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2022 lodging tax takes in record totals

Construction projects spurred need for worker housing, lodging

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Convention and Visitors Bureau collected a record amount of lodging taxes in 2022, spurred by several major construction projects and the need for workers' housing.

The CVB brought in \$72,377 last year from Luverne hotels and motels, which are required by state law to collect the tax in order to support community promotion.

"Lodging tax ('heads in beds tax') provides funds to advertise and promote the community to visitors and build the community as a travel destination," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

She said funds were used to pay for several new local promotions to attract visitors to Luverne.

Digital billboard, blogger, videos among expenses

For example, in 2022 the CVB and Chamber partnered with the city to purchase a new \$7,500 digital billboard for Highway 75. It will be installed and operational this year.

The CVB also paid three bloggers last summer to create a series of Luverne adventures for families, couples and the outdoors. The blogs, which cost CVB \$5,000, are available on the Chamber website, luvernechamber.com, and on shrpa.com.

In September 2022, the CVB Board spent \$3,000 to produce 30-second and 60-second Luverne LOOP video ads in partnership with John Barnes of UDO Velvet Productions. They'll be released this spring at the start of biking season.

These expenses are in addition to ongoing expenses associated with promoting the Luverne community.

These include hosting events such as the February Fishing Derby (which is canceled this year due to unsafe ice) and Fourth of July at The Lake that bring people to town.

Other regular ongoing CVB expenses include:

- Operating the Chamber as an official Explore Minnesota Affiliate Travel Information Center to serve visitors with information for local and state travel opportunities.
- Maintaining a digital pres-

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LHS celebrates Snow Week



Mavis Fodness photos/0202 LHS Snow Week 2023

Beyer, Bergman crowned 2023 Snow Week queen, king

Seniors Emma Beyer and Ross Bergman (in the inset) were crowned queen and king Monday afternoon in the Luverne Middle-High School performing arts center as part of the school's mid-winter week of activities. The 10 senior candidates were nominated by teachers based on their school and community service involvement during their high school years. Queen Candidates included Christina Wagner, Tori Hemme, Lauren Hansen, Emma Beyer and Josie Anderson. Snow Week King candidates included Bergman, Brady Bork, Parker Carbonneau, Tyson Cowell and Camden Janiszkeski.

At left, Ross Bergman watches confetti rain down as his name is announced as Snow Week king.



At left, Snow Week royalty candidates play a game in which they selected the picture of the candidate that best answer various questions. Here, all the candidates held up the picture of Parker Carbonneau to the question, "Who of them is the worst driver?" Pictured from left are Christina Wagner, Tori Hemme, Lauren Hansen, Emma Beyer and Josie Anderson.

Blue Mounds to host candlelight hike Saturday

Hikers encouraged to carpool, buy their permits online

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mounds State Park will host its fourth annual Candlelight Hike from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the park's main entrance off Highway 75.

The event will represent a return to tradition after two years off. "The last one held was in January of 2020, and we're excited to offer it again," said park manager Chris Ingebretsen.

He said the forecast looks favorable for the nighttime event that takes hikers along three miles of groomed, candlelit trails that include a warming station, fire ring, a campfire at the turnaround, hot cocoa and more.

A lighted trail will take hikers from the picnic shelter to the west, down to the picnic grounds parking area. From there it will follow the bike trail for a mile before making the return hike.

Ingebretsen said the path will be cleared of deep snow, but hikers should be prepared to trek through 2 to 3 inches of snow.

"If time allows, volunteers may light an optional return loop following the Lower Cliffline Trail that would be on deep snow and might require snowshoes," he said.

The forecast temperatures look favorable for the Candlelight Hike.

"I'm hoping that visitors will still be able to see the green comet that night, which should be at its

Candlelight hike/see page 5

Yellow Rose Cookie Shoppe born from pandemic

By Mavis Fodness

Janet Marshall's new business, Yellow Rose Cookie Shoppe, combines the celebrations of life's special moments along with some nostalgia.

Marshall started the cottage food business in September 2022 after she began baking sugar cookies, first as a way to combat boredom and then as a business, after her personally decorated creations were a hit at her son's wedding.

Her journey into baking cookies first began when she was a young girl growing up on the family farm near Raymond, Minnesota.

Marshall recalls her mother



"My mom and I shared a birthday in June. We had wild yellow roses, and they always bloomed on our birthday. In her cards she always wrote, 'The yellow roses are blooming.'"

— Janet Marshall,
Yellow Rose Cookie Shoppe, Luverne

making various cookies, bars and cakes while her father worked the fields.

She expanded her knowledge through extracurricular activities.

"I was in 4-H, and foods were the project that I was in," she said.

Decades later, her own children, Ethan and Erica, were also in the 4-H foods project, where she often helped the youngsters complete projects for the Rock County Fair.

Years later, Marshall's thoughts returned to baking special creations after announcing her retirement from Berkley Technology Services, Luverne, in

Yellow Rose Cookies/see p. 14

Audit: Facility projects, technology put Luverne School District over budget

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public Schools spent almost \$17 million in 2022, according to district auditors.

Justin McGraw with accountants Conway, Deuth and Schmiessing in Litchfield presented the information via zoom for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, Thursday night at the school board's first meeting of the new year.

Luverne schools spent \$16.96

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— Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl

million dollars during the 2021-22 fiscal year, primarily due to the purchase of technology and the finishing of the middle-high building remodeling project.

During the 2021-22 fiscal year, Luverne received \$16 million in revenue or just under \$1 million less than the district spent.

"We knew we had to spend

some money with the project," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. "The board wanted to reinstate some of the things cut out of that project — to bring some

of that back to what the board envisioned — we felt we shouldn't short-spend."

Money was spent in 2021 to replace boilers at the elementary school, regrade elementary playground equipment, continue terrazzo flooring in the new middle-high school commons and add a new server and teacher computers for the district.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Beaver Creek Township Board

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, in the township hall in Beaver Creek. Note the time change.

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 the 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 fundraiser Feb. 6, beginning at 5 p.m. at the secondary school commons. Registration participants are sought. Call 507-962-3240 ext. 33 to enter the cook-off.

School music programs Feb. 10

Luverne third- and fourth-grade students will present their music programs Friday afternoon, Feb. 10, in the performing arts center. Third-grade students will perform "Summer Camp" at 1:15 p.m. and fourth-grade students will perform "Hawaiian Beach Party."

Virtual author tour in February

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

Feb. 7 will feature mystery writer Jeanne Cooney, Feb. 14 Lorna Landvik, Feb. 21 paranormal researcher and author Chad Lewis, and Feb. 28 mystery thriller writer Brian Freeman.

Preregistration is required for each of the free programs at <https://tinyurl.com/Plum-creek-virtual-author-tour>. For more information contact the Rock County Library at 507-449-5040 or rocklibraries-taff@gmail.com.

Community Ed announcements

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

Catchers and pitchers (experienced or new in grades K-8 can learn and practice skills at a four-session **Softball Camp** starting Feb. 16. Sign up by Feb. 6 at the lower fee of \$40.

Students (K - 3) can join a Blue Mound State Park Naturalist to identify wildlife species through evidence left behind during **Animal Tracks and Scat: Who Left That?** on Feb. 7. Fee is \$5.

Learn tips and techniques to shovel snow safely and prevent injury at **Protect Your Back While Shoveling? Snow Problem!** on Feb. 8 at Prairie Rehabilitation. Fee is \$5.

Kids in the Kitchen (grades K-6) will make **Valentine's Goodies** on Feb. 9. Fee is \$21.

Students in grades 3-5 will work in teams to create a robot that pushes, shoves and disables other robots during competition in **Sumo Robotics** on Feb. 9. Fee is \$20.

Register by Feb. 10 for the **ACT Prep class** on Feb. 21. Fee is \$125.

Ages 0-5 with an adult will enjoy **Open Gym** Feb. 10. Registration is required, but there is no fee.

Free tax preparation at library

AARP volunteers will offer free tax preparation for low-income individuals and seniors at the Rock County Library on Mondays starting Feb. 13 through April 15. Call 507-449-5040 for appointments. Bring documents, including last year's tax return and a form of identification to document social security number. Tax returns for 2021 will be prepared if requested.



Mavis Fodness photo/0202 Luverne Schools Swearing In 2023

Four members take seats on Luverne School Board

Business manager Tyler Reisch (far left) swears in new Luverne School Board members (from left) Mike DeBates, Zach Nolz, incumbent Eric Hartman, and Randy Saker Thursday night, Jan. 26, in the district board room. New officers for 2023 include chairman Tim Jarchow, vice chairman Eric Hartman, secretary David Wrigg and treasurer Mike DeBates.



At left, new Luverne school board member Randy Saker takes his oath of office.

Entries due Feb. 11 for March 4 Generations Puzzle Tournament

Generations will host its annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4, in the Generations building on South Estey Street in Luverne.

Entries are accepted in 300-piece two-person teams, 500-piece two- or three-person teams, or 300-piece youth (eighth-grade or younger) and adult teams. Fee is \$50 per team, with proceeds benefiting the Generations General Fund for ongoing expenses.

Each team will be provided a puzzle to complete and table space to work on. Puzzlers may bring sorting trays. Teams will be allotted three hours to complete their puzzle.

Puzzling rounds start promptly at 9 a.m. Check in at least 15 minutes prior to start time.

First and second places will be determined by puzzle completion in the shortest amount of time. If no team is finished in three hours, puzzle judges may determine winners based on a count of unattached pieces. All decisions

of puzzle judges are final, and they reserve the right to make changes to any division.

Entry forms and fees must be received by Feb. 11 so that puzzles can be ordered. A limited number of teams will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Puzzlers may bring snacks to share, and water will be available. Pizza and soda will be served around noon.

Watch the Generations (formerly Luverne Senior Citizens) Facebook page for updates or changes due to weather. (March 11 is the back-up day in the event of poor weather on March 4.)

Registration and payment may be mailed to or dropped off by Feb. 11 at Generations, attn: Puzzle Tourney, 105 S Estey, Luverne, MN 56156.

Generations hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Corrine Bonnema 507-920-3802 or email livewellagewell100@gmail.com

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Member1: _____

Member2: _____

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Any questions, Email: livewellagewell100@gmail.com
Subject: Corine Puzzle

Please drop off or mail registration with payment by Friday, February 11, 2023 to:
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Luverne School District Audit/ continued from p. 1

"We used a lot of restricted funds that the state set aside for capital outlays and LTFM (long term facility maintenance)," said business manager Tyler Reisch.

"Instead of taking it out of unassigned balance, we used restricted funds."

The district has \$3.2 million in its restricted fund and \$7.6 million in unrestricted funds, according to the audit report.

Another year of deficit expenditures is expected for the 2022-23 school year, as the district finishes facility projects.

"We haven't deficit-spent like this in a long time," Oftedahl said. "We're hoping after this year — the lines (of expenditures and revenues) — we're hoping to see some merge."

The district anticipates receiving \$15.4 million in revenues by June 30, 2023, but spending \$16.5 million, primarily on upcoming parking lot repairs.

Overall, McGraw said the district's financial statements "presented fairly," the accountant's highest rating.

He said like other school districts, the "lion's share" of general fund expenditures is for salaries.

For the 2021-22 school year, Luverne spent \$12.5 million on salaries, \$2 million on purchased services, \$1.4 million in supplies and materials, \$592,000 in capital improvements and \$293,000 on other purchases.

McGraw commended local personnel for bringing the food service fund out of a \$17,841 deficit in 2021 to end at a positive \$98,780 in 2022. Food service is also expected to continue a positive balance in 2023.

"By taking advantage of the National School Lunch Program in 2022, you really buoyed that fund balance," he said. "That's a good recovery."

"Now that you're returning to paid lunches, you may not see large jumps (in the future) like that."

The community service fund stayed within budget, spending \$134,011 for the 2021-22 school year while the balance for the building construction project fell to \$96,717. The construction budget is expected to be at zero by the end of this current fiscal year.

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H-BC to make up snow days by adding minutes to school days

By Mavis Fodness

Beginning Feb. 13, students at Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools will be in class 15- to 16-minutes longer each day.

The extended school days continue through the rest of the school year.

Since Dec. 9, H-BC students have missed five days of school due to weather conditions.

The five missed days are in addition to the five days designated as e-learning days, bringing H-BC to the maximum number of days allowed by the state each year.

E-learning days are considered student contact days and are counted as a full day of school.

Two of the missed five days were already planned as early dismissal days and won't have to be made up by students or staff.

However, three days will have to be made up by students and staff.

The extended day plan will make up the three lost days. "This proposal doesn't add days to the student calendar," said

School Superintendent Todd Holthaus.

The last day of school for students stays at May 26.

By state statute, students are required to attend 165 days of school. Under the expanded day plan approved by H-BC board members Jan. 23, the plan allows for 169 days.

"Yes, there will be more snow days," Holthaus said. "And we have to deal with them as they come."

Elementary students will attend classes 15 minutes longer each day. School begins at 8:15 a.m. and will now last until 3:30 p.m.

Secondary students begin class at 8:05 a.m. with classes ending at 3:18 p.m.

"The essence for optimal learning is having our teachers in front of students," Holthaus said.

"I think students will be better served (with the lengthened school day) than adding days to the end of the school year."

Sno-Masters rides Feb. 4 and Feb. 11

The Rock County Sno-Masters are planning two rides 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-Masters clubhouse at 206 SE Park St., Luverne. Route includes Beaver Creek, Hardwick, Trosky, Hardwick, Take 16 and Howling Dog in Luverne and back to the clubhouse.

A meal will be served. Bring your own beverages. A bonfire will be outside the clubhouse.

On Feb. 11, the Sno-Masters will host a **Fun Run** (poker run). 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.

Lodging taxes/from page 1

ence on the Explore Minnesota website.

- Advertising in state, regional and national travel magazines and on interstate billboards.

- Operating the "Roll On Luverne" borrow a bike program.

- Distributing more than 2,500 Luverne Visitors Guides to Minnesota Travel Information Centers, Chambers and CVBs throughout Minnesota

- Planning and coordinating special group tours, class reunions and family events to Luverne and Rock County (approximately 500-1,000 annually)

- Responding to individual requests for local information by visitors and new residents from leads generated by print advertising. (The Chamber responded to 1,500 requests for Visitor Guides last year.)

Campgrounds and "vacation rentals by owners," which are not required to meet hotel industry requirements, are not required to collect lodging taxes.

Rate increases and construction lodging

The 2022 record lodging tax receipts of \$72,377 reflect increased rates, but the hotels also operated at capacity most of the year, due to workers at major construction sites in and around Luverne.

For example, the labor force for Walleye Wind Farm's construction of 40 turbines in western Rock

County reached 200 workers at its peak last summer.

Other major projects last year were the Lineage Logistics 235,000-square-foot cold storage warehouse and National Guard Army construction in Luverne's industrial park, Prairie Loft's two 27-unit three-story apartment buildings on South Highway 75, the pool and fitness center addition and remodel.

The 2022 lodging tax receipts of \$72,377 compare with \$51,530 collected in 2021 and \$32,968 during the pandemic in 2020.

Luverne hotels collecting the tax in 2022 include Econolodge, Super 8, Hillcrest, Cozy Rest and GrandStay.

Other lodging tax amounts collected in the past 10 years include:

- \$41,466.62 in 2013 when the GrandStay opened in June.
- \$47,086.40 in 2014
- \$52,398.03 in 2015
- \$53,066.03 in 2016
- \$53,363.30 in 2017
- \$45,717.65 in 2018
- \$47,369.80 in 2019

The Convention and Visitors Bureau is organized under the authority of State Statute by city ordinance.

The CVB Board of Directors, which determines and prioritizes how funds are used, has given the Chamber operational responsibility to carry out its mission.



For the first time in 23 years, Luverne High School broke through to Section 3A competition when they placed second at the Jan. 28 event in Luverne. Pictured on stage from left are master of ceremonies Ross Bergman, director Joseph Stearns, Alex Perkins, Parker Carbonneau, Brianna Kinsinger, Halle Pergrande, Abby Boltjes, Zander Carbonneau, Makayla Oechsle, Travis Schempp, one act sub-section organizer Amy Sahle and Rebecca Hoogland. (Photo courtesy of Theresa Kinsinger)

LHS sees one act competition success, advances to section finals Saturday

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School advanced to the one act play section competition Saturday, its first appearance in 23 years.

Luverne competed at home Jan. 28 against five other schools, finishing second in the sub-section 3A competition.

Murray County Central of Slayton was crowned champions.

Both Luverne and MCC will compete Saturday in Redwood Valley for a chance to represent Section 3A in the MSHSL one act competition Feb. 9-10 in St. Paul.

Placing in the top two came as a surprise to the Luverne team.

"The other performances throughout the day were strong as well," said Joseph Stearns, who began as director in 2019. "We haven't made it beyond our first round of sub-sections in my time as director, so to a certain degree, the idea was not on my radar."

Luverne performed "Ruby," by University of Sioux Falls alum Greta Smith.

Smith condensed her two act play about an eighth-grader using colors to express her feelings, especially about her parents' divorce, to a one act play that can be performed under 35 minutes.

"I am proud of the kids and the effort they put in, regardless of our placing," Stearns said. "I am glad we were able to put on a good show that was received well by the audience and judges."

Judges Matthew Cook, Lori Grote and Paul Jones judged the subsection competition in Luverne.



Mavis Fodness photos/0202 One Act 2023 Competition

Luverne High School performed "Ruby" by Greta Smith Jan. 28 in the school's performing arts center. Students (from left) Abby Boltjes, Isabella Benson, Makayla Oechsle, Alex Perkins (on floor) and Zander Carbonneau were among the 13-member cast members who will now compete Saturday in the MSHSL Section 3A championships in Redwood Falls.

It was the first year the competition was conducted in the middle-high school performing arts center.

"Overall, the judges' feedback for our performance was positive,"

Stearns said. "Especially in contrast to previous years."

With a week between sub-section and section competitions, Stearns said changes will be minimal for Luverne. "We plan to work

on volume levels, polishing some of the weaker points of the show," he said. "We hope to revamp our backdrop a bit to allow more of our lighting effects to be impactful."

Cast members include Brianna Kinsinger, Alex Perkins, Steven Woods, Hallie Bork, Abby Boltjes, Isabella Benson, Rebecca Hoogland, Hunter Cope, Makayla Oechsle, Parker Carbonneau, Zander Carbonneau, Halle Pergrande and Travis Schempp.

Other schools competing at the Jan. 28 sub-sections were Adrian, Edgerton, Pipestone Area and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton.

Luverne last advanced to section competition in 2000, when they performed "The Crucible" for the sub-section 3A championship.



Alex Perkins (far left) portrays eighth-grader Ruby Gray in "Ruby" along with Steven Woods, who portrays Skyler, a fellow student. Abby Boltjes (far right) is Yellow, a color that is only seen by Ruby but eventually revealed to Skyler as well.



Mavis Fodness photo/0202 One Act 2023 Competition

Rebecca Hoogland (left) is Mrs. Gray, mom to Ruby (Alex Perkins), who's upset that her parents are getting a divorce. The two talk in Ruby's room in the one act play performed by Luverne High School students in the Jan. 28 sub-section 3A competition. The students received second place from the judges and will advance to section competition Saturday.

On behalf of LUVERNE MUSIC BOOSTERS, we would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to the area businesses who helped make the 41st Annual Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival a HUGE success. The support received from the community was amazing!



Cash donations and/or merchandise were generously given by over 125 individuals and businesses. Without their support and kindness, the Carnival couldn't happen.

Thank YOU!

Thank you to all who helped organize the Winter Carnival this year. There were many sub committees and leaders who have put in several hours of planning and organizing and for that, we are grateful! Special thanks to Luverne Family Dental for use of their basement to store our booths and games.

Thank you to our booth and cake judges. Special thanks to the Luverne School Custodial Staff for so graciously helping us with our many tasks of set-up, tear-down and clean up! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to work a shift (or two) during the Carnival and to the students who decorated and ran the booths. We have the best music students around!

A very gracious thank you to everyone in the community who supported our Winter Carnival by either purchasing raffle tickets, or by attending and participating in this event. It is wonderful to see so many people attend this evening of family entertainment! Finally, we would like to thank Mrs. Graber and Mr. Jarvie for their invaluable support, for teaching our children a love of music and so much more! We are proud to be a part of a giving community that continues to care about the music programs at our school.

Thanks to All!
Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival Committee

Worm farming

Great-granddaughter carries on family tradition

The other girls recoiled in horror when Great Grandpa Gerald pulled



back the plywood cover on his basement-based worm farm, but five-year-old Lillian leaned in, which is why she received a worm farm for Christmas.

Grandpa's worm farm is contained in a 100-gallon stock tank and holds several thousand worms. Lillian's worm farm is far smaller than Grandpa's. It's not a stock tank, or even a 5-gallon pail. It's basically a canning jar with a little dirt in the bottom.

The worm farm kit came with yellow dirt and red dirt that Lillian says "goes under the normal dirt."

And it had no worms.

The kit with all its supplies, for now, sits safely on a shelf in the pantry.

Lillian is taking her time looking for just the right worm, saying she plans to dig a fresh one from the back yard when the time is right.

She's been using her kid-sized shovel to poke the frozen Indiana dirt under the trees in her back yard while she thinks about worm farming.

So far, the poking around has resulted in, "no worms at all. 'Cuz it's winter." But she continues the search saying, "I like to dig."

Last summer, she found a lot of worms by using her special digging technique which involves "digging as deep as you can until you get a worm."

She's experimented with free-range worm farming on the patio.

"Once, I made a little home for them. I put some dirt on the table and some

THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

When she eventually finds the five or six worms the worm kit will support, she's not too concerned about caring for them and has a rather relaxed attitude about worm care.

leaves and grass," she explained.

"I think they liked it, but I'm not sure. I couldn't find any worms the last time I looked so I don't think it turned out very well."

Lillian is most excited about being the boss of her worm farm because "you get to do it all by yourself."

When she eventually finds the five or six worms the worm kit will support, she's not too concerned about caring for them and has a rather relaxed attitude about worm care.

She said, "I don't even think they drink water. And they eat dirt. It's pretty easy, mostly. You just have to make sure they don't die."

Feb. 6-10 is National School Counselors Week

More access to school counselors could stem mental health crisis

Feb. 6-10 is National School Counselors Week, a time to focus attention on the contributions of school counselors in education.

Sponsored by American School Counselors Association, the week highlights the impact school counselors have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

According to Luverne Elementary School Counselor Marie-Atkinson Smeins, children are experiencing a mental health crisis and her office visits for anxiety and sadness have dramatically increased.

"Yes, school counselors can make a big impact in the lives of children," she said.

School Counselors Week coincides with 130 children's organizations calling on President Biden to declare a national emergency in response to America's youth mental crisis.

Mental health-related hospital admissions for people under 20 increased 61 percent since 2016, according to Clarify Health Institute.

It's attributed partly to the pandemic, but prior to 2019 nearly 8 million children between 6 and 18 reported at least one mental health condition, according to JAMA Pediatrics.

Youth depression and anxiety has been attributed to cyberbullying, traumatic experiences, marginalization, school shootings and more.

Now it's recommended that all children ages 8 to 18 have routine screenings for anxiety, and many are advocating for more access to school counseling.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

School counselors help K-12 students with academic, career development, emotional and social challenges, and they're also trained to recognize mental health warning signs.

Dr. Cameka Hazel is a professor of school counseling and behavioral sciences.

"School counselors can be a critical line of defense against worsening mental health conditions," Hazel said, advocating for more school counselors.

Atkinson-Smeins agrees.

She is assigned roughly 500 students, while the ASCA recommends a counselor for every 250 students.

"I could do so much more if my ratio was 1 to 250," Atkinson-Smeins said.

"Expanding access to counselors and lower ratios would be helpful."

The average ratio nationwide is about one counselor to 400 students, and at least 20 states don't even have school counselors.

"If the federal government provides mental health money for schools to use to hire school counselors, in the end it benefits children," Atkinson-Smeins said.

"I believe in working with a team of professionals to help children."

She said this team of professionals could include a teacher, principal, social worker, school psychologist and others. "When we work together, the end result is that children benefit."

In October the Biden Administration released an additional \$280 million for schools to use for mental health.

"These funds are a welcome start, but we need additional action," Hazel said. "Nationwide, all schools should be required to provide counseling services to their students and maintain appropriate counselor-to-student ratios."

She said state curriculum designers should incorporate social and emotional learning as standard practice for K-12 students.

"The youth mental health crisis is all around us," Hazel said. "Expanding access to school counselors could make these tragedies far less common, while giving students the support, guidance, and care they need to flourish."

Meanwhile, she said improving youth mental health will mean a healthier future as they become adults.

"If we're to have any hope of reversing the alarming increase in school counselors," Hazel said.

Atkinson-Smeins can be reached at m.atkinson-smeins@isd2184.net

More information about School Counselors Week is at schoolcounselor.org



Best to stay put when meeting emergency vehicle when stopped at intersection

Question: I was wondering if you are stopped at a stoplight in the left turn lane and an emergency vehicle with lights and sirens comes in behind you (either in the turn lane or the lane to your right), what is the proper procedure? Thank you!

Answer: When it comes to encountering emergency vehicles while stopped at a stoplight and the only place to move is the actual intersection, it is best to stay in place and let the emergency vehicle maneuver around your vehicle, unless otherwise directed by law



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

enforcement. Otherwise, for an emergency vehicle, such as an ambulance, fire truck or police car, displaying flashing red lights and sounding a

siren or bell approaches your vehicle on a two-way road, you must pull to the right and stop.

If you are traveling on a one-way road, you must pull to which-

ever side is nearest and stop. If you are within an intersection, proceed through it before stopping. Remain stopped until all emergency vehicles have passed.

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ON THE RECORD

No dispatch report this week

The Rock County Sheriff's Office had not provided the weekly dispatch records as of 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, press day at the Star Herald. The information is a matter of public record and we will attempt to provide two weeks worth of information in the Feb. 9 paper.

Ag census can help shape industry future

By Kate Hansen, senior policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

The deadline is quickly approaching for farmers and ranchers to fill out the 2022 Census of Agriculture.

Every five years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts the census to capture information on our nation's farms, ranches, and the people who operate them.

This year, Feb. 6 is the deadline for forms to be returned or submitted online at agcounts.usda.gov. Paper versions were sent out via mail in December.

To paint a full picture of agriculture across the country, operations large and small are asked to take part.

Farmers and ranchers in both rural and urban areas should participate, so long as their operations make \$1,000 or more in revenue per year.

Through their participation, producers provide information on their land use and

ownership, production practices, income, expenditures, and their demographics. All personal data collected is kept confidential.

Results of the census, which will be released in 2024, not only help NASS maintain an up-to-date understanding of the agricultural industry, but also give producers a voice in the Department of Agriculture's programs and decision-making.

Additionally, groups such as the Center for Rural Affairs use the results in analysis, studies and to encourage decision-makers to support key programs.

This information impacts conservation, crop insurance, value-added products, marketing and more.

On average, completion of the census takes 20 to 30 minutes, but the results have the potential to shape the industry for years to come.

We encourage producers to fill out their census by Feb. 6.



Hikers warm up by a campfire near a candlelight trail at the Blue Mounds State Park during the 2020 version of the park's annual Candlelight Hike. Saturday's event will be a return to tradition after two years of not having a candlelight hike.

Candlelight Hike at state park Saturday/continued from page 1

brightest on Jan. 31, but might still be visible on Feb. 4, near the end of the tail of the Little Dipper," Ingebretsen said.

"The trail will be lit well enough that hikers can walk without carrying a flashlight or headlamp. Using one can really detract from other visitors' experience by taking away their night vision."

He said those who carry a flashlight for emergencies are asked to use it only if necessary and to point the beam directly at the ground as much as possible. He also suggested wrapping the flashlight with colored cellophane to dim the glare.

The Friends of Blue Mounds State Park will be assisting at the event, serving hot chocolate and cookies. They are still accepting

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— Chris Ingebretsen, park manager, Blue Mounds State Park

volunteers to help at <https://tinyurl.com/2582w7jc>. Workers at Rock County Opportunities are preparing the "candle bags" with weights.

Ingebretsen said visitors who are new to the park should follow the brown signs on U.S. Highway 75 to the main park entrance on 161st Street.

"GPS may take visitors to one of the two entrances on the south end of the park, so we advise visitors to ignore their GPS once they are traveling on Highway 75 and follow the road signs to the main entrance instead," Ingebretsen said.

"We're expecting a large crowd and will be using volunteers to park cars. We'd like to encourage people to carpool as much as they can."

Visitors can skip the line at the park entrance by purchasing a vehicle permit online at www.mndnr.gov/permits.

Council takes action on Lopau Addition, increases Generations subsidy

By Lori Sorenson

At their first meeting of the new year, Luverne City Council members approved resolutions related to the development of the city's newest residential development, the Lopau Addition.

The infrastructure improvements, including streets, water, wastewater and storm sewer, are estimated to cost \$2.1 million.

The addition will accommodate 24 residential lots. Nineteen lots will be designated for single-family homes and five will be multi-family lots for twin homes (10 units on the north end).

DGR is directed to prepare final plans and specifications for the improvements to be funded by issuing general obligation improvement bonds that will be paid for by the proceeds of the lot sales.

The council discussed recent interest rate hikes and their potential effect on bond sales.

"We've refinanced a lot of bonds in the past 20 years and saved a lot of money on lower interest rates," said Mayor Pat Baustian.

"I would anticipate that that would also happen again when these bonds are sold. We'll be looking in the next three to five years to lower interest rates as well."

He said the higher interest rates won't jeopardize the project, and the council discussed that despite unusually low interest rates in 2019 and 2021, the current rates are still lower than average.

City Council members approved a resolution at their Jan. 10 meeting to order the Lopau Addition improvements and direct DGR to prepare the plans and specifications.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council approved a resolution ordering the advertisement for bids for the Lopau Addition project.

The bid letting date is scheduled for Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. in Luverne City Hall. The bid tabulation will be considered by the Council at the Feb. 14, 2023, meeting.

Pool and fitness center

In other business at the Jan. 10 meeting, the council heard an update about the recently improved pool and fitness center.

City Administrator Jill Wolf reported that 60 new memberships were sold in December, but that staff have also noticed "tailgating."

This means keyholders are bringing with them non-members to work out with them during after hours, and the violations are seen on security cameras.

The council directed fitness center staff to offer coupons for members to bring guests with them to encourage more paid memberships.

In other pool and fitness center news, the pool was closed Jan. 16-17 in order to regout tile in some low areas of the locker rooms and pool deck. The fitness areas of the facility remained open.

Adopt a fire hydrant

Residents are encouraged to use the city's Beacon map to locate fire hydrants in order to help keep them cleared of snow.

On the city's website, cityofluverne.org, the home page provides a link to the map that indicate hydrants as red dots.

Residents can hold their cursers over each one to see if it's been "adopted"

or if it remains open for adoption. The hydrants not spoken for may need residents' help to keep snow shoveled away from them in order to keep them clear for fire emergencies.

Generations subsidy

Luverne City Council members agreed to increase their annual subsidy to Generations from \$5,000 per year to \$7,500 per year.

Mayor Baustian recommended the increase due to increased costs of operation in their new facility, the former Grand Prairie Events building.

"Their new utilities bills are higher due to more gas use and increased square footage," he said.

"It's probably long overdue and we've overlooked it in previous years ... It's been over 10 years since

we've increased the subsidy."

He remarked that Generations has been beneficial for the community with increased senior programming and thousands of meals served in the facility and also delivered to area communities in and around Rock County.

"We're very fortunate to have them in our community," Baustian said.



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Speech season kicks off Saturday for Luverne High students

Cardinals hope to repeat as Section 3A champions for third year in row

Story and photo by Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School speech team is coming off a very successful 2022 season.

They earned their second consecutive Section 3A championship, and a record-setting seven individuals qualified for the state tournament.

Team captains hope history repeats itself this year.

Seniors Grace Ingebretsen and Parker Carbonneau lead the 30-member team.

Both want top team finishes at each tournament, but they know speech is a learning process.

For Ingebretsen, speaking skills is what she's learned since she joined four years ago. She competes in extemporaneous reading.

"I know that sounds really basic, but speaking was something I used to struggle with a lot," she said. "I was really nervous standing in front of a crowd and talk with more than just my friends."

Carbonneau is beginning his sixth year on the speech team.

The state tournament qualifier in extemporaneous speaking wants teammates to avoid unnecessary stress.

"It is easy to get worried before your first speech meet and before a big meet," he said. "Do your best and try to stay relaxed. You usually turn out better."

Of the 30 students committed to the speech team, coach Gavin Folkestad indicted eight students are new to the program.

"We've enjoyed two consecutive years as Section 3A champions, and I certainly hope to see that continue," he said. "While we graduated five seniors who competed at last year's state meet, I don't see any reason why the success can't continue."

A team trophy is the goal at each meet.

"We have the experience and numbers to still be in play at the Big South, sub-sections and sections," he said. "Windom is our biggest competition at those meets, but they graduated several of their top performers as well."



Folkestad wants students to gain more than just speaking skills at speech meets.

"It builds lifetime friendships with students from other schools," he said. "There is no other sport or fine arts activity that I see students celebrate the success of their competitors more than speech."

This year Folkestad is assisted by first-coach Joseph Stearns.

A fellow English teacher at Luverne Middle-High School, Stearns assists students competing in the public address categories of original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, informative speaking, great speeches and discussion.

"I want the students I work with to explore their own interests in an intellectual way, and I want to help them present their interests to an audience in a well-structured and coherent format," he said. "I want students to gain confidence in themselves and help them find their own voices."

Luverne kicks off the 2023 speech season with the first of 11 tournaments Saturday.

Their schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 4 at Worthington.
- Feb. 11 at Luverne.
- Feb. 18, Redwood Valley.
- Feb. 25, Marshall.
- March 4, Montevideo.
- March 16, Big South Conference in Worthington.
- March 18, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton.
- March 25, Minneota.
- March 28, sub-section in Windom.
- April 15, sections in Redwood Valley.
- April 29, state tournament in Apple Valley.

Senior captains Parker Carbonneau (left) and Grace Ingebretsen will lead this year's Luverne High School speech team, hoping to repeat as section 3A champions. The season begins Saturday for the Cardinals.

1943: Lemke family immigrates from Germany to Rock County

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 29, 1943.

Alone, dim light, shining in the inky darkness, served as a beacon to direct an ox-drawn wagon and its four weary occupants toward shelter.

As glad to hear his father say that "this was a good a place to stop as any" was a 15-year-old boy Theodore Lamke. He, his father, a brother and sister, had ridden all the previous night and part of the day in a freight car from LaCrosse, Wis., to Edgerton. There they had unloaded their belongings, set up the wagon, yoked the oxen and started their trip from Edgerton to the Julius Zellmer farm, southwest of



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

Luverne.

The wagon creaked slowly along until dark, and then the elder Mr. Lemke began to look for a place to spend the night. Finally he saw a small light in a settler's home, a short distance north of lower Mound lake. The owner, whose name was Lynch, was glad to keep them for the night, so all got out of the wagon, had a bite to eat and went to bed. That was Mr. Lemke's first night in Minnesota.

Mr. Lemke, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Lemke, and his brothers and sisters came to the United States in 1875. Mr. Lemke

was born in Germany, Sept. 8, 1864, and was going on 11 when they set out for this country.

He remembers the trip on the ocean well, mainly because of the excitement that he experienced. One night, the ship crashed into a huge ice floe. The mishap frightened the passengers to the point where some of the women were almost hysterical. The following morning, they looked out over the water and could see huge icebergs in the distance. Had they hit them, considerable damage would have been done to the ship, and it was possible that it would even

have sunk.

It was a glorious sight, Mr. Lemke said, when New York harbor came into sight. Coming from a rural community, they were glad to set foot on Mother Earth once more. They came by train to LaCrosse, Wis., and lived near that city for five years. There Mr. Lemke attended school when he didn't have to work.

One of the jobs he had while living in Wisconsin was helping his father clear timber from the land. Oftentimes, he helped his father cut corn wood and trimmed newly fallen trees.

Repeated requests by Julius Zellmer, a relative of the Lemke's that they should come to Rock county and get some of the free land caused them to decide to come west. It was a busy time getting ready for the trip, Mr. Lemke recalls. They were busy all one day, moving their four oxen and what other property they had from Salem,

20 miles away, to LaCrosse. Their car was one of 16 "immigrant" cars in the train that brought them to Edgerton.

The first year the family was in Rock county, they lived at the south edge of the Mounds. Their neighbors helped them by letting them have a couple of hogs to raise, and they managed to get along until fall. Mr. Lemke states that he and his brother cultivated corn with one ox, and did other hard work that year.

They helped with the harvesting at the Zellmer farm, where they were using one of the Marsh harvesters, the binder that used wire to tie the bundles. Mr. Zellmer had horses, and they were having difficulty to pull the machine. Mr. Lemke offered the use of his four oxen, and they pulled it with comparative ease, but there was one drawback. They had to be led around the field as they could not be guided in any other way.

Continued next week.

MENU

Monday, Feb. 6: Pepper steak, potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Christian Reformed Church.

Tuesday, Feb. 7: Biscuits and sausage gravy, roasted potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, dessert.

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Orange chicken, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, peaches, bread.

Thursday, Feb. 9: Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato wedges, vegetarian baked beans, banana or fresh fruit, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

Friday, Feb. 10: Baked fish, cheesy potatoes, broccoli florets, pears, gelatin with whipped topping.

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve a meal.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•The Luverne Hockey Association is celebrating the completion of its major remodeling project at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Fundraising began nearly a year ago, with a great deal of support coming from local corporate sponsors. Those contributors were honored Tuesday night during a Cardinal varsity hockey game.

The \$750,000 project features a two-story 112-by-32-foot addition connected to the north side of the existing rink.

The concession stand is expanded to meet code and provide more serving space for food items and more seating for diners. A hockey dryland training room allows for off-ice workouts for stick handling, plyometrics and cardiovascular work.

Two handicap-accessible restrooms were added off the lobby.

25 years ago (1998)

•The dwindling town of Kenneth took another blow last week when customers received word the Kenneth branch of the State Bank of Edgerton will close this spring.

Larry Brouwer, president and CEO of the State Bank of Edgerton, sent letters to all the Kenneth customers explaining the decision was driven by high costs of operation. "I can't justify having two people there for the hours required to serve people in a community that size," he told the Star Herald Monday.

The State Bank of Edgerton purchased the Kenneth bank on March 1, 1993. At the time, Brouwer said he decided to

purchase the Kenneth bank to insure it stayed open for the people in that community. "I knew if we didn't buy it, someone else was going to buy it and close it down," Brouwer said.

50 years ago (1973)

•Upset minded Magnolia nearly pulled it off Friday, but the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots had other ideas and after trailing by nine points at the half, came back to win, 45-43.

The win gave the Patriots a slim grip on second place in the Tri-County Conference while Magnolia remained in the fourth spot by one game.

Donley Bosch led the Patriot comeback with 20 points with the Patriots taking advantage of the Bulldogs' poor night at the charity line, only 5 for 13.

Dough Eeten's 15 tallies led the Bulldog scoring attack as Magnolia outshot H-BC from the field, 35 to 30 per cent.

Magnolia's Lyle Sathre and Paul Lais hauled in eight and nine rebounds respectively adding to the Patriots' woes for the evening.

75 years ago (1948)

•Old furniture is taking on a new appearance in a number of Rock county homes as the result of the great deal of interest taken in furniture upholstery.

Miss Ida Amundson, county home demonstration agent, said this week that the first series of training meetings in upholstery furniture have been held in the county for leaders

of the various women's extension groups. Several projects have been started to be completed in follow-up meetings this month, Miss Amundson reports. Group members too, have reported good beginnings of work on their furniture.

In all, there are 21 groups in the county, and two leaders from each group attended the leaders' meetings to receive instructions on how the work is to be done.

100 years ago (1923)

•The proposed selection of the Blue Mound cliff surroundings as a location for a Rock county state park was the main topic of discussion at the Monday noon luncheon of the Luverne Kiwanis club. As stated in previous issues of the Herald, State Auditor Ray P. Chase, during a tour of inspection here last summer became most favorably impressed with this picturesque bit of scenery as a site for a state park, and has recommended to the legislature that it be acquired for such purposes.

With the opinion that the creation of a state park here would be a beneficial project for Luverne and Rock county, the Luverne Kiwanis club has decided to back the movement to the fullest extent. As a preliminary action in this matter, two members of the club, E. H. Canfield, Esq. and J. E. Treat, were appointed to draw up a resolution showing the club's hearty approval of the project and the copies be sent to Senator Cashel, Representative J. N. Jacobsen, and State Auditor Chase. It is reported that Mr. Cashel favors the movement as much as does Mr. Chase.

OBITUARIES

Cornie Van Lant

Cornie Van Lant, 93, rural Chandler, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.



Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. A private family burial will take place at a later date at the Leota Community Cemetery.

Cornie Van Lant was born Oct. 8, 1929, in Moulton Township, rural Chandler, to John Sr. and Frieda (Halbersma) Van Lant. He attended country school.

Cornie married Jeane De Jong on Sept. 28, 1950, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. The couple farmed near Chandler.

Cornie continued to farm until October of 2022, when he became a resident of the Edgebrook Care Center. He also worked at Roelofs Implement in Edgerton and the Pipestone Sale Barn. He served on the Moulton Township Board for over 32 years.

He was a member of the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. He enjoyed camping and spending time with his family.

Cornie is survived by his four children, Verna (Warren) Netjes of Andover, Brad (Deb) Van Lant of Linn Creek, Missouri, Brenda (Dwayne) Vander Vliet of Luverne, and Diane Irish (friend David Van Den Berg) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 13 grandchildren, Tammy, Kari, Sherri, Vicki, Michael, Jackie, Tyler, David, Cory, Brett, Amber, Ashley and Adam; 13 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Fran Anker of Luverne, Elsie Ver Hey of Edgerton, and Rose (Art) Bleyenbergh of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jeane, on March 1, 2017; a daughter, Joyce Shultis; two brothers, John Jr. and Lawrence Van Lant; and seven sisters, Eva, Henrietta, Lillian, Edna, Alberta, Janet and Nellie.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home, dingmannandsons.com, and the Leota Burial Association.

(0202 F)

Judith Kass

Judith "Judy" Kass, 77, Windom, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society in Windom.



A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, with visitation one hour prior to the service, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom. Interment will be at a later date at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Dundee.

Judith Ann Anderson was born on Feb. 8, 1945, to Claud and Clara (Grandy) Anderson in St. Cloud. She graduated from Magnolia High School. She then worked for Campbell Soup in Worthington for 35 years until it closed in 1997.

Judy married Arnold Kass on April 28, 1981. After their marriage they lived on a farm north of Heron Lake. She worked for a number of years at SA in Windom.

Judy was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom. She also belonged to the Dundee American Legion Auxiliary

Post 386 for 40 years and served as president for four years.

Judy enjoyed gardening, dancing, socializing, and especially reading romance novels. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold, of Heron Lake; three stepchildren, Brian (Sonda) Kass of Dundee, Jerry Kass of Dundee, and Deb Arnds (significant other Denis Janke) of Windom; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Janice (Everett) Brandenburg and Joyce Oldre, both of Luverne; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers James Nelson and Hugh Anderson; and stepdaughter Diane Kass.

Arrangements are provided by Totzke Funeral Home, totzkefuneralhome.com.

(0202 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Gertrude Van Engen

Gertrude "Gert" Van Engen, 95, of Hartley, Iowa, died at Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023.

A memorial service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Grace Fellowship Church in Hartley. Burial was prior to the service at Baker Township Cemetery near Melvin, Iowa.

Arrangements were provided by the Hartley Funeral Home of Hartley, www.sanborn-hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

(0202 DN)

Gary Brehm

Gary Alan Brehm, 75, St. Charles, Illinois, formerly of Crystal Lake, Illinois, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023.

A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at St. Patrick Church in St. Charles. A celebration of life will be from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at The Herrington Inn in Geneva, Illinois. Information is available at dupagecremations.com.

The family requests no flowers.

(0202 DN)



Greg Hooegeven photos/0202 Twins Caravan 2023

The Twins Winter Caravan stopped at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne Jan. 25 bringing with the 61st edition a hall of famer, two current players, the team's mascot and the baseball team's play-by-play television announcer. Tony Oliva, Ryan Jeffers, Caleb Thielbar and Dick Bremer answered questions and signed autographs at the meet-and-greet event.

Twins Winter Caravan stops in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

The 61st edition of the Twins Winter Caravan made a stop in Luverne Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The tour featured Twins players, coaches, alumni and broadcasters traveling to 12 communities in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Iowa.

Each stop included question-and-answer sessions, autographs and meet-and-greets with fans, in partnership with the Treasure Island Baseball Network.

Participating in Luverne were 2022 National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Tony Oliva and his wife Gordette, Twins catcher Ryan Jeffers and left-handed pitcher Caleb Thielbar, and longtime Twins television play-by-play voice Dick Bremer.

Twins Hall of Famer Justin Morneau was also scheduled to come to Luverne, but he attended the funeral of Jake Mauer, Joe Mauer's father.

The stop in Luverne was a private visit at the Veterans Home, but

other stops were bigger events and fundraisers.

For example, the Twins participated in a Let's Kick Hunger Day Radiothon in Brooklyn Park Wednesday to benefit Second Harvest Heartland, and on Saturday the Justin Morneau Ice Fishing Tournament in St. Isle, Minnesota, will benefit the United Heroes League. On Feb. 8 a Black Woods Blizzard Tour in Carlton will fund the fight against ALS.

The Twins Winter Caravan returned this year after a two-year pandemic-related break.

"We are truly ecstatic to get back on the Winter Caravan trail and bring Twins Baseball directly into the communities where our fans live, work and play," team president and CEO Dave St. Peter said in a statement released Jan. 12.

"The Caravan is a beloved tradition that continues to unite generations of Twins players and fans."



Veteran Daryl Ruesch talks with the Minnesota Twins' mascot, T.C.



Above: Veteran Joe DeJaeghere holds Tony Oliva's hand with the new Hall of Fame ring (inset). "I used to come in from farming to watch you play," DeJaeghere told Oliva. Above, left: Caleb Thielbar (from left), Ryan Jeffers and Tony Oliva greet staff and residents. At left: A Twins fan shows allegiance.

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Girls' Basketball		14-3
Boys' Basketball		7-7
Girls' Hockey		16-6
Boys' Hockey		11-6-1
Gymnastics		10-6
Wrestling		6-10
	H-BC	W-L-T
Girls' Basketball		8-11
Boys' Basketball		6-8

Girls take two conference wins, fall to Breck

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' hockey team faced two conference opponents and one non-conference team this past week, winning two and giving up one.

The Cardinals beat Worthington handily 11-0 at home Jan. 24 before taking down the Tigers 4-2 in Marshall on Jan. 26.

The Cardinals then hosted a worthy foe on Jan. 28 when Breck beat the home team 3-0.

The Luverne girls are now 16-6 for the season and 11-0 in the conference.

The Cardinals will travel to Windom Thursday, Feb. 2, and to Waseca Saturday, Feb. 4, before wrapping up the regular season at home against Fairmont Tuesday, Feb. 7.

LHS 11, Worthington 0

The LHS girls' hockey team blanked Worthington at home 11-0 on Tuesday, Jan. 24, when the Trojans were unable to keep up with the Cardinals' experience and up-tempo game play.

"The girls had good energy and pep from the start," said head coach Tony Sandbulte.

Sophomore Payton Behr was on fire, recording a hat trick in the first period when senior Kamryn Van Batavia also added two goals.

Behr scored her first at 0:37 in the game assisted by Kamryn Van Batavia and her seventh-grade sister, Ellie Van Batavia.

Behr scored again at 3:37 assisted by Kamryn Van Batavia.

Her third hat trick goal came at 9:16 assisted by Kamryn and Ellie once again.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored her first goal at 2:20 assisted by freshman Ella Apel and her sec-



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0202 LHS Ghoc payton
Sophomore Payton Behr breaks for the net against Worthington Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Luverne. The Cardinals beat the Trojans 11-0 in a conference matchup.

ond at 9:51 assisted by her younger sister Ellie.

The Cardinals ended the first period 5-0.

In the second period senior Mallory Nelson kept the drive alive, scoring at 6:24 assisted by eighth-graders Rylee Kurtz and Tenley Behr.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored her third goal at 8:43 assisted by eighth-

grader Macie Edstrom and Ellie Van Batavia.

Minutes later Kamryn Van Batavia scored yet again at 9:14 assisted by sister Ellie.

Freshman Greta McClure finished the period scoring at 11:01 assisted by Tenley Behr and freshman Paula Martinez.

Luverne ended the second pe-

riod ahead by nine.

The third period saw two more goals from Luverne, one at 4:01 by eighth-grader Izzy Steensma assisted by Kamryn Van Batavia and Kurtz and the other at 14:45 by Kamryn Van Batavia, her fifth in the game, assisted by Ellie and Kurtz.

Senior Mallory Von Tersch knocked away the seven shots on goal from Worthington to record her seventh shut-out.

The Cardinals registered 37 shots on goal in the game.

Worthington's senior goalie Lilyana Newman had a hard time contending with Luverne's attraction to the Trojans' goal, but she kept in the game, stopping 26 shots.

LHS 4, Marshall 2

The LHS girls' hockey team prevailed over Marshall Thursday, Jan. 26, in Marshall, beating the Tigers 4-2.

Marshall started the first period scoring at 0:53, a quick score that lasted until 6:05 when Luverne's Kamryn Van Batavia scored assisted by Mallory Nelson.

The Tigers finished the first period with one more goal to take the lead 2-1.

The second period lone goal was from Kamryn Van Batavia who scored on a power play at 15:13 assisted by Edstrom and Apel.

In the third period the Cardinals netted two more goals to lock the game win at 4-2.

Tenley Behr scored at 1:55 assisted by McClure, and Steensma and Edstrom beat the Marshall goalie at 14:44 assisted by the Van Batavia sisters.

Luverne took 38 shots on

goal for the game compared to Marshall's 23 attempts.

Breck 3, LHS 0

Luverne hosted the Breck Mustangs from Golden Valley Saturday, Jan. 28.

Breck made the long trip worthwhile, upending the Cardinals 3-0 with a late push in the third period.

In the first two periods Luverne and Breck went up and down the ice testing each other's game play.

Luverne took 26 shots at the Mustang goalie in the game to no avail. Breck shot 29 times, beating Mallory Von Tersch three times.

In the third period the Mustangs finally broke the ice, scoring at 8:54 on a power play.

Sensing that Luverne needed to make a move, the Cardinals pulled their goalie with about two minutes left in the game to gain an attacker.

The plan was working until Breck was able to push an opposite ice shot into Luverne's empty net at 15:27.

Luverne put Von Tersch back in the net after going down 2-0 to finish the game.

Breck was able to score one more time with 29 seconds left in the game, making a heartbreaker shot that caught Luverne by surprise and cemented the Mustangs' 3-0 win.

Cardinal girls' basketball team ups season record to 14-3

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' basketball team won two conference games and one non-conference, and they lost to South Dakota No. 2-ranked Vermillion by one point this past week.

LHS beat the Arrows 45-42 in Pipestone Jan. 24 and Redwood Valley 56-21 in Redwood Falls Jan. 27 before losing a 32-31 heartbreaker to Vermillion at Augustana University on Jan. 28.

On Monday, the Cardinals handily beat Mountain Lake 62-31 at home, putting their season record at 14-3.

The Cardinals are scheduled to host Fairmont Thursday, Feb. 2, and St. James Area Friday, Feb. 3.

LHS 45, Pipestone 42

Luverne girls' basketball team handed the Arrows a 45-42 conference loss in Pipestone Tuesday, Jan. 24.

"It was reminiscent of an old school southwest conference battle between two evenly matched teams," head coach TJ Newgard said.

"Both teams played really good defense throughout the game and made the other team work for everything they got."

And it did take teamwork to beat Pipestone by three points.

"I thought Christina Wagner was the difference maker with her ability to stretch the defense and knock down four threes," Newgard said.

Senior Christina Wagner led the Cardinals in scoring with 14 points. She also contributed seven rebounds and three steals.

Her twin sister, senior Elizabeth Wagner added 10 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals.

Junior Kira John contributed eight points, 10 rebounds, one assist and three steals.

Other Cardinals helping the score were senior Averill Sehr with five points, senior Emma Beyer and junior Tori Serie both netted three points. Senior Jocelyn Hart added two points.

LHS 56, Redwood 21

The Cardinal girls traveled to Redwood Valley Friday, Jan. 27 to

take down the Red Wood Cardinals 56-21 in a conference matchup.

"It's always tough to make that long trip and then play the first game of a double header," Newgard said.

Luverne handled the task well by opening up a 28-6 halftime lead.

"A lot of girls were able to get some time and they all brought something positive to the table," Newgard said.

Luverne had nine of 13 players score in the game, and the four who didn't score contributed valuable rebounds and assists.

Elizabeth Wagner posted 21 total points, eight rebounds, three steals and one blocked shot.

Christina Wagner added nine points, six rebounds, one assist, two steals and one blocked shot.

Junior Sarah Stegenga sank one three-pointer and two inside the paint for seven points.

Junior Kiesli Smith came off the bench to add five points, three rebounds, one assist and one blocked shot.

Sehr and Jayden Hart both added four points each.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0202 LHS GBB series
Junior Tori Serie attempts a 3-point shot against the Mountain Lake Cubs Jan. 30 in Luverne. The Cardinals won 62-31.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0202 LHS GBB hansen
Senior Lauren Hansen looks to pass a rebound against Mountain Lake in Luverne's 62-31 win Monday, Jan. 30. The Cardinal's season record is now at 14-3.

Serie netted three points, Jocelyn Hart added two and Kira John one point.

Vermillion 32, LHS 31

LHS girls' basketball traveled to Augustana University to take on Vermillion Saturday, Jan. 28.

Luverne lost by one, 32-31, in a final minute push by the Tanagers.

"We knew we were in for a serious challenge playing the No. 2-ranked team in South Dakota. They came into the game undefeated for a reason," Newgard said.

"They have a ton of height and a really phenomenal seventh-grade guard. It was a battle throughout."

He said both teams had trouble mounting offensive runs.

"I was really proud of our defensive effort outside of a couple key possessions where we lost shooters and they were able to make us pay," Newgard said.

The Cardinals were down six in the third quarter but were able to put together a 9-0 run in the fourth to take a three-point lead with two minutes left.

Vermillion then hit back-to-back threes to

take the lead for good.

"This was a game that I think we could have and should have won, but they just made one more play than we did," Newgard said.

"We will try to learn from it and take those lessons with us as we near postseason play."

Elizabeth Wagner played hard and posted a double-double, 12 points and 11 rebounds. She also had one assist, three steals and one blocked shot.

Sehr posted seven points, four rebound, two assists and one steal.

Christina Wagner added five points, seven rebounds, two assists, one steal and four blocked shots.

John contributed four points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Emma Beyer made three points, one rebound, two assists and one steal.

LHS 62, Mt. Lake 31

LHS girls' basketball team hosted Mountain Lake Monday, Jan. 30, beating the Cubs 62-31.

"It was a very sluggish performance by us. We continued to struggle with offensive execution," Newgard said.

"Our defense was superb, holding them to one two-point shot made."

The Cubs made one of 13 shots inside the paint and the Cardinals made 16 of 28 inside.

Luverne was able to spread the shots around, keeping Mountain Lake players on their heels.

Elizabeth Wagner posted 15 points, nine rebounds, one assist and three steals.

"Sarah got back to doing what she does best, that is knocking down perimeter shots for us," Newgard said.

Stegenga made three 3-point shots and one inside for 11 points. She also had three rebounds.

"Kira was aggressive and played well," Newgard said

John made nine points, grabbed five rebounds, had three assists and two steals.

"Averill (Sehr) played a really nice game for us on both ends of the floor," Newgard said.

Sehr netted seven points and had four assists and five steals.

Other Cardinals scoring were Hansen and Serie with six points, Bloemendaal and Beyer with three, and Christina Wagner with two points.

Boys win two, lose one in conference

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' hockey team took on three conference teams this past week, winning two and dropping one, putting LHS at 11-6-1 for the season and 7-3 in conference play.

The Cardinals pounded Worthington 11-2 at home Jan. 24 before losing a close 3-1 game to New Ulm Jan. 26 at home. Luverne won a close match with Windom 6-5 at home Jan. 28.

The Cardinals were scheduled to host Redwood Valley Tuesday, Jan. 31, before meeting Marshall at home on Thursday and traveling to Morris Benson Area Saturday.

LHS 11, Worthington 2

The Cardinal boys' hockey team blasted the Worthington Trojans 11-2 Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The contest may have been one-sided in scoring, but the play was physical and penalties were heavy for both teams.

Luverne incurred six infractions for 15 minutes with players in the box, and Worthington committed seven infractions for 14 minutes.

Besides all the hooking, slashing and roughing action, the Cardinals controlled the game.

Freshman Maddux Domagala scored the first LHS goal at 1:44 in the first period assisted by senior Brock Behrend and junior Owen Sudenga.

Junior Patrick Kroski then scored two goals in a row, the first at 2:53 assisted by senior Kaleb Hein and the second at 3:31 assisted by seniors Brady Bork and Ethan Langseth.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0202 LHS Bhoc maddux

Freshman Maddux Domagala breaks away toward the goal against Windom Saturday, Jan. 28, in Luverne. The Cardinals beat the Eagles 6-5 in a third period go-ahead goal.

At 6:81 Elliot Domagala beat the Trojan goalie. He was assisted by junior Will Serie and Kroski.

Brady Bork finished out the first with a goal at 15:47 assisted by sophomore Alexander Schlosser.

The Cardinals led 5-0 after the first period.

In the second period the Trojans scored their first of two goals at 1:28, then posted their second goal at 12:24 in the second period.

In between those goals, Sudenga scored at 4:46 assisted by sophomore Blaik Bork, and Behrend scored at 7:48 assisted by Sudenga and Blaik Bork.

At the end of the second period, Luverne kept the lead 7-2 and did not relinquish another goal to the Trojans.

In the third period the game belonged to Luverne once again, scoring four more goals.

Sophomore Levi Gonnerman scored at 5:25 assisted by Schlosser and junior Tucker Dammann.

Junior Spencer Kracht scored at 7:40 assisted by Hein.

Brady Bork got his second goal at 9:07 assisted by Kroski and Langseth,

and Behrend got his second goal at 16:00 assisted by Sudenga.

LHS junior goalie Tyler Arends faced 11 shots on goal, stopping seven.

Luverne pelted the Trojans' goalie 55 times and beat him on 11 shots.

New Ulm 3, LHS 1

Luverne boys' hockey gave up a win to the New Ulm Eagles Thursday, Jan. 26, in Luverne.

In a tight matchup Luverne and New Ulm each scored once in the first period, and New Ulm scored two in the first three minutes of the second.

That is where the scoring dried up with neither team able to breach the net.

The Cardinals hurt their chances of scoring when they incurred a penalty in the second period and two more late in the third period.

Luverne wasn't able to mount any kind of late game push to overtake the New Ulm 3-1 lead.

Scoring the lone goal for Luverne was Sudenga in the first period at 1:44 assisted by Maddux Domagala and Langseth.

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LHS wrestlers prep for late season push

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne wrestling team traveled to Slayton Thursday, Jan. 26, to participate in a Quadrangular. The Cardinals lost 33-24 to Fulda-MCC and 59-22 to Tracy-Milroy-Westbrook-Walnut Grove, but they finished the night with a 48-30 win over Springfield.

Luverne is now 6-10 for the season with four events left before section competition.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Luverne was scheduled to host a Quad with Beresford, Elk Point-Jefferson and Garretson.

The Cardinals will travel to Viborg Hurley Tuesday, Feb. 7, for a Triangular before hosting a Quad with Chester, Red Rock Central and Wabasso Thursday, Feb. 9. Luverne finishes the regular season schedule at Fulda-MCC for a Triangular Friday, Feb. 10.

Fulda MCC 33, LHS 24

In Thursday's first dual of the quadrangular in Slayton, Luverne won six and lost six weight classes, and both teams forfeited two weight classes.

The breakdown is as follows:

- 106 – Kaston Clarke (F) over Brody Kopp (L) by fall.
- 113 – Bernie Rock (L) over Brayden Gilb (F) 10-6 dec.
- 120 – Teague Meyer (F) over Matthew Gangestad (L) 10-5 dec.
- 126 – Leif Ingebretsen (L) over Torrin Clarke (F) 5-0 dec.
- 132 – Denver Ash (F) over Hudson Hough (L) fall.
- 138 – forfeit.
- 145 – Quinten Lewis (F) over Cameron McCrary (L) fall.
- 152 – forfeit.
- 160 – DJ Rock (L) over Owen Olsem (F) fall.
- 170 – Luke Iverson (F) over Cash Bonnett (L) fall.
- 182 – Sam Rock (L) over Carson Klein 9-2 dec.
- 195 – Jacob Madison (L) over Weston Kruger (F) fall.
- 220 – Colby Kesteloot (F) over Kane Akkerman (L) fall.
- 285 – Masyn Akkerman (L) over Rylan Klein (F) 3-0 dec.

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton-WWG 59, LHS 22

In the second dual Luverne won four weight classes, and lost six. The Cardinals forfeited four weight classes. The breakdown is as follows:

- 106 – Logan Peterson (TMBWWG) over Brody Kopp (L) by fall.
- 113 – Bernie Rock (L) over Ty Yackley (TMBWWG) fall.
- 120 – Matthew Gangestad (L) over Troy Gillette (TMBWWG) fall.
- 126 – Devin Carter (TMBWWG) over Leif Ingebretsen (L) fall.
- 132 – David Schuh (TMBWWG) over Hudson Hough (L) fall.
- 138 – Damian Alatryste (TMBWWG) over Cameron McCrary (L) 22-6 TF.
- 145 – Alexander Schuh (TMBWWG) win by forfeit.
- 152 – Jacob Meyer (TMBWWG) win by forfeit.
- 160 – DJ Rock (L) over Ashton Squires (TMBWWG) fall.
- 170 – Sam Rock (L) over Gage Struchen (TMBWWG) 16-4 MD.
- 182 – Isaiiah Woiske (TMBWWG) over Jacob Madison (L) fall.
- 195 – Bryce Edwards (TMBWWG) win by forfeit.
- 220 – Ethan Martinez (TMBWWG) win by forfeit.
- 285 – Nick Willhite (TMBWWG) over Masyn Akkerman (L) fall.

LHS 48, Springfield 30

In the final dual Luverne won eight matches, four by forfeit, and gave up six matches, two by forfeit. Match breakdown is as follows:

- 106 – Nathan Groebner (S) win by forfeit.
- 113 – Bernie Rock (L) win by forfeit.
- 120 – Wyatt Schmidt (S) over Matthew Gangestad (L) fall.
- 126 – Leif Ingebretsen (L) win by forfeit.
- 132 – Uriel Hernandez (L) over Colin Hanson (S) fall.
- 138 – Hudson Hough (L) win by forfeit.
- 145 – Cameron McCrary (L) over Dominick Reints (S) fall.
- 152 – Paytin Johnson (S) win by forfeit.
- 160 – DJ Rock (L) over Ashton Johnson (S) fall.
- 170 – Sam Rock (L) win by forfeit.
- 182 – Damian Honeman (S) over Cash Bonnett (L) fall.
- 195 – Sam Rummel (S) over Jacob Madison (L) 4-1 dec.
- 220 – Dominick Senst (S) over Kane Akkerman (L) 10-7 dec.
- 285 – Masyn Akkerman (L) win by forfeit.

Luverne boys net two conference wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' basketball team posted two big conference wins this past week with a 62-59 victory over Pipestone Jan. 24 and a 72-48 road win over Redwood Valley Jan. 27.

The Cardinals are now 7-7 for the season and 5-3 in the conference.

LHS was scheduled to travel to Martin County West Tuesday, Jan. 31, and they'll play conference games with Fairmont Thursday, Feb. 2, in Fairmont and St. James Friday, Feb. 3, at home.

LHS 62, Pipestone 59

The Luverne boys' basketball team pulled out a three-point win over Pipestone Tuesday, Jan. 24, holding off an Arrows second-half drive for a 62-59 final score in Luverne.

"Pipestone is one of the best teams in our section, and hopefully this can show our kids that they have the ability to beat anyone in our section," head coach John Sichmeller said.

In the first half Luverne started strong, controlling the tempo and Pipestone's ability to score.

The Arrows picked up their game late in the half to pull within six points at the half, 29-23.

In the second period Luverne held the lead to the end with Pipestone tying the game at one point late in the game.

"Gannon hit a lot of big shots for us," Sichmeller said.

"He fought through an injury and did an excellent job rebounding and playing defense on one of their best players."

Luverne took advantage of late game fouls against Pipestone to pull off a three-point win.

Senior Gannon Ahrendt



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Sophomore Carter Sehr draws a foul as he drives to the hoop against Pipestone at home Jan. 24. The Cardinals beat the Arrows 62-59 in conference play.

led the Cardinals with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

Sophomore Carter Sehr played a solid game, scoring 14 points and five assists.

Junior Gavin DeBeer pounded out 12 points and nine rebounds.

Sophomore Landon Ahrendt came off the bench adding seven points, four rebounds and an assist.

Senior Riley Sneller posted four points, three rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Senior Marcus Feit did not score but helped out with three rebounds, four assists and three steals.

LHS 72, Redwood 48

The Luverne boys' basketball team traveled to Redwood Valley Friday,

Jan. 27, for some Cardinal-on-Cardinal action that ended with Luverne on top of the 72-48 final score.

"We had a really nice end to the first half," Sichmeller said. "I was proud of how we built on that lead in the second half and we didn't allow them back into the game."

Luverne led the score going into the half 39-27 and didn't look back.

In the second half LHS kept up the pressure on both ends of the court and came away with a nice conference win.

"Gavin DeBeer worked really hard in the post and had an awesome game for us," Sichmeller said.

DeBeer posted a double-double in the game, making 26 points and hauling in 12 rebounds.

"Gannon only had one basket in the second half, but it was good to see him get his teammates involved," Sichmeller said.

He posted a double-double with 11 points, 13 rebounds, nine assists, four steals and one blocked shot.

Sehr added 11 points, four rebounds, one assist and three steals.

Feit produced nine points, one rebound, two assists and three steals.

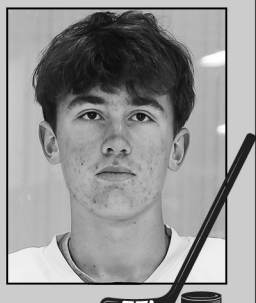
Other Luverne players scoring in the game were Woodley with seven, Landon Ahrendt with six and Sneller with two points.

"It was nice to see some other guys chip in some points tonight, and it was a good overall team win," Sichmeller said.

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Brady Bork

Sport: Hockey
Parents: Randy Bork and Susan Remme
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Golf, student council, National Honor Society, playing any sports
Favorite Class: Lifetime Fitness
Future Plans: Attend the University of Nebraska to major in professional golf management



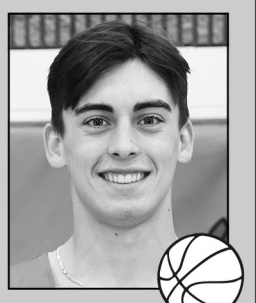
Averill Sehr

Sport: Basketball
Parents: Mark and Reva Sehr
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Volleyball, golf, student council, National Honor Society, math league, hiking, hanging out with friends, kayaking
Favorite Class: AP Biology
Future Plans: Attend SDSU to major in nursing



Tyson Cowell

Sport: Basketball
Parents: Billy and Missy Cowell
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Football, student council, trap shooting, snowmobiling
Favorite Class: Building Construction
Future Plans: Undecided



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Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team 6-8 for the season

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team went 2-1 over the past week against two conference and one non-conference opponents. The Patriots fell short against Westbrook Walnut Grove at home, losing 49-34 to the Chargers Jan. 26. H-BC defeated the Falcons in Lambertton Jan. 28, 53-43, and won against Alcester-Hudson 66-58 at home Jan. 30. H-BC now stands at 6-8 overall with a 4-5 Red Rock Conference record. The Patriots were scheduled to host MCC Tuesday, Jan. 31, and Edgerton Friday, Feb. 3. They'll travel to Luverne Tuesday, Feb. 7.

WWG 49, H-BC 34

The H-BC boys' basketball team fell to the Westbrook Walnut Grove Chargers at home Thursday, Jan. 26, 49-34. "We definitely played well enough defensively to win the game. WWG is a very good offensive team that we held to under 50 points," head coach Kale Wiertzema said. "They are also very disciplined defensively, making it difficult for us to score." Freshman Jamin Metzger led the Patriots with eight points, nine rebounds and one assist. Senior Brock Harnack added five points, one rebound and two assists. Junior Riley Tatge posted five points and two assists.

Senior Brayden Metzger netted four points, grabbed one rebound and blocked one shot. Sophomores Beau Bakken and Cameron Allen contributed three points each. Allen also grabbed 10 rebounds and registered three steals and one assist.

Bakken had seven rebounds and two steals. Senior Josh Wiersma and freshmen EJ Wegener and Micah Bush added two points each in the game.

"I thought we got great looks on every possession but just need to get a little more confident and physical on the offensive end," Wiertzema said.

H-BC 53, RRC 43

H-BC boys' basketball team traveled to



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0202 HBC BBB cameran
Sophomore Cameron Allen takes a shot against Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday, Jan. 26, in Hills. The Patriots beat the Chargers 49-34.

Lamberton Saturday, Jan. 28, and took down the Red Rock Central Falcons 53-43. "This game was won by executing our game plan on the defensive end," Wiertzema said. "Our posts did a great job keeping

their big guys off the block, and our guards did a nice job making their guards uncomfortable." The Patriots also did a nice job spreading the ball around and winning the game as a team. "Our offense is doing a nice job

working to get great shots; now we just need to convert," Wiertzema said. Jamin Metzger played a big role Saturday, netting 12 points, grabbing eight rebounds, blocking one shot and contributing two steals and three assists. Bakken posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. He also had two blocked shots and one steal. Sophomore Sawyer Bosch produced nine points, three rebounds, one steal and one assist. Harnack added seven points, two steals and two assists. Brayden Metzger and Allen each contributed five points. Other Patriots who scored were Bush with three points and Tatge with two.

H-BC 66, Alcester 58

H-BC boys' basketball team hosted Alcester-Hudson Jan. 30, and prevailed 66-58. "We led the game the majority of the first half, taking a one-point lead into halftime," Wiertzema said. "Again, we had a great defensive effort except for one stretch in the second half where we allowed them to stretch their lead." The Patriots came out of half time with a 24-23 lead. "We were down 12 points with four minutes left in the game and still down 10 with 1:45 remaining," Wiertzema said. "After dialing up a little bit of pressure, our guys kept believing and were able to force overtime." H-BC and Alcester went into overtime tied at 58 points. "In overtime, we were able to outscore Alcester-Hudson 8-0 in overtime," Wiertzema said. The Patriots finished the game on top, 66-58. Jamin Metzger led the Patriots with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Metzger also had two blocked shots and three steals. Bosch added 13 points, six rebounds and two assists. Tatge registered 11 points, four rebounds, one steal and one assist. Harnack netted 10 points, grabbed six rebounds and had one steal and one assist. Bakken and Allen added seven points each.

H-BC girls' basketball team gets stronger with season, 8-11 for the year

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team played three conference games this past week, winning two and losing one. They also won one non-conference matchup. The Patriots fell to the Dutchmen 67-49 in Edgerton Jan. 24, they beat MCC 59-47 at home Jan. 27, took down RCC 49-47 on the road Jan. 28, and beat Alcester-Hudson 74-33 Jan. 30. The Patriots, now 8-11 for the season and 6-5 in Red Rock Conference play, were scheduled to travel to St. Mary Tuesday, Jan. 31, and they'll host Southwest Christian Monday, Feb. 6.

Edgerton 67, H-BC 49

The H-BC girls' basketball team fell to the Dutchmen 67-49 Tuesday, Jan. 24, on the road. "Edgerton girls are a tough squad. They play great defense and crash boards like crazy," said Patriots head coach Dylan Gehrke. Defensively Edgerton grabbed 23 rebounds in the game and forced the Patriots to hurry their passes. "We have to do a better job of valuing the basketball. What killed us in this game was the 16 first half turnovers. We had 20 total for the game," Gehrke said. "We also got into a little bit of foul trouble that didn't help. Both Olivia Deelstra and Lanae (Elbers) had three fouls in the first half." Edgerton built a good lead, closing the first half with a 26-15 lead.

"We cut it to four points in the second half after being down big in the first half, but then Edgerton hit a few shots from the perimeter that put the game away," Gehrke said.

Eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra led the Patriots' scoring with 16 points. She also grabbed four rebounds and four steals and finished with three fouls.

Junior Layla Deelstra added 12 points, four rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Senior Lanae Elbers posted 10 points, seven big rebounds and one steal.

Other Patriot scorers were freshman Abbie Harris with six points, junior Brynn Rauk with four points and junior Larissa Steinhoff with one free throw.

H-BC 59, MCC 47

The Lady Pates basketball team hosted Murray County Central, beating the Rebels 59-47 Friday, Jan. 27. "I thought our girls did a great job staying strong and handling a little adversity of being down at halftime," Gehrke said.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0202 HBC GBB steinhoff
Junior Larissa Steinhoff muscles her way to the rim against an MCC defender Jan. 27 at home. The Patriots won the conference game over the Rebels 59-47.

rke said.

"We came out tough in the second half and finished the game off."

Olivia Deelstra scored 24 of the Patriots' 59 points. She also grabbed nine rebounds and six steals and posted two blocked shots and an assist.

Harris had eight points, six rebounds and one steal.

Freshman Claire Knobloch came off the bench to

contribute seven points, one rebound, one assist and one blocked shot.

Elbers finished the night with six points, seven rebounds, four assists, two steals and five blocked shots.

Rauk added six points, seven rebounds, two assists and one blocked shot.

Three other Patriot players helped with scoring.

Layla Deelstra had five points, Steinhoff had two, and Hadley Spath had one point.

"Our intensity on defense

hbc girls basketball/see page 14

LHS gymnasts 5-1 in conference, looking toward section meet

By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne gymnasts traveled to Marshall Thursday, Jan. 26, and beat the Tigers 127.575 to 120.700 in team competition.

The win puts Luverne at a record of 9-6 for the season and 5-1 in the conference.

In the all-around competition Luverne placed three gymnasts in the top four.

Sophomore Ella Reisdorfer placed second with a combined score of 34.375, and classmate Amira Cowell placed third with a 32.175.

Junior Sarah de Cesare placed fourth all-around with a 28.725 combined score.

In the individual events results are as follows:

Uneven parallel bars:
8.825 – Ella Reisdorfer, first
8.275 – Amira Cowell, second
Other scores:
6.900 – Reagan Gangestad
6.800 – Addyson Mann
6.600 – Sarah de Cesare

Balance beam:
7.850 – Ella Reisdorfer, second
7.525 – Amira Cowell, third
7.450 – Reagan Gangestad, fourth
Other scores:
6.875 – Addyson Mann
6.700 – Sarah de Cesare

Floor:
8.900 – Ella Reisdorfer, second
8.050 – Addyson Mann, fourth
Other scores:
7.900 – Reagan Gangestad
7.750 – Amira Cowell
7.750 – Sarah de Cesare

Vault:
8.800 – Ella Reisdorfer, first
8.625 – Amira Cowell, second
8.550 – Hailey Como, third
8.500 – Kendra Thorson, fourth
Other scores:
7.675 – Sarah de Cesare

The Cardinals have three meets left before section competition. They were scheduled to travel to Fairmont Tuesday, Jan. 31, and they'll host St. James Area Thursday, Feb. 2, and New Ulm Thursday, Feb. 7.

The 2023 Section 3A Tournament will be Saturday, Feb. 18, in Pipestone.

15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Chocolate Buffet
Sunday, February 5
4:00 to 6:30pm
Luverne United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
109 N Freeman
Free Will Donations
Proceeds to the LUMC Compassion Fund
Chocolate gift boxes will be available! Everyone welcome - bring a friend

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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.

St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.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/stscluverne/vid-eos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccr.com — office@luverneccr.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 — www.fbcluverne.org
Wait Moser, Pastor

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

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 2: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Jan. Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 9 a.m. Spring cleaning. 5:30 p.m. Glow Praise Band. 6:15 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Class. 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation Class. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at 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

Friday, Feb. 3: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Soup Luncheon Fundraiser. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. 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 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church

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

Saturday, Feb. 4: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Feb. 5: 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. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 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

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 Presby-

terian 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
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. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Josh Hayden, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; 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
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — palisadechurch@alliancecom.net
www.palisadelutheran.org

Sunday, Feb. 5: 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. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

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

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
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.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Valentine's Day is the month of love

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)

February is considered by some to be the month of love. We celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th and billions, (that's billions with a B) of dollars are spent on candy, flowers, jewelry, cards, fancy dinners, and other gifts so that we can profess how we feel about our true love, or prove our love to someone.

A number of years ago the Atlantic Magazine said this about Valentine's Day: "Valentine's Day is a time to spoil our beloveds, woo our secret lovers, and remember to call our mothers. It is also, to put things slightly less tenderly, a \$20 billion macro-economic stimulus aimed straight at the heart of the American chocolate-floral-lingerie industrial hydra." So, to put it in terms I can understand, Americans spend over \$20 billion, that's 20 followed by nine zeros, dollars to tell each other how much we are loved. We even spend about \$722 million on our pets on this "romantic" holiday.

I don't know about you but that is a bit alarming to me. It costs me absolutely nothing to tell Sharon that I love her, but I, too, like many of you, will buy a gift for the one I love to reinforce just how much I love her.

We may not admit it, but we need to feel loved, and for many of us we yearn for someone to tell us they love us. Love is the one emotion that can have physical repercussions if it is not at least perceived. As the song says, "Love is a many splendored thing," but for some, love is an elusive thing and they spend most of their energy trying to find it.

That's why John 3:16 hits so close to home this time of the year. For many, love is a sacrifice. We often sacrifice our own desires or even our own wellbeing in favor of

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Mark Eliason, Palisade Lutheran Church, Garretson, South Dakota

We may not admit it, but we need to feel loved, and for many of us we yearn for someone to tell us they love us.

making sure the people we love have what they need. For those who have lost the ones they love recently, it feels like love is so distant that it is almost nonexistent and is a painful reminder of love lost.

But in God's undying love for us, God made the ultimate sacrifice. God gave his Son, his very life, to prove to us that we are worthy of being loved. God loves us so much that God had to find a way to save us from ourselves and offers us abundant life now and eternal life in the future by giving up Jesus as an atoning sacrifice for sin and an end to the penalty of sin.

Jesus died to destroy the power death had over us, and he did it out of pure and holy love. That is the quintessential gift of love, and Jesus did it simply to prove God's love for us.

So, this Valentine's Day, when you are trying to come up with the perfect gift for the one you love, remember that Jesus gave the perfect gift to us on the cross and give thanks to God for that perfect gift.

God bless you, and Happy Valentine's Day.

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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 21st, 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 and at the Rock County Highway Department website, 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)

Bork probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Orville Roland Bork, a/k/a Orville R. Bork,
a/k/a Orville Bork,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-212

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated March 18, 2022, and for the appointment of Barbara Bork, whose address is 1269 70th Ave., Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Date Filed: January 24, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #15834

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(02-02, 02-09)

LisaAnn Artistic Creations assumes name

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

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **LisaAnn Artistic Creations**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

980 140th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Lisa A Hamann**

Address: **980 140th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

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/ **Lisa Ann Hamann**

MAILING ADDRESS: **980 140th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156**

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: lisaelli42@gmail.com

(02-02, 02-09)

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: **Mannuel 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: **101134900000029609**

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

Schomackers Home Galleries assumes name

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

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

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**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

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)

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 Bark, 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

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

ISD 2184 seeks bids by Feb. 21

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Luverne Board of Independent School District No. ISD 2184, Luverne, Minnesota at the District Office in the Middle-High School Building, 709 N. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 on **Tuesday, the 21st of February, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.** for the **2023 School Parking Lot Improvements** – Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The approximate quantities of work on which proposals will be received are as follows:

20,800 S.Y.	6" & 7" Concrete Pavement
21,200 S.Y.	Pavement Removal

and other related items of construction.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to Luverne Board of Independent School District No. ISD 2184, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the School District in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into contract and post satisfactory bond. This project consists of a Base Bid and two alternates. Work shall commence on or after May 28, 2023, and all work shall be completed by **August 12, 2023.**

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The Board also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.

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The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

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LUVERNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By /s/ **Tyler Reisch**

Business Manager

(02-02, 02-09)

H-BC School Board meets Jan. 9

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

Jan. 9, 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Gehrke, Harnack, Helgeson, Rauk, Rozeboom and Uittenbogaard. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger, and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve the agenda. Addition to the agenda 11.3.

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness - Star Herald.

EXISTING BOARD MEMBER AND NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

-Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Chairperson: **Arlyn Gehrke**

-Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Vice Chairperson: **Tim Bosch**

-Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Clerk: **Tamara Rauk** -Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Treasurer: **Ethan Rozeboom**

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS by Board Chairperson:

-Personnel/Negotiations/Budget: **Arlyn Gehrke, Tami Rauk, Ethan Rozeboom**

-*Also serves as Rock County Liaison

-Building/Grounds: **Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack, Ethan Rozeboom**

-Transportation: **Arlyn Gehrke, Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack**

-MHS/SL: **Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack**

-Policy: **Ethan Rozeboom, Travis Helgeson, Eric Uittenbogaard**

-Safety: **Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack, Ethan Rozeboom**

-Curriculum: **Tami Rauk, Eric Uittenbogaard, Travis Helgeson**

-Staff Development/Continuing Education: **Tami Rauk**

-Gifted and Talented: **Travis Helgeson**

-Community Education: **Tim Bosch**

-Legislation: **Ethan Rozeboom**

-Teachers Administration Board-TAB: **Arlyn Gehrke, Tami Rauk**

PATRIOT PRIDE:

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-Elementary Rock County Food Shelf Donations
-FFA Rock County Food Shelf Donations
-Local Organizations and Individuals that donated to families in need this time of year.

Committee Reports/Updates:
Staff Development moved to 1/18/23
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve
Consent Agenda: -Minutes—12/27/2022
-Bills
-Imprest Cash Report
-Second Reading of E Learning Day Plan Procedures recommended changes.
-Designating the District Depository as Security Savings Bank, Hills, MN
-Designating the Rock County Star-Herald as the district's official newspaper
-Designating the District Office Entrance #1 (301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN) as the official location for posting notice of all district meetings and announcements
-Designating setting Second and Fourth Monday of the month as Board Meeting Days at 7 p.m. in the Secondary School Board Room-301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN for Board of Education Meetings for the 2022 year. On those days that are designated as legal meeting days.
-Designating Knutson Flynn & Deans, PA as the District's Legal Counsel
-Designating Superintendent and Board Chairperson as authorized to seek assistance for District legal matters with assigned legal counsel
-Designating the Treasurer to Pay Bills
-Designating the Superintendent and Business Office to perform the duties of Treasurer
-Designating the Business Manager and Superintendent to make wire transfers for District Bond Payments and other district expenses that may require such transactions
-Designating the Superintendent to contract for goods and services
-Designating the Business Manager and Athletic Director to sign checks on the Imprest account.
-Designating the Elementary Principal, Todd Holthaus as Local Education Agency/Federal Programs Director
-Designating Principal, Andrew Kellenberger, as the Title IX Coordinator
-Mileage Reimbursement rate of 58.95 cents per mile for personal use of vehicle, when district vehicle is unavailable.
-Designate the chair of the MSHSL H-BC Board Committee as the Board Representative to the MN State High School League and voting member
Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Setting Board Member compensation
-Meeting Pay: \$50
-Full Day Meeting Pay: \$50
-Committee Pay: \$50
-Mileage Reimbursement for attending outside of district meetings: \$0.5895
Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve facility projects and amount for MN Department of Education Review and Comment- building a new Elementary School and Old Secondary School Site (205 E 2nd Ave, Hills, MN) renovations and additions in the amount not to exceed \$29,975,000.
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve MN Department of Education Review and Comment Plan and direct the Superintendent to submit the Plan to the MN Department of Education.
Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Resolution providing for combined polling places for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election for the year 2024.
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Resolution directing the Superintendent to make recommendations for adjustments in curriculum, programs, and staff for the 2023-2024 school year.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:
*Secondary Principal Report
*Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 23
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 13

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve entering closed session for the purposes of developing or considering offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real property, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c)(3). The real property is described as:
The East half (E 1/2) of the Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northeast quarter NE 1/4) of Sec. 28, TWP 102 Range 46 West of the 5th P.M.; [contains approximately 20 acres]
All of Block Twenty (20) and the following lots in Block Twenty-nine (29): all of Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, the South 40.5 feet of Lot 8, all of Lots 12, 13, 14, First Addition, City of Beaver Creek, Minnesota, [contains approximately 5.68 acres]
Blocks ten (10) and (19), Original Plat, City of Beaver Creek, Minnesota [contains approximately 4.96 acres]

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION
Time of Adjournment: 8:08 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(02-02)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Dec. 22

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on December 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Ryan DeBates, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, and David Wrigg. Absent: Eric Hartman. Also present: Craig Otfedahl, Tyler Reisch, Jason Phelps, Michael DeBates and Averill Sehr. Vice-Chairperson Tim Jarchow opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ryan DeBates completed his Oath of Office. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Business Manager Tyler Reisch conducted the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing. Administrative reports were given.
Motion made by Sehr, second by Bosch, to approve the November 22, 2022, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Wrigg, second by Baustian, to receive the following donations: Daktronics - \$100 for Robotics Program
Donors Choose - Engaging Science and Math supplies for Molly Carbonneau's classroom
Donors Choose - Attention Please supplies for Molly Carbonneau's classroom
Titan Machinery - Standard and Metric Tool Kit valued at \$330 for Robotics Program
Vince and Peggy Gacke - \$1,000 for the Angel Fund for School Meals
Luverne Area Community Foundation - a grant for \$2,000 athletic field paint sprayer
Thirteenth District Bar Association - \$150 sponsorship for the Mock Trial Program
Steen Reformed Church Sunday School - \$350 for the Angel Fund for School Meals
Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to table the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Audit Report. Motion unanimously carried.
Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the District and Student Activity bills with the School Board.
Motion made by Bosch, second by DeBates, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$156,503.51 with payroll in the amount of \$1,113,983.59 for a grand total of \$1,619,798.76. Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by Bosch, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of November 30, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by DeBates, second by Bosch, to approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES FOR MULTIPLE PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING PLACES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:
1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located

within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:
Combined Polling Place: Luverne MS/HS Gymnasium -
709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne

Name and address of combined polling place

"This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2184 located in Battle Plain Township; Beaver Creek Township; Clinton Township; Denver Township; Kanaranzi Township; Luverne Township; Magnolia Township; Mound Township; Rose Dell Township; Springwater Township; Vienna Township; the City of Hardwick; the City of Kenneth, City of Luverne; and the City of Magnolia; in Rock County, Minnesota; and Leota Township, Lismore Township; and Westside Township in Nobles County, Minnesota."

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch presented information regarding the 2022 Payable 2023 Levy Limitation and Certification Report. It was noted that the School District has little say in the Levy as much of it is set by the State of Minnesota.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Baustian, to set the Levy at \$4,398,236.57. This reflects an approximate 17% increase. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Bosch, second by Sehr, to set the Driver's Education fee at \$365 per student which reflects a \$10 increase. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by DeBates, to approve revised Policy 534 - School Meals Policy. These revisions were required due to a recent Minnesota Attorney General ruling. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to approve revised Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Student Records. These revisions were recommended by School District Attorney Stephen Knutson. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to table Capital Outlay Projects - Parking Lots. The engineer is working on final drawings for this project. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Melissa Held as Elementary Paraprofessional beginning December 12, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Ardell Van Wattering as custodian beginning January 9, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Lisa Hamann as Food Service Worker beginning January 3, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Madeline Jenkins, Elementary Speech/Language Pathologist, effective May 26, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. Member Baustian reported she and Superintendent Otfedahl attended the LCEDC committee meeting where the topic was daycare. Superintendent Otfedahl reported the Policy Committee met to review the two revised policies that were on the agenda tonight. Member Jarchow reported he attended the monthly Staff Development Committee meeting. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by DeBates, second by Baustian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: December 22, 2022
Reva Sehr, Clerk
(02-02)

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We want to thank the Hills Rescue Squad, the snowplow drivers and the Luverne ambulance for your help with Norm. You went above the call of duty. **Norm and Donna Sjaarda** (1.28-2.2)

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Yellow Rose Cookie Shoppe/continued from page 1

late 2021. Months later the state was engulfed in the coronavirus pandemic.

"I was looking for something to do to occupy my time while in lockdown," she said. "I then came across a sugar cookie group on Facebook."

The group featured pictures of beautifully decorated cookies made for all different occasions.

Her son's recent engagement sparked the idea to create sugar cookies for the couple's July 2022 nuptials.

"That was my goal – to get myself where I could make nice personal cookies for their wedding," Marshall said. "That's what I did. I worked on it."

Through the social media site, Marshall found recipes for a basic sugar cookie recipe and how to make royal icing.

For weeks she studied videos and viewed pictures on Pinterest as she mastered working with royal icing, which is critical to cookie decorating.

"Something I have learned over time doing these is if my icing would not flow nicely, just go back and remix it," she said. "It is worth the time doing than just fighting through it."

Designs are first sketched out on notebook paper, where she carefully notes colors and icing thicknesses.

Through the spring and early summer of 2022, Marshall worked on mastering her decorating techniques that included air brushing and a projector to help with the decorative writing.

"Sometimes I have a hard time falling asleep because I'm thinking about how I am going to do this – thinking about designs," she said.

Soon friends noticed her work and began asking Marshall to create personal cookies for bridal showers, birthdays or baby showers.

While thinking she should start her own business, Marshall baked and decorated 175 sugar cookies for her son's wedding, ultimately creating several different designs. Each cookie was individually packaged. Two months after the



Mavis Fodness photo/0202 Yellow Rose Cookie Shoppe Janet Marshall holds a special two-cookie set she's created for Valentine's Day. Marshall began Yellow Rose Cookie Shoppe in September. In upper right photo, Marshall created the specially decorated sugar cookies for her son's wedding in July 2022. In the center is a baby shower cookie creation. At right is a 15-cookie football stadium creation designed for the upcoming Super Bowl on Feb. 12.



At left, Marshall outlines a heart-shaped sugar cookie for the upcoming Valentine's Day holiday. At right, bags of royal icing wait for use on Janet Marshall's kitchen counter.



wedding, Marshall officially opened Yellow Rose Cookie Shoppe, named in honor of her late mother.

"My mom and I shared a birthday in June," she said. "We had wild yellow roses, and they always bloomed on our birthday. In her cards she always wrote, 'The yellow roses are blooming.'"

Marshall specializes in the traditional sugar cookie flavor but can make lemon, pumpkin spice, confetti, apple cider, chocolate chip, M&M and chocolate brownie sugar cookies.

Her social media site says she "makes custom decorated sugar cookies to help celebrate special moments in your life!"



H-BC girls' basketball/ continued from page 10

was a big contributor to why we came away with the W. I love to watch the girls fly around like they did," Gehrke said.

H-BC 49, RRC 47

H-BS girls' basketball traveled to Red Rock Central and stole the game by two, 49-47, from the Falcons Saturday, Jan. 28.

"This was a pretty exciting game that came down to the wire," Gehrke said.

H-BC started the first half building an 18-10 lead before RRC scored a couple of threes on a 16-6 run to end the half.

"I'm so proud of our girls' fight and determination to win," Gehrke said.

"We were down 40-29 in the second half with about 10 minutes left and ended up going on a 20-7 run to end the game."

It came down to the final 6.3 seconds with the score tied 47-47, and a baseline out-of-bounds play under the Patriots' basket.

"We called timeout, and our coaching staff came up with a quick hitter lob to our post Lane Elbers," Gehrke said.

"The girls executed it to perfection. Layla Deelstra with her most important assist of the game, made a perfect lob pass to Elbers for a contested left-handed layup to put us up 49-47."

RRC would inbound the ball but was not able to get a shot up as time ran out.

Olivia Deelstra had a huge double-double for the Patriots with 14 points, 10 rebounds, three assists, five steals and two blocked shots.

Elbers posted 10 points, two coming from the game-winning layup, along with eight rebounds and four blocked shots.

Layla Deelstra added four points, five assists including the game-winning pass to Elbers, and five steals. Harris netted nine points, eight rebounds, four assists and four steals. Rauk made five points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals. Steinhoff added two points of her own, two rebounds and three steals.

"It was definitely a game I will not forget as a coach and the girls will not forget either," Gehrke said.

"It's always fun to come out on top of those kinds of games."

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H-BC 74, Alcester 33

H-BC hosted Alcester-Hudon beating them 74-33 Monday, Jan. 30

"In the first half we had troubles stopping Alcester-Hudson's post, she had 21 in the first half and 33 total for the game," Gehrke said.

"Our pressure in the second half helped us go on a run to pull away and win by double digits."

Offensively the Patriots spread the ball around and many girls scoring in the game.

Rauk posted 22 big points for the Patriots.

Elbers added 19 points and Olivia Deelstram made 15.

Layla Deelstra netted 10 points for the night.

Harris and Bork added three points each and Wysong contributed 2 points.

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LHS 6, Windom 5

The Cardinal boys' hockey team pulled out a big win over Windom Saturday, Jan. 28, in Luverne.

LHS got out to a quick lead, 4-0, in the first period with an unassisted goal at 2:44 by Brady Bork.

Kroski scored his lone goal at 12:53 assisted by Elliot Domagala.

Sudenga added two goals in the first period. His first at 13:33 was assisted by Blaik and Brady Bork. His second was at 16:47, assisted by Behrend and Langseth.

The second period was all Windom with three goals.

Luverne kept a 4-3 advantage after two periods.


In the third period Windom opened with an early goal to tie the game 4-4. Luverne answered with a goal at 6:46 by Elliot Domagala assisted by Kroski and Langseth.

The Eagles tied it again at 5-5 at 7:13 in the third.

Luverne stiffened its defensive play, holding the Eagles in check.

At 11:20 in the third period Kroski was finally able to beat Windom's goalie at 11:20 assisted by Brady and Blaik Bork for the Cardinals win.

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