



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Sanford requires staff to be vaccinated

Health system joins national trend of requiring COVID-19 vaccine for employees

By Lori Sorenson

Sanford Health Systems announced July 22 that it would require all employees, including its Good Samaritan Society locations, to get COVID-19 vaccinations by Nov. 1.

Dr. Josh Crabtree, Luverne, said the move was prompted by patient requests and common sense safety considerations.

"It's really important that people understand we have patients with vulnerabilities coming to us every day, asking our staff if they've had the vaccine," said Crabtree, vice president of Sanford Clinic for the Sioux Falls network.

"They depend on us and our staff to be as safe as we can be. ... We want people to trust that they will not be harmed when they come to us for care. This is the reason we are going to require all of our staff to get the COVID-19 vaccine."

He said 81 percent of Sanford Luverne employees are fully vaccinated, but he said he expects all but a small number, some of whom have health reasons, to agree to get the vaccine.

Sanford Health employees are already required to have several other vaccines, including the annual flu shot. Under the new policy, any COVID-19 vaccine received in the past 12 months will qualify for the 2021 requirement.

All unvaccinated employees can get their vaccine at any time prior to Nov. 1, and Sanford allows certain exemptions for medical or religious reasons.

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## Grand entrance welcomes visitors to Rock County Fair

The old stone ticket booth on the Rock County Fairground's northwest side received a little sprucing up with a new roof and, beginning on Sunday with the Ahrendt brothers' telehandler, a new 53-foot square iron tubing trellis joining the ticket booth and its two stone posts together. Retired welder Dean Wenzel spent 60 hours designing and creating the iron structure with his son, Rob. With the help of his son-in-law, Don Luitjens, and ag society member Jim Hatting on Monday, Wenzel put the finishing signage on the structure. The Rock County Fair continues through Saturday night.

Mavis Fodness photos/0729 Fair Sign



Don Luitjens (right) drills holes in the sign as Jim Hatting (left) and Dean Luitjens hold the sign in place. Pictured above right, Dean Wenzel (center) places the bolt in place for a yellow "sun" to represent a sunrise. A similar "sun" is on the other side of the trellis to represent a sunset.

## Construction begins on Ashby Memorial Trail

By Mavis Fodness

More than two years after proposing a bike and walking trail in memory of their son Chris, Gene and Barb Ashby saw construction on the 1.5-mile trail east of Luverne begin last week. Henning Construction of

Adrian is moving dirt for the 8-foot-wide bituminous surface path.

Workers followed stakes set by DGR engineers of Rock Rapids for the recreational trail that begins at the Luverne City Park and extends east to County Road 9.

Luverne Area Community Foundation is the fiscal agent for the project, which the Ashbys committed \$1 million in 2019 to complete.

Emily Crabtree, LACF director, said because Henning's bid was under the engineer's estimate,

the Ashby Trail was extended west through the city park and now connects with the Luverne Loop trail.

Instead of 1.35 miles long, the recreational trail is now 1.5 miles

Ashby Memorial trail/see 2A

## New healing garden to comfort grieving parents

'Child's Remembrance Garden' to honor, remember loved ones

By Lori Sorenson

Twenty-eight years ago, Pat and Helen Saum's 15-year-old son, Jesse, died in a drowning accident in the Rock River at the city park.

On June 4 last year, Maggie and Nathan Siebenahler's daughter, Kimber, died when a knot developed in her umbilical cord. It was the day before her scheduled delivery.

Their losses and their grief are unique tragedies, but both families seek comfort for their pain.

"You never get over it," Maggie Siebenahler said. "You just live with it."

Pat Saum said, "You learn how to live after the loss. That's



Lori Sorenson photo/0729 children's healing garden

Maggie Siebenahler and Pat Saum are working with local families and donors to transform a piece of city-owned property in the northwest part of Luverne into a "Child's Remembrance Garden."

## Marlene Mann retires as district business manager

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School District business manager Marlene Mann attended her last school board meeting Thursday night, July 22, capping a 55-year career.

Mann told board members, many of whom were students while she was on the job, that she found her job rewarding.

"Even though I wasn't in the classroom, I consider myself an educator," she said.

"We were putting things together and doing what could be done in giving all the kids the best education and the most opportunities, so they could go out



Marlene Mann/see page 3A





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 3, in the township hall.

Parkinson Support Group will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Poplar Creek apartments in Luverne. Masks must be worn.

### Highway 91 bridge near Adrian open

The Highway 91 near Adrian opened at traffic and detours were removed Friday.

The \$1.9 million replacement over Interstate 90 began on April 12 and was completed by Redstone Construction of Mora. The project that replaced the bridge, guardrails and improve the drainage from the structure was originally scheduled to be completed next month.

### Nominations sought for Rock County Hall of Fame

The Rock County Historical Society's Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2022 induction of current and former residents. Nominees must have a significant identity with Rock County and have made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, and brought honor and prestige beyond the borders of Minnesota. Nominees should also exhibit quality in character and action as to be outstanding role models for the county's citizens. Nominations are accepted now through Feb. 28, 2022. Forms are available at The History Center, Luverne Area Chamber or online at [www.rockcountyhistorical.com](http://www.rockcountyhistorical.com) or [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com). An awards presentation is scheduled for July 17, 2022.

### Quilters host 'trunk' show Aug. 2

The Blue Mound Quilters will host a 'trunk' show featuring quilts from Betty Pomerence of Worthington and Becky Berning of Sioux Falls. The show begins 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, in the Rock County Library basement. The event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Any questions can be answered by calling 605-212-3219.

### Dental clinics come to Luverne Aug. 4

The next dental clinics will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 3, and Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Rock County Health and Human Services. These clinics, organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force, provide dental care for all ages. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment or stop by Rock County Health and Human Services for assistance in scheduling. All forms of insurance accepted.

### 'Pint for Pint' blood drive at Take 16

The Community Blood Bank and Take 16 Brewing Co. will host a "pint for a pint" community blood drive from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Take 16 on East Main Street, Luverne.

Donors are encouraged to give blood to help Take 16 Brewing Co. in the competition against Remedy Brewing Co. of Sioux Falls to win the traveling stein for the most blood donations. For information log onto [www.cbllifeblood.org](http://www.cbllifeblood.org).

All who donate receive an event blood donor T-shirt and a pint of beer. To schedule an appointment, log onto [www.cbllifeblood.org](http://www.cbllifeblood.org), select Friday, August 6 and Take 16 Brewing Co. or call 605-331-3222.

### Community Ed announcements

Luverne Community Education is closed for the final two weeks of July and will reopen Aug. 2. Registrations for the following classes can be taken at that time. Call 507-283-4724 to sign up. See [isd2184.net](http://isd2184.net) to view the brochure and list of offerings.

Friday morning **Adventure Day Camps** End of Summer Fun will be Aug. 13 at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Fee is \$15 per day. Limited to 15 students in grades 1-4 as attended during the 2020-21 school year.

Have fun cooking at Kids in the Kitchen this summer for grades K-8 includes **Bakery Fun** Aug. 19. Fee is \$16/child.

Students ages 8-13 may attend **Boot Camp** the week of Aug. 2-6. Learn how to muster, march and drill, about military history and the American flag, complete service projects, hear guest speakers who were in the military and more. Cost is \$60.

**Art Camp** is three days of creativity for students who added grades K-5 during the past school year. Dates are Aug. 10, 11 and 12. Cost is \$100.

Grades K through adult will **Learn to Play Chess** on Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 26. Use grade attended through the 2020-21 school year. Last class is a tournament. Great adult/child activity. Fee is \$15.

Taking **Defensive Driving Classes** allow adults aged 55 or older to save on insurance premiums. After the beginning eight-hour class, a four-hour fresher class must be taken every three years to receive the reduced premium benefit. Beginning class is Nov. 11 and 18. Four-hour refresher is Sept. 16



Henning Construction, Adrian, began moving dirt Friday for the the Chris Martin Ashby Memorial Trail. Gene and Barb Ashby pledged \$1 million to build the 1.5-mile recreational path from the Luverne City Park east to County Road 9. Dead trees and brush will be removed for the trail as the recreational path winds through wooded areas of the River Road Campground and the Rock County Sportsman's Club east of Luverne. Mavis Fodness photos/0729 Ashby Trail

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in length.

It winds through trees along a route south of the Ellis and Eastern Railroad.

Landowners requested no payments for perpetual easements for the trail to be on their properties.

Property owners include the city of Luverne, Dean and Jennifer Tofteland, William Cowell and the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

The trail is expected to be done in September, at which time Rock County will assume ownership of it and responsibility for maintaining it.

The "Chris Martin Ashby Memorial Trail" honors the Ashbys' son, Chris, who died in an automobile accident in 2006 at age 16.



### Healing garden to remember children/continued from page 1A

the whole point. We all have to carry on."

The Saums went on to raise their two daughters, and the Siebenahlers are now busy with a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old and are expecting a baby in November.

But they'll never forget the children who died, and they're now working on a healing garden to remember them.

"For every person who lost a child, we have heard over and over again, 'I don't want my child to be forgotten. I don't want people to forget their name,'" Pat Saum said.

Siebenahler got the idea from a "mothers' healing garden" in Dell Rapids where parents have a place to remember their children and children of others in the community.

"Some people don't find comfort in going to a cemetery, and this is just a peaceful non-denominational place," she said.

### 'Perfect. Peaceful. Quiet'

Local families are eyeing a piece of ground on the northwest side of the Catholic cemetery.

The 140-foot by 60-

foot city-owned parcel is north of Tonto Park and alongside the Loop trail where it curves.

"When I saw it, I thought, 'This is perfect,'" Saum said. "It's beautiful. It's quiet. It's peaceful. There's shade here."

While the drawings are still coming together the group decided to name it "Children's Remembrance Garden," with the goal of dedicating a place where parents and families can go to honor the life of their child.

"The purpose of the garden isn't to be a memorial garden," Saum said. "We don't want it to feel like a cemetery."

Siebenahler said, "We want it to be a safe place to find comfort."

Plans call for a butterfly garden, a prayer wall, a pergola, a journal to write in, and a "little library" with lending material specific to grieving the death of a child. Also, someone is donating a pergola.

Luverne's Betty Mann said the garden will especially comfort those whose loved ones aren't buried locally.

"I just love that they're

doing this," she said. "Because it's going to give me a place to go and think about my daughter."

Her daughter, Debra, died in 2000 at age 43 of an unknown illness and was cremated. "There's no place where I can visit. I hope to have a little paver so she's not forgotten."

### Public, private support

Organizers learned that the city didn't have a use for the odd-shaped property, so they approached council members at their June 20 meeting.

"We don't have to look very hard to find parents who are hurting," Saum told council members.

He acknowledged that cemeteries serve this purpose, but he said this project serves a different purpose.

"A cemetery is the place you go to recognize a child is gone," Saum said. "A healing garden is a place to recognize your child had lived."

The council took no action on the request Tuesday, but expressed support for the project.

"I think it's a great idea," said Mayor Pat Baustian.

"Thanks for coming to talk about it."

Public works supervisor John Stoffel said the city may clear some old, dying evergreens and help with some site preparation. But he cautioned that it shouldn't become a long-term city responsibility.

A committee, including a council member, will handle long-term maintenance, and the group expressed interest in city hookups for water and electricity.

In addition to city support, local donors are providing financial support through the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

"We're so excited about it, and it's coming together so quickly," Saum said. "It's a beautiful spot. It's like it was meant to be."

He said the Child's Remembrance Garden is for families in and around Rock County and in neighboring communities like Pipestone and Adrian.

To donate, contact the Luverne Area Community Foundation at 507-227-2424.

To help in other ways, email [maggie.siebenahler@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.siebenahler@gmail.com) or [pat.saum@gmail.com](mailto:pat.saum@gmail.com).

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July 31 designated 'Marlene Mann Day' in honor of 55 years with the district. She is the longest-serving employee in the school.

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into the world with a good sound background."

At Thursday's meeting Luverne Mayor Pat Baus-tian proclaimed July 31, 2021, as "Marlene Mann Day."

He applauded her "tremendous job of giving sound financial advice, investing properly and keeping the school district in extremely sound financial shape."

The proclamation recognized that Mann "worked tirelessly and was loyally committed to the school district and the betterment of the Luverne community."

**Path to becoming business manager**

Marlene Kindt grew up in rural Hardwick, attending Hardwick Grade School through the eighth grade. She came to LHS as a freshman and graduated in 1964.

She married Gary Mann in 1965 and was busy caring for their infant daughter, Michele, in 1966 when school officials called and asked if she would help out in the high school library.

"It was the first time they had a para anywhere in the school," she said.

Mann wasn't returning the next school year but an opening in the counselor's office made her reconsider. Two years later she moved to a position in the superintendent's office.

Because of her willingness to learn and her attention to detail, she rose to the business manager position for the district, which today has annual expenditures of more than \$15 million.

Mann has worked with six different superintendents and multiple school boards on district budgets.

Over the years she adopted a consistent plan as she assumed more financial duties in the district office.

"If you can look at the whole picture and have a plan, you can try and keep the levy as level and as consistent as possible," she said.

"That's one of the challenges and one of the

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— Marlene Mann

things I enjoy with the idea of trying to balance that and still provide a good quality, above-the-norm education."

Mann's dedication to her job meant she spent evenings and weekends at school working on the numbers.

She thanks her family for understanding her dedication and giving her the time to complete the necessary financial tasks.

Under her financial watch, the district is wrapping up a \$30 million construction and renovation project that includes a new large commons and kitchen, additional and remodeled classroom spaces and a performing arts center.

The new color scheme makes the building look different from when she attended LHS.

"I think the school is the envy for many people," Mann said. "We have a top-notch teaching staff, paraprofessionals, cooks, custodians and bus drivers. I want to say we have it all."

She said she's looking forward to retirement.

"There are a few things out there that I am looking forward to doing," she said, mentioning family at the top of the list.

Specifically, she'll attend her twin grandchildren's high school activities in Brookings, South Dakota. She also plans to do some traveling.

She thanked board members and colleagues for their support.

"That is the rewarding part of hard work, being appreciated," she said. "If there's anything that can make you feel good, it's having someone know you've worked hard at something and it is appreciated."



Mavis Fodness photo/0729 Commissioners Tour School

**Commissioners get sneak peek at school construction**



Superintendent Craig Oftedahl (far right) led a tour of Rock County Commissioners and county staff Tuesday, July 20, as part of the commissioners' annual road and bridge tour. The group stands on the stage of the new performing arts center on the school campus. The \$30 million project enters the final month of remodeling and construction work on the middle-high school facility.

At left, commissioners tour the new Luverne Middle-High School commons Tuesday, July 20. Work on the project is slated for completion by the opening of the 2021-22 school year on Sept. 7.

**Sanford Health implements requirement that employees get COVID-19 vaccine/**from page 1A

Sanford's policy follows a national trend among hospitals and health systems that are implementing mandatory COVID-19 vaccine requirements for health care personnel.

Mayo Clinic, for example, followed suit this week, as have government entities including New York City and California state em-

ployees.

Crabtree said the reasons for requiring the vaccine for employees are outweighing doubts among a shrinking minority of those who have resisted getting the shot.

"The really important message is that the vaccine is safe," he said Monday. "I know there are questions

people have had about it not being FDA approved. It's had emergency FDA authorization, but there's not a big difference."

He said the vaccine is standing the test of time, and is therefore gaining trust. "The more experience we have with this vaccine the more we understand that the safety we presumed

early on has been confirmed over and over again," Crabtree said.

"If this weren't the case, we would not be requiring our employees to be vaccinated."

According to the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living, United States nursing homes showed a

96-percent decline in COVID-19 cases within three months of initial doses for nursing home residents and staff. COVID-related deaths in nursing homes declined 91 percent in the same time-frame.

Meanwhile, Sanford Health president and CEO Bill Gassen said the vaccine requirement for employees

is an important step toward community immunity.

"This is the right thing to do for our patients and residents, people and communities," Gassen said. "As more variants continue to spread and threaten our communities, we must do everything we can to protect each other and our loved ones."

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*In sickness and in health*

## When getting a room means getting a hospital room

My husband, Jim, has been telling people that we celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary last week



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

by “getting a room” in Orange City, Iowa. Then he slyly adds, “a hospital room.”

(Long story. Sanford and Avera are “out of network” for our insurance.)

It all started two weeks ago with what I thought was heartburn.

A week later, the “heartburn” returned with a vengeance. I was hot. I was cold. I was nauseous. I couldn’t stand up. I couldn’t lie down.

I was also at a cabin on Lake Minnewaska with my dear friend, Sherri the Nurse, who asked, “Shall we go to the emergency room now, or would you like to wait until the middle of the night?”

Nurses are good at making options clear.

The nice people in the ER gave me massive pain killers and diagnosed “heartburn” as a gallstone.

I would need surgery.

The plan was to meet with a surgeon the following Thursday to schedule the surgery. But gallbladders do not care about plans. It attacked again Wednesday morning and even the painkillers didn’t help this time.

And so, it was Jim’s turn to drive to the ER in Orange

City as I clung to the dashboard with white knuckles and gritted teeth.

They got me right in.

Because of my complex history of abdominal surgeries and because the gallbladder was already dying, the 45-minute surgery took 2 1/2 hours.

Jim began planning my funeral at the 90-minute mark just as he received word that “Brenda is OK, but it’s complicated.”

After the delay we were back together in “the room.”

I had a hospital bed with all the bells and whistles. Buttons to lower my head or raise my feet. I had heated blankets. I had a staff tending to my needs and all the pain meds required to keep me comfortable.

Jim had a little window ledge with a foam mattress.

During the night I gazed past my IV pole to see his lanky frame clinging to the narrow ledge on which he slept. A bright light on the building’s exterior shined in his eyes. His blanket was the size of a beach towel.

I adjusted my covers and thought, “In sickness and in health, Sweetie. Love you lots.”

## Have you ever wondered ...?

*You have questions? We’ll find answers through submissions to ‘Curious Rock County’*

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Have you ever wondered about something you’ve seen or heard about in Rock County or have questions about a story you read in the Star Herald?

If so, we would like to answer questions on what you’re curious about.

We’re calling it “Curious Rock County.”

It’s not an original idea; we’re borrowing it from the Star Tribune.

In 2019 Star Tribune editors launched “Curious Minnesota,” which invites readers to submit questions, and reporters use those questions to research and report on stories.

Curious Minnesota is part of the metro paper’s community-driven reporting project.

The Tribune answered questions such as “Why is a casserole called a ‘hot dish’ in Minnesota?” and “Why can’t Minnesotans figure out how to zipper merge?”

While these questions made stories in the Tribune and were featured on the newspaper’s podcast, we would like questions focused on or in Rock County.

We may also want to talk with those who submit the questions, to find out more of why they’re curious. We’ll do the research and, if it’s an answer worth printing, we’ll put the story in the paper.

Each question submitted should include a name, phone number and an indication of whether or not you want credit for asking the question. We will not research anonymous questions.

For those who are curious, “hot dish” is simply a descriptive phrase

originating in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Hot dish described a serving that was heated to keep food warm. Food writers later used hot dish to refer to a meal’s warm entrée.

As far as zipper merging goes, the concept is a simple way to manage traffic when a lane is closed in work zones. Drivers remain in their respective lanes until they reach the designated merge point, and then they’re supposed to take turns falling orderly in line.

Curious about something? Email us or call us with a question.

Submit questions to editor@star-herald.com with “Curious Rock County” in the subject line.

Or call us at 507-283-2333.

## Radisewitz: Never stop learning

**To the Editor:**

Albert Einstein stated, “Once you stop learning, you start dying.” Having a thirst for knowledge keeps your mind sharp. Age is only a number. When you’re over the hill, you pick up speed.

Here are three things I’ve learned this week. If you haven’t got your three for the week, borrow one of these:

- When birds are migrating, they don’t eat, and they sleep while flying. Source: my grandson.

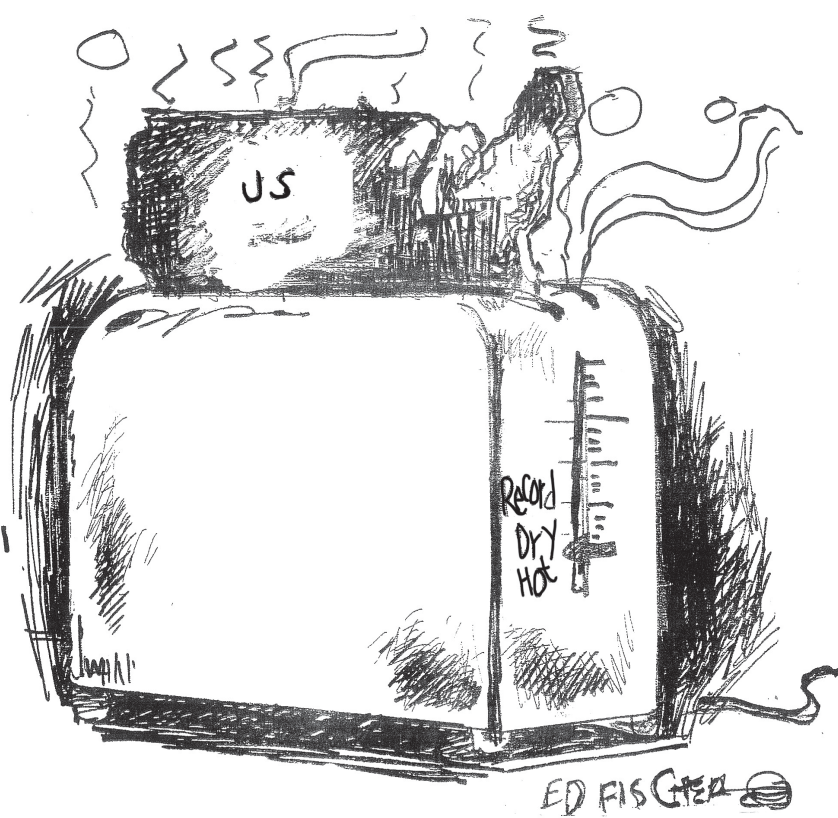
- When someone is impaled, don’t pull out the object. This week a fisherman had “bottom bouncer” weight (imagine a small spear) come out of the water and impale his heart. Good for him that his daughter, who was accompanying him, was an RN who knew better than to pull out the object.

Many of us have watched too much TV and seen impaled people pulling out the object while biting a bullet. His daughter protected the area, left the small spear in his heart alone, and let the surgeons at the hospital remove the object. Had she taken it out earlier, her father would have died. Source: Friend in my Bible study and my RN wife.

- If you’re talking with someone and your mind, heart or gut tells you they’re in a bad place mentally and possibly thinking about suicide, what do you do? Answer: Be direct and ask them, “Are you thinking about suicide?” They might seem offended but let them know that you love them, and this is important.

Asking about suicide doesn’t plant any seeds in their mind about considering suicide in the future. Just the opposite, they can either say yes, they are considering suicide, at which time you can seek help (suicide hotline 800-273-8255) or no, they are not, and by talking about the problem it might help them work through the bad place they find themselves. Then finally you can say, would you do me a favor and tell me if you were ever considering suicide in the future? Source: safeTalk Resource Book from our friends at Farm Bureau and local mental health professionals.

**Cary Radisewitz,  
Luverne**



## Lost purse brings realization ‘there are still good people out there’

Just when you’re about to give up on people in general, something happens and you realize there are still good people out there ... more than we realize.

As strange as what you’re about to read may seem, it really happened.

A week or so ago on a Saturday, Mary and I thought we would take our side-by-side to Rowena, South Dakota, to the junk fest. We were going to zigzag our way over there, and we were about 3 miles out of town when Mary realized she forgot her purse at home. We decided it wasn’t necessary to turn around to fetch the purse.

The junk fest was just that — a bunch of junk. We were about to head home when our daughter called and invited us to join her and her family at the farmers market at Falls Park in downtown Sioux Falls. So we headed that way.

We’ve never been to the Sioux Falls Farmers Market, and as it turned out, that was just the first stop before we headed to Phillips Avenue.

I was standing outside on the sidewalk while Mary and the granddaughters were in some sort of toy



### FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

store. My phone rang. It was a name and number I didn’t recognize, but I answered it anyway and I’m glad I did.

The guy on the other end asked if I was Rick, and of course I said “Yes.” I asked him why, and he asked if Mary Peterson was my wife. Of course I said, “Yes, why?” His answer floored me.

He said he had her purse. Someone found it at the farmers market and dropped it off at the Lewis Drug Store where he works.

I told him that was impossible because my wife left her purse at home in Luverne. He asked me if we live on Pine Drive, and I asked how he knew that.

He told me my name and address were on a pill bottle in the purse. By now I am thinking this is really weird.

I went into the toy store and

found Mary. Putting the phone on speaker, I asked him to describe the purse. He did, and it was a perfect match to Mary’s purse.

So how did someone find Mary’s purse at the farmers market in downtown Sioux Falls and then take it to Lewis Drug on 41st and Marion Road?

The story turned a little more weird as we headed to Lewis Drug.

It was Mary’s purse, and everything in the purse was accounted for. I asked the Lewis Drug Store guy if he knew the person who brought the purse in and why they would bring it all the way out to Marion Road.

He said he didn’t know the person who dropped off the purse. He thought maybe they lived in the neighborhood, and because the pill bottle was from Lewis Drug, they brought it there.

The Lewis Drug Store guy really went above and beyond to get in touch with us and return the purse to Mary.

My name and address were on the pill bottle, and I am a Lewis Drug customer. He had looked me up in their data base for my phone number and called the number on file.

It turns out the number on file was our old landline number which we disconnected four years ago. He called the Lewis Drug Store in Luverne, explained the situation, and asked if they had my cell number on file, which they did. That is how he tracked me down, and we are so glad he did.

About the only explanation we can come up with as to how Mary’s purse ended up at the farmers market is maybe she set the purse in the box of the side-by-side before we left for the junk fest and it rode all the way to Sioux Falls in the back. Someone walked by the side-by-side at the farmers market, saw the purse sitting there, and didn’t want someone else to take it. For whatever reason they turned it into the west side Lewis Drug Store.

Strange but true.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**July 16**  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported identity theft.  
 •Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue and Main Street reported child riding bike in roadway.  
 •A warrant was issued in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
 •Complainant on County Road 20, west of 100<sup>th</sup>, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on W. Edgehill Street reported found property.  
 •Complainant on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported a civil issue.  
 •Complainant on W. Gabrielson Drive reported a driving complaint.  
**July 17**  
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, reported a driving complaint.  
 •A fire was reported at location on 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne.  
 •Complainant on W. Veterans Drive reported a runaway.  
 •Deputy assisted another department on Elm Street.  
**July 18**  
 •Complainant on W. Warren Street reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant on 241<sup>st</sup> Street and 170<sup>th</sup> Street, Edgerton, reported a rollover.  
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported drug activity.  
 •Assistance from another department was conducted west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne.  
 •Disorderly subject was reported at location on S. Kniss Avenue.  
 •Deputy assisted Nobles County.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.  
**July 19**  
 •Complainant on Ross Street and Main Street, Hardwick, reported a verbal dispute at location.  
 •Complainant reported receiving a bad check.  
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street requested a vehicle unlock.  
 •Complainant on S. Fourth Street, Beaver Creek, reported a scam.  
 •Complainant on Linden Street reported a noise complaint.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy.  
 •Assistance from another department was conducted in Jasper.  
 •Complainant on S. Cedar Street and E. Maple Street reported suspicious activity.  
**July 20**  
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on 41<sup>st</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hills, reported a road closure.  
 •Complainant on 244<sup>th</sup> Street, Dell Rapids, reported a driving complaint.  
**July 21**  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and Interstate 90 overpass, reported an intoxicated party.  
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 7, Beaver Creek, reported debris in roadway at location.  
 •Suspicious activity was reported at location on W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Street reported debris in roadway.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a transient.  
**July 22**  
 •Complainant on N. Elmhurst Avenue requested a residence check.  
 •Vandalism was reported on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaver Creek.  
 •Complainant requested a gas voucher.  
 •Complainant reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported debris in roadway.  
 •Complainant on Pine Drive reported a possible gas leak.  
 •Fire department training was conducted at the Hills Fire Hall.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 7 escorts, 11 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 6 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 2 vehicle impounds, 3 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 3 drug court tests, 3 purchase and carry permits, 25 traffic stops, 12 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 3 welfare checks, 2 follow-ups and 3 reports of cattle out.



Local emergency responders were dispatched to a personal injury crash involving two vehicles and four people on I-90 east of Luverne Monday afternoon. (Lori Sorenson photo/0729 i-90 crash)

## I-90 collision injures passengers in Suburban

By Lori Sorenson

Local emergency responders were dispatched to a personal injury crash involving two vehicles and four people on I-90 east of Luverne Monday afternoon. The crash at mile marker 13 in the westbound lane was reported shortly after 3 p.m. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, a Chevy Subur-

ban, driven by Ericka Perez, 42, Pipestone, was traveling westbound when it collided with a westbound Peterbilt semitrailer driven by 46-year-old Terry Elliot Hubbard of Rushford, Minnesota.

Two juvenile passengers in the Suburban were transported to Sanford Luverne with what were believed to be non-life-

threatening injuries.

The report states that all involved were wearing seatbelts and alcohol was not believed to be a factor.

In addition to State Patrol, the Rock County Ambulance, Rock County Sheriff's Office, Adrian Ambulance and Luverne Fire Department assisted at the scene.

## Motorcyclist in serious condition after crash

By Mavis Fodness

A Hills man was airlifted to a Sioux Falls hospital Wednesday, July 21, after colliding with a passenger car at an intersection in Martin Township.

Kelly Demuth, 65, was east-bound on 31st Street as a 2008 Mercury Grand Marquis, driven by Richard Teig, 66, of Slayton, was traveling south on 20th Avenue.

According to the Rock County

Sheriff's Office, Teig stopped at the intersection and proceeded south, failing to yield the right of way to Demuth.

Teig struck Demuth with the front of his passenger vehicle.

The crash occurred at 6:38 p.m., and glare from the evening sun may have been a factor in the crash.

The impact threw Demuth from the motorcycle, resulting in serious injuries.

According to the report, excessive speed, distracted driving and alcohol were not contributing factors in the crash.

Teig and his passenger, Brittany Ruitter, 29, were not injured. The crash report indicated Demuth was not wearing a helmet.

The Grand Marquis and the 1962 motorcycle were severely damaged and both towed from the crash scene.

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Sale is subject to approval by the Trustees of the Verna Buys Trust. For further details and an information packet contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 283-4828.

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

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 671, also known as Hills-Beaver Creek School District, will receive sealed firm quotes for delivery of up to 15,000 Gallons of Heating Fuel Oil at its Elementary Site in Beaver Creek 404 S 4th St (2,000-gallon tank capacity) and delivery of up to 20,000 Gallons of Liquid Propane delivered to two District Sites in Hills, MN—301 N Summit Ave and 205 E 2nd St. Quote must indicate that delivery service company is able to furnish trained and certified LP gas service within 24 hours.

All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Amanda Rozeboom, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the District Office. Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

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

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

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Macey, the bearded dragon, is an instant hit as children eagerly touch the reptile's rough skin.



**Right:** Dubbed the queen and king of the Rock County Library summer reading program by Brent Mielke (center) are Addison Karnof (left) and Emmett Woodley. Mielke crowned their heads with Roxy and Razor, two royal pythons.

## Zoo Man returns with wonders from the reptile world

*Program encourages children, adults to read more from library*

**Story and photos by Mavis Fodness**

Brent Mielke, the area's "Zoo Man," resumed his reptile shows this month, stopping in Luverne July 22 to promote the library's summer reading program.

Mielke said the go-ahead was given to his traveling education show after a 17-month hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic.

His zoo for the performance in Hawkinson Park featured a bearded dragon, a corn snake, a boa constrictor, a red-footed tortoise and a pair of royal pythons.

His "tales" focused on the "tails" of each of the reptiles. He explained how the length of the tail determines the gender of a corn snake (a short tail is a female) and how the red-foot tortoise's tail is only visible

when angered.

He encouraged visiting the Rock County Library to learn more about mammals and reptiles.

"That's where you can read, read, read and read some more about what is known as the bearded dragon from Australia," Mielke said.

The children's summer reading program called "Reading Colors your World!" ends Friday.



Dozens of children and adults gather at Hawkinson Park in Luverne Thursday morning, July 22, for the Rock County Library sponsored program "Zoo Man at the Park" with Brent Mielke (top) holding a corn snake for audience members to see and later touch. **Above, right:** Petting the tortoise are (from left) Henry Mead, Brody Elbers, Lawton Sowles, Luke Elbers and Camden Elbers.



Azalea Van Veldhuizen gives the boa constrictor named Miss Emily a tentative touch with help from Zoo Man Brent Mielke.



## 1935: Ball profits used for infantile paralysis research

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on Feb. 22, 1935.

**Birthday Ball Shows \$157.15 Net Proceeds**

**Total Receipts From Sale of Over 800 Tickets, \$215.10; Funds Will be Used for Health Activities**

A financial report covering receipts and disbursements for the President Roosevelt birthday ball, held in Luverne on January 30<sup>th</sup>, was presented yesterday by F. A. Leicher, treasurer for the 1935 event. Total receipts from ticket sales were \$215.10, more than 800 tickets having been sold, and net proceeds amounted to \$157.15, after the various expenses had been met.

Items listed under disbursements were: Orchestra, \$25.00; police, \$2.00; announcement, \$1.00; postage, cards, etc., \$8.80; printing, \$11.15, and use of the Army, \$10.00. Disbursements totalled \$57.95.

Under the same arrangement that prevailed throughout the country, seventy percent of the net proceeds is retained to promote relief and rehabilitation



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

work among persons in this community afflicted with infantile paralysis. The other thirty percent is being remitted to the national commission sponsoring research in the treatment of this disease, in which President Roosevelt is actively interested.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

## REMEMBER WHEN

**10 years ago (2011)**

•Beginning this fall parents of Luverne students will use a new information system to follow their children's academic progress. The program, Infinite Campus, replaces the former JMC system.

Luverne Middle/High School Principal Ryan Johnson said the data manager system will be easier for parents, students and teachers to use.

"The layout of the new program is more intuitive," Johnson said, "It's web-based so anyone can reach it if they have Internet access."

**25 years ago (1996)**

•As of Monday, The Pantry Café in downtown Luverne has locked up its doors and boarded up its windows.

The longtime restaurant was best known for its soup and sandwich specials at noon. It was also a popular coffee stop for downtown shoppers.

**50 years ago (1971)**

•Miss Rochelle Jeffer, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jeffer, Route 1, Luverne, found herself literally "up a tree" Thursday afternoon.

Rochelle was staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smidstra, when she decided to climb a tree on their yard at 204 Mead Court. Quicker than you could say, "There is nothing like a tree," Rochelle found her boot stuck between two big limbs.

Grandma and Grandpa Smidstra were unable to free the girl and so the Luverne Police were called onto the scene. Officer Keith Aanenson surveyed the situation and with the aid of Toby Anderson of the Luverne Street Department obtained a wedge-shaped hydraulic jack.

After about a half hour of captivity the tree was finally forced to release the little girl.

**75 years ago (1946)**

•Old news proved to be good news for Rock county taxpayers this week when it was announced that again, Rock county had the lowest average tax levy in the state.

Rock county has held this honor for many years, but rising costs of government have caused the mill rate to increase to 58.25 or within a fraction of the next lowest county, Murray county, where the mill-rate is now 59.11.

**100 years ago (1921)**

•Petroleum of a high quality is claimed to have been located on the former Bockwoldt farm in Springwater township, owned by Julius F. Eichner.

T. B. Courthard, a geologist from the Oklahoma and Texas a survey of the Eichner farm says in his report that there is oil at a 600-foot depth.

Although he cannot state definitely in what quantities it will be found he is certain that there is enough to make a paying proposition to drill for it.

Mr. Eichner and family moved to the old Bockwoldt farm, on section 22, Springwater, three years ago. From time to time members of the family noticed that the water taken from the well for drinking purposes had a film of oil on it and at times there was so much oil present of the water that it was unfit to drink.

Mr. Eichner, after running down every unnatural clue as to the reason for the oil being on the water, finally decided that the water itself must be running through a basin of oil under ground.

Working on this theory, Mr. Eichner sent samples of the film of oil to the Iowa State experiment station where it was reported that the petroleum was of a high quality, containing paraffine, vaseline, lubricating oil, kerosene and allied compounds.





Submitted photo

## First Baptist offers 'Mystery Island' Bible school

More than 110 students participated in vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church in Luverne July 19-21. The theme was "Mystery Island," and students grappled with questions like, "Is there only one God?" "Who is he?" "What is he like?" "Does he love me?" "Can I know him?" On Mystery Island, students tracked down the truth about "the one and only God" and gained a better understanding of "the Creator God and the salvation he offers through Jesus Christ."

## MENU

**Monday, Aug. 2:** Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli florets, dinner roll, dessert.  
**Tuesday, Aug. 3—National Watermelon Day:** Beef goulash, peas, watermelon, bread.  
**Wednesday, Aug. 4:** Chef salad, breadstick, creamy fruit salad, chocolate chip cookie. Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.  
**Thursday, Aug. 5:** Ham, baked potato with sour cream, peas, bread, dessert.  
**Friday, Aug. 6:** Hot dog on a bun with ketchup and mustard, potato salad, fresh fruit, dessert.  
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## DEATH NOTICES

### Loretta Petersen

Loretta Mae Petersen, 93, Luverne, died Sunday, July 25, 2021, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 30, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will be at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0729 DN)

### Jacob Adams

Jacob Adams, 14, Ellsworth, died Sunday, July 25, 2021, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center. A time of fellowship will be from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. The memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Dingmann Funeral Home. A private family committal service will be at a later date. Arrangements are provided by Dingmann and Sons Funeral Home in Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0729 DN)

## OBITUARIES

### Sharon Becker

Sharon Faye Becker, 70, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and would do anything for them. Sharon is survived by her daughter and family, Jill and Shawn Schmidt; grand-



A celebration of her life was Wednesday, July 28, at Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls.

Sharon Doeksen was born on July 7, 1951, to Peter and Alma Doeksen in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1969. In 1970 she married Daniel Becker and they were blessed with a daughter, Jill. They made their home in various locations throughout their marriage, and after 15 years of marriage Dan and Sharon divorced.

Sharon pursued her associate's degree from the University of South Dakota, graduating in 1993. She loved her new profession and continued with dental hygiene for 20-plus years prior to her retirement.

Sharon enjoyed shopping, decorating, painting

children Kaleigh, Samuel and William Schmidt, all of Sioux Falls; her brother, Donald Doeksen of St. Paul; sisters Patricia (Garlan) Hulbert of Princeton, Linda (Robert) Christensen of Sioux Falls, Diane (Kevin) Erickson of Rochester and Jodi (Gary) Messerich of Eagan; dear friend Lin (David) Starks of Sioux Falls; and many special friends, nieces and nephews.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents; her great-niece, Lynn Zimmer; and her nephew, Derek Christensen.

Arrangements were provided by Heritage Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.heritagesfsd.com (0729 F)

### Thomas Mollberg

Thomas J. "Rudy" Mollberg, 63, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, July 22, 2021, in the loving comfort of his family and friends following a battle with serious medical issues in recent years.

A memorial visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at Heritage Funeral Home in Sioux Falls for family and friends to celebrate his life.

Thomas Mollberg was born on Sept. 4, 1957, to Arnie and Shirley Mollberg in Luverne.

He was a union electrician and over the years excelled in his trade. Not only was he an electrician but a teacher and mentor.



His willingness to help others and leave a smile on someone's face was a top priority.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Carol Mollberg, Sioux Falls; son Marcus Mollberg, Sioux Falls; brother David (Linda) Mollberg, Luverne; and sisters Diane (Terry) Gonnerman, Luverne, Mary (Terry) McDowell, Brandon, South Dakota, and Linda (John) Rust, Rock Rapids, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Barb McClure.

Arrangements are provided by Heritage Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.heritagesfsd.com. (0729 F)

## Contest brings more than aroma to local candle company

By Mavis Fodness

When Shawna Marshall debuted a public contest this summer for a new candle scent, she got more than she expected from the winning entry.

Kaylena Riendeau of Brandon suggested her grandmother's blueberry dessert for the Vasshaus Candle Company contest.

"Her suggestion changed the idea of what this contest would be," Marshall said. "To take something special to one family — create and share that memory — was unexpected."

The candle scent called "Grandma's Blueberry Dessert" made its retail debut Saturday.

The display included a picture of Riendeau with her grandmother, Rose Marie Stob, and a copy of the dessert recipe in her grandma's handwriting.

The number of Grandma's Blueberry Dessert glass candle jars quickly dwindled as Riendeau, her mother, Laurie Oppold, and her aunt, Diane Even, stopped into the downtown Luverne store.

The candle's smell of canned blueberries, honey, and cinnamon with a touch of citrus thrilled the family.

"It's like bringing her back," Riendeau said of her grandma, who was head cook at Milaca High School and died in 2014 at age 81.

Her dessert was a much-sought-after family favorite, especially among the cousins.

"If you made it to the fridge to attempt to sneak (a taste) of the dessert, and the pan was gone, you knew it was game time," Riendeau said.

A game of catch-me-if-you-can ensued as one cousin, with dessert pan in hand, would be chased around the backyard. Grandma Rose would often break up the chase by



Mavis Fodness photos/0729 Grandmas Blueberry Dessert

Grandma Rose's blueberry dessert finds new life in a candle scent created by Vasshaus Candle Company of Luverne. Kaylena Riendeau (center, holding a picture of herself with her grandmother, Rose Marie Stob,) entered the company's "Suggest a Scent" contest. Her suggestion won and "Grandma's Blueberry Dessert" is now generating memories for family members for Riendeau's mother, Laurie Oppold (left), and aunt, Diane Even. **Middle:** Vasshaus Candle Company owner Shawna Marshall (left) listens to the stories Laurie Oppold, Diane Even and Kaylena Riendeau share Saturday morning about their late mom and grandmother. Even holds Stob's handwritten recipe. **Bottom:** When burning, Grandma's Blueberry Dessert candle emits scents of cinnamon, honey, citrus and blueberries.

bringing a second pan filled with the baked dessert.

"If you say 'blueberry dessert' to any one of my kids, they would all have a story to tell about her dessert," Even said.

Marshall and her partner, Jesse Booker, attempted to create a candle scent with blueberry before the contest, but with limited success.

With the handwritten recipe, they added an underlying fragrance of baked blueberries.

"We loved the scent but we love the story," Marshall said.

For her suggestion, Riendeau won \$50 and her entry made into candles.

Another "Suggest a Scent" contest is planned for this fall, and more recipes from Grandma Rose may be submitted.



"To create a candle from a special dish is absolutely remarkable," Riendeau said. "It's a way to honor Grandma Rose in a beautiful and unique way."



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The weather turned warm and sunny Thursday afternoon, July 22, for Splish Splash Summer Bash, which filled the Luverne City Park with water games and activities. The Luverne Area Chamber originally set the event for July 8, but rain showers prompted it to be postponed. **Above:** Emma and Ivan Petersen are squirted with water during the Mr. Shark game as they run away from Julia Ferguson (left), Hope Thorson and Anja Jarchow, who helped participants play the water activity.

Mavis Fodness photos/0729 Splish Splash



Alicia Reker gives daughter Reagan, 2, a taste of her shaved ice. **At right:** Sterling Gillette takes aim at the hanging disks.



**Left:** Stella Vander-Poel (left) jumps over the sprinkler set up at Luverne City Park as Ally Lynch protects her face from the splashing water.



**Right:** Kane Vander-Poel, 4, carries a cup filled with water in the water bucket race.

## Manure Demo Day and commercial recertification set for Aug. 2

The Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District will be part of a first-ever Manure Demo Day Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the West Central Research and Outreach Center in Morris.

The day will be broken into two sessions, a morning recertification and an afternoon free session for the public with demonstrations.

### Afternoon session for demonstrations

The afternoon field session is free and open to the public, beginning at noon. Registration is not required for the afternoon session, but attendees must check in upon arrival.

In-field demonstrations will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibitors and vendors will be on site to answer questions and provide product information.

Current exhibitors include Artx Manufacturing, Balzer Inc., Bazooka Farmstar and Soil Warrior.

Vendors and exhibitors interested in joining should contact Brenda Postels, UMN Extension, at 320-203-6063 or post0060@umn.edu.

The field day is organized by the University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Custom Applica-

tors Association, Rock County SWCD and Stearns County SWCD.

Rock County SWCD/Land Management can be reached at 507-283-8862 or www.rockswcd.org.

### Pre-register by Aug. 3 for morning training

The morning session will consist of recertification training for commercial animal waste technicians (CAWTs) and includes lunch.

In order to cover costs associated with the training, the fee for the morning session is \$10.

Space is limited to the first 100 people for the CAWT session. Preregister by Aug. 3, by visiting <https://z.umn.edu/MDD2021>. This is the only in-person CAWT recertification workshop of 2021.

The CAWT session will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and will include a program update, MPCA CAFO permit update, information on manure application timing, calibrating manure spreading equipment, tips for minimizing soil compaction and a safety walk-through.

Similar to past CAWT recertification training, attendance will be monitored by the MDA; participants should bring CAWT licenses.

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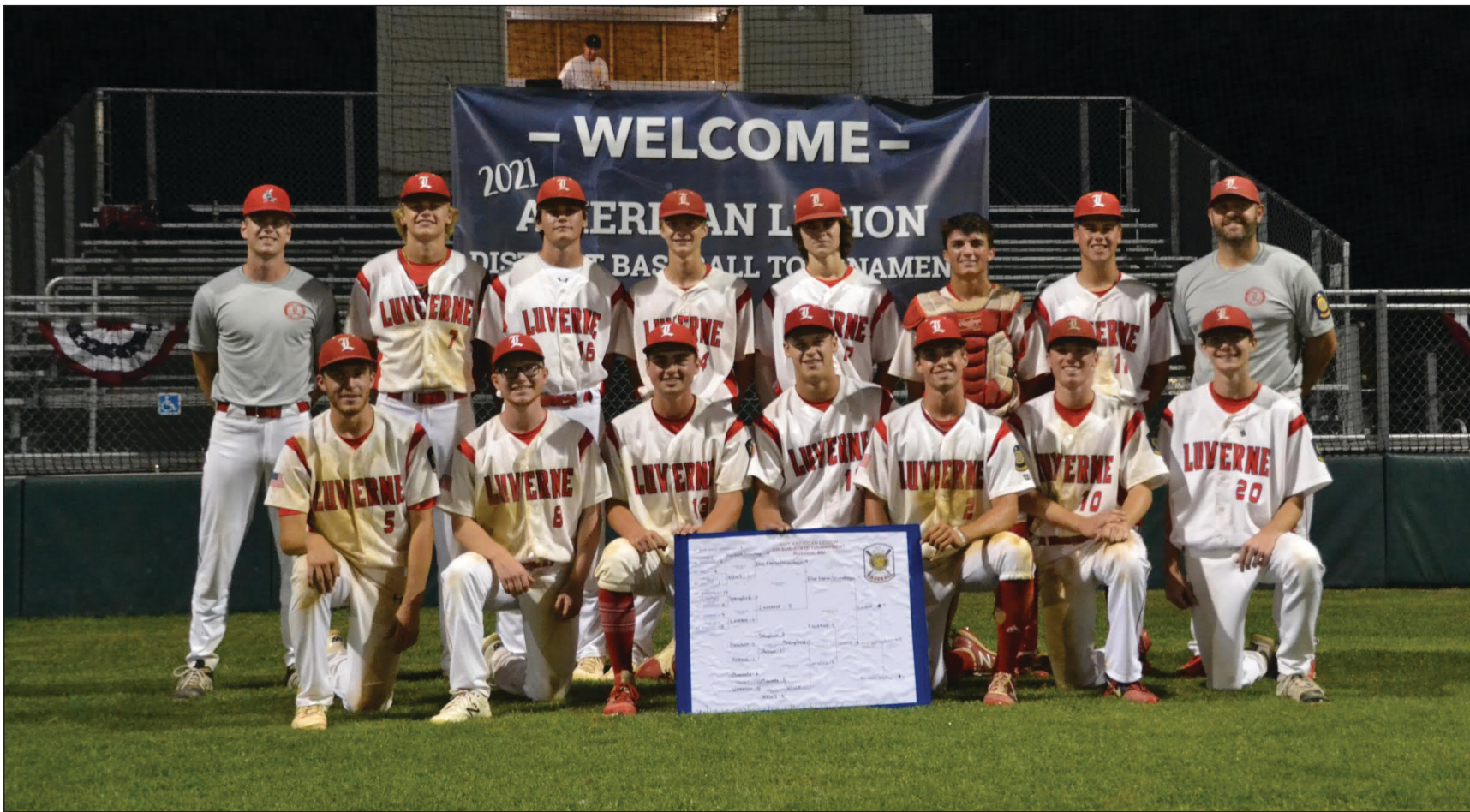
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The Luverne Senior Legion baseball team qualified for the 2021 Minnesota American Legion Division II State Tournament with a 7-4 victory over Blue Earth/Winnebago in the Southwest Sub-State championship game Saturday. Team members include (front, from left) Casey Sehr, Trevor Halverson, Cade Wenninger, Colby Crabtree, Bailey Cowell, Ethan Beyer, Riley Anderson, (back) assistant coach Derek Lundgren, Connor Overgaard, Connor Connell, Kaden Anderson, Jacob Stroth, Braydon Ripka, Riley Sneller and head coach Codie Zeutenhorst. Submitted Photo

## Luverne to face Wadena in opener at state tourney

By Jason Berghorst

It will be Southwest vs. Northeast in the quarterfinal round of the Minnesota American Legion Senior Division II State Tournament in Sacred Heart this weekend.

Luverne, champion of the Southwest sub-state division, will face Wadena, winner of the Northeast sub-state division, at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

The winner of that contest will face Minnewaska or Atwater Saturday at 5 p.m.

The loser moves to the consolation bracket and a game at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The championship game of the eight-team tournament is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The Senior Division II state tournament also includes teams from Roseau, Holy Family (Chanhasen), LaCrescent and Sacred Heart/MACCRA.

The Senior Division I state tournament, featuring the larger schools in the state, begins Thursday in the St. Cloud area.

According to the American Legion, Minnesota has over 370 Legion baseball teams with over 5,000 young people participating this year.

Minnesota has the largest Legion Baseball program in the country and set a new record for number of teams this season.

## Senior Legion team wins Sub-State championship

Post 123 qualifies for Division II state tournament this weekend

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Post 123 Senior American Legion baseball team won the Southwest Sub-State championship in Wabasso Saturday.

Luverne earned a 3-2 win over Springfield Friday before defeating Blue Earth/Winnebago twice Saturday night.

With the weekend sweep,

Post 123, 11-4 on the season, qualifies for the 2021 Minnesota State American Legion Senior Division II State Tournament this weekend in Sacred Heart.

Luverne was the reigning Southwest Sub-State champions after playing in the 2019 state tournament. The 2020 Legion baseball playoffs were canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It was a great weekend overall," said Luverne Senior Legion coach Codie Zeutenhorst.

"I was always confident in our pitching options, even when we fell into the elimination bracket," he said.

"We kept our errors to a minimum for the most part and got the hits we needed to support some great pitching.

When you do that, usually good things happen."

**Luverne 3, Springfield 2**

Luverne entered the final weekend of the Southwest Sub-State Tournament in Wabasso needing three consecutive wins to reach the state tournament.

Senior Legion/see page 2B

## Luverne Junior Legion ends season in championship game

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Junior American Legion baseball team entered Sunday's championship game of the Southwest Sub-State Tournament undefeated after besting Blue Earth, Lambertton, and St. James earlier in the tournament.

A win against St. James in the noon game at Redbird Field would send the team to the Minnesota Junior Legion Baseball State Tournament.

A Luverne loss would cause a second game between the same two teams with the winner advancing to the state tournament.

In the first game, Luverne came up just short, losing 3-2 in an extra inning contest.

St. James controlled much of the second game and won 6-1, earning a trip to the state tournament and ending Luverne's season.

"We had a good season as a whole," said Jared Pick, Luverne Junior Legion head coach.

"We won quite a few



Elliot Domagala avoids his bunted ball as he runs to first base during the championship game of the Southwest Sub-State tournament Sunday at Redbird Field.

games and played real well in the playoffs, getting one game away from state. ... The main thing is we got better as the season went along."

**Luverne 5, St. James 1**

Luverne remained undefeated in the Junior Legion Southwest sub-state tournament by defeating

St. James 5-1 Tuesday, July 20, at Redbird Field in Luverne.

St. James, considered the home team in the contest, scored first, plating its only run

of the game in the bottom of the first inning.

Jacob Stroth started the game on the mound for Luverne and pitched well for the victors, giving up only one run and striking out eight batters in 5 1/3 innings of work.

Kaden Anderson came in to relieve Stroth for the last one 1 1/3 innings, giving up no runs.

Anderson led the offense for Luverne with three hits and two runs. Riley Sneller had two hits in the game and scored once.

Connor Connell and Stroth also plated runs for Luverne.

Box Score						
Luverne	0	1	2	1	0	1
St. James	1	0	0	0	0	0

	AB	R	H
Sneller	4	1	2
Anderson	4	2	3
Serie	1	0	1
Connell	2	1	1
DeBoer	2	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0
Domagala	3	0	0
Stroth	3	1	1
Ossefoort	3	0	0
Buss	4	0	1

**St. James 3, Luverne 2**

Entering Sunday's championship game at Redbird Field, Luverne and St. James had played twice during the season with each team winning once.

It took an extra eighth inning to determine the better team after neither team scored in the scheduled seven innings of the noon contest.

When St. James scored three runs in the top of the eighth, Luverne had to answer with at least that many to keep the game going and avoid a second game the same day.

Stroth opened the inning for Luverne by reaching base after he was hit by a pitch. The next two Luverne batters were out.

Stroth advanced to second after Sneller hit a single. A very timely double by Anderson then scored both Stroth and Sneller to bring the score to 3-2 with two outs.

Junior Legion/see page 4B

## Overgaard, Gaul win at Rock Rapids speedway Friday

By Jason Berghorst

Two Luverne race car drivers earned checkered flags at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, Friday night.

Victories by Scott Overgaard and Eric Gaul highlighted the results of Rock County drivers at four area dirt tracks over the last two weekends.

**Rapid Speedway**

Gaul followed up a second-place finish July 16 by winning the Hobby Stocks A feature race Friday night.

Overgaard, who placed fourth in the Stock Cars feature July 16, also found his way to victory lane Friday.

Thomas Kracht, also of

Luverne, placed third in the same race.

Brandon Boeve, Beaver Creek, finished second in the Sportsman's class Friday night in Rock Rapids.

**Murray County Speedway**

Dylan Fitzpatrick, Magnolia, highlighted Rock County results at Murray County Speedway in Slayton Friday night.

Fitzpatrick placed fourth in the A feature race of the Hobby Stocks class.

**Worthington Speedway**

Silas Top, Hardwick, led local competitors at Worthington

Racing/see page 2B



Derek VanderBrink/Rapid Speedway Photo

Scott Overgaard, Luverne, won his first 2021 race at Rapid Speedway Friday. Pictured in Victory Lane are (from left) Holden Overgaard, Zach Overgaard, Chase Overgaard, Kale Ver Steeg, Anitra Overgaard, Owen Overgaard, Scott Overgaard, unidentified trophy presenter, Cody Johnson, Landon Ahrendt, Alex Schlosser and Alex DeWispelaere.



# Senior Legion/continued from page 1B

A 3-2 win over Springfield Friday night ended up being the closest contest of the weekend.

Luverne got the early lead when Bailey Cowell scored off a sacrifice fly by Colby Crabtree in the first inning.

The game remained 1-0 until Springfield scored one run in the fourth inning to tie the contest.

In the sixth inning, Springfield took a brief 2-1 lead before Luverne rallied back in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Luverne tied the game at two before Crabtree hit another sacrifice fly to score the go-ahead run.

When Luverne held Springfield scoreless in the top of the seventh inning, the game ended 3-2.

Ethan Beyer was the starting pitcher for Luverne. He pitched 5 2/3 innings, giving up two runs on six hits. Beyer struck out four batters.

Casey Sehr picked up the win on the mound after pitching the final 1 1/3 innings.

Sehr allowed no hits and no runs and struck out two batters.

Offensively, hits were hard to come by in the game, but Luverne made the most of the hits and walks they earned.

Cowell, Beyer and Cade Wenninger each had one hit in the contest. Cowell scored two runs for the victors and Crabtree added two RBIs.

Box Score		
Springfield	0001010	2
Luverne	100002x	3

	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	2	2	1	0
Wenninger	3	1	1	0
Beyer	2	0	1	1
Crabtree	1	0	2	
Sehr	3	0	0	0
Connell	2	0	0	0
Overgaard	2	0	0	0
Sneller	2	0	0	0
Ripka	2	0	0	0

## Luverne 18, BE/W 7

On Saturday, July 17, Blue Earth/Winnebago sent Luverne into the elimination bracket of the Southwest Sub-State Tournament with a 9-5 victory over Luverne.

After Luverne defeated Springfield July 23, the team would have to defeat BE/W, still undefeated in the tournament, twice on Saturday in order to win the championship of the double elimination tournament.

With an 18-7 victory over BE/W in the first game, Post 123 made it clear they were up to the challenge.

Luverne scored its first two runs of the game in the top of the second inning when Sehr and Connor Connell scored off of RBIs by Braydon Ripka and Cowell respectively.

A two-run homerun to left-center by Connell in the top of the second inning gave Luverne a brief 4-1 lead.

Five runs by Springfield in the bottom of the third gave them a 6-4 lead that lasted until the top of the sixth inning.

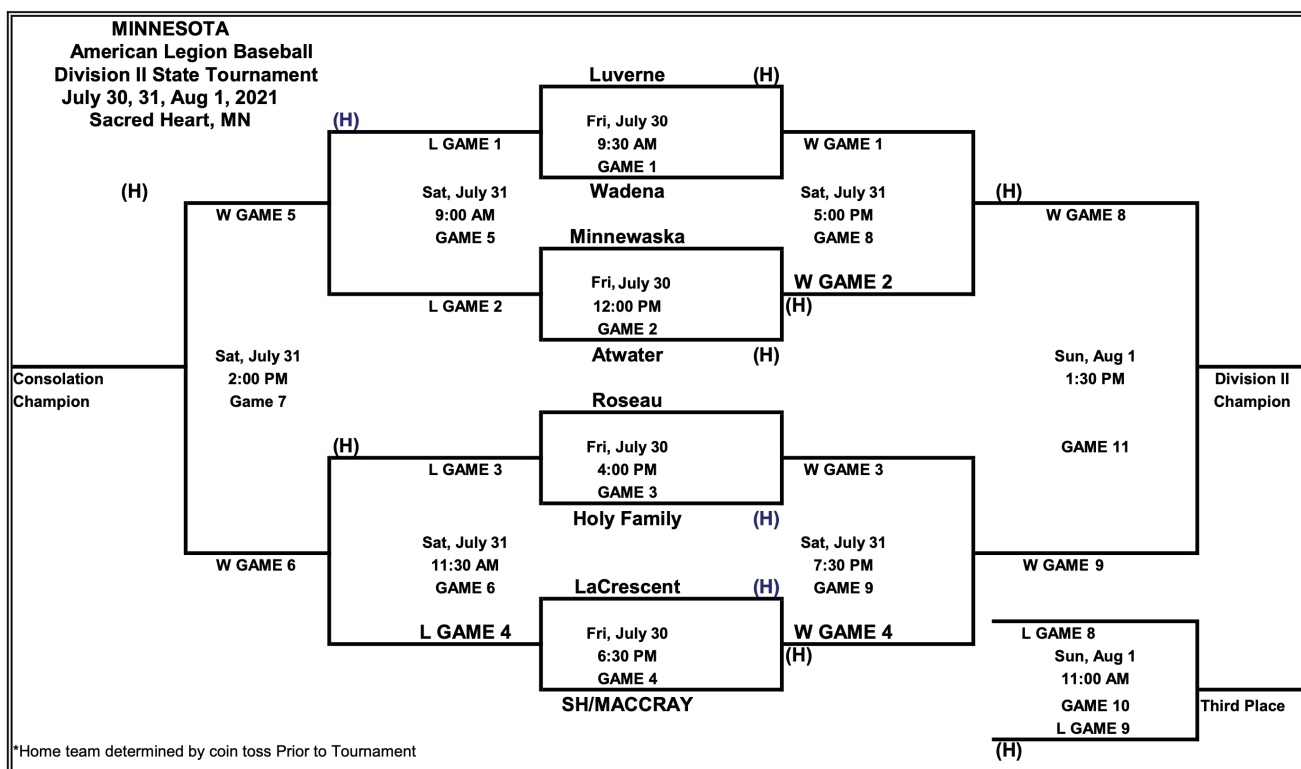
Luverne scored five runs when six players made it on base in the sixth frame.

When Luverne came to bat in the top of the seventh and final inning, the team held a 9-7 lead.

Fifteen Luverne batters, seven walks and nine runs later, the half-inning ended with a commanding 18-7 lead for Post 123.

"In the seventh, we finally got the runs collectively," Zeutenhorst said.

## Minnesota Senior American Legion Baseball Division II State Tournament Bracket



Luverne opens the 2021 Senior Legion state tournament against Wadena Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart.



Post 123's Cade Wenninger pitches during Luverne's 18-7 victory over Blue Earth Saturday in Wabasso.

"We got to their relief staff and they just didn't have the arms," he said.

With Crabtree pitching in the bottom of the seventh, BE/W batters struck out, popped out to center field, hit a single and struck out. The game ended as a 18-7 victory for Luverne.

As expected with an 18-run performance, there was plenty of offense for Luverne.

Beyer reached base in all six of his plate appearances (four hits and two walks).

Sehr led the team with five hits, three runs and two RBIs. Connell and Ripka also scored three times for Luverne. Cowell had four hits and four RBIs.

Wenninger was the winning pitcher for Post 123. The left-hander pitched 5 2/3 innings. He gave up five runs, ten hits and no walks while striking out seven.

Crabtree pitched 1 1/3 innings, striking out three and giving up one hit.

Box Score		
Luverne	0220059	18
Blue Earth	0150010	7

	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	5	2	4	4
Wenninger	6	1	3	3
Beyer	4	2	2	2
Crabtree	5	1	1	1
Halverson	1	0	0	0
Sehr	5	3	5	2

Connell	4	3	2	3
Overgaard	3	1	0	1
Sneller	1	0	0	0
Anderson	3	2	1	0
Ripka	4	3	1	2

## Luverne 7, BE/W 4

After a dominating victory over Blue Earth/Winnebago in the first game Saturday to keep their tournament hopes alive and force a second game between the two teams, Luverne entered the second game with all the momentum.

Post 123, playing as the home team, scored the first two runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Beyer reached base on a single before advancing to second base after Crabtree was hit by a pitch.

Sehr then hit a two-RBI double that scored Beyer and Trevor Halverson who was courtesy running for the pitcher Crabtree.

Luverne added a third run in the second frame when Connor Overgaard scored a Cowell hit.

BE/W tied the game by scoring three runs in the third inning. Luverne then answered with three more runs in the fourth.

Ripka, Cowell and Wenninger loaded the bases with a single, walk and single respectively. A walk to Beyer then scored

Riley Sneller who was running for the catcher Ripka.

An RBI by Crabtree scored Cowell and a single by Sehr scored Wenninger to give Luverne a 6-3 lead.

Each team scored one more run in the sixth inning, and the game ended with a 7-4 victory, a Southwest Sub-State championship and a trip to the State American Legion Baseball Tournament for Luverne.

Sehr was the winning pitcher for Luverne. He was on the mound for three innings. He gave up one run, no hits and three walks while striking out two.

"Our pitchers really carried us this whole weekend," Zeutenhorst said.

"Beyer, Wenninger and Crabtree all gave us great starts, and Sehr and Connell came in and pitched great relief ball giving up only two hits and one run in relief."

Box Score		
Blue Earth	0030010	4
Luverne	210301x	7

	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	3	2	2	1
Wenninger	4	1	1	1
Beyer	3	1	2	1
Crabtree	3	1	0	1
Sehr	4	0	2	3
Connell	2	0	0	0
Overgaard	3	1	1	0
Anderson	3	0	0	0
Ripka	3	1	1	0

# Racing/ continued from page 1B

Speedway July 17.

Top finished in second place of the Bomber class A feature race.

Fitzpatrick placed sixth in the Hobby Stocks class to pace local drivers in Worthington July 24.

Below are the full results for Rock County drivers from races July 16-17 and July 23-24.

## Rapid Speedway - July 16

**Sportsman's A Feature**  
Brandon Boeve Beaver Creek 5th  
Chase Overgaard Luverne 10th

**USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Eric Gaul Luverne 2nd  
Cadyn Wessels Luverne 21st

**USRA B Modifieds A Feature**  
Trevor Kracht Luverne 7th  
Ryan Walker Luverne 8th

**USRA Stock Cars A Feature**  
Colton Arends Luverne 2nd  
Scott Overgaard Luverne 4th  
Thomas Kracht Luverne 5th

## Murray County Speedway - July 16

**IMCA Modifieds A Feature**  
Jeremy Smith Luverne 8th

**IMCA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Dylan Fitzpatrick Magnolia 9th

## I-90 Speedway - July 17

**Racesaver Sprint A Feature**  
Dalton Domagala Luverne 18th

**USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Cadyn Wessels Luverne 20th

## Worthington Speedway - July 17

**USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Dylan Fitzpatrick Magnolia 14th

**Bombers A Feature**  
Silas Top Hardwick 2nd

## Rapid Speedway - July 23

**Sportsman's A Feature**  
Brandon Boeve Beaver Creek 2nd  
Chase Overgaard Luverne 8th

**USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Eric Gaul Luverne 1st  
Cadyn Wessels Luverne 9th

**USRA B Modifieds A Feature**  
Ryan Walker Luverne 5th  
Trevor Kracht Luverne 6th

**USRA Stock Cars A Feature**  
Scott Overgaard Luverne 1st  
Thomas Kracht Luverne 5th  
Spenser Kalass Luverne 9th  
Kevin Kremin Kenneth 10th

## Murray County Speedway - July 23

**IMCA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Dylan Fitzpatrick Magnolia 4th

**Bombers A Feature**  
Silas Top Hardwick 7th

## I-90 Speedway - July 24

**USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Cadyn Wessels Luverne 13th

## Worthington Speedway - July 24

**USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature**  
Dylan Fitzpatrick Magnolia 6th

**Bombers A Feature**  
Silas Top Hardwick 5th

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# Redbirds open 13C playoffs vs. Adrian A's

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team finished the regular season with a 19-5 overall record, an 18-2 conference record, and the top seed from the Gopher League.

The Redbirds, along with the top-seeded Windom Pirates of the First Nite League, earned byes in the league playoff round.

Results of the best-of-three games league playoffs determined the six teams that will join Luverne and Windom in the Region 13C tournament.

The Milroy Irish, Hadley, Jackson, Lakefield, Pipestone and Adrian advanced from the league playoffs to qualify for the tournament, which begins Wednesday, July 28.

Luverne was voted the overall top seed for the Region 13C tournament and will face the Adrian A's, the eighth-seeded team, in the best-of-three first round.

Game 1 is Wednesday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Redbird Field in Luverne. Game 2 is in Adrian at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Game 3, if necessary, will be at Redbird Field Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Redbirds faced Adrian in the first round last year as well, winning the series in two games in 2020.

"They're a tough team with some real quality pitchers that can give any team a battle," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer.

"I know they'll be fired up and ready to play us."

### 2021 Region 13C Final Standings and Seeds Gopher League

- 1 Luverne Redbirds 18-2
- 2 Milroy Irish 17-3
- 3 Hadley Buttermakers 14-6
- 4 Pipestone A's 11-9
- 5 Adrian A's 7-12
- 6 Ruthton Royals 7-13
- 7 Tracy Engineers 4-16

### First Nite League

- 1 Windom Pirates 19-2
- 2 Jackson Bulls 14-7
- 3 Lakefield Horned Frogs 12-8
- 4 Fox Lake Foxes 10-10
- 5 Heron Lake Lakers 8-13
- 6 Mountain Lake Lakers 6-14
- 7 Worthington Cubs 5-15

### 2021 Region 13C League Playoff Results July 21-25

**Jackson vs. Tracy**  
Jackson 21, Tracy 0 (7 inn)  
Jackson 18, Tracy 2 (7 inn)

**Lakefield vs. Ruthton**  
Lakefield 5, Ruthton 1  
Ruthton 11, Lakefield 1  
Lakefield 3, Ruthton 1

**Fox Lake vs. Adrian**  
Adrian 9, Fox Lake 2  
Fox Lake 17, Adrian 7  
Adrian 10, Fox Lake 2

**Milroy Irish vs. Worthington**  
Milroy 9, Worthington 1  
Milroy 6, Worthington 1

**Hadley vs. Mountain Lake**  
Hadley 14, Mountain Lake 4  
Hadley 9, Mountain Lake 7

**Pipestone vs. Heron Lake**  
Pipestone 4, Heron Lake 0  
Pipestone 3, Heron Lake 0

### 2021 Region 13C Tournament Seeds

- 1 Luverne Redbirds
- 2 Windom Pirates
- 3 Milroy Irish
- 4 Hadley Buttermakers
- 5 Jackson Bulls
- 6 Lakefield Horned Frogs
- 7 Pipestone A's
- 8 Adrian A's

### 2021 Region 13C Tournament Schedule July 21-25

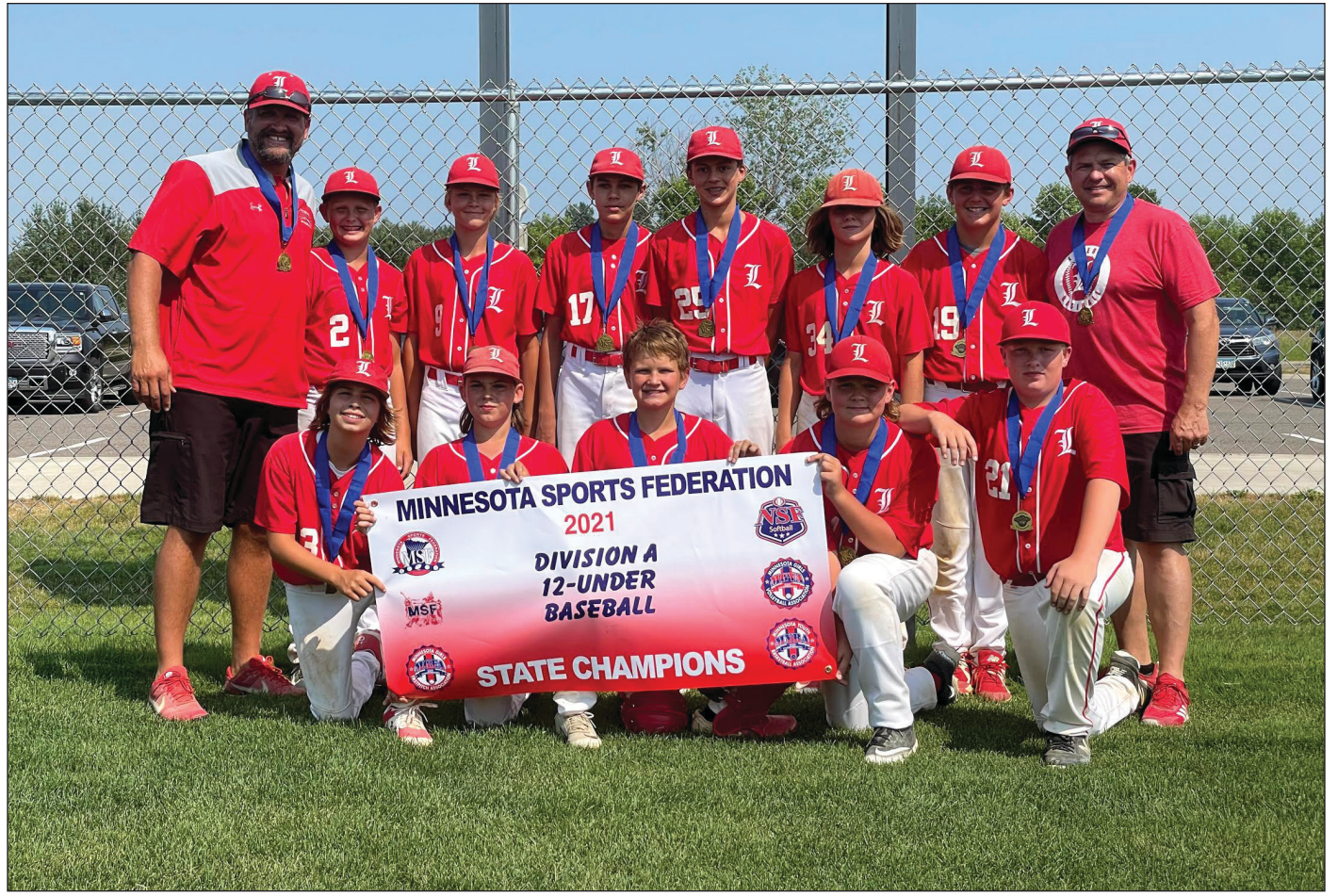
**Luverne vs Adrian**  
Wed, July 28 at 7:30pm in Luverne  
Fri, July 30 at 7:30pm in Adrian  
\*Sun, Aug 1 at 2:00 in Luverne

**Hadley vs Jackson**  
Wed, July 28 at 7:30pm in Jackson  
Sat, July 31 at 2:00pm in Hadley  
\*Sun, Aug 1 at 2:00 in Hadley

**Milroy Irish vs. Lakefield**  
Wed, July 28 at 7:30pm at Irish Yard  
Fri, July 30 at 7:30pm in Lakefield  
\*Sun, Aug 1 at 2:00 at Irish Yard

**Windom vs. Pipestone**  
Wed, July 28 at 7:30pm in Windom  
Fri, July 30 at 7:30pm in Pipestone  
\*Sun, Aug 1 at 2:00 in Windom

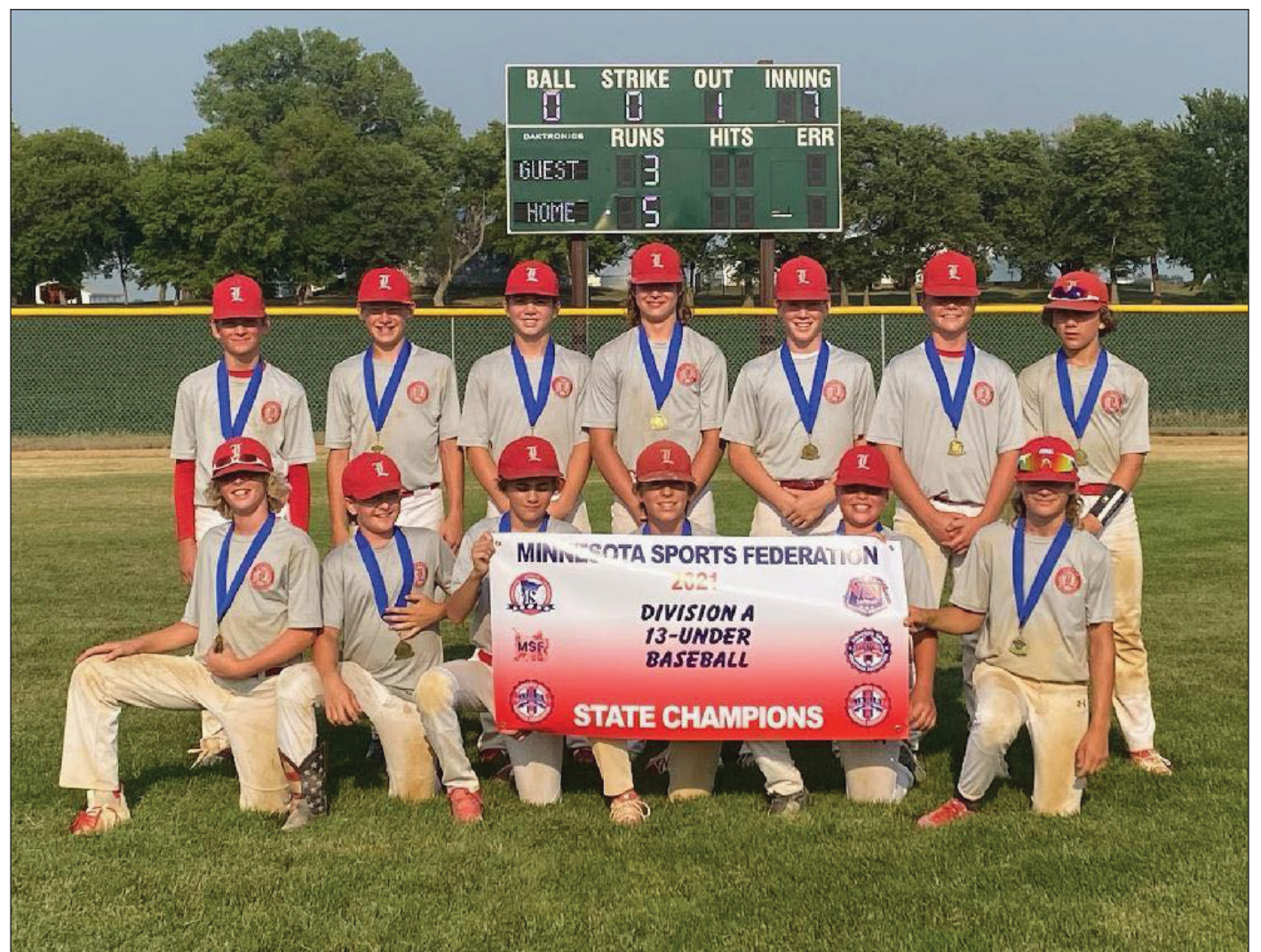
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## 12U win sports federation state championship

The Luverne 12U baseball team won the Minnesota Sports Federation Division 12A State Championship in Sartell Sunday. Pictured are (front, from left) Matthew Gangestad, Brody Kopp, Colton Haubrich, Aydon Kopp, Maddox Miller, (back) coach Jon Schomacker, Kelby Schomacker, Ben Hartquist, Josh Stroh, Coy Thone, Carter Como, Kayne Jurrens and coach Jeff Haubrich. In the championship bracket, the team defeated Upsala 13-1, Breckenridge 10-5, and Blaine 17-9.



Submitted photo

## 13U win sports federation state championship

The Luverne 13U baseball team won the Minnesota Sports Federation Division 13A State Championship in Marshall Sunday. Pictured are (front, from left) Maddux Domagala, Tucker Holwell, Gavin Hoven, Blake Sauer, Jude Hoven, Rayden Boyenga, (back) Jaxon Lais, Connor Bose, Kasey Buss, Brody Goembel, Jaydon Johnson, Josh Hansen and Landyn Lais. Shane Sauer is the coach of the team. Luverne defeated Maple River 12-8, Woodbury 3-2 and Mound Westonka 5-3 during the championship round.



Submitted photo

## 14U completes 2021 season

The Luverne 14U baseball team completed its season with a victory over the Luverne 13U team Monday night. They include (front, from left) Lucas Kelly, Marcus Vortherms, Trevor DeBates, Carter Sehr, Caden Kruger, (back) Coach Jake Haugen, Blaik Bork, Jesse Anning, Layke Miller, Landon Ahrendt and Alex Schlosser.

## SPORTS BRIEFS



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LHS baseball award winners include (from left) Braydon Ripka, Bailey Cowell, Casey Sehr, Ethan Beyer and Cade Wenninger. Missing from photo is Connor Connell.

### LHS players earn all-conference honors

Luverne High School baseball team award winners were honored during a postseason banquet July 8.

Seniors Ethan Beyer and Cade Wenninger both earned All-Conference, All-Section and Academic All-State awards.

Junior Casey Sehr was

awarded All-Conference and All-Section awards.

Senior Bailey Cowell and freshman Connor Connell both earned All-Conference status.

Braydon Ripka was named All-Conference honorable mention during his junior season.

### LBA Golf Scrambler set for Aug. 6

The Luverne Basketball Association will host its annual Golf Scrambler Friday, Aug. 6, at Luverne Country Club.

Registration for the four-person team event begins at 4:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at 5 p.m.

The cost of \$30 per person includes nine holes of golf, golf cart and a meal. All proceeds benefit Luverne basketball programs.

Teams may register now at LCC or email luvernebasketball@gmail.com.

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The LHS cross country team participated in its 13<sup>th</sup> annual team camp July 21-24. Participants include (front, from left) Tiana Lais, Kayla Bloemendaal, Tenley Nelson, Jenna DeBates, Makena Nelson, Maddy Schepel, Brynn Boyenga, Grace Ingebretsen, Andrea Luitjens, (back) Pierce Cunningham, Levi Gonnerman, Camden Hoven, Zach Brown, Sam Emery, Owen Janiszski, Sage Viessman, Ryan Fick, Griffen Jarchow, Kaleb Hemme, Ethan Rahm, Leif Engebretsen and Camden Janiszski.

## LHS runners attend 13th annual cross country summer camp

**By Jason Berghorst**

The Luverne High School cross country team participated in its 13<sup>th</sup> annual team camp at Newton Hills State Park near Canton, South Dakota, July 21-24.

“Running is, believe it or not, probably the smallest part of the camp,” said head coach Pete Janiszski.

“The majority of the time is spent playing games and getting to know

each other as teammates and building strong relationships and bonds with each other.”

The team also sets individual and team goals and participates in a session on developing a

positive mindset and how to handle and overcome adversity during the season as well as in life.

“Another highlight the kids would probably say is the food and relationships they build,” Janiszski said.

## Junior Legion/continued from page 1B

Walks issued to Will Serie and Connell then loaded the bases. A pop-up foul by Zach DeBoer caught by St. James was the third and final out for Luverne, stranding three runners on base and ending the game.

Missed opportunities were the story of the game for Luverne.

“We took advantage of errors and walks to get a lot of guys on base, but we didn’t get the key hits or get the runs across the plate,” Pick said.

In fact, Luverne left 16 runners on base during the game.

Connell had a very solid pitching effort, giving up no runs and striking out eight batters during seven innings on the mound before he reached the 105-pitch count limit for the day.

Austin Ossefoort and Kai Buss both pitched for Luverne during the eighth inning with Buss getting the final three outs.

<b>Box Score</b>	
St James	0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3
Luverne	0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2

	AB	R	H	BI
Sneller	2	1	1	0
Anderson	3	0	2	2
Serie	1	0	0	0
Connell	2	0	0	0
DeBoer	3	0	1	0
Hein	1	0	0	0
Domagala	3	0	0	0
Stroh	1	1	0	0
Ossefoort	1	0	0	0



Jason Berghorst photo/0729 Junior Legion Buss

Luverne’s Kai Buss pitches during the eighth and final inning of his Junior Legion team’s extra-inning loss to St. James in the first game Sunday of the sub-state championship.

Kroski	1	0	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0
Buss	3	0	0	0

### St. James 6, Luverne 1

It was a true, winner-take-all championship game when Luverne and St. James met for the second game Sunday at Redbird Field.

The winner would be champion of the Junior Legion Southwest Sub-State region and advance to the state tournament in Montevideo.

The game remained scoreless until the third inning when Luverne scored its only run of the contest.

Buss hit a double and advanced to third base when a Sneller hit was caught by the second baseman.

Anderson was hit by a pitch to put Luverne runners on first and third bases.

Buss scored when a pitch to Serie got away from the catcher to put Luverne up 1-0.

St. James, playing as the home team, scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

When they scored one more in the sixth and held

Luverne scoreless in the top of the seventh inning, St. James won the championship and earned a trip to the state tournament.

“They are a good team,” Pick said. “We played them four times this year and only won once.”

<b>Box Score</b>	
Luverne	1 8 0 2 2 0 0 1
St James	0 0 1 0 1 0 x 6

	AB	R	H	BI
Sneller	4	0	1	0
Anderson	2	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	0	0
Connell	2	0	0	0
Hein	3	0	0	0
Stroh	3	0	1	0
DeBoer	3	0	0	0
Sudenga	2	0	0	0
Kroski	1	0	1	0
Buss	3	1	1	0

## Consider putting land in CRP, to benefit area wildlife

Every time the United States Department of Agriculture announces additional acres for the CRP program, sportsmen and women across the country cheer.

The federal Conservation Reserve Program pays farmers to take marginal cropland out of production and plant it to native grass and flower cover.

Contracts range from 10-15 years with rental rates as high as \$350 per acre per year and as low as \$42 per acre per year, depending on the land. It generally guarantees a profit on those acres each year.

Without CRP those marginal acres might make a great crop one year and then be losing acres for the producer for the next nine years in a row.

That’s why CRP is cheered as a win-win for all involved.

Now comes the difficult part.

The USDA recently agreed to open these set aside acres for haying and grazing during our current extreme drought period in order to provide much needed forage for livestock producers.

Nobody with a functioning brain would or could think this is a bad idea. If you have cows and own land in CRP, you should be able to utilize that forage for your own personal profitability during severe droughts.

As someone with no livestock, I struggle with farmers having their CRP and as much of their neighbor’s they can get their hands on and then selling it to livestock people at an inflated price. When you cash the CRP check, you have been compensated for the use of that ground for that year.

Another place that livestock producers can and do go to get much needed forage in extreme situations are wildlife management areas. These are acres that have been purchased from willing sellers and planted to wildlife cover and are open to public hunting. They are managed by the DNR.

I spoke with a high level DNR manager Monday about haying WMAs. He indicated that what is going on now has been in place for many years.

The Minnesota DNR has in place programs that allow for producers to hay permanently protected wildlife cover during droughts.

The number of acres hayed, location of the exercise and timing are all shared between the area wildlife manager and the individual needing the forage. It would seem that this



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall

practice has been around for quite a long time.

The haying of public land hunting acres occurs where the haying can actually benefit the wildlife habitat in the long term. Haying mimics grazing and can help reduce woody cover encroachment and set back invasive smooth bromm grass.

It can also increase species diversity and stand vitality. Haying and grazing can benefit wildlife habitat if done correctly and timely. Haying public wildlife lands usually impacts a portion of the unit and not the whole thing. Haying on public lands, at least the ones I have seen, usually end up being about 30-acre efforts.

CRP and public wildlife lands can also be grazed, but the cost of moving livestock, putting up fences and providing water usually make haying more cost-effective than grazing.

As pastures and traditional hay ground-type acres (marginal production acres) have been converted to row crops, totaling thousands of acres across southwest Minnesota over the past three decades, available forage has steeply declined and I see no end in sight for this trend.

Haying CRP set aside acres and public conservation lands should never be considered a long-term solution to forage shortages, which seem to happen almost every year.

The key here is balance. I have said all along that conservation and agriculture/livestock production can and should live in harmony during both good and bad.

Conservation haying and grazing can benefit both habitat and producers. But there needs to be a longer-term plan to address what seems like constant and ongoing emergency events taking place on CRP and public hunting lands become the exceptions and not the norm.

A drought in Montana should not result in haying CRP acres in Minnesota.

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

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**St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net**  
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 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. 7:30 p.m. Stations of Light at B.M. Park. Sat-  
 urday, June 23: 5:30 p.m. St. Catherine's Mass. Sunday, July 29: 8:30 a.m.  
 St. Mary's Mass. 10:30 a.m. St. Catherine's Mass. Tuesday, June 26: 4 p.m.  
 Poplar Creek Mass. 7:30 p.m. St. Catherine Knights of Columbus.

### Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
**Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982**  
**www.luverncrc.com — office@luverncrc.com**  
**Roger Sparks, Pastor**  
 Sunday, July 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service.

### First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
**Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org**  
**Walt Moser, Pastor**  
 Thursday, June 28: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on  
 Channel 3. Sunday, July 29: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morn-  
 ing Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, June 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible  
 Study. Thursday, June 28: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service  
 on Channel 3.

### Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net**  
**Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor**  
 Thursday, June 28: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Mis-  
 sions in Action. Friday, June 22: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday,  
 June 23: 9:30 a.m. Hoogland bridal shower. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, July  
 29: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee  
 with breakfast — sendoff for NYG. Monday, July 30: 4:30 p.m. Worship on  
 Channel 3. Tuesday, June 26: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff  
 meeting; assemble Grace Notes. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown  
 Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home.  
 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Grace. Wednesday, June 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible  
 Study. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. Thursday, June 28: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible  
 Study at The Bean. 9 a.m. Naomi Circle at MJB. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at  
 Grace. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at The Camelot.  
 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle.

### Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834**  
**pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com**  
**Andrew Palmquist, Pastor**  
 Sunday, July 29: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Commu-  
 nion. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at  
 Poplar Creek.

### American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
**Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org**  
**Mike Altena, Pastor**  
 Friday, June 22: 6:30 p.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT  
 Fitness. Rehearsal. Saturday, June 23: Vander Vliet/Timmerman wedding.  
 Sunday, July 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday,  
 July 30: 5:30-7:30 p.m. '50s Night Fundraisr. Tuesday, June 26: 10 a.m. Staff  
 Meeting. Wednesday, June 27: Senior RCYF Mission Trip departure. 4:30  
 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Praise Team practice.

### First Assembly of God Church

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4  
 Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School  
 of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study  
 with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

### United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net**  
**Dorie Hall, Pastor**  
 Thursday, June 28: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 5-6 p.m. Food Shelf.  
 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Confirmation. Messenger done. Saturday, June 23: 8 p.m. AA  
 Meeting. Sunday, July 29: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m.  
 New United Church Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Mon-  
 day, July 30: 12-6 p.m. 4-H Action Day. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Mission Week  
 begins. Tuesday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, June 27:  
 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, June 28: 1-3 p.m.  
 Rock County Food Shelf.

### First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
**Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com**  
**Jason Cunningham, Pastor**  
 Thursday, June 28: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, June 23: 10  
 a.m. Wessels bridal shower. Sunday, July 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship service.

10:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Monday, July 30: 9 a.m. to noon Quilt-  
 ing. Tuesday, June 26: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.  
 Wednesday, June 27: 7 p.m. Deacons.

### St. John Lutheran Church

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**Gary Klatt, Pastor**  
 Thursday, June 28: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, June 23:  
 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, July 29: 9 a.m. Worship with  
 Communion. Wednesday, June 27: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Assemble newsletter.  
 Thursday, June 28: 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association.

### Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
**Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org**  
**Billy Skaggs, Pastor**  
 Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth  
 Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

### New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne  
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 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30  
 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at  
 various times and days.

### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
**Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com**

### Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
**igtwb@WOW.net**  
**Bill Bates, Pastor**  
 Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 for all ages.

### First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
**Ph. (605) 757-6662**  
 Sunday, July 29: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship Service at First Lutheran.

### Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
**Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net**  
 Sunday, July 29: 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship Service at First Lutheran.  
 Thursday, June 28: 1:30 p.m. WELCA regular meeting.

### First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
**Ph. 507-935-5025**  
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 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

### Magnolia United Methodist Church

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**www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc**  
**Kristi Franken, Pastor**  
 Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Con-  
 firmation.

### Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
**Ph. 855-2336**  
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 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday  
 School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays.  
 Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer  
 112 N. Main St., Hills  
**Ph. 962-3270**  
**e-mail: bethlehemiuth@alliancecom.net**  
 Saturday, June 23: 10 a.m. Van Batavia/Helgeson shower. Sunday, July 29:  
 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday,  
 June 26: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Vil-  
 lage. Wednesday, June 27: 9 a.m. Quilting. June 26-July 30: National Youth  
 Gathering in Houston, Texas.

### Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
**Office Ph. 962-3254**  
**hillsurc@alliancecom.net**  
**Alan Camarigg, Pastor**  
 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

## We can be whiners

We can be whiners, can't we? Nothing is perfect, especially the weather. It's always too rainy, or too dry, or too cloudy, or too sunny! As the heat of summer really begins to beat down, I've found myself whining about it more and more. One biblically bad whiner was the prophet Jonah. He whined about preaching to the Ninevites and then went so far as to try to run away from God to avoid doing it. And then when he does preach to them and they repent, what does Jonah do? He sits down to whine some more! Jonah 4:8 says, "When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'"

As Jonah was pouting, sitting on a hill that overlooked the city, the Lord caused a plant to grow which gave Jonah shade. Then the Lord sent a worm which ate the plant and the next day it had withered. God points out to Jonah that he's upset that the plant died, even though he did nothing to make it grow and put no effort into keeping it alive. The Lord had put effort into the people of Nineveh, just as He has with everyone. He cares for them and provides for the faithful and faithless alike. "He desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," (1 Tim. 2:4). He cared for the 120,000 non-believers in that city and went to great lengths to bring them the Word, despite their wickedness and despite an unwilling servant. Are there people that we desire God's grace not to reach? Do we see some people as less deserving of God's forgiveness? When Christ lived His perfect life, He

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Andrew Palmquist  
 Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

*One biblically bad whiner was the prophet Jonah.*

didn't do so with only believers in mind. What motivated Him was His great love for all people of all time. He thought about the fact that through His work, God's grace would be offered to all. When Jesus' blood flowed out onto the cross, it was innocent, holy blood, valuable enough to pay for every sin ever committed. Jonah's three days in the belly of the great fish pointed ahead to Christ's three days in the tomb, and His victorious resurrection. Through faith in Jesus as our Savior, you and I inherit eternal life. What a message! What a wonderful gift to bring to those around us! We have the opportunity to share this incredible account with others. And God can use His Word that we share to create faith in someone's heart that enables them to enjoy heaven forever. This isn't a burden we feel compelled to accomplish, but a joy. It is a way that we can respond to the Lord's grace and mercy that He has shown to us. Praise God that He did not neglect us, but sent His Son Jesus as our Savior, and made us His children through the waters of baptism. May He bless each of us with opportunities to share His great love.

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## ISD #2184 School Board meets June 24

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office and also via Zoom on June 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, Jeff Stratton and David Wrigg. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Jason Phelps, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Caroline Thorson, Tom Rops, Ann Rigney, Gladys Hemme, Griffin Jarchow, Jason Berghorst, Amy Sahly, Sheriff Evan VerBrugge, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda with addendum as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Lisa Diekmann, Estenson Company, reviewed the school district insurance renewal quotes.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to accept the insurance proposal from EMC, Minneapolis, MN, as presented. It was noted this proposal was for one year. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the May 27, 2021, school board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the June 10, 2021, school board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. It was noted there were no donations to report.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the bills. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Bosch, to approve payment of the district bills as presented in the amount of \$2,375,850.96; the student activity bills in the amount of \$5,450.52; and, the building project bills in the amount of \$2,067,286.04. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of May 31, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to adopt the following:

The local Board of Education of Luverne Public Schools has authorized Craig Oftedahl, at a monthly meeting on June 24, 2021, to act as the LEA (local education agency) Representative in filing an application for funds provided under Public Law 103-382 for the school year 2021-2022. The LEA Representative will ensure that the school district maintains compliance with the appropriate Federal statutes, regulations, and State procedures currently in effect and will act as the responsible authority in all matters relating to the administration of this application. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to request bakery products quotations for the 2021-2022 school year to be received by July 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to set the bid date for dairy products for the 2021-2022 school year for July 15, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to contract with Conway, Deuth & Schmiessing, PLLP, to conduct the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, for the auditor to make those final transfers and adjustments, when they audit the books, that are necessary and according to general accounting principles, resolutions, and standards. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented a preliminary expenditure budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$19,917,871.47. It was noted that this would be a roll-over of the 2020-2021 Revised Budget. Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to approve this preliminary budget as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve membership in the Minnesota School Board Association for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to set the following food service prices for the 2021-2022 school year:

K-5 Lunch	\$3.25 per meal
6-12 Lunch	\$3.50 per meal
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00 per meal
Kindergarten Breakfast	\$0.00 per meal
1-12 Breakfast	\$1.75 per meal
Adult Breakfast	\$2.75 per meal
Adult Lunch	\$4.00 per meal
Milk Break (Elementary)	\$50.00 per year

It was noted that the USDA is again providing school districts the opportunity to provide breakfast and lunch free to all students. However, if a student wishes to purchase a second meal, they would be charged the prices set above. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the following bus driver compensation effective July 1, 2021:

Regular Route	\$97.00 per day
Sioux Falls/Pipestone Route	\$97.00 per day
Preschool Route	\$48.00 per day
Activities Trip	\$15.00 per hour
Daily Rate (Overnight Trip)	\$130.00 per day

Motion unanimously carried.

Sheriff Evan VerBrugge presented information about a School Resource Officer. Motion made by Stratton, second by Sehr, to approve having a School Resource Officer. Motion unanimously carried. It was noted that Member Stratton as an employee of the Rock County Sheriff's Department could not make this motion or participate in the voting. Member Stratton rescinded his motion and Member Sehr rescinded her second. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to approve having a School Resource Officer. Member Stratton noted he would abstain from the vote. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding closing of the High School noon hour. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Bosch, to close the noon hour lunch break for students in grade 9 and 10 with students in grades 11 and 12 having the privilege to leave campus during the noon hour lunch break with monitoring by the administration. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to set the two-hour food service worker hourly rate of pay for the 2021-2022 school year at \$14.93 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to set the substitute teacher daily rate of pay for 2021-2022 at \$130.00 per day. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Michael Wenninger as Varsity Baseball Coach effective June 13, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to accept the resignation of Kerri Baker, HS Mathematics teacher, effective June 15, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Lucas Larson as Junior High Girls Tennis coach effective June 15, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Jessica Knorr, Paraprofessional, effective June 15, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Madeline Jenkins as Speech/Language Teacher for a salary of \$44,385.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to approve a maternity leave request from Meghan Elgersma, Special Services Administrative Assistant, for 12 weeks beginning approximately August 31, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to accept the retirement of Marlene Mann, Business Manager, effective July 31, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Julie Fettes, English teacher, effective June 23, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: June 24, 2021

Reva Sehr, Clerk  
(07-29)

## Almost Iowa assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: **Almost Iowa**  
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NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Jack Leslie**

Address: **315 W. Luverne Street, Luverne MN 56156 USA**

Name: **Jeanne Leslie**

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(07-29, 08-05)

## Lorang Meringue assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: **Lorang Meringue**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

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NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Josie Marie Lorang**

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Signature : /s/ **Josie Lorang**

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(07-29, 08-05)

## Rock County requests bids by Aug. 20

Rock County is requesting proposals for their fully-insured Medical Insurance Plans. The RFP (with submission instructions, general information and all pertinent underwriting details) can be obtained by contacting Paul Schrupp at Gallagher Benefit Services -- Phone: 952.918.3947 Email: Paul\_Schrupp@ajg.com -- 3600 American Blvd W -- Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55441. All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Paul Schrupp at Gallagher. Quoting carriers must provide a proposal via email, following the instructions outlined in the RFP no later than 2:00 p.m. on August 20, 2021. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible for consideration.

(07-29)

## County Highway Department seeks bids by Aug. 16

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-594-001 ETC.  
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. AUGUST 16, 2021  
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday August 16, 2021.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday August 17, 2021, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Description of Work: Construction of Bridges 67K43 & 67K44; / PCST. Box Culverts; & the Elimination of Bridges L-2256 and L-2268.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 40 Ft. of 10'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 38 Ft. of 12'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 688 Cu. Yds. Granular Backfill; 108 Cu. Yds. Granular Bedding; 99 Tons Rock Bedding; 323 Tons Random Riprap Class 2; 629 Sq. Yds. Remove Bituminous Pavement; 506 Cu. Yds. Common Borrow; 920 Sq. Yds. Subgrade Preparation; 288 Tons Aggregate Base, Class 5; & 244 Tons Type SP 12.5 Wear Course Mixture.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) and at the Rock County Highway Department website, [www.co.rock.mn.us/highway](http://www.co.rock.mn.us/highway). Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$40.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-594-001, Etc."

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.  
Rock County Highway Engineer  
(07-22, 07-29, 08-05)

## Rollag probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-21-168

In Re: Estate of  
David Lee Rollag,  
a/k/a David L. Rollag,  
a/k/a David Rollag,  
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF  
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP  
AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN  
SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of August, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock, a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Rhea Jean D. McBride, whose address is 2592 Parkview Court, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55110, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Date: July 21, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajrt  
Judge of District Court  
/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
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(07-29, 08-05)



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Talking, singing, and story telling of the past under the tent by the foodstand.

Farm Family & Century Award will be presented at 6 p.m.

Senior Citizens Day Friday, July 30th 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Friday, July 30: Sioux Valley Energy Day/ Senior Citizens Day**



**Bucket Truck 12pm-4pm:**

- Bucket truck on the grass by the grandstands
- Display PPE and tools
- Passport stamp location (where you pick up and turn in completed card)

**High Voltage Trailer 12pm-4pm**

- Demonstrations will be given every half hour. (There will be a break from 2pm-3pm for the Senior Citizens presentation)
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**Passports 12pm-4pm**

- 3 locations to get stamped: Senior Citizens Program, Bucket Truck location, High Voltage Safety Trailer location
- Cards will be turned in when completed at the Bucket Truck from 12pm-4pm
- Each participant with a completed card will get a pizza cutter.
- Each participant will be entered into the drawing for a cordless weed trimmer or an electric grill.
- Drawing will be held at 4pm. Winner does not need to be present to win.

Be sure to stay for the Free Will Meal at 5:30pm at the Grandstands (Brats/hotdogs, chips, cookie and water) and the FREE Undercover Band Concert at 8pm



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- Rock County SWCD
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**Senior Citizen Day**

At the Rock County Fair

**FRIDAY, JULY 30 at 2 p.m.** at the Tent by the Food Stand

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<b>SOW &amp; CHICKENS</b>	<b>AG DEMOS FOR KIDS / MOBILE RANCH</b>
<b>WIZARD OF OZ</b> 10 AM, 2 PM ON PATIO STAGE	<b>PIG RACE &amp; SWIMMING PIGS</b> WED 7 PM, THURS - SAT 5 SHOWS @ 11, 1, 3, 5 & 7
<b>PAUL BUNYAN</b> 11 AM, 2:30 PM-PATIO	<b>FANTASY FACE PAINTERS</b> THURS & FRI 3:30-7:30 PM, SAT NOON-4 PM
<b>MAGICIAN NICK SHARPE</b>	<b>BALLOONS BY KEVIN</b> THURS 11 AM - 2 PM & 3:30 - 7:30 PM, FRI 4 - 8 PM, SAT NOON - 4 PM
<b>COLORING MURAL</b> AG BARN	<b>PEDAL PULL</b> REGISTRATION AT NOON, PULL AT 1 PM-PATIO
<b>FISH TANKS</b>	
<b>MN JACK SPARROW PIRATE IMPERSONATOR</b>	
<b>WOODY'S AXE THROWING</b>	

**RC Fair Saturday, July 31**

**Rock County Fairgrounds**  
500 South Freeman Ave  
Luverne, MN 56156  
[www.rockcountyfair.org](http://www.rockcountyfair.org)  
507-449-FAIR

**ROCK COUNTY FAIR GRANDSTAND EVENTS**

<b>THURSDAY, JULY 29</b> 6:30 PM GREAT PLAINS TRACTOR PULL TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS \$3 KIDS (8 & UNDER)	<b>FRIDAY, JULY 30</b> 5:30 PM - UNTIL GONE COMMUNITY MEAL <b>FREE</b> FREEWILL OFFERING 8 PM - MIDNIGHT CONCERT: UNDERCOVER BAND <b>FREE</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 30</b> NOON - 4 PM (EVERY 30 MIN) <b>SIoux VALLEY ENERGY HIGH VOLTAGE/SAFETY DEMOS</b> <b>FREE</b>	<b>SATURDAY, JULY 31</b> 7 PM ENDURO RACES TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS \$3 KIDS (8 & UNDER)
<b>6 PM CORN HOLE TOURNEY</b> REGISTER: 4:30 AT GRANDSTANDS 100% PAY BACK & \$1500 ADDED TO PURSE	

**FREE** at the Rock County Fair July 30th 8pm-Midnight in the grandstands!



**UNDERCOVER BAND**

Bleachers available  
Lawn chairs welcome!

**Join us for the party!!**