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## Hot dogs, parade, reunions, parties

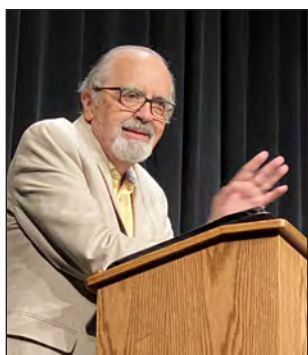
### Four-day weekend wraps up four days of Cardinal Pride

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne residents, alumni, businesses, organizations and individuals hosted an epic four-day party Thursday through Sunday for Cardinal Pride Weekend.

Festivities started Thursday, July 14, with 15,000 free hot dogs, courtesy of local businesses, for the 60th anniversary of Luverne's iconic Hot Dog Night, which included Wiener Dog Races, live music, beer garden, demonstrations, fire department sprinkler, corn hole tournament, inflatables and more.

The Friday Night Cruise 'N Park drew classic cars to East Main Street from 5 to 9 p.m. where there were food trucks, live music and a Take 16 block party.



Jim Sanden took the microphone for "Teachers in Retrospect" Friday in the Palace Theatre where he shared stories from his LHS teaching career during "comments and questions" with the audience. At right, Shawn Kinsinger grills hot dogs to perfection. Below, it's a race to the finish line during the Wiener Dog Races Thursday night.



Thorsin Prondzinski

Saturday's parade was a chance for alumni to shine in a reunion band, class floats and more. See [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com) for more photos and information.



## Turf football field, visitor bleachers are 'big dream'

By Mavis Fodness

At the Cardinal Pride "Generations of Excellence" event Saturday at the LHS performing arts center, audience members viewed what's next for Luverne Public Schools.

Hosted by current school superintendent Craig Oftedahl, the event featured vocal and piano performances by future and past LHS graduates.

Oftedahl took audience members on a look back at the recently completed construction project.

A 15-minute photo montage included pictures of the performing arts center at various phases of construction.

He also showed the 75 people in the audience what's next at Luverne Public Schools.

"The next item I am looking at for school improvement is a big dream," he said.

"I want to look at turf on our football field."

A turf field benefits several of the school's departments and programs, Oftedahl said.

"The field would obviously benefit the football program, but it also could be used as an outdoor classroom by our physical education department and out music department," Oftedahl said.

The baseball and softball teams could have their early season practice on the turf and the golf program could also get early season swings in.

The turf would also be a community benefit.

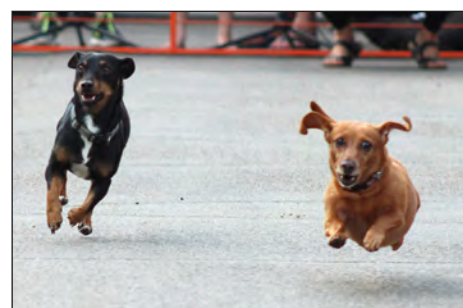
"We have been told by several large school in Sioux Falls that they will no longer compete in Luverne at the Tri-State Band Festival because we do not have turf," Oftedahl said.

"Not only will it help continue drawing bands in for Tri-State, it will be used extensively by our own marching band for practice."

The change from a grass in-field to turf would also be the time the district would look at replacing the visitors' bleachers and adding a multi-use fieldhouse and storage facility west of the home bleachers.

"I believe it is important to not get stagnant and keep trying to improve the opportunities for the next generation of Cardinals,"

District 'big dream,'/see 8A



Mavis Fodness photo



At left, Bailey sokowiak enjoys grilled corn courtesy of Gevo. Above, Donna Wiese and "Miss Kitty" are winners in the Wiener Dog Beauty Contest. At right, Cru Cowell cools off in puddles created by the fire truck sprinkler.



## Market values increase 40 percent for some

By Mavis Fodness

Strong property sales in Rock County are driving market values higher in 2023.

The higher values are based on sales from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021, in Rock County. There were 185 "arm's length" parcel sales recorded in the Rock County Land Records Office during that timeframe.

Due to the sales, the market values for 2023 increased by as much as 40 percent in some areas of the county, depending on the parcel's classification.

Land Records Office Director Rachel Jacobs presented her report during the annual Board of Equalization meeting June 28.

"It's crazy," she said. "I still have people who are buying homes at \$100,000 more, after I had already increased that (valuation) 30 percent."

Land records workers Jeff Sehr and Scott Adams also attended the meeting.

Sehr said the city of Steen had the largest valuation increase.

Assessed values/see page 2A

## Extreme heat may affect electrical grid

By Lori Sorenson

This week's extreme heat is part of a hotter than normal summer that forecasters have been warning of.

Monday's temperatures soared into the 90s with heat indexes nearing 100 degrees, and the heat wave is expected to continue through the rest of the month.

With that in mind, local leaders are asking utility customers to conserve energy to help level peak use.

"Electric utilities and regulators are warning that the coming months could bring the potential of possible interruptions to the power grid," said Luverne City Administrator John Call.

*"The city appreciates any and all electric usage efficiency that our customers can employ to try and keep the total load of the city to a lower level."*

City Administrator John Call

He said power companies big and small across Minnesota are prepared for potential challenges this summer.

That could mean possible interruptions after the North American Electric Reliability Corp. and the region's power

grid operator warned generation capacity could fall short on demand on the hottest days of the summer.

"I'd rather be prepared and not need it, than not be prepared and need it, so that's why we are trying to notify our customers in advance," Call said. "We are not trying to raise any type of alarm

Heat wave to affect power grid/see page 8A



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mobile dental clinics coming

Mobile dental clinics will be in Luverne July 21 and Aug. 3 and 4 at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room. This clinic provides dental care for adults and children of all ages. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. Organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

### 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 with questions.

### Rock County Revival July 22-24

Rock County Revival (worship, testimonies, preaching, activation) will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, and at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 24, in the Luverne City Park. Guest speaker Friday will be Charles Karuku. A free meal will be served at 5 p.m. Saturday and also on Sunday following the service.

### Downtown buildings labeled with former occupant

The Rock County Historical Society has distributed updated information about which businesses previously occupied stores and properties on Main Street. If additions or corrections should be noted, call 507-283-2122.

### Register students new to district

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

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

### Library Happenings

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

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

**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 21 in Veterans Memorial Park and July 28 in Hawkinson Park.

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

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.

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.

### Luverne Community Ed

Community Education office is closed for 2 weeks, through July 29. Please watch registration deadlines carefully.

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

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

Register now for **Discovery Time** preschool starting in September for your child ages 3-5 years of age.

## Assessed values rise sharply in county/continued from page 1A

*"It's crazy. We have homes selling for \$100,000 more than new value (and) I still have people who are buying homes at \$100,000 more, after I had already increased that (valuation) 30 percent."*

Rachel Jacobs  
County assessor

"Steen had seven sales so they had to be considered as their own jurisdiction," Jeff Sehr said. "This is the first time we ever had a small city go over (six). Usually it is two or none."

Contributing to the 40 percent increase was the low market value prior to the seven sales, which in Steen, whose market value was at 60 percent of similar properties in the county.

For assessment purposes, market value needs to be between 90 and 105 percent of the sale prices of like properties.

"In our small cities, we have been falling further and further behind every single year, but again we don't have six sales (in the same town) so it is hard," Jacobs said.

"We look at our small cities as a whole collective, and this year we had them increase 25 percent so they can stay with the market as it's increasing."

As a group, Hardwick, Magnolia, Kenneth and Beaver Creek had 10 sales.

The city of Hills had 13 sales, resulting in a variable valuation increase of 25 to 35 percent.

The city of Luverne had 101 sales during the assessment timeframe, and values increased 10 to 20 percent.

Commercial property market values increased 10 percent.

Acreages across the county saw a 30 percent increase on the house and garage in market value based on 22 sales during the valuation period.

Valuations on machine sheds and concrete increased 20 percent and hog barn depreciation schedule changed from 3 percent to 2 percent per year.

Jacobs said "overbuilt" township homes received an increase of 23 percent and are now grouped together like the homes in the Valleyview Addition (east of Luverne).

"They are more city living because their lots are larger than what an actual city lot would be," she said.

"They have their own grouping because they have similar lot sizes. We did this about four years ago."

For 2023, ag land value increased on average 15 to 20 percent, based on 32 sales.

In addition to sales, ag land valuations are affected by crop equivalent ratings (CER) assigned to parcels based on soil type, and Jacobs said over time she

## Kuipers question assessed value of 'super' home

By Mavis Fodness

A 57-percent increase in their home's assessed market value for 2023 prompted Greg and Margaret Kuiper of rural Luverne to question the valuation process used in the county at the June 28 Board of Equalization meeting.

"There seems to be some discrepancy as a home is appraised or assessed as far as I am concerned," Greg Kuiper said. "I just want to see it being an equal process."

County assessor Rachel Jacobs took over as director of the Land Records Office in August 2021 when Tom Houselog retired after 21 years in the position.

Jacobs noticed Houselog had granted the Kuiper home an "economic obsolescence reduction," which lowered the market value originally by 19 percent. In subsequent years the reduction grew, and in 2021 it amounted to more than 30 percent.

Once the obsolescence reduction was removed for 2023, the market value of the Kuiper home increased significantly.

"He (Houselog) only gave that (reduction) to you and one other person in the county," Jacobs said.

"I can't increase everybody else and not increase our large overbuilt homes just because we don't have a market for it or that houses are not on the market."

The Kuipers built their 6,500-square-foot home on 5.2 acres in Magnolia Township along County Road 4 in 1998.

The prior assessed value was \$552,200.

For 2023, the original valuation notice sent to the Kuipers was \$863,300. However, the online version of the same notice states that the valuation is \$816,000 for 2023.

Jacobs said a third-party company prints and mails the valuation notices without oversight from the Land Records Office. She suspects the error occurred when the spreadsheets were electronically sent to the company.

Beginning next year, the valuation notices will be printed and mailed by her office to avoid errors.

### What is a 'super' home?

In Rock County, any home with more than 3,200 square feet of total living space and grade of 7.5 or higher is considered an overbuilt or "super" home.

A total of 22 township properties currently match the overbuilt home criteria that will be used by the Land Records Office for future assessments.

This list will change as future assessments take place in the county.

Only one overbuilt home has sold in the seven years that Jacobs has worked for the Land Records Office.

That home, located in Magnolia Township and owned by Kristi Knutson, has 3,300 square feet and sold for \$780,000. It was built in 1998, the same year as the Kuipers' home, and its market value in 2022 was \$460,000.

As a result of the sale, Jacobs in-

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County assessor

creased the valuation of all oversized township homes by 23 percent.

When "obsolescence reduction" was removed from the Kuipers' parcel, the increase was higher than similar properties.

"When Tom (Houselog) was singling out just you, he shouldn't have done that," Jacobs said. "If he was doing it to you, he should have done every home like yours."

### How market value is determined

"We do mass appraisals (by state statute)," Jacobs said. "That means we do appraisals across the whole county. If we change one property, we change all like properties the same way."

Parcel sales from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30 of the previous year are used to determine whether market values increase or decline for similar properties. Assessed market value stays between 90 and 105 percent of the sale price of comparable parcels or jurisdictions.

With six or more sales within a jurisdiction, that jurisdiction receives its own percentage increase or decrease.

Within each jurisdiction, market values are further differentiated through a grading system.

The grading system assigns each parcel a numeral from 3 to 10, with 10 being the best.

"The highest is currently a 9 in the county because there could always be bigger and better," Jacobs said.

The lowest grade in the county is a 3.5.

The grade takes into account building materials, amenities such as finished basements or a second story, and other factors.

A manual outlining the grade system will be finished this year.

"We're putting little bits and pieces together as we get out and assess properties," Jacobs said.

"We'll have every potential home in our county on a grading scale ... If you have seven bathrooms, you get so many points, if you have a five-stall garage attached to your home, you'll get extra points — just different things that you have, like a brick facade gets extra points."

In Rock County an average ranch-style home with a finished basement and a double garage is graded at 5.5 to 6.

will bring the county's CER more in line with today's crop production standards.

The commissioners accepted Jacobs' report and approved one market value of \$1,100 per acre for all agricultural land enrolled in the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program.

Jacobs said Rock County has 62 parcels enrolled

in the program but only 11 were classified as such.

That meant some parcels were assessed at the higher value that tillable acres have.

"It (the classification change) should have happened when they put the land in RIM," Jacobs said.

The RIM change reduced the county's overall

property value by \$8 million for a .27 percent drop.

As a whole, Rock County's estimated property value for assessment purposes is \$3.5 billion, an increase of just over 16 percent in 2021.

The city of Luverne led the list with \$385 million in assessed value followed by Martin Township with \$377 million.

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# Residents sought to serve on H-BC facility committee

By Mavis Fodness

A committee of 20 stakeholders will help with long-term facility decisions for the Hills-Beaver Creek School District, and interested members have until Aug. 1 to apply.

The H-BC School Board Building and Grounds Committee worked with ATS & R Architects of Minneapolis to evaluate the district facilities.

At the July 11 meeting, that group recommended a stakeholders committee to consider the 215-page study of the H-BC facilities.

"The physical condition of the buildings in the district vary with their age," the report states.

"Building utilization, educational program, support spaces, space adequacy, physical building deficiencies and site issues were evaluated. In addition, questionnaires were distributed to the principals exploring the functional strengths and areas for improvement for each school."

Aspects of each facility were scored to assist in possible changes.

Facilities received "urgent," "medium" (in one to five years) or "low" (six to 10 years) ratings that could be adjusted, depending on stakeholder committee recommendations and costs.

A district-wide survey in September will gauge residents' support for improvements.

## Inquire by Aug. 1 to serve on facility committee

In the facilities report, architects included possible building additions and relocating various programs in the elementary school in Beaver Creek and secondary school in Hills.

Districtwide, costs ranged widely, with \$7.6 million meeting the identified "urgent" and "medium" projects.

For the stakeholders group, the H-BC School Board wants a range of members, such as H-BC staff, agriculture landowners living in the district and home renters with children attending the district.

The committee is expected to meet periodically through the 2022-23 school year.

To be considered for the stakeholders committee, apply at <https://forms.gle/QWWZYijC2hWE6uZA7> or contact Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, P.O. Box 547, 301 N. Summit Ave., Hills, MN 56138. Holthaus can be reached by email at [t.holthaus@isd671.net](mailto:t.holthaus@isd671.net).

Selected individuals to the committee will be notified by Aug. 5.



Photo courtesy of the city of Kenneth

Prior to its demolition earlier this month, the Kenneth school was the only two-story, two-room school house left in Minnesota. Due to the school's deteriorating condition, the Kenneth City Council demolished the building. Left are memories from the 67 years the building served as a school and the years it served as a community center/city hall.

# Memories live on for former Kenneth School, community center

By Mavis Fodness

When the Kenneth School was demolished earlier this month, the event evoked memories of better days for the former white two-story, two-room facility.

Most memorable was the winding metal fire escape once attached to the northwest corner of the school built in 1901.

For those in the Kenneth community, the fire escape was a popular slide.

"That was more fun than anything," remembers Doris (Halverson) Hoven, who attended the school before it closed in the spring of 1968.

An upstairs door accessed the fire escape, but children found another way to enjoy the spiral slide.

"After school we would climb up on the inside and slide down," Hoven said.

Located on West First Avenue, the school never had indoor plumbing or running water.

School children would use an outhouse on the back southwest corner of the two-acre property and were able to drink from a fountain located inside as long as the water tank was kept filled.

Hoven recalls that students would sign out on the blackboard to use the outhouse. Most students



brought lunch to school each day, while some of the town kids were able to go home over the noon hour. Hoven said she transferred to Magnolia when she entered the seventh grade. She and her husband, Keith, returned to live in Kenneth later

on when the school had become Kenneth's community center and city hall.

"We had Halloween parties there," she said about the second floor being turned into a haunted house.

"It was more fun just planning it," Hoven said.

The former school soon became the hub for other activities such as Santa Days, an election polling place, Bible school and a meeting area for the 4-H club.

Picnics were enjoyed on the school's vast lawn. People would use the plumbing facilities Lutheran church across the street when possible.

The school was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The city hall moved from the school to the former grocery store on Main Street after the business closed in 1993.

The school gradually fell into disuse, and the roof began to leak which continued until the demolition. Birds and other critters moved into the school.

The Kenneth City Council sought ways to save the building. They opted instead to tear the

Kenneth school/see page 5A

# H-BC superintendent continues to 'meet expectations'

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School District Superintendent Todd Holthaus received a "meets expectations" rating from board members this summer.

The seven-member board rated Holthaus at 3.40 out of a possible 4.0.

The evaluation took place in closed session June 27 with board members presenting results at their July 11 meeting. The annual evaluation was for the 2021-22 school year.

Each board member rated Holthaus in six areas, giving a numerical score of 1 through 4, with 1 being "unsatisfactory" and 4 "exceeds expectations."

Evaluation areas included policy and governance (3.36), planning and assessment (3.52), instructional leadership (3.26), organizational management (3.41), communications/community relations (3.25) and professionalism (3.61).

Holthaus' rating for the 2020-21 school year was 3.44.

He has been superintendent at H-BC since 2011. His current three-year contract ends June 30, 2024.

## In personnel matters July 11, the H-BC school board:

- Contracted with Jackie Altman Nursing Services for a summer special needs student, with a budget not to exceed \$2,100.

- Hired Arielle Larson as a .4 full-time equivalent early childhood special education teacher for the 2022-23 school year and a 60-percent special needs paraprofessional. Teacher salary is \$17,988.

- Assigned Lydia Scruggs as a middle level communications arts/literature and English as a second language teacher at \$47,422 for the upcoming school year.



Above left, the former school bell of the Kenneth School is displayed near the former firehall in Kenneth. The bell was placed on a stand for the city's centennial in 2000.

After the Kenneth School closed in the spring of 1968, the two classrooms were used by the 4-H club and other organizations as a meeting hall. Children wrote messages dated 2010 and 2011 on the chalkboards.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of School Board Member of Independent School District No. 2184 shall begin on August 2, 2022, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022. The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election, four (4) members will be elected to the School Board for a term of four (4) years each. Additionally, one (1) member will be elected to the School Board for the term of two (2) years. Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 701 North Kniss, Luverne, MN. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election. The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the district office and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 12, 2022.

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## Family, frogs and fun

July 5 flooding provides building owners with together time

I've seen flooding on TV and pitied the poor people who had to clean up after it, but I've never personally had to clean up after a flood.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

*My first-ever flood cleanup turned out to be a really fun day.*

That changed July 5 when 6 inches of rain falling in less than an hour washed the gravel, garbage and grime off Cedar Street into the basement window of a small apartment building that my husband, Jim, and I own.

We were made aware of the situation when one of our Spanish-speaking tenants called, desperately repeating the word "window." We thought perhaps a storm-tossed tree branch had broken a window? The video he sent explained his concern.

The basement window had been broken by the flood waters raging down Cedar Street. It looked like Niagara Falls pouring into the basement.

The flood filled the basement with two feet of slimy, grimy water.

Fortunately for us, our son Joe is an experienced disaster cleanup specialist. He and Jim quickly made the calls, gathered the supplies – sump pump, trash pump, commercial sized-fans and dehumidifiers, squeegee, gloves, pressure sprayer and disinfectant – and got busy.

By midnight one of the basement's two levels was cleaned and being dehumidified.

I showed up on Day 2.

The water had been pumped back out of the window, but the street sludge remained. The task was daunting and disgusting, but

we made the best of a slimy situation.

Joe carefully rescued four frogs, even rinsing them off with clean water. Our day was made more fun as the frogs escaped and had to be recaptured, causing us to build increasingly sturdier frog-containment structures.

Joe has always been funny and kind, and it warmed my mom heart to spend the day with him.

Jim and I had recently had a conversation about being more intentional about spending time together. The irony was not lost on us as we rode "like love birds" to the transfer station with load after load of soggy, slimy basement debris.

By the end of the day, the entire basement was cleaner than it's ever been. The sludge was gone. The dehumidifiers were set on "full blast." Four small frogs were starting a new life in Joe's backyard, and I went to bed exhausted thinking, "My first-ever flood cleanup turned out to be a really fun day."

But I think once is enough.

## Bravo, Luverne, for making us all proud during Cardinal Pride Weekend

Let's do it again next week at the fair

Bravo, Luverne, on a job well done hosting the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Dog Night and Cardinal Pride All-School Reunion over the weekend.

Of course, to praise "Luverne" is to praise Luverne leaders, Chamber staff, committee members, businesses and countless volunteers who worked quietly behind the scenes for months to make sure the community was ready for the big weekend.

The goal was to put our best foot forward and make our guests feel warmly welcomed. (Temperatures nearing 90 degrees helped with the "warm" part.)

This was facilitated in part by staging events and activities that encouraged reconnection with classmates and old friends and stirred a renewed appreciation for an alma mater and hometown.

Judging by post-weekend chatter among those who participated, the weekend accomplished all that

and more.

There were rave reviews about everything from the Wiener Dogs to the classic cars in the Cruise and Park to the live music performing at each venue.

Everywhere we looked, there was red and white attire and bright smiling faces, from the Class of 1950 to the Class of 2020 and everyone before, after and in between.

For those who didn't graduate from Luverne High School but call this community home, it was a proud weekend also. You don't have to be an LHS grad to appreciate compliments from visitors about your community.

If we didn't know it before Cardinal Pride weekend, we sure

do now.

We heard over and over how great the town looked, how progressive it had been with development, and well planned the parties were for Cardinal Pride.

Again, Bravo, Luverne – the people who worked to make Cardinal Pride a success. Thanks for making us all proud.

Enjoy this week to regroup before we roll out the red carpet again for visitors.

The Rock County Fair is on deck for July 27-30, and we can do it all over again.

Be sure to check out our 2022 Fair Preview Special Edition inserted in this week's Star Herald. See you at the fair!



## Gather seven pieces of information from the other driver when you're in a crash

**Question:** If involved in a minor auto accident with another driver, what steps should be taken at the scene by both parties?

**Answer:** Crashes happen every day in Minnesota. Crashes are one of the State Patrol's primary duties. It's important to know what to do immediately after a crash happens.

The first and most important thing to do after you've been involved in a crash is to get to a safe place. Worry less about "preserving the scene" for law enforcement and more about protecting yourself and your car from further damage, especially if you're on a highway or interstate. This could mean driving (if possible) to the nearest off-ramp or underpass.

If your car isn't drivable, stay inside the vehicle with your seat belt on, but move to the passenger's side so there is more



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

room between you and traffic.

As soon as you are safe, call 911. When law enforcement arrives, you should exchange information with the other driver and take pictures of the damage and crash scene, but only when it is safe to do so.

What you will need to know about the other driver:

- Name
- Address

- Phone number
- License plate number
- Driver's license number
- Insurance company name
- Insurance policy number

**Question:** In the summertime I notice a lot more tire treads on the roads. Can you write about what to do if you have a tire blow out while driving?

**Answer:** It is important to moni-

tor proper tire pressure and your tire condition and hopefully you can avoid a tire blow-out. In the warmer months the hot air can cause your tires to increase pressure while the colder months can cause the air in your tires to condense, lowering the tire pressure.

If a tire does blow out, here are a few tips to keep yourself safe and minimize damage.

- Hold onto the steering wheel to maintain control of the vehicle to avoid going into other lanes of traffic or opposing traffic.

- Keep your foot on the gas to maintain control. Once you have regained control, reduce speed. (Your instincts will want you to brake, but this can change the vehicle dynamics quickly which can cause you to lose control.)
- Keep your forward momentum: Keep the vehicle moving in a straight

line if possible.

- Allow the vehicle to slow down gradually: Take your foot off the gas and avoid the brakes; let your vehicle slow down naturally. Once your vehicle starts to slow down, it will be easier to control. Activate your hazard lights and move onto the shoulder.

*Please remember that you can avoid a crash – and a ticket – if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention, and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.*

*If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at Statue 169.791 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us*

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**July 8**  
 •Complainant reported neighbors are working on cars at all hours.

•Complainant in Sioux Falls reported a fire at location.

•Complainant on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick, reported crops damaged by herbicide.

•Complainant reported a lost wallet.

•Complainant on southwest corner of Main Street and S. Kniss Avenue reported a panhandler.

•Complainant on 161<sup>st</sup> Street reported calls for help.

•Complainant reported vandalism.

**July 9**

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street requested assistance.

•Complainant on 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick, reported theft of tools.

•Complainant on S. Dakota Street, Steen, requested assistance.

•Complainant in city of Steen requested to speak with supervisor.

•Complainant on Warren Street and Kniss Avenue reported loud music at location.

**July 10**

•Complainant on Oak Drive reported running water in parking lot at location.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a semi tried to run them off the road.

•Complainant reported a Publisher's Clearing House scam.

•Complainant on Virginia Street reported a dog locked in car.

•Complainant reported a camera outage.

•Complainant on W. Crawford Street reported a possible fire.

**July 11**

•Complainant on W. Warren Street and S. East Park Street reported a parking violation.

•Complainant requested to speak to the sheriff.

•Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant in Yellow Medicine, Granite Falls.

•Deputy assisted state patrol with a motor vehicle accident westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, Luverne.

•Report of camera outage.

•Complainant on Lake Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Worthington, requested mutual aid for emergency.

•Complainant on 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick, reported vehicle speeding.

•An outage was reported.

•Complainant on Britz Drive reported theft.

**July 12**

•Complainant on 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick, reported a vehicle revved its engine near location.

•Extra patrol was requested in the area on 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick.

**July 13**

•A duty officer reported for hazmat material on 91<sup>st</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported harassment via social media.

•Complainant on Highway 75, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported truck with unsecure load at location.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 23, Magnolia, reported trailer with no plates and thinks it may be stolen.

•Complainant reported a scam.

•Complainant north-bound from Iowa, on Highway 75, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

**July 14**

•Report of a 911 outage.

•Complainant on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Interstate 90, Beaver Creek, reported many work vehicles parked on shoulder.

•Complainant on 8<sup>th</sup> Street E., Jasper, reported harassment via phone call.

•Duty officer was reported for hazmat material on E. Main Street.

•Complainant on southwest corner of Main Street and S. Kniss Avenue reported a panhandler.

•An outage was reported.

•Complainant in Sioux Falls reported a stolen vehicle at location.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported they found an iPhone.

•Deputies assisted with a pursuit in northeast Rock County, Kenneth.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported trespassing.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a house fire.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an accident with property damage.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 13 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 7 fingerprint requests, 5 burn permits, 2 vehicle impounds, 4 gas drive-offs, 4 alarms, 4 drug court tests, 12 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 21 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 welfare check, 6 reports of cattle out and 2 OFPs.



Mavis Fodness photo/0721 Work on CSAH 4

## Work on County Road 4 begins with shoulders

Dunninck Inc. of Prinsburg began widening the shoulders last week along County Road 4 east of Luverne from the Rock River bridge to County Road 9 near the radio station. The shoulder work (shown above from Friday) is completed and will be paved in early August during a mill and overlay of County Road 4 from the Rock River to Magnolia.



Many items were salvaged and hazardous materials were removed from the former Kenneth School earlier this month before the dilapidated two-story structure was burned. The city will fill in the basement and level the lot. The playground equipment will still be available for public use. The Kenneth School did not have indoor bathrooms or indoor plumbing. However, children were able to get a drink from a fountain that was fed by a refillable tank.

## Kenneth school/from page 3A

school down and level the lot.

“The inside was horrible,” said council member Laurie Gangestad.

The school’s playground equipment will stay.

The council allowed useable materials to be salvaged before the demolition occurred.

Mike Davis used lumber from the school for his rental cottages and gathering space at The

Lake in Luverne.

“We used the window trim from inside the school for the main building at The Lake,” he said.

Bead board from the school’s walls became the ceiling in one cottage, and he was able to salvage the chalkboards. He left the original patina on the wood.

“I would have salvaged more but that smell was overwhelming,” he said.

The school bell was removed and placed in front of the Kenneth Fire Hall for the city’s centennial in 2000. The school bell is still displayed there.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Candidate Filing Period opens Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

The following City Offices will be up for election in the November 2022 General Election:

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>2 Year Term</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>4 Year Term</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>4 Year Term</b>

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available in the City Hall lobby or by contacting City Clerk, Tammy Johnson at 507-227-5470. Affidavits can be returned to the City Hall drop box before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2022.  
 A \$2 filing fee must be paid with your application.

Tammy J. Johnson  
 City Clerk

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**AT THE ROCK COUNTY FAIR**



Contributed photo

Grants from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation and the Frank Boon Trust were used to construct a concrete wheelchair ramp for accessible entrance to Team E's Fieldhouse & Fitness Center in Hills.

## New ramp provides access for everyone to Team E's Fieldhouse

24-hour fitness center opened July 1

By Mavis Fodness

A new wheelchair ramp is finished at Team E's Fieldhouse & Fitness Center in Hills.

The ramp allows easy access to the 24-hour facility for everyone.

"The goal for the fitness center is not only for the general public, but also for those with disabilities, which is part of Game Plan 4 Hope's mission," said Missy Bass, Game Plan 4 Hope director.

Game Plan 4 Hope opened at the former grain elevator office at 312 W. Third St. in Hills. Team E's Fieldhouse, the fitness facility within the Game Plan 4 Hope's facility, opened to the public July 1.

Bass said the fitness center fills a need in the surrounding community, especially after the local fitness facility closed several years ago.

"In addition to the normal gym equipment, there will also be a state-of-the-art Series 6 NuStep cross trainer that is being donated by a supporter and a functional trainer," she said.

"These both can be used by people with limited mobility in addition to those who cannot perform high impact exercises."

Game Plan 4 Hope received two grants to install the concrete wheelchair ramp.

A mini grant (\$2,500) came from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation along with the grant from the Frank Boon Trust.

People can now sign up for memberships at the 24-hour fitness facility.

Contact Bass at 605-743-4902 or Heather Erickson 605-370-9463 or visit Team E's Fieldhouse of Hope social media page.

### New fitness program coming in August

A strength, balance and fitness program will meet at Game Plan 4 Hope beginning Aug. 2.

SAIL: Stay Active & Independent for Life is offered through A.C.E. of SW Minnesota-Rock County.

Older adults are encouraged to

attend the hour-long program led by volunteers Nelva Behr and Carol Gehrke.

A total of 24 classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 20. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

Contact A.C.E. program manager Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 for more information or to register.

### Game Plan 4 Hope

Game Plan 4 Hope was developed in 2019 by the Bass and Erickson families of Hills.

Their mission is to assist families who are experiencing a life-changing event.

The families, along with a series of volunteers, provide spiritual and emotional guidance along with gift cards, comfort kits, special holiday events and access to needed medical equipment or supplies.

Game Plan 4 Hope moved from the families' homes to a remodeled facility in Hills in 2021. Team E's Fieldhouse and Fitness Center was developed as a result of the move.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

**Patsy Cragoe** will celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday, July 30. Cards and well wishes may be sent to 209 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Raney and Jan Israelson** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, July 28. Greetings may be sent to 507 McKenzie Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Sue Gruis** celebrated her 75th birthday on Sunday, July 17. Greetings may be sent to her at PO Box 366, Onida, SD 57564.

## MENU AT GENERATIONS

**Monday, July 25:** Cubed turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, warm fruit crisp.

**Tuesday, July 26:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, warm peaches, dinner roll, dessert.

Activities: 12:30 p.m. Pinochle or favorite game.

**Wednesday, July 27:** Ham pasta salad, creamy cucumbers, cantaloupe, dessert.

**Thursday, July 28:** Chicken salad on croissant,

coleslaw, tropical fruit, dessert.

Activities: 1 p.m. LSS frozen food meal distribution in main entrance.

**Friday, July 29:** Baked fish, rice pilaf, Oriental blend, warm apple slices.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

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.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2012)

•Words like "salvage" and "disaster" have begun to appear in 2012 crop reports.

The drought covering 56 percent of the United States has crept into Rock County as the area's weather designation moved from "abnormally dry" to "moderate drought" last week. ...

Some farmers have begun to consider the option of harvesting the corn plants now for silage instead of risking a total crop failure if the region's drought continues.

Sioux Falls recorded its second driest June since 1893, receiving less than an inch of rain. Luverne recorded less than a half inch of rain in June.

### 25 years ago (1997)

•The only certainty downtown is change.

After 15 years in business on Main Street Luverne, Derald and Linda Shaw will close Shaw Drug.

On Aug. 11, Derald will start a new job as manager of the pharmacy in the new Pamida Store opening south of the I-90 interchange.

Linda will continue to operate the gift business for a short time at their downtown location until the inventory is sold out. The couple will eventually sell the building.

### 50 years ago (1972)

•Ben Vander Kooi, Luverne attorney, will again be seeking election to the State Senate from the newly formed District 26, composed of Pipestone, Rock, Nobles and a large portion of Murray County.

Vander Kooi, who sought the Senate chair in 1970 and lost by a slim margin, filed July 18. ...

Vander Kooi has been an active member in the Rock County DFL for 22 years, and has served as county chairman during ten of those years. He is a member of the Luverne Airport Commission, Blue Mound Board, Rock County Historical Society Board, V.F.W., Farmers Union and the Minnesota Bar Association. He is a Rotarian, was American Legion past judge advocate of District 2 and was Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles in Rock County for ten years.

### 75 years ago (1947)

•A Luverne youth, James Moeller, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Moeller, became not only junior champion skeet shooter in the state of Minnesota Sunday, but won the junior championship of the Northwest Skeet Association. ...

"Jimmy" and his father had discussed the matter of taking in the state skeet shoot several times, but never really gave it much consideration until last Saturday night. Then, after talking the matter over, it was decided they wouldn't go. A neighbor, caused the Moellers to change their minds, when he said he'd drive his car to St. Paul the next day if they would go with him. That settled the matter, and early the next morning they left Luverne for the cities.

"Jimmy," who has been making some impressive scores at the local gun club since last fall, had to shoot against some of the best junior shooters in this part of the northwest. He defeated last year's state champion, Nick Smith, of St. Paul, breaking one more clay-bird than the champion. The Luverne youth shot 43 out of 50, breaking 22 in one round, and 21 in the other. The St. Paul youth shot a 42, 21 in each round.

### 100 years ago (1922)

•Luverne's two theatres passed under one ownership and management Saturday when Mark Swedberg, who had conducted the Cort theatre since a year ago last May, sold this popular amusement place to Herman Jochims, owner and manager of the Palace theatre. The new owner was given possession Sunday.

## 1943: Diamond Club features Ben Slieter

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

This article appeared in the March 18, 1943 edition of The Rock County Star Herald.

One of Clinton township's well-known retired farmers is Bernard Slieter, Steen. Known more familiarly to his close



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
Rock County Historian

friends and neighbors as "Ben," he now lives in Steen where he moved upon retire-

ment from actual farming operations in 1931.

The village of Steen was

but 10 years old when Mr. Slieter came to Rock county, and many changes have taken place in that community since that time.

Mr. Slieter was a native of Germany. He was born in that country Jan. 25, 1865, and it was there that he grew to manhood. On July 6, 1889, he married Ida Dohlman, and two years later, they set out

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## Tweet and Oeltjenbruns exchange vows June 4 in Luverne

Paige Tweet, Lismore, and Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Luverne, were married Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Living Rock Church in Luverne. Pastor Billy Skaggs officiated.

Parents of the couple are Jeff and Carol Tweet, Lismore, and Glen and Cris Oeltjenbruns, Luverne.

Matrons of honor were Alisha Boomgaarden and Megan Meinders, sisters of the bride.

Bridesmaids included the bride's friend Rylie Hokeness, the groom's sister Amanda Englund, the bride's cousin Kasie Tweet, and the bride's friends Hannah Ver Steeg, Riley Schmitz and Miranda Lakness. The bride's personal attendants were her friends Greta Ahrendt, Sarah Auen and Sarah Reinarts. Oaklie Englund, the groom's niece, was the flower girl.

The groom's friend Eli Bakken was his best man. Groomsmen were the groom's

brother Spencer Oeltjenbruns, his friend Jake Haugen, his brother-in-law Trevor Englund, and his friends Tyler Reisdorfer, Coy Gonnerman, Owen West and Dylan Mente. Ring bearer was Wells Boomgaarden, the bride's nephew. Ushers were the groom's friends Jaxon Nelson and Cade Ver Steeg.

A reception followed the ceremony at Big Top Tents and Events in Luverne.

Paige graduated from Adrian High School in 2018 and from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, in 2021. She is employed at C & B Operations in Luverne.

Tucker graduated from Luverne High School in 2018 and from Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, South Dakota, in 2020. He works for C & B Operations in Luverne.

They live in Luverne.



Paige and Tucker Oeltjenbruns

## Bits by Betty/continued from page 6A

together to make their home in the United States. They arrived in Applington, Ia. May 10, 1891, and Mr. Slieter immediately went to work on a farm as a farm hand. Wages were not high—only \$1 for a 12 or 14 hour day, but compared to what farm hands were being paid in Germany, he thought he was getting excellent wages and was well satisfied.

After working on farms for three years, he had saved a little money and he used it to set himself up in farming in Grundy county, Ia. It was in 1898 that he decided to come to Rock county with his fam-

ily. He farmed several places in the Steen vicinity, and in 1908, he bought a farm east of Steen which was the Slieter home for 21 years.

Although Steen was a comparatively new place on the map of Rock county when the Slieters moved here, it was already quite a business town. It had enjoyed a period of growth during the few years before and two general stores had been built; there was a pool hall, a harness shop, blacksmith shop, livery and feed barn, elevator, lumber yard and hardware store in addition to the railroad station and postoffice. Two

years after Mr. Slieter's arrival, Steen was visited by a fire that destroyed two elevators containing some 20,000 bushels of grain.

In 1908 Mr. Slieter bought a farm east of Steen and resided there 21 years. In May, 1929, he and his family were attending church when their farm home burned to the ground. Not a thing was saved. Although some of the furnishings could be replaced, the loss that was perhaps felt most were the main keepsakes, pictures and mementos that had been collected and saved during the years which had passed. A new

house was built to replace the one that was destroyed, and while it was under construction, the family lived in a small bunk house.

In 1931 he retired and moved to the village of Steen and has lived alone in his home there since the death of his wife on Aug. 21, 1939. He is still very active and is able to do his own work. He enjoys spending a day or two, now and then, with his children who live on farms, and in the spring helps put in different gardens.

Of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Slieter, eight are still living. They

are John Slieter, Pipestone; Mrs. Mareka Loger, North Redwood Falls; George Slieter, Lester, Ia.; Mrs. Nick Stravenger, Luverne; Mrs. Arnold Schneekloth, Hills; Bernard Slieter Jr., Steen; Mrs. LaVerne Davis, Boise, Ida., and Emil Slieter, Hills. One daughter, Grace (Mrs. Gerrit Smith), died in 1937. Other direct descendants of Mr. Slieter are 39 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

As far as he knows, all his brothers and sisters with the exception of one are still living. There were seven children in the fam-

ily, and one of the boys was killed during World War I. Two sisters and one brother are still living in Germany. A brother, John, resides at Watertown, S.D. and a sister, Mrs. Albert Bussman, lives at Applington, Ia.

Mr. Slieter is a member of the Evangelical church at Steen.

He attributes his long life to the grace of God and hard work.

*Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.*

## OBITUARIES

### Frederick 'Fritz' Nuffer

Frederick L. "Fritz" Nuffer, COL US Army (Retired) September 26, 1934 – July 13, 2022. Omaha, Nebraska.



Served two combat tours in Vietnam as well as tours in Germany, the Pentagon, and numerous posts throughout the United States during his 26-year career. He was a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (BS), the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (MA), the Naval War College, and the Army War College. Following his military service, Fritz had a second 14-year career as the Senior Vice President of Output Services, a major division of First Data Resources. During his tenure with FDR, Fritz had extended service in New York City and South-end-on-Sea near London, England. Following his second retirement, Fritz and his beloved wife, Martha, traveled extensively. Fritz also became an avid golfer, playing in several senior leagues.

Preceded in death by his wife, Martha. Survived by sons Frederick J. Nuffer (Diana) and Stephen Nuffer (Melanie); brother William Nuffer; six grandchildren, Megan McGuigan (Bill), Fritz Nuffer, Jordan Nuffer, and Taylor Jeter (Tony); two great-grandchildren, Charlie and Madeline McQuigan; significant other, Teresa Cavanaugh.

Visitation is Friday, July 15, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the West Center Chapel, 7805 W. Center Rd., Omaha, followed by vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, July 16, at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 20500 W. Maple Rd. in Elkhorn, Nebraska. Entombment: Resurrection Mausoleum, with full military honors. Memorials are suggested to St. Patrick Catholic Church-Elkhorn or The Open Door Mission.

To view live broadcasts of the vigil service, Mass, and graveside service, please visit [www.heafeyheafey.com](http://www.heafeyheafey.com) and click the "View Live Cast" button at the top of the homepage.

Grandparents and three maiden aunts, two of whom were English teachers, raised

Fritz in a small, rural Minnesota community. While he had little practical knowledge of the world beyond his village, Fritz was instilled with a love of literature and all things written. It was exciting and a true wonderment for Fritz to be selected to attend West Point. Nearly the entire town saw him off in his new woolen suit. The New York cabbie noted his attire and ensured Fritz's longest taxi ride ever on his way to Port Authority and West Point.

The next four years were fulfilling and challenging. There were so many opportunities for learning and enjoying life at the Point. Fritz made a lot of friends with whom he continued to keep in touch throughout his life. Upon graduation, he never planned to have a military career.

Twenty-six years later, a bunch of moves, more friends, many challenges, great assignments, fulfillment beyond Fritz's wildest expectations, he felt so very fortunate to have been a soldier. Throughout, he gained a deep appreciation for our country, its people, and our many blessings. Of these blessings, Fritz held his time at West Point as one of the most treasured. Following retirement from the Army, Fritz joined a small firm which became a major publicly traded, international corporation. Again, there were challenges, more moves — England, New York City — more friends.

Fritz was left with many great memories, most of which focused on people, less and less on places and things. Lastly, Fritz was blessed with a wonderful family, the center of which was his wife, Martha. She endured the early financial struggles, the constant moving, and the extended times apart while successfully raising two children. Throughout, she remained beautiful and loving, and a great friend.

Arrangements were provided by Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler [www.heafeyheafey.com](http://www.heafeyheafey.com)

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### Judith Vis

Judith D. Vis, age 76, of rural Valley Springs, South Dakota, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, July 17, 2022, while at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Visitation will be Wednesday, July 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hills United Reformed Church in Hills, Minnesota. Funeral service will be Thursday, July 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the church. A private family committal service will be held at the Hills Christian Reformed Cemetery in Hills prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Luke Society. To view Judy's life history or sign an online registry, please visit [hartquistfuneral.com](http://hartquistfuneral.com).

Judith Dianne Top was born on October 23, 1945, to John and Johanna (Oldenkamp) Top in Luverne, Minnesota. She was raised on various places throughout Rock County, Minnesota. Judy attended Hills Christian School in Hills before then attending and graduating high school from Hills public schools.

Following her education, Judy began working as a secretary at Hakes in Luverne.

On March 13, 1969, Judy was united in marriage to Norman Vis at the Hills United Reformed Church. Following their marriage, the couple made their home on an acreage near Manley, Minnesota, where they would live together for the next 53 years while raising their family. In addition to homemaking, Judy was very involved in the day-to-day operations on the farm with Norm. She also cleaned houses for several years.

Judy's life was devoted to her faith in the Lord, service to others and her family. She was a member of Hills United Reformed Church where she volunteered and taught Sunday school. She served many

meals and drove kids for events at Hills Christian School. She supported and volunteered for several causes, including Trash for Cash, Union Gospel Mission, Right for Life and Luke Society.

Right after her relationship with her Lord, Judy's priority was her family. She provided for them in all of the ways she was able and taught them many values and lessons which shaped their character as grown adults. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and held "grandma's day out" special to her heart. She also loved rummaging and thrifting with her sister, Audrey.

Judy is lovingly remembered by her husband, Norm; six children, Kelly (Sheila) Vis of Sioux Falls, Boyd Vis of Beaver Creek, Benjamin Vis of Valley Springs, South Dakota, Rachel (Toby) Kaiser of Brandon, South Dakota, Samuel (Stacey) Vis of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Matthew Vis of Sioux Falls; 14 grandchildren, Caleb (Jasmy) Vis, Isaiah Vis, Carlie Gardner, Daisey Vis, Isaac Vis, Braxton Kaiser, Taylor Kaiser, Addison Vis, Kennedy Vis, Kadence Vis, Kohlter Vis, Keaton Vis, Arriana Vis, and Averley Vis; two great-grandchildren, Archer and Kutler Vis; seven siblings, Albert (Marlene) Top of Hardwick, Charles Top of Edgerton, Joanne Klarenbeek of Luverne, Audrey (Jim) Vis of Sioux Falls, Annetta Berghorst of Ripon, California, Larry (Melinda) Top of Hardwick, and John (Evonne) Top of Luverne; other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Johanna Top; step-father, Gerrit Pap; nephew, Albert Top; and a niece, Heather Berghorst.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, [hartquistfuneral.com](http://hartquistfuneral.com).

(0721 V)

### Susan Malone

Susan Ann Malone, 81, Detroit Lakes, died Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes.



A memorial service was Tuesday, July 19, at the David Donehower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes. Interment will follow the memorial service at Oak Grove Cemetery in Detroit Lakes.

Susan Davis was born on July 25, 1940, to Russell and Ursula (Wendt) Davis in Pipestone. She spent her early years in Slayton before her family moved to Magnolia. She graduated from Magnolia High School in 1959.

She attended the Minneapolis Institute of Medical Technology, where she received her laboratory technician certification. She then worked as a lab tech for a number of years in Adrian and Mitchell, South Dakota.

Susan married Ernest "Joe" Malone on Nov. 9, 1962, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. The couple had two children, a son, Jeffrey, and an adopted daughter, Karen. Sue embraced her role as mother and homemaker.

In 1992 she moved to Kodiak Island, Alaska, where she co-owned and operated a small fishing boat. In 1995 she moved back to Jasper to be closer to her aging mother. In 2002 she came to Detroit Lakes where she lived for her remaining days.

Susan loved her family and was very active in her children's activities. This continued with her love of her grandchildren, attending their activities and being an active part of their lives. Susan treasured the friendships she had over the years and loved hosting parties and holidays. She enjoyed playing cards, cook-

ing, attending concerts and musicals, taking photographs, cat-sitting for friends, and was an avid reader. She also had a talent for interior design and a passion for flower gardening.

Susan was involved in her church. In Detroit Lakes she served on the United Methodist Church's Angel Food Pantry, serving dinner prior to the Wednesday service, the Women's Bible Study Group, the United Methodist Women's Service Group, and was a co-founder of the Wednesday Night Dinner Program.

She also served in the communities where she lived. In Luverne she served as the president of the Luverne High School Music Boosters from 1982-1984. In Detroit Lakes she was a member of the Lakes Women's Society-Hope Chapter from 2012 until 2016, and PEO Chapter FG since 2015. She also volunteered for several years at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Hospital at the gift shop and as a member of the Community Relations Committee.

Susan is survived by her children, Jeffrey (Renae) Malone of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Karen (TJ) Buboltz of Detroit Lakes; a sister, Mary Phillips of Detroit Lakes; two grandchildren, Nick and Ben, both of Detroit Lakes; and a step-granddaughter Michaela Borchardt (David) of Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband, Joe; and a brother-in-law, Robert Phillips.

Arrangements were provided by David Donehower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes, [www.daviddonehower.com](http://www.daviddonehower.com).

(0721 F)

### Jerre Jordahl

Jerre Jordahl, 76, of Rosemount, Minnesota, passed away on July 11, 2022.



Jerrewas known to make people feel at home in his company. He loved making people laugh and made friends easily everywhere he went. He believed in taking care of others and remaining humble. Nothing made him happier than being around his loving wife, his children, and his grandchildren (and Woody the dog).

Jerre was born on May

15, 1946, to Harold and Bonnie Jordahl in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After graduating from Luverne High School, Jerre went on to study business at Mankato State. After graduating, he went to work in the finance and banking industry, where he made his career. He retired from The Salvation Army after thirteen years of working in Planned Giving where he enjoyed the opportunity to assist those who needed help.

In 1979 Jerre married

his best friend, Kathleen, and stayed by her side for 43 years, owing in no small part to his great charm, but also his selflessness, humility and aversion to complaining. He was, it must be said, the most gentle soul, a man who never harmed a living thing and was happiest simply being around family.

Jerre had a fantastic sense of humor and loved telling stories and making people laugh. His love of the outdoors was a thread woven throughout his life. He cared deeply for others, and for the state of our world.

He is preceded in death

by his parents and his brother, Jon Jordahl.

He is survived by his sister Janine (Gary) Papik, his wife, Kathy, son Grant (Karin), daughter Katie (Bryce Blilie) and his grandchildren Autumn, Violet, Magnus, and Ryker.

A small celebration of life will be held by Jerre's family at a later date. His family welcomes donations to a charity of your choice in honor of Jerre's life.

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Improvements on the wish list at Luverne Public Schools include plans to resurface the grass football field with turf while also replacing the visitors' bleachers and adding a multi-use storage facility. Graphics courtesy of Luverne Public Schools

## District 'Big Dream' for turf, bleachers/continued from page 1A

Oftedahl said. No costs were mentioned with "the big dream" but there was an appeal to the public for contributions through the Luverne Education Legacy Fund.

### Garden, signage coming in 2023

Delays in receiving the black granite pushed the start of the Alumni Garden project to 2023.

Superintendent Oftedahl said the \$1.5 million garden south of the middle-high school canopy, is a gift from Warren Herreid II and Jeannine Rivet.

The garden and outdoor classroom project is slated to be finished next summer in time for the inaugural Luverne School Hall of Fame induction in October.

"That focal point will be a large piece of black granite from Cold Spring, Minne-

sota, with the names engraved indicating their arrival in the Luverne School Hall of Fame," Oftedahl said.

Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2023. Forms are available at the district office.

New front lawn signage along Highway 75 is also planned for the school. The current sign is inoperable and cannot be repaired due to its obsolete design.

## Heat/from page 1A

or anything like that, but we do want our customers to know."

During the hottest days this summer Call said the Luverne Municipal Electric Utility will send out energy alerts to notify the public to conserve energy.

These measures include turning up the thermostat, keeping the drapes closed to keep the heat out of the house and delaying the use of large appliances like ovens, washing machines and dishwashers until later in the evening.

The city of Luverne already uses a demand-side energy program that cycles hot water heaters and air conditioners, etc.

"The city appreciates any and all electric usage efficiency that our customers can employ to try and keep the total load of the city to a lower level," Call said.

He said Luverne has adequate energy supplies, but the city is part of the larger electric grid, and shortages on the grid could have an effect on Luverne.

"Electricity is just like water," Call said. "It is a valuable resource, and it does have limitations on the total amount available during a peak usage on a very hot day."

While temperatures may hover in the upper 80s to low 90s, high humidity will make it feel closer to 100.

People who work outdoors are encouraged to drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks.

People with pets are encouraged to be mindful of making sure there is adequate water and shade if animals are outdoors.

## Moratorium placed on THC sales

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County commissioners unanimously passed a one-year moratorium halting the sale of hemp-derived THC food and beverages in Rock County.

The county's action Tuesday on the moratorium is in response to the state's legalization of tetrahydrocannabinols, which began July 1.

The cities in Rock County are expected to follow suit in adopting similar

moratoriums.

The action essentially allows local government leaders to study the issue and consider licensing, rules and sales management controls for the sale of THC products.

The county is considering rules and controls similar to those in place for tobacco sales and products.

This includes checking identifications, enforcement, compliance and license fees.

## Comedy act to raise funds for Pastor Billy Skaggs Sunday

By Lori Sorenson

Living Rock Church pastor Billy Skaggs survived two kidney transplants in his lifetime only to be diagnosed with cancer last summer.

Skaggs retired from the pulpit in June after 12 years with the local congregation in order to focus on healing.

"That was not very easy," he said about the congregation that had become like family. "I married their kids and buried their grandparents. ... It's hard to walk away from that."

Meanwhile, his church family has organized a benefit event for this weekend in order to support Skaggs and his wife, Cindy, with medical bills for cancer treatment.

A "clean comedy show" featuring headliner comedian Brandon Young, San Diego, will be Sunday night, July 24, at Living Rock Church on East Main Street.

Doors open at 5:30 when silent auction bidding begins. The comedy act starts at 6:30, and pie and ice cream will be served at 8 p.m. when silent auction



A benefit for Cindy and Billy Skaggs will start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 24, at Living Rock Church on East Main.

Luverne," she said. "Over the 12 years they've been so good to us."

The couple moved to Luverne from Georgia in 2010.

"We didn't know what we were in for with the weather and moving from the metro to plant a church in a small farming community," Billy said.

"We wouldn't change it for anything."

Their house on Pine Drive is listed for sale and Billy will start dialysis soon, because cancer treatment has interfered with his kidney function.

"We don't know what our next step is," he said.

But he said he trusts God's plan and is grateful for support from his former congregation and from the community.

"It's overwhelming that they would do this for us in this way," Skaggs said.

Sunday's benefit is organized through Stand Up to Help, a comedy show that helps local non-profits raise money. More information is at StandUpToHelp.com

winners are announced.

Posters and social media have been advertising the event.

"We want to celebrate the amazing impact he and Cindy have made in this community," are the words on posters.

Sioux Falls comedian and radio personality Big John Small will host the event, which is sponsored by Main Street Financial Services, Luverne.

Free will offerings will be accepted at the door.

Cindy said she's touched by the local support. "We love the people of



Mavis Fodness photo/0721 Tennis Court Improvements

## Tennis courts resurfaced at Luverne High School

Workers with Court Surfaces & Repair of Blaine spent three days at the Luverne High School tennis courts filling cracks and applying a new asphalt base and painted acrylic paste surface. Workers then restriped the white lines for the tennis and pickle ball courts. The courts are painted green with areas between the courts painted in red. The original concrete courts were constructed in 2010. The \$50,000 resurfacing project is being paid for through the school district's long-term facility maintenance fund.

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The LHS Alumni Marching Band consisted of 78 members from baton twirlers to color guard to band members as the last entrants to the 43-unit Cardinal Pride parade Saturday morning. Band members ranged in age from 18 to 92 and from the Class of 1948 to the Class of 2022. In all, 42 entrants traveled down Luverne's Main Street.

## Reunited and it feels so good!

Cardinal Pride weekend draws LHS alumni to Luverne for parade, reunions and more



Darrell Schmidt (left), Diane (Mollberg) Gonneman and Ardis (Ormseth) Mickelson lead their Class of 1967 float Saturday morning down Luverne's Main Street.



Retired, former and current teachers are featured in the Luverne Education Association float. From left are Katie Hemme, Linda Gulden, Mary Goheen, Esther Frakes, Sandy Klosterbuer, Mary Jo Graphenteen, Larry Nelson, Keith Erickson, Peter Olson and Mark Lundgren.



Above: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank honors its current employees and LHS graduates Peg (VanAartsen) Gacke, LaDonna (Cleveringa) VanAartsen, Jill (Leslie) Buss, Natilee (Hubbling) Woodley, Tara (Malmquist) Zewiske, Jo (Maras) Buss, Cris (Fleseland) Oeltjenbruns, and Mike DeBates. At left: Dan Smeins (left) and Dave Iveland sit in the boat representing the LHS Class of 1971 and during the parade their description read in part, "51 years of fun. What a life we've had ... just like going fishing every day!"



Taking the original Luverne "Thirty" out for a drive are Dan Anderson (left) and Tanya (Leicher) Light, classmates in the LHS Class of 1970.

At left: Eleanor (Rober) Van Guilder holds up a baton in honor of her twirling days as she rides in the Cardinal Pride parade for the LHS Class of 1959 with Sandy (Popken) Winter (center) and Tom Getman.

At right: Brenda Latten hands out freeze pops Saturday morning during the Cardinal Pride parade. The Luverne Pizza Ranch employee is an LHS Class of 1978 grad.



Waving with new athletic socks on their hands are LHS Class of 1977 classmates John Jarchow (left) and Connie (Bot) England.

Photos by  
Mavis Fodness

## Trierweiler's design selected for 2022 Tri-State Band Festival button

An upcoming Luverne High School junior will have her design featured on the 2022 Tri-State Band Festival button.

Perceyis Trierweiler created the award-winning design as a sophomore in Bill Thompson's graphic arts class.

LHS students enrolled in a fine arts or graphic arts class are encouraged each year to enter the Tri-State Band Festival button design contest.

Trierweiler incorporated her favorite colors, images of musical instruments and unusual fonts.

She was awarded \$50 for the winning design. Trierweiler is the daughter of Craig and Kathy Hawes.

The band festival is set for Sept. 24 in Luverne.



Perceyis Trierweiler holds her winning button design (also pictured left) for the 2022 Tri-State Band Festival taking place Saturday, Sept. 24.

## Chance encounter

*'Light a spark, create curiosity, open someone's eyes to the wonders of nature'*



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

I moved to Worthington at the age of 13 and after my folks bought me a new bike, I was the traveling fisherman and hunter.

I would ride my bike to the local lake in my town almost every day.

When I reached the age of 14, which is when you can hunt without an adult, I would ride my bike about six miles out to the Lake Ocheda Waterfowl refuge and try to shoot a Canada goose. I would often ride home with a shotgun in one hand and, if I was lucky, a goose held by the neck in the other.

When my own son was about 10, he wanted to start hunting, and this was when hunting became a bigger part of my life. So, fast forward almost 50 years from that new bike, and wildlife habitat and the conservation of our natural resources now occupy almost all my non-work hours.

I was at the Minnesota DNR Roundtable a few weeks back and ran across an old friend by the name of Jason Garms. He didn't know it and I didn't really realize it until that chance meeting last week, but my encounter with Jason was a pivotal moment in my life.

I was working to enroll a portion of my parents' farm into the Minnesota Native Prairie Bank Easement Program, which paid owners of remnant native prairie parcels to protect those lands from ever being plowed or developed.

Considering that 97 percent of the native prairie in Minnesota is long gone, these unique spaces offer a glimpse of what the state looked like before modern civilization, with plants and flowers that exist nowhere else in the state.

Back in the days before the plow, native prairie could support as many as 250 different plant species all living in harmony at the same time. Native prairies are a look into the past and are my very favorite places to spend my time in the wild.

Jason came down to do a site inspection on my parcel. My parcel was not very large, 20 acres or so, so it wasn't a big priority in terms of protecting large blocks of remaining native prairie.

I was doing my best to convince Jason that my spot was important. After a short walk I asked him if he thought I could qualify. He responded, "I have already made up my mind to recommend this spot for protection. Now I am just going on a treasure hunt."

What he meant was that he was exploring for as many different plant species as he could identify.

It was on that day more than two decades ago — that very moment — that I became immersed in native prairies and the creatures that lived there.

Every year I try to learn and

remember (that is the hard part) the names of new plants and flowers, including their scientific names.

When I met Jason, his title was a Prairie Stewardship Specialist. Today he has been promoted more than a few times and now holds the title of Agricultural Program Liaison.

My engagement in the outdoors now results in countless hours a year volunteering for Pheasants Forever, Minnesota DNR, Prairie Chicken Society, Round Lake Sportsman's Club, Quail Forever, Ducks Unlimited Okabena/Ocheda Watershed and many others.

You hear all the time that you should always be good to one another and that every meeting, no matter how insignificant, could be a life-changing event for you or the other person.

I never really realized it until my drive home from the metro that day just how important my chance meeting with Jason Garms was in terms of becoming the person I have become.

Lighting a spark, creating a curiosity, opening someone's eyes to the wonders of nature is something that every adult and child needs and deserves.

Jason did it for me, and I truly believe I will spend the rest of my life trying to do the same for every person I might have the opportunity to interact with.

I am sure Jason has no idea of the effect he had in my life and the results that my efforts since have achieved. Thank you, Jason, and I will do my best to carry on your spark.

*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.*

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### LHS grad on international winning tractor design team

Luverne native JJ Dooyema is a member of the South Dakota State University 1/4 Scale Tractor Team that is champion of the 2022 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers International 1/4 Scale Tractor Student Design Competition.

This year's team competed against 24 teams from across the United States and Canada.

At the beginning of the school year, each team is given a 31-hp Briggs & Stratton engine and a set of Titan tires, which they design their tractor around.

At the competition, tractors

are judged by a panel of industry experts based on innovation, manufacturability, serviceability, safety, sound level and ergonomics.

The tractor is first evaluated in a technical inspection process where industry engineers seek to ensure the tractors comply with competition safety and design rules.

The tractor is then put to the test through a maneuverability course, durability course, and a tractor pull. Additionally the team gives a formal design presentation explaining various aspects of the tractor's design to

industry judges.

"From an engineering standpoint, this competition gives five key learning opportunities for our future careers: design, technical writing, testing, manufacturing and marketing," said Ty Grone, 1/4 scale tractor team co-captain.

"This competition prepares us, coming out of college, to move into industry with those skills."

Dooyema, son of Doug and Pam Dooyema, Luverne, is majoring in agricultural and biosystems engineering at SDSU, Brookings, South Dakota.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Midwest Fire hires sales representative

Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company hired Scott Mischke as a sales representative for its Luverne operation.

Mischke, a Twin Cities native, has a degree in fire science from Anoka Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park and has been a firefighter for 18 years, earning a "Firefighter of the Year" award for leadership, personal development and service.

He has worked as an

aftermarket sales and service representative for Star Equipment Inc. and for the past four years led the development of a new Star Equipment location in Fargo, North Dakota.

Mischke and his family are relocating to the Luverne area for this new opportunity with Midwest Fire.

"We are thrilled to have Scott Mischke joining our team," said CEO of Midwest Fire Sarah Atchison.

"We are confident his background in both sales and the firefighting industry will make for a smooth transition and great asset to our already outstanding team."

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## Redbirds defeat Cubs, Bulls

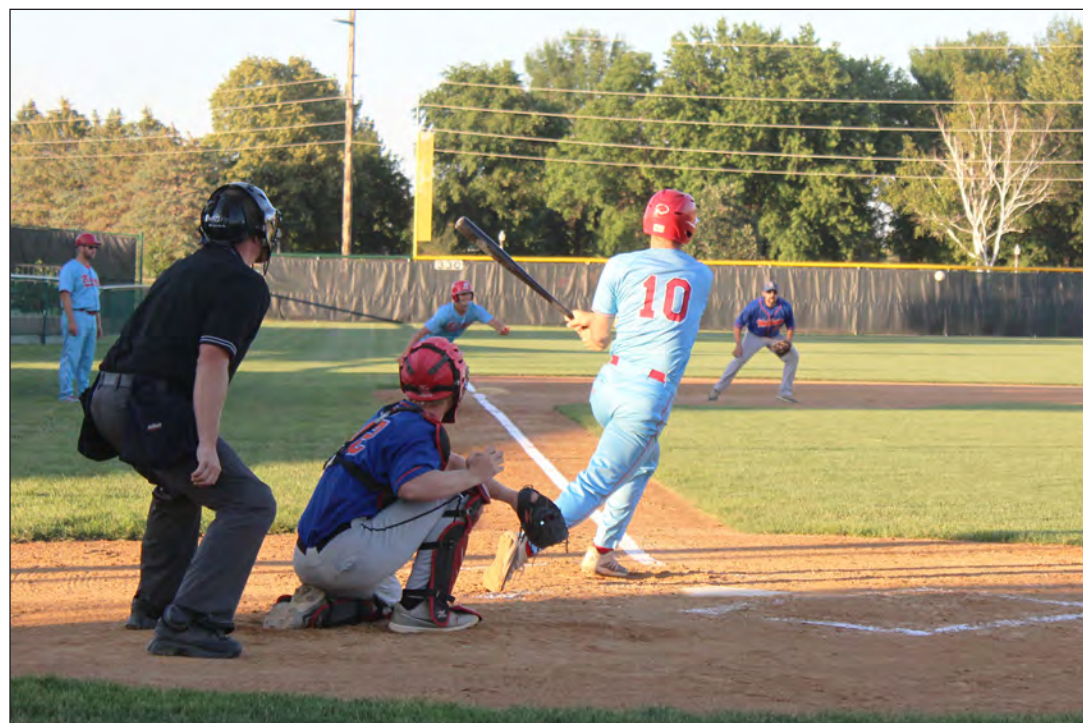
By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne amateur baseball team extended its win streak to 15 games and ended the regular season 21-2 with wins over the Worthington Cubs and Jackson Bulls last week.

The Redbirds had no trouble with Worthington at home Wednesday, July 13, earning a 19-2, seven-inning victory.

Luverne then traveled to Jackson Sunday afternoon and defeated the Bulls in a close contest, 5-4.

The Redbirds finished second in the Gopher League to the Milroy Irish. The team earned the second-seed and will face the Heron Lake Lakers in the league playoffs (see related story).



Mavis Fodness photo/0721 Redbirds

Derek Lundgren hits a line drive to third base Wednesday night, July 13, for a base hit and two RBIs in the Redbirds' 19-2 win over the Worthington Cubs.

### Luverne 19, Wgtn 2

It was another impressive offensive showing for the home team at Redbird Field July 13 when Luverne hosted the Worthington Cubs.

Luverne batters collected 16 hits and 17 RBIs while scoring 19 runs during six innings at bat in a game shorted by the ten-run rule.

Derek Lundgren led the offensive charge for the Birds.

Lundgren tallied four hits during five plate appearances. He totalled five RBIs and scored three runs.

Ben Serie also plated three runs for Luverne while earning three hits, including a triple and two doubles, and batting in four teammates.

"We were all feeling pretty confident at the plate," Serie said.

Newt Johnson had two hits and scored twice.

Phil Paquette, Declan Beers, Cade Wenninger and Gaige Nath also scored two runs each in the lop-sided victory.

The game was scoreless after 1 1/2 innings until the Birds scored seven runs in the bottom of the second.

The Cubs answered by scoring their only two runs

of the game in the top of the third.

When Luverne added five more runs in the bottom of the inning, the game's eventual outcome was secured.

Serie was on the mound for the first six innings of the game. He gave up only four hits, two runs and two walks while striking out seven Worthington batters.

Brooks Maurer came in to pitch the final inning, giving up no hits and no runs.

"When we are hitting well at the plate, we usually produce really good pitching to go with it," Serie said.

Wgtn 0020000xx 2  
Luverne 075115xxx 19

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

### Luverne 5, Jackson 4

In the final regular season game of the year, Luverne traveled to Jackson to earn a close 5-4 win over the Bulls.

It was pitching by committee for the Redbirds.

Jake Haugen started on the mound and pitched two innings. He gave up four hits and three runs.

Colby Crabtree threw the next two innings, giving up no hits and no runs and striking out two.

Cade Wenninger pitched the next two innings. The left-hander stuck out five and gave up no hits and no runs.

Lundgren came to the mound for the final inning, giving up one hit and one run and striking out two.

Jackson held a 3-0 lead going into the third inning before Luverne plated three runs to tie the game.

Nath led off the inning with a line drive double to right field.

Cade Wenninger and Lundgren then earned walks to load the bases.

When the Jackson

pitcher issued his third consecutive walk (to Serie), Nath scored Luverne's first run.

Cade Wenninger and Lundgren also scored in the inning.

The Redbirds took the 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth inning when Beers, who led off the inning with a double, scored on a wild pitch.

In the sixth inning, the Birds scored their final run of the game when Johnson hit a single that scored Paquette.

The Bulls scored one more run in the final inning, but it was not enough and Luverne left town with a 5-4 victory to end the regular season 21-2.

Luverne 0031010xx 5  
Jackson 1200001xx 4

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	3	1	0	0
B Serie	2	0	0	1
P Paquette	3	1	1	0
N Johnson	3	0	2	1
D Beers	3	1	1	0
J Haugen	1	0	0	0
C Crabtree	1	0	1	0
G Nath	1	1	1	0
C Sehr	2	0	0	0
M Sterrett	3	0	0	0
C Wenninger	2	1	0	0

## Redbirds to open playoffs against Heron Lake Lakers

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds completed a 21-2 regular season Sunday in Jackson.

The team was 17-2 in league play and finished second in the Gopher League to the Milroy Irish (24-3 overall, 18-1 league).

Milroy's only league loss was a 14-2 setback to Luverne on June 29.

The Irish received a bye for the league playoffs that open Wednesday, July 20.

The Redbirds will face the Heron Lake Lakers (3-16 in league play) in the best-of-three league crossover series.

Luverne defeated Heron Lake 13-3 on July 10. The Lakers' victories are against Worthington (19-12), Mountain Lake (7-1) and Gibbon (12-10).

Heron Lake finished seventh in the First Nite league. The Windom Pirates (16-3) finished first in the league.

The Gopher and First Nite leagues combine to make Region 13C for the playoffs.

"We were really pleased with our 21-2 season," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer.

"We were hoping for the one seed out of our league, but fell one win short," Maurer said, "Hopefully we are able to make a long playoff run."

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Brooks Maurer



### Final League Standings

League	Rank	Team	Record
Gopher League	1	Milroy Irish	18-1
	2	Luverne Redbirds	17-2
	3	Hadley Buttermakers	14-5
	4	Adrian A's	7-12
	5	Ruthon Royals	5-14
	6	Pipestone A's	5-14
	7	Worthington Cubs	2-16
First Nite League	1	Windom Pirates	16-3
	2	Jackson Bulls	13-6
	3	Fairmont Martins	12-7
	4	Fox Lake Foxes	7-12
Lakefield Horned Frogs	1	Lakefield Horned Frogs	7-12
	2	Mountain Lake Lakers	6-12
	3	Heron Lake Lakers	3-16
	4	(Unlabeled)	(Unlabeled)

### League Playoffs

**Luverne vs Heron Lake**  
Wed, July 20 at Luverne 7:30  
Sat, July 23 at Heron Lake 2:00  
\*Sun, July 24 at Luverne 2:00

**Hadley vs Mountain Lake**  
Wed, July 20 at Mt. Lake 7:30  
Sat, July 23 at Hadley 2:00  
\*Sun, July 24 at Hadley 2:00

**Adrian vs. Lakefield**  
Wed, July 20 at Lakefield 7:30  
Fri, July 22 at Adrian 7:30  
\*Sun, July 24 at Adrian 2:00

**Jackson vs Worthington**  
Wed, July 20 at Jackson 7:30  
Fri, July 22 at Worthington 7:30  
\*Sun, July 24 at Jackson 2:00

**Fairmont vs Pipestone**  
Wed, July 20 at Fairmont 7:30  
Fri, July 22 at Pipestone 7:30  
\*Sun, July 24 at Fairmont 2:00

**Fox Lake vs Ruthon**  
Wed, July 20 at Truman 7:30  
Fri, July 22 at Ruthon 2:00  
\*Sun, July 24 at Truman 2:00  
\*If necessary

## Junior Legion season comes to an end

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Junior American Legion baseball season came to an end Monday when the team lost 7-6 to Springfield in the consolation bracket of the sub-state tournament.

Luverne opened the sub-state tournament Sunday morning with an 11-3 victory over Madelia.

On Sunday afternoon, the team moved to the consolation bracket of the tournament when Luverne lost to Sleepy Eye 13-0.

The Junior Legion squad ended the season with an 8-11 record.

"It was a good summer overall and a good group of kids," said Luverne coach Jared Pick.

"Maybe not the record we hoped for, but we saw a lot of good baseball this summer and I expect these guys to have a lot of success in high school ball and in Legion ball in the future," Pick said.

### Luverne 11, Madelia 3

Luverne opened play in the sub-state tournament with an 11-3 victory over Madelia Sunday morning in Pipestone.

Jacob Stroh pitched six solid innings for Luverne. He struck out eight batters and gave up only three runs.

"Stroh pitched really well for us," Pick said, "We needed a good outing from him and he came through."



Mavis Fodness photo/0721 Junior Legion

Luverne Junior Legion runner Jacob Stroh dives safely back to first base during the third inning Sunday afternoon in Pipestone.

Patrick Kroski came to the mound for the final inning, striking out one and giving up no runs.

Luverne batters took advantage of many walks offered by Madelia pitchers.

In all, nine Luverne players scored in the game. Carter Sehr and Marcus Vortherms scored twice.

Sehr, who led off the game with a double, and Stroh had two hits each.

Luverne 1052120 11  
Madelia 000300x 3

	AB	R	H
C Sehr	4	2	2
M Vortherms	2	2	1

W Serie	3	1	0
L Miller	2	1	0
E Domagala	1	1	0
P Kroski	0	1	0
J Stroh	4	1	2
L Ahrendt	3	1	0
G Reisch	3	1	0
J Aning	1	0	0
K Buss	2	0	1
C Kruger	1	0	0

### Sleepy Eye 13, Luverne 0

Luverne ran into some especially tough competition Sunday afternoon when they were shut out by Sleepy Eye 13-0.

"Sleepy Eye is the best team in the tournament and I'd say

Junior Legion/see page 4B

## Tour de Donut attracts more than 90 riders to Rock County bike event

By Lori Sorenson

Amid an already busy Hot Dog Night and Cardinal Pride weekend, dozens of athletes joined the annual Tour de Donut bicycle ride, which attracted more than 90 riders Saturday morning to The Lake in Luverne.

"I was very impressed by the turnout," said event organizer David Duffy, Luverne.

"It was a busy weekend for events in the area, but we had over 30 more riders than last year."

The Tour de Donut Minnesota is a unique bicycle event where ability to eat donuts is just as important as ability to ride bicycle.

The 30- to 35-mile route around Rock County includes three checkpoint stations (donut stops) where eating donuts isn't mandatory, but it's worth a time bonus for each donut consumed and recorded.

Awards are presented for Best Elapsed Time, Adjusted Time and Most Donuts Eaten.

The Tour De Donut Minnesota also offers a short course (10 Miles), a long course (50+ miles) and a 17-mile Fun Ride.

Duffy said this year's event, the fifth one he's organized in Luverne, was less competitive than other years.

"People came from all over the area to have a fun experience with their families or close riding



Phoebe Flom, Luverne, and Kraig Rust, Kenneth, were among more than 90 competitors in the 2022 Tour de Donut that started and ended at The Lake in Luverne Saturday.

friends," he said.

"I have a guy from Worthington that rides with his son-in-law from the Twin Cities each year. A friend of mine from Sioux Falls rode with his 9-year-old daughter. Another group of ladies all in their 60s were getting one last group ride in before RAGBRAI, and we get the crazy wild girls from Sioux Falls that we call the

Tour de Donut/see page 5B



Mavis Fodness photo/0721 Junior Legion Patrick Kroski took over pitching duties from Alex Schlosser Sunday afternoon in Pipestone.

# Luverne Senior Legion continues sub-state baseball playoffs

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Senior American Legion baseball team finished 2-1 during sub-state tournament play last weekend in St. James.

Luverne defeated Windom 4-3 on Thursday and Springfield 6-1 Friday before falling to Jackson 8-7 Saturday.

Luverne, now 13-6 on the season, will play Friday night in St. James against either Russell-Tyler-Ruthon or St. James in the second weekend of the sub-state tournament.

A win on Friday would mean Luverne will face Jackson on Saturday.

Jackson has not yet lost in the tournament, so Luverne would need to defeat them twice to win the sub-state championship.

"We get another fresh week and will have all of our pitching options again," Luverne coach Codie Zeutenhorst said.

As hosts of this year's Division II Senior American Legion Baseball State Tournament, Luverne will play in the state tournament regardless of their finish in the sub-state tournament.

The champion of Luverne's sub-state, or second place team if Luverne wins, will also qualify for the state tournament.

## Luverne 4, Windom 3

Luverne opened play in the sub-state tournament Thursday in St. James with a 4-3 win over Windom. Luverne hit the ball well during the game with eight hits.

Ethan Beyer (one hit and one run), Braydon Ripka (two hits, one run and one RBI), Kaden Anderson (two hits, one run and one RBI) and Connor Overgaard (one hit and one RBI) all hit doubles in the game.

Carter Sehr also scored a run and Elliot Domagala added an RBI.

Anderson pitched 6 2/3 innings before the pitch count rule ended his time on the mound.

Anderson had a no-hitter for 6 1/3 innings before giving up three hits and two runs in the seventh stanza.

"It definitely got interesting," Zeutenhorst said.

Anderson struck out eight and walked two during his time on the mound.

Casey Sehr came in to relieve Anderson. He struck out the final batter to preserve the 4-3 win.

Luverne	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
Windom	0	0	0	1	0	2	3

	AB	R	H	BI
B Ripka	4	1	2	1
E Beyer	3	1	1	0
K Anderson	4	1	2	1
Casey Sehr	4	0	1	0
W Serie	1	0	0	0
E Domagala	3	0	0	1
C Overgaard	4	0	1	1
J Stroh	3	0	0	0
A Halverson	1	0	0	0
Carter Sehr	2	1	1	0

## Luverne 6, Springfield 1

In the second game of the sub-state tournament, Luverne defeated Springfield 6-1 in St. James Friday.

Luverne scored three runs in each of the third and fourth innings.

Springfield plated one run in the top of the sixth but was unable to score in the top of the seventh to extend the game or earn the win.

Will Serie started the scoring in the third inning with a two-RBI single.

Anderson hit an RBI double in the fourth inning.

Beyer was two for four at the plate with two runs and two RBIs.

Casey Sehr also had two hits in the game.

Beyer pitched the complete game. He gave up one run with only two hits and struck out eight.

Springfield	0	0	0	0	1	1
Luverne	0	0	3	3	0	6

	AB	R	H	BI
B Ripka	3	0	0	0
E Beyer	4	2	2	2
K Anderson	4	0	1	1
Casey Sehr	4	1	2	1
W Serie	4	0	1	2
E Domagala	3	0	1	0
C Overgaard	1	1	1	0
P Kroski	2	1	1	0
Carter Sehr	1	1	0	0

## Jackson 8, Luverne 7

Luverne lost its first game of the sub-state tournament Saturday, falling to Jackson 8-7 in St. James.

"You never want to finish the weekend with a loss," said Zeutenhorst.

"But overall our pitching was strong and we got lots of balls in play and scored some good runs,"

he said.

Offensively, Luverne was led by Casey Sehr.

Sehr was four for four at the plate, scored one run and totaled four RBIs, including a two-RBI double in the fifth inning.

"I was seeing the ball well and it kept finding holes for me," Casey Sehr said.

"I like playing in St. James and I've hit well there before, so I just tried to keep it going."

Beyer was two for three in the game and scored three runs.

Riley Sneller tallied two RBIs. Zach DeBoer pitched four innings. He offered four hits and four runs while walking three and striking out three.

Casey Sehr came to the mound for the final two innings. He gave up five hits and four runs and struck out three.

Luverne led the game 3-2 after three innings before Jackson scored twice in the fourth inning to take a 4-3 lead.

Luverne regained the lead in the top of the fifth by scoring three runs before Jackson took the lead back by plating four more runs in the bottom of the inning.

Trailing 8-6 going into the sixth frame, Luverne's Overgaard blasted a solo home run to lead off the inning and bring the game to within one run.

When Luverne was unable to advance a runner in scoring position on second base during the top of the seventh inning, the game ended 8-7.

"Jackson played well enough to win," Zeutenhorst said. "We did, too, but just not quite enough."

"It's disappointing," he said, "an emotional rollercoaster. But that's baseball."

Luverne	2	1	0	3	10	7
Jackson	1	0	1	2	4	8

	AB	R	H	BI
B Ripka	3	1	0	0
E Beyer	3	3	2	0
K Anderson	3	0	0	0
Casey Sehr	4	1	4	4
R Sneller	3	0	0	2
W Serie	3	0	0	0
C Overgaard	3	1	1	0
E Domagala	3	0	0	0
Carter Sehr	3	1	1	0

## Luverne Junior Legion/ continued from page 3B

the best team we faced all year," Pick said, "I expect them to make it to state from our sub-state."

Stroh and Caden Kruger collected Luverne's only two hits in the game.

Alex Schlosser pitched the first 1 1/3 innings for Luverne.

Kroski replaced Schlosser on the mound for the remainder of the five-inning contest shortened by the ten-run rule.

Kroski struck out four and gave up only two runs.

Sleepy Eye	3	8	0	2	0	x	13
Luverne	0	0	0	0	0	x	0

	AB	R	H
C Sehr	2	0	0
Z Overgaard	1	0	0
E Domagala	2	0	0
L Miller	3	0	0
W Serie	3	0	0
J Stroh	2	0	1
T DeBates	1	0	0
L Ahrendt	3	0	0
M Vortherms	2	0	0
G Reisch	2	0	0
J Aning	1	0	0
K Buss	2	0	0
C Kruger	1	0	1

Pipestone Monday night, Luverne came up just short to Springfield 7-6.

The loss ended the Junior Legion team's season.

In the top of the seventh inning and trailing by one run, Luverne's Will Serie earned a two-out walk to reach base.

When Layke Miller grounded out, the game came to an end.

Conner Connell led the offense with two hits.

Kai Buss hit a solo homerun in the fifth inning.

Sehr pitched a complete game. He struck out ten batters during six innings on the mound.

Luverne	2	0	1	2	10	7
Springfield	4	0	1	0	2	6

	AB	R	H
C Sehr	4	1	1
E Domagala	4	1	1
W Serie	3	0	1
L Miller	3	1	0
C Connell	3	0	2
L Ahrendt	3	1	0
G Reisch	2	1	1
T DeBates	2	0	0
K Buss	3	1	1

## Springfield 7, Luverne 6

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## Apply through Aug. 19 for special youth deer hunts

Hunters can apply for special youth deer hunt permits through Friday, Aug. 19, to hunt in several state parks in Minnesota.

The Blue Mounds State Park special youth hunt will be Nov. 19-20. The number of participants is limited to 10, with a bag limit of two bucks.

These hunts are for youth ages 12-15 at the time of the hunt. Adults must accompany youth during these hunts. More information is available on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/Hunting/Deer/Youth-Deer-Hunts.html](http://mndnr.gov/Hunting/Deer/Youth-Deer-Hunts.html)).

Special youth deer hunts are different from the statewide youth deer season, which takes place Oct. 20-23 and does not require an application.

Hunters may only possess and use nontoxic ammunition when participating in a special hunt or disease management hunt in a Minnesota state park or scientific and natural area.

Nontoxic ammunition includes steel, copper-plated, nickel-plated, zinc-plated and other projectiles made from a nontoxic material approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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**Facility Study Stakeholder Committee Members Sought**

The Hills-Beaver Creek School District is in search of District Residents that are interested in serving on the H-BC Facilities Stakeholder Committee. Committee is to be made up of approximately 20 district residents, school administration and staff.

The goal of this committee is to assist the district in planning for current and future facility needs. Presently, the district has hired ATS & R -Architect/Engineer and RA Morton Construction Managers for advisement. Committee will meet periodically during the 22-23 school year or as needed.

- Qualifications:** Must be a Hills-Beaver Creek School District Resident or staff member.
- Scope of Committee:** Committee will make facility recommendations to the school board. **Deadline to apply: 08/01/2022**-Individuals selected to serve on the committee will be notified by August 5, 2022.
- Apply To:** Use this link <https://forms.gle/QWVZYjC2hWfE6uZA7> to indicate your interest or send notice to: Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 or email—[T.holthaus@hbcpsd.org](mailto:T.holthaus@hbcpsd.org).

**HILLS-BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
REQUEST FOR QUOTES

The Board of Education of Independent School District No.671, also known as Hills-Beaver Creek School District, will receive sealed firm quotes for delivery of up to 15,000 Gallons of Heating Fuel Oil at its Elementary Site in Beaver Creek 404 S 4th St (2,000-gallon tank capacity) and delivery of up to 21,000 Gallons of Liquid Propane delivered to two District Sites in Hills, MN—301 N Summit Ave and 205 E 2nd St. Quote must indicate that delivery service company is able to furnish trained and certified LP gas service within 24 hours.

All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Amanda Rozeboom, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the District Office. Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes in whole or in part.

The Board also reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders

Hills-Beaver Creek District No. 671  
Tamara Rauk, Clerk of the Board

**Requesting Bids**

The City of Hills and Martin Township are requesting sealed bids for the sale of a **1993 Chevy Kodiak Fire Truck with a 366 gas engine, 5-speed manual transmission, and 1,000 gallon water tank. There is a problem with the pump transfer box. This vehicle will be sold AS IS.**

**For truck details contact Jared at 507-935-8700.**

**Sealed bids will be accepted until noon on Tuesday, July 26th at the Hills City Office, 301 S. Main Ave., P.O. Box 172, Hills, MN 56138. Sealed bids may be dropped-off at the Hills City Office drop-box. Sealed bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope "Bid for Fire Truck". Bids will be opened at a special Hills City Council meeting on July 26th at 6:00 P.M. The Hills City Council and Martin Township reserve the right to reject any and all bids.**

**HILLS CITY COUNCIL**



Tour de Donut riders make their way to Donut Stop No. 1 in Beaver Creek Saturday morning.

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“South Dakota Six Pack.”

He said Sarah DeBeer at Sunshine Foods makes donuts and apple fritters the night before, and they have become regional favorites.

“They’re the best apple fritters in the area, according to all of the riders,” Duffy said.

Here’s how the donut bonuses work: On a 33-mile tour, the first Donut Stop at the 8- to 10-mile mark offers a six-minute time bonus for each donut consumed.

The second Donut Stop at 16 to 18 miles offers a “Sarah Special” bonus of six minutes for consuming half a pastry or 15 minutes for a whole one.

The third Donut Stop at 22 to 24 miles offers a six-minute time bonus for each donut eaten.

All distances are measured from the bus garage on Dodge Street at the edge of town.

The 10-mile tour takes riders west to County Road 6 and south to Beaver Creek where they’re shuttled back to Luverne. “Next year we will keep this group in Luverne on the bike path,” Duffy said.

The 18- to 19-mile tour follows the same route to Beaver Creek and then takes riders back to Luverne on County Road 4.

The 33- to 35-mile tour also goes to Beaver Creek, but then continues south to Hills, west to Steen and then back to Luverne.

The 50-mile tour continues from Beaver Creek to the Manley corner, to Lester, then Steen and back to Luverne.

“We’re very grateful for Steen, Hills and Beaver Creek for letting us use their parks and bathrooms,” Duffy said.

“Probably what impresses me



“Jennica’s Journey” team members man Donut Stop No. 1 in Beaver Creek near the splash park Saturday. Owen Rogers, (from left) Jaelyn Arp, Carley Domino, Elizabeth Klein and Jennica Arp.

the most is all of the volunteers that dress up, decorate their donut stops, play games, pass out donuts, help with traffic, lead riders out of town, host the after-ride party and interact with as many riders as they can,” Duffy said.

“These folks put on a great show and really roll out the red carpet.”

Due to unforeseen circumstances Friday, he said his group of 20 volunteers was down to 14, but the event continued seamlessly.

“Everyone stepped up and took on a little more responsibility and

we crushed it,” Duffy said.

“I’m really looking forward to next year when we make a few changes that will allow us to handle many more riders.”

Prizes are awarded for best overall time, adjusted donut time and most donuts eaten, with special awards for the “Dozen Club.”

The post-race party Take 16 in Luverne included two bands, Twilight Hours and the Suburbs, which were also entertaining Cardinal Pride All-School Reunion attendees.

## Dwire finishes 110th at national shoot

By Mavis Fodness

Journey Dwire, a 2022 Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduate, placed 110<sup>th</sup> out of 262 female shooters at the recent National High School Trap Championship in Mason, Michigan.

She hit 87 clays out of 100 at the Saturday, July 9, individual event. Overall, Dwire finished 1,057 out of 1,716 individual shooters at the event at the Michigan Trap Association home grounds.

“It was a great experience,” Dwire said. “I got to meet many talented shooters from different states. It was amazing to get to see everyone and their techniques. It is something I am very glad I got to do.”

Dwire, daughter of Travis and Shannon Dwire of rural Luverne, was invited to the event after finishing as the top female shooter in Minnesota’s Division 2, Class 1A, during the spring trap shooting season.

## Hardwick native on NAIA academic list

LHS grad Rylee Olson is among athletes at Morningside University, Sioux City, Iowa, to be honored for academic achievement.

Morningside University’s men’s and women’s track and field programs and a combined seven student athletes were among the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics’ academic honorees released Wednesday, July 13.

The men’s 2022 squad,

sporting a 3.196 grade-point average, and the women’s 2022 team, compiling a 3.539 GPA, were tabbed all academic.

The criteria for the accolade include the cumulative GPA for all student-athletes on the institution’s NAIA squad list for indoor and/or outdoor track and field being 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, certifiable by the institution’s registrar.

Olson, a Hardwick native and Morningside senior, was among six female athletes named for the honor.

# Rock County Fair

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## Picking up offenses

If you are like me, once you start eating chocolate, it's hard to stop, especially M&M's. Sure, a few can be harmless, but too many bring unwanted or unexpected consequences. When this happens, I get upset with myself and begin that negative self-hate talk because I didn't have enough discipline to stay away; but I chose to pick them up and started with just one harmless M&M.

That's a lot like offenses — we choose to pick them up. We start to think we are justified, or we deserve to carry them because it's our right. So and so said this to me, and so and so said that to me. Soon we become critical, and we can even start picking up other people's offenses.

Slowly over a 3-4 year process and through a series of events, this happened to me. I found myself in a dark valley, paralyzed by doubt and fear. I had started picking up and carrying not only my offenses but many from my family as well.

I could hardly turn my neck, I had a twitch I couldn't control, my forehead was so heavy that my husband noticed my face structure changing, I was zapped of energy, and I had no motivation.

These offences were literally weighing me down, causing me not only emotional damage but physical limitations as well. During all of this, I was still loving God, pursuing him, and counting the many blessings he had given me.

One evening on a cold and windy December night, my son was preaching and there was a presence in that room like I hadn't felt for a while. As my son got up to preach, he said, I'm relying 100 percent on the Holy Spirit and there is someone in this room who really needs to hear what the Spirit is saying tonight. He proceeded to open his Bible to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, a very familiar passage that many of us know from memory.

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Annette Junak  
Rock River  
Community Church

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"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want" — He gives me everything I need. Then BOOM! There it was in verse 4, "Even though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." I suddenly realized that I had stopped walking. In that moment I heard the Holy Spirit say, "You need to cast your cares on me. Let me carry those offenses; it's not your job. I did not design you for that." As I released them to Him, instantly the pain in my neck was gone and the heavy weight lifted.

I wish I could say that the struggle of picking up offenses was gone, but I had to practice what Psalm 55:22 says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you. ..."

Remember, what starts out as harmless, can lead us down a path we didn't intend to be on.

**St. Catherine Catholic Church**  
203 E. Brown St., Luverne  
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; [www.stscl.org](http://www.stscl.org)  
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Mass. Public Mass will be celebrated at FULL capacity in the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes — check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stcluverne/videos/>. Visit [www.stscl.org](http://www.stscl.org) for more information.

**Luverne Christian Reformed Church**  
605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
[www.luverneccrc.com](http://www.luverneccrc.com) — [office@luverneccrc.com](mailto:office@luverneccrc.com)

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](mailto:fbcluv@iw.net) — [www.fbcluverne.org](http://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](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)

Ann Zastrow, Pastor  
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, July 21: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Bible Study at Wildflowers. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, July 24: Polka Worship—9 a.m. Worship Service. 5 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, July 25: 6 p.m. Youth Night at the Overgaard's. Tuesday, July 26: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle meeting. 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, July 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. 7 a.m. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://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](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)

Friday, July 22: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, July 24: 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. Mary Jane Brown and Poplar Creek services. Tuesday, July 26: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

**Rock River Community Church**

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-9070; email: [info@rockrivercommunity.church](mailto:info@rockrivercommunity.church)

Bob Junak, Pastor

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

**United Methodist Church**

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, July 23: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, July 24: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, July 25: Messenger deadline. Tuesday, July 26: 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal at the Fairgrounds. 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](mailto:Firstpc@iw.net)

Sunday, July 24: 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](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)

[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)

Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, July 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, July 24: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, July 27: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

**Living Rock Church**

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; [www.livingrockswmn.org](http://www.livingrockswmn.org)

Josh Hayden, Pastor

**New Life Celebration Church**

101 W. Maple, Luverne

Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: [newlifecelebration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelebration@gmail.com)

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**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. (507) 669-2855; [zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)

Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, July 24: 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.

Ph. 605-215-3429

Bill Bates, Pastor

**First Lutheran Church**

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, July 24: JOINT Worship at First Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFeU4>.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, July 24: JOINT Worship at First Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFeU4>.

**First Presbyterian Church**

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

Office Ph. 962-3254

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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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## H-BC School Board meets June 27

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671  
Minutes  
June 27, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:14 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Fransman, Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Change: 6.13

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald.

### BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Curriculum Advisory/WBWF 6/21, Building Grounds 6/27

Motion by Fransman, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Consent Agenda: -Minutes—06/13/2022

-Bills, Imprest Cash and Treasurer's Report

-District Miscellaneous Pay 2022-2023 Schedule

-District Fee 2022-2023 Schedule

-Read Well By Third Grade Literacy Plan Report

-Curriculum Advisory Committee recommendations for Industrial Arts/Agriculture/Business and Business Math

-Contract with Jeff Gould-Back to School Speaker for Staff.

-Annual Review of the following policies: 410- Family and Medical Leave Policy, 413 Harassment and Violence, 414- Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415- Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, 506- Student Discipline, 514- Bullying Prohibition, 522- Student Sex Nondiscrimination, 524- Internet Acceptable Use and Safety, 616- School District System Accountability, 806- Crisis Management

-Handbooks:

\*Secondary School Student Handbook for the 22-23 School Year

\*Elementary School Student Handbook for the 22-23 School Year

\*Staff Handbook for the 22-23 School Year

\*LPA Preschool Handbook for the 22-23 School Year

\*Crisis Management Plan for the 22-23 School Year

\*Transportation Handbook for the 22-23 School Year

\*PEAC Afterschool Enrichment Program Handbook for the 22-23 School Year

-Agreement with Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP to audit district financials for fiscal year 2022

-Hiring Isabel Sylvanie as K-12 Art Teacher for the 2022-2023 School Year.

-Shelly Fischer's request to be reduced to 90% FTE for the 2022-2023 school year.

-Hiring Allesia Kolles as full time vocal music teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Also assigned to Elementary Music Performance and Secondary Choir.

Motion by Harnack, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Revenue and Expenses Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Motion by Fransman, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve MN State High School Membership Resolution for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy for 2022 Election.

### POLICY ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Bosch, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Second Reading of the Non-Classified Handbook For 2022- 2024 School Year.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve First and Final Reading for non substantive changes to policies:

101- Legal Status of School District

103- Complaints

203.5- School Board Meeting Agenda

204- School Board Meeting Minutes

205- Opening Meetings and Closed Meetings

207- Public Hearings

208- Development of Policies

210- Conflict of Interest

305- Policy Implementation

415- Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults 422- Policies Incorporated by Reference

427- Workload Limits

504- Student Dress and Appearance

514- Bullying Prohibition

521- Student Disability Nondiscrimination

523- Policies Incorporated by Reference

524- Internet Acceptable Use Policy

534- School Meals Policy

### DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

\*Superintendent Report

### AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, July 11, 2022

-Canceled Regular Board Meeting for July 25, 2022

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 8, 2022

-School Walkthroughs Monday, School Walkthroughs, August 22, 2022

### MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve moving to close meeting as permitted by MN Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (a) to evaluate the performance of Todd Holthaus, District Superintendent.

### RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk  
(07-21)

## Notice of Sheriff's Sale Under Judgment and Decree

### REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
) ss  
COUNTY OF ROCK )

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF ROCK FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

Plaintiff,

vs.

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

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

Defendants.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, under and by virtue of Judgement made and entered in the above entitled action on the 20th day of July, 2020, by the District Court of Rock County, Minnesota, Fifth Judicial District, a certified copy which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due plaintiff in the above entitled action from co-defendants Heath C. Petersen and Keri K. Petersen, jointly and severally, as prescribed in the Judgement, the undersigned Sheriff of Rock County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 1st day of September 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lobby of the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000

North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne Minnesota 56156, the premises and real estate, lying and being in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described inset Judgement, to wit: TRACT 1:

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

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

### TRACT 2:

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

### TRACT 3:

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

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

Dated this 14th day of July, 2022

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

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507-537-0591  
Attorney Reg. No. 299601

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

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 1

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 2, 2014

MORTGAGOR: Crystal J. Remme and Jason M. Remme, spouses by marriage.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Farmers & Merchants Bank, its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded October 3, 2014 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 184765.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. Dated February 18, 2021 Recorded February 19, 2021, as Document No. 199398.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 10052840000004153

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 109 East Barck Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 200372000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The E. 60 feet of the W 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 15 in Barck, Adams and Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,714.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$85,514.44

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 1, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032. DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: July 1, 2022

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

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

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

## Lafrenz probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of  
Jimmie Hans Lafrenz,  
a/k/a Jimmie H. Lafrenz,  
a/k/a Jimmie Lafrenz,  
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-153

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of August, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated June 18, 2009, and for the appointment of Christi Kay Wilson whose address is 313 E. Crawford Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: July 4, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajrft  
District Court Judge

Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-4828  
I.D. #389457

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(07-14, 07-21)

## City of Luverne sets hearing on proposed assessment

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Assessment  
Luverne, Minnesota, July 21, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the council will meet at 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2022, at City Offices, Council Chambers to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment against abutting property for Improvement No. 371114, the improvement of the Alleyway with asphalt in Block 5 of Barck, Adams and Howe Addition.

Such assessment is proposed to be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 7 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January 2023, and will bear interest at the rate of four percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. To the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2023. To each subsequent installment when due shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments.

You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor-treasurer, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Luverne. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of this assessment. You may at any time thereafter, pay to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given above the rate of interest that will apply is (4) four percent per year.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$38,745.00. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal to district court may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

Under Minn. Stat. §§ 435.193 to 435.195 and city Ordinance No. 33.36, the council may, in its discretion, defer the payment of this special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older, one retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability, or a member of the National Guard or other reserves ordered to active military service for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law and Ordinance, all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law and Ordinance No. 33.36, may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the city clerk for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on his/her property.

If an assessment is contested or there is an adjourned hearing, the following procedure will be followed.

1. The City will present its case first by calling witnesses who may testify by narrative or by examination, and by the introduction of exhibits. After each witness has testified, the contesting party will be allowed to ask questions. This procedure will be repeated with each witness until neither side has further questions.
2. After the City has presented all its evidence, the objector may call witnesses or present such testimony as the objector desires. The same procedure for questioning of the City's witnesses will be followed with the objector's witnesses.
3. The objector may be represented by counsel.
4. Minnesota rules of evidence will not be strictly applied; however, they may be considered and argued to the City Council as to the weight of items of evidence or testimony presented to the City Council.
5. The entire proceedings will be taped-recorded.
6. At the close of presentation of evidence, the objector may make a final presentation to the City Council based on the evidence and the law. No new evidence may be presented at this point.
7. The City Council may adopt the proposed assessment at this meeting.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

/s/ Jessica Mead  
City Clerk

References:  
City Code 33.52 and 50.23  
MS 429.101  
MS 443.015  
MS 444.075  
AG Op 59-A-36 (January 26, 1961)  
AG Op 387-G-7 (April 28, 1965)  
AG Op 450-F-1 (September 8, 1969)

(07-21)

# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

## Rock County Planning and Zoning public hearing set for July 25

**Notice of Public Hearing for Toftefeld Subdivision Preliminary Plat**  
Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:10 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comment on a Preliminary Plat proposed for a Suburban Residence Subdivision, for the following tract of property:  
The easternmost 1625 feet of the 60.40 acre tract of land located in the S 1/2 of Section 12 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W. This tract lies South of the Ellis and Eastern railroad right of way in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4. The property is owned by Dean and Jennifer Toftefeld.  
All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing by 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2022, to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, MN 56156.

By Order of the Rock County Planning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862

(07-14, 07-21)

## Connell variance request hearing set for July 25

**Notice of Public Hearing for Variance Request for Chantel Connell**  
Close Proximity Owners and Local Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 25, at 7:20 p.m., at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 8:00 p.m. to act on the following application:  
A request for a variance to allow the construction of a shop with a living quarters, less than the 30 feet from the rear yard property line  
Property Owner & Applicant: Chantel Connell  
Legal Description: A 10.58 acre tract located in the NE 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota  
The property described is zoned A-2, General Agriculture.  
All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing by 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2022, to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, MN 56156.  
Dated: July 14, 2022

By Order of the Rock County Board of Adjustment  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862

(07-14, 07-21)

## Van Santen conditional use permit hearing set for July 25

**Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for Brad, Derek, Jacob and Austin Van Santen**  
Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:  
Applicant & Property Owner: Brad, Derek, Jacob and Austin Van Santen  
Location: NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33 of Mound Township, T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota  
Expansion of an existing feedlot to 1540 animal units  
Conditional Use: A-2, General Agriculture  
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture  
The conditional use is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The feedlot consists of a total confinement barn housing 100 head of feeder cattle with manure pack on the floor and a 66' x 322' total confinement barn with under floor concrete pit liquid manure storage housing 600 head of finishing cattle. Using 0.7 animal units for the feeder cattle and 1.0 animal units for the finishing cattle, the current permitted capacity of the existing site is 670 animal units.  
The expansion shall consist of a 75' x 363'4" total confinement barn with underfloor concrete pit liquid manure storage. The area housing the 100 head of feeder cattle will be modified to house 40 stock cows. The expansion is to hold 900 head of finishing cattle. Using 1.0 animal unit per head, the permitted capacity of the expansion shall be 870 animal units.  
The site, after expansion, will have a total capacity of 1540 animal units.  
All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing by 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2022, to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, MN 56156  
Dated: July 14, 2022

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862

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The Rock County Administrator's Office is accepting applications for (2) Deputy Sheriff positions. First round of the application **deadline is August 5, 2022**, all applications thereafter will be accepted until the positions have been filled. The Deputy Sheriff assists the Rock County Sheriff's Office in enforcing the law and the protection of life and property throughout the county; Rock County is the exclusive law enforcement agency within the county.


Applicants must possess a **high school diploma or equivalent and a two-year degree in law enforcement or related field, plus an eight-week skills course**. Upon being hired, the officer must either be eligible to be licensed, or be a fully licensed Peace Officer in order to comply with the post standards in Minnesota. In addition, the applicant must have completed the following training: **qualified in the use of firearms, First Responder course, possess a current CPR card and a valid Minnesota class "D" driver's license**. The starting annual salary range is \$50,190 - \$56,451, with the maximum range at \$71,427; additional compensation of up to \$7,500/year includes shift differential, standby, call back pay and uniform allowance. All officers are assigned a personal squad car and work is performed on a rotating shift basis. Full time positions are union eligible and include an excellent benefit package to include health, dental and life insurance, pre-tax flexible spending accounts, pension, tax deferred compensation.

To obtain a full job description and an application for this position, please visit county's web site at [https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job\\_opportunities/index.php](https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php). For additional information please contact **Sheriff Evan Verbrugge at 507-283-5000 or by email at [evan.verbrugge@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:evan.verbrugge@co.rock.mn.us) or contact the Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065**. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.


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 \$15.00 Entrance Fee  
 Concert will be located on the corner of Maine Ave and 1st Street E. Beer garden and pork burgers served on site.



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 Saturday | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Located at Lower Park - near entrance to the campground.



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 Saturday | 7:00 p.m.  
 Parade down Maine Ave. Duck races to follow at the Adrian Fire Hall.



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MONDAY, JULY 25

- 4-H General Exhibit judging.....2-6pm

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Open Class registration (perishable & non-perishable).....5-8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- 4-H Livestock entries can be brought in.....9 am-Noon
- Open Class registration (perishable & non-perishable).....9:30 am-1 pm
- 4-H Food Stand open.....11 am-9 pm
- 4-H Poultry Show.....3 pm
- 4-H Rabbit Show.....5 pm
- ★ FREE Community Meal.....5:30 pm-untill gone
- 🚗 All Star Barn Revue Pig Racing and Petting Zoo.....6 pm
- 🏆 Celebrity Dairyland Donkey Races.....7 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 28 DAY CARE DAY\*

- 4-H Herdsmanship begins.....8 am
- 4-H Swine Show.....8 am
- 4-H Goat Show.....10 am
- ▲ Wizard of Oz Show (The Oz Brothers) (Strolling fairgrounds for 30 min after shows).....Shows at 10:30 am & 2:30 pm
- 4-H Dairy Show.....11 am
- Toby Kid Show (Shows throughout the day).....11 am-5 pm
- 🎈 Zooman.....11 am-2 pm
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: Jacob Daniel Music.....11:30 am-12:30 pm
- 4-H Lamb Lead/Sheep Show.....1 pm
- 👑 Meet Miss Minnesota.....2-8 pm
- 🎈 MN Kite Society - Build your own kite.....3-7 pm
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: Jacob Daniel Music...3:30-4:30 pm
- Rock/Nobles Cattlemen Beef Feed.....5:30 pm
- 🍉 FREE Watermelon Feed.....5:30 pm
- ★ Great Plains Tractor Pull.....6:30 pm
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: Prairie Home Rebellion.....6:30-9 pm

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- 🚗 Ag Area
- 📍 South Area
- 🏠 Commercial Building
- 🏠 Gray Commercial Building

- 🏠 Ag Barn

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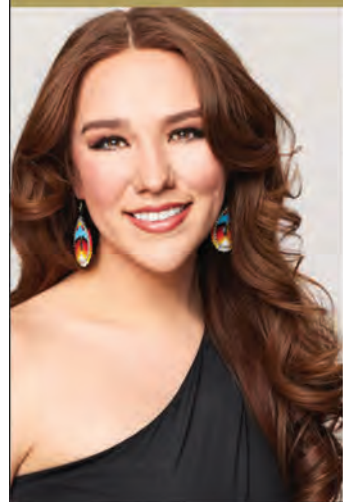
FRIDAY, JULY 29 SENIOR CITIZENS DAY\* SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY DAY

- ★ Rib Cook-Off (check-in).....8 am
- 🌿 4-H Beef Show & Cow / Calf Show.....8 am
- 🌿 4-H Horse Show.....8:30 am (all day)  
 Cloverbud Horse, Horseless Horse, Showmanship, Pleasure Show, Horse Training, Games
- 📷 RJ Kern Photography Sessions / Display .....  
 .....11:30 am, 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 5:30 pm
- ★ Sioux Valley Enery Demos (every 30 min).....Noon-4 pm
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: Mogen's Heroes.....12-1:30 pm
- ▲ Senior Day Program - Jim Woster, GEP Skit, A.C.E. Presentation, Sioux Valley Presentation.....2 pm
- 🌿 Deadline to sign up for 4-H Livestock Ribbon Auction...2 pm
- 🎈 MN Kite Society - Build your own kite.....3-7 pm
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: Mogen's Heroes.....3:30-5 pm
- 🌿 4-H Fashion Revue.....4 pm
- 👑 Jim Woster Meet & Greet 4:30pm & Talk/Sing 5-5:30 pm
- 4-H Pet Show.....5 pm
- Pork Meal (Sunshine Foods).....5:30 pm
- ▲ Presentation of Farm Family of the Year .....6 pm
- ★ Rib Cook-Off Awards.....6:30 pm
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: The Barn Flies.....6:30-9 pm
- ★ Concert: Undercover Band FREE ADMISSION.....8 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 30 KIDS DAY\*

- 🌿 4-H Livestock Ribbon Auction.....9 am
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: Phil Baker Music for Kids.....  
 .....Shows at 11 am, 2:30 pm & 4 pm
- Zoomobile.....11 am-1 pm
- 🎈 MN Kite Society - Build your own kite.....Noon-3 pm
- 🎵 Pedal Pull (registration at noon).....1 pm
- 🌿 4-H Herdsmanship Concludes.....4 pm
- 🌿 4-H Premier Showmanship.....4 pm
- 🎵 Music on the Patio: Shriners Back 40 Boys Band...5-8 pm
- 🌿 4-H Parade of Champions.....6 pm
- ★ Enduro Races.....7 pm
- 🌿 Livestock Exhibits released.....8:30 pm
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- Evie - Electric car
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Demonstrations will be given every half hour. There will be a break at 2 pm.

Cards will be turned in when completed at the Bucket Truck from 12 pm - 4 pm. Each participant with a completed card will receive a gift.

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**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

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There will also be pictures and history about the fair in the historical society booth.

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Thursday, July 28: Noon - 8 pm  
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Saturday, July 30: Noon - 7 pm

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**Thursday, July 28th**

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**Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the GRANDSTANDS**

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- ▶ **MOGEN'S HEROS**
- ▶ **JIM WOSTER** Story Telling and Singing Meet and Greet: 4:30 pm Talk and Sing: 5-5:30 pm
- ▶ **MOGEN'S HEROS Music on the Patio** 12-1:30 pm, 3:30-5 pm
- ▶ **PORK MEAL** SPONSORED BY SUNSHINE FOODS Serving begins at 5:30

**DAYCARE DAY THURSDAY, JULY 28**

**KENT FAMILY MAGIC CIRCUS SHOW** NOON, 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM

**5R ALPACAS**

**MN KITE SOCIETY** 3 PM - 7 PM

**MAGICIAN NICK SHARPE** 2 PM, 4 PM, 7 PM

**MIRACLE OF BIRTH** SOW & CHICKENS

**AG DEMOS FOR KIDS / FARM SAFETY**

**WIZARD OF OZ SHOW** 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM, STROLLING THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR 30 MIN AFTER SHOWS

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**FANTASY FACE PAINTERS** 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**MS. JAZEE BALLOON TWISTING** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, 4 PM - 8 PM

**REDEMPTION RANCH PETTING ZOO**

**BLUE SKY TRAILS PONY RIDES**

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**MUSIC ON THE PATIO: JACOB DANIEL** 11:30 AM & 3:30 PM

**KIDS RECEIVE A FREE GIFT BAG!**

**KID'S DAY EVENTS SATURDAY, JULY 30**

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**5R ALPACAS**

**MN KITE SOCIETY** NOON - 3 PM

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**REDEMPTION RANCH PETTING ZOO**

**KIDS' PEDAL PULL** REGISTRATION AT NOON, PULL AT 1 PM - PATIO

**KIDS RECEIVE A FREE GIFT BAG!**



**A message from the Fair Board president**

Rock County Fair Board president Adam Kinsinger shares highlights in store for the 2022 fair, including returning favorites and new attractions. Also, he talks about upgrades and improvements on the fairgrounds, thanks to volunteer support, Fair Board dedication and generous sponsorships.

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**Roos family is Farm Family of the Year**

The Curt and Joyce Roos family of rural Hardwick is this year's Farm Family of the Year and they talk about their farming career. The Farm Family of the Year is a program through the University of Minnesota in which each county honors a family based on their demonstrated commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

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**A message from the 2022 4-H Intern**

Samantha Moser, Hills, is the 2022 Rock County 4-H Intern. The Star Herald reached out to her and invited her to share perspective on the job and what it means for her and local members.

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**Rib Cook-off adds flavor to the fair**

Local grillmasters will face off for a rib cook-off at the Rock County grandstand for Friday night's featured activity. The first rib cook-off scheduled for the 2020 fair was canceled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Photo from Dairyland Donkeyball Facebook page

In all, 50 local racers on 10 different teams signed up for the "race." However, winning has more to do with who is able to stay on their donkeys as long as possible as they travel a portion of the dirt track.

**Fifty people on 10 local teams to hang on for wild ride at Donkey races at grandstand**

Dairyland Donkeyball Celebrity Races among many new offerings this year at Rock County Fair

By Lori Sorenson

The oval track at the Rock County Fairgrounds will feature a new breed of racing at the Wednesday, July 27, grandstand event.

Dairyland Donkeyball, with "celebrity" donkey races, is on deck featuring teams of local businesses, government offices, organizations and private groups.

"It's a hoot," said Fair Board Vice President Lee Sells. "It's really fun to watch."

In all, 50 local racers on 10 different teams signed up for the "race."

However, winning has more to do with who is able to stay on their donkeys as long as possible as they travel a portion of the dirt track.

"We just asked the groups and they pretty much volunteered right away," Fair Board Treasurer Bob Remme said.

"The weight limit is the hardest; a lot of people would have liked to have done this but were too heavy by the requirements."

Donkey racing evolved from Donkeyball — such as baseball and basketball, in which participants must be on their donkeys in order to score.

Headquartered in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Dairyland Donkeyball LLC is in its third generation doing business in



Photo from Dairyland Donkeyball Facebook page

Donkey races are the featured grandstand event Wednesday, July 27.

nearly 20 states.

The Rock County Fair event, which includes a free meal, starts at 6:30 p.m.

**Free, thanks to generous sponsorship support**

The Wednesday meal after the

donkey races at the grandstand is free, thanks to generous local sponsors and a lot of hard work by Rock County fair board members who have been fundraising since February.

**Fair attractions/continued on 10C**



Mavis Fodness photo/FAIR TAB 2022 Fairboard

The Rock County Agricultural Society, the host of the annual Rock County Fair, consists of 62 members led by president Adam Kinsinger, vice president Lee Sells, secretary Keri Hansen and treasurer Robert Remme. Members who posed for a group picture at the 2021 Rock County Fair include (front, from left) Steve Walker, Rollie Crawford, Tom Walker, Bob Zinnel, Lee Sells, Bob Remme, Cory Schoeneman, Al Aanenson, Clair Crawford, Ron Fick, (second row) Greg VandeVelde, Jim Hatting, Bill Miller, Kevin Ferguson, Betty Mann, Keri Hansen, Adam Kinsinger, Greg Uithoven, Lyle Rollag, Twila Walker, Lynette Jauert, Sheila Steinhoff, Chad Ver Steeg, Ryan Walker, Bryce Niessink, (back) Scott Wessels, James Klosterbuer, Tom Sells, Leroy Van Wyhe, Mike Aning, Brad Beers, Burdette Braun, Bob Boelman, Brandon Bosch, Jordan Stegenga and Justin Kemp with Evan. Not pictured are Sam Berghorst, Sonja Braucht, Andrew DeBoer, Isaac DeBoer, Ryan Fick, Jim Fick, Andrew Fodness, Chad Gruis, Steve Hansen, Brent Hulstein, Lowell Jauert, Jason Johnson, Josh Klay, Barb Krapf, Blair Nattress, Lyle Nelson, Gary Overgaard, Amy Reisch, Dale Reverts, Matt Reverts, Jason Schomacker, Spencer Sells, Connie VandeVelde, Amanda Walker, Dave Willers and Sharon Zinnel.

# Fair Board president: 'This is my favorite time of the year!'

**By Adam Kinsinger,  
Rock County Agricultural  
Society president**

Boy, I am excited for this year's fair!

After last year's success we knew we had to keep the momentum going.

Planning for 2022 started soon after last year's fair.

With that being said, we also knew we had a lot of projects around the grounds that needed to be done.

A lot of the buildings needed some attention, and we are working on checking some of those improvements off our list.

The Floral Hall is kind of the grand centerpiece of the fairgrounds.

It's a beautiful structure that has been around for many years.

We started this spring with a new roof on the building.

Another improvement on the list is new tin for the yellow commercial building.

The walls are rusting out and need to be replaced. This will be finished this fall.

Some updates in the cattle barn include new fans for the livestock and updating lighting in all the barns. Some new concrete was added in front of the barns. This really cleans up the area and we will be looking at doing more in the future.

New this year is a covered shelter in between the food stand and the floral hall.

This will replace the tent we normally have there. It's on a cement pad so it is very

**Kinsinger**/see page 5C



Mavis Fodness photo/0721 FAIR TAB 2022 Fairground Improvements

Visitors to this year's Rock County Fair will see several improvements to the fairgrounds located on South Freeman Street in Luverne. The most noticeable is the new shelter house located between the 4-H food stand/exhibit hall and the Ida Reverts Memorial Hall. Grants were received from the Frank Boon Trust, and the Rock County Commissioners are assisting in the funding of the improvement projects estimated to be at more than \$100,000. New to the fairgrounds are also a portable stage and a new roof on the Memorial Hall. Pictured here, Cowell Construction, Luverne, places a new roof on the Ida Reverts Memorial Hall, more commonly referred to as Floral Hall, in May.



*"The Floral Hall is kind of the grand centerpiece of the fairgrounds. It's a beautiful structure that has been around for many years."*

— Adam Kinsinger, Rock County Fair Board President

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Mavis Fodness photo/FAIR TAB 2022 Farm Family Roos

Joyce and Curt Roos pose outside their farm north of Hardwick in Denver Township. The couple is this year's Rock County Farm Family of the Year.

## Roos family of Hardwick is Rock County's 2022 Farm Family of the Year

**By Mavis Fodness**

The Curt and Joyce Roos family of rural Hardwick is this year's Farm Family of the Year.

The Farm Family of the Year is a program through the University of Minnesota in which each county honors a family based on their demonstrated commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture. Each year one family is chosen for the honor by the Rock County Extension Committee.

For the Roos family, neighbors play a significant part in the family's livestock operation on 240th Avenue in Denver Township.

"We were fortunate to have

*"I just like it in the country. You can choose your own hours to get your own work done. You can take time off when you see fit."*

— Curt Roos, Farm Family of the Year with his wife, Joyce

neighbors — when I was going up — that were older than me and I would go visit them. I'd ask them about 'What do you think about this' or suggestions about different things," Curt said. "I like to get a different perspective of things."

Those neighbors allowed the Roos to graze their livestock or bale the hay ground. The neighborly agreement is

nearly 50 years old.

Curt began farming in 1976 after working four years at the Edgerton Co-Op elevator. He began with his grandparents' 80-acre plot.

"I just like it in the country," he said of his career choice. "You can choose your own hours to get your own work done. You can take time off when you see fit."

During one of those fre-

quent visits with neighbors, he met his future wife, Joyce Ossefoort, who lived on a farm between Woodstock and Edgerton.

Joyce's brothers worked for Curt baling hay.

Her sister gave her some sage advice more than 40 years ago.

"She said, 'He's going to be a member of the family whether or not you marry

him,'" Joyce recalled.

The couple married in 1979 and settled on the Roos family farm north of Hardwick. His parents retired to Hardwick.

The couple soon settled into raising corn, alfalfa, oats, soybeans and grass hay. All the crops went into feeding the hogs, cattle and sheep.

Now the couple rents the majority of their 360 acres to neighbors. They continue to operate a 50-head cow-calf herd and a few sheep.

When the couple first married, their main focus was managing the 250-head ewe herd.

**Farm Family/see page 6C**

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# Local 4-H'er serves as 4-H program intern

By **Samantha Moser**

My 4-H story is a bit unique from others.

I hadn't been in 4-H since I was 5 years old, and my parents had never been a part of the program growing up.

I joined the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club in sixth grade after spending the previous summer at the fair with one of my good friends.

That year we spent hours talking about all of the fun stuff that we would do together if I joined. Without hesitation I enrolled in 4-H the following August and never looked back.

One of my first and most memorable 4-H experiences was going to YELLO.

I had just finished seventh grade and decided that I had wanted to spend a week in Minneapolis with 4-H'ers from across the state.

YELLO is a 4-H youth leadership camp hosted yearly and is open to all Minnesota 4-H'ers in grades 7-12. It stands for Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out-loud.

YELLO was one of the first times I was away from my rural Hills home and my family for an extended period. I was very nervous and didn't know what to expect.

As we arrived, I wanted to become invisible



Mavis Fodness photo/Fair Tab 2022 4-H Intern Samantha Moser

Recent Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduate Samantha Moser is this year's Rock County 4-H summer intern. Moser, the daughter of Stuart and Karen Moser of Hills, is a member of the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club and will also exhibit July 27-30 at the Rock County Fair.

*I have many vivid memories of my summers at the county fair that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. 4-H is one of many programs that has left a lasting impact on my life.*

— *Samantha Moser, Rock County 4-H intern*

and go back home. There were so many people, and they all seemed older than me. As we split into groups and the fun of the week began, I was never more happy to

have done anything!

I ended up having so much fun and making so many new friends. During this trip, I learned much about myself and grew into a confident and

outgoing person. I ended up going back for two more years, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones along the way.

Almost immediately

after joining 4-H, I became very active in the club and involved in various leadership roles.

I have held many officer positions in the club, ranging from the report-

er to the president.

Once I was a freshman, I also became a county ambassador.

Through these leadership roles, I began to grow and change into the person I am today.

Slowly I began to take on more responsibility to fill larger positions.

With these roles came more eyes watching me, whether it included younger 4-H'ers, other youth leaders or adults.

As I got older, I better understood that people were watching and looking up to me as a youth leader.

I began to confidently fill my roles and not be afraid to speak up. Now I can efficiently run a meeting, communicate effectively, follow an agenda, delegate tasks, and make decisions as a large group.

Before 4-H, I had less confidence and was not always willing to share my opinions or ideas.

One of my favorite parts of 4-H, like many others, is the county fair.

This is a time for me to showcase all of the hard work I have put into my livestock and other general projects. Some of my favorite general project areas are

**Moser/see page 9C**

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Cowell Construction completed construction of the shelter house on the fairgrounds this summer and also the Floral Hall roof earlier this spring.



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inviting for not only fair activities but also all summer long.

It's a nice place for 4-H to have their camps and such.

During the fair we have a ton of stuff booked.

There is something for everyone in the family to come and check out.

The fair board was looking for different events to get the community involved in.

One of these is the Dairyland Donkey Races where members of the community race donkeys. Who wouldn't want to see that?

The Rib Cook-Off is another way for people to be a part of the fair. (Hopefully I am a judge.)

Pony rides, Great Lakes Timber Log show, and a magic family circus are just a few of the new things coming this year to the fair.

Tractor pulls are Thursday night in front of the grandstand. Undercover Band will be rocking Friday night, and Saturday, as always, will be the Enduro.

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# Roos Farm Family of the Year/continued from page 3C

Curt began raising sheep as a young boy.

He joined 4-H at age 9 and continues to be involved with the sheep project as an adult superintendent at the county fair. His daughter, Anna, joins him as a project volunteer.

As producers, the Roos family's lamb quality earned them the Silver Bell award from the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association in 1979.

They also earned the Pioneer Shipper award from the Sioux Falls Stockyards for the market quality of their market hogs, cattle and sheep in the 1980s.

Curt had a front-row seat in wool production as a sheep shearer, a job he completed for 30 years for himself and various sheep producers.

He began shearing as a junior in high school.

"My mom let me take two days off to learn how to shear," Curt said. "It was hard for them to teach me because I'm left-handed. They were all right-handed so everything was backwards."

Backwards or not, Curt learned that no matter which hand, patience with the squirming animals and long steady shear strokes led to an extra income of \$1.75 to \$2 per animal.

The extra income was used to plant a crop each year, he said.

In 1981 the couple conducted a dispersal sale for all but 35 ewes.

Curt said they were losing too many head to dog and coyote attacks as the small stock grazed in the rented pastures.

"That's when we got into raising cows away from home," he said.

The cow-calf operation now is at 50 head, and the Roos family sell the calves each January.

The farrow-to-finishing of 15 to 20 sows ended in 1995.

"We could have put up a hog confinement barn, but



Joyce and Curt Roos (center) have two children, Anna Haas (left of Joyce) and Tony (far right). Pictured in front are grandchildren (from left) Karsten Haas, Dax Haas, Emersyn Roos and Genesis Roos, (back) Tom Haas, Anna, Joyce, Curt, Heidi Roos and Tony.

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*"You can still be friendly, and if you can help somebody out even if they are a different age, and maybe get their perspective on different things. If you don't get anything out of it financially, I call it being 'a friendly person.'"*

— Curt Roos, Farm Family of the Year with his wife, Joyce

my lungs were not the best for taking care of pigs," Curt said. "We ended up buying another farm (in Battle Plain Township) instead."

As the Roos family's farming operation changed through the years, Joyce began working off the farm.

She's worked in Pipestone and Edgerton. At age 50 she

went back to school to pursue a nursing career, something she said she always wanted to do.

Joyce is currently a nurse at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

The couple raised two children, Anna (Tom) Haas and Tony (Heidi) on the farm.

Joyce embraced her early

career in farming, becoming the operation's bookkeeper after earning an accounting degree after high school.

She completed livestock chores while Curt farmed and sheared sheep. She said the work was not easy, but the hardworking mindset allowed them to stay on the farm even through the lean

times. She's tried to instill the same mindset in her own children and now four grandchildren.

"The farm is a good place for the kids to learn responsibility and how to work rather than today, working in town, I see where this younger generation work — they don't know the real meaning of it."

Son Tony operates his own concrete construction business and lives near his parents in rural Hardwick. Anna works for Merck Animal Health as a territory manager and lives in Hardwick. Each has two children.

Anna stays active in her parents' farming operation and is investing in her own stock cows.

At age 68, Curt said he is slowing down as his health is still good. He's helping the younger generation to farm through his good neighbor philosophy.

"You can still be friendly, and if you can help somebody out even if they are a different age, and maybe get their perspective on different things. If you don't get anything out of it financially, I call it being 'a friendly person,'" he said.

The Roos family is one of 85 Farm Families of the Year in Minnesota, the most in recent memory for the University of Minnesota Extension program.

The families will be recognized Aug. 4 during FarmFest near Redwood Falls.

"This year's Minnesota Farm Families of the Year reflect the breadth and variety of agriculture in our state," said Extension Dean Bev Durgan.

"The University of Minnesota is proud to honor these families and their innovation and dedication to Minnesota agriculture."

Those honored cover a wide variety of farming from traditional crops and livestock to community-based ventures focused on organics and traditional native foods.

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# Rib cook-off adds flavor to Friday night fair activities

By Jason Berghorst

“We thought it would be another good way to get people to the fair and enjoy their time down here.”

That’s how Rock County fair board vice president Lee Sells explained the addition of a BBQ rib cook-off to this year’s Rock County Fair.

“We’ve seen other fairs host cook-offs and thought it would be fun to try it here,” said Sells, who is organizing the first-time event.

According to Sells, organizers were originally going to host the first rib cook-off at the 2020 fair, but the fair was canceled that year because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“We’re kind of starting smaller this first year to see how it goes, and if it goes well, we plan to expand more in the future,” Sells said.

The event will take place Friday, July 29, in the infield of the racetrack at the fairgrounds.

Sells said the ribs will be provided for the competitors. Check-in is between 8-9 a.m.

Entries will be judged on their appearance, tenderness, texture and taste. First- through fifth-place prizes will be awarded.

The amount awarded to each winner will depend upon the number of entries.

“It should be really interesting to see – and taste – all the different ribs,” Sells said.

The public is invited to join the competitors on the field throughout the day.

“People can visit with the contestants to learn about how they cook their ribs, any seasoning, that kind of thing,” Sells said. “We’ll have lawn



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games set up. Just a good chance to socialize.”

Starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, the public is invited to begin sampling the ribs and vote on their favorite.

The Rock County Pork Producers will be giving the People’s Choice

trophy and \$100 to the winner of the public voting.

“The sampling will be first come, first served,” Sells said.

“We ask that people check in at the registration table in order to get their voting card.”

Sells said organizers are looking forward to adding another fun event to this year’s fair lineup.

“We’re just looking forward to having people come down, hang out and enjoy some really good ribs.”

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Above, Steve Walker with W&N Construction levels the area in early June for the new permanent shelter house. Below left, the Scarecrow strikes a pose during the Wizard of Oz free family fun at the 2021 Rock County Fair near the 4-H exhibit building.



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ite Pirate Jack Sparrow cruising the grounds on his Pirate Ship.

All these activities wouldn't be possible without the people and businesses in our community.

All the fair sponsors, donations and help from the people in this little corner of Minnesota we live in makes this all possible. The county and city of Luverne are there for us year-round. Thank you to everyone!

I love the fair.

I know I've said this before, but this is my favorite time of the year. I love

seeing all the people wandering around enjoying themselves.

The families getting together for a Rib Tickler, then finding a bench to enjoy a dish of ice cream, is great to see. Seeing this really makes all the hours of planning, work nights and meetings worth it.

The Rock County Fair Board is made up of many people of our community. Everyone has something to bring to make this fair what it is.

Hats off to them!

I can't wait to see everyone at this year's fair!

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## Rock County 4-H intern Samantha Moser/from 4C

consumer education and photography. I also show both beef and swine, but swine is my favorite. This past summer I got reserved champion senior swine showman.

This accomplishment gained me entry into Premier Showmanship at the county fair.

Premier Showmanship is by far one of my favorite events that I have been a part of in 4-H.

I spent days leading up to the show learning how to show all livestock species and learned more about them. I can honestly say that I probably did not do the best, but I learned a ton of valuable information in the process.

I was very proud to have the opportunity to be a part of the show, and I hope to be able to do it again this year.

In addition to showing and creating projects, the county fair is a great time for me to spend time with all of my local 4-H friends and catch up with them. We spend hours in the barns talking, walking around, hanging out, and enjoying each other's company.

I have many vivid memories of my summers at the county fair that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

4-H is one of many programs that has left a lasting impact on my life.

Throughout my years in 4-H, I have been able to make friends with new people from all across the state.

Although I may not talk to all of these people daily, they are the type of friends that I can talk to anytime I see them, and it seems like no time has passed since we last saw each other. I have also grown closer connections with those in my community.

By serving in numerous community projects, I have learned how to identify and satisfy the needs of those around me.

Additionally, I have grown immensely as a person. The communication and leadership skills that I have gained through the 4-H program are unmatched by anything else that I have been a part of.

My confidence is bolstered, and my outlook for the future is brighter. I tell people all of the time that if it weren't for 4-H, I would not be the person I am today.

With the opportunity to be the summer intern in the county that left such an impact on me, I hope to encourage other youth in the area to take advantage of all the unique opportunities that 4-H offers.

I also hope to help those already in the program to find their passion and help them grow as leaders in the community. Something I wish people understood more about 4-H is that it isn't just about showing livestock. There are opportunities for everyone, no matter their area of interest.

There are performing arts, demonstrations, foods, photography, crops, health science, child and family development, consumer education and money management, robotics, computers, woodworking, metal arts, fishing and shooting sports, crafts, leadership opportunities, and so much more!

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## Fair attractions include donkeys, pigs and more/continued from page 1C

According to Sells, there's money set aside for projects, repairs and structures on the grounds, but the budget relies on sponsorship dollars to support the "extras" on the fairgrounds.

"Every dollar helps to make the fair what it is," Sells said. "We're able to bring in new things each year because of the support the community gives us."

Free events on the fairgrounds this year include:

- the return of pirate impersonator Jack Sparrow.
- 5R Alpacas.
- the Wizard of Oz show.
- a Green Earth Players skit.
- the Ag Adventure Barn.
- a glassblower.
- Kent's Family Circus.
- Great Lakes Log Show and more.

Live musicians include the Barn Flies Band, Prairie Home Rebellion Band, Mogen's Heroes and others.

All these attractions cost money, and sponsors and donors play an important role in funding them, Sells said.

"We are very grateful for the support we've received from the community," he said.

The four-day event also relies on an army of volunteers.

"We have a huge board that puts in a lot of time in the off season," Sells said. "There are over 30 board members who work to make sure the fair is what it is."

### Something for everyone

According to Remme, there will be something for all ages this year, and he hopes fairgoers attend all four days July 27-30.

"Each year the board tries to find and bring in different items to make the Rock County Fair a great family tradition," Remme said.

"Besides the carnival rides and great fair food, there will be so many other items to truly see or take part in."

Remme said it's hard work to raise money and organize the fair each year, but it's always worth it in the end.

"To see the grounds packed and people walking around, laughing, smiling and having a good time on a beautiful summer night with family and friends is so rewarding," he said.

In addition to Wednesday's donkey races, the 2022 Rock County Fair grandstand lineup includes:

- the GSP Tractor Pull on Thursday night, July 28.
- a County Fair Rib Cook-off (see related story in this special section) and free band, "Undercover," Friday night.
- the Enduros Saturday night.

Sells and Remme can be reached at 507-220-1725 and 507-220-0177, respectively.

For updates on this year's event, follow the "Rock County Fair" on Facebook.

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DIET PEPSI IS THE BEVERAGE OF CHOICE AT THE 4-H HORSE SHOW



HAVE A BANG WHILE LISTENING TO THE UNDERCOVER BAND



WATCH THE GREAT PLAINS TRACTOR PULLERS AND ENJOY A BRISK ICED TEA



GATORADE AND THE ENDURO RACE ARE A PERFECT MATCH



ENJOY A BUBLY WHILE WATCHING THE BUBBLER / JUGGLER



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