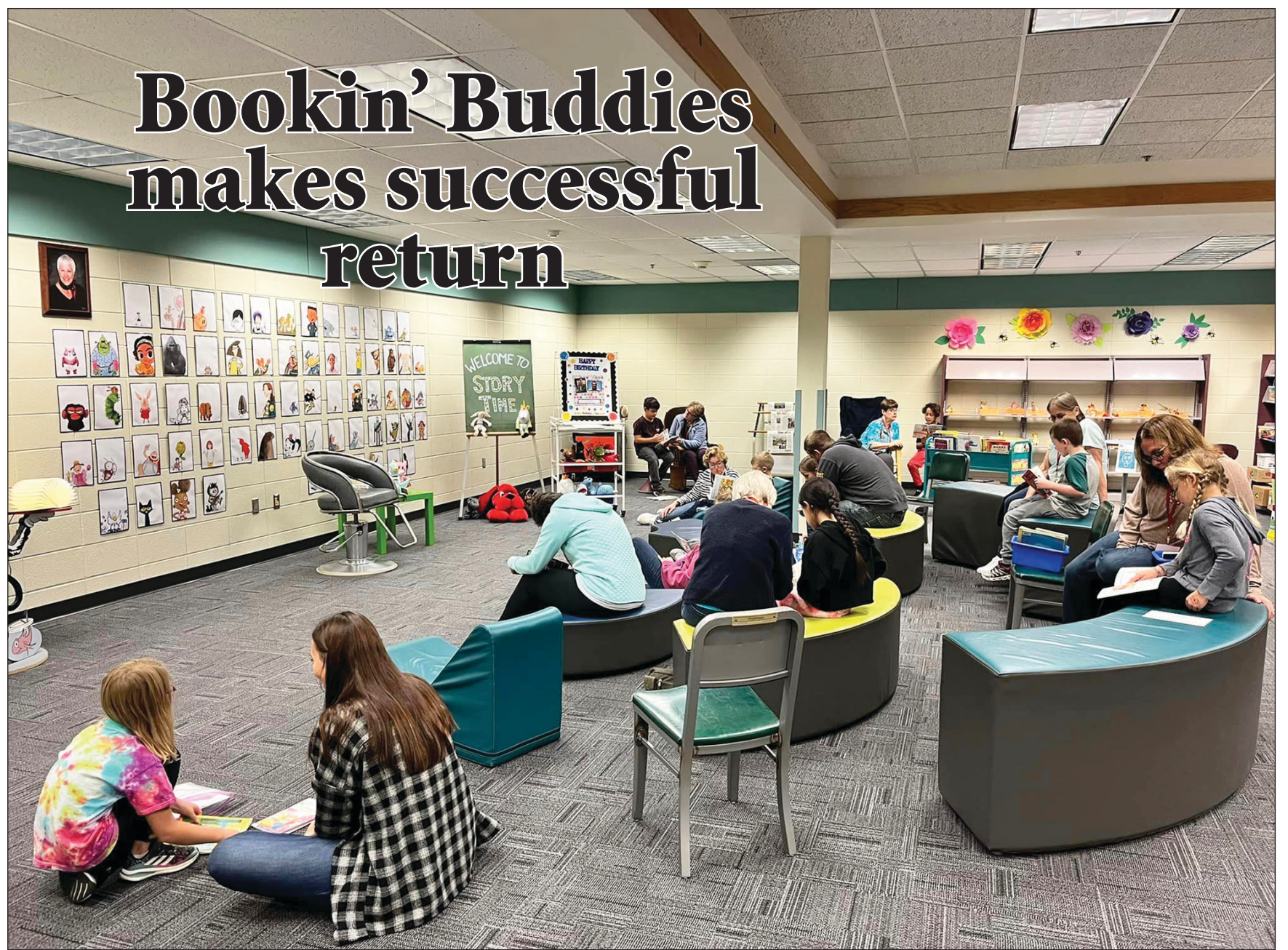
LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

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

Story Time with Bronwyn is Fridays from now through Dec. 2. The event starts at 10 a.m.

Afternoon movie and snacks takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. The movie is "The Addams Family."

Zombie Appreciation Day is Friday, Oct. 21. A zombie scavenger hunt and zombie costume contest will take place. At 10 a.m., a zombie story time will take place and from 2 to 4 p.m. come-and-go zombie activities will take place including spooky cookie decorating, Frankentoy craft and zombie trivia.



Photos courtesy of Luverne Elementary School

Each Wednesday 40 to 45 adult volunteers gather in the Luverne Elementary School media center for a half hour of reading with second-graders for the Bookin' Buddies program. The program's been on a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic but returned Oct. 5 to begin its 20th year at the school.

Program marks 20 years of mentorship with second-graders

By Mavis Fodness

After a two-year hiatus, Bookin' Buddies returned to Luverne Elementary School Wednesday, Oct. 5.

"We are very excited to have the program back up and running," said Zoe DeBates, the school's Child Guide.

"The primary goal of the Bookin' Buddies program is to foster relationships between all second-grade students at Luverne Elementary and caring adults within Rock County and to teach the children a love of reading."

Adults and students spend 30 minutes together each Wednesday. The four second-grade classrooms are split, with two classrooms participating in Bookin' Buddies the first semester of the school year and the other two during the second semester.

During second semester of 2020, the coronavirus pandemic closed in-person instruction and Bookin' Buddies came to a halt.

The program's positive influence brought adults and the

second-graders back together again last week for the current school year.

Adult volunteer Connie Connell sparked the program's inception in 2001 after she and a group of citizens finished the Blandin Foundation's leadership program.

"That made us eager to use our new skills at organization," she said. "At the time, it wasn't long-term though."

Connell returns each year along with 40 to 45 other adult volunteers.

"It's one of those programs where the time commitment is minimal," Connell said. "It's a chance to meet some young people – and know you'll have your summers off."

Impacts of the interaction, however, are long-term.

Connell frequently sees her second-grade Bookin' Buddies (now adults) who also have fond memories of the program.

DeBates was one of those second-graders.

"My buddy's name was Colleen and I looked forward to see-



Peggy Gust (right) reads with second-grader Jenna Goembel.

ing her each week," she said. "It was nice to have someone come to the school who was only there to work with reading and spend one-on-one time with me."

Now as the school's Child Guide, DeBates said the program has a more significant impact in her efforts to connect students

with activities and family with community resources.

"As a result of the relationship established between youth and caring adults, the children are introduced to a positive role model, learn to love to read more, and have a greater chance at being successful," DeBates said.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Patrick Swyter brought his insulation business from Iowa to Luverne for reasons completely unrelated to business – family and schools. ...

In 2008 Swyter purchased the insulation portion of Four Way Roofing and Insulation.

The business specializes in applying spray polyurethane foam, stabilized cellulose and installing fiberglass in homes and businesses.

Though the company has been working in the area for a few years, Swyter is building a shop for his trucks and tools on Walnut Avenue in Luverne (between Papik Motors and Gevo).

25 years ago (1997)

•Twenty-five scare-crows line the driveway at the Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne. The scarecrows, which will be displayed through the month of October, are part of a festival at the Veterans Home to celebrate fall as a community, according to activities director Shirley Connor.

"Some of the residents don't always feel part of this community because they're not from here," she said. "This is just a nice way to celebrate fall and involve different community groups."

The festival will end with a Harvest Moon Ball on Oct. 26 with a formal dinner served by the Peer Helpers and a dance led by the Country Time Fiddlers from Estelline, S.D.

Groups who made the scarecrows include St. Catherine Church, Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick, Luverne ECFE, two 4-H clubs, Luverne High School Peer Helpers, the Middle School council, Family Drug, a Luverne special education class, the Fulda VFW Post, the Tuesday Morning Coffee Group,

some grandchildren of residents, a local day care and various Veterans Home departments.

50 years ago (1972)

•Jim Herman of Herman Motors in Luverne last week announced the winners of the local Punt, Pass and Kick competition which was held recently.

First place winners were scheduled to compete in one competition on Oct. 7, at 9 a.m. at the Mankato High School football field. Trophies for the local competition were distributed during halftime of the Luverne-Windom game Friday.

Age groups and the top three contestants in each group in the local contest were as follows:

Eight-year olds: 1st – Brad Franz, 2nd – Daniel Stepp, 3rd – Troy Claussen of Pipestone.

Nine-year olds: 1st – Randy Ehlers, 2nd – Michael Haakenson, 3rd – Steven Foss, Pipestone.

10-year olds: 1st – Mike Kraetsch, 2nd – Mark Spease, 3rd – Peter McCormick.

11-year olds: 1st – Todd Wandersee, 2nd – Alan Boisen, 3rd – Kevin Brandenburg.

12-year olds: 1st – Geff Fitzer, 2nd – Tim Mann, 3rd – Scott Suprenant.

13-year olds: 1st – Paul Gits, 2nd – Bruce Woodley, 3rd – Tom McCormick.

75 years ago (1947)

•Rock county farmers were informed this week by Leonard A. Arp, chairman of the county Agricultural Conservation committee, that the basic loan rate and purchase price for 1947 crop soybeans grading number 2 or better by U. S. Grain

Standards, and containing no more than 14 percent moisture is \$2.04 a bushel.

To be eligible for government loan, soybeans must be stored in approved from storage, while to comply with purchase program requirements, soybeans may either be stored in approved farm storage, or in approved warehouses, Arp said.

100 years ago (1922)

•What seems to have been the preliminaries to a bank robbery or other burglary at Ashcreek was staged Sunday, when all the toll and farmers' telephone lines out of that village were cut and disconnected in several places. That nothing further developed was likely due to the discovery of the severed lines at about 8 o'clock in the evening.

The toll lines had been cut at the fourth pole from the bank building, and again about one-fourth mile farther out, on the edge of town. The farmers' lines had also been severed right in town and a short distance in the country; and both the toll and farmers' lines had been disconnected at the railroad crossing. The telegraph wires were left unmolested.

So far as is known, the last time that a toll line was used on Sunday was at about seven in the morning, which signifies that all work had been done sometime during the day.

Reports from a lady residing at Ashcreek are to the effect that she had seen two large cars, driven and occupied by strangers, riding around the town from 12:00 to 12:30, and that the men seemed to be closely observing the village.

After the damage had been discovered, Chas. Carter came to Luverne to notify Manager H. Edgar, of the Luverne exchange, who with a company of repairmen set out for Ashcreek. Although it was about 10:30 p.m. when they arrived at the place, the men succeeded in putting the toll lines into working order that night.

Mosers bicycle trip/continued from page 1A

90 days.

"He's crazy and I am stupid for going along," she said with a laugh.

The Mosers carried all supplies with them during this summer's ride.

Not including the weight of water or food, each carried 30 to 35 pounds of gear that consisted of a tent, two sets of biking clothes, sleepwear, rain gear, cooking equipment and coats for riding in the mountains.

Bike ride began May 22 from St. Paul

They began their ride May 22 when they boarded an Amtrak train in St. Paul for the trip to Portland, Oregon, where they would begin their bike ride to Washington, D.C.

Family joined the Mosers during the first weeks of the ride, but the majority of the time it was just the two of them.

The couple followed a map developed by the Adventure Cycling Association for the 1976 bicentennial. It showed campgrounds, motels, water stops, places to buy food and area attractions.

The map took them on county roads, where they often met other bicyclists following the same map.

They planned their route every day, making sure they stopped for water along the way.

"The goal is to try and drink every 15 minutes," Walt said. "Some of this depends on the heat of the day, and we try to drink whether you want to drink or not."

In Montana they rode in 31-degree temperatures and light snow.

"My feet were so cold I couldn't feel anything from here (points to ankle) to my toes," Beryl said. "It was so cold."

A detour around Yel-



Contributed photos

Beryl and Walt Moser ride with family members in the early weeks of their journey across the middle of the United States. Nature scenes like these mountains or of the sunrise greeted the couple each day during their three-month journey. **Below:** The Mosers often stopped to take a selfie together at various signs along their 4,000-mile bike ride across the U.S. including at Cumberland, Maryland, and the states of Washington, Kansas and Kentucky.



lowstone National Park due to recent floods took them off the plotted route.

"That was probably the scariest part because traffic was so heavy," Walt said.

Coming into Rush, Colorado, which was not part of the mapped route, they found only a church and a café where people were accommodating.

'We've learned about ourselves, each other and the greatness of God. We enjoyed Amtrak, family, great views, rivers to follow, a few detours. Some places we strained to push up the hills and a few rain-filled days and campsites. We were both ready to be home and with our church family.'

— Walt Moser

"They let us spend the night in the church," Walt said. "The next day was 67 miles with no place to get water."

The Mosers carried

extra bottles of water to make sure they stayed hydrated.

"The vast majority of the people are really good people," he said.

"We never felt threatened by an individual."

They left the cold behind weeks later when they entered Kansas and Missouri and days of 100-degree heat.

Some nights, instead of setting up a tent, the Mosers opted for a motel and air conditioning to escape the heat and to let their bodies recover.

The bike adventure ended on Aug. 16

The Mosers, ages 66 and 62, carried cell phones and listened to audiobooks along the ride. They talked about the subjects after riding anywhere from 60 to 80 miles a day once they were out of the mountains.

When they reached the eastern U.S. bike trails, the Mosers' pace slowed down. The last 355 miles were by bike path.

"Seeing the U.S. at 10 miles per hour, it looks different," Walt said. "You see all the crops — you see objects you'll never see at 55 mph-plus."

They prepared for the bike ride across the U.S. by training around Luverne. For mountains, they repeatedly pedaled up and down the state park's hill north of Luverne.

The Mosers are planning their next bike ride that will take them along the southern tier of the country. They may also complete a bike trip to Alaska.

For now they'll enjoy sharing their biking experience with others.

"We've learned about ourselves, each other and the greatness of God," Walt said.

"We enjoyed Amtrak, family, great views, rivers to follow, a few detours. Some places we strained to push up the hills and a few rain-filled days and campsites. We were both ready to be home and with our church family."



Above left: Setting up a tent for the night is the most common activity during the Mosers' ride across the U.S. They carried all their equipment on their bikes, purchasing food and stopping for water at places outlined on a cycling association map. **Above, right:** The Mosers stop to take a selfie as they entered the state of Kentucky.





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Cardinal football takes back Battle Axe trophy from Pipestone

By John Sichmeller
For the Star Herald

The Cardinals brought the Battle Axe back to Luverne after a thrilling come-from-behind football victory in Pipestone Friday night.

The Arrows took a 14-0 lead into halftime, but the Cardinals battled back to earn a 27-20 victory over their rivals.

With the win, Luverne moved to 4-2 on the season.

"We had great effort from everyone on the team this week. Our offense, defense and special teams all played great," said Luverne coach Todd Oye.

"I'm proud of how our kids played all night, especially in the second half."

The previously undefeated Arrows looked like they would continue their winning ways early on in the game.

After both teams failed to score in the first quarter, the Arrows launched a 92-yard scoring drive that ended with a 38-yard touchdown reception from Pipestone receiver Cayden Zephier. After a successful extra point kick, the Arrows held a 7-0 lead with 9:32 remaining in the second quarter.

Pipestone got back in the end zone late in the second quarter after their quarterback, Kellen Johnson, scrambled for a 4-yard

touchdown run with 40 seconds remaining in the half.

The Arrows converted the extra point attempt to hold a 14-0 lead over the Cardinals who were unable to advance the ball.

The Cardinals looked like a different team after halftime and wasted no time showing it.

Taking over at the Pipestone 44-yard line, Luverne needed only three plays to get its first score of the game. Facing a third and 6, Luverne sophomore quarterback Carter Sehr was able to find senior receiver Gannon Ahrendt for a 40-yard touchdown reception.

After Luverne's unsuccessful 2-point conversion attempt, the Pipestone lead was 14-6 with 10:47 remaining in the third quarter.

The Arrows responded with a 58-yard scoring drive of their own along with a 12-yard touchdown run from running back Nehemiah Ostermeier. Pipestone's point-after kick was no good and the score was now 20-6 in favor of the Arrows with 5:14 left in the third quarter.

The Cardinals were forced to punt on their next drive, and the Arrows took over possession

Cardinal football, 2B



Images by CD photo/1013 LHS Tennis

Katharine Kelm backhands a return Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 5, in a home match against Benson/KMS Co-op. The quarter section match was postponed due to rain Oct. 4 and played the following day, which was also interrupted due to rain, and the match was ultimately finished in Worthington. Luverne won the match 4-3.

Luverne girls win tennis section championship, head to state tourney

By Susan Beers
For the Star Herald

Luverne will represent Section 3A at the Minnesota girls' state tennis tournament Oct. 25 in Minneapolis.

The Cardinals won their first Section 3A team championship on Thursday, Oct. 6, in Sioux Falls.

After defeating Benson/KMS Co-op 4-3 in the tournament quarterfinals Oct. 5, Luverne took down Lac Qui Parle 4-3 in the semifinal round Thursday morning.

The Cards went on to defeat

Pipestone 4-3 in an exciting contest on Thursday afternoon for the section championship.

"This was the goal at the start of the season," said LHS coach Jon Beers.

"You never know just how good the other section teams will be each year, but I always felt that if we played our best, we had a really good chance at making it to state. I know the girls are excited for the opportunity to play some of the best teams in the state."

The Cardinals will begin section individual tournament play

Thursday, Oct. 13, with two entries in the singles competition and two teams in the doubles competition.

LHS 4, Benson/KMS 3

The Cardinals won three of the four singles matches and one of the three doubles over Benson/KMS Co-op in the quarterfinals.

Roselynn Hartshorn defeated Molly Jones 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Morgan Hadler won 6-0, 6-2 over Ella McGinty at No. 3 singles and Cassi Chesley defeated Megan

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Luverne runners win at home CC meet

Cardinals claim girls' and boys' team titles as well

By Sara Schmuck
For the Star Herald

Luverne cross country boys' and girls' varsity teams won at their home Luverne Invitational Thursday, Oct. 6.

It was a narrow win for the LHS girls, with the Cardinals beating Canby-Minnesota by one point. The Luverne boys' varsity team won by 23 points over Canby-Minnesota.

"For them to come away with both team titles being

short-handed was a huge boost of confidence for the kids heading toward the postseason meets," said Luverne cross country coach Pete Janiszkeski.

Luverne runners won individually as well.

Owen Janiszkeski won the 5,000-meter run for boys in a time of 16:40.07, and Jenna DeBates won the 5,000-meter run for girls in a time of 18:42.24.

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Carson Tofteland runs the 5,000-meter race Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6 in Luverne, where the Cardinals boys' team finish with a first-place finish. Individually Tofteland crossed the finish line in 24th place.

LHS volleyball team falls to Jackson, prevails over Southwest Christian in five

Parents Night is Thursday, Oct. 13

By Stacy Olson
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School volleyball team added one win and one loss to its season record in the past week in contests with Jackson and Southwest Christian.

The Huskies swept the Cardinals in three games on Oct. 6 in Luverne, but the LHS team earned a hard-fought win over the E-gals in five games Monday.

The Cardinals improved their record to 13 wins and seven losses. The Luverne Cardinals will host Parents Night Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Luverne versus Adrian-Ellsworth volleyball game.

JCC 3, LHS 1

Luverne hosted Jackson on Thursday, Oct. 6, and fell to the Huskies in three games with scores of 19-25, 22-25, and 23-25.

Senior Anja Jarchow completed 11 of 11 serves, recorded six kills and 12 digs. Senior Christina Wagner also completed 11 of 11 serves and charted eight blocking assists at the net.

Carly Olson, senior libero, added 24 digs for Luverne.

Senior setters Emma Beyer and Averill Sehr recorded 20 and 14 set assists respectively.

Kamryn Van Batavia, senior hitter, led with seven kills versus the Huskies.

Junior Kiesli Smith assisted at the net with one solo block and four assists

The Cardinals played well and kept the games tight but just fell short in each round.

LHS 3, SWC 2

Luverne hosted Southwest Christian on Monday, Oct. 10, and prevailed over the Eagles in five games.

Luverne won the first game 26-24, second game 25-13 and fifth game 18-16. The Cardinals dropped the third game 20-25 and fourth game 16-25.

Luverne came out strong and made adjustments as the games went on.

Emma Beyer recorded 27 set assists, and Averill Sehr added another 16 set assists on the night.

Carly Olson came up with 21 digs in the back row.

Kamryn Van Batavia finished the night with 18 digs and nine kills.

Anja Jarchow completed 25 of 25 serves and led at the net with 14 kills.

Beyer completed 22 of 22 serves and recorded one ace.

At the net Christina Wagner added two solo blocks and three assists.

Junior Kira John made her varsity debut and recorded one solo block and four assists for the Cardinals.

H-BC Patriots fall at home to MLA Wolverines 19-12

By Dan Ellingson
For the Star Herald

On Friday night the 4-1 Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots hosted the 3-2 Mountain Lake Area Wolverines in a Section 3 9-man showdown.

The Patriots were looking to bounce back from last week's setback, while the Wolverines were riding a 3-game win streak.

Mountain Lake Area held on for the win in this closely contested game by a score of 19-12.

The young Patriots played through the game with some key players sitting out portions of the game because of the physical play on both sides of the ball.

Head coach Rex Metzger said he felt the Patriots missed a couple of opportunities on offense as the team defense kept them in the game.

But the Pates struck first when freshman quarterback Jamin Metzger sneaked the football into the endzone with



Samantha McGaffee photo/1013 H-BC Football

Freshman quarterback Jamin Metzger passed for 114 yards Friday night in the home game against Mountain Lake Area. He completed 11 out of 24 passes in the loss.

11 seconds to go in the first period for an early Patriot lead.

It was H-BC's third possession of the game.

While the Wolverines had the

ball twice on offense during the first quarter, the stingy Patriot defense gave up only eight total yards to the

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Samantha McGaffee photo/1013 H-BC Football

H-BC junior Riley Tatge (No. 28) is assisted by senior Brayden Metzger to stop the run by a Mountain Lake Area player Friday night in a home game in Hills. The Wolverines ran for 203 rushing yards with only six passing yards in their 19-12 win over the Patriots.

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Wolverines during the quarter.

The second quarter proved to be a pivotal period in the game. The Pates forced a Wolverine punt on the first possession, but the Patriot drive stalled at midfield. After Cameron Allen's punt, MLA took over on their own 32-yard line.

On first and 10, The Wolverines' speedy and shifty back took the ball over the goal line to tie the game at 6-6. A successful point after gave MLA the lead at 7-6, and it was a lead they never relinquished.

Hampered by two penalties, the Patriots could not move the ball on the subsequent drive. The home team was forced to punt.

After a combined tackle for a loss by Patriots' Brayden Metzger and Riley Tatge, and a Cooper Gehrke pass breakup, the Patriots forced the Wolverines into a third and 15 from H-BC's 22 yard-line.

However, with 5:18 left in the half, the MLA running back sprinted for 22 yards and extended the Wolverine lead to 13-6.

The Patriots could not get the offense going on the next drive, but the defense stopped the MLA offense with some big hits by Beau Bakken and Luke Fuerstenberg, thus causing a Wolverine punt.

The Patriots' offense gained possession of the ball with just 2:36 left in the half. The Pates then went on a 9-play, 61-yard drive with Jamin Metzger scoring his second touchdown of the game with just three seconds left until half-time. The two-point conversion attempt fell incomplete, and MLA held a 13-12 halftime lead.

The falcons scored on their second possession of the third quarter on a 20-yard run, boosting the Wolverine lead to 19-12.

Patriot linebacker Sawyer Bosch sprinted from his left outside position

and blocked the extra point kick, keeping the Patriots down by seven.

In the final quarter, the H-BC offense started the last drive of the game with just over three minutes on the clock.

Behind the passing of Jamin Metzger, the receiving of Cooper Gehrke, Brock Harnack, Riley Tatge and the rushing of Sawyer Bosch, the Patriots advanced the ball to a first and goal from the 9-yard line with just 1:56 left in regulation.

But after a quarterback scramble by Jamin Metzger, a short run by Sawyer Bosch and a quarterback sack, the Patriots faced a fourth and goal from the 20-yard line with just 4 seconds left.

On fourth down, Jamin Metzger completed a pass to Bakken who was stopped short of the goal line at the 8-yard line.

The Wolverines came out on top with a 19-12 victory. The Patriots dropped to 4-2 for the season, and with the win, MLA also sits at 4-2.

The Patriots will travel to Red Rock Central Friday to face the 4-2 Falcons, who coach Metzger expects to be a physical team.

The outcome of that game will help bring into focus the seeding for the post-season Section 3 tournament. Game time is 7 p.m. in Lambertson.

Team statistics

HBC-78 rushing yards, 144 passing yards, 222 total yards, 16 first downs, seven penalties for 55 yards, one turnover.

MLA-203 rushing yards, six passing yards, 209 total yards, nine first downs, eight penalties for 45 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual statistics

Rushing: Sawyer Bosch 8-27, Justin Roelfs 6-26, Beau Bakken 7-19, Cooper Gehrke 2-12, Brock Harnack 1(-2), Jamin Metzger 13(-4).

Passing: Jamin Metzger 11-24 for 144 yards, Sawyer Bosch 0-1.

Receiving: Riley Tatge 3-68, Beau Bakken 2-30, Cooper Gehrke 2-29, Brock Harnack 1-9, Justin Roelfs 3-8.

Defense: Beau Bakken 10.5 tackles, Brayden Metzger 5 tackles, Sawyer Bosch 4.5 tackles, Alex Harris 4 tackles, Luke Fuerstenberg 3.5 tackles, Cody Moser 3.5 tackles.

Dog-training series concludes with how to keep control when other dogs are present

This is the fourth installment of the do-it-yourself obedience training for your own dog. Prior columns have covered the basics of getting the sponge in the obedience bucket level of obedience outcome when training in your own dog.

The steps covered in the first three articles should have taken about 4-5 weeks to get really ingrained in your dog to the point where their compliance to known commands is very solid even if there are other distractions nearby like other dogs, rabbits or any number of other things like a group of kids etc.

The next steps will be to add the ability to control your dog with commands other than your voice.

The first is whistle training. I love using a whistle because the whistle cuts through many challenges you and your dog will face in the real world.

Let's cover the first of those commands. One loud blast of the whistle is the command for "sit." When you have your dog on a leash and give them the "sit" command, add one blast of the whistle and repeat the voice sit command.

The whistle command is not one of those wimpy whistle blows like a little kid can accomplish. This is one loud blast. By adding the whistle command with the voice command, it will take a very short time for the dog to comply only with the whistle and no voice. Sitting on the whistle will come in very handy when we start doing more advanced training work.

The other command is a series of tweet-tweet-tweets. This is the whistle command for "here." The same program is followed. Sit your dog at a distance and give the "here" command followed immediately by a tug on the rope and a series of loud tweets in rapid succession. Blow the tweets until the dog has made it all the way back to you, repeating the "here" command as a



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By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

helper.

I indicated the whistle can overcome some of the obstacles a voice command has trouble conveying. In heavy winds the voice command can get drowned out. The whistle cuts through that wind.

Other dog owners who are hollering commands to their dogs, which can confuse your dog, can be overcome when your dog is whistle-trained.

If the dog is ever going to have a life in the field hunting, a whistle command will spook far fewer birds than a big loud voice command of "here." As before, just start out by using both the voice command and the whistle command and soon the dog will respond equally to both. Dogs take to whistle commands much faster than you might think.

After you have a good grip and good dog compliance with both whistle and voice commands on a leash, check cord or rope, you can then add a remote training collar. These are devices that allow you to make a correction to the dog for non-compliance from a distance. It is super important to understand that a remote collar has never taught a dog anything. They are only a way to make a correction for the dog's failure to comply with the very well-known commands of "here," "sit" and "heel."

This again uses the least amount of correction possible to get compliance but is done with the understanding that you will ultimately need to get compliance, and if a higher level of stimulation is required to be successful, then that is what will need to be done.

There is a lot of repeating the prior proper steps with this training addition. Give the "sit" command and then apply a leash tug and a small electronic stimula-

tion to the collar. Do this with no rhythm or cadence. Give the dog lots of freedoms, meaning no corrections at all. Over time you can give a command, eliminate the leash tug, and make the correction for non-compliance only with the electronic collar. After a time, the dog's compliance to both voice and whistle commands will be almost automatic.

Never for a second think that once this obedience training is complete, this effort is a one-and-done. Regular refreshers will be required.

Remember that every dog, I repeat every dog, will try to move up in the pack, and they will challenge you, the pack leader, on a regular basis to see if you are willing to give up your spot.

Electronic collars are a great tool in the hands of a human who understands that they are only reinforcement tools and not teaching tools. Corrections can only be made for commands that you know your dog has a deep and complete understanding of and has failed to comply to.

I will go into more detail on electronic training collars in a future column. The key today is to decide if you are up for the commitment to train your own dog and then do what it takes for about 45 days to achieve the best results.

If you have a dog question, feel free to reach out to me at scottarall@gmail.com and I will be glad to try to help you if I can.

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Duff Dog Backyard Ultra returns for second year, scheduled for Oct. 15

By Lori Sorenson

The Duff Dog Backyard Ultra is set for Saturday, Oct. 15, in the Blue Mounds State Park.

Last year at this time Luverne's David Duffy hosted his first "ultra" running event that challenged athletes to complete 100 miles in one day.

"As of Sunday afternoon, we had 17 athletes signed up. Last year we had seven total," Duffy said.

"The talent we have this year is incredible. First, we have Tim Fryer and Eva Gut back from last year's final two runners. If you remember, Tim outlasted Eva by completing 18 loops to Eva's 17."

He said in this year's field there are three or four runners who have a chance to get to the 24-hour mark 1-100 miles.

"With only one runner able to win, all of the runners will focus on getting their own personal record," Duffy said.

Start time is 8 a.m. at the walk-in campsites and registration is open at <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=93946>.

The backyard ultra is a form of ultramarathon race where competitors must consecutively run the distance of 6,706 meters (4.167 miles) in less than one hour.

When each lap is completed, the remaining time within the hour is typically used to recover for the next hour's race.

The competition is for anyone to



join and challenge themselves by running one hour, two hours or more.

"We invite folks to come check out the runners at the park beginning at 8 a.m.," Duffy said.

Key hours will be Hour 6 (1-2 p.m.) 25 miles. Hour 7 (2-3 p.m.) where runners will surpass the marathon mark in mileage. Hour 12 will be 7 to 8 p.m. when they hit 50 miles. Hour 18 will be 1-2 a.m. (Sunday morning) which will be 75 miles.

Hour 24 will be 7-8 a.m., the 100-mile mark.

Duffy will provide hourly updates on the runners through his Facebook page.



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Stay awake

Before going to seminary, I was a private investigator working insurance fraud cases. Part of my job involved clandestinely sitting outside of a subject's home in the back of my surveillance van. Often I would arrive well before sunrise, get a suitable position, but the person wouldn't leave their home all day.

During one case, after I sat outside of a man's house for nearly a week with no activity, my complacency got the best of me. It was still very early. I had driven several hours to get there, and I was exhausted. I dozed off.

Three hours later I woke up! Startled, I looked at the camera monitor and I saw the man's garage door wide open, and the subject's vehicle long gone.

Almost a week's worth of investigation down the drain. Thousands of dollars of an insurance company's money wasted and, of course, my reputation and job on the line. All because I felt complacent and lost focus. All because I was sleeping on the job.

Maybe something like this has happened to you. We all know that sleeping on the job is bad. It can have disastrous consequences.

As Christians, God has given us many jobs to do in our vocation as disciples of Jesus. One of the most important is that we live our lives according to God's will in anticipation of Christ's return.

The Christians that met in the church in Thessalonica knew they were to be vigilant for Jesus to come back. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5, "You yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." Paul was reiterating Jesus' own teaching that no one knows the day or the hour he will return. But he also reminds them, and us, we still should not be

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By Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

surprised when Jesus comes back. We should be prepared!

Paul continues, "You are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober."

Waiting for Jesus, we Christians must not become complacent and fall asleep on the job. Like Paul said, let us stay awake and be sober! Why? First, so temptations may not entice you back into sinful and wicked living. Second, so you can fulfill your responsibly to share the gospel while he delays so as many as possible may come to the faith and knowledge of Jesus.

Therefore, not only for your sake, but for those around you, do not be inattentive to your Christian duty. Stay awake. Ignore the false prophets who constantly predict the end of the world.

But also, do not become complacent, thinking that Jesus will not come back in your lifetime. Let's pray he does! Instead, look forward with eager anticipation to his return, while also giving the Holy Spirit the opportunity to prepare you through worship and through the study of God's word.

May God bless your witnessing so that, through you, God might bring even more into the kingdom before the end has come.

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Sundays 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
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 13: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion and 4-year old Milestone. 10 a.m. Sunday School/Drums & Jesus/Coffee with Council. 10:15 a.m. 10th grade Confirmation class. 3 p.m. Pumpkin decorating. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. Monday, Oct. 17: Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. NO confirmation classes. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, Oct. 14: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Oct 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Cantata rehearsal. Wednesday, Oct. 19: No midweek activities. Thursday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 4 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, Oct. 15: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school; FUEL. 9:45 a.m. coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Baptism. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Oct. 17: 6:30 p.m. 2nd Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Oct. 18: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6:30 p.m. PPR meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 6:15 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Oct. 20: 7 p.m. New AA group. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Youth Sunday school during worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel. Saturday, Oct. 15: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service—Stewardship Sunday. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Brunch. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 4 p.m. Middle School youth pumpkin carving. Monday, Oct. 17: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 1 p.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. Kids for Christ. 7 p.m. Senior choir. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 16: 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, Oct. 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service at First Lutheran. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValleySprings; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 6 p.m. Confirmation for ALL 7th and 8th graders. We will meet at First Lutheran.

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

Thursday, Oct. 13: 1:30 p.m. WELCA meeting. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting. Sunday, Oct. 16: We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Wednesday, Oct. 19: 9 a.m. Quilters meet at Palisade Lutheran Church. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation starts for ALL 7th and 8th graders. We will meet at First Lutheran.

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 16: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

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Early deer season is next week, Oct. 20-23

Hunters can participate in an early antlerless-only deer season from Thursday, Oct. 20, through Sunday, Oct. 23. The season increases opportunities for hunters in areas where deer populations are above population goals or where there is an increased risk of chronic wasting disease.

Permit areas open during the hunt are 209, 213, 214, 215, 218, 219, 221, 222, 223, 225, 227, 229, 236, 240, 277, 341, 342, 343, 604, 605, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 661 and 701.

The DNR offers this opportunity to hunters in an effort to manage local deer herds.

In changes this year, the bag limit has been reduced from five to three antlerless deer and hunters are no longer required to obtain an early antlerless permit to participate in the early antlerless season.

DNR invites deer hunters to share wildlife observations

With archery deer season underway and scouting for the upcoming firearms deer season starting in earnest, now is an ideal time for hunters to start using the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources online log for deer and other wildlife sightings.

"We're asking deer hunters to share their observations of wildlife to help broaden our knowledge about deer and other wildlife species," said Eric Michel, DNR ungulate research scientist.

"This is the questionnaire's third year using a community science approach, and we're hoping to build on the helpful results from the last two years."

The DNR uses the results to compare what hunters report to the population estimates that are

an important tool for managing wildlife.

Using a mobile device or desktop computer, hunters can enter information on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/Mammals/Deer/Management/Deer-Hunter-Field-Log.html) about wildlife they see while hunting, including deer, turkey, bear, fisher and other species. Hunters also will be able to report specific information about any deer they harvest, including antler size.

Hunters are encouraged to fill out a report after each hunt even if they don't see any deer that day. Filling out a report even if no deer are observed is important as it allows for an accurate estimate of the number of deer observed per hour of field

observations, which provides a useful comparison to deer density modeling results.

The questionnaire will remain open through the end of the year.

The DNR first developed a version of this survey following a 2016 report from the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor requesting more checks of the model used to estimate deer populations for each deer permit area. The observation surveys are a way to compare hunter-provided data with DNR population estimates.

"We're confident in the model we use to estimate trends in deer populations," Michel said.

"By participating in this questionnaire, hunters provide

another way to check our estimates of deer populations, in addition to observations from DNR wildlife managers."

The DNR works with the public to establish deer population goals (mndnr.gov/Mammals/Deer/Management/Population.html) for areas throughout the state. Each year, wildlife managers use deer population estimates generated by the statistical models to figure out what level of deer harvest will move a local deer population closer to goal. The DNR then sets hunting regulations using past hunter participation and success rates, with the aim of harvest moving the population toward goal.

The DNR will report results in an annual research summary.



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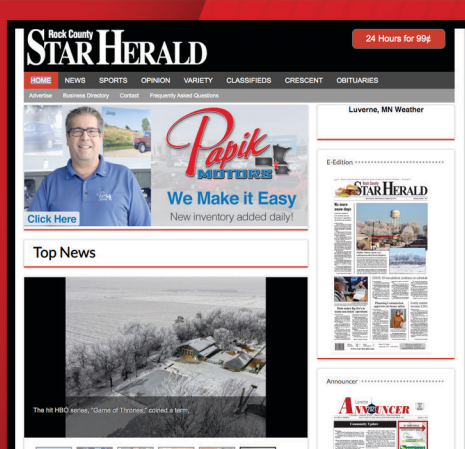
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