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Fire chief: Don't ignore CO alarms

Hills family averts tragedy by heeding detector notification

By Mavis Fodness

"Treat every alarm as real," said Hills area fire chief Jared Rozeboom.

A Hills family avoided possible carbon monoxide poisoning, thanks to a CO detector's alarm.

On Wednesday, April 5, the Hills Area Volunteer Fire Department received a call from a building contractor who was working in a Hills resident's home.

The homeowner was concerned enough to call the contractor about the alarm.

"The contractor thought maybe it was dust and humidity that was affecting the alarm, but wanted us to check to be for sure," Rozeboom said.

"Upon entry, our gas monitor went into alarm mode and indicated elevated levels of CO."

The home's heating system was the source of the carbon monoxide.

No one was injured or hurt from breathing in CO produced during the furnace's burning of fossil fuel.

"These stories don't make the headlines or even the local town gossip," Rozeboom said. "I wanted to draw your attention to a few things that kept this story from becoming a tragedy."

Rozeboom said there were two reasons last week's incident didn't have a tragic ending.

First, the home had multiple working carbon monoxide detectors.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless toxic gas that is released in the process of burning fossil fuels when not enough oxygen is present for efficient burning.

"With propane and natural gas becoming so prevalent in our communities for heating and cooking, it is only a matter of time before many of us encounter CO in our homes," he said.

The second reason was the homeowner and contractor took action and called the fire department when the CO alarm sounded.

"One can only fathom the

Carbon monoxide/see page 2



Lori Sorenson photos/0413 magnolia easter egg hunt

Easter egg hunters take to the streets

More than 100 happy Easter egg hunters took to Main Street in Magnolia Saturday morning in search of plastic egg-wrapped treats. The event, sponsored by the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club, typically happens in the city park, but it had to move this year due to winter conditions. "It was such a change from last year, because the park was under snow," said Laura Luitjens, one of the organizers. She said 4-H Club members filled 1,900 eggs with candy at their last meeting, and more were donated after that. Also that morning, rabbits and a calf (in Easter bunny ears) were available for a small petting zoo. **Below right**, Brian Canfield helps his children Michael and Emily retrieve candy from plastic eggs which were returned to the 4-H club after the hunt. **Below center**, Daisha Wagner holds a rabbit that was part of a small petting zoo at Saturday's event.



Michael Canfield was delighted to find a golden egg, which meant he could take it to organizers for a prize.



(Submitted photo)



City bonds for \$1.72 million to develop Lopau Addition

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members acted at their March 28 meeting to finance development of the Lopau Housing Addition.

They approved a resolution issuing \$1,720,000 in general obligation improvement bonds to make street and utility improvements to the development that will accommodate 24 residential lots. Northland Securities Inc.,

Minneapolis, is the city's independent municipal adviser authorized to sell the bonds by competitive negotiated sale.

Financing proposals will be received on the morning of May 9 for consideration at the City Council's meeting that evening.

The estimated "true interest cost" is 3.56 percent, based on the city's current "AA-" rating by Standard and Poor's.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority owns the lots and will host a public hearing later this year to set lot prices and establish protective covenants.

The lots will be on the market in 2023 and will be available for new home construction in 2024.

LEDA will use a combination of cash reserves and the revenue from lot sales to make bond payments, in addition to special as-

sessments on the new properties and property tax levies.

Construction

Henning Construction of Adrian was the low bidder for the project at \$1,480,513.80 (nearly \$270,000 lower than the engineer's estimate of \$1.75 million).

Six bids were submitted,

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Slow spring melt eases drought conditions

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock River spilled its banks over the weekend in Luverne, sending water into Riverside Park on the north side of County Road 4 on Sunday and Monday.

The Luverne City Park and Redbird Field escaped flooding, however, and by Monday morning water levels began to recede.

According to the National Weather Service, the river crested just before 10 p.m. Sunday in Luverne at 9.9 feet.

Moderate flooding at that location is considered to be 10 feet, and at noon Monday, it measured 10.45 feet. The record was set on June 17, 2014, at 14.9 feet.

In other parts of Rock County

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Greg Hoogeveen photo/0413 rock river

The Rock River at Luverne City Park swirls near flood level Monday afternoon just after water levels north of the Main Street bridge receded back within the banks. Despite near record snow cover this winter, flooding remains at bay, thanks in part to shallow frost depth and dry soils.

April 20 conference addresses mental health in emergency responders

By Lori Sorenson

Law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical responders and military personnel are trained to help victims in traumatic circumstances.

However, despite their training, these professionals often suffer from the aftereffects of their regular exposure to life-and-death emergencies.

Luverne's Diane Sherwood and her Remember Rally nonprofit will host a conference Thursday, April 20, to bring awareness to the fact that emergency responders are human, and they need to protect their mental health.

"I, along with so many people, understand the concerns related to mental health. We hope

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 17, at Sanford Luverne Medical Center. Note the change of date. Contact Sharon Zinnel, 507-227-3821, with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

SAIL classes in Hills

SAIL classes meet in Hills Monday and Thursday mornings now through June 22.

The classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. They meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Game Plan 4 Hope, 312 W. 3rd St. in Hills. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required by calling volunteer class leaders Carol Gerhke, 507-220-1116, or Nelva Behr, 507-962-3413.

Mobile dental clinic April 13

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne Thursday, April 13, at ATLAS of Rock County on Maple Street in Luverne. (Note the new location, and use the Community Room entrance.)

This clinic, organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force, provides dental care for adults and children ages 0 to over 100. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted.

Blue Mounds Birding April 15

The Blue Mounds State Park naturalist will offer Blue Mounds Birding from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at the picnic shelter for a program about migrant songbirds and how to identify birds in the wild.

After some background information we will set out on the trail for a short half-mile hike to practice your new skills. *Come prepared with sun and insect protection as well as good walking shoes. Bring your binoculars if you have them. All ages welcome.

Pro-life rally April 17

A pro-life rally will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 17, at Southwest Christian in Edgerton. Don Parker, director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Minneapolis, will speak about the work of his organization. Call 507-283-2219 with questions.

Blood drive April 18

The American Red Cross will accept blood donations from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Living Rock Church on East Main Street in Luverne. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter LuverneMN.

LWML Spring Rally April 22

The Pipestone Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 22, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone.

Registration is at 9 a.m. with coffee and rolls. Guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Armand Boehme on the topic, "I am spiritual, but not religious. Millennials and the church." Gifts from the Heart are personal care items for the Pipestone County Hospice. Lunch will follow program. Call Linda Wenzel, 507-220-8194.

A.C.E. starts 'Matter of Balance' classes April 24

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota will offer a new six-week round of "Matter of Balance" classes starting Monday, April 24, at the Magnolia Post Office. The classes will continue meeting at 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through May 17. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required and donations are accepted. Call Linda, 507-283-5064, or Connie (507) 220-3584 or online at <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/3978>.

#TellUsTuesday Results

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What Is Your Favorite Easter Tradition?

Easter Egg Hunt	10%
Dying Easter Eggs	3%
Family & Food	45%
Church Services	39%
Easter Bunny Visits/Pictures	3%



Mavis Fodness photo/0413 Cardinal Moving Ribbon Cutting

Friday ribbon-cutting celebrates Cardinal Moving

Friends, family and the Luverne Area Chamber celebrated a ribbon-cutting Friday afternoon for Cardinal Moving, a business created by four Luverne High School students, Adam Ask, Marcus Vortherms, Marcos Diaz and Zach Overgaard. The new business assists area residents in moving household furniture, appliances and other items. Pictured are (from left) past chamber president Becky Walgrave, Lori Witte, Lucy Ask, Meghan Witte, Madyson Bajema, Bergen Ask, Carol Wulf, Rachel Wulf, Adam Ask, Marcus Vortherms, Marcos Diaz, Zach Overgaard, Katie Oksness, Annie Oksness, Sharon Oksness, John Oksness, Gloria Diaz, Luisa Luna and Chamber Board member Jenny Jorgensen.

Trauma and mental health/from page 1

that attendees of the conference will benefit from the training and resources that will be provided," Sherwood said.

"Some of the speakers will be telling stories of their experiences as a first responder, what issues they went through, and what they did to reach out for help."

The event begins with registration at 8 a.m. at the Luverne Pizza Ranch, and the program begins at 9 a.m.

The lineup of speakers includes professionals from around the nation who will talk about mental health, PTSD and suicide prevention for an audience of invited law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS, clergy and counselors in Luverne and surrounding communities.

•Ann Jensen, director of southwest Minnesota EMS in Dawson, will talk about "The importance of Debriefing Teams"

•Samantha Bruening, Yankton, South Dakota, Police Department will share "From Crisis to Calm" about a tragic incident that affected her life, how she reached out for help to get out of darkness and the importance of support.

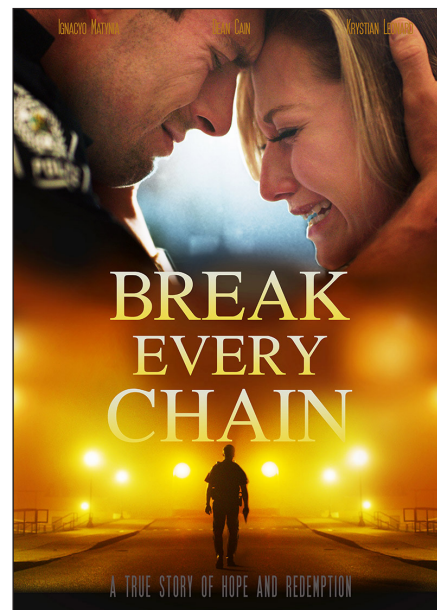
•Wayne Kewitsch, Minnesota Fire Initiative Twin Cities, will speak about the "Hometown Heroes Assistance Program."

•Dennis Proffitt, former Virginia State Trooper, will talk about his work in law enforcement and crisis response counseling and about his podcast, "Badge To The Bone."

•Brad Shepherd, public safety director and alumni for Chateau Recovery, a mental health and substance abuse residential Treatment facility, will speak on "The Impact of Trauma on First Responders."

Jonathan Hickory, law enforcement officer in Virginia, wrote a book about his depression, alcoholism and thoughts of suicide. The book, "Break Every Chain," was made into a movie.

A private screening of the movie for emergency responders Thursday will be at 3:15 at the Palace Theatre.



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Pre-register for the conference by emailing promos@iw.net or texting to 507-920-5349. There is no cost to attend the conference, and food is provided for those who register in advance.

"We feel that by having first responders and related fields able to come together for training, a bond from various agencies and communities can be created," Sherwood said.

There will be volunteers on Maple Street behind the Pizza Ranch that will help attendees on where they can park.

The event is presented by Remember Rally, a nonprofit that Sherwood started after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The organization honors military personnel and first responders and raises money to help those affected by service-related trauma and health problems.

CO alarm/from 1

tragedy that could have unfolded over the next few hours as the family went to bed, unaware that a 'silent killer' awaited them," Rozeboom said.

The first signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are subtle.

Flu-like symptoms —mild headaches, dizziness, fatigue or nausea — are the first poisoning effects that lead to confusion, irritability, impaired judgment and memory and coordination issues.

Carbon monoxide affects people differently depending on gas concentrations, exposure levels and health status.

"If early signs are ignored, a person may lose consciousness and be unable to escape danger," Rozeboom said.

When the detector indicated carbon monoxide in the home, Hills volunteer firefighters immediately opened doors and windows to remove the gas. The family was displaced from the home until the furnace was fixed.

Rozeboom recommends these safety measures for all residents:

- Install multiple carbon dioxide detectors with constant digital level readouts. Don't choose devices with combined smoke and CO detection.
- The readout indicates how many parts per million are in the atmosphere. If the digital readout begins to show even minor levels of CO, something is wrong," Rozeboom said.
- Test the devices monthly and replace the entire device every seven years, or as often as the manufacturer recommends. Change batteries twice a year in battery-powered detectors.
- Take action when the alarm sounds and evacuate everyone from the home immediately, leaving the door open on the way out of the house. Call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's home or a cell phone once safely outside.

"By sharing this story, we hope you will take these simple steps to protect yourself and your family from a very real danger of exposure to CO," Rozeboom said.

"This story could have had a much different outcome, but because of a working CO alarm and the actions of a few people, this was a tragedy averted."

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Health and Human Services budget is healthy after cutting costs

By Mavis Fodness

The financial condition of Southwest Health and Human Services continues to improve, six years after the agency had no money in the budget reserve.

Director Beth Wilms told Rock County commissioners at their April 4 meeting that reserves at the end of 2022 totaled \$10.5 million.

"As all of you recall, I came on board in July 2017 and we were not financially healthy," she said. "There were concerns from our counties and our community partners about stability and our viability."

SWHHS now has four months of financial reserves. State auditors recommend five to six months.

"We are at a good place," said Lisa DeBoer, SWHHS director of business management. "We are so close."

In 2017 SWHHS had no money in budget reserves and faced a possible budget shortfall of \$2 million the following year.

Wilms implemented several budget-tightening measures, including a hiring freeze in 2018.

"We've found public health positions are hard to fill and we have had turnover in child protection services," DeBoer said. "Currently to date, we have nine open positions and have been holding there for the past couple of months."

SWHHS employs 232 currently.

In 2017 at its peak, 247 people worked for the six-county agency.

Essential and non-essential services are scrutinized to stay within budget.

Non-essential grant programs are closely reviewed for staff sustainability, especially after the grant sunsets. Wilms said since 2017, grant programs have been kept at a minimum, helping the agency's bottom line.

"As an organization, we are pretty bare," Wilms said. "At the end of the day, we are not doing too many things that are non-essential."

She said the focus is on one goal: "What we want is self-sufficient, strong

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— Beth Wilms, SWHHS

families."

The agency's budget for 2023 is \$34 million to provide the social services in Rock, Pipestone, Lyon, Murray, Lincoln and Redwood counties.

Rock County will pay \$1.794 million this year for human services, public health and mental health.

Mental health services stay the same for now

Wilms said her agency continues to develop a network of third-party counseling services for eligible Rock County residents.

Previously, Rock County contracted mental health services only through the Southwestern Mental Health Center (SWMHS) in Luverne.

The 30-year exclusive SWMHS contract was terminated last year after SWMHS had asked for nearly \$1 million to provide counseling services to local income-eligible residents.

Pipestone County followed suit in dropping the exclusive counseling services with SWMHS.

Previously both counties paid a combined \$400,000 for mental health services through Southwestern Mental Health.

Wilms said as the third-party network is developed, many counseling services continue with Southwestern Mental Health in order to gather more data.

The one-year contract agreement between SWHHS and SWMHS is at or below the \$400,000 Pipestone and Rock counties paid jointly in 2021.

The contract stipulates that Southwestern Mental Health report on the number of the clients served in each county, the service provided and billing information.



Computers and phones wait for installation April 6 as Southwest Health and Human Services temporarily moves its offices to the former Total Card Inc. building in Luverne. About half of SWHHS' 30-person staff will work in the TCI building while the others will work from home for the next 90 days. The temporary move also includes the Rock County Extension Service office. The move was completed Friday. Mavis Fodness photo/0413 HHS Extension Temp Move

Extension, Health and Human Services employees move to temporary location during construction

By Mavis Fodness

The former Total Card Inc. building on Roundwind Road in Luverne is now the temporary home for the Rock County Extension Service and Southwest Health and Human Services.

Office workers moved across the street temporarily while a new heating and cooling system is installed and lighting is updated to LED fixtures in the 40-year-old county building.

The \$938,000 project by Johnson Controls is expected to be completed in 90 days.

Nancy Walker with SWHHS said 30 workers in the areas of child support, financial assistance, licensing, public health and social services and administration are affected by the move. "About half will work remotely," she said.

The other staff members were busy setting up their offices Friday when phone and computer lines were switched over to the temporary location.

All phone numbers remain the same.

Two employees are affected at the Rock County Extension Service.

Kelsey Maeschen with Extension advised that visitors to her temporary office should call ahead.

"They'll need to check in at the front door, and we will have to bring them back to our office," she said.

Work at the Extension/HHS offices is part of a \$1.4 million building improvement plan approved by commissioners more than a year ago and is part of the \$4.5 million general obligation bond the county

secured in January 2022.

Two other county building improvement projects will take place in September.

A chiller will be replaced at the courthouse, and the Rock County Library will also undergo HVAC improvements.

Neither of the September projects requires staff to move during the work period.

Extension and Health and Human Services personnel are expected to move back into their original offices in late July.

In lieu of paying rent to the city of Luverne, who owns the former TCI building, the county upgraded the building's secure entrance and internet connections for the future Luverne day care center in that location.

Leota meat locker wins awards at processors annual convention

V&M Locker, Leota, recently received several awards during the Annual Minnesota Association of Meat Processors Convention March 17-18

The local meat locker received first place of 14 entries for the "Kid's Choice Hot Dog Award," chosen by children who attend the convention with their parents.

V&M products also fared well in a product show where meat processors from across the state can enter their products in 26 different categories and are judged by experts in the meat industry.

The Leota locker placed second out of 12 in the Ground and Formed Jerky categories.

V&M was second out of 19 in the Specialty Small Diameter Sausage with its Jalapeno Cheddar Hot-dogs.

It took third place out of 21 entries in the Bacon category.

Chad and Julie Ruitter, owners of V&M Locker, Leota, and Bethany Olsem, V&M's sausage kitchen and retail meat manager, accepted the awards during the association's 81st annual event at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud.



Chad and Julie Ruitter (left), owners of V&M Locker, Leota, and Bethany Olsem, V&M's sausage kitchen and retail meat manager, accept awards during the 81st annual Meat Processors Convention March 17-18 in St. Cloud.

Late spring, slow melt prevent flooding and alleviate drought /continued from page 1

over the weekend, many fields and pastures were under water as spring temperatures warmed into the 60s prompting a rapid snow melt.

The Rock River near Hardwick was dammed at County Road 7 with ice chunks and branches, causing flood warnings for water levels that reached 14.58 feet by Monday afternoon.

At that location, 12 feet is considered "actionable" and 14 feet is considered "minor flooding."

In northwestern Rock County, melting snow combined with fresh rain to fill waterways and creeks that rushed toward Split Rock Creek, which spilled its banks south of Jasper

Saturday night.

By Monday, however, it receded back to well within its banks, likely due to an ice dam breaking apart upstream.

This comes as a bit of relief to area residents who had started to brace for spring flooding. Now attention is turning to how the extra winter snow will affect drought conditions.

Snow cover, water content, soil moisture, frost depth ...

Only two weeks ago, Rock County and southwest Minnesota still had more than a foot of snow on the ground, in addition to 12-foot-tall piles on properties and 5-foot-tall berms

along roadways.

In terms of ranking, it's among the deepest on record for March.

Most of that snow held roughly 3 to 5 inches of "snow water equivalent," and had it melted rapidly with additional rainfall, flooding would have been problematic.

As it happened, cool temperatures prevailed, allowing daytime melting and nighttime freezing up until the past week.

Soil moisture has started to recover after nearly two years of drought conditions, but many areas started the winter in drought, which means the soil is able to absorb and hold water from the

snowmelt.

The early snowpack kept frost depth to a minimum over most of the area this year, and in some cases the soil wasn't even completely frozen below the snow.

Local measures in March reported frost only 4 inches below the surface because heavy snow served as an insulator. (Typical frost depth in this part of the state under bare ground is more than 20 inches in March.)

This also mitigated flooding because melting snow and rain water can quickly infiltrate the soil rather than run off over a frozen layer.

Drought nearly over

Drought conditions have been improving drastically over the winter, according to the National Weather Service Drought Monitor.

In November Rock County was solidly in "drought," compared with April 4, (when the Drought Monitor was last updated) when most of Rock County was considered to be "abnormally dry," which is the next step down from "none" on the monitor.

Most river levels in the area were below normal when ice formed, so there is more room for runoff to be incorporated into the rivers before they would flood.

Many ponds and

marshes that had dropped to low levels prior to winter are now able to intercept water that would otherwise contribute to river and stream rises.

If these trends continue, farmers can expect to start spring field work by late April and easily meet planting deadlines, according to farm analyst Kent Thiesse.

"If we can avoid any further significant amounts of precipitation in the next couple of weeks and get some warmer temperatures," he said, "many crop producers in Iowa and southern Minnesota should be able to begin full-scale corn planting once soil conditions are fit."

Maplewood Cemetery Association
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023
Lot owners meet at 12:30 p.m.
Board of Directors meet at 1:00 p.m.
 at the American Reformed Church Multipurpose Room
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This VIKING FAN will be **65** on April 16.
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End procrastination by simply counting to five

Are you a procrastinator?

I know I am.

Dozens of household and work-related tasks go uncompleted or finished at the very last minute.

Procrastination drives me crazy, and it's become a habit I am determined to break.

To help me break the habit, my daughter sent me a podcast by Mel Robbins called "The Only Way to Stop Procrastinating (Based on Research)."

It's worth a listen.

(Of course, the procrastinating me took seven days to finish the 30-minute recording.)

And then I listened to it again.

Here's what I've learned:

- Procrastination is a habit you can break.

- There are two types of procrastination. One is conscious procrastination where you pause your task and come back to it. The second is destructive procrastination, the one I am determined to break.

- Destructive procrastination is triggered by stress. It has nothing to do with the actual task you want to complete.

Researchers, according to Robbins, define procrastination as the mind's subconscious response to immediately feel better. Our mind's fight-or-flight responses cause us to just freeze.

Unfortunately, what we're stressed about is not easily identifiable.

Robbins likened stress to a backpack we wear. It's behind us, not easily seen. We subconsciously think about what's in our stress backpacks, and this preoccupation



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

overflows to the tasks that need to be done.

I sometimes refer to these as "squirrel moments." I am thinking about a task and then "squirrel" — oh look, my phone, let's check out social media. Three hours pass and the task is still not complete.

We avoided the task because the squirrel moment made us feel better, the reason we sought to procrastinate in the first place.

We need to forgive ourselves when those squirrel moments happen. Feeling bad about our behavior only leads to more stress and more destructive procrastination.

Remember it's OK to indulge in a squirrel moment — just make sure you return to what you wanted to do in the first place.

Robbins recommends the five-count method to stop our procrastination habits.

Tell yourself to focus just five seconds to the task and put all other thoughts out of your mind.

Tell yourself you'll give five seconds, which turns into five minutes or an hour, and soon the task is done.

And you feel better because things are getting done or, even better, things are completed.

That's what occurred with this column. I devoted five seconds to typing the first few sentences, and that has led to a completed task in 45 minutes.

Are you ready to end your destructive procrastination? Begin now. In 5-4-3-2-1.

April is National Safe Digging Month

All residents encouraged to call 811 before digging

April is National Safe Digging Month and CenterPoint Energy encourages customers to call 811 in advance about projects such as installing a garden, fence, pool or water sprinkler system.

Digging without knowing the location of underground utilities can result in serious injury or death, service disruptions and costly fines or repairs.

Hitting underground natural gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines while digging can have a major impact on communities and businesses.

Making a free request before digging at www.811beforeyoudig.com or by calling 811 can help maintain the safety of everyone who digs, as well as utility services in their communities.

"It is essential that anyone who plans to dig, regardless of how shallow the project might be, contact 811 beforehand to have buried utilities marked to allow for safe digging," said CenterPoint Energy's Shane

Alexander.

"Callers should contact 811 a few days prior to the start of their digging project to give surveyors enough time to reach the site and mark the area."

If a contractor is completing the project, it is recommended the homeowner ensure the area has been marked prior to the start of the project. The homeowner is advised to let the contractor know work cannot begin until the area has been marked.

If the property owner has privately owned lines servicing a sprinkler system or outdoor appliance, the property owner is responsible for ensuring these lines are marked.

CenterPoint Energy encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning a digging project:

- Always contact 811 a few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.

- Plan ahead. Make a free 811 request on Monday or Tuesday

for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.

- Confirm that all lines have been marked.

- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has contacted 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.

Callers to 811 will be connected to a local center that will communicate it to local utility companies.

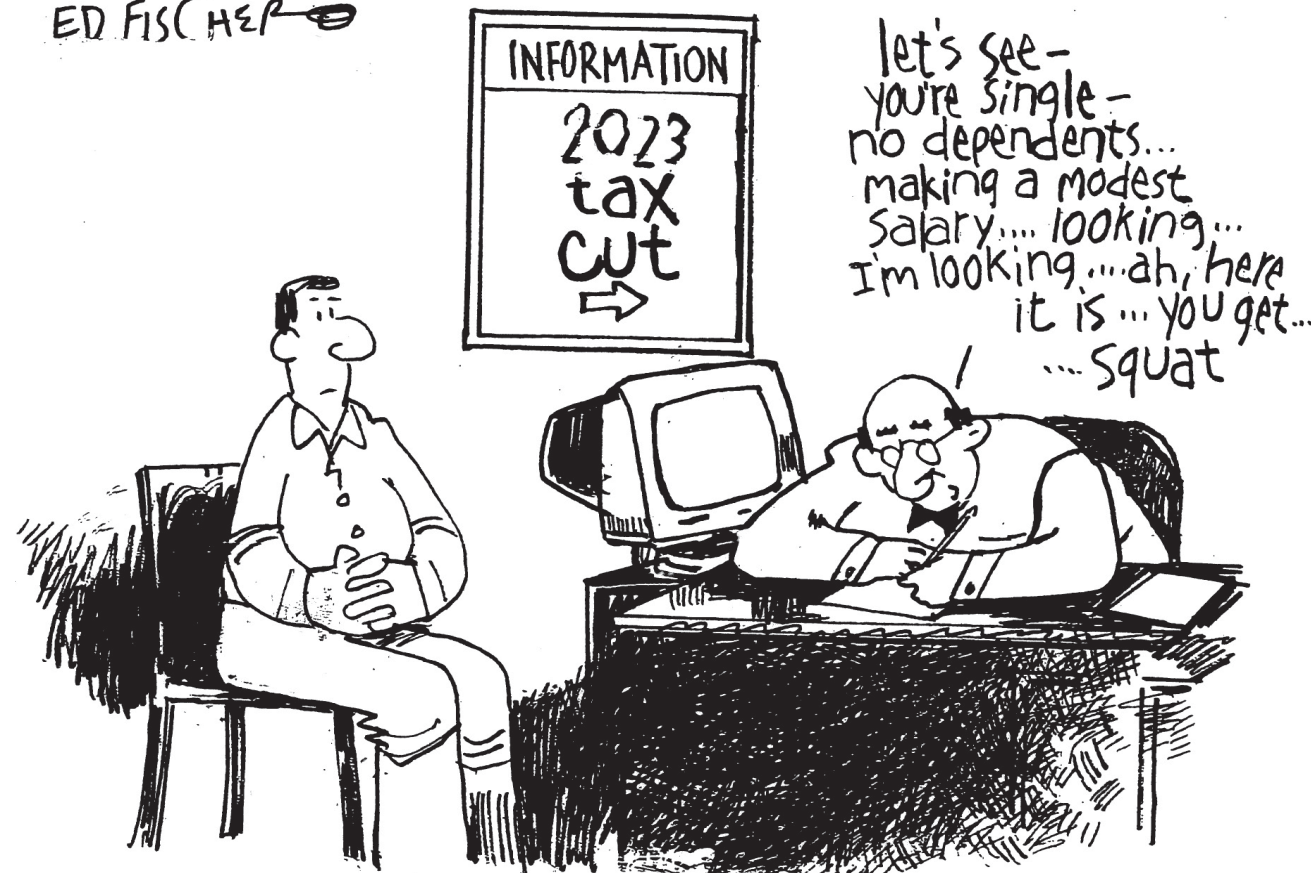
Professional locators will then visit the dig site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines with spray paint, flags or both.

Once a site has been accurately marked, it is safe to begin digging around the marked areas.

In the case of a hit pipeline, leave the area immediately. Once in a safe location, report the leak by calling the CenterPoint Energy emergency line at 800-296-9815.

GUEST EDITORIAL

ED FISCHER



Anhydrous safety should be top concern

MDA offers tips for maintaining equipment, applying, transporting NH3

Many farmers and applicators will soon apply anhydrous ammonia (NH₃) prior to planting or side-dress after planting. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised.

Accidents involving anhydrous ammonia have proven how dangerous and deadly the chemical can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers and applicators so they can safely apply anhydrous ammonia.

- Always wear appropriate goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

- Be sure to have a clean, ad-

equate emergency water supply of at least five gallons.

- Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections as if lines contain anhydrous ammonia.

- Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines or transferring NH₃. Also, close, bleed, disconnect and secure valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

- Position equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining anhydrous ammonia equipment. Never assume NH₃

lines are empty, always wear proper protective equipment, and have access to safety water.

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SVM) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

If an accident or spill occurs, immediately call 911 and then the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798 or 651-649-5451.

You can find more safety, storage, and transportation information on the MDA's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/nh3.

Trooper: Smoked tail lights pose safety concern, are illegal

By Troy Christianson, MN State Highway Patrol

Question: Are smoked tail lights illegal in Minnesota?

Answer: Minnesota law states that "tail lamps shall be plainly visible from a distance of 100 feet to the rear during normal sunlight and at night." The same goes for turn signals and headlights. Smoking, tinting, covering or placing any material over tail lights, brake lights, headlights or turn signals would be illegal and unsafe as they would not be plainly visible. It is illegal in all 50 states, because it is a major safety concern.

I recommend getting

into the habit of checking and keeping your rear lights clear of any snow, mud, dirt, dust or anything that can obstruct your lights.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 31
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Luverne, requested assistance from another department.
 •Complainant on S. Elizabeth Avenue, Hills, reported identity theft.
 •Complainant on N. Spring Street reported suspicious activity.
April 1
 •Complainant on Warren Street and Kniss Avenue reported a miscellaneous public assist.
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported suspicious activity.
April 2
 •Complainant on Warren Street and Kniss Avenue reported fleeing.
 •Complainant on County Road 4 and County Road 11, Luverne, reported a fire.
 •Complainant on County Road 4 and 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported flooding.
 •Complainant on N. Lindale Street reported a residence check.
 •Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a parking issue.
April 3
 •Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported counterfeit.
 •Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a civil issue.
 •Complainant on S. Elizabeth Avenue, Hills, reported threats.
April 4
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a burglary.
 •Complainant requested assistance from another department.
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported a civil issue.
 •Complainant reported identity theft.
 •Complainant in Pipestone requested assistance from another department.

•A warrant was issued in Cottonwood County, Windom.
April 5
 •A weather issue was reported.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported hazmat material.
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Beaver Creek, reported road and drive laws.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported suspicious activity.
April 6
 •Training was reported on U.S. Highway 75.
 •Complainant reported a scam.
 •Complainant reported fraud.
 •Complainant on N. Estey Street reported fraud.
 •Complainant reported fraud.
 •Complainant on E Bishop Street reported a miscellaneous public assist.
 •Complainant on County Road 6 and E. 1st Street, Hills, reported a road and drive law issue.
 •Complainant on Main Street and Cedar Street reported a road and drive law issue.
April 7
 •A warrant was issued in Lyon County, Rock Rapids.
 •Report of road closed on 60th Avenue, 41st to 61st, Hills.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue filed a disturbing the peace complaint.
 In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 2 escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 23 burn permits, 3 alarms, 10 purchase and carry permits, 36 traffic stops, 14 abandoned 911 calls, 2 welfare checks, and 1 follow-up.



Lori Sorenson photos/0413 pickup vs home crash

Speed was mentioned as a factor in the crash Tuesday morning when a pickup missed the curve on West Main Street and careened over the boulevards into a garage owned by Lowell and Roni Feit.

Pickup crashes into Luverne property

By Lori Sorenson

Law enforcement and emergency responders were dispatched to a crash on West Main Street Tuesday morning when a pickup crashed into a garage on Davidson Street.

The driver, 44-year-old Jesse Cody, Brandon, missed the curve at Rock County Opportunities and barreled across the boulevards to the northeast.

The 2020 Chevy pickup took out a light pole and hit a tree at Main and Walnut streets before crashing through the garage wall and landing inside the structure on its side.

It's unclear what caused the lapse for the motorist, who walked away from a twisted, mangled vehicle with unknown injuries, if any.

EMS personnel were treating him at the scene, and he was taken to Sanford Luverne ER by ambulance.



First responders tend to Jesse Cody on the curb near the scene of the crash where his pickup went through the wall of a garage.

lance.

The home is owned by Lowell and Roni Feit. No one else was injured.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office reported speed as a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.



Public Safety Telecommunications Week

The Rock County Sheriff's Office this week is observing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 9-15. Local dispatchers include (left photo, from left) Maggie Pettit, Ryan Connor, Brooke Walgrave; right photo, from left) Jason Kelly and Tom Thone. Not pictured is Sara Lenz. Every second week in April has been set aside to recognize and celebrate the work of telecommunicators helping to save lives every day by dispatching emergency professionals and equipment and rendering life-saving assistance to those who call 911. This week Sheriff Evan Verbrugge thanked telecommunicators who work in the Rock County Law Enforcement Center on North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne. "They have gone above and beyond the call of duty, especially with us being recently short staffed," Verbrugge said. (Submitted photos)

Clarification:

Clarifying information was provided to the Star Herald for the story, "Hills-Beaver Creek School District voters weigh costs of bond referendum," after the April 4 press deadline.

The tax impact to ag property land owners of homestead and non-homestead properties under the Ag2School program will be \$3.37 to \$6.74 per acre based on the \$10,000 per acre average market value in the district if the new \$29.9 million bond referendum passed April 11.

The last week's story stated, "With a market value average of \$10,537 per acre, the Ag2School program aid would bring the tax impact for ag property owners down to an average \$1.27 per acre." This figure did not include the 2023 referendum.

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It's hard to lose the ones we love - To see them pass away. The sweetest and the kindest gone while others are left to stay. But if we had a garden with roses fair and bright, we'd often pick the loveliest and think it to be right. And so it is with Jesus in his earthly garden here he often picks the fairest flowers; The one's we love so dear. The flowers that are picked by Him will never fade away. We know they'll live forever and we'll see them some sweet day. - Author Unknown

Father Tom, one of God's greatest blessings

PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS

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Spring Pro-Life Rally
 Monday, April 17th at 7 pm
 Southwest Minnesota Christian School, Edgerton, MN
 Guest speaker is Don Parker

Don is the Co-Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) out of Minneapolis MN. He was the former Developmental Director of the National Right to Life and has been involved in the Pro-Life movement for many years and has had many positions. He will be sharing about how MCCL is fighting for the lives of innocent babies in our state of Minnesota.

This event is sponsored by SW MN Pro-Life group.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Several people found all 27 eggs hidden in the April 6th Star Herald. We picked a winner from the correct entries and **Joyce Bennett** is the winner of a \$25 Sunshine Foods Gift Card!

Thank you for playing!!

Stay tuned for more games coming this summer!

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Norma Gangestad will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, April 30. Greetings may be sent to her at 2221 E. Horseshoe Place; Chandler, AZ 85249.

Vicky Bruynes will celebrate her 65th birthday on Sunday, April 16. Greetings may be sent to her at 110 N. Estey; Luverne, MN 56156.

1943: Lou, Abraham Scott both born near Gettysburg

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 September 16, 1943.

The Civil War to most of the residents of Rock county was another war fought in the south over the question of slavery. Only a scattered few have forefathers who were in uniform during the conflict, and only a small number, perhaps, have seen Civil War battlegrounds.

To Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Scott, Hardwick, however, the Civil War represents quite a bit more than a chapter from an American history book, as they were born and reared almost within seeing distance of where the final battle, the battle of Gettysburg, was fought. Both had relatives who fought in the war, and from them heard many eye-witness accounts of Civil War days.

Mr. Scott was born July 7, 1886, in Adams county, Pa., the son of Joseph R. and Susan Weikert Scott, while Mrs. Scott, who before her marriage was Lou Manahan, was born Feb. 10, 1869, at Westminster, Carroll county, Md., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Manahan.

Both Mr. Scott's father and Mrs. Scott's father fought on the side of the Union army. Had they lived several miles farther south, they would have been in Confederate territory, for their homes were but a short way from the Mason-Dixon line that divided the slave states from the free states.

The present selective service system is marked advancement over the system used in Civil War days, Mrs. Scott points out. At that time, one of the commanding officers came to their home, took her father and two uncles out of bed, and placed them on active duty without a bit of training. Her father escaped



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

unhurt, but her uncle was killed, and the other seriously wounded.

For years afterward, when Mr. and Mrs. Scott were children, the battle field near Gettysburg was left untouched. Later it was made into a memorial park and is now visited by thousands of people annually during normal times.

When Mrs. Scott was 13 years old, her father moved to a farm adjoining the one owned by Mr. Scott's father. The land there was rolling, and orchards dotted the countryside. Wheat was the main cash crop, although some oats and corn was raised for feed.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Scott began working early in life. Mr. Scott spent much of the time on the farm, as also did Mrs. Scott. She states that she learned how to plant corn by hand, dropping three kernels in each hill. She went to work in a canning factory, and recalls that she earned two cents for each huge bowl full of corn she cut from the cob. She also skinned tomatoes, prepared beans, and did other tasks at similar low wages. Her father had a large fruit orchard, and peaches from it were sold at 50 cents a bushel. She has picked a whole bushel of blackberries for only a dollar. Other fruit raised there included apples and pears. One year, her father raised 300 bushels of the latter.

(Story continues next week)



Luverne High School will send 13 speech team members to the Section 3A Championship Saturday, April 15, in Redwood Falls. Students who placed sixth or higher at the recent subsection competition to qualify for the tournament are (front, from left) Brooke Vos, Jessika Tunnissen, Elizabeth Mulder, Grace Ingebretsen, (second) Makayla Oechsle, Maddy Schepel, Brianna Kinsinger, Zoey Berghorst, Roselynn Hartshorn, (back) Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau and Xavier McKenzie. William Johnson (not pictured) is an alternate to the section meet.

Thirteen students to represent LHS at section speech championship

By Mavis Fodness

Weather delays and busy student schedules have plagued the 2023 speech season for Luverne High School, but a full team helped LHS repeat its second-place finish at last week's subsection competition in Windom.

LHS bested eight other teams for the runner-up position.

Windom took the subsection title. Students who finished in sixth place or higher in their respective categories qualified for the Section 3A speech tournament scheduled for April 15 in Redwood Falls.

At sections, the top three students in each category qualify for the state speech tournament on April 28-29 in Apple Valley.

Luverne is the defending Section 3A champion.

LHS participants at the subsection tournament, their placings, and competition category are as follows:

- Zander Carbonneau, first, extemporaneous speaking.
- Parker Carbonneau, second, extemporaneous speaking.
- Jessika Tunnissen, second, informative speaking.

- Brianna Kinsinger, second, creative expression.
- Xavier McKenzie, third, informative speaking.
- Elizabeth Mulder, fourth, informative speaking.
- Grace Ingebretsen, fourth, extemporaneous reading.
- Zoey Berghorst, fourth, discussion.
- Roselynn Hartshorn, fifth, original oratory.
- Makayla Oechsle, fifth, discussion.
- Maddy Schepel, sixth, discussion.
- Brooke Vos, sixth, extemporaneous reading.

William Johnson was notified on Monday that he will compete in original oratory at the section meet. He became eligible when the other subsection meet didn't fill all six available slots in the category.

Luverne had its largest student participation at the subsection meet with 16 students competing, compared with the two previous meets where half that number participated.

"Weather has impacted our competitions quite a bit," said coach

Gavin Folkestad.

As a result, the Big South speech tournament scheduled for March 16 was canceled.

"A few years ago, they tried postponing, but finding a date that worked for all schools and the hired judges proved to be too problematic, especially with the state of spring activities," Folkestad said.

The same storm that canceled the Big South Tournament prompted the Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton invitational to be moved from March 18 to March 21, resulting in a smaller tournament than expected.

Twelve schools competed involving 117 students.

Luverne fielded a team of seven students, placing fifth.

Results for the Luverne speech team at the R-T-R event are as follows:

- Jessika Tunnissen, first, informative speaking.
- Makayla Oechsle, third, discussion.
- Brianna Kinsinger, fourth, creative expression.

Speech, continue on page 12

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•If traffic through the front door is any indication, Sturdevant's recent relocation from Luverne's East Main Street to Highway 75 was a great move.

Owner-partner Bob Boelman said after 30 years, a handful of people didn't know there was a Sturdevant's store in town. The automobile parts distribution business has been in Luverne since the 1980s.

"A few people told me they thought it was great that Luverne was getting a Sturdevant's," Boelman said.

He and his partners — the Sturdevant family — had been thinking about moving to Highway 75 to increase exposure to the passing traffic.

"Then the brewery thing came up," Boelman said. "Connells were dealing on their building. The buyers wanted more room. So we had a chance to sell our old building. We decided it was a really good time to try to do something different."

25 years ago (1998)

•Due to renovation of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 90, the Beaver Creek Travel Information Center has been closed and will move temporarily to Luverne.

The travel center, normally at the Minnesota/South Dakota border, will operate in a vacant convenience store in Luverne, one block north of the I-90 exit on Highway 75. It will open Wednesday, April 22, and will remain there until Nov. 15.

The move was possible with the help of Dave Smith and the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau.

50 years ago (1973)

•Delegates from 33 congregations, making up the seven-county Worthington Conference of the American Lutheran Church (ALC), will be attending the annual spring convention of the American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW) here on Wednesday, April 18.

Host church for this year's convention, is Grace Lutheran Church, and all sessions will be held there, starting at 10 a.m.

A coffee hour, starting at 9:30 a.m., will precede the program.

75 years ago (1948)

•Completion of the new addition to the city power plant, and completion of the installation of the steam boiler, will cost an estimated \$65,000, in addition to what has already been spent. O.J. Pfeifer, Jr., of Pfeifer and Schultz, consulting engineers, told the city council last Thursday night. The Pfeifer and Schultz firm had been employed by the city to supervise construction of the building and the cooling tower. Up to April 1, \$38,960.54 has been spent for labor and materials.

Pfeifer told the council that new plans would have to be drawn in some instances, due to changes at the plant the past few months. The cooling tower, he said, would be in operation as soon as the installation of certain motors and pipes is completed. Several months, with favorable weather, would be required to complete the addition.

100 years ago (1923)

•Discharge of a 750-pound "toe-cap" deposit of dynamite at the Quartzite Quarries, Inc., plant shortly after 6:00 o'clock Wednesday morning fairly shook the earth for an area of at least fifteen miles east of Luverne, rattled windows and dishes, and jarred open doors in numerous homes, as well as awakened thousands of people with a suddenness that left them thoroughly bewildered.

This charge was a portion of the 7,000-pound plant of dynamite that was used in the big blast at the quarries last September, and for some reason this toe-cap charge, which was at the bottom of a 100-foot deep hole on about a level with the loading floor, had failed to go off, although several separated charges immediately above the toe-cap charge, had all exploded. From time to time since the September blast wonderment had been expressed that the ledge at that point was not more thoroughly broken up, but quarrymen had no suspicion that this charge of dynamite had not gone off along with the others at that time.



Thank you for your service

Brenda Hansel (right), volunteer coordinator for Sanford Hospice, presents Jim Harner with a tie blanket in patriotic colors Saturday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne to honor him as a veteran and to thank him for his service. He also received a plaque, a certificate and a pin. Harner was joined by his wife, three children and grandchildren, many of whom traveled from several states to be part of the ceremony.

OBITUARIES

Henry Wulf

Henry F. Wulf went to be with the Lord on the morning of March 30, 2023, with his wife beside him, at Bethany Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Brainerd, Minnesota.

Henry was born on June 30, 1936, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, raised on a farm near Luverne, Minnesota, and graduated from Luverne High School in 1954. He enjoyed sports and was active in Golden Gloves boxing, winning many trophies. He also loved to hunt and fish. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years and was an Aviation Electronics Technician aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Coral Sea.

On Dec. 22, 1959, he married Loretta Schimmel at First Baptist Church in Luverne. After his tour in the Navy he attended South Dakota State University and graduated with a degree in Wildlife Management in 1965. In June of 1965 he was employed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as assistant wildlife manager with headquarters in Brainerd, Minnesota. Within a few years he was promoted to area wildlife manager and



shortly thereafter to regional game manager at the Brainerd location. In 1998 he retired after serving 33 years with the DNR.

Henry and Loretta were the parents of two daughters, Valerie and Heather. They owned a farm near Brainerd where they raised and showed Arabian horses. All were active in the Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association and the North Star Arabian Horse Breeders Futurity Program. Henry was a three-time president of NMAHA. He won the 50-mile Pillager Cup Ride in 1969 with a horse he had raised and went on to place second in the 100-mile Kettle Moraine Endurance Ride in Wisconsin the same year.

Following retirement he enjoyed gardening and volunteering at St. Joseph Hospital in Brainerd as a parking valet. He also liked to watch all kinds of sports events.

Henry was a faithful member of First Baptist Church where he enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of many other believers over the years. He served the Lord there as a trustee for 12 years and as a deacon for 15 years and also ushered for many years.

He was a kind and generous husband, father and grandfather and will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife, Loretta, and their two daughters, Valerie (Ed) Temp of St. Francis, Minnesota, and Heather (Troy) Larson of Pillager, Minnesota. Grandchildren are Nathan (Christine) Temp of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Rachel Temp of East Bethel, Minnesota, and Jonathan, Joshua and Gracia Larson of Pillager, Minnesota. Also surviving are two sisters, Audrey (Kenneth) Munro of

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Ruth (Alan) Hendrickson of Ocala, Florida, and two brothers, Donald (Lola) Wulf of Sioux City, Iowa, and Gordon (Pat) Wulf of Welleston, Oklahoma.

Preceding Henry in death were his parents, Henry F. F. and Mildred Wulf; brothers Frank (Ruby) Wulf, and Arthur (Carol) Wulf; and sisters Elzora (George) Ott, Naidine (Edwin) Aanenson, and Leila Wulf.

A grave-side service will be held at 2 p.m. on April 22, 2023, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne, Minnesota followed by a social time at Living Rock Church in Luverne. The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on April 30, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Brainerd, Minnesota.

Special thanks to Dr. Julie Olson of Essentia Health and to everyone at Bethany Good Samaritan Nursing Home for their excellent care.

Arrangements are provided by Halvorson-Taylor Funeral Home, www.halvorsonjohnson.com.

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Raney Israelson

Raney Miles Israelson, 82, of Luverne, died Saturday, April 8, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne, surrounded by his family after a six-month battle with cancer.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Raney Israelson was born in Morrison County, Minnesota, on July 16, 1940, to Albert and Maymie (Winsor) Israelson. He graduated from Hickman High School in Hickman, Nebraska.

Raney married Janet May on July 28, 1962, in Hickman. To this union were born a son, Brant and daughter, Staci. Raney first worked for a telephone company. He then owned his own trucking business and later owned his own insurance company in Nebraska. Raney and Jan moved to Luverne in 1977, where he then worked at Northwest Bank as an insurance agent. In 1984 they bought the Country Kitchen in Luverne. They

owned it for 23 years, retiring in 2007.

Raney was a member of Luverne Presbyterian Church. He loved his family and was a big part of their lives. He loved playing cards. (He didn't go anywhere without his digital pocket poker game.) He loved lake time up at Sauk Lake with all his lake friends, especially fishing with his brothers, nephews and special friend, Virgil Van Batavia. He was a lawn master until the end.

Raney is survived by his wife, Jan; daughter Staci (Monte) Zwaan of Luverne; grandchildren Tyler (Renee) Israelson of La Habra, California, Tanner Israelson of Fullerton, California, MacKenzi (TJ) Loger of Steen, Chazni Zwaan of Luverne, and Miraya, Angel and Dominic Rodriguez of Hesperia, California; four great-grandchildren; siblings Al (Pat) Israelson of East Bethel, Isaac (Marlene) Israelson of Holmen, Wisconsin, and Leah Waldron of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brant; a grandson, Zachary; two brothers, William and Ellsworth; a sister, Linnea; and special friend Don McCord.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(0413 F)

Michael Sammons

Michael Leslie "Sammy" Sammons, 67, Round Lake, died Saturday, April 8, 2023, at his home.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at The First Presbyterian Church in Round Lake. Burial will be in the Round Lake Cemetery.

Michael Sammons was born April 15, 1955, in Luverne to Leslie and Lilly Ann (Yarrington) Sammons. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1973.



Mike married Mary Padilla and to this union four children were born, Chad, Angela, Lindsay and Eric. The couple later divorced.

Mike married Rhonda Hurley on Feb. 3, 1998, in Maui, Hawaii. The couple moved to Round Lake where they owned and operated Eastside Acres Campground until retiring in 2021. Mike also worked as a carpet layer for over 40 years. They wintered in Mesa and Gold Canyon, Arizona, for the past seven years.

Mike was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Round Lake, the Round Lake Sportsman Club, the Luverne and Worthington Ambulance EMTI, and the Round Lake

Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years.

Mike enjoyed motorcycle trips, line dancing, trivia, fishing, ice fishing, deer hunting, flying drones and playing softball. Mike's greatest joy was his grandkids. He loved spending time with them and watching/being at all of their activities.

Mike is survived by his wife, Rhonda Sammons of Round Lake; three children, Chad (Sara) Sammons of New Ulm, Angela (Robert) Sneller of Luverne, and Lindsay (Thomas) Jenniges of Ellsworth; two stepchildren, Ashley (Kevin Seimers) Harms of Lake Park, Iowa, and Anthony (Nikki) Voss of Round Lake; 15 grandchildren, Gabriella, Natalie and Ferynn Sammons, Riley, Hannah and Nolan

Sneller, Jackson, Jolee and Samuel Jenniges, Quinton and Grayson Harms, Liam and Maleah Seimers, and Nova and Kayden Voss; two sisters, Donna (Mike) Rank of Faribault and Michelle Schreier of Currie; sister-in-law Paula (Rod) Paplow of Round Lake; two brothers-in-law, Pete Baker of Cole Harbor, North Dakota, and Scott (Kris) Hurley of Palm Coast, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Eric in 2019; sister Kristi Baker; brother David Sammons; and a brother-in-law, Paul Schreier.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com.

(0413 F)

Ruth Jackson

Ruth Alice Jackson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died peacefully at her home on April 4, 2023, surrounded by her family.

A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. A livestream link will be available at www.georgeboom.com

Ruth Graham was born on March 17, 1965, in Butler,



Pennsylvania, to James and Dorothy (Stewart) Graham.

Ruth was an accomplished woman who overcame many challenges. She attended the Blind Brook High School in Rye Brook, New York, before going on to study at the Rochester Institute of Technology through the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. She later graduated from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.,

where she met her husband, Timothy Jackson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Ruth and Timothy spent some time in Atlanta, Georgia, before eventually settling in Sioux Falls, where they were married on Aug. 31, 1996.

Ruth was deeply proud of her son Joshua's accomplishments, including his acceptance to Purdue University and his studies there. Ruth's love extended to all those around her.

Her determination, strength, and unwavering love for her family were an

inspiration to all who knew her. Though she faced many difficulties, she remained a positive and loving force to those around her.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Timothy; her son, Joshua; her father, James Graham of Atlanta, Georgia; her sister, Jamie Graham (John Ballam) of Atlanta; her nieces, Sara (Greene) Seals and Anna Greene; in-laws Milton and Susan Jackson; and sister-in-law Teresa Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Graham.

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Donald Schouwenburg

Donald Wayne Schouwenburg, 88, formerly of Luverne, died peacefully on April 6, 2023, surrounded by his family while residing at Avera Prince of Peace in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, April 10, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Donald Schouwenburg was born on June 20, 1934, to Jake and Nellie Schouwenburg in a farm house near Valley Springs, South Dakota. He spent his childhood living with his family on farms in southwest Minnesota. Don attended country school until the 4th grade. He attended Hills High School, graduating in 1952.

Don worked several jobs throughout his life. He worked for Ed and Verla Baker on their farm until September 1952. He worked for a short time for the Great Northern Railroad out of Hills, then for



six months at Bierkamp Auto.

He then got a job at John Morrell in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After being laid off at John Morrell, he took a night position with A.R. Wood Manufacturing. He was called back to John Morrell but was to be laid off again, so he took a job with Eli Walgrave.

Phyllis and Don were married on Sept. 16, 1954, and lived in Luverne. In March 1956 Don purchased the Repair Shop in Steen from Dick Bosch, and Don and Phyllis lived in Steen. In December Don bought Frank Berghorts's share at Hills Implement Company and was a partner with his brother, Marinus Schouwenburg. Don and Phyllis moved to Hills in December 1959. In 1975 they sold the business to Marvin De Schepper who moved the business to Luverne and took Gary Olhausen as a partner. Don worked for them for 2 1/2 years. Don then took a job for Wilmer Elbers at Hills Stain-

less Steel in Hills until his retirement. In retirement, Don worked at Glen's Grocery Store for several years and went back to Hills Stainless Steel to help them for a time. The Schouwenburgs moved to Luverne in 1992. Don worked at HSS for a total of 35 years. At that time, he officially retired and he and Phyllis moved to Prince of Peace in September 2015.

Don was an active member of the Reformed Church of Steen, serving on the male chorus, as a deacon, and as an RCYF leader. He was also on the city council and played for the Hills softball team. He enjoyed racing and watching sports, especially when he could watch his grandchildren play. His family will always remember and cherish the love and care Don showed toward them, particularly the care he showed toward Phyllis during her final years. He also had a great sense of humor and was always there to lend a helping hand.

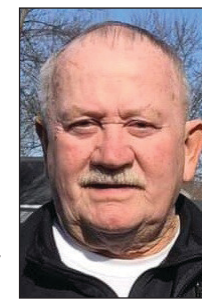
Don is survived by his "girls," Connie (Russ) Cambern

of Brookings, South Dakota, Lori Inafuku of Prior Lake, Joni (Curt) Gacke of Sioux Falls, and Julie (Fred) Rule of Sioux Falls; grandchildren Russ (Katie) Cambern, Cassie (Trisha) Anderson, Jennifer (Jacob) Inafuku, Caitlin (Derek) Inamohafukucek, Ashley (Tony) Batholomaeus, Allana (Dan) Rogge, Samantha (Tiaan) Truernicht, Adam (Deanne) Rule, and Grace Rule; eight great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren Josie and Andie; a great-great-granddaughter; and sister Anna Schouwenburg of Hills.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; his parents; and siblings Bert, Simon, Henry, Marinus and Peter Schouwenburg, Sophie Berghorst, and Marie Klarenbeck; as well as many other treasured brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

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

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Dorothy Loger

Dorothy L. Loger, 89, Luverne, died Sunday, April 2, 2023, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, with visitation beginning at 12:30 p.m., all at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Dorothy Wollmuth was born on Nov. 6, 1933, to Fred and Laura (Foley) Wollmuth on a farm in Pipestone. She was the youngest child in a family of 14 children. Life was hard in those days, but it taught her discipline and how to do everyday chores like hauling water from the stream to the house, how to raise a garden, how to can foods, how to cook, and her least favorite chore, how to dig potatoes. Dorothy went to school for eight years in Hatfield and four years in Pipestone, graduating in 1951.

Dorothy married Marvin Loger on Nov. 3, 1954. Marvin worked at IBP for 25 years, and Dorothy at Hakes Foods, which later became Scrivner Foods, as a secretary for over 33 years. She later worked at Gold'n Plump for over three years and retired in 2002. Mar-

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vin preceded her in death on Sept. 5, 2002. Dorothy continued to reside in their home.

Dorothy was a devout Catholic and was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She loved putting

1000-piece puzzles together and then swapping them with her sisters, Louise and Janet. She was also an avid reader and loved watching western movies.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Marilyn DeGroot, of Rock Rapids, Iowa; grandson Jason (Jackie) Sheehan; great-grandson Justin Sheehan; great-granddaughter Courtney (Ryan) Warejcka; great-great-granddaughter Aubrey Anna; and great-great-grandson Jaxton of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a step-son, Bradford Loger; and sister Janet VanderPlaats of Hatfield.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; her parents; and twelve siblings, Margaret, Agnes, Mary, George, Fred, Joseph, Arthur, Theodore, Leo, William, Thomas, and Louise.

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

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DEATH NOTICE

Patricia Swenson

Patricia "Patti" Swenson, 66, rural Beaver Creek, died peacefully on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 14, at Palisade Lutheran Church, rural Garretson, South Dakota. Burial will follow in Palisade Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Rock Ranch for the Equine Assisted Therapy Program.

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

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LHS baseball team comes up short in season opener

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne baseball team played its first game of the season Monday, April 10, at Redbird Field against the Fairmont Cardinals.

LHS and Fairmont ended the regulation seven-inning game tied 3-3, and the game remained tied until Fairmont scored five runs in the 11th inning to beat Luverne 8-3.

Head Coach Phil Paquette said he was excited to be able to play the game against Fairmont.

"With the winter like it was and the amount of snow sitting around, it was great to see it all melted on the field," he said.

Luverne went through five pitchers in the game.

Senior Zach DeBoer started the game throwing two innings. He struck out two batters, walked two and allowed three hits.

Junior Jacob Stroh pitched 1.2 innings. He allowed no hits, walked three batters and struck out one.

Junior Conner Connell pitched 3.1 innings for Luverne, allowing two hits, three walks and struck out eight batters.

Sophomore Carter Sehr pitched three innings, registering five strikeouts and three walks.

Junior Kai Buss finished the game pitching in the 11th inning. He allowed five hits and one walk and struck out one batter.

In the game Luverne lost scoring opportunities by stranding eight runners on base and committing six costly errors.

At the top of the 11th inning Fairmont was able to capitalize on LHS errors and aggressive base-running to score five points for the win.

Scoring for Luverne were senior Riley Sneller and juniors Connell and Stroh.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/lhssehr

Sophomore Carter Sehr tags a Fairmont base runner out Monday, April 4, at Redbird Field. Carter played short-stop and pitched three innings in the game.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/lhsdeboer

Senior Zach DeBoer opened Luverne's baseball season pitching against Fairmont at Redbird Field April, 4. LHS lost 8-3 to Fairmont.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/lhsbuss

Junior Kai Buss swings at an inside pitch Monday, April 4, at Redbird Field. The Cardinals lost their season opener to Fairmont 8-3 in 11 innings.

BOX Score

FHS	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	8
LHS	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Sehr	5	0	0	0
Sneller	4	1	1	0
Serie	5	0	1	1
Connell	5	1	2	0
Stroh	4	1	2	0
DeBoer	3	0	0	0
Miller	4	0	1	2
Vortherms	1	0	0	0
Domagala	5	0	0	0
Kroski	2	0	0	0
Schlosser	1	0	1	0

LHS trap shooting team enjoys spring weather shooting

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne trap shooting team shot its first two rounds of the season at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

According to the Minnesota High School Clay Target League, trap competition consists of shooting two 25 target rounds for a total of 50 targets from a 16-yard station.

Up to five athletes (squad) occupy shooting stations in the field (where shooting occurs) under the direction of the "squad leader."

Athletes typically use 12-gauge or 20-gauge ammunition.

Five shots are taken



Greg Hoogeveen photo/trapteam2

The LHS trap team enjoys a great spring day shooting at the Rock County Sportsman's Club Monday, April 4. Pictured (from left) are Luka Smith, Morgan Bonnett and Jaden Reisch.

at each of the five stations. After the first five shots are completed by the entire squad, each

shooter moves to a new station. Results for the first two weeks of the season include:

March 24-28 scores: Week 1

	Round1	Round 2	Total
Landon Ahrendt	23	21	44
Cash Bonnett	18	20	38
Morgan Bonnett	18	14	32
Tyson Cowell	21	23	44
Alex Dewispelaere	18	21	39
Fox Forrest	9	11	20
Lucas Hansen	16	23	39
Jacob Henning	17	21	38
Samuel Honerman	21	20	41
Gavin Hoven	14	19	33
Andrew Kinsinger	18	19	37
Linkon Knorr	0	0	0
Jacob Madison	21	22	43
Lucas Madison	20	16	36
Austin Morseman	22	23	45
Liam Murphy	20	19	39
Makayla Oechsle	15	20	35
Austin Ossefoort	18	16	34
Holden Overgaard	18	17	35
David Rathman	10	18	28
Jaden Reisch	20	21	41
JT Remme	20	17	37
Rayann Remme	11	11	22
Tucker Remme	12	9	21
Sawyer Saker	16	19	35
Cameron Wieneke	13	11	24
Grant Wieneke	16	13	29
Piper Wynia	21	18	39

April 1-5 scores: Week 2

	Round1	Round 2	Total
Landon Ahrendt	19	21	40
Cash Bonnett	18	21	39
Morgan Bonnett	16	21	37
Tyson Cowell	22	19	41
Alex Dewispelaere	21	21	42
Fox Forrest	0	0	0
Lucas Hansen	20	15	35
Jacob Henning	24	21	45
Samuel Honerman	22	20	42
Gavin Hoven	17	18	35
Andrew Kinsinger	16	18	34
Linkon Knorr	0	0	0
Jacob Madison	19	20	39
Lucas Madison	23	21	44
Austin Morseman	0	0	0
Liam Murphy	18	22	40
Makayla Oechsle	19	17	36
Austin Ossefoort	17	19	36
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David Rathman	21	18	39
Jaden Reisch	19	18	37
JT Remme	21	19	40
Rayann Remme	20	15	35
Tucker Remme	0	0	0
Sawyer Saker	17	19	36
Cameron Wieneke	10	12	22
Grant Wieneke	12	18	30
Piper Wynia	23	23	46

Seeing is believing

By Scott Rall

This will be year number two for me at the National Fish Decoy Association gathering in Perham, Minnesota, on April 14, 15, and 16.

It is hard to describe just how cool this event is. If you are a decoy carver, you will certainly know what happens over these three days. To the ones left out, I will try to give you a feel for this one-of-a-kind event.

The National Fish Decoy Association is the largest recognized entity in the fish decoy arena. Carvers from all over the United States will come to this show and enter into many of the different classes. Wins at this high level go a long way to making their decoys much more valuable.

I am serving as a judge in 12 or 13 of the 25 different classes displayed this weekend. Each fish class has different rules and different parameters. Most of them have a minimum or maximum length. Some are judged as folk art. Other classes might be ice spearing heritage focused. With 25 different classes and as many different judging criteria, you get to see such a wide variety of stuff that it will blow your mind.

We are all familiar with the fish species that call Minnesota home, but how many of them have you actually caught? There are categories for northern pike, crappies and perch. We all know what they look like. How about rainbow trout,



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By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

char, steelhead and even a few categories for waterfowl? They have categories for even the smallest of fish like darters and the like.

If you know not one single thing about spearing and the decoys used, you will be overwhelmed when you walk into the now sold out exhibitors arena. Standing in one spot, you will be able to lay your eyes on more than 3,000-5,000 different and one-of-a-kind master pieces. The craftsmanship and attention to detail is incredible. There are paint finishes I did not think were possible.

They also have categories where no natural materials can be used. Exhibitors and competitors will cast and paint epoxy resin designs and compete in those specialty classes.

You can look back more than 100 years of spearing history at this display. They have some stuff that looks

like it came to Minnesota in a covered wagon. Spears, ice saws, ice spuds old photos and every method to attract a pike into a spear hole will be on display. My biggest issue is that I normally burn through the money I brought for the entire weekend in about 2-3 hours.

If there was one word to describe this event, it would have to be two words: craftsmanship and attention to detail. I guess that was more than one word. As a contestant you can enter as many classes as you want, and some of them are called purchase classes. The entity or individual that puts up the prize money for a particular class is then able to take home the first- and sometimes second-place finishers.

There is an awards banquet on Saturday evening, and anyone can buy a ticket to this event. The thing that surprised me the most is how some of these carvers can enter many different classes with different judging criteria and still win on a consistent basis. I can see getting really good at one thing, but how do you get so good as to be able to win across such a wide spectrum of fish species and judging standards?

There is no doubt that many of these competitors are on the upper end of the age range, but there was one young gal I know who entered for the first time ever and won an award. Her

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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/stccluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

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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, April 13: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, April 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Semi-Annual meeting. 10 a.m. Coffee/Sunday School and Drums. 4 p.m. MS/HS Happy Little Trees. Monday, April 17: Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, April 18: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, April 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 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

Sundays: 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, April 14: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, April 15: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Women's Conference. Sunday, April 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, April 17: 6:30 p.m. VBS work night. Tuesday, April 18: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, April 19: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. 7:30 p.m. PC Awards Night. 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, April 15: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, April 16: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, April 17: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Messenger deadline. Tuesday, April 18: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6:30 p.m. W&M meeting. Wednesday, April 19: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. 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: fpccemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 12: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir. 6:30-8 p.m. Senior Highs. 7:15 p.m. Session meeting. Thursday, April 13: 9 a.m. PW Coordinating Team. Friday and Saturday, April 14-15: PW Synod CT meeting. Sunday, April 16: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of

Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays), Youth Sunday School during worship. 11:15 a.m. Music staff. 7 p.m. Beacons (o-open to all). Wednesday, April 19: 9 a.m. Morning Circle. 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Circle. 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 6 p.m. Women's Chorus. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir. 7:15 p.m. Deacons.

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

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

Living Rock Church
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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
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Bill Bates, Pastor

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

Sunday, April 16: 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, April 18: 7 p.m. First Lutheran council meeting. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Thursday, April 13: 1:30 p.m. WELCA at Palisade Lutheran Church. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting. Sunday, April 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
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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
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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.

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Alan Camarigo, Pastor

Whoever

Some of us may remember those days when we were punished for getting into trouble at school. I remember there was that one kid who always seemed to be the culprit of the mischief. Most of us knew who created the mischief; however, we did not want to be a snitch and kept our mouths shut because snitches get stitches.

Once the mischief was discovered, the teacher would confront the entire class and say, "Whoever is behind this must confess right now!"

Of course, the only sound heard was crickets. Then the teacher would make a threat that if the culprit didn't confess, the entire class would be punished.

Think about that for a second – one person's sin caused the entire class to suffer the consequences.

Less than a week ago we celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus. I'm so thankful that because of him, it's just the opposite of the one little stinker who caused the suffering for all. Instead, there was One who suffered to cover the sins of all.

I'd suspect we've all seen the signs at televised sporting events or on signs that say John 3:16. Well, it's a very important verse in the Gospel message. It says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

I've heard this verse referred to as the world's greatest text. It's universal and international. God's love is for everyone ... for "whoever," including the "little stinker."

When Adam and Eve sinned at the beginning of creation, God could have removed himself. He could have said, "I'm out." But, because God so loved, he brought re-

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Annette Junak, Rock River Community Church

demption. He provided a way out for us. He gave his one and only Son, Jesus, who was the Son of Man and the Son of God. Because Jesus was born of a woman, it makes him a Son of Man, but a person's blood type is determined through the father, making Jesus' blood divine, and being conceived of the Spirit, it makes him the Son of God.

Yes, God sacrificed his Son for us, but we can't stop there. It would never have happened if Jesus wasn't willing to go to the cross.

Jesus stepped down as deity, wrapped himself in human form to redeem us. Jesus knew why he came. He knew what was ahead. In the days leading up to his crucifixion, he asked God if there was any other way. His flesh did not want to go to the cross, but his spirit man agreed with his Father, "Not my will, but thine."

I'm so grateful that Jesus did not act in his fleshly desire like the "little stinker" did in class, but through His Spirit agreed with the Father (God), and went to the cross to pay the price for our sin through the shedding of his blood, his divine blood, bringing us redemption.

We are all "whoevers." It's not an exclusive club. There are no membership requirements except believing in Jesus. It's God's desire that we all believe so we can have everlasting life.

Give your life to him as he gave his for you!

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Rock County Planning and Zoning hearing set for April 17

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Courthouse, located at 204 E Brown St, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2023. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Spring Lake Express
 Property Owner: Spring Lake Express
 Location: NW 1/4 of Section 13 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
 Conditional Use: Gravel Extraction, stockpiling, and associated processing
 Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
 Property Owner: Spring Lake Express
 Location: NW 1/4 of Section 13 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
 Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
 Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
 Property Owner: Bremik Materials, Inc.
 Location: E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
 Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
 Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
 311 W. Gabrielson Road
 Luverne, MN 56156
 507-283-8862

(04-06, 04-13)

Gyberg probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
 DISTRICT COURT
 PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Mabel Elizabeth Gyberg, a/k/a Mabel E. Gyberg, a/k/a Mable Gyberg, Deceased
 Court File No. 67-PR-23-66

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 24th day of April, 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 3, 1994, and for the appointment of Dennis A. Gyberg whose address is 603 N. Freeman 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 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 representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date Filed: March 28, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
 District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Eisma and Eisma
 130 East Main
 Luverne, MN 56156
 (507) 283-4828
 I.D. #158343

/s/ Natalie Reisch
 Court Administrator
 (COURT SEAL)

(04-06, 04-13)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 18

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 20, 2012
 MORTGAGOR: Travis Dammann, a single man.
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank its successors and assign .
 DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 180873.
 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated September 27, 2016 Recorded October 3, 2016, as Document No. 189217. And thereafter assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated June 14, 2019, Recorded June 21, 2019, as Document No. 194971.
 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1005210-0808005333-4
 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank
 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank
 MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 413 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 201448000
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 Lot 5 in Block 23 in Van Eps and Vary's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,070.00
 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$63,959.06

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: May 18, 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 November 20, 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: March 17, 2023

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
 Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
 Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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 (952) 925-6888
 37 - 23-002091 FC

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

(03-30, 04-06, 04-13, 04-20, 04-27, 05-04)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 27, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 9, 2012
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$240,000.00
 MORTGAGOR(S): Justin Birger, Her Husband and Laressa Birger, His Wife
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Dacotah Bank, its successors and assigns
 DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: February 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder Document Number: 178607
 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Colonial Savings, F.A.
 Dated: January 19, 2017
 Recorded: February 13, 2017 Rock County Recorder Document Number: 190119
 Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100793500000021541
 Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Dacotah Bank
 Residential Mortgage Servicer: Colonial Savings, FA
 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
 Property Address: 302 E 7th St, Hills, MN 56138
 Tax Parcel ID Number: 15-0316-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Two (2) of Parkview Second Addition to the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota
 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$196,278.85
 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that this is registered property;

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: April 27, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
 PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 27, 2023, or the next business day if October 27, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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

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.

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: March 1, 2023
 MORTGAGEE: Colonial Savings, F.A.

Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A.
 Attorneys for Mortgagee
 7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200
 Woodbury, MN 55125
 651-209-3300
 File Number: 050335-F2

(03-09, 03-16, 03-23, 03-30, 04-06, 04-13)

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Hoppy Easter!

Valentina Tullius relishes a hug from the Easter Bunny (Chamber assistant Ella Lanoue) Saturday morning at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. She was among more than 100 children and roughly 80 parents who enjoyed a free movie, "Hop," and received a gift bag with Easter treats from the Easter bunny. The Luverne Area Chamber sponsored the indoor event this year because the park and other venues remained under snow.

City bonds for Lopau housing development/continued from page 1

ranging from Henning's low bid to the highest at \$2,032,842.

The utility and infrastructure construction project includes an 8-inch sanitary sewer main and 6- and 12-inch water mains to serve the 24 residential lots.

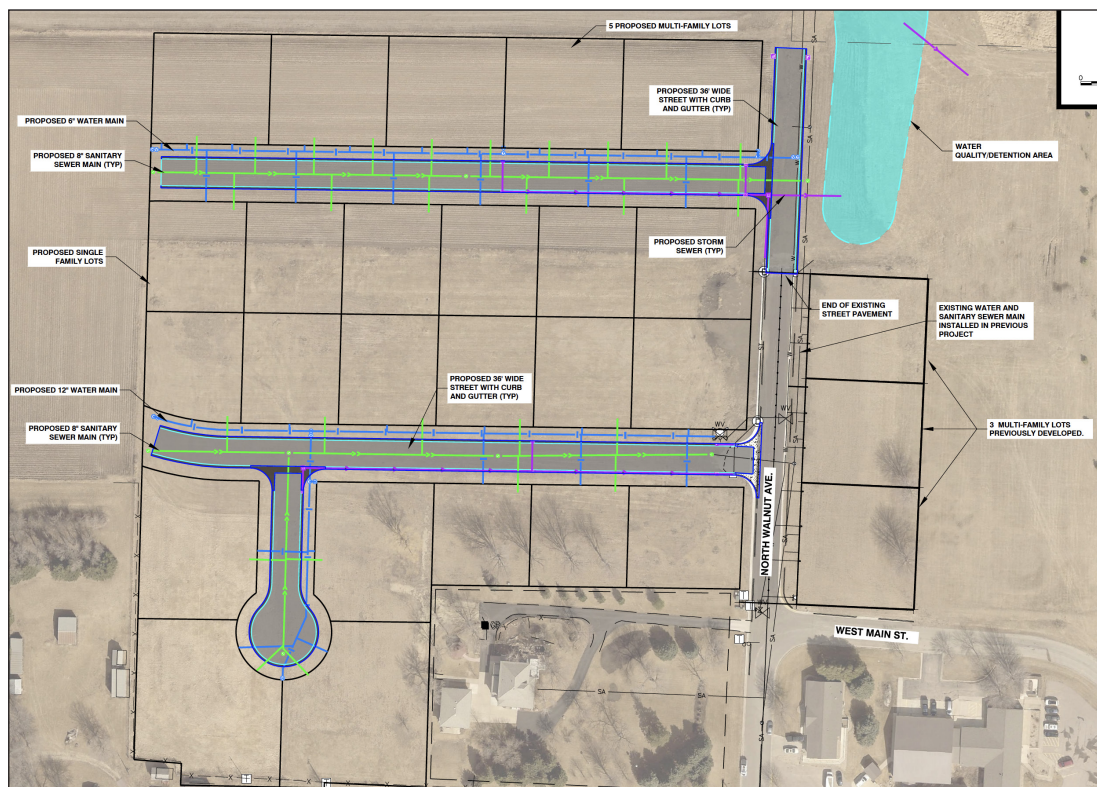
Nineteen lots will be designated for single-family homes and five will be multi-family lots for twin homes (10 units on the north end).

Construction of infrastructure and utilities will start this spring and should be substantially complete this fall.

The existing property will be graded to accommodate a variety of houses, which include slab on grade structures, walk-out basements, garden window basements and full basements.

Lots will be accessed by 36-foot-wide asphalt streets, and drainage will follow curb and gutters, drainage swales in backyards and a storm sewer system that outlets into a detention basin on the east side of the extended North Walnut Avenue.

The detention basin will retain a portion of storm water on site that will drain through a filter before out-letting upstream of



Poplar Creek and will reduce the runoff flow rate.

Background

In the fall of 2020, the city paid Lynn Lopau \$661,500 for 10 acres of land — \$475,000 for the house, garage and two acres, and \$186,500 for the rest of the eight acres, including two outbuildings.

After remodeling and updating the home, the city later sold the house, garage and two acres for \$498,000 to Greg and Janet Burger.

Future housing needs

According to remarks in the feasibility study for the Lopau Addition, "It is imperative that new lots are available to meet current needs and attract others to the city of Luverne."

That assumption is based on projected growth and limited residential lots available for sale in the city.

"The city of Luverne is continuing to grow as it is a clean, safe, well-maintained city with an excellent school

system and medical network," the feasibility report states.

"New businesses continue to choose the city of Luverne as their home, and existing businesses are expanding to meet growing needs. As the population of the city of Luverne continues to rise, the tax base continues to grow, and residents spend their money locally to support local businesses, all of which benefits the community."

Rall column: 'Seeing is believing' when it comes to fish decoys/continued from page 8

Her name is Melissa Shockman from North Dakota.

I hope to meet up with her again this year.

She used to work for Pheasants Forever, which is

where I met her initially.

There are no big shots or hot shots with big attitudes at this show from what I have seen.

I have seen the oldest and most successful carvers

sitting with the newbies and intermediates helping them fine-tune their crafts to help everyone become a better carver.

How often do you see someone helping and

training their own future competitors? Not very many times, I will say from my experience.

This is such an unusual event you should try to attend. Last year it rained

the whole time, but the weather is looking up for next weekend. I am sure there will be a few beers to be found in Perham as well.

Scott Rall, Worthing-

ton, 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.

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Speech results/continued from page 6

- Brooke Vos, fourth, extemporaneous reading.
- Elizabeth Mulder, fourth, informative speaking.
- Grace Ingebretsen, sixth, extemporaneous speaking.
- Brianna Kinsinger and Bethany Behr, eighth, dynamic duo.

Luverne competed at the Minneota speech invitational March 25 with a team of nine students.

"With state basketball, robotics and FCCLA all tak-

ing place, this meet was smaller as well," Folkestad said.

Fourteen schools and 107 students competed in Minneota, where they competed in three rounds with a final round to mimic the state tournament format.

Luverne finished in seventh place as a team with all nine students earning a medal, ribbon or rubber duck. "They do this for fun," Folkestad said. "The duck is in place of one

or two places out (of the finals)."

In Minneota the LHS team finished as follows:

- Jessika Tunnissen, second, informative speaking.
- William Johnson, third, original oratory.
- Brianna Kinsinger, fifth, creative expression.
- Elizabeth Mulder, fifth, informative speaking.
- Hannah Kempema, sixth, original oratory.
- Makayla Oechsle, sixth, discussion.
- Cassi Chesley, seventh, discussion.
- Ingrid Mostad, Macrina Reverts, ninth, dynamic duo.

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Registration is 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Conference is 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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To pre-register for the conference, email Diane Sherwood at: promos@iw.net or text 507-920-5349.

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