

Community Events

Meetings

Al-Anon group will meet each Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the library at United Methodist Church in Luverne. Use the back northwest door for entrance.

America 250 Rock County Passport series

Hear the story of how the death of “Ethel” – Ras Tweet’s four-legged companion, became the biggest celebration the town of Kenneth has ever seen, at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the gazebo in Kenneth. Reception to follow.

Hear the stories about the Hardwick Grade School “Wildcats” and celebrate the dedication of the Wildcat stone. A community meal and parade to follow. Stop by the community hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27, to see Hardwick and Wildcat Memorabilia.

SAIL classes are being offered

SAIL classes are being offered from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday now through Sept. 10, at the American Reformed Church social hall. A.C.E. volunteer class leaders are Gordon Mulder and Corey Ziegler. For more information or to pre-register contact A.C.E. program manager Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064. There is no cost to attend these classes; however, donations will be accepted.

Blue Mounds State Park programs and events

There is only one rock at Blue Mounds State Park: Sioux Quartzite. The geological features found in this formation tell 1.7 billion years of earth’s history. No matter the reading level, children and adults can learn to interpret what is **Written in Stone** from 4 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27. This program includes ½ mile of walking on rough prairie trail. Meet at the Eagle Rock Vista Trailhead.

Minnesota has seven different species of fireflies, also known as lightning bugs. Come to **The Glow Code: How Fireflies Talk** from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. Saturday, June 27, and learn why and how fireflies glow, and what they are saying. Then, when darkness falls, help the naturalist crack the glow code to find out which species light up Blue Mounds’ summer nights. *Please wear appropriate shoes and clothing for firefly catching.

All snakes are carnivorous predators, including the five species found at Blue Mounds State Park. How these critters hunt and eat with only a head and spine is a testament to the creativity of nature. Attend **Death by Snake** and slide on over to the picnic area anytime between 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 28, to explore how these reptiles eat, while avoiding being eaten. Meet at the picnic area.

Programs will be canceled in the event of poor weather conditions. Check online or call the provided phone number. If you need an accommodation, please contact park staff at bluemounds.statepark@state.mn.us or at 507-283-6051, two weeks prior to the event.

Attend Canaries game through Generations

Enjoy a Canaries baseball game Wednesday, July 22, through Generations Inc. Carpool transportation is available for the game and will leave Generations in Luverne at 5 p.m.; game begins at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Seats are located in the shade and handrails are available. To register please call 507-544-8388 to reserve your ticket! Cost is \$12.

Hey kids! Need lunch?

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- Rock County Star Herald
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