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Luverne grad hired as school business manager

Tyler Reisch to replace retiring Marlene Mann

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School graduate Tyler Reisch has been hired as Luverne School District's new business manager, starting Aug. 30.

Reisch, currently the Pipestone County auditor-treasurer, was one of seven candidates interviewed for the position recently held by former business manager Marlene Mann, who retired July 31.

"The pool of candidates was very strong," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

Reisch's salary will be \$83,500.

He graduated from Luverne in 2007 and from North Dakota State University in Fargo in 2012. He began as Pipestone County auditor in 2013.

"I am looking forward to moving back to the community I was born and raised in and working in a school I attended," he said.

Reisch's parents, Terry Reisch and Janet Reisch, live in Luverne. His sister, Ashley Kurtz, is Rock County's auditor-treasurer.

While administrators are charged by school board members to post open positions immediately and hire personnel in a timely manner, the board will take formal action on the administrator's suggestion at the Aug. 26 school board meeting.



The Rock County Fair midway starts to get busy Thursday late afternoon as people stand in line to get ride tickets and play carnival games.

Rock County Fair 2021 returns with flair

After a subdued pandemic event in 2020, the Rock County Fair Board returned the classic community event last week with four full days of family entertainment, 4-H shows and popular grandstand events. See page 8A for tractor pull photos and results. See page 6A for a 4-H wrap-up and photos, and see page 1B for more Rock County fair information and feature photos. (Lori Sorenson photos)



Harper Hulstein meets a goat and Chase Henning plays with a bunny in the petting zoo. Above right, "Swiftly Swine" is encouraged to take a dive.

Referendum vote slated for Nov. 2 within H-BC School District

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members will ask voters this fall to renew a levy referendum set to expire next year.

Board members adopted the resolution calling for the special election at their July 28 meeting. The referendum vote will be Nov. 2.

Two questions will be on the ballot.

Voters will be asked to continue the current levy referendum at \$879.15 per pupil for the next 10 years beginning in 2023.

The second question asks if the district can collect an annual inflationary rate to the approved current levy. This would be contingent on approving Question 1.

The current levy makes up about \$352,000 of the district's \$5

million budget. Due to lower enrollment projected for taxes payable in 2023, that revenue may be closer to \$320,000 or \$330,000.

The levy is used for general education. For ag land, the levy applies only to the house, garage and one acre of land.

According to Superintendent Todd Holthaus, public informational meetings will further ex-

plain the levy and where the money is spent each year.

Personnel matters

In other business on July 28, the board hired the following for the 2021-22 school year:

- Graham Sudenga as part-time Spanish teacher at \$12,600 and as a part-time special needs paraprofessional at \$15.35 per hour.
- Julie Shamatt as part-time

special needs paraprofessional at \$17.50 per hour.

- Mark Top as afternoon bus route driver at \$47.60 per day.
 - Tetra Voss as part-time after-school enrichment/child care coordinator at \$25 per hour.
- The board accepted resignations of Arielle Larson as a paraprofessional and Arlen Leenderts as daily afternoon bus route driver.

Suicide survivor to speak in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

The moment he jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge, Kevin Hines regretted the decision to end his life.

He miraculously survived that fall in September of 2000 and has since then dedicated his life to preventing suicide.

Hines will be in Luverne Wednesday, Sept. 1, as part of the LuvLuvAll Brain Health initiative to raise awareness of suicide in order to save lives.

"He's a very good storyteller," said Luverne school social worker Stacy Schepel. "He makes a hard topic easy to listen to."

Schepel is working with a local team of educa-



Suicide survivor Kevin Hines will be in Luverne Sept. 1.

tors, counselors and health care providers to generate conversations about mental health and suicide.

Hines, who was diagnosed at 17 with bipolar disorder, is now a brain health advocate and an award-winning filmmaker, best-selling author, international educator and speaker.

Schepel has heard him speak and is eager to bring him to Luverne.

"He shares his complete journey from start to finish," she said. "He talks in detail about the decision he made to end his life,

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Rock County COVID cases tick upward, CDC says mask up

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County has seen an uptick in COVID activity over the last week, according to public health officials, and masks may again be recommended for indoor spaces.

The number of new COVID-19 confirmed cases in Rock County meets the CDC's definition of "High Community Transmission" level for COVID.

To meet this definition, the number of COVID cases must be more than 100 per 100,000 people within the last seven days. Rock County has seen 12 new

cases in the last seven days, and the 14-day case rate is 14 as of Aug. 3.

Because Rock County meets the "High Community Transmission" definition, the CDC recommends that people wear face coverings when they are in an indoor setting, Kloss said.

"However, the main message I would have for people is: It is never too late to get the COVID vaccine," he said.

"The COVID vaccine is very

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Vienna Township Board

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, in the Kenneth Community Hall.

Community Ed seeks ideas

Those who have new ideas for Luverne Community Education can email li.nath@isd2184.net or call 507-283-4724. Those interested in teaching a class or updating information for a class they're teaching should email c.arends@isd2184.net. Information is due by Aug. 6. The Fall Community Education brochure — covering the months of September, October, November and December, will be available Sept. 5 on the school website at www.isd2184.net under the Community Education link.

Hospice Charity Dinner, Auction

Tickets are on sale for the Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction set for Thursday, Aug. 26, at Grand Prairie Events. Registration and online silent auction are at 5 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Buy tickets on or before Aug. 12. Call Hospice Office (507.283.1805). For seating request, make arrangements by Aug. 6.

Steen carnival Aug. 11

The Reformed Church of Steen will offer its annual carnival from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, with a meal, free inflatables, cruise-in and more. Call Brad Bosch, 507-855-2284 for details.

Summer band lessons Aug. 16

Teacher Angie Swenson will offer free lessons for all Luverne Elementary School fifth-grade beginning band students. Lessons are not mandatory but they offer students experience before school begins.

Lessons will be Aug. 16-19 and 23-26 in the elementary music room:

- flutes at 1 p.m.
- clarinets, 1:30 p.m.
- saxophones, 2 p.m.
- trumpets, 2:30 p.m.
- trombones, 3 p.m.
- French horns, baritones, tubas, 3:30 p.m.
- percussion, 4 p.m.

Students will need an instrument and lesson book. Orders from Schmidt music will be available on the first day of lessons. Students are encouraged to attend one or all of the lessons.

'Pint for Pint' blood drive Aug. 6

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

Fruit trees, berry bushes Aug. 19

Learn about the fruit trees, berry bushes and others that grow well in our area during a multi-sensory experience at the Prairie Ally food forest and productive perennial riparian buffer. University of Minnesota Extension Agroforestry Educator Gary Wyatt will present information at from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at 308 N Blue Mound Ave. Cost is \$15. Register at projectfoodforest.org/events.

Free food for seniors Aug. 19

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, with drive-thru distribution in parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Free food offered Aug. 19

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.



Mavis Fodness photos/0805 Open Class 2021

Rock County Fair 2021 open class winners who were on hand for a photograph Friday afternoon include (front row, from left) Aaron Nath, Calla Thone, Matthew Koedam, (second row) Carissa Cunningham, Joan Chesley, Sharon Zinnel, Jacey VandenHoek, (back) Barb Sandbulte, Carol Goehle, Eric Fick, Dave Hamann and Coy Thone.

Ribbons awarded in Open Class at fair

The results reported for Open Class competition at the 2021 Rock County Fair are as follows:

Floral

- Best of Show: Nick DeBoer.
- Reserve Best of Show: Eileen Hemme.
- Champions of Subdivisions: Jean Jongerius Hoffman, Eileen Hemme, Nick DeBoer, Shirley Connor, Cambrie Bork, Marlyn Luitjens.

- Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Eileen Hemme (2), Lorraine Stoel, Tori Hemme, Carissa Cunningham, Branlie Bork, Marilyn Luitjens.

Baking

- Best of Show: Barb Sandbulte.
- Reserve Best of Show: Clay Thone.
- Champions of Subdivisions: Barb Sandbulte, Clay Thone.
- Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Becky Sehr, Jaden Clay.

Fabric Challenge

- Best of Show: Sharon Zinnel.
- Reserve Best of Show: Barb Sandbulte.

Gift Basket

- Best of Show: Shirley Connor.

Place Setting

- Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show: Jean Jongerius Hoffman.

Digital Books

- Best of Show: Joan Chesley.
- Reserve Best of Show: Shirley Connor.

Photography

- Adult Champion: Jacey Vandenhoek.
- Reserve Champion: Heather Johnson.
- Junior Champion: Caylix Buchholz.
- Reserve Champion: Tori Hemme.

Sewing

- Junior Best of Show: Ashlyn Johnson.



Pictured (from left) are Open Class winners Ashlyn Johnson Heather Johnson and Marcia Essman.



Aisha Porter is above. At left are Larissa Steinhoff (left) and Ava Steinhoff.

- Reserve Best of Show: Anna Schrik.

- Adult Best of Show: Carol Goehle.

- Reserve Best of Show: Denise Dirks.

- Champions of Subdivisions: Carol Goehle, Mary Brown, Vicki Maurer, Dawn VanderBeek.

- Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Barb Sandbulte, Denise Dirks, Vicki Maurer.

Needlework

- Best of Show: Dawn Vanderbeek.
- Reserve Best of Show: Verla Fick.

- Champions of Subdivisions: Dawn VanderBeek, Becky Anderson, Debra VanHeerde.

- Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Debra Van-

- Heerde, Marcia Essman, Phyllis Heronimus.

Senior Citizens

- Best of Show: Barb Sandbulte.

- Reserve Best of Show: Barb Sandbulte.

Wood and Wood Carving

- Best of Show: Dana Denelsbeck.

- Reserve Best of Show: Ike Brake.

- Junior Champion: Tyvan Walgrave.

- Reserve Champion: Emma Cowell.

Junior Arts and Crafts

- Best of Show: Katherine Pizel.

- Reserve Best of Show: Morgan Ahrendt.

- Champions of Subdivi-

- sions: Ava Steinhoff, Kinser Klosterbuer, Taedra Mckenzie, Matthew Koedam.

- Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Larissa Steinhoff, Calla Thone (2), Emmet Woodley, Aaron Nath.

Arts and Crafts

- Best of Show: Evan Prekker.

- Reserve Best of Show: Evan Prekker.

- Professional Best of Show: Lori Witte.

- Champions of Divisions: Evan Prekker (2), Elizabeth Kelm, Carol Walgrave.

- Reserve Champions of Divisions: Annaliese Braucht, Evan Prekker, Dawn VanderBeek, Carol Walgrave.

Home Preservation

- Best of Show: Becky Ossefoort.

- Reserve Best of Show: Becky Ossefoort.

- Junior Champion: Larissa Steinhoff.

- Junior Reserve Champion: Anna Uhl.

Fruits and Vegetables

- Best of Show: Becky Ossefoort.

- Reserve Best of Show: Chloe Schoeneman.

- Champions of Subdivisions: Becky Ossefoort, Chloe Schoeneman.

- Reserve Champions of Subdivisions: Becky Ossefoort, Beau Lessman.

Crops

- Best of Show: Eric Fick.

- Reserve Best of Show: Eric Fick

- Champions of Subdivisions: Eric Fick.

- Reserve: Eric Fick.

- Tallest Corn: Dave Hamann.

- Reserve tallest corn: Reece Weber.

Bucket of Flowers

- Best of Show: Ardeth Schmidt.

- Reserve Best of show: Donna Sjaarda.

- Special Honors: Elaine Hamann, Marie Klarenbeck, Lynda VanRuler, Delores Halversen, Doris Essman.

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New Dollar General manager promises better Luverne store

By Lori Sorenson

After a summer of sporadic hours and frequent closures, Dollar General in Luverne will soon be back on track for regular business.

That's according to new full-time store manager Adam Smith, who recently moved to Luverne from the Twin Cities to take the reins of the 15-year-old convenience retail business.

"I like the town and I'm looking forward to immersing in the community," said Smith, who is also a Luverne Rotary Club member. "It's exciting and it's a challenge."

The doors were locked Monday afternoon when he and store employees worked to reorganize aisles.

"We're closed," he told customers, offering them a cold bottled water or cherry cola. "But we're open tonight from 6 to 9, and starting Friday we'll be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m."

In the near future, Smith said the store will be back to Dollar General's regular hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. "I want to meet people – that's why I do this," he said about the free beverages.

Smith, who hails from Rosemount, delivered mail for 22 years with the postal service in Rosemount and has 35 years of retail convenience store experience, including in management.

"I'm a people person – even though I've worked full-time jobs, I like retail and I've always worked retail part time on the side," Smith said.

He said he can't speak for management prior to his start in Luverne last week, but he admitted the Luverne store "was a mess," especially compared to



Full-time store manager Adam Smith recently moved to Luverne from the Twin Cities to take the reins of the 15-year-old Dollar General.

Dollar Generals in nearby communities of Pipestone, Rock Rapids, Garretson and others.

"I saw the condition of the Dollar General in Luverne, and it pained me that a store this centrally located couldn't do better," Smith said.

"I visited some of the other Dollar Generals. They said they get Luverne customers all the time."

The sign on the door says Dollar General in Luverne is hiring, but for now Smith said he has a solid staff of eight people, including previous cashiers and employees. He added that they're "always hiring."

Smith said he wasn't familiar with the company's starting wages, but one worker said she started at \$9.86 per hour two years ago and her wage was recently increased to \$12.

A weekend worker at the Luverne store said he's starting at \$11 per hour.

Dollar General opened its 8,492-square-foot store on South Highway 75 in Luverne across from Casey's General Store in March of 2006.

Chamber offers community activities

The Luverne Area Chamber and local sponsors are planning several free community events and activities in the coming weeks.

•Summer Olympics for kids will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in the Luverne City Park. Activities include Fantasy Face Painting, the Rock County Library, Chuck's Snow Cones, a "Torch Run," prizes and "Mr. Twister."

•Local vocalists and guitarists Ron and Jane Cote will sing and play music from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, as part of the Brown Bag Concert series in Luverne City Park.

•Courtney DeBoer will bring her workout routine, "CoreFit with Courtney," to Grand Prairie Events from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

The 45-minute body weight workout, for beginners or advanced exercisers, focuses on both strength and cardio with cool down and stretching at the end.

Joy Ride golf cart tours

Also, Luverne Joy Ride golf cart tours offer a unique way to see the community.

They will depart from Take 16 at 12:30 and 3 p.m. for the next four Sundays.

Aug. 8 will feature the Loop, Aug. 15 will tour historic downtown, Aug. 22 will be the historic homes tour and Aug. 29 will be on the Loop trail.

Three six-passenger golf carts are available for riders at \$5 per person. Bring a Take 16 Brewing Co. receipt and the tour is free.

For reservations or to arrange a custom tour, call the Chamber, 507-283-4061.

Kevin Hines brings suicide discussion Sept. 1/from page 1A

the moment he jumped and ends by emphasizing the importance of getting adequate sleep, healthy eating, self-care, therapy, and medication."

Sanford Luverne integrated health therapist Angela Nolz said this practical message is helpful for anyone.

"I appreciate the practical parts of his message that include the impact of sleep hygiene, movement and routine on mental wellness," said Nolz, also a Brain Health team member.

She added that improving mental health and preventing suicide also requires education.

She and Schepel are working with Luverne school counselor Amy Cook to reach young people early on to encourage them to seek help and to help others who are struggling.

"Using the analogy of a river, what can we do upstream for preventative work versus 'We're in a crisis; what do we do?'" Cook said.

"That's where school comes in ... to teach these interventions. We want to teach them things they don't know they'll need until they need it."

While the CDC doesn't track suicide at the local level, the Luv1LuvAll group generally understands that suicides in Luverne, Adrian and other nearby towns are becoming more frequent.

"Most everyone knows someone who died of suicide," Nolz said. "And, because of the stigma, there are many we don't know about."

... There have been too many for these small communities. That's too many for anywhere. The goal is zero."

An alarming trend shows increasingly younger people are choosing to end their lives.

"Suicide and mental health doesn't discriminate based on anything," Schepel said. "So, we need to be brave and have a conversation, because the more we talk about it, the easier it will be to find solutions."

Nolz agreed. "A life saved is a life saved," she said. "If we can save one life through a conversation, then goal met."

While there are efforts afoot to implement suicide prevention curriculum in schools, Brain Health advocates say the Sept. 1 event will be a good start.

Sept. 1 event free and open to public at 7 p.m.

Hines will speak twice in Luverne on Sept. 1, with a session for school staff in the morning and an evening session for all ages.

The community session will be at 7 p.m. in the school's new performing arts center (the first event to be held in the new auditorium).

Children younger than 16 should attend with parents, and it shouldn't be the first conversation about suicide in the family.

Juniors and seniors can attend without parents.

Bringing Hines to Luverne is part of a broader effort by the school and community to raise awareness of suicide in order to prevent it.

For example, the "Project 11" curriculum used in the Warroad School District is under consideration in Luverne and has local



Lori Sorenson photo/0805 suicide prevention

Sanford Luverne integrated health therapist Angela Nolz (left), Luverne school social worker Stacy Schepel and Luverne school counselor Amy Cook are part of the Luv1LuvAll Brain Health initiative bringing suicide survivor Kevin Hines to the LHS performing arts center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1.

"Suicide and mental health doesn't discriminate based on anything. So, we need to be brave and have a conversation, because the more we talk about it, the easier it will be to find solutions."

— Stacy Schepel, Luverne School social worker

funding support.

"If you're interested in being part of the movement, we need all people at the table," Nolz said. "We want everyone from all areas of the community."

People can message the Luv1LuvAll page if they're interested in joining the conversation and strategic planning.

Sanford Health, Luverne Public School and Luv1LuvAll are sponsoring the Sept. 1 event with Hines.

'Out of the Darkness' walk coming Sept. 18

In addition to bringing Hines in to share his message, the Luv1LuvAll Brain Health group is organizing an "Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk" on Sept. 18 at the Luverne High School track.

Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the purpose of the walks (in many communities nationwide) is to increase awareness in order to help save lives.

Nolz said she hopes to see local participation in the Sept. 18 walk

in order to help the foundation raise money for prevention research and provide free community education and training.

"I am especially excited about their goal of decreasing suicide by 20 percent by 2025," Nolz said.

She said the Luv1LuvAll Facebook page will share a link with registration information for the walk. Meanwhile, more information about Out of the Darkness walk can be found at afsp.org/luverne.

LAND FOR SALE

LEGAL: Approximately 160 acres located in the SW1/4 of 24-104-44, Rock County, MN, unimproved, highly productive farmland.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., August 13, 2021, at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN. All bidders who have submitted a bid prior to said deadline will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing with possession going to Buyer for 2022.

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

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

PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS

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| | Black Widow PG-13 |
| August 6, 7, 8 | 7:00 pm |
| Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3-12th grade, \$7 for adults | |
| | Raya and the Last Dragon PG |
| August 13 | 10:00 am |
| Summer Kids' Cinema Tickets: \$5 admission | |
| | Green Earth Players present "The Game's Afoot" |
| August 20, 21, 22 and 26, 27, 28, 29 | |
| Tickets: \$7 for kids, \$14 for adults | |

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What's on your list?

What I wish for: Dar's, Kwik Trip, sports writer ... but most of all, normal school year

A few weeks ago our church hosted a "Christmas in July" Sunday just for fun.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

Adrian's town celebration is known as "Christmas in July."

Of course, there's Christmas in July on the Hallmark Channel.

And, not surprisingly, more stores are offering "Christmas in July" sales.

All of this Christmas talk caused me to think of a wish list.

I've written about my personal wish list for Luverne in previous columns, and some of those wishes have come true.

Other wishes are still on my list. Here's my current Top 5 Wish List for Luverne:

5. Dar's Pizza.

It's hard to admit that Pipestone has some things better than Luverne, but Dar's is a no-brainer.

I would love to see – and taste – Dar's II, Dar's South, or whatever they'd want to call it, open in the old Bluestem restaurant.

Just think of the business they could do along the interstate and being closer to Sioux Falls.

4. Kwik Trip.

Anyone who travels around much of Minnesota knows there are convenience stores and then there are Kwik Trips.

To say that the arrival of a Kwik Trip in your town changes your life might be an exaggeration, but every time I stop in a Kwik Trip, or when I am in Luverne's small, crowded Casey's, I think of how great it would be for Kwik Trip to build on the old Sharkee's lot.

3. A larger Lewis Drug.

The loss of Shopko was a major setback for Luverne.

The condition and current

hours of Luverne's other discount retailer makes it difficult to shop there.

I now find myself buying most household goods at the newer, smaller Lewis Drug stores in Sioux Falls.

And each time I do, I feel guilty and wish we had a larger Lewis in Luverne with more merchandise so that I could shop locally.

2. A permanent Star Herald sports reporter.

This is the second summer in a row that I've filled in as a sports reporter while the Star Herald looks for a permanent one.

I've learned that people still read the sports pages and care about the coverage that our local teams receive.

I really do, too.

1. A normal school year.

This one is my real wish. Newspaper reporter is my summer job. Teaching social studies is my vocation and my passion.

I want nothing more than a school year that allows all kids to go school every day. ... Preferably without wearing masks and social distancing.

So, I guess my real wish is that the people of Rock County and all of America would come together to make that possible.

To do so, we all need to leave politics (both sides), cable news (all of the channels) and social media out of it and just get back to trusting our local doctors and health care experts.

If we do, maybe at least one wish on my list will come true.

That would be even better than Kwik Trip or Dar's Pizza.

Start the conversation, save a life. Learn how

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

You don't need special training to have an open, authentic conversation about mental health.

For most of us, talking about other aspects of our health – like a recent surgery or treatment – comes easy. Brain health should be the same.

Often, just talking about it can be the first important step in staying connected and helping get support or treatment if needed.

The LuvLuvAll team members with the Brain Health Initiative have teamed up with Luverne schools and Sanford Luverne to bring suicide survivor Kevin Hines to the community on Sept. 1. (See the front page story.)

He'll be talking about living with mental illness and about surviving a suicide attempt.

And he'll talk about ways to begin the conversation about mental illness and asking the question, "Are you OK?"

Organizers hope that this will be a kick-off to suicide prevention in our community, and the intent is to have ongoing conversations and opportunities to talk about suicide.

It is time to have these conversations openly, and it's time to support one another in our mental health. Plan to come and listen to Kevin Hines to learn how it's done.

He'll be there at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the school's new performing arts center. (It will be the first event to be held in the new auditorium.)

Meanwhile, if you're hurting, ask for help. If you know of someone hurting, reach out.

Are you OK? Is something wrong? Can I help?

Hines says that these were the words he desperately wanted to hear in the moments before he catapulted himself over the rail of the Golden Gate Bridge.

We don't have to be mental health professionals to be kind.

But there are resources to help guide the conversation.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention offers the following tips for talking about mental health:

- When someone is struggling, just listen, and let the person share at their own speed.

- Don't pass judgment or offer advice – just be there.

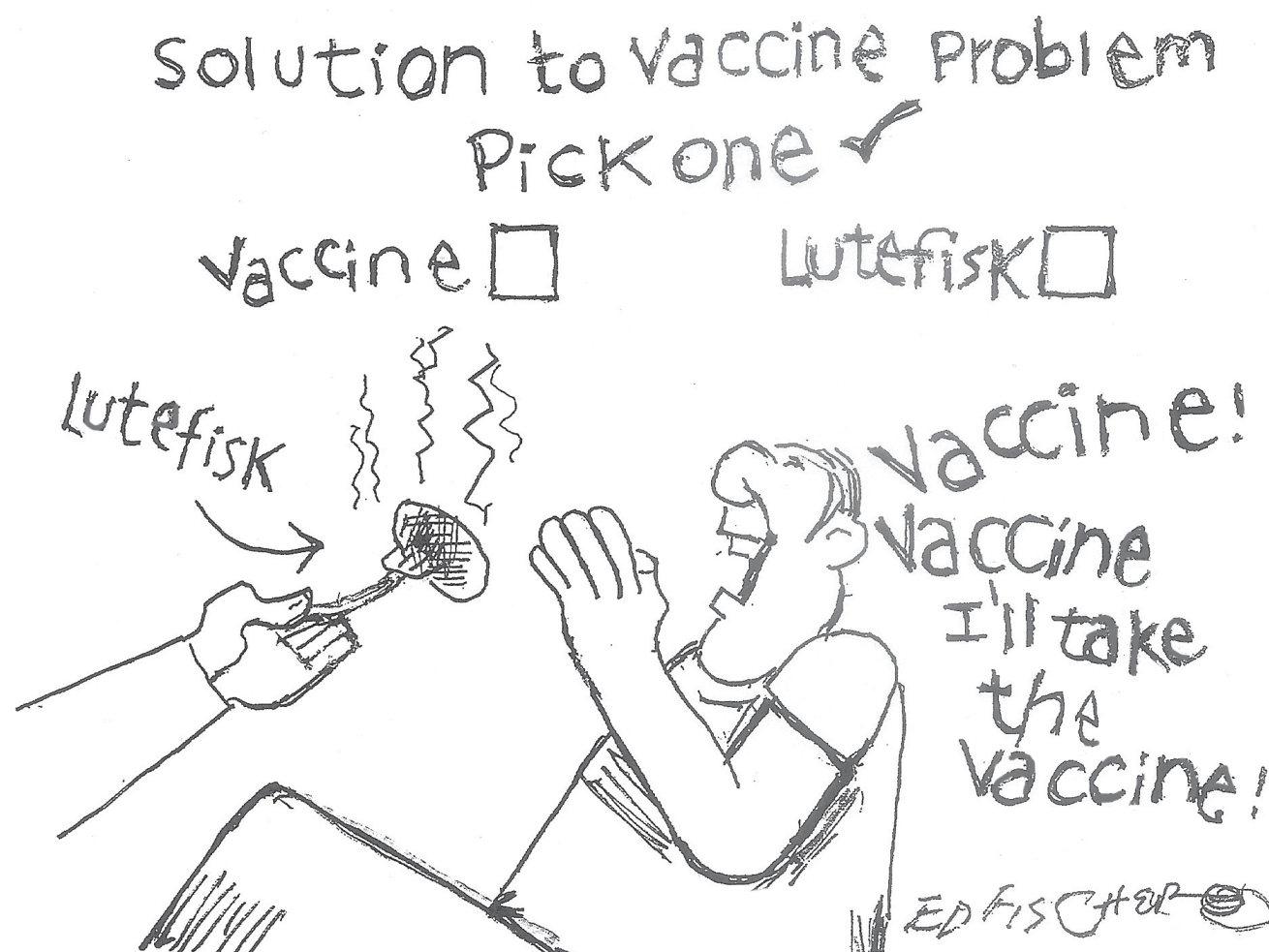
- We all experience mental health differently, and that's OK.

- Check back in, and offer to connect them to help if they need it

The AFSP website offers these and many other practical tips for how to reach out for help, how to help someone thinking about suicide, and more.

Locally, connect with the Brain Health Initiative on the LuvLuvAll Facebook page.

And plan to join the conversation on Sept. 1 with Kevin Hines.



Badge position determined by individual department agencies

Question: I've often wondered why Troopers wear their badges on their pocket flaps and not their chests like other law enforcement officers. Can you tell me the story behind that?



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Answer: Each individual agency and department will have different rules and regulations as to how the badge is to be worn, although badge placement isn't random and has some historical significance. Law enforcement agencies will often reinforce the pocket that is being used to hold the badge, which will

typically be on the left side of the uniform. Whether worn on or over the pocket, the badge is to sit on top of the police officer's heart.

The badge is to be worn over the

heart for two main purposes: first, to remind them of their pledge to protect; and second, because the left arm was the arm that often held the coat of arms shield of knights to

protect the heart, leaving the dominant hand to fight with a weapon. The badge represents those who protect and serve. Similar to the knights of old, the badge has become a universal symbol that can be recognized quickly by anyone, regardless of where they are from or what language they speak. This can be extremely beneficial as police officers, troopers and sheriff's deputies come across people from all backgrounds and from all over the world.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 23

•Complainant on 140th Avenue and 171st Street, Luverne, reported lost property.

•A public assist was conducted.

•Complainant on County Road 6, Beaver Creek, reported a ditch fire at location.

•Complainant on 200th Avenue, Kenneth, reported theft at location.

July 24

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 17, reported a driving complaint.

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

•Complainant on Fairway Drive reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90 and S. Kniss Avenue reported debris on the road.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an assault.

•Complainant on Interstate 90 overpass bridge and 200th Avenue reported an individual on bridge at location.

•Complainant on 41st Street and 50th Avenue, Hills, reported an outage.

July 25

•Complainant on W. Adams reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and 120th Avenue, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•A hazmat spill was reported at location on S. Walnut Avenue.

•Deputy reported an equipment malfunction.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported harassing communications.

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•Deputy spoke to juveniles in the municipal parking lot behind Minwest Bank.

•Complainant on S. Central Avenue, Hills, requested a deputy for a civil issue.

July 26

•Complainant reported an identity theft.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Report of train blocking roadway at location on County Highway 4.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reports harassment.

•Deputy assisted motorist on State Highway 75, mile marker 13.

July 27

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported loud music.

July 28

other department was requested.

•A driving complaint was reported westbound on County Road 4, Luverne.

•Accident with property damage was reported on Blue Mound Avenue and Roundwind Road.

•A warrant was issued on E. Brown Street.

•Assistance from another department was conducted north of Interstate 90 on Highway 23, Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported drug paraphernalia at location.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, requested lights for tow.

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 requested assistance.

•Complainant on 60th Avenue and Interstate 90, Beaver Creek, reported a possible dangerous situation.

•Subject being held in Worthington on Rock County warrant.

July 28

•Complainant on Main and Donaldson reported an active warrant at location.

•A public assist was conducted in Jasper.

•A public assist was conducted on N. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant in the ER reported they needed assistance.

•A public assist was conducted on Highway 269, Jasper.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a group of kids disturbing the peace.

July 29

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a property issue.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

July 30

•Deputy assisted Nobles County eastbound on Interstate 90, exit 18, Magnolia.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 3 transports, 7 escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 13 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 1 vehicle impound, 7 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 3 drug court tests, 7 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 17 traffic stops, 16 abandoned 911 calls and 1 OFP.



Lori Sorenson photo/0804 Dodge Street work

Expect delays for westbound travel from Luverne

Rock County motorists may want to avoid County Road 5 (Dodge Street) west of Luverne for the next week or two. The county-state-aid blacktop is getting a mill off and overlay from Highway 75 west to County Road 6 (the Beaver Creek road). The road is not closed, but travel is reduced to one lane in several areas. The best alternative for traveling west from Luverne is currently County Road 4 (Old Highway 16), because Luverne's I-90 ramp to travel west remains closed while contractors continue working on the westbound lanes between Luverne and Beaver Creek.

Rock County COVID cases tick upward/continued from page 1A

effective at protecting you from getting COVID and is extremely effective at preventing serious illness and hospitalization if you are exposed to COVID after being vaccinated.”

There have not been local announcements of mask mandates; however, local leaders and health professionals are monitoring the situation.

Rock County is among six Minnesota counties currently in the high-risk category. There are about 40 Minnesota counties in the substantial risk category (50-99 cases per 100,000 people).

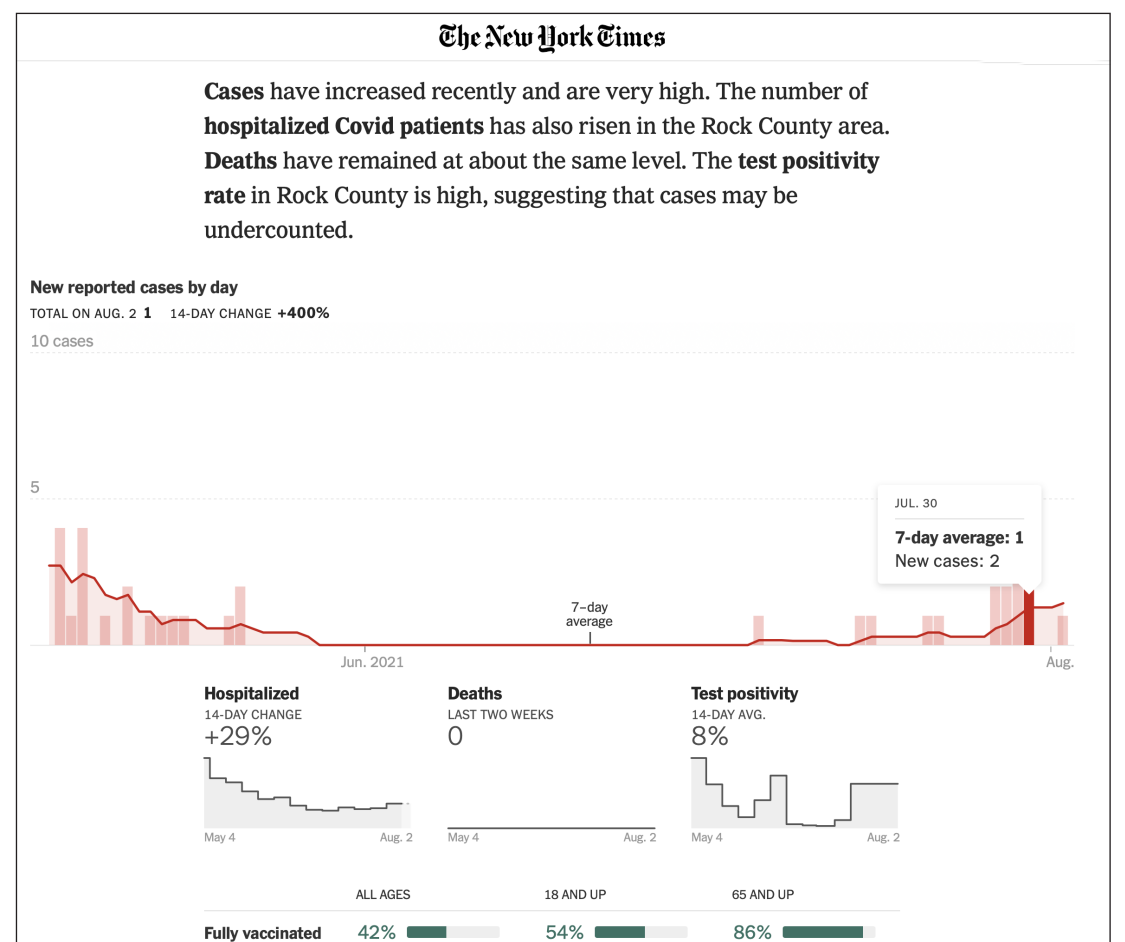
“With the Delta strain circulating as it is, the number of counties in the high risk category will likely increase,” Kloss said.

“This is why increasing the number of people who are vaccinated is important.”

Corrections:

•A headline in the July 29 edition of the Star Herald incorrectly stated the date of the **Manure Demo Day** as Aug. 2. The correct date, as detailed in the first paragraph of the story, is **Aug. 10**. Late registrations will be accepted.

•The July 29 Star Herald story about a motorcycle vs. van accident incorrectly identified **Brittany Ruitter** as a



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Mavis Fodness photos/0805 Fair 2021 Saturday

Above: Horse show judge Sam Jens (far right) leads the 4-H exhibitors through the trail pattern Saturday morning, July 31, a day after rain postponed a portion of Friday's pleasure show to Saturday morning. **Below:** Beef exhibitors Tory Knobloch (left) and Donavon Leenderts set their market heifers up for the judge. **At right:** Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club member Malie Fick watches the judge during the Thursday morning, July 29, intermediate showmanship class. **Below right:** Maxwell Sammons concentrates on leading his heifer Thursday morning, July 29, at the 4-H dairy show.



Exhibitor numbers down for 2021 4-H

By Mavis Fodness

Forty-two local youth will represent Rock County at the upcoming state 4-H shows after their recent showings in Luverne.

Eighteen youth will participate in the livestock encampment at the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 25-29. Seventeen will be at the state fair's general encampment set for Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

Seven Rock County 4-H'ers will be at the state horse show Sept. 17-20.

"The Rock County Fair this year was a great experience," said Kelsey Maeschen, county 4-H program director. "I am so glad we were able to get together again and celebrate all of the 4-H'ers' successes and ac-

complishments."

Maeschen said the number of exhibitors and exhibits were down this year, as is the trend across the region.

Beef judge Colby Lind noted the low numbers and commented that the quality of the animals will allow Rock County 4-H'ers to be competitive at the state level.

"Do the little extras to get the most you can out of the animal that you are showing," Lind said.

He had one suggestion as to how local 4-H supporters could increase the number of participants in the local program.

"Be a mentor to a young person to ... keep the numbers up in Rock County," Colby said.



Dennie Sandbulte (left) watches as poultry judge Larry Eichenberger examines a pen of ducks exhibited by Sandbulte's sister, Grace, at the Wednesday afternoon, July 28, poultry show. With the day's high temperatures and humidity levels, the show was conducted in the pens to limit the handling of the animals.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Dan and Amy Leuthold and their sons, Mitch, 15, and Jared, 13, Luverne, were recently named the 2011 Rock County Farm Family of the Year.

They were recognized during the Rock County Fair on July 21 and will be honored in a ceremony at Farmfest in Redwood Falls on Aug. 4.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the work that we love to do, and we thank those that were involved in giving us this award," Dan said about their Farm Family of the Year designation.

Dan and Amy are both 1988 Ellsworth High School graduates and have deep roots in the local agricultural community.

25 years ago (1996)

•Education Consultant Roger Worner met with Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members before their regular monthly meeting Monday night to introduce himself and discuss possible cooperation efforts between H-BC and Luverne.

Worner was assigned by the Commissioner of Education to serve as a liaison between the H-BC and Luverne school districts as cooperation efforts are considered.

50 years ago (1971)

•Shortly before 7 p.m. Monday, firemen were called to Tony's IGA supermarket on S. Kniss where a fire had ignited in the trash box at the rear of the building. Firemen were able to confine the blaze to the outside of the building, but there was some roof damage and the power lines leading into the building had been badly burnt. Daryl Buss, manager of the

supermarket, gave no estimate of the damage, but said that without alert people in the area and the competence of the Luverne Fire Department, the fire could have done extensive damage. Authorities were sure that the origin of the fire was in the trash box which had been emptied just a couple of hours before the fire and only contained a few boxes gathered before the store closed.

75 years ago (1946)

•As the threat of polio spread through the state this week, city health officials here were taking no chances.

Dr. C. O. Wright, Evan Paulsen and Charles J. Larson, members of the board of health, as their first step, ordered the municipal swimming pool closed Friday for an indefinite period, and this week sounded warnings to parents to keep their children away from crowds everywhere.

100 years ago (1921)

•During the warmest days of the past month from four to six hundred adults and children daily made use of the bathing pool at the Luverne public park, according to the estimate of E. L. Leicher, who was instrumental in opening the pool.

The swimming place, which is located at the southeast edge of the park, was first opened June 27th, and has since steadily grown in popularity.

As the pool is especially well adapted for the use of children, the great majority of those who frequent the place are children. That there has been no serious accident at the pool is attributed largely to painstaking attention given to the place by Ed. Giedemann, as special park policeman.

1946: Golla begins Extension duties

The following appeared in The Rock County Star-Herald on Jan. 17, 1946.

Rock County's New Extension Agent and Soil Conservationist Are Named

George Golla, 27, Shevlin, Minn., arrived this week to begin his duties as Rock county's new extension agent. A native Minnesotan, he was graduated from Mahanomen high school in 1936, and from the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota in 1942. He was an active 4-H club member and spent three summers serving as county 4-H club agent in Carlton county, which had a membership at that time of about 800 boys and girls.

He entered the armed forces, and served as a pilot of a B-24 with the 5th Air Force in the Pacific, flying 40 missions against the enemy in the Philippines, Borneo, Formosa and China. He was discharged on December 15, 1945, at which time he had the rank of first lieutenant.

He is married, and the father of one and one-half year old daughter, Vikki Jean.

He and his family will reside in the home in Beaver Creek vacated by the Fred Haverland family. Mrs. Haverland and daughter have gone to live with her parents until Mr. Haverland locates a place to live in St. Cloud. The Haverlands have sub-let the home, furnished, to Mr. and Mrs. Golla until that home.

Jerry Simpson, 34, will succeed Fred Haverland as county soil conservationist. He will come here the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

first week in February from Rochester, Minn., where he is presently located, and he plans to move his wife and two small sons here as soon as living quarters are available.

Mr. Simpson has been in soil survey work for the past 10 years most of the time in Minnesota. He attended Kansas State college at Manhattan, Kansas.

Mr. Haverland, who purchased a business in St. Cloud in partnership with Kay Aanenson and Clifford R. Simon, will assist Mr. Simpson in getting started with the work here.

The soil conservation office will hereafter be located in the former Giedemann building, on Main street, directly across from Nelson Brothers.

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 manmade@iw.net.

COLLEGE NEWS

Hansen graduates from SCSU

Molly Hansen of Magnolia graduated cum laude from St. Cloud State University following the Spring 2021 semester. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training.

Area students named to dean's list

Several area students were named to the high honors or honors list for the Spring 2021 semester at Minnesota State University Mankato.

To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 or higher. Students with high honors with a 4.0 are indicated with an asterisk following their name.

The following were named to the honors list:

Adrian: Jordyn Gyberg; Nathan Varley.
Beaver Creek: Dylon Taubert.

Hills: Faith Mounce.

Luverne: Griffin Ahrendt*; Janae Kopp*; Meghan Mollberg; Kaitlyn Roberts; Ann Rogers; Emilie Staeffler.

U of M releases spring dean's list

Several area students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum of 12 graded credits with at least a 3.66 GPA.

The following students from Luverne were named:

Hans Bakken, senior, College of Science and Engineering; Makayla Huisman, senior, College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Science; Sophia Jungers, senior, College of Liberal Arts; Sierra Schmuck, senior, Carlson School of Management; Grace Sweeney, junior, College of Liberal Arts.

MENU

- Monday, Aug. 9:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, broccoli salad, baked beans, cookie.
- Tuesday, Aug. 10:** Sub sandwich, peas and cheese salad, fruit, dessert.
- Wednesday, Aug. 11:** Roast beef and mashed potatoes with gravy, California Normandy, bread, bar.
Half-Price Day sponsored by Luverne Mayor and City Council.
- Thursday, Aug. 12:** Ham and pasta salad, creamy cucumbers, fresh fruit, bar.
- Friday, Aug. 13:** Chicken alfredo, fettucine pasta, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, Rice Krispie bar.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.



H-BC Class of 1971 celebrates 50th

The Hills-Beaver Creek Class of 1971 recently gathered for a 50th reunion. Attending were (front, from left) Marlene (Feucht) Stueven, Wannetta (Fey) Lloyd, Linda Hoeck, Yvonne (Severtson) Hoffman, Susan (Castor) Boeve, Linda (Rens) Aukes, Roxanne Rauk, Dan Sells, Jim Sammons, Mark Sandager, (back) Clair Crawford, Neal Hoyme, Dennis Olson, Mel Van Batavia, Ed Boeve, Doug Lunstra, Tony Bosch, Allen Kuehl, Gene Sandager and Rick Tatge. (Submitted photo)

For beautiful spring fern peonies and iris, now is the time to split them

August is the month to thin or transplant German bearded iris and peonies. Dividing fern leaf



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

peonies is a bit more complicated than regular peonies in that they have a "neck" between the eye of next year's growth and the tuber. Just cutting into the clump with a spade will often ruin a lot of the potential new divisions because of the way they intertwine. The safest way to divide fern peonies is to dig the entire

clump and use a strong stream of water to wash the soil from the tuber mass. Then it is easier to see how to divide single or groups of the tubers with eyes attached. If a tuber breaks off without the eye, it most often will not produce a new plant. When replanting, be sure the eye is within one inch of the soil surface. If planted

too deep, this type of peony will grow but will not bloom. It may take a year or two for the peony to establish enough to resume blooming. Be sure to plant in an area that will receive a minimum of six hours of direct sun per day. Regular peonies have the eye for next year's growth directly above the tuber so

that clump can just be cut into sections to replant. Same planting depth and sun light requirements. Iris, either Siberian or German bearded, are also divided or transplanted now in order to give them time to get established before winter. Both types of iris clumps tend to get too thick or too big, and dividing results in more flowers. The German bearded type grows from a rhizome that lies on the surface of the soil, and it is important that they be planted that way when you work with them. Rhizomes planted too deep will rot. We cut the fan of leaves back to about 6 inches so they don't

get floppy in the wind, which would make it difficult for them to root in. Looking at the rhizome, you will notice that the new growth projects forward each year, so plant it pointing in the direction where it can do that without becoming a problem later. That is one reason that these iris do not work well in a landscape that is mulched with plastic or fabric and rock. Siberian iris grows in a clump form, and that clump can just be cut into sections for replanting with a spade or knife. If you have clumps of daylilies that have not been divided for several years – or maybe ever

– this is also the best time to divide them. They have time to get established prior to winter and will present a much stronger bloom cycle as a result. I prefer not to use fertilizer at the time of transplanting because there is not an established root system to utilize that fertilizer. Also, we do not want to encourage new growth this late in the season. It is more important that the roots get established, and then give them a treat of fertilizer in the spring to encourage the new growth. Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner.

OBITUARIES

Joan Heeren

Joan Mary Heeren, 88, Luverne, died Thursday, July 29, 2021, at the Luverne Medical Center.



A memorial Mass was Tuesday, Aug. 3, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. A private burial of remains will be at a later date at the St. Adrian Cemetery. Memorials will be given to St. Catherine Catholic Church.

Joan Steffensmeier was born on Dec. 3, 1932, to Joseph and Philomena (Kluthe) Steffensmeier on the family farm near Dodge, Nebraska. The family later lived on a farm near Scribner, Nebraska, and in 1945 moved to Salem, South Dakota. Joan attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Salem and worked for the Salem Special weekly newspaper as well as helping her father with bookkeeping and bill collecting for his newly started plumbing business.

Following graduation, Joan moved with a classmate to Rock Rapids, Iowa, where she began working for the Rock Rapids State Bank and where she met Marlyn.

Joan married Marlyn Heeren on June 2, 1952, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salem. They first lived on Marlyn's parents' farm south of Ellsworth. In 1954 they purchased and moved to their own farm east of Magnolia in rural Nobles County. There they raised their five children. Joan helped primarily with bookwork but also supplemented the farm income by waitressing at the Magnolia Steak House starting in 1957. Joan and Marlyn moved to Luverne in 1994. Joan continued waitressing until 2011 after 54 years with the same business. Joan's greatest pleasure included developing many friendships throughout the area with coworkers and

multiple generations of customers of the Magnolia Steak House.

Joan was a member of St. Adrian Catholic Church and later St. Catherine Catholic Church. She was a longtime member of the Ladies Aid and participated in pilgrimages with St. Catherine members. She and Marlyn enjoyed travel, playing pinochle with neighboring farm couples, and driving around the countryside viewing crops and checking out all the local restaurants.

Joan later joined several pinochle clubs in Luverne. Her lifetime hobby was sewing Christmas stockings and many other types of Christmas fancywork that was personalized for the recipient.

Joan is survived by her children Deborah Sunderlin, Magnolia, Patricia (Kraig) Rust, Kenneth, David (Tamie) Heeren, Lakeville, and Pamela (Roger) Talsma, Chandler; two sisters, Marilyn Eichacker, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Rita (Eugene) Zinnel, Brewster; a brother, James Steffensmeier, Sioux Falls; 13 grandchildren, Amanda (Tim) Haberman, Steven (Kala) Talsma, Eric Talsma, Mariah Talsma, Nicholas Weets, Zechariah Weets, Tiffany Heeren, Jacob Heeren, Marie (Tony) Smook, Nathan (Darlene) Rust, Justin (Judith) Rust, Sierra (Steven) Beardsworth, and Chantel Heeren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marlyn, in 2008; her son Douglas in 2017; her parents-in-law; and a brother-in-law Leonard Eichacker.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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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 was Friday, July 30, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial was at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Loretta DeBoer was born to Henry and Katie (Kickert) DeBoer on Feb. 15, 1928, in South Holland, Illinois. The family moved to Leota when Loretta was six years old. Loretta grew up with her sister Elaine next door to her grandparents and worked at the family store. She attended high school in Edgerton and went on to college to get her teaching certificate.

Loretta's first year of teaching was at the District 21 country school, and she boarded with the Petersen family where she met Ralph. They were married on Sept. 2, 1948. Loretta worked with Ralph on the farm. She was also an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed sharing their home and entertaining guests.

Ralph and Loretta were charter members of the American Reformed Church. Loretta helped start Girls' League, attended Circle, taught the same Sunday School class for more than 35 years, and she also played organ for many years. Her Christian faith was also an in-

tegral part of her personal life.

Ralph and Loretta were snowbirds who went to Texas every winter. They also enjoyed camping and traveling. Loretta continued going to Texas for several years after Ralph died.

Loretta enjoyed cooking and was known for her legendary buns. She loved to try new recipes. Her kids and grandkids never left without gifts of food. She also loved to play all kinds of cards and games and have fun.

Loretta is survived by her children, Darrell (Debbie) Petersen and Paula (Dan) Giles; grandchildren and their families, Lon and Sonya (Petersen) Bjornrud (Sage and Maisy), Craig and Holly Petersen (Davis, Jace, Calla and Brennan), Justin and Vonny (Petersen) Kleinman (Hank), Dustin Schneekloth, and Cody Schneekloth (Avery, Oakley, and Eli); a sister, Elaine Bolt Petersen; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Jim and Carol Drews; sister-in-law Dorothy Petersen; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; her parents; son-in-law John Schneekloth; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Harold Bolt, Gordon and Gwyn Petersen, Kurt Petersen, and Silver and Elaine Reker.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

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Ramona McDowell

Ramona A. McDowell, 91, Luverne, died Friday, July 30, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Ramona Watts was born Jan. 7, 1930, to Ralph and Hilda (Hoveland) Watts. She owned the Hardwick Grocery Store for 25 years, retiring in September of 2007.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Ramona loved to crochet, and while she lived at the Centennial Apartments, she enjoyed bingo, jigsaw puzzles, walking and going over to the Senior Center and volunteering.

She is survived by her son, Terry (Mary) McDowell, Brandon, South Dakota; two grandchildren, Jodie

(Scott) Swain, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Dr. Jason McDowell, Minneapolis; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Connie (Gary) Heldt; a brother, Ralph Watts Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Ramona was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, LaVonne Gingerich, Beverly Sona and Ruby Dobson; sister-in-law Lorna Watts; two brothers-in-law, Bernard Dobson and Bernard Gingerich; and a special friend, Ray Hueser.

A private family service will take place at a later date.

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Lori Sorenson photos

Tractor pull fills grandstand at fair

The Great Plains Tractor Pullers drew more than 700 fans and nearly 80 pullers to the Rock County Fair grandstand Thursday, July 29. Above is local favorite Mike Nieuwboer. Above right, Chris Jaenisch is surrounded by his own little fan club (from left) Raelyn, Deacon and Hayden Jaenisch.



At right, watching the action from the infield are (from left) Logan and Marshal Hoff and Tom Van Der Weerd with Miller and Earl Moser.



USDA announces sign-up dates for CRP grasslands

By Eva Kramer, Rock and Pipestone County Farm Service Agency executive director

Agricultural producers and landowners in Minnesota can apply for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands signup until Aug. 20.

This year the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) updated signup options to provide greater incentives for producers and increased the program's conservation and climate benefits, including setting a minimum rental rate and identifying two national priority zones.

The CRP Grassland signup is competitive, and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will provide for annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"USDA is excited to roll out our new and improved CRP Grasslands signup," said Michelle Page, acting state executive director for FSA in Minnesota. "USDA is providing a bigger return on investment in terms of protecting natural resource benefits. The Grasslands signup is just one of the many tools available through CRP to help protect our nation's working lands."

Grasslands signup

CRP Grasslands helps Minnesota landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as working grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy

of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and provides important carbon sequestration benefits.

FSA has updated the Grasslands Signup to establish a minimum rental rate of \$15 per acre, which will benefit 1,300 counties.

To focus on important wildlife corridors, FSA also identified National Grassland Priority Zones, providing extra incentives to producers for enrolling grasslands in important migratory corridors and environmentally sensitive areas – the Greater Yellowstone Elk Migration Corridor and the Severe Wind Erosion – Dust Bowl Zone.

Counties within these two zones get extra ranking points as well as \$5 added to their rental rate. The CRP Grasslands Ranking Factors fact sheet has additional information.

How to sign up

To enroll in the CRP Grasslands signup, producers and landowners should contact USDA by the Aug. 20 deadline.

Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors.

Contact the Rock County Farm Service Agency, 507-283-2369, to set up an in-person or phone appointment.

Additionally, more information related to USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.



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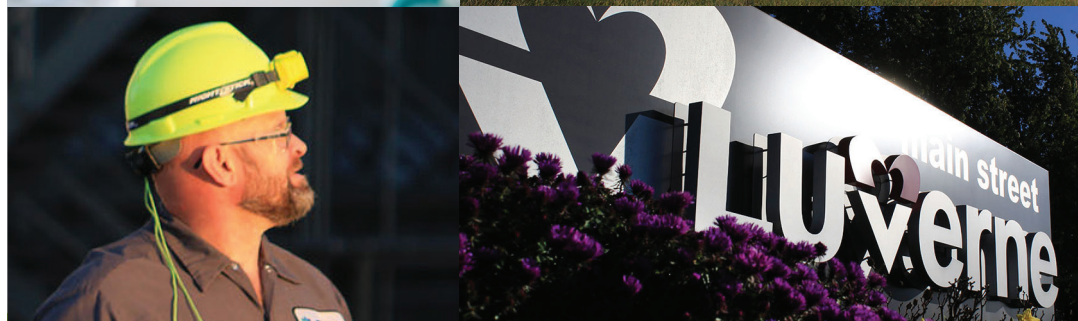
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Weather varied as much as Rock County Fair events and activities

Extreme heat, smoke haze from wildfires, rain and sunshine occur over four-day event

By Mavis Fodness

The 2021 Rock County Fair promised “something for everyone” during its July 28-31 run, and the weather offered variety of its own.

“Each day was different,” said Adam Kinsinger, Rock County Ag Society president.

“We had extreme heat, smoke, rain and sunshine. Thankfully, it didn’t slow people down.”

Kinsinger estimated more than 700 people filled the grandstands for the Thursday night, July 29, tractor pull with another 100 people watching from the infield.

Another 700 attended the Enduros Saturday night, July 31.

Temperatures began rising Wednesday, and by Thursday reached into the mid-90s.

Humidity levels were also high, keeping overnight temperature lows in the 70s.

The Minnesota Department of Health issued an air quality alert for nearly all of Minnesota for the first three days of the Rock County Fair.

In a press release, Health Department officials explained northerly winds behind a cold front brought smoke from wildfires in Canada into Minnesota.

The smoke reduced visibility in the area while the cold front dropped temperatures into the mid-80s Friday along with some rain for Rock County.

For much of this summer, the county has been under moderate to severe drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Friday’s rain postponed the Ag Society’s community night, when the grandstand’s infield filled with water from the day’s rain.

Rain amounts varied



Crowds gather during one of the pig races Thursday, July 29, at the Rock County Fair. At right, the adventure barn draws lots of visitors as they can pet goats and calves as well as hold rabbits and chicks..

(Photos by Mavis Fodness)

from just over a half inch to more than an inch of rain over a 24-hour period.

The community event, which featured a free meal, may be rescheduled for later this month or early September, Kinsinger said.

Sunshine returned on Saturday with temperatures almost 20 degrees cooler than Thursday (Saturday’s high was recorded at 69 degrees at the Luverne airport.)

The ideal fair weather

brought people out to the fairgrounds for the last day of the fair.

“I think this year’s fair was a success,” Kinsinger said. “It was great to have everyone here again!”

In 2020 the pandemic canceled the free county fair events while 4-H conducted a virtual fair for general projects and a showcase for each livestock category that only 4-H’ers and their immediate families could attend.



Pictured above, Arya Eiesland (far left) portrays Miss Gulch as scarecrow Tom Hendricks holds the microphone and recites lines for Eiesland to repeat. From right are Lion Jeffrey Kortman, stage manager Theresa Kortman, Tinman Chad Gruis, Good Witch Daphne DeBoer (hidden), and Harper Hulstein playing Dorothy.



Rain showers brought out the umbrellas Friday, July 30, at the Rock County Fair. The rain lasted most of the day and amounts varied from just over a half inch to as much as an inch in areas. At far left, Stuart Moser (center) holds his niece, Mae Fagerness, as she gets a close look of a duck held by Derek Sandbulte. At far left, Ivy Tiesler holds a sheep created by Kevin Lindh at the Balloons by Kevin booth.

Luverne Senior Legion team comes up short in state consolation championship

Post 123 goes 1-2 at tournament

By Jason Berghorst

Overall results weren't what the team and fans had hoped for, but the experience at the state Legion baseball tournament was a good one for Luverne Post 123.

"It was fantastic to have a normal season and to have the state tournament experience," said Luverne coach Codie Zeutenhorst.

"I believe we would have qualified for state last year if it had been held, so I'm really glad we were able to give most of the kids who were on last year's team that opportunity this year."

Luverne went 1-2 at this year's Minnesota Division II Senior American Legion Baseball State Tournament July 30-31 in Sacred Heart.

Post 123 lost to Wadena 2-0 in the quarterfinal round Friday before defeating Glenwood-Lowry 7-0 Saturday morning.

Saturday afternoon, Luverne fell to La Crescent 9-6 in the consolation championship game.

Luverne ends its season 12-6.

"I actually loved every part of this season," Zeutenhorst said.

"It was cut a little short at the start, and there were a few schedule changes, but overall it was great to get back and have some normalcy this sum-



Submitted Photo

Post 123's Casey Sehr hurls a pitch to catcher Braydon Ripka during Luverne's 9-6 loss to La Crescent in the consolation championship of the state tournament Saturday in Sacred Heart.

'It was fantastic to have a normal season and to have the state tournament experience.'

—Coach Codie Zeutenhorst

he said.

When Luverne was unable to score any runs in the top of the seventh inning, the game ended 2-0.

Wadena's Dykhoff struck out 12 Luverne batters in the game and gave up only two hits.

Casey Sehr and Connor Overgaard had one hit each for Luverne.

Wenninger pitched six innings until he neared the pitch count of 105.

"Cade's pitching was fantastic," Zeutenhorst said.

He struck out five batters and gave up five hits and two runs, one of which was earned.

Colby Crabtree pitched the final inning for Luverne. He struck out three batters and issued two walks and no hits or runs.

Legion, continued on 4B

mer. ... The kids played well and we ended our season in the state tournament where we wanted to be."

Luverne will host the 2022 Division II Senior Legion State Tournament next July. As hosts, the team will automatically qualify for the tournament.

"We're really excited for that," Zeutenhorst said.

"It will actually be the

third state tournament in a row that we'll be playing in."

Wadena 2, Luverne 0

Luverne faced Wadena in the first round of the state tournament Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Community Field in Sacred Heart.

Post 123 suffered a 2-0 loss to Wadena, which forced Luverne into the tournament's consolation bracket.

The game was a true pitchers' duel with Luverne's Cade Wenninger and Wadena's Josh Dykhoff offering few hits and no runs during the first five innings of the seven-inning contest.

Wadena scored the only two runs of the game in the top of the sixth inning.

The first run scored as a result of timely hitting and effective base running by

Wadena.

The second run, however, was a result of "mental lapses that led to a learning opportunity" for his players, according to Zeutenhorst.

"Sometimes people say to forget about your mistakes, but I told our kids we need to remember this one and learn from it. It hurt. You can't make mistakes like that at the state tournament,"



Jason Berghorst photo/0805 Redbirds Haugen

Jake Haugen struck out 12 Adrian batters and gave up one hit during the Redbirds' victory July 28.

Birds sweep Adrian in first round

Luverne enters Final Four round with 21-5 record

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team lived up to their No. 1 seed by sweeping the eighth-seeded Adrian A's 15-0 and 7-0 Wednesday and Saturday in Round 1 of the Region 13C tournament.

Luverne, now 21-5 on the season, faces the Hadley Buttermakers in the Final Four round of the tournament this weekend (see related story).

Luverne 15, Adrian 0

Luverne opened play in the Region 13C tournament in grand fashion by defeating Adrian 15-0 in seven innings at Redbird Field in Luverne July 28.

The Redbirds scored early and often in the game, plating two runs in the first inning and three more in the second before exploding for seven runs in the third inning.

Skyler Wenninger had a banner night at the plate, blasting a three-run home run in the third inning and a solo home run in the fourth.

Wenninger had two hits, scored three runs and totaled four RBIs in the game.

Ben Serie tallied three hits and two RBIs while

Jake Haugen had two hits and three RBIs.

Phil Paquette, Newt Johnson and Gaige Nath each scored twice for the Redbirds.

Haugen was the winning pitcher. He struck out 12 Adrian batters while giving up no runs and only one hit and one run during six innings on the mound.

Derek Lundgren came in to relieve Haugen. He pitched one inning and gave up no hits or runs and walked one batter.

| Box Score | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Adrian | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |
| Luverne | 2 3 7 1 0 2 x 0 |

| | AB | R | H | BI |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|
| Lundgren | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Paquette | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Johnson | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| S. Wenninger | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Zeutenhorst | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Serie | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Haugen | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Meyer | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Nath | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Reisdorfer | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| C. Wenninger | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Redbirds, continued on 4B

Next up for Redbirds in Region 13C tournament: Hadley Buttermakers

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team moves on to the Final Four round of the Region 13C tournament this week.

The Redbirds, now 21-5 on the season, swept the Adrian A's 15-0 and 7-0 in the first round of the tournament.

Luverne now faces the fourth-seeded Hadley Buttermakers in the best-of-three Final Four round.

Game 1 is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Redbird Field in Luverne.

Game 2 will be in Hadley Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Game 3, if necessary, is in Luverne Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Windom Pirates and Milroy Irish are the other two teams still alive in the Region 13C playoffs.

The top three teams will advance to the Minnesota State Class C Amateur Baseball Tournament in Chaska, Waconia and Hamburg.

A series win this weekend will qualify the Redbirds for the state tournament.

A series loss will send Luverne to the third place series next weekend to play for the third and final invite to the state tournament from Region 13C.

Luverne has faced Hadley in the Final Four series the last two years with the Buttermakers winning both series.

Luverne went on to win the third-place series and qualify for the state tournament each of the last two years.

"Hadley's a tough team to beat in the playoffs," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer.

"Even when we beat them during the regular season, they just get fired up and find a way to

win in the playoffs."

In fact, Hadley came from behind in Game 3 of their Round 1 series with Jackson to defeat the Bulls 6-5 Sunday to keep their season alive.

"It's going to be a tough series," said Maurer, whose team will have the home-field advantage as the overall No. 1 seed.

Luverne has again drafted Pipestone A's pitcher Brandon Alfson for the Final Four round.

2021 Region 13C Round 1 Results July 28 - August 1

Luverne vs. Adrian
Luverne 15, Adrian 0 (7 inn.)
Luverne 7, Adrian 0

Hadley vs. Jackson
Jackson 3, Hadley 2
Hadley 9, Jackson 3
Hadley 6, Jackson 5

Windom vs. Pipestone
Windom 4, Pipestone 0
Pipestone 6, Windom 5
Windom 12, Pipestone 1 (7 inn.)

Milroy Irish vs. Lakefield
Milroy 13, Lakefield 1
Milroy 13, Lakefield 5

2021 Region 13C Final Four Round Schedule August 4 - 8

Luverne vs. Hadley
Wed, Aug. 4 at 7:30 pm in Luverne
Sat, Aug. 7 at 2:00 pm in Hadley
*Sun, Aug 8 at 2:00 pm in Luverne

Windom vs. Milroy
Wed, Aug. 4 at 7:30 pm in Windom
Fri, Aug. 6 at 7:30 pm in Irish Yard
*Sun, Aug 8 at 2:00 pm in Windom

*Game played if necessary

LHS football players attend DSU team camp

By Jason Berghorst

Some Luverne High School athletes are getting plenty of training and competition this summer.

Twenty LHS incoming sophomore, junior and senior football players participated in the Dakota State University team camp in Madison, South Dakota, Wednesday-Thursday, July 28-29.

Seven of those football athletes then played on the Luverne Post 123 team in the Minnesota State American Legion Baseball Tournament the following weekend.

Nine teams participated in the DSU football team camp.

The camp includes games between teams, with the first team to score 13 in each game being declared the winner.

Luverne was seeded first in the Gold Division going into the final round of contests.

The Cardinals lost to Madison, South Dakota, in the finals.

Luverne senior Jordan Friedrichsen was named Most Valuable Lineman at the DSU camp.

Football practice begins Aug. 16, and the Cardinals' first game is Sept. 2 at home versus Redwood Valley.



Submitted Photo

Twenty members of the Luverne High School football team participated in the Dakota State University team camp July 28-29. Participants include (front, from left) Patrick Kroski, Riley Sneller, Tyson Cowell, Kaleb Hein, Ross Bergman, Jacob Stroth, Will Serie, Tyler Gebauer, (back) Jamie McCarthy, Ashton Sandbulte, Casey Sehr, Eli Radtke, Connor Connell, Gannon Ahrendt, Jordan Friedrichsen, Connor Overgaard, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Braydon Ripka, Zach Kruse and Andy Halverson.

Krohnberg wins Fair Enduro race

By Jason Berghorst

With rainouts on Friday night at speedways in Rock Rapids and Slayton, there was limited racing at local tracks last weekend.

Two Rock County drivers competed in regularly-scheduled races Saturday night at I-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota, and at Worthington Speedway.

A number of locals participated at the Rock County Fair Enduro Race in Luverne the same night.

Stacy Krohnberg, of Walters, won his second consecutive race of the summer in the LSR (Luverne-Slayton-Rock Rapids) Enduro Series. Krohnberg placed second in last year's Rock County Fair Enduro race.

Below are the results of Rock County drivers from July 31 and the full results from the fair enduro race.

I-90 Speedway – July 31

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature

| | | |
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| Cadyn Wessels | Luverne | 14 |
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USRA Hobby Stocks B Feature

| | | |
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| Cadyn Wessels | Luverne | 3 |
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Worthington Speedway – July 31

Bombers A Feature

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| Silas Top | Hardwick | 6 |
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Rock County Fair Enduro – July 31

| Driver | Laps | Place |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| Stacy Krohnberg | 200 | 1 |
| Rodney Kramer | 191 | 2 |
| Trey Anderson | 189 | 3 |
| Jasmine Kalass | 189 | 4 |
| Bob Nash | 176 | 5 |
| Aaron Fischer | 170 | 6 |
| Justin Mann | 161 | 7 |
| DJ Jones | 140 | 8 |
| Autumn Kiggins | 137 | 9 |
| Stuart Nelson | 131 | 10 |
| Carter Anderson | 124 | 11 |
| Bob Jones | 113 | 12 |
| Tanner Kamm | 113 | 13 |
| Robert Thompson | 111 | 14 |
| Chris Hoogland | 90 | 15 |
| Brian Campbell | 80 | 16 |
| Brant Whitecome | 74 | 17 |
| Justin Vandewalle | 66 | 18 |
| Ron Brownie | 51 | 19 |
| Hunter Fluit | 18 | 20 |
| Chase Overgaard | 16 | 21 |
| Tony Fluit | 6 | 22 |

Protect water by managing soil

The headline of the Star Herald a few weeks back announced that a nearby community's drinking water had levels of magnesium that were five times higher than what was safe for infants.

It really doesn't matter where in the state you live, this is becoming a far too frequent headline. There is a very old saying that "whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting," and water issues are now one of the most controversial debates of our lifetime. The fact that water is not an infinite resource is totally missed by a very large portion of the human population.

About 70 percent of all of the fresh water used on planet Earth is used for irrigation. Just think about that fact for a minute. It is sobering to me. I like to eat as much as the next guy and maybe even more, so irrigation used for food is not a problem in my eyes.

Water used to irrigate lawns, on the other hand, is a whole other issue.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

A huge metropolitan city in the desert Southwest required that all non-used green spaces need to be replaced with material that does not need to be watered — hotel, motel front approaches for an example.

After the law was in place, city officials figured it saved the equivalent of 11.5 gallons of water per person per day and that was for a population of millions of folks. For 10 million people that equates to 115 billion gallons per day.

Lake Mead supplies millions of people in the arid Southwest and they have had to lower the intake on that reservoir three times in the past 15 years.

The thirst for never-ending water is growing, and supply is not keeping

up with demand. States are now fighting over who has first rights to water resources.

Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes, and yet in southwest Minnesota my community could not even run a garden hose for over three years about five years ago.

I never really ever figured out why conserving water resources was not a continual thing. When it rains a lot, then we are allowed to waste a lot of water.

Why would we do that? Why not conserve water all the time?

As an example of people's attitudes about water, I was sitting in a bar with an in-law a few years back, and at 6 p.m.

he left, drove home 12 miles, turned on the lawn sprinkler and rushed back. How bad do you have to want to water your lawn to do that? That was just plain dumb.

Another aspect of water resources I advocate for, ranked evenly with water conservation, is water resource protection.

How do you go about protecting current water resources? An important first step is to consider wellhead protection areas, which are mapped out by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as the most critical areas to avoid water contamination.

So how do you protect these areas? The No. 1 way is to cover them with undisturbed vegetation. By rotating wellhead protection areas away from row crop production to perennial grass cover, you do several important things.

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Legion team ends season at state/continued from page 2B

| Box Score | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---|--|
| Wadena | 000020 | 2 | |
| Luverne | 000000 | 0 | |
| | AB R H BI | | |
| Cowell | 3 0 0 0 | | |
| Wenninger | 2 0 0 0 | | |
| Beyer | 2 0 0 0 | | |
| Crabtree | 3 0 0 0 | | |
| Sehr | 3 0 1 0 | | |
| Sneller | 2 0 0 0 | | |
| Connell | 1 0 0 0 | | |
| Overgaard | 3 0 1 0 | | |
| Anderson | 2 0 0 0 | | |
| Ripka | 2 0 0 0 | | |

'When the top of our line-up gets on base, good things happen.'

—Coach Codie Zeutenhorst

Luverne 7, G-L 0

After losing a close game in the first round of the state tournament Friday, Luverne's batters and pitchers combined solid performances to earn a 7-0 win over Glenwood-Lowry Saturday morning in the consolation bracket.

"Our seniors at the top of the lineup starting hitting balls," Zeutenhorst said. "When the top of our lineup gets on base, good things happen."

In fact, Luverne's first four batters (Bailey Cowell, Wenninger, Ethan Beyer and Crabtree) were responsible for eight of the team's nine hits, five of the seven runs, all seven RBIs and all three extra base hits in the victory.



Submitted Photo

Riley Sneller swings for the ball during the opening game of the 2021 Minnesota State American Legion Baseball Tournament Friday morning. Luverne lost the opening game 2-0 to Wadena.

"That's really what you want from your seniors at the top of your lineup," Zeutenhorst said. "They did a great job."

Ethan Beyer led the offense for Luverne with four hits, including two doubles, one run and one RBI.

Crabtree hammered a three-run homerun in the sixth inning to solidify the Post 123 victory. He had four total RBIs in the game.

In addition to leading the Luverne offense, Beyer was the game's winning pitcher.

He struck out nine batters and gave up only three hits and no runs in six innings on the mound.

Crabtree came in to pitch the final inning, striking out two and giving up no hits, walks or runs.

| Box Score | | | |
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| Glenwood | 0000000 | 0 | |
| Luverne | 120103x | 7 | |

| | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Cowell | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Wenninger | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Beyer | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Crabtree | 2 | 1 | 4 | |
| Sehr | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| Connell | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stroh | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Anderson | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ripka | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Halverson | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

after losing 8-1 to host Sacred Heart-MACCRAV and then defeating Holy Family (Chanhassen) 9-7.

Luverne started the 2 p.m. game strong, bringing the energy of the morning shut-out win to the contest.

Luverne scored the first run of the game when Cowell scored off a sacrifice fly by Beyer in the bottom of the first inning.

A homerun by Connor Connell, RBI doubles by Cowell and Wenninger and

La Crescent 9, Luverne 6

After shutting out Glenwood-Lowry 7-0 in Saturday's first game, Luverne faced La Crescent in the consolation championship game Saturday afternoon in Sacred Heart.

La Crescent reached the consolation championship

an RBI single by Beyer all in the second inning led to a 5-1 Luverne lead after two frames.

La Crescent answered with three runs in the third and took the lead by scoring two more runs in the top of the fourth inning before a score by Wenninger in the bottom of the fourth tied the game 6-6.

Luverne was unable to score any more runs in the game while La Crescent added one run in the fifth and two in the seventh to finalize the 9-6 La Crescent victory.

Connell took the loss on the mound. He pitched three innings, giving up six runs (four earned), eight hits and three walks. He struck out two batters.

"Connell threw well, but the strike zone was really tight," Zeutenhorst said.

"None of his curve balls were called strikes, which forced him to throw fast balls, and they hit those."

La Crescent totaled sixteen hits in the game.

"That's good hitting," Zeutenhorst said. "Sixteen hits will win a lot of games."

Sehr came in to pitch the final four innings, striking out seven batters and giving up three runs, eight hits and two walks.

| Box Score | | | |
|------------|---------|---|--|
| LaCrescent | 0132102 | 9 | |
| Luverne | 1401000 | 6 | |

| | AB | R | H | BI |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Cowell | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Wenninger | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Beyer | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Crabtree | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sehr | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Connell | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Stroh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Halverson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anderson | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ripka | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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Luverne 7, Adrian 0

The Redbirds ended their best-of-three, first round series Saturday when they defeated Adrian 7-0 in the second game of the series.

Playing in Adrian, the two teams were scoreless through the first four innings.

Luverne scored four runs in the fifth inning and three in the seventh while holding the A's scoreless the entire game.

Isaiah Bartels pitched seven strong innings, strik-

ing out 10 batters and giving up four hits, no walks and no runs.

Lundgren earned the save, pitching the final two innings and giving up just two hits.

Haugen tallied three hits, two RBIs and one run in the victory.

Serie scored twice off two hits and added two RBIs, including an RBI double in the seventh inning.

Paquette, with two hits,

one run and one RBI, also hit an RBI double in the fifth inning.

| Box Score | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---|--|
| Luverne | 000040300 | 7 | |
| Adrian | 000000000 | 0 | |

| | AB | R | H | BI |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|
| Lundgren | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Nath | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Paquette | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| S. Wenninger | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Serie | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Haugen | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Norman | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Bartels | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Meyer | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
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these acres. In some cases, wetlands are restored to allow water to filter through these areas with the water coming out the other end much cleaner than when it entered.

Pollutants are absorbed by the plants that live there, if the pollutant load does not overwhelm the basin.

How do you plant grass in these critical protection areas without a huge cost?

One of my favorite answers, call it what you like, is citizen-owned lands, public lands or wildlife management areas.

These areas provide permanent grass cover, protect water, reduce erosion, reduce flooding, benefit pollinators and non-game species, sequester carbon and even provide a hunter a place to possibly shoot a rooster.

These citizen-owned lands also pay the county money to replace the private lands property taxes, in many cases more than when the land was in private ownership.

If you are a fan of protecting water resources, you need to be a vocal

and staunch supporter of public-owned lands. If not for yourself, then for your kids or grandkids. What happens when you turn on the tap and no water comes out?

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

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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
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Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, Aug. 5: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Aug. 7: 5:30 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Sunday, Aug. 8: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee and treats. Wednesday, Aug. 11: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible study at Wildflowers. Thursday, Aug. 12: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

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

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

Friday, Aug. 6: 6:30 a.m. Community men's Bible study. Church campout at Adrian campground. Sunday, Aug. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Tuesday, Aug. 10: 12:00 Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 11: 9 a.m. Cookie crew. 7 p.m. Discipleship team meeting. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
(formerly First Assembly of God)

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Ph. 612-800-1255; email info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10 a.m. Worship service. Children's church for ages 3-6th grade and nursery for ages 0-3 provided during our services. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Worship service. All services are in-person and all are welcome.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luvernumc@iw.net

Thursday, Aug. 5: Endowment Fund applications due. Friday, Aug. 6: UMW Mission U. Saturday, Aug. 7: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 8: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service and live streamed on Facebook and radio. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Wednesday, Aug. 11: 8 p.m. AA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 5: 9 a.m. PW coordinating team. Sunday, Aug. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Monday, Aug. 9: Peace and justice book study. Tuesday, Aug. 10: 1:30 p.m. Poplar Creek Communion. Wednesday, Aug. 11: 6:30 p.m. Session.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, Aug. 7: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 8: 9 a.m. Worship service. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

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

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

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

Sunday, Aug. 8: 10 a.m. Joint worship at First Lutheran. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFCU4>

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

Sunday, Aug. 8: 10 a.m. Joint worship at First Lutheran. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFCU4>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 8: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, Aug. 10: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsure@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Head or heart knowledge?

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The God of the Bible, the God of the Christian faith, wants you to know him and put that knowledge into action.

In the beginning, when God created the world, he did something amazing. He walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. He wanted them to know him, not just as the creator of all, but as their God.

From the beginning God wanted Adam and Eve to know the God who created all the animals, to know the one who painted the night sky with stars and placed the sun in the best location to give light in the day. But more so, he wanted them to know him as their heavenly Father.

Adam and Eve destroyed their relationship with God through sin, but God didn't stop wanting people to know him. He sent prophets to proclaim the goodness of God to all humanity in an effort for them to know him. More than once God spoke to different people in the Old Testament. He used a burning bush with Moses. Jacob wrestled with God. God promised Abraham that the world would be blessed as a result of him. Noah was given the dimensions of a boat to build as a life raft when God flooded the earth in judgement of sin.

God demonstrated his love for us by sending Jesus Christ to come to the earth to die for our sins (Romans 5:8).

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

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Even though mankind failed to know God, even running away from God, he continually gives humanity opportunities to know him.

Many know there is a God intellectually, but far fewer have allowed the knowledge of God to create a change in their life. It is like walking through the hot desert dying of thirst while holding a water bottle and refusing to take a drink.

Allow your knowledge of God to go from your head to your heart.

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A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*



Based on recent data (shown below), it's safe to say that the target audience for vaccination needs to be the groups between 12-64 years of age. Grandparents that have grandkids ages 12-18 need to get on their grandkids' parents to get them vaccinated! With the new Delta variant gaining momentum, now is the time to protect yourselves, your family and our community.

One thing to look at and mention is that Nobles county residents ages 50 to 64 years old are to be commended. They are at 68% with at least one dose and the 18-49 year olds are at 51% with at least one dose. They are getting it. Nobles county overall total is 47.5% with at least one dose. Our county neighbors to the north are at an overall percentage of 41.6% with at least one dose. Let's do this Rock County!

MN VACCINE AMBASSADORS

Pat Baustian, Mayor of Luverne

Ben Schierer, Mayor of Fergus Falls

Dessa, Singer, rapper, and writer

PJ Fleck, Head Football Coach at University of Minnesota

Beth Ford, President and CEO of Land O'Lakes

Dr. Daniel Grossman, CMO of Best Buy and Emergency Medicine Physician

Dr. Josie Johnson, civil rights activist

Ben Schierer, Mayor of Fergus Falls

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from the MN Department of Health as of 7/26

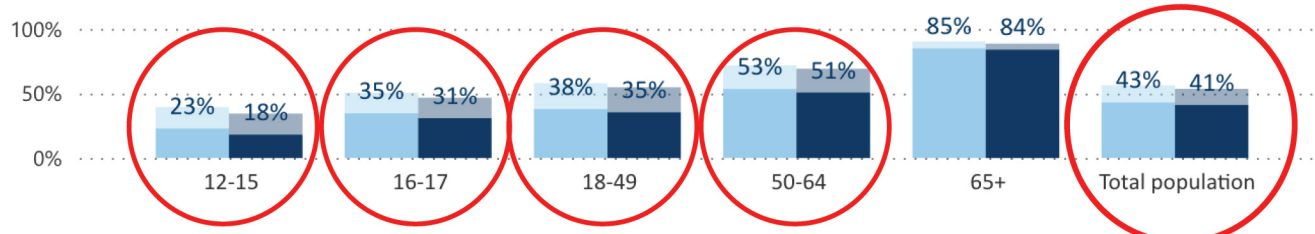
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| | People with at least one vaccine dose | 4,042 | 43.0% |
| | People with completed vaccine series | 3,856 | 41.0% |

| Age group | People with at least one vaccine dose | People with completed vaccine series |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 12-15 | 127 | 101 |
| 16-17 | 92 | 82 |
| 18-49 | 1,246 | 1,162 |
| 50-64 | 993 | 945 |
| 65+ | 1,584 | 1,566 |
| Total | 4,042 | 3,856 |

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Proportion of People Vaccinated by Age Group Population

● Percent with at least one dose ● Percent with complete series



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