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Fareway seeks option on city lot by liquor store

City agrees to \$25,000 loan and option to sell property for \$125,000

By Lori Sorenson

Fareway Stores Inc. is remodeling the former W-2's Quality Meats store at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 75 in Luverne to open a meat market this fall.

The company is also requesting an option to purchase property and is seeking a loan to facilitate the new store opening.

If the business goes well with the small meat market, Fareway officials have told city leaders they would like to acquire the property diagonal to the existing location to build a brand new stand-alone meat market store.

The city owns three parcels on the corner of Main and Highway 75 (102 S. Kniss Ave., formerly known as Remmedez, 108 S. Kniss Ave. and 309 W. Main St.) and is willing to sign an Option and Right of First Refusal with Fareway to purchase the property for \$125,000.

The Option gives Fareway the exclusive right to purchase the property until January 1, 2024.

If the option is not exercised by then, Fareway still has a right of first refusal to purchase the property by Jan. 1, 2025, in the event that the city has a legitimate offer from a third party.

If Fareway elects to purchase

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Property destroyed in July 4 fire in Hills

By Lori Sorenson

Local fire and rescue crews were dispatched to Hills Monday morning for a fire in the Hills Storage Center at Church and Fourth streets.

At around 9:45 a.m. officials with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad reported they heard an explosion and saw thick black smoke coming from the building.

Hills Fire and Rescue responded, along with mutual aid from Luverne and Beaver Creek departments.

The blaze was quickly extinguished, but damage was extensive in at least two of the garage bays in the structure owned by Ross Metzger and Kelly Leuthold.

Metzger said he had been in the building just an hour before the fire and hadn't smelled anything or noticed anything unusual.

It was determined that a 2007 9400 International semi-trailer owned by Harlan Stueven, Hills, had started on fire in the building.

"This isn't how we hoped to

Hills fire/continued on page 5



Spectacular Fourth of July

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 2022 Fourth of July Celebration at The Lake didn't disappoint, as hundreds of people flocked to the beach for festivities.

Steamy 90-degree temperatures also made lake activities like the log rolling contest more attractive, and dozens of participants signed up in the children's and adult divisions.

Dozens of local businesses and organizations donated funds for the Fourth of July celebration, which allowed the Chamber and July 4 Committee members to keep events and attractions free for participants.

Competition results are on the Chamber website and more photos can be found online at www.star-herald.com.



Aniyah Rivas fights to maintain balance in the final round of the log rolling contest.



Meghan (left) and Brielle Haakenson seek heat relief in a snow cone.



Ian Gulden (Alex Gulden in background) competes in the corn hole tournament. Above, Jaxon Phelps makes it to the finals in log rolling.



Pyrotechnician Jon Kurtz and Jen Wiebe set up Monday afternoon for the 2022 July 4 fireworks show at The Lake.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 11, in the township hall in Beaver Creek.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Prairie Ally seeks workers

Volunteer workers are needed from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Prairie Ally public food forest for a variety of maintenance tasks. No RSVP necessary. Other work opportunities are available by appointment by contacting info@projectfoodforest.org. Donations are also welcome for Prairie Ally, which is located along Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne.

'Service Over Self' Camp July 20 at Inspiration Hills

Rock the Edge is coordinating a Service-Over-Self-inspired work day on July 20 at Inspiration Hills Camp in Inwood, Iowa. Youth who have completed grades 8 through 12 are welcome to register, with adult volunteers also needed. Deadline to register is July 14. To request a registration form, call 507-283-2316 or rocktheedgegm@gmail.com.

Senior Nutrition Program July 21

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 & older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 21, as a drive thru distribution in the parking lot off Maple Street at the new A.C.E. office on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required. Call 507-283-5064.

Food distribution is July 21

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is now at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple St. in Luverne. The next distribution is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, until the food is gone.

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

Library Happenings

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

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

Storytime @ the Park will be 10:30 a.m. Thursdays in various parks in Luverne. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Dates and parks are:

- July 7, Luverne City.
- July 14, Kolbert.
- July 21, Veterans Memorial.
- July 28, Hawkinson.

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

Michael Albert and POP ART program will be Friday, July 15. Registration is required.

Movie and Snacks for *The Lorax* begins 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 19. The movie is 1 hr. 35 min., rated G. All ages are welcome.

A naturalist from **Prairie Ecology Bus Center** will present the program "Animals Can Do What?" from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, for grades K-4.

The summer reading program, "**Camp iRead: Read Beyond the Beaten Path**," continues to Aug. 1.

Readers in grades K-4 who completed all eight weeks of the summer program will be invited to an **End of Summer Pizza Party** at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4.

Teens (grades 5-12) who complete a bingo card will be invited to a **pizza/prize party** at 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 5.

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

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

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

Community Ed closed July 15-29

Luverne Community Education office will be closed for two weeks, from July 15-29, so registration deadlines are important. Call 507-283-4724.



Magician promotes 'Reading is Magic' at local library

"Magic Zac" Tenneboe (above) promoted the Rock County Library's summer reading program, "Reading is Magic," Tuesday afternoon, June 28, to a large group of children and adults gathered in the library basement. He used various magic tricks to entertain the audience and encourage children to pick up a book and read as part of the summer reading program. The Friends of the Library sponsored an ice cream social on the front lawn after the event.

Below: Garrett Carlson is surprised to see the water in his cup disappear when magician Zac Tenneboe turns the cup upside down over his head. Mavis Fodness photos/0707 Library Magician



Mila Hawkins (left) is puzzled over why the knots that Magic Zac (center) puts in the rope are not staying tied while Ian Meyeraan laughs as he holds the previous tied rope. **Below:** Audience members are excited about joining Magic Zac for a magic trick.



Luverne Brew Partners gets license for 128-ounce offsale at Take 16 Brewing Co.

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members acted on a series of agenda items relating to Take 16 Brewing Company at their Tuesday, June 28, meeting.

In May the state lawmakers passed legislation that allows small brewers (producing 7,500 barrels or less) to sell up to 128 ounces of beer per customer per day that could be packaged in any approved container to go.

By statute, cities need to amend their ordinances

in order to allow a license for off-sale of up to 128 ounces per customer per day for breweries.

At their June 28 meeting, Luverne council members adopted an ordinance amending the city's code for alcoholic beverages to add "Off-Sale Malt Liquor 128 Ounces."

Also, Luverne Brew Partners, doing business as Take 16, formally requested an off-sale malt liquor license for the 128-ounce off-sale containers.

The license, which costs

the same as the 64-ounce growler, is good from July 7, 2022, through Dec. 31.

In related business, Luke Rensink, representing Luverne Brew Partners, applied for a temporary on-sale liquor license for Ag Appreciation Day and Cardinal Pride Weekend events.

Sales and consumption for Ag Appreciation will be limited to Take 16 Brewing Company's premises, parking lot, and closed off street area.

Also included in the request is a street closure

(Main Street from Oakley to Blue Mound) submitted by Don Dinger. The Ag Appreciation event is scheduled for Aug. 20 from 3 p.m. to midnight.

Sales and consumption for Cardinal Pride Weekend events will be at the main Luverne City Park on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

Luverne City Council members approved the temporary liquor licenses and private use of public right-of-way for Luverne Brew Partners.

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Luverne native Deborah Luethje Mariya honored in California for service as U.S. Navy chaplain

Deborah Luethje Mariya, Luverne High School Class of 1971, was honored on May 21 for her service as a Navy chaplain at a ceremony in Coronado, California.

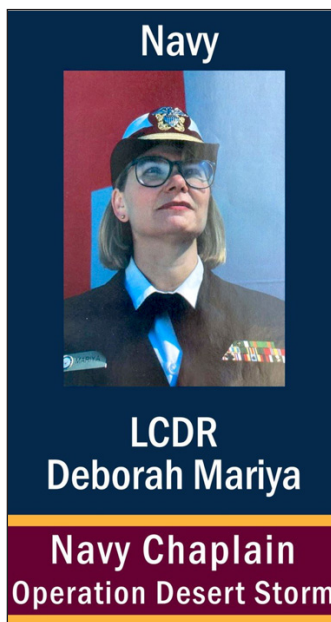
The city of Coronado raised a banner bearing her picture and acknowledging her wartime service in Operation Desert Storm. It will be publicly displayed on Fourth Street for six months following Memorial Day.

The Hometown Banner Program was established to recognize current and former residents of Coronado for distinguished military service. Veterans are selected for the honor based on their notable military contributions to the nation.

Reverend Doctor Deborah Luethje Mariya, holding the rank of Lieutenant Commander, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, was selected for the XIV group of honorees. She was called to ministry at an early age, and following mission work in Brazil, she graduated from Augustana University and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

After seminary she was ordained as clergy of the United Methodist Church and for 10 years pastored churches in Iowa. During this time she joined the United States Naval Reserve.

She was called to active duty in 1990 immediately prior to Operation Desert



A street banner in Coronado, California, honors the distinguished military service of Luverne native Deborah Luethje Mariya.

Shield/Desert Storm as command chaplain of USS *Cape Cod* (AD-43), deploying to the Persian Gulf.

Traveling by helicopter, she conducted divine services and counseling throughout the Fleet at sea and ashore in the theater of operations.

Chaplain Mariya made a second deployment to the Persian Gulf and then was assigned to National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, where she was, among other duties, chaplain of the oncology ward and conducted Protestant divine services.

Bly named SDSU Friend of Soil Health

Anthony Bly, SDSU Extension Soils Field Specialist, received the 2022 Friend of Soil Health Award at the 2022 Soil Health Conference.

"This award is a great honor for me," said Bly, a Hills-Beaver Creek graduate. "I am trying to carry on the legacies of my mentors in my life through science and the conservation of natural resources."

Bly received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in agronomy from South Dakota State University in 1988 and 1992 respectively.

After obtaining his master's degree, Bly began his career with SDSU in 1992 as a research associate, and later went on to work for AgLab Express as a laboratory manager from 2011-2013. In 2013 Bly re-joined SDSU Extension as a Soils Field Specialist.

In his current role, Bly conducts educational programming for producers and agronomists and speaks at SDSU industry partner events and meetings for the South Dakota No-Till Association, AgHorizons, South Dakota Soybean and the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition.

"Anthony can connect with producers because he is one, too," said Sandy Smart, SDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Senior Program Leader.

Bly also writes educational soil health articles that are published on the SDSU Extension website, and he is involved in soil research

projects related to soil fertility and soil health, many of which are collaborative projects with other SDSU Extension specialists.

Bly has played an integral role in developing the "Every Acre Counts" program, which aims to improve farm profitability, diversity and ecosystem benefits of agriculture by using precision technologies to empower producers to make informed management decisions for every acre of their operation.

Through this program, SDSU Extension provides landowners with information that will increase their return on investment and enhance land management approaches that will benefit the sustainability of land, water and all natural resources.

"Anthony understands the value of soil health and how it improves the land resource, reduces input costs and protects the soil from wind and water erosion," Smart said.

"He has a passion for soil health because he practices it on his own operation, and he is driven to see others implement those practices on their farms as well."

Open House **IT'S A GIRL!**
Baby Shower
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 Saturday, July 9
 10 am - 12 pm
 at The Lake in Luverne
 Registered at Target



Mavis Fodness photos/0707 Bucket Drumming

Cooper Thone taps the five-gallon bucket last week during his first practice for the Luverne Community Education activity. He is joined in the front row by Charlotte Bierman, Tucker Thone, Alerick Stanley, (back) Joss Johnson and Melina Panaia as elementary music teacher Morgan Van Holland (far right) leads the class. The group will perform at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, July 14, before the wiener dog races during Hot Dog Night in Luverne. **Below** Van Holland demonstrates stick position.

First-time bucket class drums up 13 participants

Kids will perform at Hot Dog Night July 14

By Mavis Fodness

Thirteen students gathered in Morgan Van Holland's elementary music classroom last week for a bucket drumming class through Luverne Community Education.

"(Director) Lisa Nath approached me with the idea of bucket drumming," Van Holland said. "She noticed that there was a group in Sioux Falls and realized we have not done anything like that in our community."

The third- through fifth-grade students will conclude the class with a public perfor-

mance at Luverne's Hot Dog Night.

The 15-minute performance will be at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, July 14, prior to the wiener dog races.

At the first one-hour class, Van Holland, who began teaching at Luverne Elementary in 2019, introduced students to basic percussion techniques and the parts of the five-gallon bucket that can be hit.

Subsequent classes taught students how to read music for bucket drumming.

"We thought offering a



bucket drumming course would be popular with students because it was something different," she said.

"The last three years that I have been here we have not used buckets in the music room, and this was something different for the students to learn."

The July 14 performance will also help students learn.

"Students feel pride after working really hard

on a piece of music and performing in front of an audience. They also gain a level of experience of how to handle emotions during a performance," Van Holland said.

She admits that even professionals feel nervous and have a level of anxiety before performing.

"The more they perform, the more skills and confidence they build from the performance," Van Holland said.



Tucker Thone drums on the top of his five-gallon bucket as Sydney VanGrootheest follows the instructor.

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Westside Township Board

Need motivation to clean out?

Dr. Phil can help

It's so easy to procrastinate when it comes to sorting and getting rid of stuff, but Dr. Phil has gotten me started.



LUV MY JOB

By Esther Frakes, copy editor

*So far,
junk: 98,
treasure: 2.*

I have to say, I seldom watch "Dr. Phil," but I just happened to catch a show recently where an older couple had married and combined both households of stuff into one single home they had purchased together. They never got around to unpacking and were now living in a home where the only usable space they had is one chair each at the kitchen counter and a space for each to sleep.

Their hope was that Dr. Phil could help them declutter so that they could pursue their dream of traveling the USA in a motor home.

What caught my attention was how Dr. Phil illustrated to the husband just how little time he had left on this earth. Dr. Phil had marked off the years of life on a long, white paper ruler placed on the stage floor and asked the man to stand at No. 73, his current age, with 78, the longevity of a male in the U.S., as the end of the ruler.

When the man looked back, and then forward, he could visibly see he'd better act and get that motor home!

I've always known I'm best as a visual learner. That white ruler got my attention! With my 79th birthday coming up in August, I then and there made a plan to sort through every cupboard, drawer and closet in my house and get rid of stuff!

The bonus of it all is that I'm finding treasures I had forgotten I'd packed away.

My favorite find so far is an audiocassette recording of the 1964 State High School Basketball Tournament final game between Luverne and Rochester.

It was so much fun to lis-

ten to the tape. I watched that game in March of 1964 with my parents on their farm near Redwood Falls. I was about to graduate from college that spring and had already signed a contract with the Luverne School District to teach German and English beginning in the fall, so I was getting a preview of a select group of future students.

As my whole family cheered for Luverne, I kept wondering which of the players might enter my classroom in the fall.

When that first day of school arrived in September, I walked several of the 1964 state champs including Del Jessen, Scott Creeger, Curt Laudon, Tom Kozney, as well as the other great students of that Class of '65.

But back to the audiocassette tape. Apparently my late husband Roger (Dubber) Spease recorded the game when it was replayed for the 100th anniversary of the school. It had been rebroadcast for that occasion and included advertising by some business sponsors back then including Schoon Motors, Blue Mound Inn, Cook's Clothing, Country Kitchen, Bot Drug, to name a few. ... I'd forgotten there was a Hardee's in Luverne.

I'm not saying that all my progress in cleaning out has been as enjoyable as this one find, but who knows what's in all that stuff!

So far, junk: 98, treasure: 2.

Proud to be American. Proud of Luverne. Proud of upcoming 'Cardinal Pride' weekend

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

There are plenty of reasons for Luverne residents — especially as American citizens — to be proud right now.

Our little community pulled off another spectacular Fourth of July celebration at The Lake in Luverne.

It had all the makings of Americana, cold drinks, outdoor dining, festive music, snow cones and friendly competitions. And, of course, fireworks — a display that rivaled many in much larger communities.

As the day played out in classic, steamy July summer temperatures, all in the world felt right. And it all happened because a handful of local leaders and volunteers cared. And local businesses and organizations cared enough to support it financially. And local committee volun-

teers cared enough to put time and creative energy into planning an event that unfolded seamlessly because people who said they would do their part showed and did their part.

To those of us who showed up to enjoy it, the day seemed effortless, and for that we're grateful.

We're also grateful for the planning, volunteerism and creativity being invested in the all-school reunion set for the long weekend starting with Luverne's 60th annual Hot Dog Night on July 14.

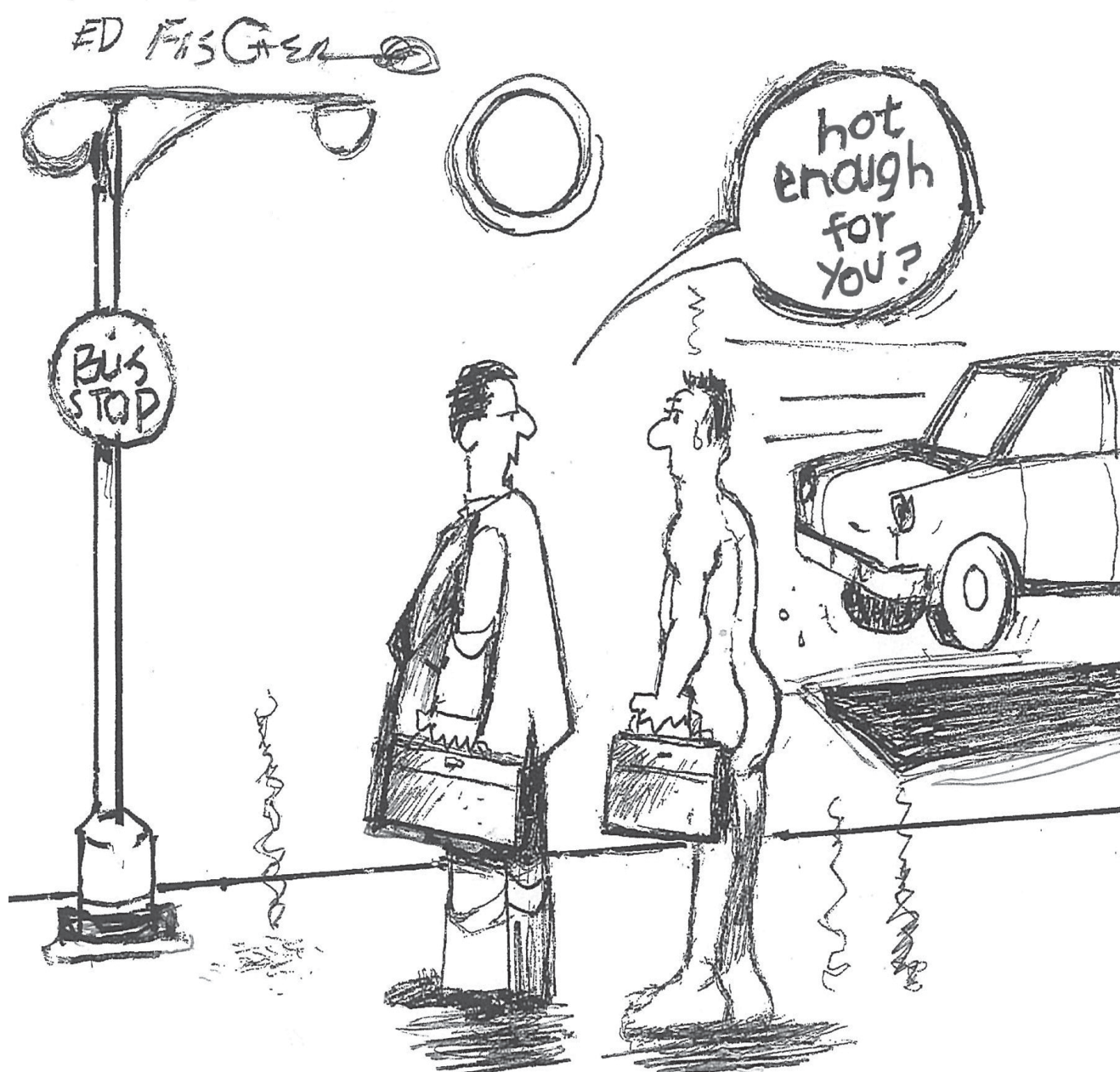
As the local paper, we're privy

to the details of these events long before they're publicized, and we can't wait to share that information with our readers.

In next week's Star Herald, be sure to look for the Cardinal Pride Weekend preview magazine as a guide for reunion parties, special events, and of course, all the events and activities involved with the legendary Hot Dog Night.

There are many reasons to keep Luverne's Cardinal spirit alive. It's been a great summer so far in our community, and it keeps getting better.

Thanks, everyone, for making us all proud.



Fick: 'Is it time the NRA speaks up and out against these murders?'

To the Editor:

Another shooting, more deaths, more injuries, even children.

I don't understand why high-powered automatic military weapons are allowed in society today. Yes, a single shot or double barrel in every home is okay to use when a skunk wanders on your lawn or a coyote spooks your cattle and your cattle end up in your neighbor's cornfield.

If a terrorist has to reload after

a couple rounds, bystanders could tackle him, intended targets could hide or get out of range.

Is it time the NRA speaks up and out against these murders? We all know they don't condone these activities.

I feel at times the very police who protect us are falsely accused because they had to make split-second decisions and even sometimes mistakes in haste.

Robert Fick, Luverne

Crabtree: Gifts donated to Luverne hospice will still be used locally for needs of the cottage

To the Editor:

With the recent news of changes in how our local Hospice and Home Health Care services will be delivered, one key piece to local care will not change.

For over 15 years the Luverne Area Community Foundation has held the Sanford Luverne Hospice charitable gifts that come in the form of personal memorials, bricks, charity dinner support and thoughtful dona-

tions for the needs of the cottage. Any of us who have walked with a loved one through the cottage know how much this offering means to our community.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation will continue our responsibility to keep local charitable gifts here, where they were given, for the purpose in which they were given — a gift of gratitude for the gift of local Hospice care. This is what

local giving looks like and what LACF is in the business of doing for our community.

All hospice designated gifts can be sent directly to LACF; PO Box 623; Luverne, MN 56156.

Thank you to our local hospice caregivers and to those who have and will continue to support our local program.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 24
 •Complainant on Lindale Street requested a residence check.
 •Complainant on N. Orleans Avenue, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, reported theft from a garage.

June 25
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported a parking complaint.
 •Complainant at Blue Mounds State Park reported possible gunshots.
 •Complainant on Main Street and Highway 75, Luverne, reported reckless driving.

June 26
 •Complainant at fairgrounds reported a found wallet.
 •Complainant on W. Church Avenue, Steen, reported a weapons violation.
 •Complainant at N. Kniss Avenue and W. Adams reported a vehicle along roadside with emergency flashers activated.
 •Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported suspicious activity.

June 27
 •Complainant on Jasper Street, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, requested RSCO assistance with a theft case.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported threat of assault.
 •Complainant requested info on traffic signage.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a counterfeit bill.
 Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported theft.
 •Complainant on U.S.

Highway 75, Luverne, reported kids throwing rocks at geese.
 •Complainant on Birkett Avenue, Adrian, reported a grove fire.
 •Deputy on E. Luverne Street, Magnolia, on standby for property damage.
 •Fire reported at location on 70th Avenue, Jasper.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, Luverne, requested RSCO assistance with subject.

June 28
 •Complainant on Interstate 90 and S. Kniss Avenue reported erratic driving.
 •Complainant on Ashby Bike Trail reported a lost vehicle key.
 •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported gas motor running in the pond.
 •Complainant reported a stolen trailer.
 •Complainant on E. 6th Street, Carroll, reported subject with Rock County warrant.

June 29
 •Deputy assisted motorist on N. Kniss Avenue and Veterans Drive.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 1 escort, 11 ambulance runs, 2 parking violations, 5 paper service, 6 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 3 burn permits, 1 background check, 2 gas drive-offs, 1 alarm, 5 drug court tests, 4 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 27 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 background check and 1 welfare check.



A July 4 fire caused extensive damage to the Hills Storage Center and destroyed a semitrailer owned by Harlan and Sue Stueven, Hills. No one was injured, and the cause of the blaze is being investigated. (Lori Sorenson photos)

Hills fire destroys property July 4/continued from page 1

spend the Fourth of July," Sue Stueven said.

Fire officials said the explosion that was heard came from the semi's front right front tire that gave way from the heat of the fire.

Arlyn Metzger keeps his semitrailer in the unit next to Stuevens',

but he had backed it out at 7:15 a.m. to haul a load of distillers grain in Sioux Center.

"I usually park my vehicle in here when I'm gone, but thankfully today I didn't," said Metzger, who said he also stores a 1988 Camaro in one of the units.

It's unknown the amount of damage to property in the other units, but smoke damage was extensive.

The Rock County Ambulance was also paged to the scene. No one was injured, and the cause of the blaze is under investigation.



Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia (left) and Hills Fire Chief Jared Rozeboom confer at the scene of a July 4 Storage Center fire that started with a semitrailer (right) owned by Harlan and Sue Stueven. (Lori Sorenson photos)



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the property at any point within those time frames, a development agreement would stipulate that the property must be developed within two years of acquisition.

The company is requesting financial assistance in the form of a \$25,000 loan with the commitment of creating two new full-time jobs at the renovated location.

Fareway agrees to create two full-time jobs by Oct. 1, 2022, and maintain the jobs for two years. For each year that the two full-time jobs are maintained, 50 percent of the principal and accrued interest will be forgiven.

The loan agreement offers a short-term incentive for the startup, while the option and right of first refusal offers a long-term incentive for Fareway to invest in new construction in the future.

At their Tuesday, June 28, meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of a loan agreement and option agreement with Fareway Stores Inc.

Demolition grant helps with blighted property removal

By Lori Sorenson

Members of the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved a request for a \$3,000 demolition grant at their Monday morning meeting for a property at 311 N. Oakley.

John Connell submitted an application for funding through the city's Residential Demolition Program to tear down both the house and three-stall garage on the lot.

LEDA director Holly Sammons worked with Con-



John Connell received a \$3,000 demolition grant from the city to remove this property at 311 N. Oakley.

nell on the request and said the house and garage are substandard, dilapidated and are beyond repair.

She said there is extensive termite damage, and both buildings lack structural integrity.

"Structurally, they're not sound," Sammons said. "The basement of the house has some big foundation issues; there's old cement block in there that's hollowed out."

The entire interior is unfinished and gutted, and

it is inhabitable.

"Given the deficiencies, the cost of repair is unreasonable compared to the value of the property,"

The estimated market value of the property is \$39,800 — \$3,500 for the land and \$36,300 for the house. Annual taxes are \$416.

According to Sammons, Connell has submitted proper paperwork and meets all the requirements for a Residential Demolition Grant for \$3,000.



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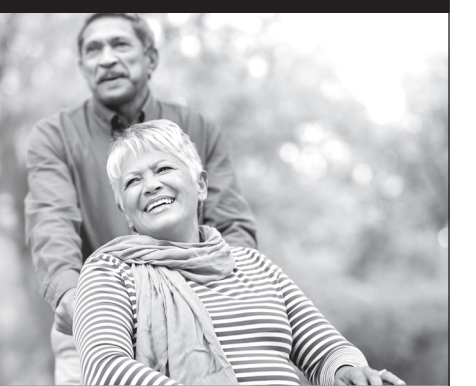
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Mavis Fodness photo/0707 Redeemed Remnants/Atlas Volunteers

ATLAS of Rock County and its Redeemed Remnants store in Luverne logged 5,422 hours among the 58 volunteers in 2021, topping the list of organizations in Rock County participating with A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota. Among the ATLAS/Redeemed Remnants volunteers who gathered recently for a volunteer appreciation event are (front row, sitting, from left) Marlen Van Otterloo, Lynette Ossefoort, Carole Bosch, (second) Jean Staeffler, Brenda Winter, Mary Schutz, Marsha Blom, Laurie Bohlke, Nan Walgrave, Karen Bosch, Greg Hoogeveen, (third) Dixie Hansen, Linda Brady, Sig Underwood, Marilyn Schmuck, Bonnie Berghorst, Darlene Koens, Dorothy Ricehill, (fourth) Glenda Schomacker, Eugene Marshall, Donna Honken, Cheryl Nath, Jean Leslie, Terri Arends, Tia Hadler, Sharon Bonnema, (back) Mary Hoff, Roger Bosch, Harold Hoogland, Rhonda Wynia, Dawn Nath, Jerry Hoff, Dale Bosch and George Bonnema.

ATLAS/Redeemed Remnants tops Rock County list of logged volunteer hours

By Mavis Fodness

Word of mouth is credited for increasing volunteerism in Rock County in 2021.

Michelle Baumhoefer, A.C.E. executive director, recently updated County Board members about the seven-county volunteer program. With her was Linda Wenzel, who manages the Rock County program.

"I can't put into words the wonderful job she (Wenzel) has been doing in getting the word spread around the county and people involved with volunteer hours and getting them registered," Baumhoefer said.

In 2021, the 590 Rock County volunteers provided 44,917 hours to 59 service locations.

Among the counties of Rock, Lyon, Nobles, Redwood, Murray, Lincoln and Cottonwood, Wenzel enrolled the highest number of new volunteers (147) in the last year and had the largest increase in volunteer hours in one year (11,107).

Leading the local list of 2021 logged volunteer hours is ATLAS of Rock County and its Redeemed Remnants store in Luverne.

ATLAS/Redeemed Remnants had 5,422 hours logged by 58 volunteers.

Eighteen Grace Quilters volunteers had 4,199 hours, followed by

'This confirms that volunteers play a crucial role in providing essential services in all our communities.'

— Michelle Baumhoefer, executive director, A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, in her annual report message

30 Rock County Historical Society volunteers with 3,167 hours.

Baumhoefer said in Rock County alone, the volunteer hours are equivalent to 21.5 full-time employees.

"You guys have really rocked the volunteer program," she said. "Everybody in Rock County should be very proud of what has been developed here."

Within A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, the equivalent is 110 full-time employees.

Thrift stores like Redeemed

Remnants operate in all seven counties, according to the A.C.E. report. Many couldn't operate effectively without volunteers.

"This confirms that volunteers play a crucial role in providing essential services in all our communities," Baumhoefer included in her report. "Additionally, volunteers help build capacity and improve sustainability for the organizations that they serve and are vital resources in helping nonprofits deliver on their mission."

Wenzel said 2020 and the Covid pandemic forced some of her volunteers from the program due to health concerns as well as closure of some of the volunteer stations.

As a result, she developed a welcome kit for all new volunteers.

"Educating volunteers, I think, is key and reporting volunteer hours because it helps local nonprofits and helps to tell their story of service to our community," Wenzel said.

She's also tapped into the youth volunteerism in Rock County.

The youth group, Rock the Edge-Service Over Self, logged 2,184 hours with 89 volunteers, the fourth-largest contribution in the county.

With the inclusion of the youth, the average volunteer age in Rock County is 62. Among the other six A.C.E. counties, the average age is 69.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Jerry and Renae Reu will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Friday, July 8. Greetings may be sent to 5544 E. Eastridge Place, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57110.

Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Mindy Nieuwboer**, bride-to-be of **Edward Gryener**, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at the Kenneth Community Center in Kenneth.

An open house baby shower for **Stephanie and Derek Van Wattering's baby girl** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 9, at The Lake in Luverne.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

New Location: 105 S. Estey, Luverne

Monday, July 11: Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, Italian blend, dinner roll, dessert.

Tuesday, July 12: Ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Christian Reformed Church.

Activities: 12:30 p.m. Rummikub or Pinochle

Wednesday, July 13: Tuna pasta salad, tomato wedges, pears, dessert.

Activities: 12 p.m. Bring recipe to share on favorite way to use cabbage.

Thursday, July 14: meatloaf, au gratin potatoes,

carrots, dessert. Half-Price Day sponsored by Sanford Luverne.

Activities: Hot Dog Night. **Friday, July 15:** Turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce salad with dressing, peaches, dessert bake.

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

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

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

COLLEGE NEWS

Kruse makes dean's list at St. Mary's

Kasyn Kruse, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2022 dean's list at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. To make the list, students must earn a grade point average of 3.60 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Kasyn is the son of Jason and Karla Kruse of Luverne.

Oftedahl graduates from Central Lakes

Carlton Oftedahl, Luverne, graduated with high honors (3.75-4.0 GPA) from Central Lakes College in Brainerd and Staples following the Spring 2022 semester.

Oftedahl received a Diploma of Occupational Proficiency, Marine and Powersports.

Fick wins award in electrical wiring

Hannah Fick, a career and technical student in Hills, earned one of the nation's highest awards at the 2022 SkillsUSA Championships June 22-23 in Atlanta, Georgia.

More than 5,200 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world where students demonstrate technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 108 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions.

Fick, a student at Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Electrical Construction Wiring.

Holmgren graduates from DSU

Zane Holmgren, Luverne, graduated from Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota, following the Spring 2022 semester. He earned a Bachelor of Science in network and security administration.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•An era will end at the 2012 Hot Dog Nite when Renfro Variety Store – the only remaining business present at the first Hot Dog Nite 50 years ago – serves its last hot dog. The store will close Aug. 31.

At age 96, Renfro owner Margaret Vegge is ready to retire and has begun clearing the shelves and has marked everything down by 50 percent in honor of the 50th anniversary of the event.

25 years ago (1997)

•In a mad scramble of last-minute decisions, the Rock County Highway Department ended up with a relatively new machine shed from the Luverne School District for only the cost of moving it – about \$7,500.

At the close of their regular County Board meeting Tuesday, commissioners had turned down an offer by the district to sell the building to the county for \$18,000. ...

Wednesday morning, however, County Administrator Kyle Oldre received a better offer from district Supt. George Maurer, explaining that he needed to get the building off school property for dirt movers, asked if the county could take it off the district's hands for nothing.

The building is a 42-by-68-foot brown and beige Morton metal building that the school constructed in 1993 for equip-

ment and storage. It has two garage doors, one automatic and one manual, and the ceiling is insulated.

50 years ago (1972)

•Former residents of Hills, who were at one time members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, will be coming back home this week to join in the observance of the church's 100th anniversary.

The original church, built on the site of the present magnificent edifice, was the first building to be erected on what is now the townsite of Hills. The frame structure was erected in 1885, and from that date until late in 1889 was the only building to occupy the townsite of Hills. The original congregation, known as Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church, was organized in 1872, and held services in various farm homes until the church building was completed thirteen years after their organization. ...

Over the years these three congregations were again united and this week will together celebrate the anniversary of the first parent organization from which eventually sprang the congregations which make up the present Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

75 years ago (1947)

•Henry C. Wuertz has been named a member of the Ag-

ricultural Committee of the Minnesota Bankers Association for 1947-1948 by John Garlander, Faribault, president of the association.

Dr. J. W. Hawkinson will move from his present office to new quarters in the new Fitzer building, south of Nelson Brothers. He will be located there by Tuesday morning of next week.

100 years ago (1922)

•Thirteen innings were required to decide the game between Luverne and Lismore, played Sunday afternoon at Athletic park, and Lismore was the winner, with the result of 5 to 3.

A base on balls and a single gave Lismore their first score in the third inning, and three hits produced Luverne's first run in the fifth inning. Lismore annexed two more runs in the eighth, and three hits in one, two, three order in the ninth enabled Luverne to tie their opponents.

The next three innings produced no run for either side, but in the first half of the thirteenth, Lismore shoved across two scores. In the last half of this inning Luverne was unable to circle the diamond.

Breitenbach, pitching for Luverne, is credited with having struck out fourteen men; his delivery was found for only four hits, and he walked one. King, in the box for Lismore, struck out eight men, walked one and was found for eleven hits.

OBITUARY

Reva Hoff

Reva Lenore Hoff, 94, of Luverne, died peacefully on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington.



Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 7, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will be at Eastside Cemetery in Steen.

Reva Lenore Leenderts was born to Abel and Rakie (Mulder) Leenderts on Sept. 8, 1927, on a farm near Ellsworth. A short time later she moved with her family to a farm in the Midland area of Lyon County, Iowa. She was raised on the farm and attended country school through the eighth grade. In 1946 she moved with her parents to a farm north of Steen.

On Dec. 19, 1950, Reva married Cornelius Hoff at the church parsonage in Steen. Following their marriage the couple moved to a farm in the Pleasant View area of Rock County, where they raised their four children. They farmed the land for 40 years before retiring and moving to Luverne in 1989. Cornelius died on May 23, 1995. Reva remained in their home until she moved to Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

While living at Tuff, Reva was very active with her social clubs, along with her sidekick Fran. They were involved with as many activities as possible, while also trying to help and serve those around them. When Reva's health declined, she was transferred to the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington, where she passed away.

Reva was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. She enjoyed embroidering towels, taking walks, reading, caring for her lawn and flowers, and having coffee with her friends. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren, the joy of her life.

Reva is survived by her two children, Roger (Lisa) Hoff of Steen and Sharon (Tim) Knoll of Brandon, South Dakota; eight grandchildren, Shelly (Mark) Ahlschlager of Hardwick, Chad (Darcy) Hoff of Luverne, Jeremy Hoff and Nicole Johnson of Steen, Ryan (Alyssa) Hoff of Luverne, Nicole (Karic) Wiertzema of Hills, Lindsey (Seth) Miller of Granite Bay, California, Brittany (Erich) Hartwig of Shakopee, and Payton Knoll of Brandon; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Henrietta Hughes of Portsmouth, Iowa; brothers Leonard (Delores) of Hills and Harold (Torborg) Leenderts of Oslo, Norway; daughter-in-law Tamie Hoff of Luverne; brother-in-laws Jerry (Mary) Hoff of Luverne and Pete Hoff of Hills; and several nieces, nephews and other family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cornelius; a daughter, Joyce Hoff; a son, Verlyn Hoff; brothers Jim Leenderts and Richard Leenderts and his wife Hendreen; two sisters-in-law, Lois Leenderts and Peggy Leenderts; and brother-in-law Alfred Hughes.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0707 F)



'A Magical 4-H Morning'



Fourteen local youth participated in the first of three 4-H day camps at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Luverne Friday, June 10. Five 4-H ambassadors and Rock County 4-H intern Samantha Moser led the event, "A Magical 4-H Morning." Participants spent three hours completing various magical activities such as making fizzy glitter potions, competing in crown hockey relays and building Rapunzel's tower. The two other day camps, "Cows, Pigs, Pets — Oh my!" and "Blast Off," will be July 8 and Aug. 5 respectively. Contact Luverne Community Education at 283-4734 or Rock County Extension, 283-1302, for more information or to register.

Above: Making fizzy glitter potions are (from left) Emmett Woodley, Joshua Luitjens, Trent Dekker and Calvin Amborn.

Left: Adding more glitter to their fizzy glitter portions are (from left) Noel Henricks, Daphne DeBoer, Harper Hulstein and Sophia Strassburg. Submitted photos

1943: Everett recalls first imported Holstein, homesteading in Montana, growing long beard

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

This article is continued from last week about William Everett.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

Lived on Milk Five Days

From there he went back to LeMars where he worked for Dr. Foster, the man who, according to Everett, imported the first Holstein cow. The animal cost \$5000 and died within six weeks after she arrived in LeMars. He was working for Dr. Foster in 1888 when the blizzard of that year struck. He was in the barn, three blocks from the house when the storm descended, and was forced to remain there for five days and nights until it subsided. He kept warm by lying down between two cows when they lay down. He lived on milk, and the milk that he and the calves did not drink, he fed back to the cows to help quench their thirst.

He left LeMars and went back to Sioux City where he trained as a cook in the old Washington House, owned

by Henry Carrigan. He had to give it up after three years, and then he and a half brother began farming five miles northeast of Beresford. From there he went to Onawa, Ia., and worked on a ranch for Judge Adson Oliver. After five years, he bought a farm of his own, and just when he had it paid for and a crop in, he "lost it in the river."

In 1907 he worked on a freight boat, the "Expansion" that traveled from Washburn to Ft. Berthold on the Missouri river in North Dakota. It was owned by I. P. Baker, and captained by John Marsh. Mr. Everett did all the baking and cooking for 25 to 60 people. Although he had his hands full, he earned a salary of \$225 a month. Each round trip would require three weeks.

Cooking, however, was not his only trade. He also

was a horseshoer (he has the second shoe he ever turned as a souvenir) and later learned the barber's trade.

Homestead in Montana

Hearing of land that could be homesteaded in Montana, Mr. Everett went west and filed a claim about 45 miles north of Billings. He had a fine ranch, and good stock, but he became ill, and was forced to spend all his savings and even sell his property to pay for doctor and hospital bills. For a while, he worked in a silver mine in Idaho, but a mine accident delayed operations for 90 days so he and a companion "just drifted out."

Speaking of doctors and hospitals, Mr. Everett

claims he has been treated in 36 different hospitals at different times for a number of different ailments. He has survived nine operations, although surgeons gave him up as "a goner" time and again. He went to Rochester in 1916, and there the famed "Doctor Will" Mayo told him that he didn't "have a chance." Mr. Everett said he wanted to go through with it, and Dr. Mayo, after looking at him a while, declared, "If you don't become scared, well—"

"I don't fear anything," Mr. Everett replied, and a few minutes later, he was taken to the operating table.

Nearly Killed in Well

That, however, was not the only time he came close to death. One time in Montana he was lining a well with rock. He had a helper who was "lazy" and instead of carrying rocks, to the well, he rolled them, despite Mr. Everett's protests. One rolled down into the well, hitting Everett on the shoulder, and crushing it. The helper, thinking that the rock had surely killed the man, left the scene, and

was never seen after that, although the man for whom he was working owed him \$2,000, Mr. Everett declared.

It was after his trip to Rochester that Mr. Everett landed in Luverne and this has since been his home. At the present time, he has his own little apartment, does his own cooking and his own housework.

When he was called on and asked for an interview, he was busily engaged mending a pair of overalls, and was wearing his everyday clothes. Although he was informed that he would not have to dress up to have a photograph taken, he insisted that he put on his Sunday best.

Wore Long Beard

This winter he has let his beard and mustache grow, but he says that they're nothing like they were back in his younger days. Then, he wore long hair, General Custer style, and his beard was so long that he would have to tuck it under his belt on a windy day.

Mr. Everett married in Alcester, S.D. and has three

children, Abner Reed Everett, Sioux Falls; Mrs. Nora Huisman of near Canistota, S.D. and Mrs. Nellie West of Rapid City, S. D. He also has nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is not certain if he has more than a brother and a sister living now or not. One brother, Paul Caster Everett, however, lives someplace in Iowa and a sister, Mrs. Ada Adams, lives in Spokane, Wash.

Despite the fact that he has suffered much illness during his life, and had a stroke about two years ago, Mr. Everett is still active and still able to do a little work. When asked to what he attributed his long life, he made this simple reply:

"I guess the Lord just ain't been ready for me yet."

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Luverne to host state Legion baseball tournament

Event to draw eight teams, hundreds of fans to Redbird Field and to Luverne business community

By Jason Berghorst

Local organizers are working hard to finalize plans for the Division II Minnesota American Legion Baseball State Tournament.

The tournament will be played at Redbird Field in Luverne July 29-31.

According to Luverne Baseball Association (LBA) president and tournament chairperson Don Dinger, the event will bring eight teams and hundreds of fans to Luverne.

"This is a great chance to show people from all around the state

the good things going on in Luverne and to get them into local businesses," Dinger said.

As the host community, Luverne's Senior American Legion baseball team will automatically qualify for the tournament.

Luverne last hosted the event in 2014, the year that Rock River flooding caused major damage to Redbird Field in early June.

With the help of city of Luverne staff and many LBA and other volunteers, the field was repaired in time for the late July tournament that year.



"It was amazing how that tournament was still able to happen," said Dinger, who was also a lead organizer of the event eight years ago.

"The people were impressed with that tournament and how we were able to still host it, so we knew we wanted to do it again."

Luverne was originally scheduled to host the tournament in 2021, but when the COVID-19 pandemic canceled the 2020 tournament, the host locations were moved back one year.

According to Dinger, there

are eight different subcommittees working on plans for the four-day event.

"In all, it takes about 60-75 volunteers to make this tournament a success," he said.

Primary volunteer duties include field workers, concessions, beer garden and ticket takers.

"Fundraising is the most important thing when it comes to preparing for the tournament," Dinger said. "We have to raise about \$25,000 to break even."

Legion state tourney/see 12

Redbirds defeat league-leading Milroy Irish

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team avenged one of its two losses of the season so far by defeating the Milroy Irish 14-2 in seven innings Wednesday, June 29, at Irish Yard in rural Milroy.

With the ten-run rule win, the Redbirds, now 15-2 overall and 13-2 overall in Gopher-First Night league play, moved into a tie with the Irish for the lead in the league.

"The Milroy win was a big win to keep us in contention for the regular season championship as well as seeding for regions," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer.

"Hopefully we can continue to play as well as we have for the next two weeks and into the playoffs," Maurer said.

Luverne was scheduled to play in Ruthton Wednesday, July 5, and in Marshall on Friday before hosting the Adrian A's on Saturday and the Heron Lake Lakers on Sunday during a very busy week.

Against the Irish, Declan Beers led the charge for the Redbirds. Beers was four for



File photo

Jake Haugen (in a Star Herald file photo from June 15) pitched a complete game for the Redbirds on June 29 against Milroy.

five at the plate (including a double and a triple), scoring two runs and adding three RBIs.

Derek Lundgren, Jake Haugen, Logan Norman and Ethan Beyer all had two hits

during the game.

Haugen scored three runs for the Birds while Lundgren, Skyler Wenninger, Beers, Norman and Beyer plated two each.

Luverne started its scor-

ing with four runs in the second inning when consecutive Redbird batters hit a single, a double and a triple.

Newt Johnson scored first off a single to right field by Norman.

Beyer then hit a two-RBI double to score Haugen and Norman before Lundgren belted a triple to score Beyer.

The Birds added three more runs in the fourth inning when Lundgren hit a two-run home run to left field that also scored Norman. Two batters later, a triple to center field by Beers scored Skyler Wenninger.

After adding one more run in the fifth and two more in the sixth, Luverne led 10-2 entering the top of the seventh stanza.

Back-to-back two-RBI doubles in the top of the seventh inning by the Redbirds moved the score to 14-2.

Beers hit a two-RBI double to score Lundgren and Gaige Nath before a line drive double by Johnson scored Beers.

When the Birds held the Irish scoreless in the bottom of the seventh, the ten-run rule kicked in to end

Redbirds/continued on 12

Never miss this opportunity

Upper Red Lake is a walleye factory

The fishing season is underway, and the reports have been better than I can remember for the past five years or so.

As always there are certain lakes that do better than others, and your location and how much time you have to fish often dictates where and how long you can stay.

I make an annual pilgrimage to Upper Red Lake with my son and son-in-law and just a few others. This is a tradition that I have carried on for about 15 years, and even though my son missed a few while being deployed, I always saved his spot, and now he is in for the long haul.

Upper Red Lake is a large shallow lake that never gets more than about 14 feet deep with most of it in the 10- to 12-foot range. Only a small portion of the lake is open to state anglers as the balance of the lake, about 70 percent, is in the Red Lake Indian Reservation. You need to use a reservation guide to fish in those waters.

I once heard of a guy that landed his float plane on the wrong side of the line, and it was impounded. I never heard if he ever got it back. Sounds reasonable but might just be bait shop talk, too.

Upper Red Lake is a walleye factory. This lake produces tons of fish every year and has angle pressure unlike any other water you might have ever spent time on.

We snagged a small boat anchor in my larger navy style boat anchor and hauled it into the boat. It had only about a foot of rope tied to the anchor, but the rope contained 26 broken off fishing lines snagged in it. How much pressure must there be to have one spot with a 12-inch rope connect on 26 lines?

We often catch over 100 fish per day. We always bet \$10 per guy, and whoever catches the 100th fish gets to keep the money. If you are the guy who caught number 98 or 99, you are surely screwed. There is no way to get the fish off the hook and your line back in the water before your partner catches number 100.

I fish this lake only on weekdays, and there is still plenty of company. When we leave at 6 on Saturday morning to head for home, it is not hard to see 50 boats in the launch waiting to load or unload. Nor is it difficult to count 75 boats in a mile or two of shoreline.

They change the limits and lengths every year based on the overall harvest between the Indian take and sportfishing take to insure proper management.

The lake puts out numbers of really large pike and occasionally the crappies or perch will cooperate, too. If it gets too windy to be on the big lake, we trailer my boat to one of about 100 other little lakes that allow you to get out of the wind.

We stay at West Winds Resort in Washkish, Minnesota, and they have a campground and cabins and a restaurant and bar right on the spot. You can bring your fish there after you clean them and they will prepare them for you. Bait and tackle can be found there as well. The Big Bog State Park is also right in the neighborhood with great accommodations but if you're camping, be ready for a killer bunch of mosquitoes.

Be ready to be checked by the conservation officers as this place is very well patrolled. I have had many interactions with these professionals and every one of them was pleasurable. Don't break the rules and you find they are not at all hard to get along with.

Make a trip to Upper Red Lake and you will turn into an annual visitor. I can almost guarantee it.

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



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

Senior Legion baseball completes 9-5 regular season

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Senior American Legion baseball team went 3-3 during the last two weeks of regular season play.

Luverne was 1-3 during a Marshall tournament June 24-26 before picking up wins over Marshall and Tracy last week.

"We were kind of short-handed during the tournament because we had some of our regular players in New Ulm playing with the

Junior Legion team the same weekend," said coach Codie Zeutenhorst.

"Our pitching was limited, and we had a number of guys playing different positions," he said. "And we played four really good teams."

"We can just hope to build off of those games to do well in the future when we have a full lineup."

The team ended the regular season 9-5 and will begin tournament play

tonight (Thursday) in Tracy.

Brookings 8, Luverne 0

Luverne opened the Marshall tournament with an 8-0 loss to Brookings, South Dakota, Friday, June 24, at American Legion Field in Marshall.

Braydon Ripka had the only hit in the five-inning game for Luverne.

"We only had 16 at bats with 15 being the minimum in that game," said Zeutenhorst.

"Our bats just weren't there that night."

Kaden Anderson pitched all five innings for Luverne.

The right-hander gave up six hits and eight runs while walking four and striking out three.

Luverne	0	0	0	0	x	x	0
Brookings	1	2	3	1	1	x	8
	AB	R	H	BI			
B Ripka	2	0	1	0			
K Anderson	2	0	0	0			

Senior Legion/see p. 12

'Invasion' takes team win at Davis Lake Triathlon

The annual Davis Lake Triathlon was staged the morning of July 4 at The Lake in Luverne.

A total of ten individuals and four teams competed in two divisions.

The triathlon competition included kayaking, bike riding and running.

Emma Cowell of Luverne was the only contestant in the female Minnow division. She finished with a time of 29.18.00

The male race in the Minnow division played out in an unusual way.

Tyson Cowell, Luverne, was leading after the kayaking and biking legs of the competition before a race volunteer accidentally directed him to run the longer course.

When the other Minnow division competitors ran the correct shorter course, Cowell finished third with a 25.40.00 time.

Ryker Johnson came in first with a time of 25.07.00 and Jaxon Pick finished a very close second at



Vicki Busswitz of Hills crosses the finish line in first place in the female Shark division during Monday's Davis Lake Triathlon.

25.07.04.

Mike Ykema of Luverne finished fourth with a time of 32.44.00.

In Minnow team competition, the

"Invasion" team made up of Blake Shafer of Cibola, Texas, and Ethan Rust of Yorktown, Virginia, won with a time of 26.27.00.

The team of "American Babes" made up of Aniyah Rivas and Harper Renken, both of Luverne, finished second with a time of 29.44.00.

In the male Shark division, Levi Van Dyken of Luverne won with a time of 49.05.00.

Timothy DeBates, Luverne, finished second with 71.22.00 and Greg Haburn of Estherville, Iowa, came in third with a time of 92.48.00.

In the female Shark division, Vicki Busswitz of Hills won with a time of 67.47.00. Berty Stearns came in second at 72.52.00.

"Heather's Minnions" won the Shark team competition with a time of 52.56.00. Team members included Heather, Jim and Burke Johnson, all of Luverne.

Team "Firecracker," made up of David and Amanda McDonald of Luverne and Melanie Keeney of Sioux Falls, finished second with a time of 55.56.00.

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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.

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500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, July 7: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Bible Study at Wildflowers. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. **Sunday, July 10: Christmas in July.** 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 5 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Monday, July 11: 7 a.m. Youth to Valley Fair. Tuesday, July 12: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, July 13: 7 a.m. 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, July 8: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Thursday, July 14: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529
Wednesday, July 6: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, July 9: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, July 12: 11 a.m. PD in Worthington. 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 7 p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts. Wednesday, July 13: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net
Sunday, July 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor
Saturday, July 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, July 10: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, July 13: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, July 10: Community Worship at Valley Springs ballpark. Bring your lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, service will be held indoors at First Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>. There will not be on-site worship at First or Palisade Lutheran on July 3.

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

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First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lri.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

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

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Rebuke, but forgive

There is a misunderstanding around Jesus' words, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." The idea is that Christians have no right to call out anyone when they sin, since we all sin. Well, that's not what Jesus teaches, and his words in Luke 17:1-5 prove it.

Jesus does not want sin within the Christian community to go unnoticed. In the same text where he tells us to forgive the brother or sister who sins against us, he also instructs us to rebuke them! The rebuke comes before the forgiveness. When we address the sin in others, the goal is to win back the brother or sister, not judge them. Yet, without the rebuke, the opportunity for reconciliation may never materialize.

Many times when we feel someone has sinned against us, instead of bringing it to the attention of the other person, we let it fester inside of us. We may talk about it with others, but that only increases the resentment and hurt. When we fail to go to them and let them know how we feel, there is little chance of repentance. Without repentance, how can there be forgiveness? God calls us to live in a community whereby we rebuke one another when necessary, but then, upon repentance, forgive each other without fail. God is the judge, but we have the responsibility to keep each other focused on the faith.

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." As an explanation to this petition, Martin Luther wrote, "We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor deny such petitions on account of them; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we pray, neither have we deserved them; but that He

BUILT ON A ROCK

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

would grant them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much, and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. So we will also heartily forgive and also readily do good to those who sin against us."

It is the natural inclination of the human heart to hold grudges and to withhold forgiveness. Therefore, Christ himself commands us to not only rebuke, but forgive. To the church in Ephesus, Paul wrote: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." To the church in Colossae, he wrote, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other." The Holy Spirit inspired these words because our sins against God are worse than any sin anyone could ever commit against us. We are guilty of so much, and yet God holds nothing against those who repent in Christ. How can we withhold forgiveness from those who repent to us?

So, rebuke, dear Christian, when necessary, but do so in love and with an eye toward reconciliation. Jesus taught, "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." No wonder the disciples cried out, "Lord, increase our faith!"

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