



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Rock County Fair is this week

Donkey races new to grandstand, pig races return

By Lori Sorenson

The 2022 Rock County Fair will offer a mix of old favorites, the return of popular attractions that were new last year and a list of new events and activities.

For example, Dairyland Donkeyball, with "celebrity" donkey races, will feature 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."

Pig racing returns as a popular free family attraction, along with a long list of other popular midway activities.

Fair Board Treasurer Bob Remme said 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



The GSP Tractor Pull returns this year to the grandstand lineup Thursday night. Pig racing returns to the midway one of many popular free family attractions. (Lori Sorenson 2022 rock county fair file photo)

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 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.



## Filing period Aug. 2-16 for school boards, townships and municipalities

By Lori Sorenson

Local leaders interested in running for office can throw their hats in the ring starting next week.

The filing period is Aug. 2 through 16 for open seats on school boards, all Rock County municipalities (except Luverne) and townships that hold their elections in November.

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

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

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

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

**Hills:** Mayor Keith Elbers and council members Vickie Busswitz and Alan Leenderts

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

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

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

**Luverne School Board:** Four-year seats open for election this fall are currently held by Eric Hartman, Katie Baustian, Reva Sehr and Jodi Bosch.

Also, board member Jeff Stratton resigned this summer after being hired as the school resource officer.

His remaining two years will be filled in the November election, and the filing period for that seat

**Filing period open/see page 3A**

## Tax-forfeited commercial property in Hills may be leased to individual day care providers

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County commissioners granted \$100,000 to the city of Hills to remodel a former commercial building into a child care facility.

"My goal is that we can have someone run a day care with no overhead," Hills Mayor Keith Elbers told commissioners at

their July 19 meeting.

In May the county approved the government conveyance of property, making the tax-forfeited parcel at Third Street and Main Avenue free to the city of Hills if it's used for a public purpose.

The structure was built to accommodate four commercial spaces with four separate en-

trances, at one time housing a hair salon, an insurance agency, a financial business, and woodworking shop.

Elbers said the city would renovate the spaces with kitchenettes and bathrooms and lease them to three or four separate child care providers.

But it would not be a collective

day care center.

"The city of Hills is not interested in running any of these at all," he said. "We just want to provide a facility for them to do it."

Each space would operate under the state's individual family child care licensure.

**Hills childcare/see page 5A**

## 'Iron Man Wenzel' contributes to 2022 fair

By Mavis Fodness

For several consecutive years, Dean "Iron Man" Wenzel has completed welding projects for the Rock County Fairgrounds.

This year he designed and welded brackets for the livestock fans to circulate air through the swine, sheep and cattle barns. Wenzel's first projects were in 2017 when he designed the signage and flag pole located at the fairground's south entrance.

The fair opens Wednesday and continues through Saturday. Weather forecast for the four days calls for sunny and pleasant conditions with highs in the upper 70s to low 80s.

Pictured at right, Rock County Agricultural Society member Brad Beers (right) slides a livestock fan into place in the swine barn Monday afternoon in preparation for the 2022 Rock County Fair. The brackets were designed and built by Dean Wenzel (left).



## Jessen continues family sheep showing tradition at fair

By Mavis Fodness

Keagan Jessen, 13, is carrying on a family 4-H tradition of sheep showing at the Rock County Fair, his fifth year.

He has taken his sheep to the Minnesota State Fair each year, and it appears he has a lock on a state trip this year as well.

The son of Matt and Trisha Jessen is the only Rock County 4-H'er showing sheep at this year's county fair.

"It's not going to be as fun as unusual," Jessen said. "I like to compete."

The lack of competition hasn't stopped the soon-to-be Luverne eighth-grader from working with his speckled-and white-faced ewes for the show ring.

"I kind of like doing the work," Jessen said. "I like to see how I am improving."

Jessen is a multi-generation 4-H'er with at least two of those generations focused on raising

**Jessen sheep at fair/see 3A**



Mavis Fodness photo/0728 Jessen Keagan Jessen, an incoming eighth-grader at Luverne Middle School, is the only 4-H sheep exhibitor at this year's Rock County Fair that opens Wednesday. This is Jessen's fifth year exhibiting at the Rock County Fair. The sheep show is at 1 p.m. Thursday.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Springwater Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, in the township hall.  
**Parkinson's Support Group** will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at Poplar Creek Care Center.

### Join H-BC stakeholder committee

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board is seeking members for its facility stakeholder committee, made up of 20 district residents, school administration and staff. Apply by Aug. 1 at <https://forms.gle/QWWZY-ijC2hWE6uZA7> or to Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, P.O. Box 547, 301 N. Summit Ave., Hills, MN 56138 or email [t.holthaus@isd671.net](mailto:t.holthaus@isd671.net).

### SAIL offered in Beaver Creek, Hills

A strength, balance and fitness program will be offered in Hills and Beaver Creek beginning Aug. 2 through Oct. 24.

SAIL: Stay Active & Independent for Life is offered through A.C.E. of SW Minnesota-Rock County and is led by volunteers. There is no charge. Contact A.C.E. program manager Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 to register.

### Dental clinics coming to Luverne

Mobile dental clinics will be in Luverne 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.

### Free Community Meal July 27

The United Methodist Church will host its Free Community Meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Pickup option is available. Call 507-283-4529.

### Students new to Luverne 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](mailto:rockcountystaff@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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.

### Register for Community Ed

Community Education office is closed 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. There are openings in all sections. Early Learning Scholarships may be available to those who qualify.

### Prairie Ally seeks workers

Volunteer workers are needed from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Prairie Ally public food forest for a variety of maintenance tasks. No RSVP necessary. Other work opportunities are available by appointment by contacting [info@projectfoodforest.org](mailto:info@projectfoodforest.org).

# Cox sues Wisconsin hospital that accused him of child abuse

## Luverne native loses custody of child after no-contest plea

*Luverne native John Cox and his wife Sarah Dobrozsi are gaining ground in a legal battle that cost them custody of the child they were in the process of adopting.*

*They had faced 2020 criminal child abuse charges that were dismissed May 6, and on May 9 the couple sued the people who they say wrongly accused them.*

*Following is the news story (shared with permission) that appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel this spring. As far as the Star Herald was able to confirm, the case is still ongoing.*

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Wisconsin pediatrician Dr. John Cox says he was wrongly targeted by overzealous child abuse investigators and is now suing Children's Wisconsin and several former colleagues at the Milwaukee hospital where he once worked.

Cox, 41, accuses the defendants of conspiracy, negligence, defamation and retaliation, among other claims, and of violating his rights to due process and equal protection.

Cox and his wife, Sarah Dobrozsi, formerly of Wauwatosa, filed the lawsuit in federal court in Milwaukee on Monday, three days after he successfully completed a deferred prosecution agreement from his widely publicized child abuse case from 2020.

After months of trying to dismiss the criminal charge of intentional child abuse, causing harm, Cox pleaded no contest in November to neglecting a child under age 6, as part of a deferred prosecution agreement.



Luverne native John Cox and his wife Sarah Dobrozsi leave a courtroom in 2020 during a criminal child abuse case that was dismissed May 6. (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel file photo)

The case was dismissed on Friday, upon Cox's completion of the conditions of the agreement, which required him to take parenting classes and do community service.

The couple, now living in a Chicago suburb, are represented by Loevy & Loevy, a firm involved in many high-profile civil rights cases, and Hale & Monico, another Chicago law firm.

Defendants include the Medical College of Wisconsin, Children's hospital, several doctors, a nurse practitioner, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services and supervisors and social workers with the agency.

Cox's case divided the staff at Children's Wisconsin, several of whom supported him during his criminal case and offered opinions that the infant's injuries were not the result of child abuse. At the time, Cox worked as an emergency room pediatrician at

Children's.

Cox and Dobrozsi, a pediatric oncologist who also worked at Children's, were in the process of adopting an infant girl in the spring of 2019. The couple already had two older sons, also adopted.

In May 2019, when the girl was about a month old, she and Cox fell asleep in his bed. When he woke to her crying, he feared he had rolled onto her. He took her to the family's pediatrician, worried he might have broken the baby's collar bone.

Initial X-rays did not indicate that, but another doctor saw small marks on the insides of the baby's arms and one on her back. He notified the hospital's child advocacy team, and a child abuse pediatrician examined the girl. Additional tests revealed the child had a broken collarbone.

The child went home with Cox and his wife, who by agreement with the birth mother and adoption

agency, were serving as pre-adoptive foster parents while the legal adoption process played out.

Later that night, a pair of investigators from Child Protective Services came to their Wauwatosa home and looked at the baby again.

Cox was charged in January 2020. The complaint listed particular bruises and the broken collarbone and concludes such conditions do not occur in nonmobile infants absent some abuse.

His lawsuit echoes what Cox and his lawyers insisted during his criminal case: "This accident was of similar magnitude and severity to incidents routinely experienced by countless other loving, skilled, careful and caring parents who, despite their best efforts, experience a momentary lapse of attention which results in an accidental minor injury to their child."

According to Cox and Dobrozsi's lawsuit:

**Cox lawsuit/see page 8A**

## Political campaign and private signs not permitted on state highway right of way

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds the public that state law prohibits placement of private signs of any kind (i.e.: political, lost pet, garage sale and other advertising signage) on highway right of way in Minnesota.

Highway rights of way include driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches, sight corners at intersections, and boulevards in urban areas.

In addition, state law says that signs may not be placed on private land without the consent of the landowner.

### Why laws regulate placement of objects in highway right of way

Objects along roadways pose hazards for drivers and maintenance crews.

Violation of the law, Minnesota

Statute 160.27, is a misdemeanor.

Civil penalties may also apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash, creates injury to a person, or causes damage to a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act prohibits placing advertising devices on public utility poles, trees, and shrubs and by painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

### Signs placed in right of way will be removed

MnDOT workers will take down private signs located on the state highway right of way and transport them to the nearest MnDOT truck station where they will be available for retrieval. County, city, and township employees administer these laws on their roads.

For information regarding the proper placement of campaign signs, right of way boundaries, or where to find removed materials, visit [www.mndot.gov/govrel/rw\\_signs.html](http://www.mndot.gov/govrel/rw_signs.html) or contact the local MnDOT office at 507-304-6100.

When placing signs on private property where consent has been provided, the best way to avoid an emergency or unintentionally striking an underground facility is to call 811 before digging, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Go to the GSOC website and request that underground utilities be marked near the area of the digging.

For more information, contact Doris Degenstein, public affairs coordinator, at 507-304-6107 or email

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# Aug. 9 is election day to fill Hagedorn seat

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County voters will join Minnesota's First Congressional District on Aug. 9 to elect a replacement for the late Congressman Jim Hagedorn.

Mail ballots were sent last week to roughly 200 Rock County voters in rural precincts that have no polling stations, and early voting and absentee ballots are available by request.

Republican Brad Finstad, New Ulm, is facing DFL candidate Jeff Ettinger, Austin, in the special election to replace Hagedorn, who died in February of kidney cancer.

Finstad, a former USDA official for the Trump administration, and Ettinger, a former Hormel CEO, emerged from the crowded Republican and Democratic primary races May 24.

Voters in southern Minnesota chose from eight DFL candidates and 10 GOP candidates to determine who would advance to the Aug. 9

special election for the seat.

Ettinger garnered more than 64 percent of the DFL vote while Finstad won by only 388 votes over state Rep. Jeremy Munson on the GOP side.

The winner of the Ettinger-Finstad election will serve the remainder of Hagedorn's term, which ends in January.

On the same day as the Aug. 9 special election, a primary will decide party nominees for the normal November general election.

The ballot has two sides for voters to fill out.

The winner of the fall contest, which will be held under the new court-drawn lines with redistricting, will be elected to a full two-year term to the seat.

Local voting questions can be directed to the Rock County Auditor Treasurer at 507-283-5060.

Information about the candidates and the process can be found at the Secretary of State's website, sos.state.mn.us.

# Rural Water to use some of Luverne's unused Lewis and Clark water

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County Rural Water will purchase Lewis and Clark water from the city of Luverne, per an agreement worked out earlier this month.

Luverne has been using only two-thirds of its contracted water through the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System, which pipes water from the Missouri River aquifer from Vermillion, South Dakota, to 20 member communities in the tri-state area.

Luverne contracts for 821,000 gallons per day but uses roughly 550,000 gallons per day.

Rock County Rural Water contracts for 300,000 of Lewis and Clark water per day but needs more in order to meet increased ag demand and to buy time until local capital improvements are completed.

"When we agreed to 300,000 gallons per day from Lewis and Clark, that was 30 years ago, and a lot has changed since then," said rural water director Ryan Holtz.

"We're working to expand our wellfield, but we're still a number of months out from that, and this ensures that we can meet our demands."

He said Rural Water is also planning a water tower in the western part of the system, and when Lewis and Clark expands its system in several years, Rock County Rural Water's allocation will be 474,000

gallons per day.

To this point, Lewis and Clark has been able to sell water beyond contracted amounts, but after recent heat and drought in some parts of the region, excess water sales have stopped in order to meet increased demand.

This prompted Rock County water officials to seek other water sources, and Mayor Pat Baustian said it only makes sense to sell the city's unused allocation to the county.

"This is the right thing to do to help out our rural partners," Baustian said.

Luverne pays roughly \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons of Lewis and Clark Rural Water at its current use. The more water used, the lower the price, so the arrangement also benefits the city.

The additional 150,000 gallons per day will reduce the amount the city pays, and Rock County Rural Water will pay the city an additional 15 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The agreement is on a month-to-month basis as long as extra water is available to the city and as long as the county needs the extra water.

Luverne's annual lawn watering restrictions are in place, allowing odd-numbered residences to water on odd-numbered days and even numbers on even days.

Watering is prohibited from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to prevent water wasted to evaporation.



Mavis Fodness photo/0728 Fair Preview 2022 Jessen

The Jessen family (from left) Matt with Levi, Landon, Trisha and Keagan help tie four ewes that Keagan will bring to the Rock County Fair Wednesday through Saturday. Keagan is the only 4-H'er exhibiting in the sheep project this year.

## Jessen sheep at Rock County Fair/continued from page 1A

and showing sheep themselves.

His mom, Tricia (Drew), showed sheep in Murray County, following in the footsteps of her dad, Bruce Drew.

The sheep Keagan is bringing to this week's Rock County Fair were born and raised on the Drew farm.

### Sheep numbers down for several reasons

The lack of homegrown resources has influenced the decline in the number of livestock at the Rock County Fair and other county fairs across Minnesota.

"Livestock projects in general are a big commitment," said Rock County 4-H director Kelsey Maesch.

"Between working with and caring for animals, it's a lot of work both financially and time-wise. I think that might be part of what's hindering youth to get involved in those project areas."

The coronavirus pandemic also contributed to the decline of 4-H'ers bringing projects to the fair in general.

Most county fairs, along with the Minnesota State Fair, were canceled in 2020.

Locally, the 4-H program organized livestock showcases with 4-H'ers bringing animals to the fairgrounds with only family members allowed to attend the



Keagan Jessen braces his ewe in preparation for this year's Rock County Fair that begins Wednesday.

showcases in person.

"I think it is because of Covid that everybody dropped out," said Matt Jessen. "That hurt numbers big time — kids found other things to do. It is a lot of work. You can't learn this overnight."

The sheep industry itself struggled during the pandemic with low wool prices and decline in meat demand.

"If you don't raise them, I feel

like the prices for show animals have skyrocketed," Trisha Jessen said.

Prices for show lambs have risen into the four figures. "You'll never make that money back," she added.

She said three incoming Cloverbuds will participate this year and will be old enough to compete in the sheep show ring next year.

One of those Cloverbuds is Keagan's brother, Landon, and in a few years younger brother Levi will join them.

For this week's show, Keagan is focused on putting out his best effort as he continues the family 4-H tradition.

"I want to make my mom proud because she used to do it," he said.

### The 2022 Rock County Fair livestock show schedule:

**Wednesday**

- Poultry, 3 p.m.
- Rabbit, 5 p.m.

**Thursday**

- Swine, 8 a.m.
- Goat, 10 a.m.
- Dairy, 11 a.m.
- Sheep, 1 p.m.

**Friday**

- Horse, 8:30 a.m.
- Pet, 5 p.m.

**Saturday**

- Ribbon auction, 9 a.m.
- Premier showmanship, 4 p.m.
- Parade of champions, 6 p.m.

## Filing period Aug. 2-16 for local offices/continued from page 1A

is also Aug. 2-16.

At the Thursday, July 28, meeting the board will appoint a person to fill Stratton's position through December.

Baustian, Sehr and Bosch have indicated they will not seek re-election.

### Hills-Beaver Creek School Board:

Open positions are currently held by Harley Fransman, Renee Knobloch, Ethan Rozeboom and Arlyn Gehrke.

**Battle Plain Township:** Supervisors Eric Sas

and Aaron Sandbulte

**Denver Township:** Treasurer Lloyd Hemme and supervisors Tony Roos and Donald Arends


**Martin Township:** Supervisor Nathan Fick

**Rose Dell Township:**

Treasurer Jerry Purdin and supervisors Larry Fjellanger and Joe Buysse


**Vienna Township:** Treasurer Albert Rust and supervisors David Severtson and Brad Skattum

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**NOTICE OF FILING**

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Vienna Township that the annual filing for election of officers begins Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 and continues through Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

The following positions are to be filled at the election on November 8th, 2022:

- Town Treasurer - (4 year term)**
- Town Supervisor Seat B - (4 year term)**
- Town Supervisor Seat C - (4 year term)**

If you wish to file for candidacy, please file with the Township Clerk by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment or need further information call 507-283-4285.

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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/QWVZYiC2hWE6uZA7> 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@isd671.net](mailto:t.holthaus@isd671.net).

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## Sports assignment brings love of The Game back to life

When I was growing up and doing chores around the family farm, a radio would often be heard in the dairy barn.



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

*I admit I've missed photographing some good plays because I was too busy watching and enjoying the game.*

WNAX out of Yankton, South Dakota, frequently broadcast the play-by-play of the Minnesota Twins games.

Through the mid- to late 1970s I heard the names of future Hall of Famers Tony Oliva, Rod Carew and Bert Blyleven as they came to the plate or played a great defense.

Hearing those games as a child fueled my love for the game later in life.

For years I was on local women's softball teams and absolutely loved playing the games.

Recently I was reminded of those days of listening to the Twins games on the radio as I volunteered to be the sports photographer this summer.

That meant regularly attending home games of the Junior and Senior Legion teams as well as the Redbirds.

I don't think I've had more fun working an assignment.

The task became even more fun when I could shoot photos from the dugouts.

The close proximity to the playing field also brought back memories of my playing days.

...freshly mowed grass, the sound of the ball hitting a leather glove, conversations between teammates.

I could feel the excitement as the home team hit a long ball to the outfield or when a ground ball bounced through the infield.

I admit I've missed photographing some good plays because I was too busy

watching and enjoying the game.

This week Luverne will host the State Legion Baseball Tournament.

As hosts, the Luverne Senior Legion team earned an automatic berth in the tournament.

The action begins Friday and goes through Sunday.

I encourage everyone to take in a game at Redbird Field in Luverne sometime this weekend.

Enjoy the outdoors, buy snacks from the concession stand, and embrace the joys of youth baseball.

Adding to the excitement at the Legion tournament is that each of the 14 games will have local musicians or singers performing the National Anthem.

Organizer Janine Papik spent weeks arranging the local talent. She said some of the performers will surprise you with singing or playing an instrument.

One person who won't be singing the National Anthem would be me — I have no positive memories of singing publicly that I want to relive.

## Star Herald doles out thumbs for weeds and otherwise good things

The Star Herald asked around for tidbits to include in this month's round of Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down, and the worst complaint for Thumbs Down was that weeds are making some properties look dumpty.

We encourage residents and businesses to mow or spray their weeds to help keep our communities clean and inviting.

Other than that, we have nothing but Thumbs Up to share:

**Thumbs up** — to the festive run of community celebrations this summer. (See Rick Peterson's column this week.)

**Thumbs up** — to the stellar lineup of family attractions and entertainment coming to the Rock County Fair this week. (See the front-page fair preview story.)

**Thumbs up** — to the Verne Drive-In for keeping Luverne on

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the map with its tasty concessions (including fresh-grilled burgers) and even better lineup of the latest releases. No wonder the Verne surpassed its own nightly attendance record (now at over 600 people) three times this summer.

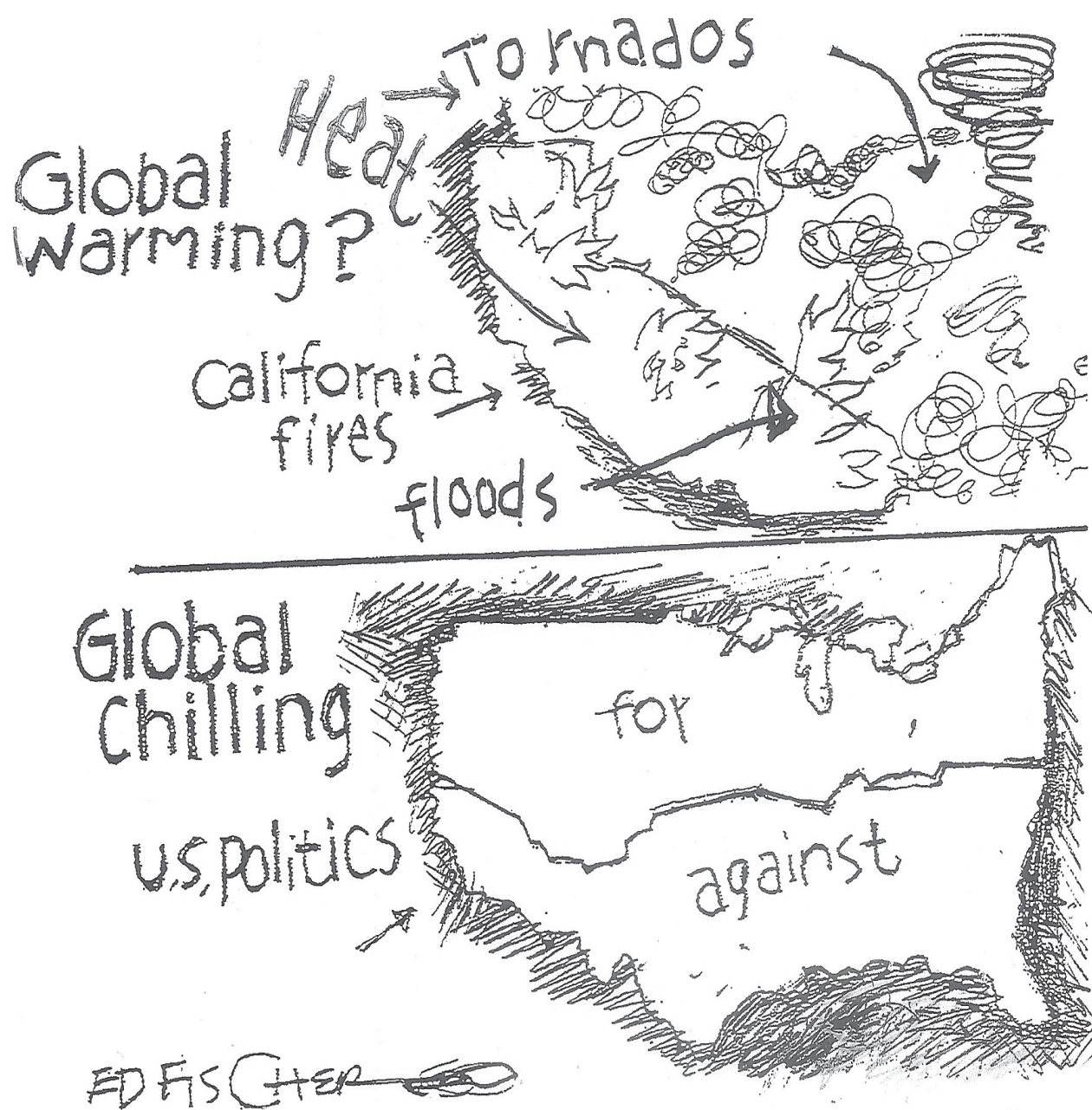
**Thumbs up** — to recent cooperation from Mother Nature, especially for local crops. After a rough start to summer (numerous damaging storms), we're seeing previously flattened corn standing tall and all crops (corn, soybeans, alfalfa) taking advantage of adequate moisture and sunshine.

**Thumbs up** — to splash

parks in Rock County — the new one at Luverne's Aquatics and Fitness and the free one that opened last year in Beaver Creek. Both have the slowly-fill overhead buckets that periodically dump on children who watch for the right moment to run beneath the deluge. It's fun for kids, but it's even more fun for grownups to observe.

Happy summer, readers.

We encourage Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down submissions at editor@star-herald.com. Call 507-283-2333 or snail mail at 117 West Main Street, Luverne MN 56156.



## Big congratulations to those volunteers, businesses who make summer events happen

It's the last weekend of July, and after Sunday you might possibly have heard a citywide collective sigh of relief.

We started the month with the Fourth of July celebration at The Lake complete with fireworks lighting up the sky to bring the day to a close.

Next was the Terry "Butch" Connell memorial ride July 9. Hundreds of folks in cars, motorcycles, UTVs and even a bus participated in the countywide poker run that raised money for Dollars for Scholars.

Less than a week later, 15,000 free hotdogs were served up to droves of hungry carnivores for the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Hot Dog Night July 14.



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

Hot Dog Night was the kickoff to the Cardinal Pride weekend that welcomed untold numbers of out-of-town and local Cardinal Alumni for a three-day bash.

The three days included greeting old friends and family while enjoying the best of what Luverne has to offer in food, drink, music, alumni parade and again fireworks.

The next weekend, the Rock County Revival took center stage in the Luverne city park with worship, testimonials, preaching and activities.

This weekend the Rock County Fair and the Minnesota State Legion Baseball Tournament take over the town.

The fair is four days of every-

thing that one could imagine at a fair — midway, cows, pigs, sheep, horses, chickens, ducks, geese rabbits and all kinds of other 4-H exhibits ... donkey races, enduro races, concerts, farm equipment, new and old, and daily activities and shows for the young and old alike.

Eight teams from across the state will be playing on Redbird Field vying for the Minnesota State Legion Baseball Tournament Championship.

All of that fun was in just one month. Thousands of visitors and locals attended many of these events, and some attended all of them.

None of these events happen

without the hundreds of volunteers that work behind the scenes for months, even years, to put these events together.

Along with the volunteers there are the businesses that donate tens of thousands of dollars to finance these events.

More often than not, the volunteers and business don't get the thanks they deserve.

So, that being said, I want to thank those that had any part in pulling off one of the greatest month-long parties of family, friends, faith, fair, baseball, fireworks, food, drinks, parades, concerts — all of which make Luverne the place we love to call home.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**July 15**  
 •Complainant on S. Church Avenue in Hills reported house fire.  
 •Complainant reported reckless driver on I-90 eastbound, mile marker 6.  
 •Complainant on West Lincoln Street reported car parked in his yard.  
 •Complainant on East Lincoln Street reported theft.

**July 16**  
 •Complainant on 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported trespassing.  
 •Complainant on West Barck Avenue reported damage to door.  
 •Security camera outage was reported.  
 •A wallet was found on North Kniss Avenue.  
 •Pipestone County requested assistance.  
 •Complainant reported stalled vehicle on Highway 75 at mile marker 13.

**July 17**  
 •Alarm reported at location on South Freeman Avenue.  
 •Motorist on I-90 eastbound at mile marker 8 near Beaver Creek reported trucker driving unsafely.  
 •Complainant reported truck ran into bench on South Kniss Avenue.  
 •Complainant reported possible drunk driver at Main and Warren.  
 •Complainant reported man in park is selling toys to kids in park.  
 •Complainant on South Dakota Street in Steen reported someone with a shotgun.

**July 18**  
 •Complainant on Highway 75 at mile marker 10 near Jasper reported man walking on side of road.  
 •Complainant on Barck Avenue reported unlicensed child driving vehicle.  
 •Complainant at 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Edgerton, reported trespassing.  
 •Complainant at Mead Court reported assault.  
 •Complainant at Mead Court reported female returned.  
 •Complainant reported vehicle all over roadway on I-90 westbound, mile marker 5.  
 •Complainant on East Main Street reported a possibly hazardous package.

**July 19**  
 •Warrant information was exchanged with Amboy, Minnesota.

•Complainant reported property damage on East Veterans Drive.  
 •Luverne business reported unlawful garbage dumping.  
 •Complainant on East Main Street reported man in area huffing something and yelling.  
 •Complainant on East Barck Avenue reported someone tried to get in window.

**July 20**  
 •Deputy conducted warrant check on North Spring Street.  
 •Subject turned self in at law enforcement center in Worthington on Rock County warrant.  
 •Complainant on 31<sup>st</sup> Street in Hills reported damaged roadway.  
 •Complainant on East Warren Street reported hit and run.  
 •Complainant on South Kniss Street reported stolen bike.

**July 21**  
 •Complainant on 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ellsworth, reported several construction vehicles driving past location at 70 mph.  
 •Complainant reported subject with warrant on East Crawford Street.  
 •Complainant on Oak Drive reported U-Haul truck violating parking laws.  
 •Complainant reported wallet found on South Kniss Avenue.

**July 22**  
 •Complainant reported suspicious vehicles on 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek.  
 •Complainant on North Oakley Street reported parking issue.  
 •Complainant reported cattle truck swerving on I-90 westbound at mile marker 1.  
 •Complainant reported possible drunk driver on 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek.  
 •Nobles County law enforcement requested assistance from Rock County Sheriff's Office.  
 •Minnesota State Patrol requested pursuit assistance from the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 2 funeral escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 9 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 3 burn permits, 2 gas drive-offs, 2 alarms, 5 drug court tests, 2 purchase and carry permits, 27 traffic stops, 4 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 3 welfare checks, 2 follow-ups, and 1 OFP.



Photo courtesy of the city of Hills

Rock County conveyed a tax-forfeited commercial property to the city of Hills in May to be used for community purposes. The city has since then received \$100,000 from the Rock County commissioners to renovate the corner lot building's four units into spaces for individual child care businesses. Green space for playground may be leased from Alliance across the street.

### Hills child care in tax-forfeited property/continued from page 1A

The Hills council members discussed the proposal at their July 12 meeting but won't approve formal plans until several key elements are addressed.

For example, Health and Human Services requires playground green space, and the fire marshal recommends improved infrastructure for the now-empty building at an estimated \$15,000.

Elbers said he recently secured suitable playground space to the south on a bare grass lot owned by Alliance Communications. "I met with them and pitched them the (day care facility) idea," Elbers said. "They are all on board with leasing us (the city of Hills) the property for as long as we have the day care ... for basically nothing."

Formal approval is pending from the Alliance Board of Directors. With the building and green space plans in place, Elbers hopes to complete renovations as soon as possible, due to demand for child care in the community of 686 residents.

Elbers proposes remodeling one space at a time, setting up the infrastructure in each space but waiting to work with interested providers on their needs and layout of the space.

Each space currently meets the state's requirements of at least 500 square feet for the maximum capacity of up to 14 children.

Available spaces in the tax-forfeited property range from 800 to 1,000 square feet per unit.

The building also has a 1,200-square-foot storage area, which could double as an indoor playground during inclement weather.

"Room is not an issue," Elbers said. "It is a perfect setup."

Commissioners granted Hills \$100,000 for renovation expenses through federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The county received \$1.8 million. The city of Hills received \$74,135.

Hills and other Rock County communities also received \$100,000 from the county's ARPA share earlier this year for infrastructure improvements.

#### Tax-forfeited property key to facility plan

The corner commercial property was owned by Wendall and Wilma Bengtson of Hills and valued at \$96,000.

Taxes were last paid in 2016. A total of \$12,870 in taxes, penalties, interest and special assessments was due on the commercial property.

"What has been going on the last three or four years is that someone has been living there," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

As a first step toward a public purpose, the city of Hills spent \$25,000 to clean it.

"It was a disaster," Elbers said.

"We were worried about mold, so we had it professionally done and we had it treated for mold so it's ready to roll."

In the city of Hills May

11 letter requesting the tax conveyance, Elbers first said the property would be used as a community building and fitness center.

However, the pending retirements of two Hills child care providers prompted a different approach.

"I don't have to explain to you our day care problem," Elbers said. "We've got two more day care providers retiring at the end of this year — one at the end of July and one in December."

Operating out of the Hills facility would prevent wear and tear on homes and cut overhead expenses for providers currently operating out of their homes.

#### The building is also handicap-accessible.

"When this building came available, this is the perfect opportunity to do something," Elbers said.

#### Opportunity open to any licensee

Karen DeBoer, Region 8 Children Care Awareness director in Worthington, said the Hills plan is ideal for the community and for providers.

It eliminates overhead costs for anyone who wants to be an in-home licensed child care provider, and the child care facility will provide more options for families in the community.

"We want them to earn an income. We don't want them to do child care for free," DeBoer said. "And they get to go home from their job — to give themselves a mental break."

DeBoer said a facility already set up for an in-home day care would open career opportunities for residents who rent their homes. Obtaining an in-home license for a renter is often difficult.

"And if someone didn't want to be an in-home provider, then another licensed provider can come into the facility," she said. "It's permanent as a child care facility and would always be a benefit to the community."

The facility would not be a child care center because the providers won't share spaces and other resources, as a center-based day cares are subject to more fixed expenses.

Center-based day cares are subject to individual staffing quotas for the various age groups and more stringent educational requirements as part of their licensure for a center.

Currently there are five licensed in-home providers in the city of Hills, with two in Steen and one in Beaver Creek.

Elbers is cautious about the next step to upgrading the building's infrastructure to meet state child care requirements.

"Until all avenues have been explored, we are not sure on anything if it will be a day care facility or not," he said.

"We all are hoping that it will be, as there is a need, but until all things have been investigated, nothing is a done deal."

He said he will seek additional guidance at the next Hills City Council meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

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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.

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The Luverne community weaving project is located in The Loop trailhead building at the corner of East Main Street and North Blue Mound Avenue. Passersby are encouraged to select a piece of T-shirt yarn and weave one or more rows to complete the community project.



## Community weaving project brings out creativity and fun for everyone

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne community weaving project engages the artist in all of us. Luverne residents Lowell and Shirley Harrison have a simple “loom” at the trailhead building on the corner of Blue Mound Avenue and East Main Street, and they provide yarn for the community weaving activity.

Discarded T-shirts from Redeemed Remnants are cut into long, thin colorful strips, and anyone passing by the trailhead can pick one or more of the strips and weave between the baling twine stretched to form the loom.

Two wooden slats on top and bottom of the loom keep the twine and weaving in place, and the Harrisons have started a few weaves for people to follow and complete as many rows as they want.

“I thought this was a great idea,” Shirley said. “I just like the idea of people all contributing and weaving their lives into the piece.”

Community members are encouraged to add organic elements to the weave. For example, the Harrisons contributed dried moss and pine cones.

On a recent walk, Shirley said she found a strip of bark that she wove into the project, and she encourages “whatever you find” to be included in the community weave.

The Luverne community weaving project is a result of the Harrisons volunteering at the Stephen Foster Culture Center State Park in White Springs, Florida, where Shirley played her dulcimer and another couple set up a community weave project.

The Harrisons learned from the couple who encouraged visitors to add organic materials they



**Above:** Teresa Treat (right), Lowell and Shirley Harrison's daughter, uses a shuttle to help weave the T-shirt yarn between the twine in the Luverne community weaving project located at The Loop trailhead at the corner of East Main Street and North Blue Mound Avenue. Holding pieces of yarn for the project are Taylor Treat (center) and Makenna Treat. **At left:** Anyone can “come and add your threads ...” along with organic items to the art piece.

found in the park to the weave.

“It was fun seeing what people think of doing,” Shirley said.

According to the culture center's website, the ancient art

of hand-weaving maintains relevance and power as a form of storytelling.

The story told by the Luverne project will be displayed in a public location to

be determined at a later date.

Depending on when the project is finished, the Harrisons may set up another loom at the trailhead for the community to finish.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

**Lillian Fick Peterson** will celebrate her 88th birthday on Thursday, July 28. Greetings may be sent to her at Falls Landing, 1101 N. Hiawatha Ave., Pipestone, MN 56164.

**Patsy Cragoe** will celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, July 30. Greetings may be sent to her at 209 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Margaret Loger** will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 6. Greetings may be sent to her at 200 W. 7th Street, Adrian, MN 56110.

**Larry and Cathy Lewis** will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 12. Greetings may be sent to them at 29568 St. Hwy. 91, Adrian, MN 56110.

## MENU

**Monday, Aug. 1:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, Romaine salad with dressing, peaches, Texas toast, bar.

**Tuesday, Aug. 2:** Pork loin, yams, broccoli, bread, dessert.

**Wednesday, Aug. 3:** Chicken pasta salad, sliced cucumbers, fruit salad, dessert.

Half-price day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

**Thursday, Aug. 4:** Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dessert.

**Friday, Aug. 5:** Barbecue pork on a bun, coleslaw, pineapple, dessert.

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## 1943: Edward Byrne remembers traveling to Iowa at age 17

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 25, 1943, edition of The Rock County Star Herald.

When Edward Byrne, Luverne, came west from Iowa to settle, South Dakota was still a part of Dakota Territory. A lot of people, who had heard of the rich prairie



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
Rock County Historian

land open to homesteaders in the territory, moved out of Iowa in immigrant trains at that time, and joining the throng was Mr. Byrne and his brother. He was then only 17 years old.

Mr. Byrne was born March 18, 1865, in a loghouse in Alamaakee county, in the northeast corner of Iowa. His parents, Lawrence and Bridget Hart Byrne, were natives of Ireland who came

first to Quebec, Canada, and then to Iowa to live.

They settled not far from the Mississippi river, and at that time, the land in that area was covered with timber. Unusually fine trees were cleared by the settlers so they could begin raising crops, Mr. Byrne states. Now comparatively rare, the walnut tree, butter nut trees, three kinds of oak and basswood trees would be cut down just to get them out of the road.

Mr. Byrne was a boy of 10 when he began earning

his own money. He received 25 cents a day for planting corn by hand. The fields were marked out in squares, and wherever lines crossed, the person or persons doing the planting had to drop two or three kernels of corn. After some practice, Mr. Byrne reports, it was no trick at all to pick out the exact number of seeds out of the bag and drop them exactly where they were supposed to be. Men, and often times the women folks, would follow after the person doing the planting

and would cover up the seed with hoes.

In 1881, Mr. Byrne's older brother Frank went to Dakota Territory, and the following year, Mr. Byrne and his brother Will moved there, going to the vicinity of Marion.

In 1884, they decided to go to Faulk county where there was a lot of prairie sod to be broken for settlers who had homesteaded there. Mr. Byrne, using four head of oxen on an 18 inch sulky plow,

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## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2012)

•The Luverne Area Chamber hosted a reception Monday evening, July 23, for its 2011 Outstanding Chamber Member, Terrie Gulden.

Gulden began his career in Luverne at Tri-State Insurance. He eventually became the president of BIS. Gulden served as the director of Rock County Heartland Express from 1990 to 2011.

He also helped develop the honor flight trips out of southwest Minnesota. He helped organize four trips involving more than 800 people who made the trips. Gulden is a Vietnam veteran and is a dedicated volunteer and supporter of military veterans.

His most recent and ongoing project is the Herreid Military Museum where he serves as committee chairman.

### 25 years ago (1997)

•With increasing numbers of bikers, hikers, runners and bladers using public roadways for recreation, local officials are exploring ways to expand the network of off-road trails in and around Luverne.

This fall, the south portion of the Blue Mound Avenue

bike path near the city street shop is slated to become a six-foot-wide concrete path. City funds are budgeted annually for sidewalk improvements, according to Public Works Director Darrell Huiskes.

At six feet, the path would meet ADA specifications allowing two wheelchairs to meet on the path.

The path might become even wider and longer if current dreams become reality.

### 50 years ago (1972)

•Linda Wahlert, member of Luverne's Cadette Girl Scouts Troop 584, was recently accepted as one of a two-girl team participating in a National Girl Scouts Wider Opportunities Event. Linda will represent the Minn-Ia-Kota Girl Scouts Council at Savannah, Ga. from August 8-14. The twenty-five participants represent 16 different councils from all six national regions. ...

Linda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wahlert of Luverne, and Lynn Thiles of Sioux Falls will leave for Savannah August 5.

### 75 years ago (1947)

•Gilbert Remme has opened Remme's Texaco Service Sta-

tion at Kenneth, Minnesota, and is featuring Texaco products and a full line of tires, batteries and car accessories. He is equipped to render complete lubrication service.

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Long's Café, which has been closed for about two weeks for remodeling and redecorating, will reopen today. It is larger in that it will accommodate more patrons, and provide additional kitchen space, service room, and a bake shop. The café has a number of other important features, according to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Long.

### 100 years ago (1922)

•Mrs. O. L. Godfrey, of Beaver Creek, was elected president of the Rock County Public Health association; Mrs. A. N. Rice, of this city, first vice president; Mrs. C. J. Woodrow, second vice president; Mrs. C. L. Sherman, secretary; Mr. D. M. Main, treasurer, at the annual meeting of the association held Friday afternoon.

The board of directors for the county will be named and announced within a short time. Mrs. C. J. Martin, holds over until 1925 as a member of the state board of directors.



## Class of '62 meets for reunion

Luverne High School Class of 1962 graduates gather July 14 at Take 16 Brewery for a reunion. They include (front row, from left) Bill Mohr, Bob Alink, Linda (Bowman) Moeller, Joyce (Raschke) Forrest, Sandy (Miller) Murphy, Darlene (Hitch) Woolsey, Barb (Mulvihill) Priesz, Stephanie (Anderson) Frackman, Bill Martin, (back) Bill Reu, Carl Meinerts, Loren Forrest, Dale Heckt, Virg Smit, Vivian (Hansen) Aarestad, Vikki (Golla) Joseph, Keith Brooks and Art Braa. Not pictured is Paul Schmalz.

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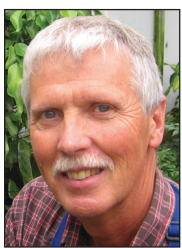


## Class of '67 meets for reunion

Luverne alumna Wendy (Anderson) Grill shared this image of her LHS Class of 1967 taken during their July 15 reunion at the Generations Event Center. Pictured are (front, from left) Connie DeBates Peterson, Annie Martin West, Margaret Christiansen Freese, Linda Sparrow Iveland Johnson, Ardis Ormseth Michaelson, Pam Hansen Case, Linda Schaeffer Moore, Linda DeBoer Olivier, Marilyn Schmuck, Karen Schadwinkel, Kristi Fitzer, Suzie Hansen, Nancy Ericksen, (second) George Jensen, Elaine VanBelle Boergerhoff, Diane Gonnerman, Elaine VandeHoeft Boeve, Kathy Vandenhoeck McClure, Wendy Anderson Grill, (third) Ron Lippi, Terry Gonnerman, Doug Schumacher, Steve Laudon, Kent Gabrielson, Steve Dooyema, Gary Drost, Charles Getman, Gary Golla, Robert Ruddy, Tim Connell, Martin Nergaard, Larry Goebel, Larry Toft, Allen Meinerts, Darrell Schmidt, Robin Savage, Donald Johnson, Roger Henderson and Steve Tofteland.

# 'The best laid plans of mice and men ... and gardeners ... often go awry'

Well, this has not been my favorite year gardening! It seems like every pattern of weather was messed up, and the consequences were and are enough to make me wonder why I work so hard to "make it work."



## KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

Of course, my expectations belong to me, and what you see is what you see, not the picture in my mind of what I carefully envisioned and planned.

I'm reminded of that so often when I'm working in the Healing Garden at Sanford, and a patient or visitor comments of how beautiful the garden is, and those comments put the whole effort back into a proper perspective.

So, the extremely dry

weather has curtailed the invasion of slugs up until now and that's good news. And I saw a couple of Japanese beetles on a hydrangea three weeks ago, and their numbers have remained really low, so that's another plus.

Tomatoes love hot weather. My plants are really big and really loaded with fruit, and that's what I'm happy to see.

And then my pole beans finally got the hang of how to climb the poles I put up for them so the rabbits can't reach the growing tips of the vines, plus they are blooming and I'm picking lots of beans

from the bush varieties.

And the electric fence has kept the deer out of my big garden, provided I remember to plug it in after I leave the garden. ... Don't know who tells them when I forget, but they figure it out, and they figure out when I remember, too!

The rows of onions are so happy to get a drink and are filling out beautifully.

The new variety of cauliflower called Goodman was the best cauliflower I've ever grown, so I'll hang on to that name.

I just transplanted all the cabbage seedlings for a

fall crop and planted seeds of Romaine lettuce that should be luscious, as the picture shows, in late September. The second week of August I will plant seed for a fall crop of radishes.

So what I am saying is that even though some crops really struggle because of the drought, I (we) are blessed to have water available to help our food crops survive. And to plan is a good thing, but be flexible in your expectations and appreciate the good.

And yes, there are and always will be bugs and diseases happy to short-circuit your efforts, but thankfully there are ways to prevent and stop those attacks...even using electric fence for the deer.. too bad their memory is better than mine!

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

## Betty/continued from page 6A

and his brother, using three horses on a 16 inch sulky plow, together broke five acres a day. They received \$4 per acre for the work—a good salary, Mr. Byrne says, but every dollar was well earned.

So new was Faulk county, when they went there, Mr. Byrne said, that section lines in some places hadn't even been surveyed. He was present to see the surveyors running the first section lines in Arcade township, Faulk county.

Although he was not out in the storm, he remembers the blizzard of 1888 well. His brother had driven to Faulkton with a team and

sled and was about two or three miles out of town on his way home when the storm struck. He decided to turn around and go back, but his team would not face the wind. He managed to keep his bearings by driving parallel to the railroad grade. He drove 10 miles through the blinding snow and finally arrived in the town of Miranda where he remained until the weather conditions improved.

But Mr. Byrne never entered politics himself, with the exception of the time he served as treasurer of Hillsdale township in Faulk county. His brother Frank, however, served as

governor of South Dakota for two terms, 1913 to 1917.

Mr. Byrne was married at Waukon, Ia. Sept. 30, 1908. He and his wife farmed in South Dakota until 1919, and then moved to Luverne which has since been their home. They decided to move here after they had visited in Luverne several times and had grown to like the town. After coming here, Mr. Byrne operated a dray and bus line for two years, and retired after he suffered a leg injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne have two children, Mrs. Nick Forrette of Adrian, and Sgt. Robert Byrne, who is attending a radio school

in Montreal, Canada. They have two grandchildren.

Of a family of 10, Mr. Byrne, and two other brothers, Joe Byrne of Clairmont, Fla., and Tom Byrne of Clairmont, Fla., and Tom Byrne of Seattle, Wash. are still living.

He is a member of St. Catherine's church of Luverne.

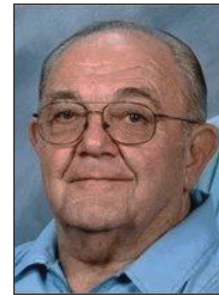
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## OBITUARIES

### William Fillis

William "Bill" Fillis, 91, woodworking and woodcarving, raising flowers, gardening and leatherworking throughout his life. He also enjoyed watching baseball.



Blair, Nebraska, died Thursday, July 21, 2022. Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 29, at Campbell Aman Funeral Home in Blair. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Passageway Church in Blair. A military graveside service will follow in the Blair Cemetery.

William Fillis was born on Nov. 1, 1930, in Wyoming, the son of Andrew and Stella Fillis. He grew up in Bridgeport, Nebraska, and graduated from Bridgeport High School.

At the age of 17, he joined the United States Navy and worked as a medic during the Korean War.

After his discharge from the Navy, Bill moved to Denver where he met Gwene Welk. They were married in 1960. Bill was a longtime employee of the United States Postal Service. He enjoyed

woodworking and woodcarving, raising flowers, gardening and leatherworking throughout his life. He also enjoyed watching baseball.

Bill is survived by his children, Michael (Beth) Fillis, Michelle (Paul) Lindgren and Mark (Val) Fillis; grandchildren Ryan and Robert Fillis, Allison (Seth) Lawrence, Evelyn, Isaac (Annie) and Julia Lindgren, Greg and Derek Fillis; siblings Jim Fillis, Dorothy Brenning and Andy (Susan) Fillis.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gwendolyn; his parents; two sisters and a brother.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

Arrangements are provided by Campbell Aman Funeral Home in Blair, Nebraska, www.campbellaman.com.

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### Ronald Evans

Ronald Elliott Evans, 69, Pipestone, died Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, July 25, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone, with burial at St. Leo Cemetery in Pipestone.

Ronald Evans was born on Jan. 14, 1953, to Gerald and Ruth (Moore) Evans in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was raised on the farm and helped with farm chores. He graduated in 1972 from Pipestone High School in Pipestone. He attended Minnesota West Technical College and completed the carpentry program. Ron worked at Great Plains Lumberyard for a short time and then at Bayliner Marine.

On Feb. 7, 1976, Ron married Gloria Schneekloth at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Shortly after their marriage Ronald went into farming, first on the home place and then a year in the Hardwick area. The couple then settled on an acreage south of Pipestone, where Ron milked cows for over 25 years and raised crops. He eventually raised stock cows with his son, Kyle. While farming, he also worked full time for Gorter Clay and Dairy in 2006.

Ron was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone. He enjoyed mowing his lawn the "right way" and driving his Ranger with his dog by his side. He

also enjoyed helping his kids show animals at the Pipestone County Fair. Ron's passion in life was farming and his love of animals.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Gloria, of Pipestone; children Paul Evans of Holland, Angela (Anthony) Iverson of



Slayton, Christopher (Shelby) Evans of Pipestone, and Kyle (Kathryn) Evans, also of Pipestone; 10 grandchildren, Kodi (special friend, Kyle), Nakia, Mason, Zoey, Luke, Adam, Bryer, Brooklyn, Bria, and Eli; two great-grandchildren; 11 siblings, Kathryn Vogh of Tower, Ray (Ginny) Evans of Pipestone, Lucille (Jim) Klein of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Barbara (Gary) Jopp of Pennock, Bonnie Sexton of Jaynesville, Mary (Gary) Anderson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jim (Mary Ann) Evans of Pipestone, Janelle (Randy) Gorter of Parkersburg, Iowa, Dennis (Jennifer) Evans of Jasper, Joyce Crawford of Brandon, South Dakota, and Jerry (Ruth) Evans of Pipestone; and one brother-in-law, Ron Raatz of Cottage Grove.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Lester and Norma Schneekloth; his sister, Geraldine Raatz; and brothers-in-law Victor Vogh, Steven Sexton, Brian Crawford, Steven Schneekloth and John Schneekloth.

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# Pre-fair judging kicks off 2022 Rock County Fair

Public may view projects, ribbon placings through Saturday

On Monday Rock County 4-H'ers were busy bringing general projects to the exhibit building on the fairgrounds in Luverne. Each exhibitor talked with a judge, who will award the 4-H'er with a purple, blue, red or white ribbon.

**At right:** Cloverbud Mallore Boeve talks with judge Cheyenne Edmundson about the fairy garden she designed and assembled. **Below left:** Lillian Maloney explains her painting technique to judge Dodi Haugen. **Below right:** Judge Tim Olsen talks with 4-H'er Seth Elbers about his rocket.



# Cox/continued from page 2A

When Cox awoke and had concerns the baby might be hurt, he brought her to see his regular pediatrician, Albert Pomeranz. Because Cox admitted he had been sleeping and wasn't sure what happened, Pomeranz said he needed to refer the matter to Hillary Petska, a pediatrician with child abuse training.

Doborzsi brought the baby to Petska later for the exam. Later, Petska, Lynn Sheets — the doctor who heads the child abuse team at Children's — and others decided Petska had a conflict of interest because she worked with Cox and Dobrozsi.

Rita Ventura, an advanced practice nurse practitioner, examined the child the next day at the Child Advocacy Center.

A Child Protective Services worker had taken the child to that appointment from Cox's house. Cox and Dobrozsi say they were told they couldn't be present because, as pediatricians, they might have influence over the examiner.

Cox's lawsuit says Ventura's examination was "inappropriate, incomplete and deeply flawed" and should have been "supervised, reviewed and corrected" by a physician. She also got the police

involved to investigate "unexplained injuries"

Wauwatosa police officers who responded to the hospital didn't find evidence of abuse, according to the suit, and said they'd been told by Ventura that the child was bruised from "head to toe," which was not the case.

Nevertheless, Child Protective Services workers told Cox and Dobrozsi they must be supervised around their own children for a while, and Dobrozsi's parents came to stay with them to provide that supervision.

The plaintiffs contend the defendants realized the conclusion of child abuse was wrong after weeks of their advocacy and appeals.

The lawsuit says the defendants conspired to "smear Plaintiffs' reputations, to generate false substantiation for the allegations of abuse, and to support the decision to remove (the infant) from Plaintiffs' care."

The child was removed from the couple's custody May 24, 2019, and the adoption was eventually canceled.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages for the loss of the child, emotional pain and suffering, mental anguish and damage to the plaintiffs' personal and professional reputations.

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## Luverne welcomes Legion baseball players, fans

Eight-team Minnesota state tournament set for this weekend at Redbird Field in Luverne

By Jason Berghorst

The weekend that Luverne baseball fans, organizers and volunteers have been planning and anticipating for years is finally here.

Luverne is hosting the Minnesota Senior American Legion Baseball Division II State Tournament this Friday through Sunday at Redbird Field.

As the host team, Luverne Post 123 automatically qualified for the tournament.

Other teams coming to Luverne for the eight-team



*'It's a great event that we really encourage everyone to attend. All of the teams line up on the field around the bases in uniform, there's a great military recognition, it's just really a cool thing.'*

— Don Dinger

tournament (and the region they won) include:

Morris – West Central  
Chatfield – Southeast  
Jackson – Southwest  
Sibley East – East Central  
Dilworth/Glyndon/ Felton – Northwest  
Atwater – Midstate  
Wadena – Northeast  
Luverne will open tournament play against Wadena Friday night at 7:30 p.m.  
“We played Wadena in the first round of the state tournament last year in Sacred Heart,”

said Luverne coach Codie Zeutenhorst.

“They are a very good team with excellent pitching,” he said. “They’re a tough team, possibly one of the favorites in the tournament.”

The opening ceremonies of the tournament will be staged prior to the opening game at 6:30 p.m.

According to tournament chair Don Dinger, the opening ceremonies are a highlight of

**Legion preview, go to 2B**

## Redbirds series preview: Luverne to face Adrian A's

By Jason Berghorst

For the third year in a row, the Luverne Redbirds will face the neighboring Adrian A's in the first series of the Region 13C playoffs.

The Redbirds qualified for the region tournament by sweeping the Heron Lake Lakers 13-1 and 5-0 last week.

Luverne, 19-2 in league play and 23-2 overall, is seeded second in the Region 13C tournament behind the Milroy Irish (18-1 in league play, 24-3 overall).

Adrian (9-12 in league play, 14-13 overall) advanced to the 13C tournament by sweeping the Lakefield Horned Frogs 2-0 and 8-7 last week. The A's are seeded seventh in the region.

The teams have played twice this season with Luverne winning both contests.

The Birds defeated the A's 8-6 on June 17 and 11-1 on July 9.

“We've had some good games with Adrian in this round of the playoffs the last two years,” said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer.

The best-of-three series opened Wednesday (July 27) at Redbird Field. Game two will be in Adrian Friday night.

If necessary, Game 3 will be played at Redbird Field Sunday afternoon.

That game is scheduled for 4 p.m., following the state Legion baseball championship game which is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at Redbird Field.



Mavis Fodness photo/0728 Redbirds

Newt Johnson reaches for the ball and gets the out in the first inning against the Heron Lake Lakers. The Redbirds went on to take the first game of the crossover series playoffs 13-1 Wednesday night, July 20, at Redbird Field.

## Redbirds on fire with 17-game streak

Luverne sweeps Heron Lake Lakers in league playoff series

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team swept the Heron Lake Lakers in the best-of-three league playoff series last week.

The Redbirds defeated the Lakers 13-1 in seven innings July 20 in Luverne and won 5-0 Saturday afternoon in Heron Lake.

With the victories, Luverne, now 23-2 on the season, extended its winning streak to 17 games and advances to the Region 13C tournament (see related story).

**Luverne 13, Heron Lake 1**

Phil Paquette would not be

denied at the plate Wednesday, July 20.

The veteran Redbird was 4-4 at the plate, scored twice and added three RBIs to lead his team to a 13-1 home win over the Heron Lake Lakers in the first game of the playoff series.

Paquette singled in the first inning, doubled in the second, singled in the third and singled in the fifth.

As has been the case all season, the Birds' lineup had plenty of offense.

Luverne totaled 14 hits and eight RBIs during the seven-run

contest that was shortened by the 10-run rule.

Derek Lundgren and Paquette scored the first runs for the home team off Heron Lake fielding errors in the first inning.

After Ethan Beyer scored on an RBI-double by Paquette in the second inning, the Birds plated five runs in the third.

Ben Serie (two hits and two runs), Newt Johnson, Cade Wenninger (one hit, one run), Beyer (two hits, two runs) and Gaige Nath (one hit, two runs)

**Redbirds, go to 2B**

### League Playoff Results

**Luverne vs Heron Lake**

July 20: Luverne 13, HL 1

July 23: Luverne 5, HL 0

**Hadley vs Mountain Lake**

July 20: Hadley 8, Mt Lake 2

July 23: Hadley 26, Mt Lake 1

**Adrian vs. Lakefield**

July 20: Adrian 2, Lakefield 0

July 22: Adrian 8, Lakefield 7

**Jackson vs Worthington**

July 20: Worthington forfeited

July 22: Jackson 10, Wgtn 3

**Fairmont vs Pipestone**

July 20: Fairmont 12, Pipestone 1

July 22: Fairmont 17, Pipestone 2

**Fox Lake vs Ruthton**

July 20: Fox Lake 6, Ruthton 0

July 22: Ruthton 9, Fox Lake 8

July 24: Ruthton 15, Fox Lake 14

### Region 13C Tournament Seeds

1. Milroy Irish 18-1
2. Luverne Redbirds 19-2
3. Windom Pirates 16-3
4. Hadley Buttermakers 16-5
5. Jackson Bulls 15-6
6. Fairmont Martins 14-7
7. Adrian A's 9-12
8. Ruthton Royals 7-15

### Region 13C Round One

**Milroy Irish vs. Ruthton**  
Wed, July 27 at Irish Yard 7:30pm  
Fri, July 29 at Ruthton 7:30pm  
\*Sun, July 31 at Irish Yard 2:00pm

**Luverne vs. Adrian**  
Wed, July 27 at Luverne 7:30pm  
Fri, July 29 at Adrian 7:30pm  
\*Sun, July 31 at Luverne 4:00pm

**Windom vs. Fairmont**  
Wed, July 27 at Windom 7:30pm  
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**Hadley vs. Jackson**  
Wed, July 27 at Jackson 7:30pm  
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\*Sun, July 31 at Hadley 2:00pm  
\*Game 3 if necessary

## Rock County racer joins Huset's Hall of Fame

By Jason Berghorst

“It's really quite an honor. I'm proud of it but humble, too.”

That's how Luverne's Ron Fick described his feelings about being inducted into Huset's Hall of Fame at the Brandon Speedway on Sunday, July 17.

Fick joined Jon Barger, Jay Masur, Cliff Koidahl and Steve Rubin in the Huset's Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

“It was a great day,” Fick said. “I've heard from people all over. It was a lot of fun.”

Fick began his racing career right out of high school in 1972, drag racing at Thunder Valley Dragways.

“Ever since I was young, I've always liked motors and it's just kept going,” Fick said.

He continued his love

*'It was a great day. I've heard from people all over. It was a lot of fun.'*

*I really have to thank my pit crew guys, family, friends and sponsors," Fick said. "Without them I couldn't have done any of it. I appreciate them.'*

— Ron Fick on his hall of fame induction

of racing on snowmobiles while also working on race cars for drivers such as Lyle DeVries, Don Reiners and others.

In the early 1980s, Fick began racing mini-sprints. In 1982 he began Fick Racing Enterprises and built more than 20 mini-sprint cars for drivers

in many states.

Through the 1980s Fick won numerous sprint car races at various tracks, including the 1987 1-80 Nationals in Nebraska and the 1988 Rapid Speedway Nationals.

“In those years we were racing Friday nights in Rock Rapids, Saturday

nights in Madison, and Sunday nights at Huset's,” Fick said. “It was a grind, but it was a lot of fun.”

According to the Huset's Hall of Fame, Fick began racing 360 sprint cars in 1991 and was named the Rookie of the Year at Rapid Speedway. He also won the Huset's season championship that year.

In his final season of racing, Fick raced a 410 sprint car and finished tenth in points.

In all, Fick earned 42 feature wins from 1972-1994 in various classes of racing at numerous speedways.

When asked what he enjoyed most, Fick first answered honestly, “Winning.”

“We always ran a conservative, low budget operation,” he said, “We made a

**Fick, continued on 2B**

## Senior Legion falls to St. James

Post 123 faces Wadena in opener

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Post 123 Senior American Legion baseball team lost a close 3-2 game to St. James Friday in the sub-state tournament.

As the hosts of the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Division II State Tournament, Luverne will still compete in this weekend's tournament (see related story).

Jackson won the Southwest Sub-state tournament and will also compete at this weekend's state tournament.

Post 123, with a 13-7 record entering the state tournament, will play Wadena Friday night at

7:30 p.m. at Redbird Field.

On Friday in St. James, the hosts took an early 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Luverne scored its only two runs of the game in the fifth inning.

Elliot Domagala led off the inning with a solo homerun. Later in the same inning, Kaden Anderson hit an RBI double that scored Ethan Beyer.

Luverne had an opportunity to tie or take the lead in the seventh inning but was unable to do so.

Braydon Ripka led

**Senior, go to 2B**

## Redbirds on 17-game winning streak/continued from page 1B

all scored during the third stanza.

Luverne added five more runs in the fifth inning. Nath, Lundgren (three hits, two runs), Paquette, Skyler Wenninger and Serie all crossed home plate in the frame.

Serie pitched six innings for the Redbirds.

He gave up only three hits, one run and one walk while striking out seven Lakers.

Player-manager Brooks Maurer came to the mound in the final inning, giving up no hits and no runs and striking out one.

HL	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	x	1
Luverne	2	1	5	0	5	0	x	x	13

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



Mavis Fodness photo/0728 Redbirds

In an overthrow to home plate, Redbirds' Phil Paquette safely slides for another run Wednesday night, July 20, in a home contest against the Heron Lake Lakers. Paquette was four for four in the 13-1 win for the Redbirds.

### Luverne 5, Heron Lake 0

The Redbirds swept the best-of-three playoff series with the Heron Lake Lakers with a 5-0 victory in Heron Lake Saturday.

Derek Lundgren and Cade Wenninger combined to pitch a shutout.

Lundgren was on the mound for the first seven innings, giving up only three hits and two walks and striking out seven.

Wenninger pitched the final two innings. He struck out the first

five batters he faced before the sixth batter was out on a fly ball to end the game.

Lundgren, Paquette, Wenninger, Casey Sehr, Beyer, Colby Crabtree and Charlie Reisch all record-

ed hits in the contest.

Crabtree, Lundgren, Sehr and Wenninger all had doubles.

Beyer added two RBIs.

Luverne	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	5
HL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	AB	R	H	BI
G Nath	4	1	0	0
D Lundgren	5	0	1	0
P Paquette	4	1	1	1
C Wenninger	4	1	1	0
C Sehr	4	1	1	0
E Beyer	3	0	1	2
C Crabtree	2	1	1	1
C Reisch	2	0	1	1
M Sterrett	4	0	0	0

## Senior/ continued from page 1B

off the inning with a walk.

Two batters later with one out, Kaden Anderson hit a triple, but Ripka was called out at the home plate for the second out of the inning.

Anderson was stranded at third base and unable to score before the third out that ended the inning.

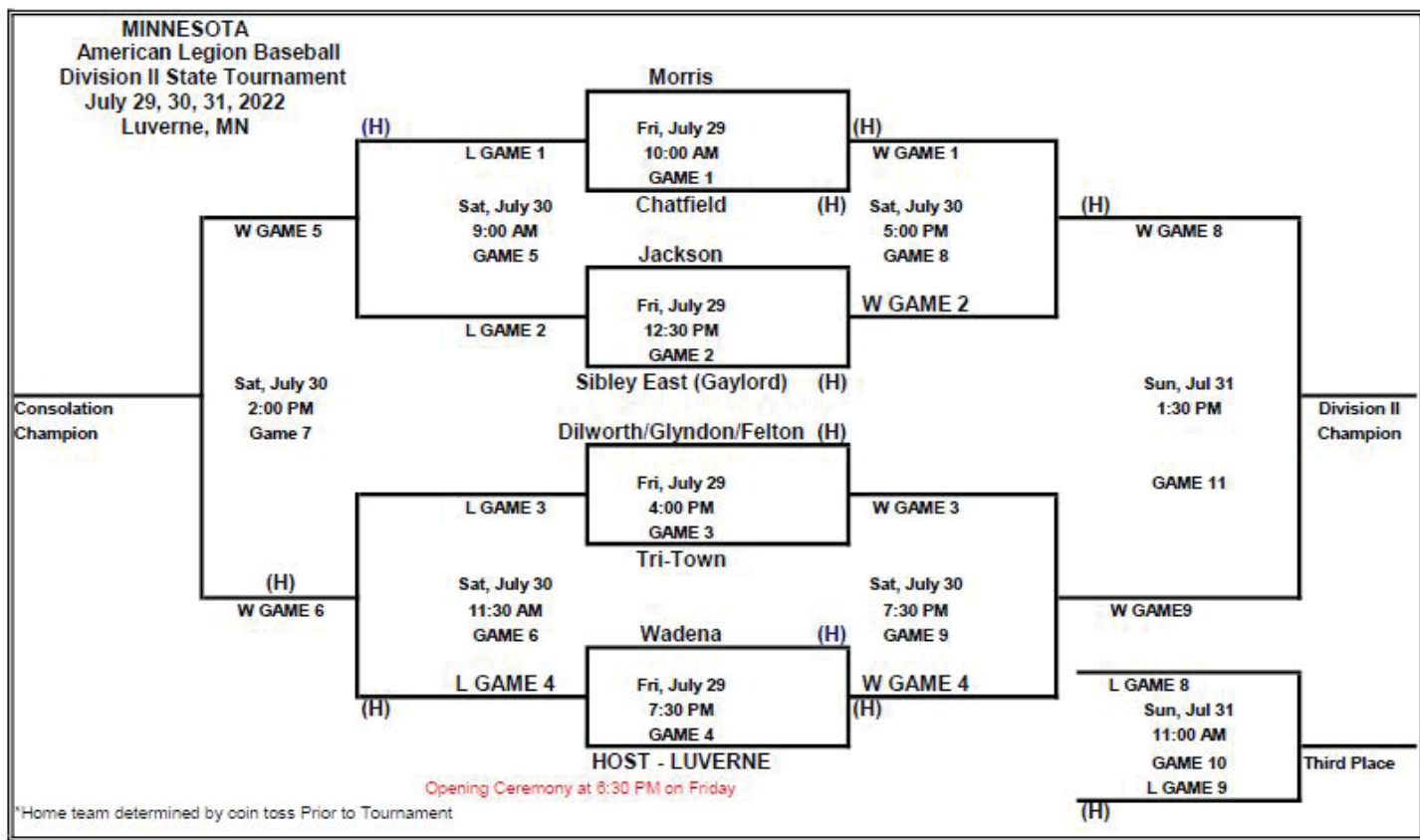
Anderson led the offense for Post 123 with three hits and one RBI.

Will Serie, with a double in the sixth inning, also had one hit for Luverne.

Beyer pitched the complete six innings. He gave up three runs on seven hits, walked one and struck out eight St. James batters.

Luverne	0	0	0	2	0	2
St James	3	0	0	0	x	3

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



## Legion preview/from page 1B

*‘They are a very good team with excellent pitching. They’re a tough team, possibly one of the favorites in the tournament.’*

— Codie Zeutenhorst, Luverne coach about upcoming game against Sacred Heart

the weekend.

‘It’s a great event that we really encourage everyone to attend,’ Dinger said.

‘All of the teams line up on the field around the bases in uniform. There’s a great military recognition; it’s just really a cool thing.’

Tickets for the tournament are \$20 for adults and \$10 for 18 and under for all weekend games.

Daily passes are \$10

for adults and \$5 for 18 and under.

Veterans and active military members are admitted free for all games.

The first game of the tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at Redbird Field.

The championship game is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

See the tournament bracket for the full schedule of games.

## Fick enters Huset’s racing hall of fame/ continued from 1B

lot of our own stuff and did our own work. I’m proud of that”

According to Fick, none of his success would have been possible without the support of many.

‘I really have to thank my pit crew guys, family, friends and sponsors,’ Fick said. ‘Without them I couldn’t have done any of it. I appreciate them.’

Fick said he continues to be involved in racing by restoring vintage race cars, many for World of Outlaws drivers.

‘It still keeps me busy,’ he said. ‘I’ve rebuilt cars for guys from all over the country and as far as New Zealand. It’s a lot of fun.’

Ron Fick, Luverne, was inducted into the Huset’s Hall of Fame Sunday, July 17, at the speedway in Brandon. Fick won a total of 42 feature races during his 23-year racing career and continues to restore vintage race cars today. Submitted photo



## Rall: Going along to get along

By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

A while back I ran a column on all of the follies you can witness at a boat ramp on a busy day. These are truly enough to make you laugh until it hurts.

I thought it would be responsible to share a few boat ramp etiquette rules to ensure that you are not the next internet sensation. These are so simple I can’t believe everyone does not already know them, but it certainly is not the case.

Rule No. 1 is to learn how to back a boat before you get to the boat ramp. Backing a trailer is a learned skill and is best learned and practiced in an empty parking lot. You don’t have to be a master at it, but knowing the basics is a must.

The key to backing a trailer is to keep both your hands on the bottom of the steering wheel. If you do this, the trailer will move in whichever direction you move your hands keeping your hands on the bottom of the wheel. Once your hands get north of 9 o’clock or 3 o’clock, this is no longer the case. Practice ahead of time and refresh your skills if you need to before you decide to keep all of the other boats at the landing waiting

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### NOTICE OF FILING

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Denver Township that the annual filing for election of officers begins Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 and continues through Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

The following positions are to be filled at the election on November 8th, 2022:

- Town Treasurer - (4 year term)
- Town Supervisor Seat A - (4 year term)
- Town Supervisor Seat B - (4 year term)

If you wish to file for candidacy, please file with the Township Clerk by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment or need further information call 507-227-6975.

Carey Tunnissen, Clerk  
Denver Township

### St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne  
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; [www.stsccl.org](http://www.stsccl.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/stccluverne/videos/>. Visit [www.stsccl.org](http://www.stsccl.org) for more information.

### Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
[www.luverneccr.com](http://www.luverneccr.com) — [office@luverneccr.com](mailto:office@luverneccr.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 28: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Bible Study at Wildflowers. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, July 31: Sports Theme Sunday—9 a.m. Worship Service. 5 p.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 2: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle will NOT be 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)

Thursday, July 28: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, July 29: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Saturday, July 30: Baby shower for Nate and Emilee Haraldson. Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 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 30: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, July 31: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Aug. 2: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 7 p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Aug. 4: 11 a.m. Salad Luncheon. 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 31: 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 30: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, July 31: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, Aug. 3: 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: [newlifecelbration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelbration@gmail.com)  
Food mission every third Thursday.

### 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 31: 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.  
[igtwb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwb@WOW.net)  
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church  
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662  
Mark Eliason, Pastor  
Sunday, July 31: JOINT Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

### 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 31: JOINT Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

### 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  
[hillsurc@alliancecom.net](mailto:hillsurc@alliancecom.net)  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

## We offer our best

This weekend is the Rock County Fair. It is a time of fun and family activities, a time for people to bring things for judging, things like cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, fruit, vegetables, baked goods, arts and crafts, sewing, needlecraft, presentations, photography, examples of wood and metal work, and so much more!

The things that people bring are the best of their best, things that they hope will win a ribbon or a prize, and perhaps even advance to the State Fair! Men and women, and children of all ages (well, kindergarten and above) put forth their best effort and proudly show off what they have produced.

When I go to a fair, whether it be a county fair or the State Fair, I always enjoy going to the 4-H and creative arts areas, and the animal barns. There you see the fruits of the entrants' labors, the best that they have to offer.

County fairs give children, youth, and adults a chance to try something new or perfect a skill they've been working on. Especially in the 4-H program, feedback and coaching are given to allow the entrants to improve and do even better next time.

God expects our best. In fact, in Leviticus 22:20, God says: You shall not offer anything that has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable in your behalf."

God wants our best, not something that is okay, or passable, but our very best.

One person's best is not necessarily the same level as another person's best. God does not compare us to each other but considers each of us individually – just as personalized constructive feedback is given at 4-H judging, so the entrant can continue to

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ann Zastrow  
Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

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improve their skill.

Some may be experts in one area, such as showing an animal, cooking, baking or preserving food, or creating something to wear or decorate a home, but completely without talent in another area. And that's okay! But whatever you do, do your best.

So, take time this weekend to take in the Rock County Fair. See the animals, exhibits, and demonstrations. Marvel over others' talents. Enjoy time with your family and friends. Ride the rides on the midway, watch or participate in competitions, eat good food and listen to good music, and enjoy God's creativity in creation, and in how God has gifted people with creativity. And always do your best with whatever you set your hand to.

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for you until they vocalize their displeasure to you.

One guy in line once told me the reason the guy who was having trouble and was not good at backing a trailer yet is because he had not been hollered at enough yet.

Don't get in the unloading line until you are ready. This means putting all of your gear in the boat in the parking lot ahead of time. Unloading the boat and then parking a long distance and trudging three trips back and forth to load your gear is very uncool. Make sure you remove the rear boat tie-downs ahead of time. Make sure the plug is in.

A real way to become unpopular is to try to budge in line. Many of the boat ramps in my neck of the woods have parking for only two or three rigs at a time. If you have little patience for others who struggle to load or unload their boat, oftentimes I use a landing that might not be as good but will certainly have less traffic.

I might even pick a lake with less potential in order to reduce the congestion at the



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall  
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landing and the frustrations that can accompany it on busy weekends.

If the boat ramp only has one land lane and you are a solo operator, when the boat is free of the trailer, quickly move it over to the other side of the dock and secure it properly. This allows the next person to unload while you go and park the truck. If you have a helper, have them move it out of the way. This can speed up the process for everyone else trying to maximize their time on the water.

The same can be said when you are coming out from the water. Load the boat and move out of the way. There is no need to unload the boat contents

into the tow vehicle while blocking the landing. Pull up and out of the way and make your transfers after you have cleared the ramp area.

Trash is another problem folks have trouble with at a public boat launch. When the trash can is full, as it often is, don't just throw your trash to the ground next to the can. If the can is full, take your trash home with you. Boy, that is a tough one.

Don't clean your fish at the boat ramp unless there is a special place to do so. The same can be said for cleaning birds at a public hunting area as well, but that is a different story. There is not much that smells worse than rotting fish guts in an overflowing garbage can.

The last recommendation is the hardest. If you fish or recreational boat enough you will certainly come across others who either don't know or don't care about the basic rules of etiquette. When you run across these folks, please use an additional amount of patience. The desire to read someone a riot act for bad behavior is strong. In the end these altercations usually end badly even if you are completely in the right. Choose where you load and unload on whichever lake you choose, and pick those that might be less used. Education for those less learned works but only if delivered in a manner that does not end in raised voices.

Everyone is just trying to enjoy their time at the lake, and these basic courtesies can go a long way to making sure everyone can do just that.

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Special youth hunt applications due Aug. 19

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.

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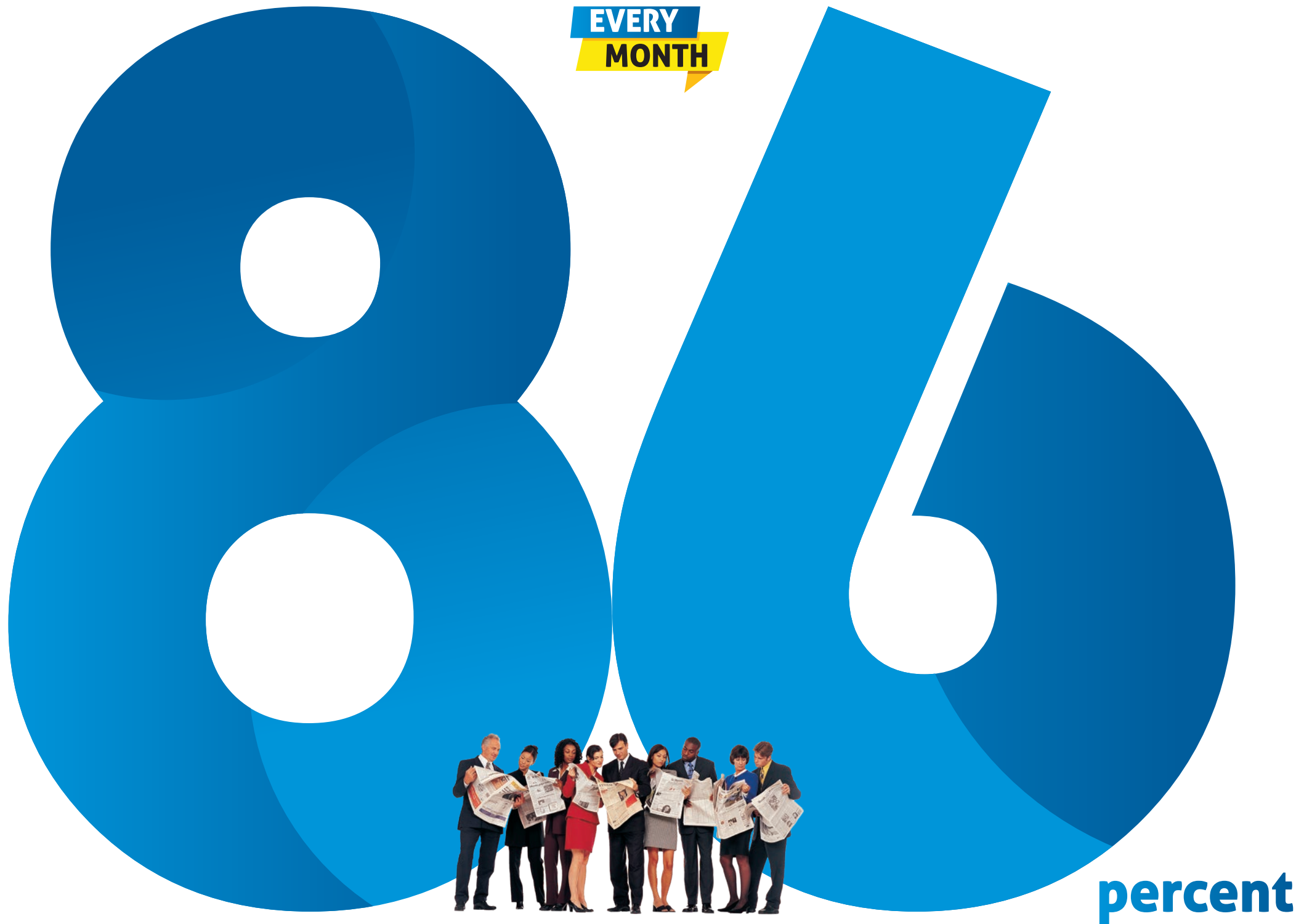
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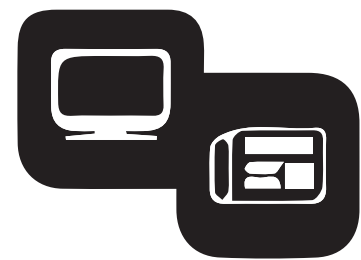
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**71%**  
Total Digital Readers  
(3,171,000)



**69%**  
Total Print Readers  
(3,114,000)



**54%**  
Total Print & Digital Readers  
(2,431,000)



SOURCE: THE MINNESOTA MARKET STUDY, 2021; CONDUCTED BY CODA VENTURES.

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