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H-BC to host public meetings for bond referendum

Elementary tour and meeting March 23, Hugo Goehle meeting and tour March 28

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School District will host public information meetings on March 23 and 28 to answer questions about the \$29.975 million bond referendum vote scheduled for April 11.

District officials propose to demolish the current elementary school in Beaver Creek and build a new elementary school.

They also propose to demolish the former high school at 205 E. Second St. in Hills and remodel the adjoining Hugo Goehle gym/locker rooms and bus garage.

Each site will host its own public information meeting and tours.

The elementary meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in Beaver Creek.

The Hugo Goehle meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, in Hills.

According to Superintendent Todd Holthaus, the H-BC School Board is working to secure additional land in Beaver Creek for the new elementary school.

Board members met in their third closed session Monday to discuss land options; however, no agreement was reached.

The district is seeking 10 to 12 acres for the new elementary school.

"Ideally we would like to have a purchase agreement before the referendum vote," Holthaus said.

"We don't have to have that for state approval. We would like to have an agreement for our own peace of mind."

The board is working on the

H-BC bond meetings/see 14



Hundreds enjoy moonlit, candlelight hike at Blue Mounds

A nearly full moon stole the show Saturday night for the Blue Mounds State Park annual Candlelight Hike. More than 700 hikers from the tri-state area enjoyed groomed trails as staff and Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park assisted with parking, campfires and hot cocoa and cookies. "We were very happy with the event, and glad that so many people came out to enjoy a really pleasant night," said Park Manager Chris Ingebretsen. "We really appreciated everyone's effort and support, and look forward to doing this again next year."

At right, Rhea and Mike Schmalen tote their children Isla (left) and Lana in backpacks.

At far right, Corey and Krystle Kempers, Sioux Center, tow their children Clayton and Grayson on a sled while Micah hitches a ride on his mom's shoulders.



Lori Sorenson photos

Luverne School District meal debt reaches nearly \$27,000

By Mavis Fodness

Students at Luverne Public Schools have accumulated an unpaid meal debt close to \$27,000.

A state procedural plan was recently rolled out, and Luverne is poised to adopt the debt collection process this month.

"We are going to start the

process of collecting after we meet to distribute Angel Fund money to needy families," Superintendent Craig Oftedahl told board members Jan. 26.

The state provided a template for a consistent unpaid meal charge and debt collection process to collect the unpaid meal debt.

As of Monday, the district's unpaid meal balance was \$26,626.

There is \$7,036 in the Angel Fund, established in 2017 from private donations for specific needs in the district.

Many district families qualify for the state's free and reduced meal program based on income.

Many, however, do not apply for the program.

Families can apply for free/reduced-price meal benefits any time during the school year, especially if a change has occurred to the household income or family

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Lori Sorenson photo/0209 den herder

Jim Den Herder (center) sold his share of the Den Herder Construction business to his nephew, Colby Den Herder (right) who is partnering with his dad, Cal Den Herder (left) to keep the business in the family.

Den Herders in transition

By Lori Sorenson

The Den Herder Construction business of brothers Jim and Cal Den Herder is now operating as the father-son business of Cal and Colby Den Herder. As of Jan. 1, Jim Den

Herder, 66, sold his share of the 35-year-old family business to his nephew and is phasing into retirement. "I'm still getting used to the fact that I'm

Den Herder/see page 2

LHS celebrates Title IX and girls' sports

By Lori Sorenson

As a Luverne High School athlete in the 1970s, Mary Jo (Iveland) Graphenteen and her female classmates weren't allowed to play varsity sports.

They could play intramural bowling, gymnastics, archery and some basketball through GAA, the Girls Athletic Association.

"I called it 'Girls Always Asking' for sports," Graphenteen said.

She recalled the GAA sports being relegated to the "little gym with a slippery floor" while the boys commandeered the high school gym for games and practice.

"We got one hour in the big gym each week while the boys' basketball team had a 'chalk talk' before their Friday night games," Graphenteen said.

Then in 1972 federal legislation known as "Title IX" prohibited discrimination based on gender in education programs



Lori Sorenson photo/0209 title IX anniversary

Vicky Henderson (left) was Luverne's first girls' varsity basketball coach. Mary Jo Graphenteen was a member of that first LHS girls' team, which made it to state playoffs that first year in 1975. The two helped organize Friday night's 50th anniversary celebration of Title IX federal legislation, which removed barriers for girls and women in education and sports.

or activities that receive financial assistance from the federal government.

In Luverne, it changed girls' sports forever.

Opportunities to succeed

By the spring of 1974 Luverne High School girls could join the track

Title IX celebration/see page 3



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the Kenneth Community Center.
Battle Plain Township Board will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the home of Eric Sas.

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."

Sno-Masters Fun Run Feb. 11

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.

Entries due Feb. 11 for March 4 Generations Puzzle Tourney

Generations will host its annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4, on South Estey Street in Luverne to support the ongoing expenses of Generations in the community.

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. Registration and payment (\$50 per team) 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. Contact Corrine Bonnema 507-920-3802 or email livewellagewell100@gmail.com

Dental clinic in Luverne Feb. 23

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room. This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0 to over 100.

Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All insurance is accepted. Organized by #LuvLuverne's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

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

Community Ed

Community Education will offer the following classes. 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 in grades 5 - 8 interested in acting or working behind the scenes can attend **Intro to Theatre** on Feb. 16. Fee is \$12.

Learn how to protect, detect and report fraud in **Don't Be a Target of Medicare and Consumer Fraud** on Feb. 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. Fee is \$5.

Learn how to detect and treat Emerald Ash Borer and other common insects and diseases at **Insects and Diseases in Trees: What Should I Plant?** On Feb. 27. Fee is \$10.

Den Herder Construction transition/continued from page 1

no longer in charge," he said about semi-retirement. "But I'm learning."

Cal, 63, is currently a partner, but retirement may be around the corner.

"It's definitely a change as we take the business from one generation to the next," he said.

For Colby, 25, it's an opportunity to carry on a family tradition of independent business ownership.

"I never thought I would end up back in Luverne owning a business with my dad," he said.

"But since the opportunity was presented, I've been excited to learn more and grow into an ownership role."

He and his wife, Makenna, were married in November 2020 and moved back to Luverne from Volga, South Dakota, in February 2021 to be closer to family.

"Three years ago, I graduated from SDSU with a completely different mindset on where I was going to go and what I was going to do in life," Colby said.

"I went to school for wildlife and fisheries sciences, and I spent every summer in college working for the game, fish and parks and networking through them."

Colby started working full time with Den Herder Construction when they got to Luverne, and Makenna, who has a sociology degree, worked as a mental health case worker in Sioux Falls.

In October of 2021, they found out they were expecting Emmett, around the time Den Herders began talking about an ownership change.

Entrepreneurial spirit

At 12 years old, Colby operated Den Herder Lawn Care with his 11-year-old brother, Cayd. They bought the business from their older brothers, Tyler and Trevor Den Herder.

"We had a lawn mowing trailer hooked to a riding lawn mower," he recalled.

"Doing the bookwork was actually my favorite thing. I got mad at my brother when I couldn't read the invoices ... his handwriting was so bad."

Today Colby is building on past experiences to start a new career with his dad and wife.

"We are extremely excited about this new chapter in our lives and thank God for every twist and turn that brought us here," he said.

"This is without a doubt what was meant to happen for our family."



Lori Sorenson photo/0209 Den Herder Construction

Colby and Makenna Den Herder (on right with Emmett) have purchased Jim (back) and Deb (center) Den Herder's share of Den Herder Construction as Jim phases into retirement. Colby now owns the business in partnership with his dad, Cal Den Herder (left).



Jim (left) and Cal Den Herder have been in business as Den Herder Construction since 1988 and have been working in construction for 50 years. This photo was taken around 1997.

Nearly 50 years of pounding nails

Den Herder Construction has roots in Luverne dating back to 1973 when Jim worked for local contractor John DeGroot.

"I was a sophomore in high school," he recalled, doing the math. "I've been pounding nails for almost 50 years."

Cal also started pounding nails when he was 16 going to work for Case Feikema, who also hired Jim around 1976.

Cal started on his own in 1985, and by 1988 the brothers joined forces on Den Herder Construction.

They said the construction market has changed dramatically since those early years.

"Back then, if someone called about rotten boards under a toilet, I'd tell them I could probably be there in two hours," Cal said.

"Now if I get a call like that, I can probably make

it in the year 2025. That's a big difference. There's a shortage of trades people."

Jim said, "It's important to find kids when they're young and train them in trades."

They both said there is job security in construction.

"There's always a need for housing; that doesn't go away," Cal said. "Whether it's low end or high end. Whether it's new or remodel. People will always need shelter."

Good workers, good customers

Den Herder Construction has seven full- and part-time employees counting Jim, Cal, Colby and Makenna. The crew grows to more than a dozen in the busy summer months.

Among the longtime employees are Aaron Van Dyken, Conner Redman, Wayne Ahrens, Kenny Clark and Marv Hoogland.

"We've had a lot of good

help through the years who have helped us build the business," Deb said.

"We're very thankful for all the customers we've had in the past and friendships that have been made through working with people."

Jim and Cal said they're grateful for community support. "We've been blessed with good customers," Jim said. "We've done a lot of work in the area and Luverne's been good to us."

Next chapter

Jim said he goes home at the end of the day and no longer works on paperwork and phone calls, but that doesn't make it easy to let go.

"It's bittersweet," he said. "We raised this baby for 35 years and all of a sudden, we're letting it go."

Deb said, "But we're letting it go to good people. We feel that Colby and Makenna and Cal will keep the quality of the business very high."

The young couple now look to keep the business strong for the next generation of Den Herders.

"We are thrilled to have acquired a business that has been built up with many years of hard work and a strong reputation of excellence," Makenna said.

Colby said, "We aim to continue serving our amazing employees, customers, and community moving forward as the new co-owners of Den Herder Construction Inc."

The company can be reached at denherderconstruction@gmail.com.

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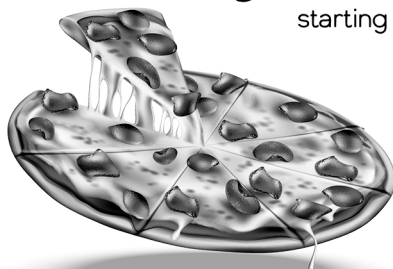
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Correction:

The Star Herald recently received incorrect information from Sanford corporate communications about funding sources for ambulance power lift cots.

The Jan. 26 story incorrectly states that the Luverne Area Community Foundation was a funding source, when in fact the \$125,000 expense was shared by Rock County (through Covid relief dollars), Sanford Health Foundation and Sanford Luverne capital dollars.

Sanford Luverne regrets the error and requested the Star Herald print a correction.

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Trip leaves me wondering ...

I just got back from a few days in northeast South Dakota from a pike spearing trip. I had been to the location last year, and the group I was with had probably the best spearing trip they will ever have.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

There were large numbers of pike, and the average size was very good. I am not the kind of spear angler many other folks are. I think that once you have speared a pike in the 40-42-inch range, there is really no reason to ever kill another one.

In my group a pike over 40 inches is a fish to be mounted, and the only way we would harvest another giant is if it beat the person's personal best.

I have never speared a 40-incher but have several in the 36-38-inch range. This trip was nothing like the last one. We saw fish and harvested numbers of them, but they were all a lot smaller overall than last year.

We took enough fish home to keep my elderly parents in a few meals of fish, but there was certainly no stocking up a freezer enough to last until next spearing season.

This lake is a very well known location, and the success rates in one end of the lake were very high.

I would have guessed that there were more than a thousand people on this water body, all within about 80 acres of space.

I opted for the quiet and undisturbed spot on the lake. I figured all of the traffic and commotion would make the fishing more difficult.

I set up about 6 miles away from the crowd and opened my first spear hole in about 24 inches of ice. I used my new 40-volt StrikeMaster battery-operated ice auger for the effort.

I can say that you are able to drill about 34-36 holes with one charge. It takes about that many drills to open two holes 2 feet wide and about 4 feet long. I had rented a spear house from a local outfitter, and it was set up with two holes in the house.

Normally they have one larger hole in the middle that is shared by both occupants. Drilling two smaller holes instead of one larger one was far more work.

I was working on the first hole of the first day and ran into big trouble. The area must have had some really high winds before the snow fell, and it had blown a bunch of sand and gravel onto the ice. There was no way to see it with 12-14 inches of snow stacked up on the ice.

I ran my auger bit into that sand, and in about 4 inches it had dulled the blades on the auger to the point there was no way to ever drill another hole with my unit. It was dead in the water.

We moved to a different spot in order to dodge the debris and used the only other auger in my group to finish the job.

Luckily for me we reached out to the outfitter and they had an employee that was headed our way and he stopped in a town

about 40 miles away and picked me up two new sets. I will never leave on a trip like this again without backup blades.

Lesson learned by me on this trip. We saw fish over the 2 1/2 days and never even got close to the daily possession limit. On the other hand, the location that looked more like Valley Fair in Shakopee, Minnesota, was a booming spot.

I cannot for the life of me figure out how this area with tons of truck traffic and people drilling holes every 5 minutes all day long still had high numbers of fish in only 5 feet of water.

It just goes to show that when you think you have it all figured out, you are proven to be a complete amateur.

The other house in my party set up within 40 yards of use and had better luck but not near like the carnival area 6 miles to our north.

We moved our house three more times that trip and were never more than 40 yards from our partners, and even with lots of effort expended, we did only about 50 percent of what they speared.

It is a mystery to me how this happens. I used an underwater camera to see if they were on something different or unique, but it was for all practical purposes just a flat, clear bottom.

I saw nothing different between what they were doing and what we were doing, and the lake bottom looked exactly the same.

It was still a quality outing, but it became completely clear as to why spearing is not all that popular a pastime. It takes good equipment and lots of effort to set and move a house. Regular ice angling is much, much easier.

There is nothing like watching a northern pike come cruising into your hole.

I equate it to whitetail deer hunting with a bow. Long periods with no action and then all of a sudden your quarry is right on top of you. It is this suspense that will keep me in a spear shack until I am no longer physically capable of doing the setup. Only time will tell when that will be.

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



Several of the players from Luverne's 1974-75 basketball team were recognized Friday night during halftime of the LHS girls' and boys' varsity basketball games. They included (front, from left) Mary Jo Iveland Graphenteen, Lynette Kemerling, Denise Junck Lynott, (back) Jill Wildung Schmidt, Joanne Granneman Fodness, Karen Noll Fey, Sharon Remme Miller and Coach Vicky Birchard Henderson. (Greg Hoogeveen photo 0209 Title IX 1975 team)

Title IX 50th anniversary celebration/continued from page 1

team, and by the fall of 1974, they could play varsity volleyball, tennis, basketball and gymnastics. Other girls' sports came later.

After Title IX, Mary Jo played on Luverne's first female varsity basketball team, which made it to state playoffs in a highly competitive district and region.

"We were lucky to win at those levels," she said. "The teams were really good that first year."

Their conference opponents were Pipestone, Marshall, Worthington and Redwood Falls. They beat an undefeated Southwest Christian to advance to region play and then state.

She hasn't forgotten the thrill of earning a varsity sports trophy.

"Today we have 10 sports and several individuals and teams who have had the opportunity to hold a trophy because of Title IX," Graphenteen said. "It's every athlete's goal to compete at the state level," she said.

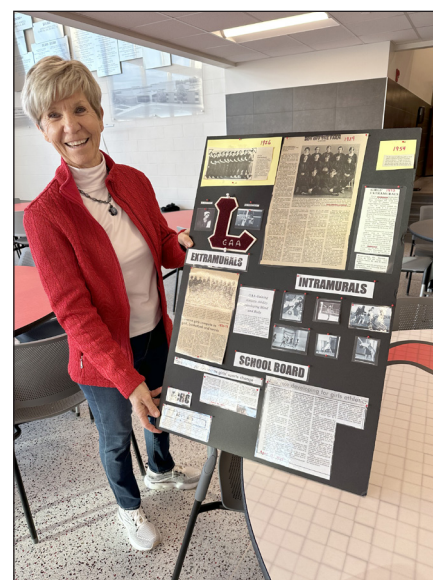
If Title IX hadn't happened, she said she and her teammates wouldn't have had that opportunity.

"Today so many people don't know what Title IX is and what it means," she said. "Others today need to know who came before and helped make that happen."

Telling the story

That's why she was glad to help the Luverne Basketball Association and high school celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX Friday night.

Since the law passed, female



Lori Sorenson photo/0209 title IX anniversary

Mary Jo Graphenteen shared items from her high school scrapbook for Friday night's displays.

participation in sports at the high school level has grown by 1,057 percent and by 614 percent at the college level, according to the LBA.

"It has accelerated change and created a legacy of diverse women leading on and off the court and playing field," the group shared on social media.

Graphenteen teamed up with her high school basketball coach, Vicky (Birchard) Henderson, to prepare some history displays for Friday night.

"It was God's timing," Henderson said about her role in leading Luverne's first high school girls' basketball team.

"I played basketball in Iowa, and played in college, and came here to student teach. I hadn't paid

attention to Title IX until they asked me to coach."

She said the coaching opportunity also led her to her husband, Roger, who drove the team bus.

"The girls on the team took credit for us getting together," said her husband of 46 years. "So did the assistant coach, Tim Burns."

Looking back, Graphenteen said she's grateful to have benefited from Title IX, but she laments the fact that so many missed out.

"We have had a lot of talent at Luverne, and we had great teams," Graphenteen said.

"But I can't help but think of the really great athletes who didn't get to do what the '74 basketball team got to do. I can't help but think how good they could have been if given the chance."

Recognizing trailblazers

In addition to Graphenteen, the team included Becky Arp (Eeten), Bonnie Gerloff (Steilow), Joanne Granneman (Fodness), Deb Hatting (Hill), Faye Hawkinson (Brown), Denise Junck (Lynott), Lisa Keitel, Lynette Kemerling, Peggy Mann (Raker), Karen Noll (Fey), Sharon Remme (Miller), Pam Thorson (Hommen), Pam Visker (Walgrave), Jill Wildung (Schmidt) and the late Kathy Thorson.

Managers were Joan Aanenson (Berry) and Patricia Teclaw, and scorekeeper was the late Calene Birky (Williams).

They were recognized during the Title IX 50th anniversary celebration during halftimes of the boys' and girls' double-header games.

Seven of them were present Friday and were introduced along with the seven current seniors on Luverne's girls' basketball team.

Other early trailblazers of Title IX included Jeanne Bowron (who helped lead most of the GAA activities and was assistant coach for varsity sports) and first-year head coaches of the five girls' varsity sports.

Katie Hemme coached three of the five girls' varsity sports, Dave Svingen coached tennis and Henderson coached basketball.

"It's great to be part of history," Henderson said. "It's really been fun to have been part of it. It's crazy to think it's been 49 years for us."

The Title IX displays and history of girls' sports in Luverne are now available at the Rock County History Center.



The 1974-75 Luverne High School girls' basketball team. Front row, left to right, are: Joanne (Granneman) Fodness, Sharon (Remme) Miller, Karen (Fey) Noll, Becky (Arp) Eeten, Mary Jo (Iveland) Graphenteen. Row two: Lynette Kemerling, Denise (Junck) Lynott, Peggy (Mann) Raker, Pam (Visker) Walgrave, Faye Hawkinson, assistant coach Tim Burns. Row three: manager Joan (Aanenson) DeSchepper, head coach Vicky (Birchard) Henderson, Kathy Thorson, Deb (Hatting) Hill, Jill (Wildung) Schmidt, Bonnie (Gerloff) Steilow, Pam (Thorson) Hommen, manager Pat Teclaw, manager Lisa Keitel.

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Monday, March 13, 2023
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JoEllen Benson, Township Clerk

Happy 60th Birthday

Todd VanSteenberg
on February 10

Love, your family

The BIG one!?

Double dog dare you to push beyond desire to say 'no' to physical activities

The calendar's turned to February, marking a month into 2023 and those New Year's resolutions I wrote in pencil.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Instead of erasing those words of what I intended to do this year, I've embraced those goals.

I vowed to be more active and not to say "no" to a physical challenge.

With the resolution in mind, I picked up a bowling ball Saturday for the first time in years and competed against my youngest son.

Then I embraced my grandsons' desires to slide down those piles of snow Grandpa Foddy piled throughout the yard. I raced the 3- and 5-year-olds up the 12-foot piles with sleds in tow.

At first, I helped the youngsters pull their sleds and themselves to the top of the piles, steadying them as they sat on the slippery, ridged plastic sled, and pushed them down the slopes.

Then I joined them.

We had a contest to see who could slide the farthest (they could), and I pulled them along the ice-covered driveway at a jog (they shouting to go faster, me keeping the same plodding pace).

We had a blast.

I didn't break an arm or leg, die of exhaustion, or find it hard to move the next day.

Next up to not saying "no" to a physical activity is the Gladiator Assault Challenge in May.

I've been asked to join a team and complete a 5K

course filled with obstacles involving climbing, jumping, crawling, balancing and MUD.

I think I can do it.

If it wasn't for the New Year's resolution and continuation of the wellness program I started in November, I wouldn't have even considered doing something like the gladiator challenge.

Ninety days ago I was 23 pounds heavier and an inch thicker in stature. Getting up off the floor from a sitting position was difficult, and completing more than a couple of pushups wasn't possible.

While the pushups have become somewhat easier, bending down and getting up from the floor is no longer a problem.

I've also agreed to don that swimsuit that's been mothballed and join my grandchildren in the swimming pool for the annual family reunion.

Each year I've sat around the pool and watched the kids in the water.

Not this year.

My mind doesn't view myself as heading toward being a senior citizen. I am determined not to let my body think the same thing.

So, readers, I double dog dare you to get off that couch that I, too, used to sit on and watch other people have fun. Be the one actually instigating the fun, no matter if it involves physical activity or not.

February is Minnesota School Board Recognition Month

Please thank our board members who dedicate time, energy to public education

Seven dedicated individuals devote time and energy, making sure Luverne Public Schools is helping every child learn at a high level.

The Minnesota School Boards Association has set February as Minnesota School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function elected school board members play in our society.

We here in Luverne are joining other public school districts across the state to celebrate and honor our board members and their commitment to Luverne and the students in our schools.

Tim Jarchow, Eric Hartman, David Wrigg, Michael DeBates, Ryan DeBates, Randy Sasker and Zach Nolz are Luverne's elected members.

They make decisions every month, with some decisions being more difficult than others. They spend hours studying education issues, listening to constituents and

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Craig Oftedahl
Luverne Superintendent of Schools

reviewing regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our community expects.

The key work of a school board is to raise student achievement by:

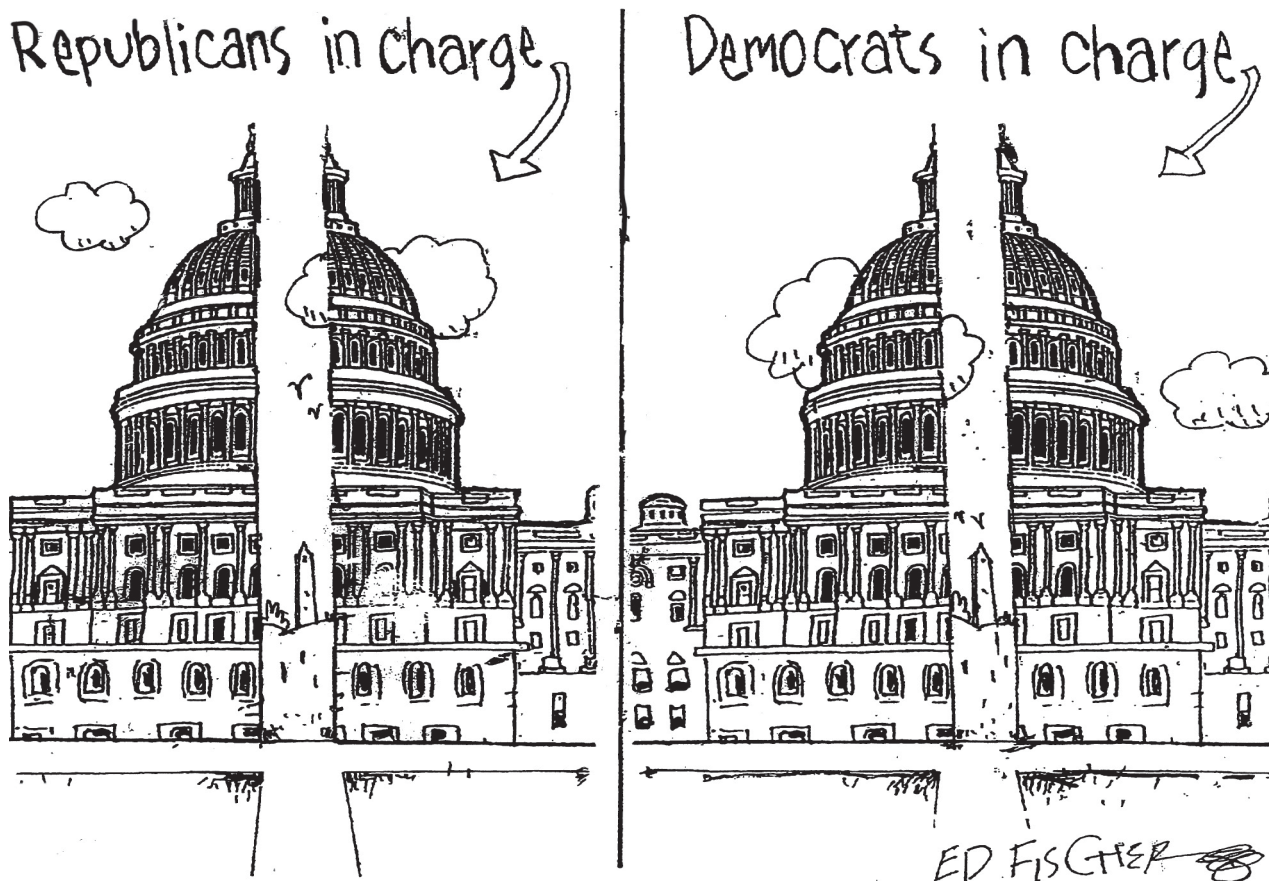
- creating a vision for what the community wants the school district to be and for making student achievement a top priority.
- establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do.
- being accountable for their decisions and actions.
- creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach.
- and forming partnership with

others in the community to solve common problems.

Even though we're making a special effort to show our appreciation this month, school board members' work is a year-round commitment.

It is important to thank board members for volunteering their time and energy to our school. The role they perform is a staple to the democracy of our state and nation. Public education is vital to our continued success.

Thank you, board members, for promoting the vision of "Learn, Live, Lead" at Luverne Public Schools.



Come, support, cheer at Saturday's Luverne Leap

According to Weather Bug, the forecast for Saturday's Luverne Leap is 27 degrees and sunny. Let's hope so.

The leapers will be taking the plunge into the icy water down at The Lake starting at 1 p.m. As of this writing, nearly 30 people, young and not so young, have signed up.

This is the inaugural Luverne Leap, and everyone is invited down to The Lake to cheer or jeer the leapers on. Let's let the leapers know we support and appreciate their courage by showing up and cheering them on.

There will be hot chocolate available to help keep you warm.

Here is the list of 29 leapers: Flipper Man, Dr. Joshua Crabtree, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, Mike Davis, Dave Duffy, Pat Baustian,



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

Jason Oye, Joel de Cesare, Tim Gust, Amanda and Cora McDonald, Brady Dinger, Pat Saum, Jeff Stratton, James Roby, Jody Reisch, Knute Oldre, Reece Carlson, Colby Crabtree, Eric Sage, McKenzie Rosales, Connie Morrison, Dustin Rodger, Stacy Mente, Lucas Peters, Jacki Johnson, Dylan Gehrke, Isaac DeBoer and Emily Crabtree.

You know what I find really cool about the list above? It's the cross

section of people that have stepped up to the plate – or in this case, the hole in the ice – for a good cause.

That cause is the Luverne Area Community Foundation Grant Fund, which is open to all Rock County nonprofits for projects that strengthen and impact the members of our communities.

Each leaper has filled out the necessary paperwork assuring everyone that they are doing this of

their own free will and are assuming any risk. That alone should tell you something about the leapers.

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

If you would like to donate, it doesn't get any easier than this. There will be a sand bucket set up down by The Lake for you to drop off a donation.

In addition to that, Flipper Man will be available for adoring fans to take a selfie with him for a freewill donation that they can drop in the sand bucket.

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

This is your page.

((Instructions are listed below on how to submit a Letter to the Editor.))

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 21
 •Complainant on 81st Street reported road closure.
 •Complainant requested assistance from another department.
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported lost property.
 •A search warrant was issued.

Jan 22
 •Complainant in Uithoven Addition reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Barck Avenue reported a pedestrian.
 •Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a fire.

Jan. 23
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported threats.
 •Complainant on County Road 5 and 90th Avenue, Luverne, reported an abandoned vehicle.
 •Complainant on 121st Street, Luverne, reported an abandoned vehicle.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.
 •Complainant on N. Spring Street reported suspicious activity.

Jan. 24
 •An outage was reported.
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a parking issue.
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported a parking issue.
 •Complainant in the city lot reported a parking issue.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant on E. Fletcher Street requested assistance from another agency.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 reported a driving complaint.

Jan. 25
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported suspicious activity.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 and County Road 20 reported a weather issue.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.
 •Complainant reported an outage.
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a civil issue.
 •Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported a civil issue.

Jan. 26
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported harassing communications.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.

Jan. 27
 •Complainant on 251st Street reported an abandoned vehicle.
 •Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported a sudden death.
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 7, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.
 •Training was taking place.
 •Complainant on State Highway 23, Beaver Creek, reported burglary.
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a noise complaint.

Jan. 28
 •Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported suspicious activity.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant on 110th Avenue, Luverne, reported a civil issue.
 •Complainant on S. West Park Street reported a civil

issue.
 •Complainant on 110th Avenue and 121st Street, Luverne, reported a garbage complaint.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported harassing communications.

Jan. 29
 •Complainant reported an outage.
 •Complainant on W. Veterans Drive requested assistance from another department.

Jan. 30
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a miscellaneous public assist.
 •Complainant on S. Buckingham Street, Hardwick, reported a miscellaneous public assist.
 •Complainant reported a theft.
 •Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported suspicious activity.

Jan. 31
 •An outage was reported.
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported theft.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a civil issue.
 •Complainant on Main Street reported a disorderly.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.
 •Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported a disorderly.
 •Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported an open door/window.

Feb. 1
 •Complainant in Rock County reported the weather.
 •An outage was reported.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported debris.
 •Complainant on Edgell Street and Kniss Avenue reported a fire call.

Feb. 2
 •Complainant reported an outage.
 •Complainant on Edgell Street reported a theft.
 •Complainant on S. Sherman Avenue, Jasper, requested an explosives permit.
 •Complainant in Luverne reported a threat.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 requested roadside assistance.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

Feb. 3
 •Complainant on Manfred Drive reported road and drive laws.
 •Complainant on 221st Street and Highway 75 requested roadside assistance.
 •Complainant on E. Brown Street reported a parking issue.
 •Complainant on Crawford Street requested assistance.
 •Complainant on Highway 23 and Interstate 90, Manley, requested assistance.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 and 131st Street, Luverne, reported a pedestrian.

Feb. 4
 •Complainant reported an outage.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 3 vehicles in the ditch, 1 transport, 1 escort, 29 ambulance runs, 11 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 6 fingerprint requests, 17 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 driver's license check, 1 gas drive-off, 3 alarms, 1 drug court test, 15 purchase and carry permits, 6 stalled vehicles, 88 traffic stops, 26 abandoned 911 calls, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 5 OFPs and 5 follow-ups.

This record report was compiled Jan. 21-Feb. 4.



Where does your food come from?

It was a full house Monday night at Big Top Tents and Events in Luverne when more than 450 people attended the Rock Nobles Cattlemen's Association annual banquet.



Lori Sorenson photos/0209 cattlemens banquet

The speaker (at right), Amanda Radke, a columnist and rancher from Mitchell, South Dakota, told the crowd how important it is for farmers to advocate for themselves among a growing and noisy group of animal rights activities and environmentalists criticizing their industry. Steak was on the dinner menu, and at the end of the evening, all attendees left with frozen steak or beef sticks, courtesy of the Rock Nobles Cattlemen (pictured at right).



Submitted photos

Snow offers opportunities for Snow Week

Twenty-Four Luverne High School students rode their snowmobiles to school on Friday, Feb. 3, as part of the school's annual Snow Week festivities, which were enhanced by record amounts of snowfall this winter. The special week included coronation of Snow Week King and Queen Ross Bergman and Emma Beyer, a trip to Great Bear Recreation in Sioux Falls, ice skating at the Blue Mound Ice Arena, special dress up days during the week and other activities.

Above are (from left) juniors Tucker Dammann, Tyler Rolfs, Holden Overgaard, Samuel Honerman, Gavin Gregory, Elliot Domagala, Kai Buss and Tyler Arends.

Below are seniors (from left) Gavin Reisch, Ross Bergman and Austin Ossefoort



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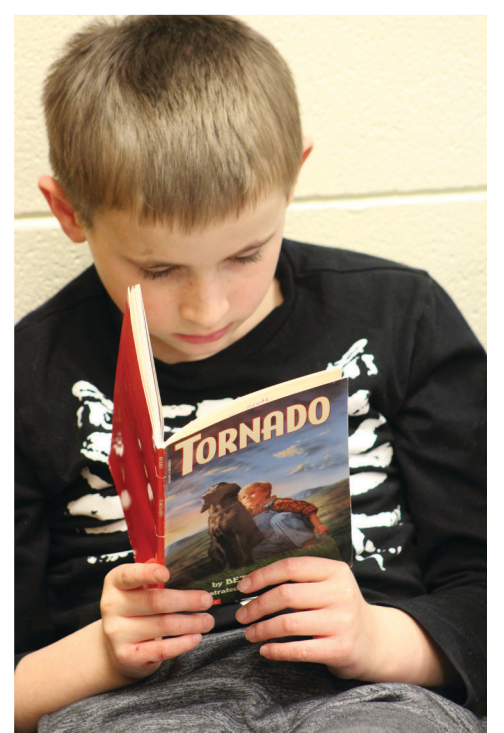
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Mavis Fodness photos/0202 Elementary Book Club
Third-graders Logan Hoff (left), Avonelle Woodley, Mila Hawkins, Garrett Carlson, Daphne DeBoer and teacher Peyten Elbers sit comfortably as DeBoer reads the story "Tornado" aloud Jan. 30, the first day of Book Club, an offering through Luverne Community Education, with Elbers as facilitator in promoting reading and understanding during the school's February I Love to Read month. **At right:** Garrett Carlson reads along.



February is 'I Love to Read Month' at Luverne Elementary

Book Club kindles interest in reading while students practice valuable skill

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Elementary School is abuzz with reading activities throughout the month of February in celebration of "I Love to Read Month."

Tucked among the various reading offerings is fourth-grade teacher Peyten Elbers' "Book Club," a new class offered through Luverne Community Education.

The first-year teacher wanted to offer a reading alternative during the month of February for families with third- through fifth-graders and their activity-filled

schedules.

"I know how busy families are nowadays to try to have their child read every night, so I decided to merge the two ideas and create a book club to get kids excited about reading," she said.

"I'm offering this as a fun way to get students excited about reading. There are groups for sports, robotics, cooking and Spanish. Why not add a group for reading as well."

She has 27 third- and fourth-grade students sign up for her after-school Book Club.

For an hour each week, Elbers gathers with students from the same grade level in her room after school. Together they share a snack as Elbers reads a book. Then they read a book together, followed by playing games centered around story meanings.

"These games focus on skills such as, who is the main character, where is the story taking place, what is the plot of each story, and so on," she said.

The selected books are based on the students' Accelerated Reader level and the students can

test on the books read in Book Club to earn points toward their individual reading goals.

"Reading can be fun," Elbers said. "I hope that this book club helps kids reach their AR goal along with learning how to read."

Luverne Elementary staff has organized various "Drop Everything And Read" moments, and each Friday in February students participate in various reading activities in their classrooms.

March 2 is the late children's author Theodor "Dr. Seuss"

Geisel's birthday and a day filled with reading as the school's I Love to Read Monday comes to a close.

Elbers' Book Club embraces Geisel's whimsical stories in an effort to encourage young students to read.

"Just like Dr. Seuss said, 'The more you read, the more things you know. The more you learn the more places you will go,'" Elbers said. "Reading is a skill we will use the rest of our lives, and I want students to view reading as something to enjoy."

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Matt Christensen stepped out of his comfort zone in August—about 8,000 miles out.

He said the four months he spent in Tanzania, which is centrally located on the east coast of Africa, taught him that the people there are generous, welcoming, "and just the nicest people."

Christensen spent fall semester on the study abroad assignment with a group of students studying with the Associated Colleges of the Midwest.

A senior biology student at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, Christensen spent six weeks in the large port city of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania studying the language, taking university classes and being amazed at "being in a town that large with that many monkeys."

25 years ago (1998)

•Concerns about traffic congestion near the Luverne Public School campus appeared on the County Board agenda Tuesday.

Luverne Superintendent George Maurer and Luverne School Board Chairman Steve Toffeland met with County Commissioners during their regular meeting to discuss traffic concerns on Dodge Street and Highway 75.

The School Board submitted a resolution requesting the county to upgrade, expand and extend Dodge Street (County Road 5) from Donaldson Street to Highway 75 to make it a three-lane street. This would allow for a turning lane into the school property and onto Highway 75.

50 years ago (1973)

•Luverne High School Cage Coach Laurin Carroll was chosen as the "Basketball Coach of the Week" last Friday night, Feb. 2, on WCCO Radio's "Prep Parade."

Coaches and players featured on the program are nominated by the program's Sports Advisory Board, a panel of sports editors and announcers from all sections of the state. Coach Carroll will receive a parchment certificate from the station and Midwest Federal, program sponsor.

Carroll, currently in the midst of his first year as the Cardinal cage mentor, received the award following Luverne's 52-51 victory over top-rated Windom on Jan. 26.

75 years ago (1948)

•Steps to provide a new community hall for the village of Beaver Creek heads the list of projects which the Beaver Creek Commercial Club will undertake in 1948.

Alfred E. Precht, who was re-elected president of the club at their first annual meeting Monday night, said that a five-man committee had been appointed to investigate the matter of building the hall, and to devise means for raising the necessary funds.

At their meeting Monday night, Lawrence Thompson, who last served as a member of the board of directors of the club, was elected vice president to succeed A. W. Tiaht. George Schneiderhan was re-elected secretary-treasurer. L.M. Larsen was elected director to replace Mr. Thompson, and E.J. "Cowboy" Eleeson was elected director to succeed Bill Jansen. Gale Tower was re-elected director.

100 years ago (1923)

•In order to further safeguard the health and physical welfare of pupils of the Luverne schools, the school board has completed arrangements for the addition of a health nurse to the school corps.

Mrs. Clara Herm, of Lake Mills, Ia., has been engaged to arrive here next week from Tracy, this state, where she is at present engaged. Her office will be at the Central building.

One of the first duties of Mrs. Herm will be to make a physical examination of all the pupils of the schools in order to detect those who show symptoms of the grippe, influenza or severe colds. During the "cold" epidemic which has been sweeping over this city and vicinity the past few weeks, the number of absences at the high school daily averaged from 25 to 45 and at Central school this number is even greater. It is recognized that colds are contagious and spread very rapidly, especially among school children.

The contention has been made that the county nurse is to take care of all the schools in the county, and that therefore the services of a school nurse would not be required. The county nurse, as she is often called, is not paid by the county, but receives her salary from the Red Cross funds. With her various duties, she is unable to give the time and attention that are required to protect the health of as many pupils as are enrolled in the Luverne schools.

1943: Diamond Club story continues for Lemke

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.

This article is continued from last week.

That fall, Mr. (Theodore) Lemke was helping his father plow. The place they were working was a considerable distance from home so they would take along enough provisions to last two or three days. They slept between some grain stacks which provided shelter for them. On October 15 that year, a rain began to fall, and the elder Mr. Lemke told his son that they had better not stay out any longer, but had better go home. They had no more than arrived home, than a blizzard struck and they were snowed in the rest of the winter. The blizzard lasted two or three days, and after the storm subsided, they went out to look for their stock. They found their oxen and hogs in an open straw shed which had been blown nearly full of snow. After much hard work and shoveling, they were able to get the animals out.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

His father homesteaded on section 22, Denver township, and there they erected a frame shanty which they gave a protective covering of sod. The house was warm in winter, even though they burned nothing but twisted flax for fuel.

They enjoyed good crops those years, Mr. Lemke said. Wheat and flax produced high yields. At that time, there was no railroad into Hardwick, and all grain was hauled to Luverne. He recalls that he has hauled wheat into town when as many as 30 or 40 wagon loads were ahead of him, waiting to be emptied at the elevator.

Only perseverance and
Bits, continued on p. 7

OBITUARIES

Joycelyn 'Joy' Abraham

Joycelyn Jean Abraham, 90, Lake Crystal, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023.

A funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Zion Lutheran Church in Lake Crystal, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Lake Crystal Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church Mission Circle.

Joy Lemke was born Feb. 19, 1932, to Herbert and Elsie (Claussen) Lemke in Luverne. She grew up on the family farm north of Hardwick and graduated from Luverne High School in 1950.

Joy married Milton "Milt" H. Abraham on Aug. 12, 1951, in Hardwick. Joy and Milt lived in California while Milt was in the Marine Corps. They returned to Luverne, where Joy worked at the school and the family cabinet making business. In 1973 they moved to Lake Crystal. Joy worked for the family business, Millrich Construction, and later for Sween Corporation, which became Coloplast for 25 years before retiring.

Joy was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, the



American Legion Auxiliary, and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed cooking for her family, gardening, flowers, quilting at Zion Lutheran, traveling to Mexico and Alaska with Milt. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Joy is survived by her husband of 71 years, Milton "Milt"; two children, David (Anita Jo) Abraham of Amarillo, Texas, and Kathy (John) Borneke of Janesville; grandchildren Michael (Lizzy) Borneke, Kaitie (Vance) Blomgren, Kimberly Abraham, Lauri (Kyle) Kegans, Rahnee Ladd, Wes (Ramona) Ladd, and Stephanie Ladd; six great-grandchildren; sister Imogene Krogmann of Luverne; brother-in-law Richard Abraham of Lake Crystal; and nieces, a nephew, and extended family.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Timothy, on Dec. 24, 1962; brother Keith Lemke; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, John Krogmann, Gerald and Gayle Abraham and Betty Abraham.

Arrangements are provided by Lake Crystal Mortuary in Lake Crystal.

(0209 F)

Joseph Kueter

Joseph "Joe" Kueter, 46, Hills, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A Mass of Christian burial was at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at The Church of Mary in Larchwood, Iowa.

Burial followed in the Larchwood Cemetery.

Joseph Daniel Kueter was born on Dec. 6, 1976, to Charles and Myra (Schlotfeldt) Kueter in Sioux Falls. Joe grew up in Hills and graduated from the Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1995. After graduation he earned a degree in business at Southeast Tech in Sioux Falls.

Joe started working for HyVee in Sioux Falls at the age of 16 and was still working there. He loved watching sports on TV or traveling to the games. His favorite teams included the Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Twins, Kansas Jayhawks basketball



team, and the Notre Dame football team.

Joe is survived by his father, Charles Kueter, of Hills; four siblings, Joyce (Brian) Meffert of Larchwood, Jennifer (Matt) Stephens of Filer, Idaho, James (Kari) Kueter of Hills, and Jeanette (Daryl) Spaans of Larchwood; 12 nieces and nephews, Kullyn and Braedyn Meffert, Joshua, Kyle, Casey, and Jayden Kueter, Tristan, Ian, and Kira Spaans, Zane and Carson Stephens, and Cheyenne Olsen; aunts, uncles, and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Myra Kueter; his maternal grandparents, Albert and Martha Schlotfeldt; and his paternal grandparents, William and Lenora Kueter.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrens-funeralhome.com.

(0209 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Jerry Englert

Jerry Englert, 76, Rock Rapids, Iowa, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne. Per Jerry's wishes, a private family service will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0209 DN)

Loren Ask

Loren Ask, 78, rural Kenneth, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at First Presbyterian Church in Edgerton. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0209 DN)

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday

Todd VanSteenberg will celebrate his 60th birthday on Friday, Feb. 10.

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Submitted photo

Six Luverne speech team students placed at the Worthington speech tournament Saturday including (from left) Hannah Kempema, Jessika Tunnissen, Nora Louwagie, Roselynn Hartshorn, Will Johnson and Zoey Berghorst.

Individuals show improvement as Luverne opens speech season in Worthington

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne speech team members opened the 2023 season Saturday in Worthington.

The group didn't place as a team. Luverne was among 16 teams at the annual meet where 156 students competed in 13 speech categories.

"With several other activities taking place, we had a smaller group than usual," said coach Gavin Fol-

kestad.

"We did have several new members place well and several veteran members showing improvement from last year."

Six Luverne students were recognized for their performances. Blue ribbons were presented to students one place out of the medals; red ribbons for two places out of the medals.

•Original oratory: Roselynn Hartshorn, sixth; Hannah Kempema, blue ribbon; Will Johnson, red ribbon.

•Informative: Jessika Tunnissen, third.

•Great speeches: Nora Louwagie, fourth.

•Discussion: Zoey Berghorst, fifth. Luverne competes in their home speech invitational Saturday.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Feb. 13:

Egg bake with sausage, oven-baked potatoes, carrots, applesauce, coffee cake.

Tuesday, Feb. 14:

Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, pears, dinner roll, Valentine's Day dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

Wednesday, Feb. 15:

Pasta in meat sauce, romaine salad with dressing, pineapple chunks, bread

stick, dessert.

Thursday, Feb. 16:

Baked ham with sauce, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, pudding.

Friday, Feb. 17: Roast

turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, California Normandy vegetables, bread, birthday cake.

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve a dinner or to arrange delivery.

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good fortune saved the Lemke cattle herd from being lost during the blizzard of 1888. The animals were about 60 or 70 rods from the barn, when Mr. Lemke, who was afoot, and his brother, who was on horseback, tried to drive them toward the barn. The stock came within about 15 or 20 rods of the buildings, and then refused to go further. Although the two boys tried to prod them along, they would not move until finally Mr. Lemke decided to walk ahead of them and call them. His idea was a success, for they followed him until they were safe inside their shelter. By that time the storm had reached such severity that they virtually had to feel their way to the house.

The first years here, they were troubled with prairie fires. Several times, the fire came within a short distance of the buildings, and the only thing that saved them was the fact that a fire break

had been plowed around them. At night, one could see flames leaping all along the horizon, Mr. Lemke said.

Two years before he was married, Mr. Lemke bought a farm on section 24, Denver township. His father had first bought the land from a man by the name of Dennis Murphy. All he paid for it was 50 cents. Mr. Lemke explained that the land was mortgaged, and his father in addition to giving Mr. Murphy's wife a half dollar, paid the mortgage on the land and obtained it that way. Mr. Lemke bought it from his father for \$1,200.

On June, 26, 1893, he married Anna Helden, at Hardwick, and they made their home on their farm until 1926 when they moved to town.

"During all those years, Mr. Lemke said, "I never had a vacation. I don't believe I was ever away from home at chore time one night when I was farming."

By Mavis Fodness

For the first time in 22 years, Luverne High School students performed in one act play section competition Saturday.

LHS finished fifth out of the eight schools competing in Redwood Falls.

"The students performed well — probably even better than we did the week before," said director Joseph Stearns. "But the other schools put on strong shows as well."

Luverne placed second at

the Jan. 28 sub-section competition, earning a chance to perform at the section tournament in Redwood Falls.

Murray County Central High School won the Section 3A trophy. They placed second at the section meet.

Luverne performed "Ruby" by Greta Smith.

"The day was a good experience," Stearns said. "They were able to see the kind of productions we can aspire to do in the future."

Since coming to Luverne, however, Mr. Lemke has "taken life easy." He and Mrs. Lemke traveled in the western states, making a leisurely trip by car several years ago.

They have four children, Herbert, who lives on the farm near Hardwick; Mrs. Peter (Amgard) Lynch, Luverne; Mrs. Carl (Elsie) Hoepner, and Mrs. Otto (Ruth) Lynch, both of whom live at Santa Ana, Calif. They also have nine grandchildren.

Mr. Lemke is now believed to be the oldest man holding membership in St. John's Lutheran church here. His father helped found the German Lutheran congregation at Hardwick which church was served by the pastor of the local congregation. Mr. Lemke remembers when traveling missionaries conducted services in the Hoffelman home here, the first German Lutheran services ever conducted in this area.

Going on 79 years, Mr. Lemke states that he has enjoyed good health all his life, with the exception of several weeks last winter when he was quite seriously ill. He attributes his long life and good health to the "grace of God," stating that "it was just God's will that I managed to pull through alive. I was sick last Christmas."

Of eight children in the Lemke family, Mr. Lemke is one of five still living. His brothers and sisters include Ferdinand Lemke, Los Angeles; Mrs. Will Brennan, Watertown, and Mrs. Gust Manke, Princeton, Minn.

Mr. Lemke states that he never had time to become involved in politics. The only public office he ever served was that of being member of the school board. He has held a number of offices in the church, however.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

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Luverne High School girls' hockey team captures first-ever Big South Conference Championship

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' hockey team captured its first Big South Conference Championship last week.

Luverne beat conference opponent Windom on the road 4-2 Thursday, Feb. 2, and beat the Bluejays in Waseca 6-1 Feb. 4.

The Cardinals are now 13-0 in the conference and 18-6 for the season.

The Cardinals were scheduled to take on Fairmont at home Tuesday, Feb. 7, rescheduled from Jan. 3.

Section 3A girls' hockey tournaments will start with Luverne receiving a bye in the quarterfinal round.

Luverne's semifinal game will be against the winner of the Fairmont/Windom matchup on home ice Saturday, Feb. 11.

LHS 4, Windom 2

The Luverne girls' hockey team clipped the Eagles 4-2 Thursday, Feb 2, in Windom.

"We had a slow start and we didn't play to our best," head coach Tony Sandbulte said.

"However, it was nice to get a win on an off night and capture our first Big South Conference Championship."

The Cardinals put together a great season with a conference record of 13-0.

Luverne beat their last conference opponents, Windom, by placing 58 shots on goal, with four getting past the Eagles' goalie.

Windom placed 21 shots on senior Mallory Von Tersch, sneaking only



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 LHS girls' hockey

The Luverne girls' hockey team clinches the Big South Conference Championship in 2023 season.

two inside the net.

Scoring for Luverne started at 10:34 in the first period with eighth-grader Izzy Steensma scoring a short-handed goal unassisted.

Windom netted one of their own at 14:22.

Senior Kamryn Van Batavia closed the first period with a score at 14:57 assisted by sophomore Payton Behr and seventh-grader Ellie Van Batavia.

The only goal scored in period two was made by Cardinal Kamryn Van Batavia at 3:51 unassisted.

In the third period Windom and Luverne traded goals. Windom scored at 9:26 and Luverne at 14:36.

Ellie Van Batavia solidified Luverne's win when she beat Windom's goalie with an assist by her sister Kamryn.

LHS 6, Waseca 1

Luverne girls' hockey traveled to take on the Waseca Bluejays Saturday, Feb. 4.

The Redbirds beat the Bluebirds 6-1 and took home the win.

Luverne roasted the Waseca goalie with 58 shots on goal and made six to the back of the net.

The Bluejays winged 10 shots on goal at Von Tersch, making one.

In period one freshman Greta McClure scored

first at 1:40 unassisted.

Ellie Van Batavia followed less than a minute later, scoring at 2:30 assisted by senior Mallory Nelson.

Freshman Ella Apel finished the first period with a goal at 7:26 assisted by junior Anika Boll.

The first period tally was Luverne 3, Waseca 0.

The second period started with a goal 58 seconds in from Kamryn Van Batavia assisted by eighth-grader Macie Edstrom and Payton Behr.

Waseca scored their second and last goal of the game at 13:45.

At 13:52 Kamryn Van Batavia scored her second goal unassisted, and the second period ended with a Luverne 5-1 lead.

Eighth-grader Tenley Behr added one more goal for Luverne in the third period at 8:29 assisted by Steensma to finish off the victory 6-1.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 LHS GBB christina

Senior Christina Wagner looks to make a pass against St. James Feb. 3. Luverne beat the Saints at home 55-44 for the conference win.

Cardinals pick up two big conference basketball wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' basketball team picked up two big conference wins at home this past week.

The Cardinals beat Fairmont 70-45 Feb. 2 and St. James 55-40 the next night, Feb. 3

Luverne is now 16-2 for the season with a conference record of 12-0.

LHS was scheduled to go on the road to take on Martin County West Tuesday, Feb. 7, then host Adrian Thursday, Feb. 9, and travel to Canby Friday, Feb. 10.

LHS 70, Fairmont 45

The LHS girls' basketball team hosted conference opponent Fairmont, beating them 70-45 Thursday, Feb. 2.

"I thought the first half was the best half of basketball we have played all year," head coach TJ Newgard said.

"We really overwhelmed them with our pressure. We did not allow them to get comfortable and really dictated the pace of the game."

Luverne shot 64 percent inside, sinking 19 of 30 attempts and 63 percent on 3-point shots.

"Averill was lights out going 6-6 from three. When she is looking for her shot and being aggressive, we are at our best," Newgard said.

If senior Elizabeth Wagner wasn't on the floor scrambling for the ball, she was scoring 29 points.

Wagner grabbed eight rebounds, had two assists, one steal and blocked three shots.

Senior Averill Sehr was on fire, sinking six 3-pointers for 18 points.

Sehr also had two rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Junior Kiesli Smith added seven points and one rebound.

Senior Emma Beyer scored five points, nabbed three rebounds, had three assists and three steals.

Senior Christina Wagner made four points, grabbed three rebounds, posted one assist, two steals and two blocked shots.

Other Luverne players scoring in the game were senior Jocelyn Hart with three points and juniors Sarah Stegenga and Dennie Sandbulte each with two points.

Defensively junior Kira John had two rebounds and two blocked shots while classmate Tori Serie added one rebound and one blocked shot.

LHS 55, St. James 40

The LHS girls' basketball team took on conference opponent St. James Friday, Feb. 3, in Luverne.

The Cardinals beat the Saints in a low-scoring game 55-40.

"St James came into the game on a five-game winning streak, and we knew they would be dangerous," Newgard said.

"They average 67 points per game, so holding them to 40 is really good."

Newgard added, "I love how this team can win games scoring in the 70s or 80s but can also grind out games in the 40s and 50s."

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Hills-Breaver Creek girls don't give up despite losing two games

By Greg Hoogeveen

The H-BC girls' basketball team lost two hard-fought games last week.

H-BC fell to No. 6-ranked Dell Rapids, South Dakota, on the road, 69-46, Tuesday, Jan. 31, and gave up a physical win to Edgerton Southwest Christian 87-67 at home Feb. 6.

The Patriots are now 8-13 for the season and will face their next opponent, Huron Lake-Okabena-Fulda, on the road Friday, Feb. 10.

Dell Rapids 69, H-BC 46

The Patriot girls lost to the Dell Rapids St. Mary's Cardinals 69-46 on the road Tuesday, Jan. 31.

"Dell Rapids was the end of a four-game stretch over five days," said head coach Dylan Gehrke.

"They're definitely some of the best shooters that we have faced this year," said Gehrke. "They ended up making 13 3-point shots on the night."

The Patriots were able to rebound Dell Rapids 32 to 25 and sank 10 of 17 free throws for 59 percent.

But it wasn't enough to overtake the Cardinals' scoring ability.

"This is one scrappy squad," Gehrke said. "Not much for size, but they make up for that with their quickness, speed, and intensity on defense. Offensively, they all can light it up from about anywhere."

The Patriots made nine 3-pointers and were only down 41-27 at half.

Eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra scored a double-double, making 11 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. She also has three assists and one steal.

Junior Lanae Elbers posted 11 points, three rebounds, three assists and one blocked shot.

Junior Layla Deelstra added eight points, one rebound, one assist and five steals to help the Patriots.

Other scorers for H-BC were junior Larissa Stein-



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 HBC GBB Olivia

Eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra looks for a lane in the Patriots' home game against SWC Feb. 6. H-BC lost the physical game 87-67, falling behind in the second half.

hoff with six points, freshman Abbie Harris with five, sophomore Emma Deelstra with three, and sophomore Bailey Spykerboer with two points.

"It will be nice to have a few days of practice before SWC comes to town on Monday for a big Red Rock Conference battle," Gehrke said.

SWC 87, H-BC 67

The Patriot girls lost a fast and physical game to Southwest Christian 87-67 at home Monday, Feb. 6.

"Monday night was definitely a physical battle. Both teams left it all out there," Gehrke said.

"We had girls playing a lot of minutes last night and I couldn't be prouder of them. I love the passion and fight that our girls play with."

H-BC played controlled ball in the first half and most of the second. SWC wore the Patriots down, causing missed passes and turnovers toward the end of the game.

"If we can continue to cut down on our turnovers and fix a

few things on defense, we will maybe come out on top in some of these games," Gehrke said.

"Props to the SWC girls. Veldkamp was relentless attacking the basket and boards, and Fey did a good job of posting up and finishing around the rim," Gehrke said.

Olivia Deelstra made 26 points, seven rebounds, five assists, two steals and two blocked shots.

Elbers posted a big double-double in the game. She scored 16 points and had 10 rebounds with two steals and one blocked shot.

Layla Deelstra added 11 points, three rebounds, five assists and one steal.

Rauk netted 2 3-pointers and one basket under the net for eight points. She also posted four rebounds and one assist.

Steinhoff made six points, had four rebounds and two assists.

Harris did not score but helped the team with four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Luverne boys' basketball team plays four games, wins two, loses two

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' basketball team had a full week with four games, winning two and losing two. LHS lost to Martin County West 61-56 Jan. 31 and Fairmont 59-55 Feb. 2, both on the road. The Cardinals won against St. James 88-77 Feb. 3 and Edgerton 78-60 Feb. 6, both at home. The Cardinals are now 9-9 for the season. Luverne was scheduled to play H-BC at home Tuesday, Feb. 7, travel to Windom Friday, Feb. 10, and host Adrian Monday, Feb. 13.

MCW 61, LHS 56

The LHS boys' basketball team lost by five, 61-56, in an overtime battle on the road against Martin County West Tuesday, Jan. 31. "We started the game in a hole, struggling to score in the first half, but we were able to figure out the Mavericks' zone and played a good second half," said head coach John Sichmeller. The Cardinals fell behind Martin County 20-12 at the half. "We took the lead and had chances to put them away, but they made some big shots to send it to overtime," Sichmeller said. In the second half Luverne was able to outscore the Mavericks 39-31 to tie the game at 51 in regulation. In overtime Luverne scored only five points to Martin County's 10. "We had a few too many turnovers and missed opportunities in overtime that hopefully we can learn from as we move forward," Sichmeller said. DeBeer led Luverne with a big double-double, scoring 23 points and muscling 11 rebounds. He also had three assists. Sehr made five 3-pointers and seven baskets in the paint for 19 points. He also had two rebounds and two assists. Gannon Ahrendt and Woodley added five points each. Ahrendt grabbed three rebounds, had four assists, three steals and three blocked shots. Woodley had eight rebounds, one assist and one steal. Landon Ahrendt contributed four points, one rebound and one assist. Feit helped the Cardinals with two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Sneller came off the bench to add one assist.

Fairmont 59, LHS 55
Luverne fell to the Fairmont Cardinals 59-55 on the road Feb. 2. "Their size was really difficult for us to handle," Sichmeller said. The LHS Cardinals played a tight first half but finished three points behind Fairmont 30-27 at the half. "We got behind by ten points in the second half but we made a really nice run to get back in the game," Sichmeller said. "We had a couple good looks at the end to tie the game but were unable to score and we were forced to foul them." Fairmont shot 50 percent at the line in the game; Luverne made 25 percent. "We were only two for eight on free throws and you are not going to win a lot of close games when you don't make your free throws," Sichmeller said. Gannon Ahrendt played a solid game with 19 points, snatching eight rebounds with two steals and two blocked shots. DeBeer added 13 points and four rebounds including three assists. Sehr made 10 points inside and one 3-pointer along with two rebounds, five assists and one steal. Feit sank two 3-pointers and made another two points inside. He also had two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Woodley added four points, four rebounds, three assists and one blocked shot.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 LHS BBB gannon

Senior Gannon Ahrendt dunks the ball over a St. James defender in Luverne's 88-77 win over the Saints Feb. 3.

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LHS 88, St. James 77

The Cardinals prevailed over St. James, 88-77, at home Friday, Feb. 3. "Tonight was really the first time all season that Carter and Gannon both shot well, and when they are shooting like that, we are tough to beat," Sichmeller said. "I don't think our defense was as strong tonight as it has been, but thankfully our offense was able to keep us in control all game." Both Luverne and St. James played a physical game. Neither team gave an inch on both sides of the court. Gannon Ahrendt had a great night, sinking 35 points, grabbing nine rebounds, posting five assists, four steals and one blocked shot. Ahrendt was seven for 10 on 3-pointers and dunked the ball five times. Sehr was also hot in the game, making six of nine 3-pointers in his 25 points. He also had three rebounds, five assists and one steal. DeBeer muscled his way inside, making 22 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. He was also on point making eight of 11 at the free throw line. Landon Ahrendt came off the bench to sink four points, and Sneller added two points, one rebound and two assists. Cowell did not score but played a big role with two rebounds, four assists and one steal. Feit contributed two rebounds and two assists in the Cardinals' win. Woodley did not show much in stats, but he handled St. James' big man, No. 43, with class.

LHS 78, Edgerton 60

The Luverne boys' basketball team defeated Edgerton at home, winning 78-60 Monday, Feb. 6. "We didn't play our best game, but we had a nice run in the middle of the second half to put them away," Sichmeller said. DeBeer led Luverne with 22 points, seven rebounds, one assist and two steals. Gannon Ahrendt posted 19 points, four rebounds, three assists, four steals and three blocked shots. Sehr added 12 points, one rebound, one assist, one steal and a blocked shot. Cowell netted seven points, two rebounds and one steal. Four other Cardinals added two points each. They are Sneller, Feit, Landon Ahrendt and Woodley.

H-BC boys' basketball team leans on defense to carry Patriots to two wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team won two games and lost one this past week. H-BC hosted MCC, losing 78-38 Jan. 31. The Patriots came back and beat Edgerton 67-46 on Feb. 3 and Elkton, 63-55 on Feb. 6. The Patriots are now 8-9 for the season and were scheduled to travel to Luverne Tuesday, Feb. 7, and HLOF on Thursday, Feb. 9.

MCC 78, H-BC 38

The H-BC boys' basketball team hosted Murray County Central Tuesday, Jan. 31. "Murray County Central is a really good team on both ends of the floor. When you are struggling offensively, they are a tough team to match up with," head coach Kale Wiertzema said. The Patriots struggled in the game with the Rebels' height and speed, losing 78-38. "Currently we are lacking confidence in every aspect on the offensive end of the floor," Wiertzema said. "Our defense continues to play well enough to win. Last night we gave up a few too many offensive rebounds which turned into second chance points." Senior Brock Harnack led the Patriots with 10 points and one rebound. Senior Brayden Metzger added nine points and two rebounds. Sophomore Cameron Allen posted seven points, two rebounds, two steals and an assist. Freshman Jamin Metzger made four points, two rebounds and one assist. Sophomore Beau Bakken and freshman Micah Bush both contributed three points. Bakken also had five rebounds and two assists and Bush had two rebounds and three assists. Senior Riley Tatge made one free throw, grabbed four rebounds and had one assist. Freshmen EJ Wegener also made one free throw, had two rebounds and one assist in the game.

H-BC 67, Edgerton 46
The Patriot boys' basketball team hosted Edgerton Friday, Feb. 3, beating them 67-46.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 HBC BBB bosch

Sophomore Sawyer Bosch drives the lane while looking for a shot in H-BC's home game against MCC Jan. 31. MCC won the game 78-38.

"We did a great job changing the pace of the game with our defense," Wiertzema said. "Edgerton is dealing with some injuries; we did a nice job utilizing our depth to speed up the game on both ends of the floor." Jamin Metzger led the Patriots with 14 points, four rebounds and two assists. Harnack added 12 points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Bush posted 10 points, five rebounds and two steals. Sophomores Sawyer Bosch and Cameron Allen each added eight points. Bosch had two rebounds, three assists and one steal. Allen added two rebounds, two assists and two steals. Bakken grabbed nine rebounds in the win. He also made six points, three assists, one steal and one blocked shot. Other Patriots that scored in the game were Tatge with four points, Brayden Metzger and EJ Wegener with two points each. "It was also nice to see some shots go in," Wiertzema said. "It was the first time in a while our shooting percentage was above 40 percent."


H-BC 63, Elkton 55
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team traveled to Elkton Monday, Feb. 6, beating the Elks 63-55. "We got off to a really slow start both halves and had to battle to close the gap to end the first and third quarters," Wiertzema said. Elkton-Lake Benton started the game shooting really well from the outside, having four threes in the first quarter. "After settling into both halves our defense had another outstanding night," said Wiertzema. Tatge led the Patriots with 15 points, five rebounds and one blocked shot. Harnack posted 13 points, one rebound, one steal and one blocked shot. Bush netted 11 points, had three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Bosch added 10 points, one rebound, two assists and one steal. Bakken contributed eight points, six rebounds and one assist. Other Patriots that scored were Brayden Metzger with three, Jamin Metzger with two and Allen with one free throw.

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Elizabeth Wagner had a great night. She made 21 points, grabbed nine rebounds, had one assist and five steals. In the game, Wagner passed Brooklynn VerSteeg (2022 grad) for the all-time scoring record. VerSteeg held the record with 1263 career points. Wagner posted 1277 at the end of the game. Senior Emma Beyer made two of five 3-pointers in her eight-point game. Beyer also had three rebounds, one assist and one steal. John was busy under the net grabbing 13 rebounds for LHS. She also added seven points, five assists, four steals and two blocked shots. Christina Wagner had seven big steals in the game against the Saints. She also posted seven points, three rebounds and one assist. Sehr netted seven points, had one rebound, three assists and two steals. Jocelyn Hart came off the bench making five points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

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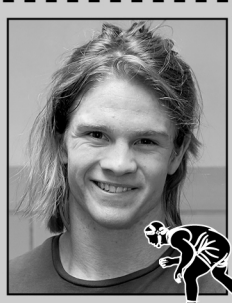
Kamryn Van Batavia
Sport: Hockey
Parents: Dave and Jessica Van Batavia
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Volleyball, choir, peer tutoring, reading, spending time with friends and family
Favorite Class: Math
Future Plans: Attend Minnesota State University - Mankato to major in Elementary Education and play hockey




Emma Beyer
Sport: Basketball
Parents: Jamie and Jen Beyer
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Volleyball, choir, peer helping, peer tutoring, math league, yearbook, National Honor Society
Favorite Class: Child Development
Future Plans: Attend Minnesota State University - Moorhead to major in Elementary Education




DJ Rock
Sport: Wrestling
Parents: Davey and Shayla Rock
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Track and field, climbing and anything fun
Favorite Class: History
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Luverne boys' hockey team nets two conference wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' hockey team beat three opponents the past week, picking up two conference wins along the way.

The Cardinals defeated conference foes Redwood Valley 7-0 Jan. 31 and Marshall 4-2 Feb. 2. at home.

They also rolled past the MBA Storm 7-4 on the road Feb. 4.

Luverne is now 13-6-1 for the season.

The Cardinals were scheduled to host Fairmont Tuesday, Feb. 7, and Minnesota River Friday, Feb. 10.

They will take on Minnesota River again the next day Saturday, Feb. 11, on the road.

LHS 7, Redwood 0

The Luverne boys' hockey team plucked a 7-0 win from the Redwood Valley Cardinals at home Tuesday, Jan. 31.

There was not a single penalty made in the game by either team.

The Luverne Cardinals slung 64 shots on Redwood's goalie, making seven.

Redwood winged 14 shots at junior Tyler Arends and one at reliever Xander Remme, but they blocked them all.

Senior Brock Behrend started Luverne's scoring with a first period goal at 9:15 assisted by junior Owen Sudenga and sophomore Blaik Bork.

Sophomore Alexander Schlosser added another goal at 14:10 assisted by sophomore Marcus Vortherms.

The Cardinals were ahead 2-0 after the first period.

Senior Brady Bork started off the second period, scoring at 4:44 assisted by junior Patrick Kroski.

Behrend scored his second goal at 6:23 assisted by Blaik Bork and Sudenga.

Behrend then scored again, a hat trick, at 9:30 assisted by Sudenga and Blaik Bork.

Kroski finished the period with a goal at 11:49 with assists by junior Elliot Domagala and junior Henry Hartquist.

Luverne finished the first two periods 6-0 on Redwood.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 LHS Bhoc kroski

Junior Patrick Kroski fights for the puck with a Marshall player Feb. 2. The Cardinals tamed the Tigers at home, winning 4-2.

There was only one score in the third period. Sophomore Layke Miller scored his first-ever varsity goal. He was assisted by Brady Bork.

LHS 4, Marshall 2

The Luverne boys' hockey team caged the Marshall Tigers, beating them 4-2.

The Cardinals grabbed the conference win Thursday, Feb. 2, at home "Marshall was a good team win for us. We battled in all three periods, capitalized on offensive opportunities and played better hockey in our defensive zone with solid goaltending all night," Paquette said.

Brady Bork got Luverne started, scoring in the first period at 5:02 unassisted.

He then opened the second period scoring his second goal at 9:18 assisted by Langseth.

Marshall answered with a goal of their own at 14:48.

Elliot Domagala closed the second period scoring at 16:43 assisted by Kroski and Sudenga.

The Cardinals went up 3-1 after two periods.

In the third period Sudenga beat the Marshall goalie at 12:06. He was assisted by Vortherms and Blaik Bork.

Marshall snuck in their second goal at 14:07 in the third.

With the score 4-2 late in the third period, the Tigers pulled their goalie in hopes of netting a goal with a man advantage.

The Cardinals were able to fend off the Tigers' strategy, and LHS goalie Tyler Arends blocked any attempts Marshall made to score.

LHS 7, MBA 4

The Cardinal boys' hockey team traveled to the Benson Civic Center Saturday, Feb. 4, to take on Morris-Benson Area.

Luverne left with a commanding 7-4 win over the Storm.

Schlosser got the first score of the game at 14:49 in the first period. He was assisted by Brady Bork and Kroski.

MBA answered with a power play goal at 16:32, tying the game 1-1 after one period.

The second period saw Luverne pull away scoring four times with only one goal for the Storm.

Brady Bork beat the Storm's goalie 45 seconds into the second period. He was assisted by Elliot Domagala and Langseth.

Behrend scored shortly after at 1:12 assisted by Miller and Sudenga.

Elliot Domagala netted Luverne's third goal at 5:54 assisted by Brady Bork and Miller.

Sudenga finished the Cardinals' second period, beating the Storm goalie at 6:56 assisted by Blaik Bork and Vortherms.

MBA once again finished the period with a Storm goal at 14:12.

Luverne now led 5-2 after two periods of hockey.

In the third period MBA scored twice, both on power plays, one at 4:25 and another at 6:14, to pull within one point of Luverne.

Not to be denied a win, LHS goalie Tyler Arends held his ice and denied MBA any more goals.

The Cardinals were able to add two more goals of their own to pad their lead.

Langseth scored at 8:42 assisted by Elliot Domagala and Kroski.

Then Kroski sealed the win with a power play goal at 15:55 assisted by Blaik Bork and Brady Bork.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 LHS wrest zakada

Luverne high school junior Zakada Bradley works to takes her opponent down during her match at Luverne's quadrangular Jan. 31.

LHS wrestling team wins two, loses one match at Quadrangular

By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne hosted a Quadrangular Tuesday, Jan. 31, winning two matches and losing one.

The Cardinals beat Beresford, South Dakota, 45-30, and Garretson, South Dakota, 54-27. They lost to Elk Point, South Dakota, 41-28.

The Cardinals were scheduled to travel to Viborg, South Dakota, Tuesday, Feb. 7, and will host a Triangular Thursday, Feb. 9. They will then travel for another Triangular Friday, Feb. 10.

Luverne's wrestling team is 7-11 for the season. The sectional team tournament is set for Thursday, Feb. 16, at a location yet to be determined.

Boys' varsity Individual Sectional Tournament will be Saturday, Feb. 25, at Jackson County Central High School.

Girls' varsity Individual Sectional Tournament will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at Hastings High School.

Luverne Quadrangular

Luverne hosted a Quadrangular in the Cardinal Classic Gym Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Teams participating were Beresford/Alcester-Hudson, Elk Point-Jefferson, and Garretson, all South Dakota schools.

Luverne wrestled three duals in the Quad. The Cardinals beat

Beresford/Alcester-Hudson 45-30, lost to Elk Point-Jefferson 41-28, and won against Garretson 54-27.

"I think we had some of our best wrestling Tuesday night since the first of the year," head coach Jordan Kopp said.

"Being in front of the home crowd with a great turnout really got the kids going."

The Cardinals' three dual matches are as follows:

LHS 45, Beresford 30

Luverne was able to beat Beresford, winning eight of the 14 matches. Five wins were by pins, two came from Beresford forfeits and one by decision.

Breakdown by weight-class is as follows:

- 106 - Owen Serck (B) over Brody Kopp (L) by 11-0 MD. Team: L0-B4
- 113 - Bernie Rock (L) over Dexter Miller (B) by fall. Team: L6-B4
- 120 - Matthew Gangestad (L) over Kanin Kientz (B) by fall. Team: L12-B4
- 126 - Leif Ingebretsen (L) over Tate Lyle (B) by fall. Team: L18-B4
- 132 - Josh Stroh (L) win by forfeit. Team: L24-B4
- 138 - Hayden Lounsbury (B) win by forfeit. Team: L24-B10
- 145 - Cameron McCrary (L) over Isaac Boden (B) by fall. Team: L30-B10
- 152 - Robert Watkins (B) win by forfeit. Team: L30-B16

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Cardinal gymnastics team now 20-4 for the season

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne gymnastics team leapt over two conference opponents last week.

The Cardinals beat Fairmont 131.200 to 128.775 in Fairmont Tuesday, Jan. 31, then hosted St. James Thursday, Feb. 2, dominating the meet 134.850 to 99.625.

The Cardinals' gymnastics team is now 22-4 for the season.

Luverne was scheduled to host New Ulm Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The Cardinals will then head to sectionals in Pipestone Saturday, Feb. 18.

LHS 131.200, MCA 128.775

The Luverne gymnasts traveled to Fairmont to take on conference foes Martin County Area Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The Cardinals won 131.200 to 128.775 in team competition.

"We were without Ella Reisdorfer in this meet and Kianna Winter only did vault for us," head coach Phoebe Flom said.

"The other girls stepped up and had an awesome night, securing the win for us."

In the all-around competition Luverne placed two of the top four spots.

Sophomore Amira Cowell took first place all-around for Luverne with a 33.975 combined score.

Junior Sarah de Cesare placed third scoring 32.475 all-around combined points.

Other Luverne gymnasts placing in all-around were:

- Addyson Mann - 24.175, sixth, competed in three events
- Kendra Thorson - 22.850, ninth, competed in three events
- Reagan Gangestad - 22.550, tenth, competed in three events
- Hailey Como - 15.600, eleventh, competed in two events
- Kianna Winter - 8.550, twelfth, competed in one event

In the individual events competitions, results are as follows:

- Vault: Amira Cowell - 9.175, first
- Kendra Thorson - 9.000, second
- Kianna Winter - 8.550, fourth
- Hailey Como - 8.550, fifth
- Sarah de Cesare - 8.450, sixth

- Uneven parallel bars: Amira Cowell - 8.50, first
- Sarah de Cesare - 7.575, third
- Addyson Mann - 7.425, fourth
- Hailey Como - 7.100, eighth
- Reagan Gangestad - 6.675, tenth

- Beam: Addyson Mann - 8.400, second
- Amira Cowell - 8.250, third



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0209 LHS gymn sarah

Junior Sarah de Cesare performs in the floor exercise Feb. 2 at home. Luverne beat St. James in the meet 134.850 to 99.625 in combined team scoring.

- Reagan Gangestad - 8.075, fourth
- Sarah de Cesare - 7.850, fifth
- Kendra Thorson - 6.400, tenth

- Floor: Sarah de Cesare - 8.600, second
- Addyson Mann - 8.350, fifth
- Amira Cowell - 8.050, seventh
- Reagan Gangestad - 7.800, eighth
- Kendra Thorson - 7.450, tenth

LHS 134.850, SJA 99.625

The Luverne gymnasts dominated their conference opponent St. James Thursday, Feb. 2, at home.

The Cardinals beat the Saints handily 134.850 - 99.625, holding them to placing no higher than sixth place in every individual event.

In the all-around competition Luverne took the top two spots with St. James claiming the third and fourth.

Reisdorfer placed first with 36.300 combined all-around points. In doing so, she broke her own school record of 35.900 set back in Feb. 23 against Pipestone.

Cowell took second all-around with an impressive 34.800 combined points.

Other all-around placers for

Luverne were:

- Sarah de Cesare - 23.775, fifth, competed in three events
- Kianna Winter - 23.000, seventh, competed in three events
- Addyson Mann - 22.000, eighth, competed in three events
- Reagan Gangestad - 15.500, tenth, competed in two events

In the four individual events; vault, bars, beam and floor, the Cardinals took first through fifth place, leaving sixth through 10th place for St. James.

Results for the individual events are as follows:

- Vault: Amira Cowell - 9.275, first
- Ella Reisdorfer - 8.825, second
- Kendra Thorson - 8.775, third
- Sarah de Cesare - 8.150, fourth
- Kianna Winter - 7.885, fifth

- Uneven parallel bars: Ella Reisdorfer - 9.125, first
- Amira Cowell - 8.150, second
- Sarah de Cesare - 7.550, third
- Reagan Gangestad - 7.250, fourth
- Addyson Mann - 6.950, fifth

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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/stoclouverne/videos/>. 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
Walt Moser, Pastor

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

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 9: 7:10 a.m. Breakfast Club. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Feb. 12: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and 3rd grade Milestone. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10 a.m. Sunday School & Drums. 1 p.m. 6th-12th grade BIG GAMES. Tuesday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 15: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 9 a.m. Spring cleaning. 5:30 p.m. Glow Praise Band. 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Pizza Party. 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. 10: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Feb. 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – Super Bowl of Caring offering. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Feb. 14: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 15: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. 7:30 p.m. PC Awards Night. Thursday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church

1075 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. 11: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Feb. 12: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Prayer Warriors after service. 2-4 p.m. Meet the Bishop meeting in Mankato. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Feb. 13: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Feb. 14: 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Feb. 15: 1:30 p.m. Coffee Talk. 6:15 p.m. FUEL and 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 Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@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: newlifecel@icloud.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.

igtwlb@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. 12: 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 9:30 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 — palisadchurch@alliancecom.net

www.palisadelutheran.org

Thursday, Feb. 9: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting. Sunday, Feb. 12: 9 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeL.C.; 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: magnoliamumc@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 / bethelehemofhills@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

Be that city

Seems like so many of us, on too many occasions, lose sight of what it means to be a Christ follower once we get behind the wheel of a car. I'm positive I'm not the only person who has forgotten the WWJD (WhatWouldJesusDo) lesson.

I'm reminded of this one time when I had entered an on-ramp to the interstate. Just after I turned, I noticed a car super close to me. I thought, geez, where did they come from. Anyway, I've never been accused of being a slow driver, so I stepped on it. I kept looking in the mirror and as much as I accelerated, this car appeared to be stuck to mine. I looked again as we entered the interstate – yup, still there.

By this time, I noticed we had entered where the lane indicated "Exit Only" so I quickly changed lanes at the exact time the car following me did. Apparently, this person behind me did not like the lane change; they got in the lane next to me, slowed down and waved to me. I noticed this guy was either really friendly who was missing three fingers, or he wasn't so nice because I only saw one.

My initial reaction was to catch up to the other car and, I don't know, maybe shake my fist at him. However, my wife told me to relax; it was not a big deal.

The truth is my reaction was out of anger, not unlike the unfortunate guy who was missing three fingers.

I would suspect that most of us who drive have had this happen. I would also suspect that most of us get angry. Anger is real in our lives; it's an emotion God gave to us. Anger isn't a sin; it's simply part of being human.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Bob Junak
Rock River
Community Church,
Luverne

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:26-27 (MSG):
26 Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. 27 Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.

That's what my reaction was, to seek revenge. I had zero compassion for the amputee. Clearly this guy had issues and I fell right into the enemy's clutches. God wants so much more from us in situations like that. We must learn to release our anger to Him and let it go. Reminding ourselves it's what we do with our anger that set's us believers apart from those who don't know Christ.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:14 (NLT):
"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."

If we continue to react out of anger, how can we be a light to anyone? In my opinion, it's very difficult to build a relationship with God or others if we allow the enemy to take over this emotion and live a life always being angry.

Maybe we are angry because of a situation we have faced, or we might be angry at someone or maybe even God. Whatever your anger, lean on God, lay your anger down at the foot of the cross. Allow God to use you and be that city!

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LisaAnn Artistic Creations

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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

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Signature : /s/ Lisa Ann Hamann

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(02-02, 02-09)

Bork probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK

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. Vajrt
District Court Judge

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

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(02-02, 02-09)

Leenderts probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Leonard Leenderts,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-23-20

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 December 16, 2005, and for the appointment of Alan Leenderts, whose address is 510 2nd Street, Hills, Minnesota 56138, 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 representative 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 representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date Filed: January 27, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

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

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(02-09, 02-16)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 29

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: April 21, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Bradley G Moss and Dawn M Moss, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 26, 2010, Rock County

Recorder, Document No. 173571.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Central Mortgage Company. Dated April 21, 2010, Recorded April 26, 2010, as Document No. 173572. And thereafter assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Dated October 19, 2015, Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. 187187. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 29, 2019, Recorded August 30, 2019, as Document No. 195483. And thereafter assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Dated June 30, 2022, Recorded June 30, 2022, as Document No. 202762.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank N.A.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a RightPath Servicing

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the NW 1/4, then east along the North Line of said Section a distance of 2,345 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing east along the North Line of said NW 1/4 a distance of 295 feet; thence south and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet; thence west and parallel to the North Line of said Section a distance of 295 feet; thence north and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$180,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$204,309.90

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: September 29, 2022, 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 March 29, 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: July 26, 2022

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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21 - 22-002677 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-25, 09-01, 09-08)

Notice of postponement

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until November 10, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: September 27, 2022

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(10-06)

Notice of postponement

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until December 22, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: November 8, 2022.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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21 - 22-002677 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(11-17)

Notice of postponement

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale

is postponed until February 2, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: December 20, 2022.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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Notice of postponement

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until March 16, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: January 31, 2023.

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(02-09)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 16

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 15, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.

MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010, Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 200286000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,963.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$62,033.91

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 16, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 9, 2023

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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160 – Peyton Friedrich (B) over DJ Rock (L) by 16-6 MD. Team: L30-B20
 170 – Sam Rock (L) over Gaval Valder (B) by pin. Team: L36-B20
 182 – Cash Bonnet (L) win by forfeit. Team: L42-B20
 195 – Landon Schurch (B) over Jacob Madison (L) 8-0 MD. Team: L42-B24
 220 – Aaron Larson (B) win by forfeit. Team: L42-B30
 285 – Masyn Akkerman (L) over Alex Jensen (B) 5-4 dec. Team: L45-B30

Elk Point 41, LHS 28
 The Cardinals had trouble matching up with Elk-Point-Jefferson, giving up three matches by forfeit.

Luverne was not able to make up enough points in the matches to dig out of an 18-point hole made by not having wrestlers at three weights in this dual.

Breakdown by weight-class is as follows:

106 – Brody Van Roekel (EPJ) over Brody Kopp (L) by 9-0 MD. Team: L0-EPJ4
 113- Bernie Rock (L) over Owen Rigg (EPJ) 6-4 dec. Team: L3-EPJ4
 120 – Luke Swatek (EPJ) over

Matthew Gangestad (L) 40- dec. Team: L3-EPJ7
 126 – Rayden Boyenga (L) over Trey WunderWeerd (EPJ) by fall. Team: L9-EPJ7
 132 Leif Ingebretsen (L) over Levi Hanson (EPJ) 13-0 MD. Team: L14-EPJ7
 138 – Hayes Johnson (EPJ) over Hudson Hough (L) by fall. Team: L14-13
 145 – Cameron McCrary (L) over Spencer Marx (EPJ) by fall. Team: L19-EPJ 13
 152 – Lucas Hueser (EPJ) win by forfeit. Team: L19-EPJ19
 160 – Ben Swatek (EPJ) over DJ Rock (L) 10-2 MD. Team: L19-EPJ 23
 170 – Sam Rock (L) over Gavin Jacobs (EPJ) by fall. Team: L25-EPJ23
 182 – Grayson Jacobs (EPJ) over Jacob Madison (L) by fall. Team: L25-EPJ29
 195 – Noah McDermott (EPJ) win by forfeit. Team: L25-EPJ35
 220 – Keaton Hinds (EPJ) win by forfeit. Team: L25 – EPJ41
 285 – Masyn Akkerman (L) over Noah Thooft (EPJ) 11-9 TB-1. Team: L28-EPJ41

LHS 54, Garretson 27
 LHS wrestlers took care of Garretson, winning nine matches, five by pins and four by forfeits.
 Luverne gave up two

matches by pins, two by forfeit and one by decision.

Breakdown by weight-class is as follows:

106 – Brody Kopp (L) over Maxx Dickey (G) by fall. Team: L6-G0
 113 – Bernie Rock (L) win by forfeit. Team: L12-G0
 120 – Matthew Gangestad (L) over Gavin Denherder (G) by fall. Team: L18-G0
 126 – Leif Ingebretsen (L) win by forfeit. Team: L24-G0
 132 – Hudson Hough (L) win by forfeit. Team: L30-G0
 138 – Josh Stroh (L) over Preston Bohl (G) by fall. Team: L36-G0
 145 – Hunter Abraham (G) over Cameron McCrary (L) by fall. Team: L36-G6
 152 – Brock Bonte (G) win by forfeit. Team: L36-G12
 160 – DJ Rock (L) over Cole Schleiter (G) by fall. Team: L42-G12
 170 – Sam Rock (L) win by forfeit. Team: L48-G12
 182 – Calab Westerbur (G) over Cash Bonnett (L) by fall. Team: L48-G18
 195 – Jacob Madison (L) over Martin Welch (G) by fall. Team: L54-G18
 220 – Drew Pederson (G) win by forfeit. Team: L54-G24
 285 – Jadan Richter (G) over Masyn Akkerman (L) 1-0 dec. Team: L54-G27

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Greg Hooegeven photo/0209 LHS gymn ella

RECORD BREAKER: Sophomore Ella Reisdorfer set two records in Luverne's gymnastics win over St. James Feb. 2 at home. She broke her own record in all-around with a 36.300 combined score and set a new bar score at 9.125.

With her 9.125 bar score Reisdorfer broke the school record of 8.85 held by Allayna Gacke 2002 and Madison Schandelmeier 2016.

Flom said, "They have done some changes in skill requirements over the years so hitting that score is harder these days."

Beam:
 Ella Reisdorfer - 9.150, first
 Amira Cowell - 8.525, second
 Reagan Gangestad - 8.250, third
 Kianna Winter - 7.400, fourth
 Addyson Mann - 6.750, fifth

Floor:
 Ella Reisdorfer - 9.200, first
 Amira Cowell - 8.550, second
 Addyson Mann - 8.300, third
 Sarah de Cesare - 8.075, fourth
 Kianna Winter - 7.750, fifth

"I thought the girls did a great job against St. James. It was nice to have everybody back healthy," Flom said.

"Our girls are really looking good."

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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.

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building project with the architects ATSR, construction manager RA Morton and the district's finance adviser Ehlers Inc.

Representatives from all three entities will join H-BC School Board members at the March public information meetings.

The district intends to ask voters two questions on April 11.

Question 1 asks voters to consider a \$26.5 million bond to build a new preK-5 elementary school and decommission the existing structure in Beaver Creek.

Question 2 asks for \$3.475 million to decommission the former high school building in Hills and make improvements to the former school's locker rooms and gymnasium. The existing bus garage and the parking lot at the current secondary school will also be expanded under the plan.

An informational brochure was recently sent to school district residents explaining the projects involved in the bond referendum and where and how residents can vote.

A copy of the brochure is available at www.hbc Patriots.com under the "2023 Referendum" tab where an impact calculator is also available for residents to gauge how the referendum may affect various property classifications.

The 2022 community facility survey and 2022 facility analysis can also be viewed on the school website.



In the photo above, Mackenzie Walker (on the diving board) raises her arms to mimic swim instructor Blake Frahm Feb. 1 during the second-graders' swim lessons at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness. On top right, instructor Michelle DeKam encourages Raelynn Remme (left), Norah Benjamin and Gavyn Gainey to try floating on their backs Feb. 1 during a make-up swim lesson at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness. Sadiella Rodas Chicas prepares to dive under the water.



Mavis Fodness photos/0209 Second Grade Swim



Luverne Elementary School students catch up on swim basics



Luverne Elementary School students resumed swimming lessons this winter as part of the school's physical education classes. For two years, due to the coronavirus pandemic and remodeling project at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness, the second-grade swim lessons weren't offered. This fall, in order to make sure all elementary students know the basics of water safety, the school's Parents, Partners in Education (PPIE) group sponsored swim lessons for second- through fourth-grade classes. Last week, Luverne's second-grade classes made up two days of missed lessons that were canceled due to snowy weather in December. At left, second-graders splash as part of the "Red Light, Green Light" activity with instructor Michelle DeKam.

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size. Signup is completed in the district office.

The delinquent meal balances are several years of accumulated debt and are not a new problem for school districts.

Account balances fluctuate from year to year as balances are paid, but this year the negative balances are escalating rapidly.

At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, Luverne's unpaid meal balance was at \$3,503.

Within four months of the current school year, the balance grew to \$9,608 and two months later the amount is \$26,626.

"It is an oddball year due to the fact this is the first time we are charging for lunch for the past two years," said business manager Tyler Reisch.

"I personally felt it was going to take time for parents to get back into the swing of realizing they have to put money in their child's account."

Due to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, the district participated in the

National School Lunch Program to offer free breakfasts and lunches to all students during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

The free meals for all students ended in September.

Parents can pay in person, by mail or use the district's online payment system. Students can pay cash at the time of meal purchase.

"We keep trying to work with families to set up a plan for payment and that is we haven't 'written off' the amount (to the district's general fund)," Oftedahl said.

"We try to create a positive balance by asking parents to provide some payment or set up a plan to pay down some of the negative balances."

The district continues to accept Angel Fund donations.

No 'lunch shaming' takes place locally

No students at Luverne Public Schools are given alternative lunches or denied

meals if they have a negative balance.

The district also no longer gives students stamps or slips of paper indicating they have a negative balance.

"That policy went away three years ago," Oftedahl said.

"We still notify parents when they are approaching a zero balance and when they have a negative. We do not notify the student."

Luverne and other Minnesota school districts adopted resolutions recently mirroring what the districts were already practicing of providing student meals at school regardless of a negative account balance.

In November state attorney general Keith Ellison said that providing alternative meals violates state law that requires respectful treatment of students regarding school lunch debt and prohibits limiting access to many aspects of student life based on meal debt.

"Minnesota law is clear: students whose families are struggling to afford their lives cannot be denied a regular school lunch or offered a standard alternative meal in place of a regular lunch," Ellison said in a press release.

"That practice is another form of 'lunch shaming' that is an affront to the dignity of those students and is not allowed under the law."

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