



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## H-BC voters to decide on new school

By Mavis Fodness

Residents in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District will go to the polls Tuesday, April 11, in action taken by the H-BC school board Monday night.

Members voted 6-0 to move forward with the \$29.975 million bond referendum to improve district facilities. (Board member Eric Uittenbogaard wasn't present at Monday's meeting.)

Two questions will be asked on the April 11 special election ballot.

Question 1 asks voters to consider a \$26.5 million bond to build a new elementary school (at a location yet to be determined) and decommission the existing structure in Beaver Creek.

Question 2 asks for \$3.475 million to demission the former high school building in Hills and make improvements to the locker rooms and Hugo Goehle gymnasium.

The existing bus garage (that the district still uses for its fleet) at the former high school would be improved.

Also, the parking lot at the current secondary school will also be expanded under the plan.

Question 2 would not pass unless voters also approve Question 1.

A public meeting and information session will be scheduled once the Minnesota Department of Education renders an opinion on the building plans.

Board members approved the review and comment documentation to the state at their Jan. 9 meeting.

A favorable ruling from state officials means a simple majority vote in favor would be necessary for the referendum to pass.

An unfavorable ruling from the state would mean a "yes" vote of at least 60 percent would be necessary for the referendum to pass.

Board members went into closed session Monday night to discuss plans to purchase land for a new elementary building in Beaver Creek.

No agreement with a land owner has been reached.



In the photo at left, Hadley Vanderburg (left) and Ella Schmuck earned first place for their booth decorating. Jordyn Reisch and Gabbie Nath-Huls (not pictured) helped with the booth.



At right, Belle Smidt (left) Kayla Bloemendaal earned third-place decorating honors for their booth.

## Luverne Music Boosters host Winter Carnival

Luverne music students, families and volunteers hosted their classic Winter Carnival Saturday night in the high school gym. Students manned carnival games, face painting, cake walks and more while volunteers helped with concessions, cotton candy, Bingo and more. According to Music Boosters president Heather Johnson, crowds were steady Saturday night, despite dense fog conditions. She said more than 110 cakes were given away during the Cake Walk game, an indicator of good attendance. The event is a major fundraiser for the booster club, which supports extracurricular activities in the school's music department.

At right, Rayna Johnson sports a freshly painted face.

Photos by Greg Hooegeven

Below left, Luella Johnson earned second place in the "most creative" category of the cake decorating contest with her s'mores cake, and the Huiskes family earned first place for the hamburger-style cake.

Below center, Arthur Wheeler (left) and Kayla VanderLugt reel in a prize at the fishing game.

Below right, Nardy Merida (left) and Ayah Alinizi earned-second place for their duck pond booth with help from (not pictured) fellow music students Kianna Winter and Addyson Mann.



## Fishing Derby canceled; snow makes ice unsafe, kills fish

By Lori Sorenson

The Get Hooked Fishing Derby at The Lake in Luverne has been canceled due to unsafe ice conditions, according to Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Lanphere.

"It's with a heavy heart that the Get Hooked Committee made the difficult decision on Monday to cancel this year's ice fishing derby," she said Tuesday morning.

"The committee has been working hard over the past six weeks to try to maintain the integrity of the ice by moving snow, but the snow has got the best of The Lake."

She said the snow has served as an insulator on top of the ice, making it structurally unsound to support hundreds of people, ice houses and equipment.

"As of this week, they advise

that no one be on the ice at The Lake," Lanphere said Tuesday.

The event had been scheduled for Feb. 18.

Fish kill

Another concern that arose over the past week is that fish are dying from to lack of oxygen in the water due to the heavy snow cover.

According to Ryan Doorenbos

of the Windom area DNR fisheries, The Lake is among dozens of others across the state of Minnesota to experience winterkill.

"Every time we have a winter with snow like we've had this year we have lakes with lower dissolved oxygen," Doorenbos said.

"We need sunlight to create oxygen via photosynthesis, and

Fishing Derby canceled/see 14

## Language of farming

### SWCD technicians get 'boots on the ground' training

By Lori Sorenson

A group of technicians from Soil and Water Conservation Districts in eight different counties toured the Bakken Land and Cattle farm near Beaver Creek Friday afternoon.

The technicians, new to their jobs and many without farming backgrounds, were seeking advice for communicating with farmers about soil and water conservation improvements.

"Farmers are more than willing to share input, we just need to not feel intimidated," Peter Bakken told them.

Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office facilitated exchange.



Lori Sorenson photo/0126 SWCD training Eli (left) and Peter Bakken exchange remarks with a group of Soil and Water Conservation District technicians from eight different counties who visited the Bakken farm and feedlot Friday afternoon.

"It was an opportunity for those who don't come from a farming background to learn how to work with livestock producers when helping them with land use practices in the scope of conservation," Bos said, Monday.

He said the technicians will spend their careers working with farmers but haven't had exposure to farmers and farm operations.

"I think the Bakkens did a great job helping them understand that the best thing they can do is help farmers navigate the programs and agencies and paperwork," Bos said.

The goal, Bos said, is

SWCD training/see p. 14

## Ambulance receives \$42,000 power lift cots in all three rigs

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Ambulance recently received power-lift cots capable of carrying 700 pounds.

The Stryker power load cots each cost \$42,220, and there are three of them, one for each ambulance in the local fleet.

One is paid for by Rock County (with Covid grant funds) and the other two were bought with grants from the Luverne Area Community Foundation for a total investment of \$124,278.

The equipment was ordered six months ago after Rock County Ambulance Service Program Coordinator Harlan VandeKieft and Sanford Luverne Clinic Administrator Tammy Loosbrock made the request to Rock County commissioners June 28.

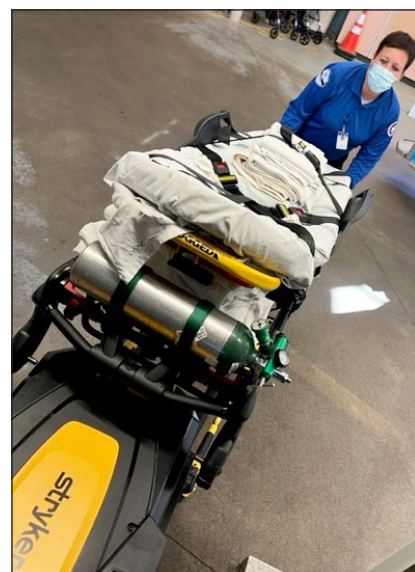


Photo courtesy of Sanford Health

Tricia Huiskes with Rock County Ambulance pushes the new Stryker power cot into the ambulance without help from another person.

Ambulance cots/see page 5



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### State Park offers owl class

Meet in the Picnic Shelter from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, for Winter Birding: Owls. Winter can be a great time to view owls. Find out what makes these wonderful birds so special and discover what species are in the backyard.

### Community free meal Jan. 25

The United Methodist Church will host its Wednesday night free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. A pick-up option is available by calling 507-283-4529.

### Mobile dental clinic Jan. 26

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room. This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0-100+. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. It's organized by #LuvLuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

### Love to Grow Expo

Luverne's Project Food Forest will host its Love to Grow Expo from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Take 16

Learn about food forests, gardening, tree care and native plants while enjoying coffee, tea and gourmet refreshments.

Local vendor items and specialty brews are available for additional purchase. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online (projectfoodforest.org) or in person. Proceeds benefit Project Food Forest.

### Nutrition for seniors Feb. 2

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 & older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, as a drive thru distribution in parking lot off Maple Street on the east side of the Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required by calling Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

### H-BC FFA chili cook-off Feb. 6

The Hills-Beaver Creek FFA Chapter is sponsoring a chili cook-off and silent auction fundraiser Feb. 6, beginning at 5 p.m. in the secondary school commons.

Chili cook-off participants are sought. Call 507-962-3240 ext. 33 to enter the cook-off.

### Community Ed

Community Education will offer the following classes in the next few weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

**Cellphones & Parenting – Oh My!** will help parents understand recommended settings to keep children safe. This is a virtual class offered through Zoom on February 2. Join us at Community Ed or attend from your home or office. Fee is \$20.

Taking **Defensive Driving Classes** allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. After the beginning 8 hour class, every 3 years drivers are required to take a 4 hour refresher class to maintain the savings. The schedule for Luverne classes follows:

Beginning 8 Hour Class – April 17 and 24 (4 hours each evening) the Refresher 4 Hour Classes are February 13, March 13, April 3

Students grades 3-5 are invited to Yoga for Elementary Children at Healing Path Counseling and Wellness. This four-week series starts on February 6. Fee is \$40.

**Catchers and pitchers** (experienced or inexperienced) in grades K- 8 are invited to learn and practice their skills at a 4 session Softball Camp beginning on Feb. 16. Sign up by February 6 at the lower fee of \$40.



Submitted photo

Through its Operation Round Up and Revive 2030, program Sioux Valley Energy recently allocated \$10,000 to the city of Hills for playground equipment at its proposed independent day care facility. Pictured are former Hills city councilman Alan Leenderts, SVE economic development executive Brandon Lane, councilman Stacen Burgers, Mayor Keith Elbers, SVE CEO Tim McCarthy and Operation Round Up director Greg Benda.

## Hills day care facility gets financial boost

By Mavis Fodness

Sioux Valley Energy recently donated \$10,000 to the city of Hills to add playground equipment for its proposed day care facility.

"The city has been working diligently to try and find a solution to help with the day care provider shortage," said Hills Mayor Keith Elbers.

"It is a long process but, together with everyone's help and generosity of partners like Sioux Valley Energy, we are going to make this a reality of the city of Hills."

Work begins this spring to convert a former commercial building into a facility that houses three inde-

pendent family child care businesses.

The building, located at the corner of East Third Street and South Main Avenue, was obtained by the city through tax forfeiture in 2022.

The city recently received a \$120,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to assist in the remodeling.

Rock County Commissioners later contributed \$100,000 to the project to encourage anyone interested in opening their own day care business, but who lacked the necessary facility to do so.

The city also recently

received a \$120,000 grant from the state of Minnesota.

Alliance Communications recently agreed to let the city use bare lot behind the proposed daycare facility to use as a playground.

"We can't say thank you enough to our many local and corporate partners who have stepped up to make this project a reality for us," Elbers said.

The \$10,000, presented to the city in late December, is part of the cooperative's Operation Round Up program, which provides grants to community causes and nonprofits.

The grant money comes from cooperative members who "round up" their electricity bills. A matching do-

nation is provided by SVE's REVIVE 2023 program.

"One of the cooperative's core principals is commitment to community, and this is the type of project that really embraces and highlights that," said SVE CEO Tim McCarthy.

"We know that availability and affordability of child care is a challenge, especially in smaller or more rural communities. We stand ready to be strategic partners in finding solutions."

Communities within the SVE service territory are eligible for participation in the REVIVE 2030 program.

For more info contact Brandon Lane or Jay Buchholz, 800-234-1960.

## Walk by candlelight at Blue Mounds on Feb. 4

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is hosting candlelight events across the state this winter, including one at Blue Mounds State Park on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Drop by any time between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. for hiking as stars twinkle overhead and candles flicker in the snow.

"Candlelight events are a wonderful way to experience state parks in winter," said Ann Pierce, DNR Parks and Trails director.

"On a cold winter's night, there's something

beautiful about the flicker of candles reflected in the snow – it creates a magical feeling.

Being active outside in winter is a great way to beat cabin fever, get some exercise and boost your mood."

The 3-mile trail starts at the Picnic Shelter and is suitable for beginner-level hikers of all ages.

The evening wraps up with a cup of hot cocoa near a crackling bonfire.

For weather-related event updates, call 507-283-6050 or check visitor alerts at [mndnr.gov/blue-](http://mndnr.gov/blue-mounds)

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Blue Mounds Park staff would like to encourage carpooling to the event.

Although permits are available at the park, visitors can save time by getting one in advance.

Visit [mndnr.gov/reservations](http://mndnr.gov/reservations), log in or create an account, then click on "vehicle permit."

Next, select a duration of one-day (\$7) or annual (\$35) and continue as directed.

An email will be sent with a permit that can be printed and displayed dur-

ing park visits.

State Park events take place year-round, offering a variety of activities. For the complete events schedule – including dates, times, and other details – visit the state park events calendar on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/ptcalendar](http://mndnr.gov/ptcalendar)).

For more information, email [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us) or call the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## #TellUsTuesday Results

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Raffle	17%
Food	11%
Game Booths	6%
Cake Walk	28%

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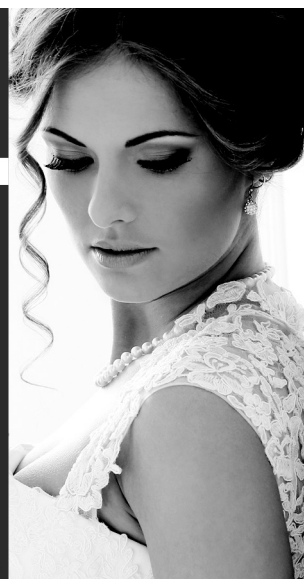
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## Sno-Masters rides Feb. 4, 11

The Rock County Sno-Masters plan two events for February. The Memorial Ride for Terry "Butch" Connell will be Feb. 4.

This is not a poker run. Any vehicle is welcome. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Sno-Master clubhouse at 206 SE Park St., Luverne.

The route includes Beaver Creek, Hardwick, Trosky, Hardwick, Take 16 (Luverne), Howling Dog (Luverne) and back to the clubhouse. A meal will be served. Bring-

bring your own beverages. A bon fire will be outside the clubhouse.

On Feb. 11, a Fun Run (poker run) will take place. All vehicles welcome. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse.

Stops include the Eagles Club (Luverne), Take 16 (Luverne), Hardwick, Trosky, Beaver Creek, Hills and the Luverne Country Club. Five stops are necessary for a hand. Bring your own beverages.

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# County approves salary increases

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved pay increases for elected employees at their last meeting of 2022 on Dec. 26.

The increases took effect Jan. 1, except for the sergeants' union still in negotiations.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge received a 6-percent pay increase for 2023, bringing his salary more in line with similar positions in the nine-county area.

Verbrugge's salary went from \$105,375 to \$111,698.

County attorney Jeff Haubrich's salary increased 5 percent from \$94,000 to \$98,700.

Salaries for re-elected commissioners Sherri Thompson, Gary Overgaard, Jody Reisch, Greg Burger and Stan Williamson also increased 5 percent from \$20,698 to \$21,733.

The board previously approved a 5-percent increase for all non-union employees.

The 2022 and 2023 salaries for the directors and assistant directors in each of the county departments, based on current contracts and/or approved cost-of-living increases include:

- County public works director/engineer Mark Sehr, \$126,062 to \$129,844.

- County administrator/emergency management director Kyle Oldre, \$121,745 to \$125,398.

- Land Management Office director Eric Hartman, \$101,316 to \$106,392.

- Auditor/treasurer Ashley Kurtz, \$97,427 to \$102,294.

- Sergeant Jeff Wieneke, \$97,427 to amount still in negotiations.

- Rural water systems manager Ryan Holtz, \$83,283 to \$91,842.

- Land Management Office assistant director Doug Bos, \$83,283 to \$87,443.

- Assistant county attorney David Owens, \$78,000 to \$81,900.

- Assistant county engineer Andy Haakenson, \$74,027 to \$80,828.

- Deputy administrator Susan Skattum, \$71,427 to \$78,020.

- Library director Calla Jarvie, \$71,177 to \$75,982.

- Assistant library director Barb Verhey, \$66,040 to \$69,347.

- Land records director/assessor Rachel Jacobs, \$63,273 to \$68,875.

- Deputy auditor/treasurer Vanessa Luettel, \$52,187 to \$56,992.

- Veterans service officer David Haugom (part time) \$29,858 to \$31,346.



Mavis Fodness photos/0126 LHS One Act 2023

Luverne High School will host the sub-section one-act play competition in the performing arts center Saturday. Luverne students will perform "Ruby." Cast members include (front row from left) Travis Schempp, Alex Perkins, Steven Woods, (second row) Hallie Pergande, Makayla Oeschle, Isabella Benson, Abby Boltjes, Zander Carbonneau, (back) Hunter Cope, Brianna Kinsinger, Parker Carbonneau and Rebecca Hoogland. Not pictured is Hallie Bork.

# One-act play sub-section competition comes to Luverne

Luverne performing USF author's original production

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School will have the home stage advantage for Saturday's sub-section one-act play competition.

Six schools will compete in the LHS performing arts center with the top two finishers moving on to section competition Feb. 4, in Redwood Falls.

Joining Luverne will be performers from Adrian, Edgerton, Murray County Central, Pipestone and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton.

Competition begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Luverne will perform "Ruby," by University of Sioux Falls graduate Greta Smith, who wrote the original two-act play for a senior project in 2021.

"The heart of 'Ruby' can be summarized by one phrase: Color is coping," Smith said. "It follows the story of an imaginative, yet troubled eighth-grader and her struggles to fit in at school."

LHS junior Alex Perkins portrays Ruby on stage.

Ruby draws on her creativity as a coping mechanism and, by musing on the nature of color, she learns to summon imaginary personas of the color she's thinking about.

When Ruby meets Skyler (portrayed by junior Steven Woods), she unveils her world to him.

Together the two learn more about art, poetry and friendship just as Ruby's personal world is shattered by her parents' divorce.

Personifying color is a technique author Smith uses herself.

"This is a game I have played with myself, and it's been an aid to me for writing poetry," she said.

"I find color to be a comfort to me and wanted to share that idea with others."



At left: Skyler (Steven Woods, seated, far left) taps into feelings known to his new friend Ruby as various colors that include (from left) Purple (Isabella Benson), Orange (Makayla Oeschle), Yellow (Abby Boltjes) and Green (Zander Carbonneau). Below: Ruby (portrayed by Alex Perkins) reacts to the news of her parents' upcoming divorce. As a coping mechanism she conjures up colors for her feelings, including (from left) Yellow (Abby Boltjes), Purple (Isabella Benson) and Orange (Makayla Oeschle) as Ruby's new friend Skyler (Steven Woods) watches.



Other characters (and their student actors) include:

- Ruby's mom (freshman Rebecca Hoogland)
- School secretary (sophomore Brianna Kinsinger)
- Janitor (junior Hunter Cope)
- Librarian (junior Hallie Bork)
- Science teacher (senior Parker Carbonneau)
- Green (freshman Zander Carbonneau)
- Purple (freshman Isabella Benson)
- Orange (freshman Makayla Oeschle)
- Yellow (junior Abby Boltjes)
- Gray (sophomore Hallie Pergande)

On the production crew, senior Travis Schempp handles the lights.

Adviser Joseph Stearns approached Smith about converting "Ruby" into a one-act play for his students to perform.

"I am hoping this play teaches students that the world is a colorful place — if we look hard enough to see it," he said.

"And also that, despite our range of individual emotions, we all have a range of human experience and it is all valid — both the good and bad."

Saturday's one-act play competition is open to the public. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

The first school competes at 10:30 a.m. followed

by the other five schools.

Each school has 10 minutes to set the stage and 35 minutes to complete performances. There is no time limit for clearing the stage after the performance.

Section champions are eligible to compete at MSHSL state tournament Feb. 9-10 in St. Paul.

# Luverne starts new three-year contract with city employees

By Lori Sorenson

City of Luverne union employees are about to start a new three-year contract, which was approved at the Dec. 20 City Council meeting.

The new three-year labor agreement calls for a 4.5 percent increase in 2023, a 3.5 percent increase in 2024 and a 3.5 percent increase in 2025.

Council members acted on year-end finance resolutions that included other wage adjustments for 2023.

The city's non-union, administrative and department heads will also receive 4.5-percent salary increases effective Jan. 1.

The following increases include step and lane changes and account for additional duties where applicable.

City Administrator John Call retired at a salary of \$140,431. His replacement, Jill Wolf, is starting at \$130,000.

Finance director Barb Berghorst retired at \$117,499 in July. Her replacement, finance director Robyn Wessels, will receive a salary increase from \$96,470 to \$101,982.

Water and wastewater supervisor Al Lais retired at \$104,187. His replacement, Darrel Ykema, will receive a salary of \$88,899.

Public works supervisor

John Stoffel's salary increased from \$95,202 to \$100,651.

City clerk Jessica Mead's salary increased from \$80,850 to \$85,654.

Accountant Candy Reese's salary increased from \$86,195 to \$91,250.

Building official Chad McClure's salary increased from \$85,072 to \$90,085.

Pool manager Sam Honerman's salary increased from \$80,850 to \$85,654.

EDA director Holly Sammons' salary increased from \$79,727 to \$84,469.

Liquor store manager Kenny Rolling's salary increased from \$78,603 to \$83,304.

Peggy Adams filled the position of deputy finance clerk when Wessels was promoted. Her salary increased from \$70,720 to \$75,088.

Assistant pool manager Michelle DeKam's salary increased from \$57,242 to \$60,986.

Electric department salaries are paid from the city's \$600,000 contract with Missouri River Energy Services.

Those workers — Brian Remme, Mike Gangestad, Mike Buss and Jeff Bechthold — are MRES employees, and their salary information is not public. The department is currently hiring for an open position.

•Feb. 28, mystery thriller writer Brian Freeman

For more information about each virtual visit, contact the Rock County Library.

Preregistration is required for each of the free programs through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Plumcreekvirtualauthortour>

For more information contact the Rock County Library at 507-449-5040 or rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com.

# Virtual author tour starts in February

The libraries of the Plum Creek Library System will offer "Wrapped in Reading Author Tour," a series of four virtual programs throughout February.

Four regional authors were selected for the tour from library patrons.

•Feb. 7, mystery writer Jeanne Cooney

•Feb. 14, novelist Lorna Landvik

•Feb. 21, paranormal researcher and author Chad Lewis

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## Gravel roads, velvet dog ears, singing cardinals ... What's your therapy?

It's been four months since we lost our Carson to suicide, and I haven't yet made an appointment with a grief counselor.



### ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

sermon about a mom (Mary) in Bible times who also lost her grown son under the most difficult of circumstances.

A cardinal sang to me one morning during our recent Florida vacation. I've never seen a cardinal in person and now wonder if it's true that "when cardinals appear, angels are near." Was it a message from Carson?

If nothing else, that little red bird and her beautiful song were therapeutic.

Tears, I'm told, play an important role in healing because they release stress hormones, like cortisol, and encourage the production of endorphins, which naturally relieve pain.

Holding back tears, therefore, isn't healthy, and given that I'm not a "crier," I assumed I'd need professional help in grieving for Carson.

Fortunately, the tears have found ways to escape. And fortunately, I've been blessed with the right people and the right opportunities in my grief process so far.

A friend on Saturday asked how I've been able to write columns in the Star Herald about such a devastating personal loss.

"It's my therapy," I said.

Thank you, dear readers, for sharing this journey with me and for being such great therapy.

## Star Herald issues 'thumbs' to snow workers, snow sports, Winter Carnival and more

**Thumbs up** — to snowplow drivers and snow removal crews fighting a non-stop battle this winter.

**Thumbs up** — to law enforcement, first responders, utility workers and others who work in winter conditions to keep people safe.

**Thumbs down** — to those who drive on closed roads in the winter. They put themselves and others at risk by doing so and can delay the opening of the roads if they become stranded.

**Thumbs up** — to modern-day technology and policies that allow working and learning from home during this "old-fashioned" winter we've been experiencing this year.

**Thumbs down** — to uneven sidewalks and cracks that stop my snow shoveling abruptly.

**Thumbs up** — to the "good neighbors" who helped each other recover from the weekly weather occurrences.

**Thumbs up** — to the great

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opportunities for winter recreation, such as sledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, etc. The snow creates the opportunities; all we have to do is take advantage of it.

**Thumbs up** — to creative individuals who organize ways to get us outside such as the Hills-Beaver Creek eighth graders and their Little Free Sled Library.

**Thumbs up** — to Blue Mounds State Park naturalist Tiffany Muellner who hosted the New Year's Day hike and wildlife talks and is facilitating the upcoming candlelight hike.

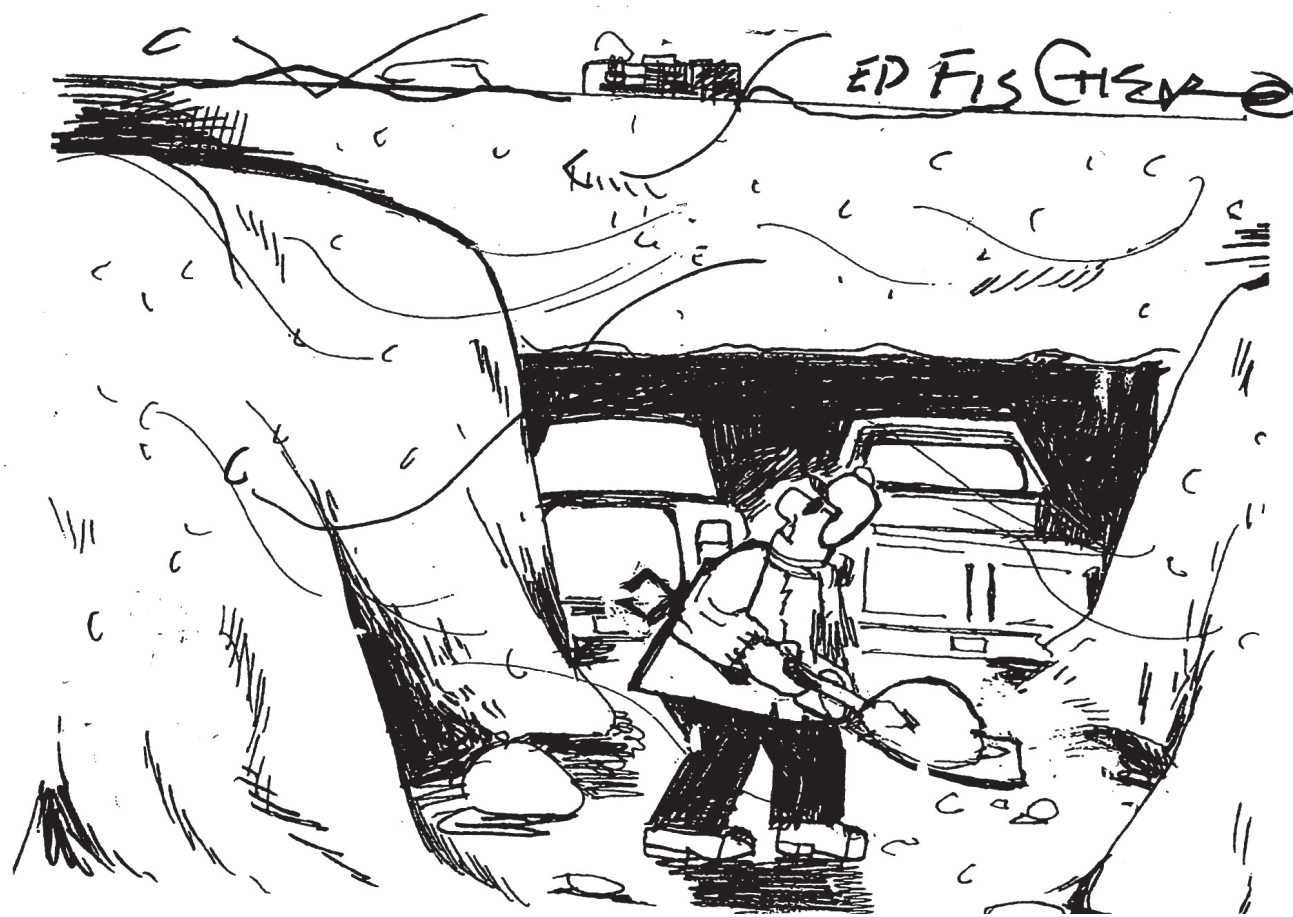
**Thumbs up** — to the organizers, supporting businesses and attendees of the 41st Annual Music Boosters Winter Carnival on

Saturday. It's a great tradition and it seems like a smaller number of volunteers each year work hard to make it happen.

**Thumbs down** — to the poor condition of Highway 75. It's already in full pothole mode and it's supposed to last until 2025 when the state is planning its reconstruction.

**Thumbs up** — to school officials who juggle and reschedule class time, bus schedules and extracurricular activities because of weather related cancellations.

**Thumbs up** — to the Luverne's Minnesota Veterans Home for being recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of America's Best Nursing Homes.



## More brave souls agree to leap into The Lake

In a little over two weeks a number of brave souls will be taking the Luverne Leap into freezing waters at The Lake in Luverne.

The leaping starts at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

So far, the list of leapers include Flipper Man, Joshua Crabtree with Sanford, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, Mike Davis, Dave Duffy, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, Jason Oye of Sunshine Foods, state trooper Joel de Cesare, Tim Gust with Rotary, Amanda McDonald of Take 16, Brady Dinger of Dinger Sales and Service LLC, Pat Saum with the Child's Remembrance Garden, deputy Jeff Stratton, James Roby with Herman Motor, Commissioner Jody Reisch, Knute Oldre with Security Savings Bank, and Reece Carlson of Edward Jones.

For those of you on the fence deciding whether to leap or not, you don't have to jump for a business. You can go alone like Flipper Man or get a group of friends together and do the unthinkable for a good cause, Luverne Area Community Foundation.



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

Each leaper has filled out the legal paper work assuring everyone that they are doing this of their own free will and are assuming any risk. That alone should tell you something about the leapers.

Each leaper paid the \$25 leaping fee and has to raise at least another \$75 in donations for the foundation.

So, if you are an alumnus of the school of common sense and would rather just donate money to the cause, by all means get the checkbook out or Venmo. Or, as always, cash is king.

You can donate to any of the leapers but, just an FYI, if Flipper Man can raise a \$1,000, he has an anonymous donor that will match

that \$1,000. As of the writing of this column Flipper Man has secured \$650 in donations.

Donating is easy.

The old-fashioned way is to just call Emily Crabtree at the LACF office 507-220-2424 and she'll be happy to help you. You can make your donation in the names of any of the leapers to help them reach their goals.

If you would like to donate in the name of Flipper Man you can drop that off at the Star Herald office or call the office 507-283-2333 and ask for me. I'll make sure Flipper Man gets it and he'll get it to the foundation office.

By the way, the public is welcome to come down to The Lake on the day of the leap and cheer on the leapers.

## Trooper: Drive with your headlights on at all times

**Question:** Can someone please tell dealers or inform people that their auto lights do not work during daylight hours? Or put it on those digital signs along the interstates? I did not know this when I bought my '05 Vibe and someone told me that. So when we had these storms and fog, there are people driving without lights at all or no taillights and when it is a white or silver vehicle makes it worse.

**Answer:** We have been fighting that battle for many years now, and I hear about it all the time from people. I have always taught motorists to drive with their headlights on at all times, even during the day, so they can avoid the whole issue of when to have headlights on. Even if you think you have headlights on all the time, you might not. Turn them on manually; then you will know for sure.

Daytime running lights

cannot be used in lieu of actual headlights during the times that actual headlights are required to be on. During those required times of headlights, all the other lights also are required (e.g., taillights, marker lamps, etc.). Those other lights are not always on when the so-called "automatic" lights are on either.

*You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.*

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

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Jan. 13**  
 •Complainant reported an outage.

•Assistance from another department was requested.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90 offramp, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.

•Complainant on US Highway 75 and 91<sup>st</sup> Street, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.

•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported an assault.

•Complainant on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hills, reported a driving complaint.

**Jan. 14**  
 •Complainant on US Highway 75, Luverne, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs, South Dakota, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported theft.

**Jan. 15**  
 •Complainant requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 23, Magnolia, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a parking issue.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported an assault.

**Jan. 16**  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a runaway.

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**Jan. 17**  
 Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported theft.

•Complainant on Main Street and Estey Street reported a parking complaint.

•Complainant reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Luverne Street and East Park Street re-

quested assistance from another department.

**Jan. 18**  
 •Complainant on 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Magnolia, reported a fire.

**Jan. 19**  
 •Complainant on County Road 4, near Interstate 90 ramp, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street and E. Fairway Drive reported a parking complaint.

•Complainant reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on S. Buckingham Street, Hardwick, reported a parking issue.

•A warrant was issued in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant reported harassing communications.

**Jan. 20**  
 •Complainant on Highway 75 and Warren Street reported visibility issues and snow.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, requested assistance for a tow.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Luverne, requested assistance from another department.

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

•Complainant on S. Walnut Street, Ellsworth, reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue to County Road 11 and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue, reported road closure.

In addition, officers responded to 13 motor vehicle accidents, 15 vehicles in the ditch, 4 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 9 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 15 burn permits, 3 background checks, 1 gas drive-off, 4 alarms, 7 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 27 traffic stops, 12 abandoned 911 calls, 3 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 5 follow-ups.

YEAR	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
PERMITS ISSUED	160	129	197	169	243
VALUATION	\$29,450,362	\$26,077,990	\$9,797,569	\$22,709,761	\$6,967,765

**Notables:**

Single-family permits (including individual duplex-units, served with private utilities)

YEAR	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
PERMITS ISSUED	4	7	6	4	15
VALUATION	\$757,134	\$1,128,742	\$1,245,228	\$959,253	\$2,645,479
% OF TOTAL VALUATION	2.6%	4.3%	12.7%	4.2%	38%

*Amended to reflect the addition of the powerplant generation project*  
 Ⓢ Doesn't reflect actual cost; based on formulation for permitting purposes only.

## Permits in 2022 reflect growth

By Lori Sorenson

A good way to measure growth over time is to track the number of building permits issued for construction.

Luverne building official Chad McClure compiled numbers for 2022 when he issued 160 permits valued at \$29,450,362.

Of those, four were for single-family home construction valued at \$757,134 and comprised 2.6 percent of permit valuations last year.

McClure points out that these valuations don't reflect actual cost; they're based on formulation for permitting purposes only.

Major projects permitted in 2022 include:

- Lineage Logistics construction valued at \$25,703,126. (That number reflects construction only. The project — with all equipment included, is valued at roughly \$50 million)
- Fareway Meats retrofit and remodel valued at \$365,000
- Minnesota Veterans Nursing Home east side window replacement and moisture damage repair \$295,903.

As a point of interest, McClure noted that Sioux Falls permitted construction last year totaled \$1 billion.

*“Making the tough decisions to preemptively have a developed industrial park with the required infrastructure updates in place gives the city and economic development office the ability to capitalize on development opportunities.”*

— Chad McClure, Luverne building official

Considering the city's 210,00 residents, that's roughly \$4,763 per resident.

By comparison, Luverne's \$29,450,360 worth of permitted construction for its nearly 5,000 residents computes to approxi-

mately \$6,000 per resident. McClure said this speaks well for Luverne's progress.

“Making the tough decisions to preemptively have a developed industrial park with the required infrastructure updates in place gives the city and economic development office the ability to capitalize on development opportunities,” he said.

The 160 permits in 2022 valued at \$29,450,362, compares with 129 permits in 2021 valued at \$26,077,990. That number includes the \$11 million city power plant generation improvement project completed in 2022.

The power plant permit was pending at the end of 2021, and when it was processed in 2022 it repopulated back to 2021.

Other major projects permitted in 2021 were the Luverne Aquatics and Fitness commercial addition and remodel valued at \$4.3 million, Kemp Electric new commercial building in the industrial park valued at \$180,000, Prairie Loft Apartments valued at \$7 million and Luverne Storage Rentals new commercial building in the industrial park valued at \$230,000.

## Ambulance power cots/continued from page 1

“The power lifts have greatly — in the 34 years I have been doing this — improved patient safety, staff safety and staff longevity,” VandeKieft told commissioners. “But they are not cheap.”

Loosbrock said workforce shortages prompted the ambulance and clinic personnel to entice younger employees to work in emergency services.

“In the last six months, we have had five people step down from the ambulance (service),” she said. “That results in the primary rig being always available. The second rig is available only 50 percent of the time.”

Typically, two emergency medical technicians load patients in and out of the ambulance, lifting the cot and the patient into the vehicle.

Power cots allow loading and unloading to be done by one person at the press of a button.

“Anyone can pull the (power) cot in and out,” VandeKieft said. “As you get older, it is harder to lift.”

The power cot is operated by a push button.

“It can be a 400-pound patient and you just have to hold the button down and it just takes it and picks it up and puts it right into the back of the truck,” he said.

“A person then just pushes it in and out,”

Annually Rock County commissioners allocate money to each of the three ambulance services serving Rock County.

They include Sanford



Photo courtesy of Sanford Health

Sanford Luverne's Tricia Huiskes maneuvers the new Stryker power cot out of the ambulance by herself. The Rock County Commissioners purchased one of the three cots that are now used by the Rock County Ambulance Service. Each one costs \$42,220.

Luverne, Edgerton and Jasper. Edgerton and Jasper already have power lift cots and they're interchangeable between ambulances services.

“In the case of mass casualties, we can switch cots and not worry about it,” VandeKieft said.

The power cot protects back safety and also

stretches the ambulance's employee and volunteer staff since legislation changes now require only one medical staff member to ride with patients.

In recent months, Luverne's ambulance assisted the Adrian ambulance, which has been experiencing staff

shortages that temporarily shut down the service.

Due to proximity, Rock County Ambulance is put on call.

“(They) notify both Worthington and Rock County that they are out of service and we are the guys picking up the Adrian service area,” VandeKieft said.

Rock County Ambulance averages around 1,250 calls a year, 40 percent of which are transfers.

“Transfers take us out of the rotation for about two hours to and from Sioux Falls,” VandeKieft said.

“In those times, we have seen the second truck being used roughly 118-120 times a year while the first truck is gone. There were three times that the third truck had to be used.”

A third ambulance was first used in 2020 to exclusively transfer coronavirus patients. Since then, a newer used ambulance was purchased and added to the fleet as a backup vehicle.

“Luverne is in a growth spurt in the way of call volumes,” VandeKieft said.

“We are getting older. Part of the call volumes show ages at 75-plus. People are staying at home longer because long-term care facilities are at capacity.”



## CenterPoint donates to Blue Mound Area Theatre

Eugene Marshall of the Blue Mound Area Theatre Board (left) accepts a \$500 check from Bill Stegemann of CenterPoint Energy recently at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. The gift was generated through CenterPoint Energy's Give Grant program that allows current and retired employees to earn funds with their volunteer hours.

(Submitted photo and information)

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Rock County 4-H'ers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit; along with cheeses, beef sticks, pickled herring, Puffins, PuffCrust Pizza and a variety of frozen foods. Here's your chance to eat healthy and support local youth. Contact a 4-H'er in your neighborhood or call the Rock County Extension Office (283-1302) from Jan 16th –Feb 5th to order.

Delivery is March 17th.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0126 Snow Week Royalty 2023

Ten seniors have been named Snow Week Royalty and will vie for the title of king and queen. Candidates include (front) Josie Anderson, (second row) Christina Wagner, Emma Beyer, Brady Bork, (third row) Tori Hemme, Ross Bergman, (back) Camden Janiszski, Tyson Cowell, Lauren Hansen and Parker Carbonneau.

## Snow Week activities combat winter doldrums at Luverne High

By Mavis Fodness

Students at Luverne High School will celebrate Snow Week next week, and 10 seniors are in line to be crowned king and queen at Monday's coronation.

Queen candidates include Josie Anderson, Christina Wagner, Emma Beyer, Tori Hemme and Lauren Hansen.

King candidates are Brady Bork,

Ross Bergman, Camden Janiszski, Tyson Cowell and Parker Carbonneau.

Unlike homecoming royalty, Snow Week candidates are nominated by teachers based on character, contributions in the classroom, Cardinal activities and community service during their years at LHS.

Coronation will be Monday afternoon in the performing arts

center.

The week will feature dress up days and Wednesday will be an "outdoors day" with the freshmen through senior students participating in various events including bowling, skating, sledding and tubing.

Snowmobile day will be Friday, Feb. 3. Students are encouraged to ride snowmobiles to school.

## Rabbits 'bark up wrong tree' for local gardener

Yes, we have lots of deep snow, and yes, we have cottontail rabbits, and yes, the rabbits get hungry when their food source is buried by the snow, and yes, they will eat most anything palatable they can find, and no, they don't ask your permission to ruin the plants they choose to eat in your landscape.

As a rule, they will not dig down into the snow to find something to eat, but they will eat whatever they like right down to the snow line. For many plants that is not a problem unless that particular plant blooms on old (last year's) growth, ie. weigela or lilacs.

What I see them eating in my yard right now are the barberry shrubs and roses. I would ordinarily prune these shrubs back in the spring anyway so getting help with the task means instead of branches to pick up and haul away, I get rabbit poop.

The real damage comes from their eating the bark of young trees, most specifically fruit trees. As compared to other trees, fruit tree bark is their preference, and once they have girdled the tree, they have killed it.

Trees can be protected with vinyl tree wraps or paper wrap. Shrubs can be protected with fencing, provided it is high enough.

The option other than these physical barriers is to change the flavor of what they are eating so they leave it alone. If you Google natural rabbit repellent, you will find recipes using cayenne or chili pepper, garlic, dish soap, Tabasco sauce, eggs, and water in varying units added to water to spray on the stems at the level the damage is happening. Depending on



### KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema,  
Luverne Horticulturalist

weather conditions, these natural sprays are pretty effective. The egg and/or soap acts as an adherent to give longer residual protection.

There are commercial rabbit repellent sprays available made with the same ingredients if you prefer not to make your own. That being said, you still will have to reapply periodically ... and you successfully moved the rabbit population to your neighbor's yard.

To me, the biggest threat is still coming later in the season. When tulips emerge in the spring, that tulip sprout is a rabbit treat, and they will totally ruin not only this year's potential for flowers, but the bulb itself.

Therein lies the reason I have no appreciation for the critters. I trap them using a catch 'em alive trap baited with cracked corn. Yes, I have to release birds from the trap because they think the corn is for them.

And yes, the squirrels check out the free food, so there's competition for the feast.

To eliminate the other visitors, I set the trap at dusk because rabbits feed at night.

## 1943: Schuldt couple continues life story of moving from Germany to Hardwick

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

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on July 22, 1943.

This article is continued from last week's feature about Mr. and Mrs. William Schuldt of Hardwick.

One of the most popular events of the year for the



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
Rock County Historian

young people was the annual dancing festival which was held in February. This consisted of two nights of dancing and one day of celebration. Dancing would begin at 6 p.m. the first day and continue until 3 a.m. the following

day. The couples would go home to bed, get up early the next day and have a "grand old time" both forenoon and afternoon. At 6 o'clock in the evening, dancing would begin again and continue until 8 a.m. the following day.

Then it was back to work for everyone.

The musicians seemingly played their instruments for the love of playing, because they earned but little for their services, Mr. Schuldt declared.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuldt pointed out several differences in the mode of living between Germany and the United States. When they lived there, most of the homes and barns were part of the same building. The people lived at the end, while

the other end was set aside for the livestock and for hay and feed. Most of the farmers lived in villages and worked land adjoining the town. An 80-acre farm was a big farm, and most of the farmers operated smaller tracts.

Dairying provided much of the family income, and the German farmers did everything they knew how to do to get the best production from their cows. Many milked their cows three times daily when they were fresh, Mr. Schuldt stated, and to do this it was

necessary to take a couple of pails and walk to the pasture and milk them there during the noon hour. The cows were in the yard both morning and evening, so they were milked there at the usual milking time.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuldt lived in Germany until 1906, when Carl Ahrendt, who had settled in Rock county, urged them to come here to live. The first 10 years, they farmed the Hoeck

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## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2013)

Northwestern College senior Kelby Robinson is on a mission — a music mission. Robinson and fellow college band members are traveling to Cuba in February with the goal of bringing the Christian gospel message to musicians there. Band members are also collecting musical instruments in good working order to bring along with them. Robinson is an elementary education and music student at Northwestern, which is located in Orange City, Iowa. "Music is the universal language," she said. "Our goal is to bring a message of encouragement through music."

### 25 years ago (1998)

When Natalie Hubbling stormed into the Luverne girls' basketball program as a sophomore in 1995, all early indications pointed to a bright future for Cardinal hoops.

In a Nov. 28 home loss to then District 8 favorite Fulda to start the 1995-96 campaign, Hubbling, making her first varsity start, poured in 24 points while making 10 of 18 shots from the floor.

That game ignited an individual career that has flourished for the 5-11 LHS post. Along with leading the Cardinals in scoring as a sophomore and junior, Hubbling was the top scorer in the Southwest Conference both seasons and has become the focal point of a Luverne team that has emerged as one of southwest Minnesota's best squads this season and last.

During Friday's home tilt with Marshall, Hubbling's three-year basketball career reached a milestone never before seen in the LHS girls' program. With 2:52 left in the third quarter, Hubbling drained a field goal that pushed her past the 1,000-point plateau.

### 50 years ago (1973)

Improved lighting along South Kniss avenue (U.S. 75) from Hatting Street south to the I-90 turnoff is scheduled for this summer, City Administrative Assistant Richard Kirkham announced.

Two of the lights will be on U.S. 75 at the I-90 entrances and exits. These will be erected by the city, but the cost of both the lights and the installation will be borne by the Minnesota Highway Department.

A light at the intersection of U.S. 75 and Koehn street (between the two service stations near the I-90 exit) will be paid for in part by the state.

The other lights along the rest of the highway north to Hatting Street, will be paid for by the city. The exact number has not been fully determined, but there could be about 16 in all, Kirkham said.

### 75 years ago (1948)

Increased rates for telephone service went into effect here with the January 15 billings. The increases are in accordance

with the Railroad and Warehouse commission's order of December 3, 1947, approving the increase.

The following monthly rates are now in effect:

One party residence, \$2.75; two-party residence, \$2.25; one party business, \$5.00; two party business, \$4.25; rural residence, \$2.25; rural business, \$2.75. In addition, there is a 15 per cent federal tax.

### 100 years ago (1923)

The prompt organization of a night school in Luverne was definitely decided upon at the mass meeting held Monday evening at the high school auditorium.

Reports of the committee which had been appointed a few weeks ago to investigate the advisability of arranging for a night school had indicated that there were a sufficient number of people in Luverne and vicinity who desired to pursue farther their education in the elementary studies and would gladly take advantage of the opportunity to attend a night school, and there were enough of these present Monday evening to substantiate this contention.

For this reason, the school board felt warranted in taking the necessary steps to establish such an institution, and the vote of those present at the meeting approved this action. It has been decided to hold a session on two evenings of the week. Mondays and Thursdays were selected as such and the hours from seven to nine o'clock, during a period of eight weeks.

## OBITUARIES

### Frederick Weninger

Frederick George and Edmund Weninger, and Weninger, 80 years of age, passed away on Jan. 10, 2023, at his home with his loving family by his side.



A memorial service will be held at Steen, Minnesota, in May 2023.

He is survived by Bonnie (Aukes), his wife of 30 years; three sons, Joel (Shannon), Exton, Pennsylvania, Clint (Terri), Waukesha, Wisconsin, and Brett (Joby), Parker, Colorado; grandchildren Ryan, Aaron, Holly, Mason, Nelda, Taylor and Sadie; and one brother, Edmund (Marjorie), Billings, Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth

and Edmund Weninger, and grandson Harlan.

Frederick was formerly a real estate broker and a bakery manager for Chompie's in Scottsdale. His body was donated to Science Care.

He was a very loved individual who "did it his way," was always "fantastic" when asked how he was doing, and he was "one of a kind."

Fred enjoyed hiking, biking, cooking and grocery shopping, among other things. He was a very positive and patient person, loved his family and friends, co-workers and asked for very little in return. We will miss him so much.

(O126 V)

### Serena Franken

Serena Sue Franken, 38, Luverne, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at the Luverne Hospice Cottage.



Visitation was Sunday, Jan. 22, at American Reformed Church in Luverne. A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 23, at the church.

Serena Sue Franken was born on October 8, 1984, to Bryon and Kristi (Laackmann) Franken at the Luverne Community Hospital in Luverne. She was baptized in November 1984 at the Luverne United Methodist Church.

Serena was raised in Luverne and attended school. In school, she played basketball, was a cheerleader for the football team and was part of the track and field team where she set a record in shot put. Outside of school, she enjoyed hanging out with friends and worked at JJ's Tasty Drive-In.

Serena graduated from Luverne High School in 2003. She then moved to the Twin Cities and attended the University of Minnesota, where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Sociology in 2007. She began working and attending school at the Carlson School of Business where she later received her Master's Degree in business administration.

Following her education, Serena made her home in Chaska, and worked a couple of jobs before accepting a job at C.H. Robinson where she worked as a customs broker.

Serena was married in October 2019 and lat-

er divorced. In February 2021, she returned to Luverne and worked remotely for a short time.

Serena enjoyed cheering for the Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Gophers, New York Yankees, and Duke University basketball.

She loved her pitbull, Charles, and taking him for walks, and hanging out with friends. She liked watching movies on all streaming services, bowling, singing car karaoke, ice-skating, spending time by the water and following her favorite basketball player, Charles Barkley. She had an energetic spirit, loved her Dad jokes humor and having play-by-play discussions with her Dad while watching sports.

Serena is survived by her parents, Bryon and Kristi Franken of Luverne; sister, Carissa Franken-Spaar (Jason Spaar) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; grandfather, Marvin Laackmann (Carol Girmaldo) of Luverne; aunts, uncles, and cousins; her dog, Charles; numerous friends; and very special friend, Steven Esselink.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Howard and Wilma Franken; maternal grandmother, Doris Laackmann; four cousins, Beth Hoyme, Casey Bonhorst, Becky Crane and Matthew Franken; and best friend, Jessica Kontz.

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

(O126 F)

### Barbara Bot

Barbara A. Bot, age 95, formerly of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Monday, January 16, 2023, surrounded by family at the Good Samaritan Society - Luther Manor in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Memorial service will be Monday, January 30, at 2:00 p.m., with visitation beginning at 12:00 Noon, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne. Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).



Barbara Adelaide Bot was born on January 20, 1927, to Luther and Venie (Orhans) Breen in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The family moved to Scotland, SD, where Barbara grew up with her two sisters and three brothers. Barbara and her twin sisters performed for many special events in the community; singing, tap dancing and playing the piano. In high school, she worked at her father's drug store. In 1944, Barbara was Homecoming Queen at Scotland High School. While performing at the annual Pharmacy Banquet at SDSU, Barbara met the

handsome Pharmacy Club president, Al Bot, who had recently returned from service in WWII. After a brief courtship, Al moved to Coronado, California, and Barbara stayed in South Dakota to teach school. She later completed her studies at the University of South Dakota, earning a degree in social work. In the early 1950s after graduation, Barbara served in the USO at an Air Force base in Japan. Her time in Japan made a lifelong impression on Barbara. She spoke fondly of the Japanese people, writing in a letter home that "it is hard to believe that we were at war with these people just a short time ago." During the Korean War, Barbara worked as a triage nurse in Japan helping transfer wounded soldiers arriving from Korea to hospitals. When Barbara completed her service in Japan, she resumed her courtship with Al Bot back in the States. They were united in Holy Matrimony on Coronado Island in 1952. Daughters Kris Anne and Robin were born in Coronado. In 1955, the young family relocated to Luverne, MN, where Al and Barbara owned and operated Bot Drugstore for many years. Jono, Connie and Jennifer added to their growing

family. Al and Barbara loved Luverne and lived there happily for over 60 years.

Barbara was an active volunteer; supporting church, schools, and numerous community activities. She served as a Girl Scout leader, Episcopal church organist, and founding member of PEO Chapter DI. She was PEO President and later honored as a 60-year member. In 1965, Barbara organized a community-wide fundraising program in Luverne that helped numerous local organizations. Barbara and other community leaders founded the Rock County Red Arrow, a fundraising organization that supported various local non-profits and continues today under the LACF Community Grant Fund. Later in life, Barbara worked for the Minnesota court system as a Guardian Ad Litem representing children. She was involved in many community projects whenever help was needed. She loved playing the piano, singing, reading, volunteering, traveling, camping, hiking, cooking for friends and family, helping others in need and, most of all, spending time with her family.

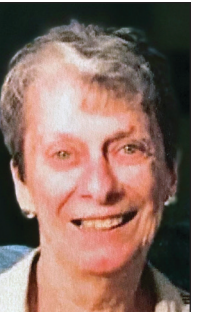
Barbara moved to Luverne in Sioux Falls in 2018. She passed away peacefully with family beside her on Monday, January

16, just four days before her 96th Birthday. She was much loved by her care team. Upon hearing of Barbara's passing, one staff member said, "We all need a dose of Barbara Bot!"

Barbara is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Kris Anne and (Robert) Christenson of Sioux Falls; Robin and (John) Fritsch of Sioux Falls; Connie and (Rodney) England of Edina, MN; and Jennifer and (Kerry) Middleton of Edina, MN; daughter-in-law, Susan Bot of Sioux Falls; 13 grandchildren -- Jono, Kaitlin and Marie Claire Christenson; Andrew, Rachel, Joanna, Veronica and Luke Fritsch, Kelli Spader; Patrick and Philip England; and Jack and Andrea Middleton; ten great grandchildren, Olympia Fritsch; Everett, Jack and Tommy Schultz; Josie and Jhaimann Huntington; Briggs and Nash Spader; Elizabeth and Joseph England; sister Joan Serr of Chillicothe, MO; and many nieces and nephews. Barbara was preceded in death by her loving husband Al Bot; son, Jono Bot; grandsons Brooks Christenson and Thomas England and granddaughter Elizabeth Fritsch; three brothers, David, Philip and Vance Breen; sister Joy Breen MacFadden. Blessed and eternal be her memory. (O126 V)

### Maralyn Schnaible

Maralyn Ann (Merkel) Schnaible, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at the Crossroads Care Center in Worthington.



A memorial service will take place at a later date at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian.

Maralyn Ann Merkel was born to Ernest and Lola Thomas Merkel in Edmunds County on December 27, 1939.

Maralyn graduated high school from Bowdle, South Dakota, in 1955. After graduation, Maralyn married Dean Schnaible in 1957, and they had three children.

She worked at the hospital in Aberdeen, South Dakota, while Dean attended college. After his graduation, they moved to several school districts, where Dean taught and coached and eventually settled in Adrian. Maralyn worked as a paraprofessional at Adrian Elementary School in the

library, until her retirement. She enjoyed reading, puzzles, crafts, walking, her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, along with happy hours with friends.

Maralyn was a member of American Lutheran Church in Worthington for many years.

Maralyn is survived by her husband, Dean; three children, Kim Schnaible of Littleton, Colorado, Tammy Schnaible, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Blaine (Deb) Schnaible of Marshall; six grandchildren, Aaron Torrez, Mason Schnaible, Bryanna (Ben) Geary, Mia Schnaible, Shanna (Jeff) Davis and Jada (Aaron Swartz) Wolf; as well as two great-grandchildren Brek and Collins Davis; and one sister, Bonnie Buechler.

Maralyn was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jeraj; and sister Joyce.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons. (O126 F)

## DEATH NOTICES

### Glenn Rye

Glenn Elwood Rye, 95, Sun City, Arizona, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2022.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, with a visitation beginning at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery in Hills.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com) (O126 DN)

### Mary Jacobsma

Mary Jacobsma, 87, Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Visitation was Friday, Jan. 20, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. A funeral service was Friday at the church. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons. (O126 DN)

Obituaries are accepted from the funeral homes in charge of services. Costs, including photo, are \$49 for a formatted obituary and \$149 for a verbatim obituary. Death notices (no photo) are printed free of charge.

### Bits by Betty/continued from page 6

place northwest of Hardwick. Those years, Mrs. Schuldt operated the binder every year while her husband shocked the grain. They then moved southeast of Hardwick where they farmed the Piegras half section for four years.

"By that time," Mrs. Schul-

dt said, "we figured we'd worked hard enough and long enough to earn a rest so we moved to Hardwick and have lived here ever since."

They still haven't quit working, however, for they maintain a large garden in the summer time. Mrs.

Schuldt pieces quilts and makes rag rugs for a hobby, and to date, she says, she has made about 50 quilts and over 100 rugs, most of which have been crocheted.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuldt have two children living. They are Paul Schuldt, who

lives near Pipestone and Mrs. Elsie Schlapkohl of Winifred, S.D. One son, William, Jr., was killed in an auto accident in 1916. They have seven grand-children and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Schuldt has no brothers or sisters, but Mr.

Schuldt has two of each. His brothers, Carl and August, still live in Germany. One sister, Mrs. Freda Clausen, lives at Hardwick, and the other sister, Mrs. Anna Ahrendt, lives at Erie, N. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuldt are members of the Hardwick

Lutheran Church. *Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156. Contact Mann at [mannade@iw.net](mailto:mannade@iw.net).*

## MENU AT GENERATIONS

**Monday, Jan. 30:** Salisbury steak with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, peas and carrots, bread, dessert. Half-Price Day sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

**Tuesday, Jan. 31:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, peaches, dinner roll, bar.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1:** Chicken wild rice soup, broccoli florets, pears, bread stick, gelatin with whipped topping.

**Thursday, Feb. 2:** Pulled pork on a bun, butternut squash, romaine salad with dressing, pineapple chunks, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

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Girls' Hockey		13-5
Boys' Hockey		9-5-1
Gymnastics		6-1
Wrestling		4-8
	<b>H-BC</b>	W-L-T
Girls' Basketball		5-10
Boys' Basketball		4-7

## Luverne gymnasts win two big meets

Cardinal team beats the Jackson Huskies for first time in school history

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne gymnastics team won two big conference meets this past week.

Luverne hosted Jackson County Central, beating them 134.600 to 131.300, for the first time in program history Jan. 17. LHS also won 133.550 to 129.050 against Pipestone Jan. 23.

The Luverne gymnasts were scheduled to travel to Marshall Thursday, Jan. 26 and then Fairmont Tuesday, Jan. 31.

**Luverne 134.600, JCC 131.300**

The Luverne gymnastics team for the first time in program history, beat Jackson County Central Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The Cardinals handed the Huskies a 134.600 to 131.300 combined team score loss in Luverne.

"We are pretty excited about the win over JCC. This was the first time in program history to beat them," head coach Phobe Flom said.

"We have so much talent on our roster we have been able to adjust our varsity lineup as new skills are added."

In the all-around competition Luverne sophomore Ella Reisdorfer took first place with a 35.175 combined score.

Sophomore Amira Cowell placed second for Luverne with a 33.900 combined score.

Junior Sarah de Cesare placed sixth with a 31.325.

Single event results for Luverne are as follows.



**Vault:**  
9.275 – Ella Reisdorfer, first  
9.075 – Amira Cowell, second  
8.950 – Kianna Winter, fourth  
8.575 – Kendra Thorson, eighth  
8.500 – Sarah de Cesare, tenth

**Uneven parallel bars:**  
8.400 – Ella Reisdorfer, first  
7.450 – Sarah de Cesare, third  
7.350 – Amira Cowell, fifth  
7.175 – Reagan Gangestad, sixth  
7.175 – Addyson Mann, sixth

**Balance beam:**  
8.650 – Ella Reisdorfer, second  
8.450 – Amira Cowell, third  
8.250 – Kianna Winter, fifth  
8.175 – Reagan Gangestad, sixth  
7.175 – Sarah de Cesare, ninth

**Floor:**  
9.025 – Amira Cowell, first  
8.850 – Ella Reisdorfer, second  
8.750 – Kianna Winter, third  
8.200 – Sarah de Cesare, sixth  
8.050 – Addyson Mann



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 decasare (above) Junior Sarah de Cesare performs on the uneven bars Jan. 23 in Luverne. The Cardinals beat the Arrows team 133.550 to 129.050 to claim the conference win.

Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 reisdorfer (left) Sophomore gymnast Ella Reisdorfer took first place all-around honors, setting a new school record, with a combined score of 35.900 Jan. 23 in Luverne.

**LHS 133.550, Pipestone 129.050**

The Luverne gymnastics varsity team competed against Pipestone in the Luverne Cardinal Gym Monday, Jan. 23.

The Cardinals bounced above the Arrows winning the team competition 133.550 to 129.050.

Ella Reisdorfer had a big night for the Cardinals in the individual

events and the all-around.

Reisdorfer placed first in the all-around with a combined score of 35.900, a new school record, besting her old record of 35.625 set in Feb. 12, 2022.

Amira placed second in the all-around with a combined score of 34.700.

Sarah de Cesare placed fourth with a combined score of 30.950.

Individual event results for Luverne are as follows.

**Vault:**  
9.250 – Ella Reisdorfer, first  
9.175 – Amira Cowell, second  
8.725 – Kendra Thorson, fourth  
8.700 – Sarah de Cesare, fifth  
8.625 – Hailey Como, sixth

**Uneven parallel bars:**  
8.700 – Ella Reisdorfer, first  
8.150 – Amira Cowell, second  
7.325 – Sarah de Cesare, seventh  
7.025 – Reagan Gangestad, eighth  
6.650 – Addyson Mann, tenth

**Balance beam:**  
8.775 – Ella Reisdorfer, first  
8.600 – Amira Cowell, second  
7.850 – Reagan Gangestad, sixth  
7.050 – Kendra Thorson, ninth  
6.775 – Sarah de Cesare, tenth

**Floor:**  
9.175 – Ella Reisdorfer, first  
8.775 – Amira Cowell, second  
8.150 – Sarah de Cesare, fifth  
8.125 – Addyson Mann, sixth  
8.050 – Reagan Gangestad, seventh



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 LHS BBB debeer

Junior Gavin DeBeer takes to the air between two Windom players for a layup Friday, Jan. 20 in Luverne. The Eagles won the game 91-71 leaning on their fast play and 3-point shooters.

## Cardinal boys' basketball drop two conference games

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' basketball team dropped two conference games this past week putting the Cardinals' season record at 6-6.

The Cardinals lost to JCC in Jackson 83-64 Jan. 17, and hosted a tough Windom team that outran them 91-71 on Jan. 20.

Luverne was scheduled to host Pipestone Tuesday, Jan. 24, and will travel to Redwood Valley on Friday, Jan. 27.

**JCC 83, Luverne 64**

Luverne boys' basketball team traveled to Jackson Tuesday, Jan 17, when the Cardinals lost an 83-64 conference matchup to the Huskies.

"Jackson is one of the top teams in the section and we

played hard against them," head coach John Sichmeller said. "We did not have our A game and our shots were not falling."

The Cardinals were 19 of 44 in the paint and made only four of 12 3-point shots in the game.

Despite that, Luverne was able to keep the game within 10 points until the 8-minute mark in the second half when the Huskies pulled away.

JCC was up 35-23 at halftime, but Luverne finished strong in the second half, scoring 41 points to the Huskies' 48.

Sophomore Carter Sehr had a good game scoring 20 points and posting three rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Senior Gannon Ahrendt

and junior Gavin DeBeer both added 12 points.

Ahrendt also registered eight rebounds, one assist, one steal and two blocked shots.

DeBeer had four rebounds, one assist, three steals and one blocked shot.

Other Cardinal scorers were seniors Riley Sneller and Tyson Cowell with six points each and juniors Elijah Woodley and Landon Ahrendt adding with four with two points, respectively

**Windom 91, LHS 71**

The Luverne boys' basketball team played a tough Windom team losing 91-71 Friday, Jan. 20, in Luverne.

"Windom has been playing really good basketball,

boys' basketball/see page 10

## Wrestlers gain valuable experience in tournaments

By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne wrestlers had a full week of duals and individual matches this past week.

The Cardinals hosted a triangular with Windom-Mountain Lake losing 39-35, and they fell to Worthington 45-33 on Jan. 17.

LHS traveled to the Wabasso Invitational Jan. 21, placing eighth out of nine in the team competition.

Luverne will travel to Murray County Central for a Varsity Quad Thursday, Jan. 26, and then will host a Varsity Quad in the Luverne Cardinal Gym on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

**Luverne Triangular**

The Luverne wrestling team hosted a triangular with Windom-Mountain Lake and Worthington Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The Cardinals dropped their two matches that night.

Luverne's lost its first dual to Windom 39-35 in close meet. In their second dual Luverne fell to Worthington 45-33.

"Our team wrestled hard; we just fell a little short. We knew both duals were going to be tight," head coach Jordan Kopp said.

"We had a couple matches that could have gone a different way, but that happens, and we are going to keep moving forward and use it as motivation."

**Windom, 39, LHS 35**

In Luverne's first dual the Cardinals came up a little short, losing to the Windom-Mountain Lake Cobras.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 wrestling bernie1

Bernie Rock, a freshman, ties up her Cobra opponent in the 113-pound weight class match Tuesday, Jan. 17 in Luverne. LHS lost duals to Windom and Worthington.

LHS won three matches by decision, one by fall and three by forfeit.

The Cobras won six matches by pins, one by decision and one by forfeit.

Match breakdown:  
106 – Preston Xayachak (W) over Brody Kopp (L) by fall.  
113 – Matthew Voehl (W) over Brenie Rock (L) by fall.  
120 – Kameron Koerner (W) over Matthew Gangestad (L) Dec. 10-8.  
126 – Leif Ingebretsen (L) over Aiden Holmberg (W) Dec. 9-7.  
132 – Tucker Renquist (W) over Rayden Boyenga (L) by fall.  
138 – Jared Hunter (W) over Hudson Hough (L) by fall.  
145 – Noah Holmberg (W) over Cameron McCrary (L) by fall.  
152 – Eagan Maras (W) by forfeit.  
160 – DJ Rock (L) by forfeit.  
170 – Sam Rock (L) over John Bergman (W) Major Dec. 13-1.  
182 – Cash Bonnett (L) by fall.  
195 – Jacob Madison (L) over Graycen Hansen (W) by Major Dec. 9-0.  
220 – Kane Akkerman (L) win by forfeit.  
285 – Masyn Akkerman (L) win by forfeit.

**WHS 45, LHS 33**  
In Luverne's second

match the Cardinals faced the Worthington Trojans.

LHS won two matches by pins, one by decision and three by forfeit.

The Trojans won seven matches by pins and one by decision.

Match breakdown:  
106 – Saul Galvez (W) over Brody Kopp (L) by fall.  
113 – Bernie Rock (L) win by forfeit.  
120 – Dalton Larson (W) over Matthew Gangestad (L) Dec. 9-4.  
126 – Leif Ingebretsen (L) win by forfeit.  
132 – Oscar Galvez (W) over Rayden Boyenga (L) by fall.  
138 – Hudson Hough (L) over Moo Bleh by fall.  
145 – Miat Htoo (W) over Cameron McCrary (L) by fall.  
152 Josiah Banegas (W) Trevan Bell (L) by fall.  
160 – DJ Rock (L) over Levi Hennings (W) by fall.  
170 – Cash Bonnett (L) over Day Htoo (W) by Dec. 15-8  
182 – Sam Rock (L) win by forfeit.  
195 – Evan Neuberger (W) over Jacob Madison (L) by fall.  
220 – Mason Schitz (W) over Kane Akkerman (L) by fall.  
285 – Kasey Gerhard (W) over Masyn Akkerman (L) by fall.

**Wabasso Invitational**  
The Luverne wrestling luverne wrestling/see page 13



# Girls' hockey team roll over Minnesota River and New Ulm

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne girls' hockey team added three more games to the win column this past week against quality teams.

LHS hosted Minnesota River on Tuesday, Jan. 17, beating the Bulldogs 4-0, and New Ulm on Thursday, Jan. 19, clipping the Eagles 4-1.

Luverne traveled to Kasson Saturday, Jan. 21, declawing the Dodge County Wildcats 3-2.

The Cardinals, now 13-5 for the season, were scheduled to host Worthington Tuesday, Jan. 24, and they'll travel to Marshall Thursday, Jan. 26.

## LHS 4, Minnesota River 0

The Luverne girls' hockey team hosted Minnesota River Tuesday, Jan. 17, when Cardinals took down the Bulldogs 4-0.

LHS handily beat Minnesota River holding the Bulldogs to only 13 shots on goal for the game.

Luverne posted 51 shots on goal beating the Bulldogs' goalie four times.

Senior LHS goalie Mallory Von Tersch posted her seventh shut-out this season tying her with Minnesota River goalie Annika Megelee for third most game shut-outs for the season.

Senior Kamryn Van Batavia scored three of Luverne's four goals in the game.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 LHS Ghoc vondersch

Senior goalie Mallory Von Tersch blocks a shot from New Ulm in their Jan. 19 game in Luverne. Von Tersch stopped 20 of 21 shots on goal from the Eagles. The Cardinals won 4-1.

She netted her first at the 0:40 mark of the first period with an assist by senior Mallory Nelson.

Her second one was in the second period at 3:43 assisted by sophomore Payton Behr and eighth-grader Macie Edstrom.

In the third period eighth-grader Izzy Steensma scored at 13:05 assisted by eighth-grader Tenley Behr.

Van Batavia scored her third (hat-trick) goal at 15:01 assisted by seventh-grader Ellie Van Batavia and eighth-grader Rylee Kurtz.

## LHS 4, New Ulm 1

New Ulm made a long icy drive down to Luverne Jan. 19 after the five-inch snowfall the night before.

The game started a half hour later than scheduled, but both teams came ready to play and skated hard from the first puck drop to the final buzzer.

Eighth-grader Tenley Behr scored three of Luverne's four goals giving her a hat trick in the game.

She started the scoring in the first period with a goal at 13:09 assisted by Steens-

ma and Edstrom.

In the second period Luverne incurred four penalties and played eight minutes with a skater down.

The Cardinals were able to kill the penalties and score three goals.

Tenley Behr scored at 3:36 assisted by Steensma.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored at 4:00 assisted by sophomore Payton Behr and Edstrom.

New Ulm scored its lone goal at 10:07 in the second.

girls' hockey/see page 13

# Boys' hockey team picks up a pair of road wins

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne boys' hockey team closed out a long road game schedule beating Albert Lea 4-2 on Jan. 17, and Dodge County 9-1 on Jan. 21.

Luverne, now 9-4-1 for the season, was scheduled to host Worthington Tuesday, Jan. 24, and New Ulm Thursday, Jan. 26.



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Boys' hockey coach Phil Paquette celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> career coaching win Saturday, Jan. 21.

and netting nine of their own.

Kroski got the Cardinals started scoring at 13:36 in the first period scoring unassisted.

Junior Elliot Domagala found the net at 16:37 assisted by Kroski.

The Cardinals closed the first period leading 2-1.

In the second period Luverne extended the score with three more goals.

Behrend opened with a goal at 2:59 assisted by junior Owen Sudenga and ninth-grader Maddux Domagala.

Kroski got his second goal at 8:03 unassisted.

Maddux Domagala closed the period scoring at 10:52 assisted by Behrend.

In the third period the Cardinals put the icing on the cake with four goals.

Kroski scored his third goal (hat trick) at 7:12 assisted by Elliot Domagala and a few minutes later scored again.

This time at 9:41 assisted by Brady Bork and Elliot Domagala.

Behrend added his second goal at 10:41 assisted by Maddux Domagala.

Finishing the scoring drive was Blaik Bork at 12:45 in the third period unassisted.

LHS goalie Arends was a wall in the net stopping 22 of 23 shots on goal from the Wildcats.

"As we look ahead to some of our biggest Big South Conference and Section 3A games of the season these coming weeks we will need this type of effort and play every time we step on the ice," Paquette said.

Besides beating Dodge County Saturday, the Cardinals celebrated Paquette's 100<sup>th</sup> career win as the LHS head coach.

## LHS 4, Albert Lea 2

The Luverne boys' hockey team traveled to Albert Lea to take on the Tigers Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The Cardinals handed the Tigers a 4-2 loss putting 37 total shots on the Albert Lea goalie.

LHS Junior goalie Tyler Arends faced 23 shots on goal saving all but two.

Junior Patrick Kroski got the Cardinals rolling with the only first period goal at 8:46 assisted by senior Brady Bork and sophomore Blaik Bork.

In the second period Brady Bork scored at 9:29 assisted by Blaik Bork.

Blaik Bork then scored at 9:38 unassisted.

Senior Brock Behrend scored a short-handed goal to finish the period at 10:06 unassisted.

Luverne was up 4-0 at the end of the second period.

Albert Lea scored two unanswered goals in the third period to end the game at 4-2 in favor of the Cardinals.

## LHS 9, Dodge County 1

The Luverne boys' hockey team traveled to Dodge County beating the Wildcats 9-1 Saturday, Jan. 21.

This was Luverne's eighth road game in the past nine contests.

"The boys really put together an awesome week on the road. Three road wins with great overall play and effort," head coach Phil Paquette said.

"Our team put together complete games on the road against solid opponents."

Dodge County opened the game scoring its lone goal at 4:54 in the first period.

The Cardinals took it from there denying the Wildcats another point

# LHS girls basketball run past Jackson County Central and Windom

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne girls' basketball team picked up two more home wins this past week putting them at 11-1 for the season.

The Cardinals beat Jackson County Central 80-50 Jan. 17, and took down Windom 75-44 Jan. 20.

LHS was scheduled to travel to Pipestone Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Redwood Valley Friday, Jan. 27, in conference play.

## LHS 80, JCC 50

Luverne's girls' basketball team handed the Huskies a loss at home on Tuesday, Jan. 17, winning the conference game 80-50 against Jackson County Central.

"It was a great team win. We had some different girls come in and really contribute in a major way," head coach TJ Newgard said.

"We just had great balance. We scored 80 points with nobody scoring more than 13."

Jackson County Central had four girls scoring and only two were in double digits.

The Huskies struggled to gain momentum, turning the ball over 25 times against Luverne's strong offense.

LHS shot 57 percent in the paint and 27 percent from the three-point zone.

"It makes us really tough to defend when we have that many girls that can put the ball in the hoop," Newgard said.

Luverne had 11 different girls score points in the game.

Senior Averill Sehr led the Cardinals in scoring with 13 points, four assists and one steal.

Senior Elizabeth Wagner and junior Sarah Stegenga each netted 12 points. Wagner also registered four rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Junior Kiesli Smith added 10 points and four rebounds.

Other Cardinal girls contributing points to the win were junior Kira John with nine, senior Christina Wagner with seven, junior Dennie Sandbulte with six, senior Emma Beyer with four, senior Jocelyn Hart with three, junior Tori Serie with two, and junior Josie Voorhees with two.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 LHS GBB stagenga

Junior Sarah Stegenga drives past a Windom defender in Luverne Friday, Jan. 20. Luverne won 75-44 against the Eagles. Stegenga made three 3-point shots in the game.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 LHS GBB sandbulte

Junior Dennie Sandbulte muscles herself under the basket against Windom Friday, Jan. 20 in Luverne. Sandbulte posted five points in the Cardinals 75-44 win.

## Luverne 75, Windom 44

The Luverne Cardinals hosted Windom Friday, Jan. 20, beating their conference rivals 75-44.

Luverne came out pressuring Windom defensively, causing the Eagles to turn the

ball over and miss shots.

In the second half the Cardinals aggressive play continued to prompt Windom mistakes. Luverne scored 40 points in the second half compared with 22 by Windom.

Senior Elizabeth Wagner played an aggressive game committing two fouls in the first half and two in the second.

She finished the game with 17 points, seven rebounds, four steals, two assists and one deflection.

Senior Emma Beyer was busy under the net posting 14 points, two rebounds, two steals and three assists.

Junior Sarah Stegenga made three 3-point shots in the first half finishing with nine points, two rebounds and four assists.

Junior Tori Serie came off the bench to add two 3-point shots and another two in the paint for eight points.

Senior Averill Sehr came up big offensively with 10 assists, five points and two rebounds.

Junior Dennie Sandbulte added five points playing tough inside for two baskets and a free throw.

Other Cardinals scoring were Senior Christina Wagner, junior Kira John and junior Josie Voorhees with four points each. Senior Jocelyn Hart added three points and senior Lauren Hansen had two.

# SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

## Ashton Eitreim

**Sport:** Basketball  
**Parents:** Allison Eitreim and Thomas Eitreim  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Video games and hanging out with friends  
**Favorite Class:** Advanced Foods, Media Productions and Lifetime Fitness  
**Future Plans:** Attend college to become a high school History teacher

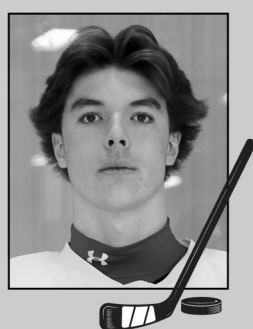


## Elizabeth Wagner

**Sport:** Basketball  
**Parents:** Matt and Jill Wagner  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Volleyball, track, reading, choir and church  
**Favorite Class:** Child Development  
**Future Plans:** Attend SMSU in Marshall to major in Elementary Education, minor in Spanish and play basketball

## Brock Behrend

**Sport:** Hockey  
**Parents:** Brant and Chasity Behrend  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Weight lifting and playing video games  
**Favorite Class:** Media Productions  
**Future Plans:** Continue hockey career by playing on a juniors hockey team



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# Lady Pates post two wins and a loss in late season push

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team won two games and lost one this past week, putting the season record at 5-10.

The Patriots beat Adrian 80-49 at home Jan. 17. They lost to MLA-C 47-36 in Hills Jan. 20, and they beat De Smet 50-49 on the road Jan. 21.

The Lady Pates were scheduled to travel to Edgerton Tuesday, Jan. 24, and they'll host Murray County Central Friday, Jan. 26.

## H-BC 80, Adrian 49

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team took on Adrian Tuesday, Jan. 17, in Hills where the Patriots slayed the Dragons 80-49 in conference play.

"I thought our girls did a great job setting the tone," said head coach Dylan Gehrke. "Our shots were falling early, which always helps, and our defense was solid."

H-BC was able to get out to a 29-9 lead with about five minutes left in the first half.

Adrian also went on a little run to cut the lead to 31-16, but by the end of the first half the Patriots led 45-20.

"We always preach, 'Sprint, Spread, and Share' when pushing the ball in transition," Gehrke said.

"We were able to do that, which helped us extend the lead in the 2nd half."

H-BC added another 35 points against the Dragons in the second half to win the game 80-49.

"I love it as a coach to see all the girls contributing in all different areas of the game,"

Gehrke said.

The Patriots had four players in double figures on the night.

Freshman Abbie Harris, junior Layla Deelstra and junior Lanae Elbers scored 14 points each.

Eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra scored a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Junior Brynn Rauk and Freshman Ella Sammons contributed nine points each.

"Overall, I thought it was a great team win. Hopefully we can continue to build off of this for the rest of the season," Gehrke said.

"It was a lot of fun to see our girls sharing the ball throughout the game. We had our season high, 22 assists."

## MLA-C 47, H-BC 36

The Lady Pates hosted Mountain Lake Area/Comfrey Friday, Jan. 20, taking a 47-36 loss.

"Had a tough one on Friday night against the Wolverines. We had great looks all night on offense, but we just couldn't get shots to fall," Gehrke said.

"It is difficult to come out on top when you shoot 10-64 from the field."

The Patriots led 22-19 coming into the half.

In the second half the Wolverines came out in a 2-3 zone, pressuring the Patriots to rush to set up shots and lose sight of their game plan.

Elbers led the Patriots with 11 points, eight rebounds and one assist.

Olivia Deelstra added 10 points, seven rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot.

Rauk posted six points, one



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 HBC GBB knobloch

Claire Knobloch, H-BC freshman, drives under the rim against the Dragons Jan. 17. The Lady Pates beat Adrian 80-49 at home in Hills.

rebound, two steals and two assists.

Layla Deelstra netted five points, two rebounds and four steals.

Other H-BC players to score were Harris with two points and senior Olivia Bork and junior Larissa Steinhoff had one point each.

## H-BC 50, De Smet 49

The H-BC girls' basketball

team traveled to De Smet Saturday, Jan. 21, pulling off a one-point win over the Bulldogs.

"One thing that I love most about this team is our fight and toughness," Gehrke said. "They played one heck of a game against a solid De Smet Lady Bulldogs squad."

The Bulldogs were runners-up in Class B last year and ranked

ninth in the state of South Dakota going into Saturday's game with H-BC

"Our girls did a great job battling throughout the first half. We had so many shots that were on target and just rolled out," Gehrke said.

"With the deficit only being five at half, we knew that we needed a big third quarter. Our girls responded well, winning it 17-7 which put us up by five going into the fourth quarter."

Olivia Deelstra posted an impressive double-double with 16 points and 13 boards.

Larissa Steinhoff came off the bench to add eight points, six rebounds, and three steals. "She was all over the place on Saturday as well, and played some tough minutes," Gehrke said about Steinhoff.

Elbers netted 11 points, three boards and one steal.

Layla Deelstra muscled nine points, seven assists, one steal and one blocked shot.

The game came down to the final seconds when the Bulldogs drove the court and had a shot to win.

However, Elbers and Olivia Deelstra did a great job contesting the shot, and bounced out, Gehrke said

"We had girls diving all over the place for the loose ball, and thankfully Steinhoff came up with her sixth and biggest rebound of the game as time expired," Gehrke said.

"It was a great win for our girls, and we are hoping this continues throughout this coming week as we take on three Red Rock Conference opponents."

# H-BC Patriot boys' basketball team plays hard on the road for two wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Patriot boys' basketball team played three away games this past week winning two and losing one. H-BC is now 4-7 for the season.

The Patriots traveled to Edgerton Jan. 17, beating the Dutchmen 53-42. They lost to Adrian 54-48 on Jan. 19, and then beat Moberidge 55-50 Jan. 21.

H-BC will host Westbrook Walnut Grove Thursday, Jan. 26, and then travel to Red Rock Central Saturday, Jan. 28.

## H-BC 53, Edgerton 42

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team traveled to Edgerton to beat conference rivals the Flying Dutchman 53-42 Tuesday, Jan. 17.

"We had a great defensive effort in the first half holding Edgerton to 14 points," head coach Kale Wiertzema said.

"The Dutchmen cut our lead to two in the second half, but we played great defense, grabbing rebounds on both

ends of the floor."

The Patriots eventually built a lead in the second half and outplayed Edgerton for the win.

"This game was won with our defense, rebounding and ability to get to the free throw line," Wiertzema said.

Sophomore Beau Bakken posted a double-double scoring 15 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

Sophomore Sawyer Bosch added 11 points, one rebound and one steal.

Senior Brock Harnack scored 10 points and nabbed four rebounds.

Other Patriots who contributed to scoring were sophomore Cameron Allen with four points, freshman Micah Bush with three, sophomore Jackson Gacke with two, freshman Jamin Metzger with six and junior Riley Tatge with two.

## Adrian 54, H-BC 48

The Patriots traveled to Adrian Thursday, Jan. 19, when they fell to the Dragons 54-48.

"Our defense was very poor in the first half allowing Adrian/Ellsworth to get out to an early lead which they extended to as much as 15 in the second half," coach Wiertzema said.

"Late in the second half we battled hard and cut their lead to four, but we couldn't quite make enough plays to get the lead."

H-BC fell behind Adrian 33-22 in the first half. The Patriots outscored the Dragons in the second half 26-21 but it wasn't enough to make up the deficit from the first half.

Jamin Metzger led the Patriots with 12 points, eight rebounds, one blocked shot, three steals and one assist. Harnack added eight points and one rebound.

Tatge, Brayden Metzger and Bakken all contributed six points each.

Bakken also grabbed 15 rebounds for the Patriots.

## H-BC 55, Moberidge 50

The Patriots boys' basketball team took to the road to play Moberidge-Pollock Saturday, Jan. 21.

H-BC beat the Tigers 55-50 at the Dakota State University Classic in Madison, South Dakota.

"We got off to a quick 16-5 lead in the game sparked by a Brock Harnack three," Wiertzema said.

"Moberidge-Pollock did take a three-point lead with three minutes left in the game. Our guys did a nice job keeping their composure, locking in on the defensive end and working for great shots on offense."

Tatge had an all-around performance sinking 13 points and grabbing five rebounds, in addition to a blocked shot, one steal and two assists.

Tatge's game performance earned him the MVP Award from the DSU athletic department.

Bakken tallied another double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, two blocked shots and one assist.

Jamin Metzger was credited with breaking the Tigers' pressure while contributing nine points, eight rebounds, three steals and three assists.

Harnack added 10 points, one rebound, two blocked shots and two assists.

Other Patriots adding to the score were Cameron Allen and Sawyer Bosch with five points each and Brayden Metzger with two points.



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Sophomore Carter Sehr splits the defense of Windom for an easy basket Friday, Jan. 20 in Luverne.

## boys' basketball/from 8

scoring over 90 points in six of their previous seven games," Sichmeller said.

"We knew that we had to slow the Eagles down and we did a good job of that in the first half."

Luverne stayed in the game the first half slowing Windom down and trailing only 36-32 at halftime.

In the second half Windom opened up and started hitting more 3-point shots while also causing Luverne to turn the ball over.

"It was a good lesson for our kids on sticking with what works for us and not falling into the trap of trying to run with a team like that," Sichmeller said.

The Eagles' second-half scoring run created a deficit the Cardinals couldn't close.

DeBeer muscled 21 points, driving the basket inside the Eagles defense.

Ahrendt scored a double-double, 17 points and 10 rebounds. He also had three assists and two blocked shots.

Sehr gave Windom trouble with 14 points, four rebounds and one assist.

Sneller contributed six points and three rebounds. Cowell netted four points, and registered seven rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Landon Ahrendt contributed three points, five rebounds and one assist.

Feit, DeBates and Eitrem all added two points each.

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	<b>A Man Called Otto</b> PG-13
	Friday, January 27 7:00 pm
	Saturday, January 28 7:00 pm
	Sunday January 29 2:00 pm
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	<b>Puss in Boots: The Last Wish</b> PG
	Friday, February 3 7:00 pm
	Sunday, February 5 2:00 pm
Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 - 12th grade, \$7 for adults	
	<b>Girls Night Out: A Tribute to Superstar Women of Country</b>
	Saturday, February 4 7:30
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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; [www.stsclo.org](http://www.stsclo.org)  
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

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

### Luverne Christian Reformed Church

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[www.luverneccrc.com](http://www.luverneccrc.com) — [office@luverneccrc.com](mailto:office@luverneccrc.com)  
Joe Steenholdt, Pastor

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

### First Baptist Church

103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4091; email: [fbcluv@iw.net](mailto:fbcluv@iw.net) — [www.fbcluverne.org](http://www.fbcluverne.org)  
Walt Moser, Pastor

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

### Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4431; [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)  
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 26: 7:10 a.m. Breakfast Club. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Jan. 29: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Baptism and 2 year-olds Milestone. 10 a.m. Get-to-know-Grace brunch. 10 a.m. Sunday School & Drums. 5:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 3 p.m. Worship with communion at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Jan. Feb. 1: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 9 a.m. Spring cleaning. 1 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle. 5:30 p.m. Glow Praise Band. 6:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class. 7:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

### Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

### American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)

Friday, Jan. 27: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Jan. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Jan. 31: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 1: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs. 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. Youth Groups. Thursday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

### Rock River Community Church

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: [info@rockrivercommunity.church](mailto:info@rockrivercommunity.church)  
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

### United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, Jan. 28: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Jan. 29: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. ALIVE at church. Monday, Jan. 30: 7 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Feb. 1: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

### First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: [Firstpc@iw.net](mailto:Firstpc@iw.net)

Sundays: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Youth Sunday school during worship service. In-person Worship service

and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

### St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316; email: [stjohn@iw.net](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)  
[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org). Holy Communion is offered on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

### Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
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Josh Hayden, Pastor

### New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: [newlifecelbration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelbration@gmail.com)

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305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. (507) 669-2855; [zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)  
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

### Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
[igtwb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwb@WOW.net)  
Bill Bates, Pastor

### First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 29: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. First Lutheran Annual meeting immediately following worship. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheran-Valley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

### Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
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[www.palisadelutheran.org](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)

Sunday, Jan. 29: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Palisade Lutheran Annual meeting immediately following worship. Lunch will be served after meeting. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

### First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025  
email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto:lori.firstpres@gmail.com)

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

### Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
Ph. 605-215-3429  
email: [magnoliannumc@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliannumc@gmail.com)  
Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sundays: 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

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

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270 / [bethlehemofhills@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemofhills@gmail.com)

### Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 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](http://blchills.org).

### Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254

### Alan Camarig, Pastor

## Jesus paid debt He didn't owe, so that we may live!

According to the Gallup Poll (from Nov. 2022) the average American thought they would spend \$867 on Christmas last year. Wow! (And that is down from \$932 in Oct. 2022.)

Who of us has an extra \$800-1000 laying around doing nothing? No wonder that the joyful hand wrapping of the presents turns to anxious hand-wringing in the New Year as the bills come due.

Does it sometimes seem like our debts own us rather than we own what our debts have purchased? Slavery to unmanageable debts is an overwhelming burden! Oh, to be debt-free! If only we could start over with a clean slate.

The flip of the calendar to a new year can give a sense of being able to make a fresh start, a sense of renewal. But without the LORD that is short-lived.

Bills still need to be paid. Life, with all of its stresses, setbacks and disappointments, still needs to be lived. To the pressing realities of life can also be added a gnawing burden of guilt over all that was left undone in the past, as well as all that was done to and against those closest to us in life!

Weighed down we pray with the Psalmist, "O LORD, turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge...save me...My times are in your hands, deliver me...save me in your unfailing love." (Psalm 31)

And do you know what? The LORD hears our prayer and responds. Now our gracious God doesn't promise to pay off our bills, but he does guide us with his Word to help us set proper priorities and planning. The LORD's ultimate concern for us has to do with the spiritual debt we incur with our

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

*Because of Jesus Christ, you and I can enter this new year with confidence.*

many sins. That bill He paid in full.

Jesus lived a perfect life in our place, and then died to wash away all our sins. On the cross he was shown no mercy, yet he continually shows us mercy and remembers our sins no more. On the third day, Jesus, our victorious Savior rose from the dead. And because he lives, we too shall live into eternity with him, even when our earthly calendars run out. Instead of death, Jesus gives life; instead of sorrow, he gives joy; instead of anxious fears, he brings calm. All of these blessings are ours by God's grace, through faith, as we look forward to the ENDLESS YEARS of peace and joy in HEAVEN!

Because of Jesus Christ, you and I can enter this new year with confidence. He loves us and promises to be there for us, and he will work everything out for our good. Our lives have purpose as we serve our gracious Savior King who took away all our debts. Because of his great selfless love, we can reach out to others with the same amazing love that he has showered upon us!

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

## City Planning Commission public hearing set for Feb. 6

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following: Land use amendments at the following parcels:

1. Lot 1, Block 1, Mayes Addition, Luverne, MN to rezone from AG-Agriculture to I-2 – Special Industry.
2. Outlot A, Lopau Addition, Luverne, MN to rezone from R-R – Residential Reserve to R-1 – Single-Family Residential.
3. Lot 1, Lopau Addition, Luverne, MN (102 S Walnut Ave) to rezone from R-R – Residential Reserve to R-1 – Single-Family Residential.
4. Lot 1, Block 1, Tri-State Addition, Luverne, MN (1 Roundwind Rd) to rezone from B – Limited Business to P – Public.
5. Lots 1, 2, and 3, Reisch Addition, Luverne, MN to rezone from R-R – Residential Reserve to R-1 – Single-Family Residential.

All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building Official, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 26th day of January, 2023.

Jessica Mead,  
City Clerk  
(01-26)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 23, 2023

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

Mortgagor: Manuel Olson, A Single Person  
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Reliabank Dakota, its successors and assigns  
Dated: September 25, 2018  
Recorded: September 27, 2018  
Rock County Recorder Document No. 193501  
Assigned To: Citizens Bank, N.A.  
Dated: October 14, 2020  
Recorded: October 15, 2020  
Rock County Recorder Document No. 198166  
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 10113490000029609  
Lender or Broker: Reliabank Dakota, a Corporation  
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Citizens Bank  
Mortgage Originator: Reliabank Dakota, a Corporation

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 2 IN BLOCK 2 IN AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 2 IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 2 IN TOWNSHIP 102 NORTH OF RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PM, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

This is Abstract Property.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0215-000  
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:  
728 N Estey St  
Luverne, MN 56156  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,877.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$102,709.00

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 23, 2023, 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is August 23, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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

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

Dated: December 21, 2022

Citizens Bank, N.A., Assignee of Mortgagee  
By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.  
Attorneys for:  
Citizens Bank, N.A., Assignee of Mortgagee  
1333 Northland Drive, Suite 205  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120  
801-355-2886  
651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MN21097.

(12-29, 01-05, 01-12, 01-19, 01-26, 02-02)

CITY OF HILLS BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2022-2023		
	2022	2023
Total Revenues	443,010	448,000
General Fund Expenses	137,130	143,590
Public Safety	96,590	97,740
Public Works - Street Dept.	161,100	169,930
Parks	54,715	40,840
Expense transfers from other funds	-0-	-0-
Budgeted Excess (Deficiency)	(6,525)	(4,100)

(01-26)

## School District #671 seeks group insurance bids

Hills-Beaver Creek District 671 requests proposals for group insurance coverage for the health plan year beginning July 1, 2023. Sealed proposals will be accepted in paper or digital form until 5:00 p.m. central time between March 13 – 31, 2023, at Hills-Beaver Creek District 671, 301 N Summit Ave, PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56138. Copies of the complete request for proposal may be requested from Todd Holthaus, t.holthaus@isd671.net and will be sent electronically at no charge. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. The District reserves the right to select the proposal which it determines to be in the best interest of the District. (1-19, 1-26)

## Valetta Sculpt Activewear assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE  
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME  
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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ASSUMED NAME: Valetta Sculpt Activewear  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

601 NE Park Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA  
NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Sophia's Style, LLC

Address: 601 NE Park Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

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By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ Sophia G. Eisma  
MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided  
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: sophiagelsma@gmail.com  
(01-19, 01-26)

## Rock County Highway Dept. seeks bids for Beaver Creek historic bridge project

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Beaver Creek Historic Bridge Rehabilitation Project  
S.A.P. 067-597-005

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota, until 11:00 A.M. on Monday February 13th, 2023.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

**The Major Quantities of Work are:** 189 Sq. Ft. Historic Concrete Surface Repair; 63 Cu. Yds. Random Riprap Matrix; 152 Sq. Ft. Concrete Surface Repair; 1 Lump Sum Membrane Waterproofing; 242 Cu Yds. Structural Excavation; 42 Lin. Ft. Repair Structural Cracks; 63 Cu Yds. Random Rip Rap Class 3.

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

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$50.00.

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-597-005."

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

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.  
Rock County Highway Engineer  
(01-19, 01-26, 02-02)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 16

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 15, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.  
MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010, Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Dated October 15, 2010, Recorded December 16, 2010, as Document No. 175212. And thereafter assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 17, 2020, Recorded August 20, 2020, as Document No. 197744.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 200286000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The S.7 feet of Lot 2 and the N.65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,963.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$62,033.91

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 16, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 18, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None  
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 9, 2023

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
4500 Park Glen Road #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416  
(952) 925-6888  
100 - 22-006876 FC

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

Document version 1.2 July 20, 2021

(1-19, 1-26, 2-2, 2-9, 2-16, 2-23)

## Schomackers Home Galleries assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: Schomackers Home Galleries

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

202 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Schomackers Office Cleaning, LLC

Address: 202 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

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By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ Joe Schomacker  
MAILING ADDRESS: None provided  
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: schomackerclean@gmail.com  
(01-26, 02-02)



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## luverne wrestling/from 8

team participated in the Wabasso Invitational Saturday, Jan. 21.

Teams invited, individual wrestler count and results are as follows:

**Tri-City United** (17 wrestlers) 202.5 points, **Quad County** (13) 155.5, host **Wabasso** (11) 145.5, **Benson** (14) 138.5, **Redwood Valley** (15) 133.0, **St. James** (9) 109.5, **Worthington** (10) 104.0, **Luverne** (12) 89.0 and **Springfield** (7) 83.0.

“Wabasso was a tough tournament and the competition there was some of the best,” coach Kopp said.

Eight of the 12 Luverne wrestlers placed sixth or better. Four did not place but gained experience.

Luverne did have two individual wrestlers place first in their weight class. Senior DJ Rock at the 170 and junior Sam Rock at 170.

Junior Jacob Madison at 182 and seventh-grader Kane Akkerman at 220 placed fifth in their weight classes.

Freshman Bernie Rock at 113, eighth-grader Matthew Gangestad at 120 and eighth-grader Hudson Hough at 132 all placed sixth in their weight classes.

Other wrestlers who did not place were eighth-grader Brody Kopp at 106, sophomore Leif Ingebretsen at 126, eighth-grader CeCe Rock at 138 and freshman Cameron McCrary at 138.

“We had some good matches, and some matches we would love to have back, but those are going to drive us to get better,” Kopp said.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 wrestling gangestad

Eighth-grader Matthew Gangestad ties up the legs of his Cobra opponent during Luverne's triangular with Windom/Mountain Lake and Worthington Jan. 17.

Individual weight class results are as follows:

**106 - Brody Kopp** Quarterfinal - Olson (Benson) over Kopp (Luverne) Fall. Cons. Round 1 - Johnson (Saint James) over Kopp (Luverne) Fall.

**113 - Bernie Rock** Quarterfinal - O'Meara (Tri-City) over Rock (Luverne) MD 12-1. Cons. Round 1 - Rock (Luverne) over Hildahl (Quad County) Fall. Cons. Semi - Skoblik (Wabasso) over Rock (Luverne) Fall. 5th Place Match - Baumgartner (Quad County) over Rock (Luverne) Dec 4-1.

**120 - Matthew Gangestad** Quarterfinal - Viskocil (Tri-City) over Gangestad (Luverne) Dec 9-8. Cons. Round 1 - Gangestad (Luverne) over Amberg (Redwood Valley) Dec 10-6. Cons. Semi - Larson (Worthington) over Gangestad (Luverne) Dec 7-1. 5th Place Match - Viskocil (Tri-City) over Gangestad (Luverne) MD 16-2.

**126 - Leif Ingebretsen** Quarterfinal - Hippe (Benson) over Ingebretsen (Luverne) Dec 7-3. Cons. Round 1 - Ourada (Redwood Valley) over Ingebretsen (Luverne) TF-1.

**132 - Hudson Hough** Quarterfinal - Hough (Luverne) over Wah (Benson) Fall. Semifinal - Franek (Tri-City) over Hough (Luverne) Fall. Cons.

**Semi - Tande** (Saint James Area) over Hough (Luverne) Fall. 5th Place Match - Flowers (Wabasso) over Hough (Luverne) SV-1 8-6.

**138 - Cece Rock** Champ. Round 1 - Marotzke (Wabasso) over Rock (Luverne) Dec 6-0. Cons. Round 1 - Rock (Luverne) received a bye. Cons. Round 2 - Bieh (Worthington) over Rock (Luverne) Dec 8-3.

**138 - Cameron McCrary** Champ. Round 1 - McCrary (Luverne) received a bye. Quarterfinal - Johnson (Tri-City) over McCrary (Luverne) Fall. Cons. Round 2 - Wilke (Quad County) over McCrary (Luverne) Dec 9-8.

**160 - DJ Rock** Champ. Round 1 - Rock (Luverne) over Chervany (Quad County) Fall. Quarterfinal - Rock (Luverne) over Bast (Springfield) Fall. Semifinal - Rock (Luverne) over Hernandez (Redwood Valley) Fall. 1st Place Match - Rock (Luverne) over Johnson (Springfield) Fall.

**170 - Sam Rock** Quarterfinal - Rock (Luverne) received a bye. Semifinal - Rock (Luverne) over Hildahl (Quad County) Dec 6-3. 1st Place Match - Rock (Luverne) over McGee (Benson) Dec 4-0.

**182 - Jacob Madison** Quarterfinal - Klassen (Benson) over Madison (Luverne) Fall. Cons. Round 1 - Madison (Luverne) over Reinke (Redwood Valley) Fall. Cons. Semi - Neuberger (Worthington) over Madison (Luverne) Fall. 5th Place Match - Madison (Luverne) won by injury default over Hogrefe (Benson).

**220 - Kane Akkerman** Quarterfinal - Akkerman (Luverne) received a bye. Semifinal - Reyes (Tri-City) over Akkerman (Luverne) Fall. Cons. Semi - Jaenisch (Quad County) over Akkerman (Luverne) Dec 9-2. 5th Place Match - Akkerman (Luverne) won by injury default over Sholes (Worthington).

**285 - Masyn Akkerman** Quarterfinal - Akkerman (Luverne) over Kobberman (Benson) SV-1 7-5. Semifinal - Sweep (Quad County) over Akkerman (Luverne) Dec 8-3. Cons. Semi - Duff (Tri-City) over Akkerman (Luverne) Dec 2-1. 5th Place Match - Kobberman (Benson) over Akkerman (Luverne) Fall.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0126 LHS Ghoc elli

Seventh-grader Ellie Van Batavia breaks for the net against New Ulm Thursday, Jan. 19 in Luverne.

## girls' hockey/from 9

Tenley Behr scored her third (hat trick) beating the Eagles' goalie at 15:22 unassisted.

Luverne led New Ulm 4-1 after two periods.

The third period had no scoring by either team. New Ulm committed four penalties but the Cardinals were unable to score on the skater advantages.

Luverne sent New Ulm home with a 4-1 loss.

### LHS 3, Dodge County 2

The Cardinals traveled to Kasson Saturday, Jan. 21, when they beat Dodge County 3-2.

“Our girls battled hard and found a way to get a win against a very good team. It was a busy and good week for our team,” coach Tony Sandbulte said.

In the first period Tenley Behr got the Cards rolling with a goal at 6:55 with an assist by McClure.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored the Cardinals' second goal at 13:23 assisted by Payton Behr.

The Cardinals led 2-0 over the Wildcats after the first period.

The second period had one lone goal by Dodge County, ending the period Cardinals 2, Wildcats 1.

The third period was a trade of goals. Ellie Van Batavia netted a goal at 12:16 assisted by Payton Behr and Dodge County found the net one more time.

LHS goalie Von Tersch saved 27 of the Wildcats' 29 shots on goal. Luverne had 15 shots on the Dodge County goaltender beating her three times.

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Your words and prayers have comforted us. Your support has strengthened us. And your love has sustained us. It will always be remembered. We also want to extend a special thank you to The Mary Jane Brown Home and The Luverne Hospice Cottage for the care they provided our beloved mom.  
**The Family of Arlene Wynia**  
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## Fishing derby canceled/ continued from page 1

the snow creates caps on ice... It's like you're drawing the shades on your windows."

He said it's unlikely that people would have caught many fish in February's fishing derby, because the fish that aren't already dead would be stressed or in "survival mode" and not likely to pursue bait on a hook.

He also said on Friday that when this happens it's too late to reverse the fish kill process.

"You can't quickly throw in an aerator and resolve the problem," Doorenbos said.

"Winterkill is a natural process that's been occurring long before any humans have been anywhere near these bodies of water."

### Restocking

He said at this point, efforts will focus on restocking this summer in both The Lake and in Schoneman Pond south of Luverne.

This involves trapping and transferring roughly 50 pounds of pre-spawned bluegills, the only species allowed.

That's because Rock County is home to the

endangered Topeka shiner, and fish like perch and bass are predators for the protected minnow.

Lanphere said committee members are working with the DNR to support the fish population and they're focusing on next year's event.

"The committee has full confidence that next year the Get Hooked Derby will be bigger and better than ever," Lanphere said.

"So, mark your calendars and make plans to attend."

The event will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024.

More than 200 free rods, reels and tackle will be given away to youth among more than \$6,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded.

In addition to Lanphere and Chamber assistant Amber Lais, the Get Hooked Committee members are Mike and Traci Davis, Jeremy Wallenberg, Rob Wenzel, Jen Wiebe, Joe Reif and Justin Aning.

The Chamber can be reached at 507.283.4061. More information is at [www.LuverneChamber.com](http://www.LuverneChamber.com).



Lori Sorenson photo/0126 SWCD technician training Jay Bakken (center) addresses a group of Soil and Water Conservation District technicians at the Bakken feedlot near Beaver Creek Friday afternoon. The technicians, many of whom have no farming background, toured the operation as part of an effort to learn about farming as they continue their careers working with (and communicating with) farmers and landowners to implement conservation and soil health practices.

## SWCD technician training at Bakken feedlot/from page 1

successful farming that also support a healthy environment. And the way for this to happen, he said, is through positive relationships between the SWCD technicians and farmers.

During Friday's tour, Bakken shared the story about his dad, Richard Bakken, who inquired nearly 30 years ago about manure runoff from his livestock feedlots.

"Just like that we had the MPCA down here looking it over and writing a letter to us about our 'toxic waste' going into the creek," Bakken said, remarking that the response turned his dad off to investing in a solution.

"As things went on, it turned pretty well, and it's nice to not have the brown trail in the white

snow going to the creek."

Through the years, the Bakkens implemented practices ranging from grass waterways and water and sediment basins to soil health practices such as no till, strip till and cover crops.

"We've had our share of dealing with government regulations and MPCA," Bakken said.

"But we're fortunate to have been able to at least start with our local NRCS and SWCD navigating the waters of regulation and manure management."

In addition to touring the Bakken farm, the technicians visited a southwest Minnesota dairy operation and a swine confinement setup.

Bakken thanked the technicians for their interest in farming as it

relates to their conservation work.

"It's about developing relationships. Whether I ever see you guys again or not, I hope this is an example of the relationships that we've had to get you guys to come to our operation to show you what we do here," Bakken said.

"We've enjoyed doing lots of conservation things over the years, and it affirms that agriculture can coexist with the environment."

He later said hosting the tour was time well spent.

"This common-sense approach provided a venue for candid conversation and learning with farmers whom these technicians will be helping in their future career as conservationists," he said Monday.

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