

### Hills-Beaver Creek bond referendum passes with narrow margin

### **By Mavis Fodness**

A little more than half of the Hills-Beaver Creek School District voters approved both bond referendum questions in a special election April 11.

Question No. 1, to build a new elementary school in Beaver Creek, passed with 53 percent approval. Vote totals were 345 "yes" and 311 "no."

Question No. 2, to improve the Hugo Goehle gymnasium site in Hills, passed with 56 percent approval. Vote totals were 367 Question No. 1, to build a new elementary school in Beaver Creek, passed with 53 percent approval 345-311. Question No. 2, to improve the Hugo Goehle gymnasium site in Hills, passed with 56 percent approval 367-285.

"yes" and 285 "no."

Overall, 54 percent of the district's registered voters cast ballots April 11.

The approved \$29.975 million referendum means a new \$26.5 million elementary school will be built in Beaver Creek and \$3.475 million will be spent to expand the parking lot at the current secondary school, demolish the former high school in Hills, and improve the Hugo Goehle gymnasium site currently attached to the former school.

School board members canvassed the tabulated results by the Rock County Auditor's Office vote during their regular meeting Monday night. Members commented on the historically low turnout numbers.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus pointed out 237 fewer people voted in last week's special election than in the 2009 special election to build the new secondary school.

Despite the low numbers, board members said they appreci-

ated the positive vote and what the building projects will mean for the district.

"Now the work begins," said Chairman Arlyn Gehrke. "With a positive outcome to both referendum questions, we can be more future-focused in our long-term building maintenance plans instead of piecemealing necessary upgrades together if the referendum was unsuccessful.

"We thank the H-BC district

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Lori Sorenson photo/0420 beaver creek cidery

### Hardwick City Council deals with 'dog poo' concerns

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Hardwick City Council is considering enforcement of its public nuisance ordinance after a resident submitted a written complaint.

City clerk Tammy Johnson read the letter at the council's April 11 meeting.

"There are many people in town with dogs," wrote Cindy Moerke. "Most of them pick up their pets' poo, but there are some who do not."

She said pets often leave excrement on lawns of residents who do not have pets.

"This summer could be bad if this continues," she said.

Dog excrement is not the only nuisance council members have observed, and they're considering possible enforcement in the community of 186 residents.

"And not just dogs. Cat poo. I see cigarette butts all over town. Garbage blowing around," Mayor Tom Haas said.

Sean McFarland operates an orchard with 2,000 heirloom cider apple trees at his Blackshire Farms business near Beaver Creek and is hoping to establish a cidery in the Springbrooke golf and events facility in Beaver Creek. He would lease the building from owner Rick Gourley.

### **Orchard owner proposes cidery in Springbrooke** *Council denies permit request, agrees to consider additional options*

### By Lori Sorenson

A Beaver Creek horticulturalist is hoping to establish an orchard and cidery at the Springbrooke events facility and golf course.

Sean McFarland applied for a conditional use permit requesting an ag classification for the property so he can grow apples for cider and wine under a Minnesota Farm Winery License.

The application was submitted April 3 by Springbrooke owner Rick Gourley. McFarland would lease the property — including the restaurant, bar, event center and part of the golf course — from Gourley to operate his agritourism business.

Beaver Creek City Council members heard McFarland's proposal at their Wednesday, April 12, meeting.

"Successful wineries operate all around the region," he told council members. "However, no true cideries operate within 200-plus miles of Sioux Falls."

"True" cider is made from pure pressed cider-specific apples and has no added sugar or flavors.

"Beaver Creek has the opportunity to offer a winery and pumpkin- and applepicking experience where none exists in the immediate area," McFarland said.

The cider presses would be in the current Springbrooke building or in a newly constructed building nearby.

A tasting room would be in the lowerlevel existing bar, and McFarland would use Gourley's existing liquor license,

Cidery in Springbrooke/see page 2A

The council adopted its current nuisance ordinance in 2016, primarily due to the accumulation of materials piled against garages and outside homes.

The ordinance defines public nuisance as intentional acts that affect the health, morals and decency, peace and safety of city residents.

The city can enforce compliance and misdemeanor charges.

Council members took no action on Moerke's letter at their meeting.

### Health officials: Pet excrement poses no human health hazards

Environmental health manager Jason Kloss said Monday that natural deposits by pets on lawns generally pose

Hardwick dog poo/see page 3A

### **'Coach Stig' to bring 'whole team' message to Palace Theatre May 1**

### **By Lori Sorenson**

Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow will bring John Stiegelmeier to the Palace Theatre on Monday, May 1.

"Coach Stig" formerly coached the South Dakota State University football team and is known as the winningest football coach in the history of SDSU.

He served as the head coach from 1997 to 2023, compiling a record of 199–112, recently leading the Jackrabbits to a national champion-ship before announcing his retirement.

Stiegelmeier will bring his message, "It Takes a Whole Team to Win," to the Palace at 5:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

LIFT is selling tickets for a VIP reception at Sterling's Café and Grille for \$50 per person as a fundraiser for its community projects.

The reception includes "food, beverage, fellowship, and inspiration," and \$20 of the ticket

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John Stiegelmeier, former SDSU football coach, will speak at the Palace Theatre on May 1.

purchase is a tax-deductible donation. Tickets for the VIP event and reserved Palace seating are available only with advance purchase at the Chamber. Call 507-283-4061. The deadline to buy advance tickets is April 25.

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# Mexican restaurant coming to South Highway 75 in Luverne

### By Lori Sorenson

At their Tuesday, April 11, meeting, Luverne City Council members approved annual liquor and Sunday on-sale licenses for Los Bravos, LLC, the Mexican restaurant coming to South Highway 75.

The owner of Los Bravos, Luis Abundes, purchased the former 75 Diner restaurant from Codie Deutsch and requested liquor licenses for the period April 12 through Dec. 31.

Abundes closed on the purchase Monday and plans to open for business in a month, just after Mother's Day.

Deutsch will serve as the resident manager for Abundes,

who lives in Jackson; however, she said she'll have no role in the operation of the new restaurant.

Abundes also owns Fiesta Brava Mexican Restaurant in Jackson. Another Fiesta Brava operates in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He also owns several other restaurants in other states.

According to council information, all materials have been submitted (copy of restaurant license, certificate of insurance and fees) and the background checks for Abundes and Deutsch were favorable.

Those applications will be sent to the state for approval as well.



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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### Meetings

Kenneth Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, in the Kenneth Community Center. Members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

### LHS to perform Addams Family

The Luverne High School Drama Department will present four performances of the "The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy," on April 27, May 4, 5 and 6 in the performing arts center.

Curtain opens at 7 p.m.

### **Kindergartners perform April 28**

The kindergarten students of Luverne Elementary will perform "Getting Down with Mama Goose" 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, in the performing arts center.

The performance will also be livestreamed from the schools' social media site.

### 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.

### **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. Millenials 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 reregistration 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

### **Online BQA certification April 25**

University of Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Beef Council will host a free online Beef Quality Assurance training from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, for producers to earn a three-year BQA certification.

The training is free, but registration is required at ttps://z.umn.edu/BQAApril25



Lori Sorenson photo/0420 beaver creek cidery

Sean McFarland has been busy pruning 2,000 heirloom cider apple trees at his Blackshire Farms business near Beaver Creek. He approached the Beaver Creek City Council April 12 about a conditional use permit that would allow him to establish a cidery in the Springbrooke golf and events facility in Beaver Creek. He would lease the building from owner Rick Gourley.

### Cider proposed in Beaver Creek's Springbrooke/from page 1A

pending his own background checks and other paperwork clearing.

Apple trees would be planted in tight rows in and around the golf course "adding to the beauty and increasing the golf course's playability by creating obstacles and hazards," Mc-Farland wrote in the permit application.

There would be roughly 1,000 trees that would take up about 2 to 3 acres of the 52-acre property. Pumpkin patches would grow among them.

"The community will benefit from a business that welcomes and attracts all people of all ages, interests and incomes," he said. "Local businesses will benefit from increased visitors to our city."

"Successful wineries operate all around the region. However, no true cideries operate within 200-plus miles of Sioux Falls."

### - Sean McFarland, horticulturalist

for a half crop this year and a full crop next year, when they plan to start pressing for cider.

"I have a vision for a cidery, and we've been working toward this for 10 years," McFarland said.

When Springbrooke became available for rent, he said it was an opportunity worth exploring for his own business and to benefit the community.

"Increased visitors may increase demand for vacant lots in city limits," McFarharvest apples and sell the fruit and cider, but statute requires licensees to operate on land zoned or permitted for ag use.

In order to have a farm winery at Springbrooke, the property would need to be zoned or permitted for agriculture use. It's currently zoned residential and industrial, and Beaver Creek's ordinance doesn't allow zoning for agricultural purposes.

For council members

### **Council denies request**

McFarland's proposal is backed by a detailed business plan and was advised by Flaherty and Hood municipal attorney Alyssa Harrington, who specializes in ordinances and permits.

He shared her contact information with the council.

**Council members** listened with interest to the proposal, and among other questions they wanted to know if the golf course would remain a golf course.

"Out of respect for the people building homes there, it would be fair for it to remain a golf course," council member Al Harnack said.

McFarland assured them he had no intention of changing the golf course, which Gourley intends to redevelop after 15 years of being closed. Mayor Josh Teune said he'd discussed McFarland's proposal with Beaver Creek's city attorney Jennifer Reinke of Eisma and Eisma, who advised the city to deny the request for now. "I think for now we have to follow our attorney's advice and deny the permit," Teune said. "That doesn't mean we can't revisit it." Harnack suggested tabling the request until the council had more information, but Teune said there wasn't time for that. The April 2 conditional use application request would automatically go into effect as submitted if it's not acted on within 60 days. Because the ordinance and permit process would take nearly two months, the council opted to deny the request for now. "It doesn't hurt my feelings not having it approved tonight," McFarland said at the meeting. "So long as we can talk about it again in a future context. ... I'm a squeaky wheel; you'll be hearing from me."

### State park naturalist offers programs April 29

The Blue Mounds State Park naturalist will offer two programs on Saturday, April 29, at the picnic shelter.

"Predator vs Prey," from 10 to 11 a.m. is designed for ages 6-12, but all ages are welcome. From the smallest insect to the largest fish in the river, every animal plays a role in the ecosystem.

"Beavers: Nature's Engineers" from 3 to 4 p.m. is about America's largest rodent. Discover how these critters use unique adaptations to impact the landscape. The program will conclude with a short walk to the creek to look for beaver activity.

Contact park staff at bluemounds.statepark@state. mn.us or 507-283-6050 with questions.

### **Blackshire Farms**

McFarland and his wife, Marcella, have operated Blackshire Farms since 2016 west of Beaver Creek near the intersection of County Road 4 and 70th Avenue.

The farm has a pickyour-own pumpkin patch, honeybees, heirloom raspberry patches, rhubarb and strawberry beds, asparagus and personal produce gardens.

The Blackshire orchards include 2,000 heirloom cider apple trees that are maturing on schedule

land said.

"The city government will benefit from increased tax revenue. The building itself will benefit from increased revenue that will ensure upkeep and renovations through the years."

### Farm winery license requires farming in town

Farm wineries are given a special status in Minnesota's liquor laws to encourage and support the fledgling farm winery industry.

He said a farm winery license would allow him to



Which Lie Do You Tell The Most Often?

5 more minutes	20%
I'm on my way	<b>16</b> %
I'm listening	8%
I didn't see your text/hear my phone	<b>36</b> %
I have no idea	<b>20</b> %



to accommodate McFarland's request, they'd have to change the city ordinance - a costly and time-consuming measure that would require public notices and public hearings. (Gourley has offered to share those

costs.) At that point, the council could act on McFarland's request for a conditional use permit, which also requires public notice and comment.

Conditions would include, among other things, no commercial livestock and no industrial farming activities except those directly relating to production of cider and wine.

Part of the property near the pumphouse and maintenance shed is already zoned industrial and could possibly allow for McFarland's retail pumpkin growing and selling.

However, the Springbrooke building and golf course are zoned residential, and a farm winery license would require rezoning it for ag use.



### Health officials issue alert for canine influenza

The H3N2 strain of canine influenza has been confirmed in the recent Twin Cities animal shelter outbreak.

This strain tends to be more virulent, spreads faster and easier, and tends to make dogs sicker than the H3N8 strain. Dogs shed the virus for 28 days after becoming infected.

Vaccines may be in short supply, especially bivalent varieties. H3N2 specific, mono-valent vaccines my be available and are recommended until the bivalent supply is restocked.

Animals at high risk

for severe clinical disease (young, old, other medical conditions) should be prioritized, as well as dogs in high-risk settings.

Any dog with upper respiratory signs should be quarantined for 30 days to help prevent the spread of influenza, even with a negative test result.

Veterinarians are urged to follow simple precautions with suspected patients in clinics. Patient physical contact should be limited to only what is necessary, and staff should always wash their hands before and after handling patients.

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no health hazard.

"Animal feces on lawns typically does not meet the definition of a public health nuisance, unless the accumulation is particularly excessive," he said.

"It's just negligence by the pet owner. It's not fun to see.'

Hardwick is not the only community experiencing pet excrement on lawns after cold weather begins to abate.

"In winter it is difficult to manage the routine cleanup," he said. "In the springtime, responsible pet owners will clean up their pets' messes."

In larger cities, where there are more personnel to enforce nuisance ordinances, pet owners are required to submit DNA samples.

Excrement found and traced to the pet leads to fines to the owner.

Kloss said many smaller communities cannot afford such enforcement measures.

These towns rely on the cleaning up after one's pet as being a "good neighbor."

"Go by the 'Tall Grass Rule," he said. "If there's tall grass, especially along the township road, where pets can do their business, no one cares. If it's on a manicured lawn, it's not acceptable and pick it up."

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voters in supporting our long-term plans."

Due to receiving a favorable review from the State Department of Education for the proposed referendum, the two questions needed a simple voter approval to pass.

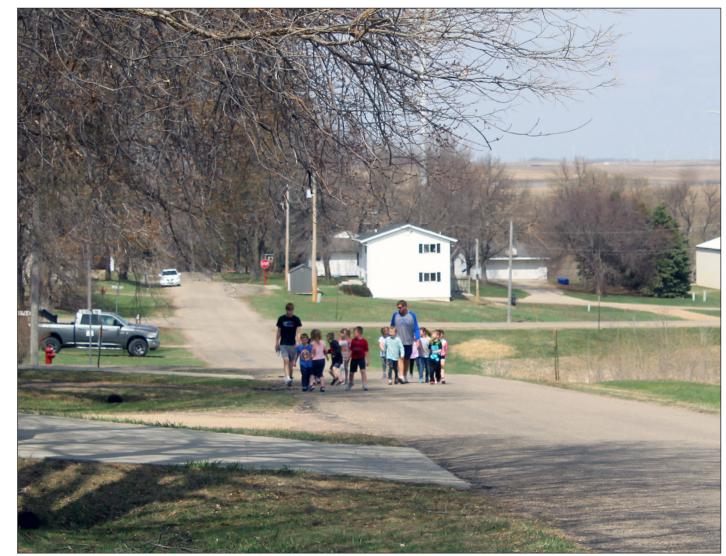
Before the polls opened at 7 a.m., there were 1,186 registered voters in the H-BC district which includes the cities of Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen and

238 "yes" votes and 164 "no" votes in the first precinct. Second precinct votes had 109 "yes" votes and 111 "no" votes.

### **Elementary to open for** 2025-26 school year

If construction goes as planned, the new H-BC Elementary School will be complete for the start of the 2025-26 school year.

Construction is expected to start in spring 2024.



Mavis Fodness photo/0420 H-BC Walkathon 2023

Kindergartners at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School tally 1.2 miles during the walkathon Friday afternoon through the streets of Beaver Creek. The annual schoolwide fundraiser raised \$6,000 for the Parent Teachers Organization to be used to pay for various activities throughout the school year. Students enjoyed fair weather and only a little rain.





Above, kindergartners Tamie Krull (left) and Elias Blank spend time making faces at each other during the H-BC PTO fundraiser walkathon. At left, Addison Sammons (left), Charlie Wilsey and Jordyn Rauk embrace in friendship while they walk. Below left, fourth-graders (in front from left) Gage Spykerboer and Jason Vandeberg lead the trek around the H-BC Elementary school during their 1.4 total miles.

### **H-BC Elementary** students raise

all or portions of Martin, Clinton, Beaver Creek and Springwater townships.

A total of 657 ballots were cast on the day of the special election, including 29 voters who registered at the election site. Also included were 30 voters casting absentee votes.

Residents had two polling places in which to cast ballots until the 8 p.m. deadline.

Results were different between the two precincts.

Vote totals for Question No. 1 indicated 216 voted "yes" in the first precinct (Hills, Steen, Clinton and Martin townships) with 190 voting "no."

In the second precinct (Beaver Creek, Springwater and Beaver Creek townships) results were 108 "yes" and 112 "no."

Question No. 2 had

Preston Euerle with R.A. Morton of St. Cloud is the construction manager.

He said the next couple of months will have the architects, AST&R out of Sioux Falls, preparing plans for the bid process, estimated to take place in October or November.

Demolition of the former high school is expected to be completed next summer.

The current elementary school in Beaver Creek is also slated for demolition once the new school is finished.

According to information presented at Monday's school board meeting, bonds for the \$29.975 million project will also be sold at two separate sales. The first sale will take place this spring or summer, with the second sale set for the first of the year.

### \$6,000 by walking

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary students spent Friday afternoon walking a combined eight miles to raise nearly \$6,000 for the school's parent-teacher organization.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students walked outside during their physical education class times.

Teacher Darin DeBoer said each class walked as a group for the same amount of time.

Classes and their distances were:

•1.2 miles kindergartners.

•1 mile first-graders. •1.3 miles secondgraders.

•1.87 miles third-graders.

•1.4 miles fourth-graders.

•1.3 miles fifth-graders. Temperatures were in the upper 50s with occasional rain showers.

DeBoer said first-graders were interrupted by a downpour that lasted a few minutes. They sheltered in a Beaver Creek resident's garage.

Brianna Leuthold, treasurer of PTO, conducts the annual walk-a-thon fundraiser.

She said donations help to sponsor activities such as Puppy Relays, fall festival, year-end celebration, I Love to Read Month and others.

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# **Opinion**

### Thank you, dear readers, for the 30-year journey of telling Rock County's story

We had cake in the office Tuesday to celebrate my 30 years as Star

Herald editor. I love what I do, and I cherish the role of a weekly paper in a community, so it's definitely worth celebrating.

Thirty years sounds impressive, but it's just on par with countless feature stories we've written about people in their jobs for 30 or more years.

When I started at the Star Herald in April 1993, Charlie Braa was still running the County Auditor's Office and the County Board, too, from what I could tell.

Bill Weber had just replaced Gordy Gits as Luverne mayor, and Andy Steensma was representing us in the State Capitol where Arne Carlson was governor.

In my first months on the job, I wrote about Kyle Oldre starting as county personnel director (now administrator) and Dr. Diane Kennedy starting at Luverne Community Hospital (when it was still located downtown).

I wrote about Betty Mann's retirement from 25 years of teaching. Norm Miller was school superintendent and Ed Salzer was elementary principal in the three-story brick building in the middle of town. Magnolia elementary students still attended classes in Magnolia.

The Veterans Home had just opened in 1993 and the Evergreen housing additions were still part of the city's long-range plan. I came to Rock County after writing for the U of M campus daily in Minneapolis and at the Worthington Daily Globe.

### On second thought

### By Lori Sorenson, editor

going editor and Carole Olson was the reporter who became my mentor and dear friend.

We were still photographing on film, which we developed in the darkroom where we printed images on paper in chemical trays. We pieced together the weekly editions one strip of waxed news copy at a time on pages that were driven to a press room 30 miles away.

Today we're digitally produced and sent to printers online. We still circulate news on paper, but many of our subscribers like the E-edition.

What hasn't changed in 30 years, however, is our approach to local news.

We're more committed than ever to telling the stories of Rock County — the schools, governments, businesses and, of course, the citizens.

In the name of journalism, I've had rare opportunities to get close to people and families I may have never otherwise met, and I'm a better person (and better journalist) for knowing them.

If this job has taught me anything, it's that we're all human, and everybody hurts.

And more than that, I'm repeatedly impressed by the resiliency of our people and the generosity of our community when someone needs help.

It's what sets us apart from other communities, and it's what makes my work so rewarding.

### Severe Weather Awareness Week is this week, April 17-21

Statewide tornado drill to test outdoor sirens April 20

Are you ready for severe weather? Each year Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the National Weather Service, sponsors Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota.

The week is designed to remind and educate the public about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them.

It's also a good time to make and practice emergency plans and check emergency preparedness kits.

The most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the two annual statewide tornado drills.

In Minnesota the 2023 statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 20. Outdoor warning sirens will sound in a simulated tornado warning.

The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.

Minnesota experiences an average of 29 tornadoes per year.

In 2021 Minnesota recorded 64 tornadoes, including 22 on Dec. 15 alone. They were the latest reported tornadoes on record. A record was set in 2010 with 113 tornadoes touching down across the state.

Understanding this threat and knowing what to do when a tornado is approaching can save lives.

Take advantage of Severe Weather Awareness Week to review your own and your family's emergency procedures and prepare for weather-related hazards.

The week observes different aspects of weather awareness.

For example, severe thunderstorms produce large hail or winds of at least 58 mph. Some wind gusts can exceed 100 mph and produce tornado-like damage. That's why many communities sound outdoor sirens for damaging straight-line winds.

In terms of floods, nearly 200 lives are lost nationally to flooding each year, and 300,000 people are forced from their homes due to property damage in excess of \$2 billion. In 2019 six out of the nine state and federally declared disasters in Minnesota involved some sort of flooding.

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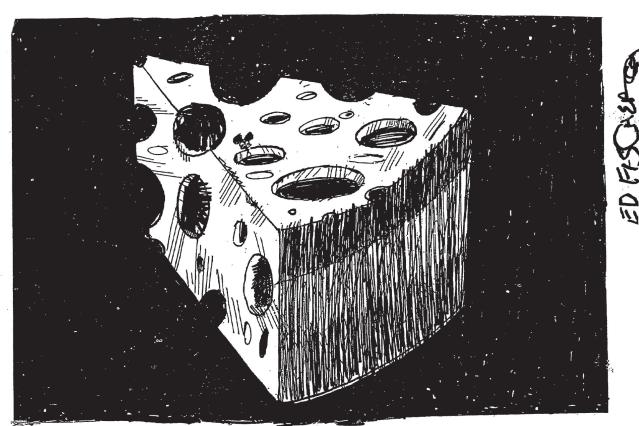
About 75 percent of flash-flood deaths occur at night. Half of the victims die in automobiles or other vehicles. Many deaths occur when people drive around road barricades that clearly indicate that the road is washed out ahead.

Severe Weather Awareness Week also focuses on heat. According to the Department of Health, from 2000 to 2016 there were 54 deaths directly attributable to extreme heat in Minnesota.

On July 19, 2011, an all-time heat index record was set in Minnesota with air temperatures at 93 degrees and the heat index reaching 130 degrees in Moorhead.

The National Weather Service places high priority on alerting the public to heat wave hazards.

More information about Severe Weather Awareness Week is at dps.mn.gov.





Lynn Taylor was the out-

I consider it an honor and privilege to have been documenting Rock County's history for 30 years, and Lord willing,

I'll be here many more. Thank you, dear readers, for the journey and for allowing me to tell your story.

### > Section of a Minnesota road

### Treasures will appear on boulevards as annual citywide cleanup draws near

Spring rummage sale (May 3-6) and the citywide spring cleanup (May 1-5) are just around the corner.

The citywide cleanup event is one of the nicest perks the city offers. There are rules to follow as to what you can place by the curb for free pickup. The citywide cleanup also draws a fair number of out-of-town treasure seekers as well as locals.

Truth be told, I've harvested a treasure or two over the years.

Now for the rules for the spring cleanup. Don't put out tires, chemicals, electronics, batteries, light bulbs or



### paint cans. If you do, they will be left at the curb. Don't start hauling your junk out too early. One week prior to pickup

By Rick Peterson, general manager

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

would be appreciated.

The city is running ads in today's Star Herald and this weekend's Luverne

Announcer with a schedule of neighborhood pickup dates.

Your garbage and recycling routes will remain the same.

It would be a good idea to set your containers away from your curbside items.

If you have a few of the hefty items such as appliances and mattresses, the city crew will pick those up on Friday, May 5. There is a cost for this, however. Appliances cost \$15 each and the mattress/box springs cost \$30 each. You must prepay and register at city hall before the pickup, and no refunds will be issued.

As you should know by now, our city crews operate like a well-oiled NASCAR pit crew, and if they hit your "hood" before the scheduled date, don't worry. They make a return visit.

Branch pickup will start on Monday, May 8. Put the branches parallel to the curb, and they are to be no more than ten feet long.

Don't lollygag on this one – get your branches to the curb by 7 a.m. or you'll be hauling them to the burn site yourself. The city crews will make one pass through the city to pick up branches.

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### **ON THE RECORD**

### **Dispatch report** April 7

•A warrant was issued in Lyon County.

•Road closure on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from 41<sup>st</sup> Street to 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Hills.

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported disturbing the peace issue. April 8

•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on 191st Street, Hardwick, reported a fire.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and County Road 16, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.

•Complainant on 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ellsworth, reported property damage.

•Complainant reported an outage.

•Complainant on 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 211<sup>th</sup> Street, Hardwick, reported flooding.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on 161st Street and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

### April 9

•Complainant on 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Highway 75, Hardwick, reported trespassing.

•Complainant on 141st Street requested roadside assistance.

#### April 10

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.

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### erty damage.

•Complainant on County Road 4 and 81st Street, Beaver Creek, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street and Luverne Street reported burning.

•Complainant on 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 251<sup>st</sup> Street, Edgerton, reported flooding.

•Complainant on Church Avenue, Hills, reported a parking issue.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Luverne, reported a miscellaneous public assist.

### April 11

•A warrant was issued on W. Hatting Street. •Complainant on N.

Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported trespassing.

### April 12

•A warrant was issued at W. Hatting Street. •A fire was reported at

60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hills. •An outage was re-

ported at Highway 75 and Fletcher Street.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant reported an outage.

April 13

•Complainant at Redbird Field reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant reported drugs.

 Complainant reported narcotics.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in the ditch, 2 transports, 1 escort, 8 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 29 burn permits, 11 purchase and carry permits, 34 traffic stops, 18 aban-



The Luverne Fire Department puts out a barn fire at 1371 120th Avenue near Luverne Monday afternoon. The blaze was caused by a burning tree pile that got out of control and spread to the barn structure. (Lori Sorenson photo)

### **Crews fight grass, barn and truck fires**

### **By Lori Sorenson**

Luverne firefighters had a busy Monday when they were dispatched to a barn and grass fire on the heels of a truck fire.

At around 10 a.m. the Luverne Fire Department and emergency responders were sent to a truck fire west of Luverne on County Road 5.

The driver of the Buffalo Ridge

said he heard a clunking sound under the hood as he was driving down the road.

He discovered a fire and attempted to put it out with an extinguisher but ended up calling for help.

By the time firefighters arrived, the semi was fully engulfed in flames, and it took them about a half hour to completely extinguish

### the blaze.

Only a few hours later, the Luverne Fire Department was dispatched to a blaze northwest of Luverne that was reported as a grass/ barn fire at 1371 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. Luverne.

The fire, reported at 1:45 p.m., was caused by a burning tree pile that got out of control and spread to the barn, which appeared to be a total loss.



The Luverne Fire Department puts out a semi fire on County Road 5 west of Luverne Monday morning. In the photo at left, the semi driver Jason Lindquist, Pipestone (right), talks to Buffalo Ridge Luverne plant manager Tyson Facile (left)

truck, Jason Lindquist, of Pipestone,

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported propdoned 911 calls, 1 OFP and 1 follow-up.

about what led up to the fire. In the photo at right, they inspect the charred remains of the semi tractor engine and cab.

### Driver cited in pickup vs home crash

### **By Lori Sorenson**

The driver of the pickup truck that hit a garage last week in Luverne was issued a citation for reckless driving, according to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

He said 44-year-old Jesse Cody, Brandon, missed the curve on West Main Street Tuesday morning, April 11, and barreled across the boulevards to the northeast.

The 2020 Chevy pickup took out a light pole across the street from Rock County Opportunities and hit a tree at Main and Walnut streets before crashing through the garage wall on Davidson

Street and landing inside the structure on its side.

Law enforcement and emergency responders were dispatched to the crash scene where they found Cody walking away from the twisted, mangled vehicle.

Verbrugge said Cody had been in Brandon 20 minutes prior to the crash. He'd been working out at a fitness facility but doesn't remember how he ended up in Luverne or why.

"It's possible there was some kind of medical thing going on with him," Verbrugge said Tuesday, April 18, after reviewing the report.

EMS personnel tended to Cody at the scene, and he was taken to Sanford Luverne ER by ambulance where he was treated and released.

The property is owned by Lowell and Roni Feit who weren't there at the time of the crash. No one else was injured.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office reported speed as a factor in the crash. A reckless driving citation can result in fines and fees up to \$1,000.

Verbrugge said Cody and his auto insurance will be responsible for property damage.

### Sparks ignite bales near Hills

### **By Mavis Fodness**

The Hills Area Fire Department spent four hours at the Norm Sjaarda farm north of Hills fighting a fire involving large hay bales.

Fire chief Jared Rozeboom said his department received the call at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

The farm is located along County Road 6 near 51st Street in Martin Township.

The Beaver Creek Fire Department provided mutual aid.

"The downside of a hay fire is that you can't put them out without a whole lot of work," Ro-

zeboom said.

He surmised a piece of metal in one of the bales went through the bale grinder at the feedlot, providing the spark for the fire.

"They're pretty sure it wasn't a mechanical failure, just metal went through the grinder," he said.

Firefighters prevented the fire from spreading as the bales were opened and allowed to burn themselves out.

No livestock was affected by the fire.

A hoop building near the grinding area was lost.



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## Star Herald COMMUNITY



### Skally Line performs original songs at Rock County library

Fred Keller (left, above and at right ) and Bill Cagley perform original folk songs about Minnesota's early history to audience members at the Rock County Library Wednesday afternoon, April 12. The duo, called "Skally Line," are part of Deep North Programs, which combines music and historical storytelling in a variety of educational options. The Luverne stop was Skally Line's 13<sup>th</sup> on the tour of Plum Creek libraries. Their tour is sponsored by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



### Completing those extra spring tasks lead to plusher lawns, healthier perennials and delicious strawberries

Earlier in March I gave you nature indicators when to plant what



By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

about four to six weeks, those new plants will have become established and those babies can be planted in a new area.

It is best when renewing strawberries to move

### **MENU AT GENERATIONS**

**Monday, April 24:** Asian chicken, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, peaches, bread.

**Tuesday, April 25:** Pasta in meat sauce, green beans, pineapple chunks, bread stick, dessert.

Wednesday, April 26: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, pears, bread, bar.

Thursday, April 27: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, California Normandy, bread, fresh fruit. Friday, April 28: Chicken ala king, brown rice, broccoli cuts, fruit cocktail, cookie.

LSS Dining offers wellbalanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve one day prior, to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/ nutrition.

### 1943: Scotts make rural Hardwick their home in 1905

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.

(Continued from last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Scott (Abraham and Lou) were married at Gettysburg, Pa., March 3, 1890, and then moved to Dixon, Ill., where they lived 16 years, seven of which they lived on a dairy farm owned by the Borden Company. They milked 36 cows by hand and when they were done, they had 11 ten-gallon cans filled to capacity. Their morning milking would be done by 6 a.m. and then Mr. Scott would load the cans into a wagon and drive to Dixon where the condensed milk factory was located.

"I really had some cold trips sometimes," Mr. Scott recalls. "In the winter time, especially when the wind was cold, I really hated to cross the bridge there at Dixon, as that seemed to be colder than any other place in the country."



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

land was not as desirable as it later was because it had not been tiled. Conditions improved the following year, and they finally made up their minds to stay.

They farmed until 1920, and then moved to Hardwick, which has since been their home. It was there they observed their golden wedding anniversary three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were the parents of four sons, only one of whom is now living. He is Byron J. Scott, of Hardwick. They have five grandchildren. Mrs. Scott has two brothers living. They are Frank Manahan, of Dayton, Ohio. There were five in the family at one time. Mr. Scott has two sisters living. They are Mrs. Mary De Lapp, and Elizabeth Scott, both of Harrisburg, Pa. There were seven children in the Scott family.



vegetable garden.

for your

I was reminded when I saw all the pre-emergent crabgrass preventer in stores that I had not given you that indicator, which is when the lilac buds are ready to open, but not yet open.

Crabgrass is an annual weed, and the seed will not germinate until the ground is warm. These preventers are pre-emergent, meaning that you have to have it applied prior to the seeds germinating ... too late and it isn't effective, too early and rain could potentially move it down into the soil too deep to be preventative. If you're on schedule, the lilacs don't and won't lie!

If you have summer- to fall-blooming perennials that need to be thinned or moved, ie: asters, daylilies, phlox, ornamental grass, hosta, sedum, mums, etc., get that job done in the next week, or wait until late summer. For springblooming perennials like peonies and bearded iris, wait to transplant or thin until mid-August.

While cleaning up your flower garden, if you have had a problem with iris borers in your German bearded iris, now is when you want to do a thorough cleanup of ALL of last year's stems and leaves. The borers lay their eggs in the leaves, and that carries them into the next season. Getting rid of all of those leaves now will likely eliminate most reinfections by the pest.

If you have a strawberry patch that is getting too thick, you can thin it now.

My experience is that after the plants have been producing for four years, they tend to become too thick, resulting in a decline in production and quality of the berries. I plan for this by rooting runners in 1-quart pots of soil in August. After the patch to a new area to eliminate root and leaf diseases that can and will plague older plants. Thus, my thinning is actually a total renewal.

Yes, it is work but if I'm after quality berries, it is so worth the effort.

I grow a variety called Seascape, which is an everbearer, meaning that the plants bloom and produce a crop in June and then come back into production in August and continue until cold weather prevents their ripening.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowergb@iw.net.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott worked in partnership with I.B. Countryman in Illinois, and it was he who induced them to come to Minnesota to live. He had a farm near Hardwick, and in 1905, they moved there. They were almost ready to turn back after their first year, because it was such a change from what they were accustomed to in either Illinois or Pennsylvania. Their first corn crop turned out to produce nothing but husk, and the

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

### **REMEMBER WHEN**

### 10 years ago (2013)

•Stacy Riphagen, owner of Luverne's newest business at 206 E. Main St., is busy unpacking boxes for her store opening at the end of April.

Her store, Dragonfly, will feature home décor, lighting and furniture.

Riphagen said she and her husband, David, and sons Spencer and Carter have worked hard to repurpose much of the former Renfro Variety Store furnishings.

Plaster has been removed to expose original brick walls, the oak floor has been refinished and a bead board ceiling was discovered after two lower ceilings were removed.

Old shelving has been turned into baseboards. Riphagen said one "bittersweet" aspect of the restoration was repurposing the front desk that Margaret Vegge used for her 50-some years at Renfro's.

The Dragonfly first day open will be Saturday, April 27, and a grand opening is planned for later this spring.

### 25 years ago (1998)

•With prom only a week away, Luverne School Board members were faced with a difficult decision about after-prom plans at their Thursday, April 23, meeting.

Students approached board members about excusing them from class on Monday, April 27, because they'll be tired from prom and after-prom activities.

Students attending after-prom activities will spend Sunday, April 26, at the Worlds of Fun amusement park in Kansas City. Roughly 120 students will board three chartered buses at about 2 a.m. Sunday after their Saturday night dance wraps up at 1 a.m.

They plan to arrive in Kansas City at about 9:30 a.m. Sunday, so they can enter the park when the doors open at 10 a.m.

### 50 years ago (1973)

•Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Hills, Minn., were among more than 100 farm couples who

attended a national farm business conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, recently, sponsored by Farm Wife News magazine.

The conference consisted of special seminars on farm management techniques, goal setting and agri-estate planning, plus tours of selected livestock and cropping facilities.

The farm couples flew to Hawaii in a giant 747 jumbo jet and stayed at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, located on Waikiki Beach at the edge of the Pacific. The conference included a mid-week flight to the island of Maui, where the farm group toured the research facilities of a major seed firm, and viewed no-tillage plots especially planted for the conference to show no-till crops in the growing state.

### 75 years ago (1948)

•Burglars netted \$75 in two break-ins Sunday night at Kenneth.

At the Farmers Elevator Co. office the burglars broke a padlock on the office door and then opened the safe. They took \$60 in cash but left the checks, according to L. Dietrich, manager of the elevator.

At the Kenneth Liquor store the thieves gained entrance and then took \$15 from the till. No liquor was stolen according to Floyd Fritz, owner of the store.

### 100 years ago (1923)

•Luverne's high school this year will have the smallest graduating class in recent years. The seniors now number twenty-five, the greater majority of whom are girls, and even though all of the class should be granted their diplomas, which at this time is considered doubtful, it would still fall below the average-sized graduating class of this school.

Class honors were announced on Thursday evening of last week. Ruth Engelking, having the highest average, is the valedictorian; Ella Anderson won the place of salutatorian by holding second rank, and Emma and Effie Anderson received their and fourth places, respectively. These honors are determined by computing the average of all studies taken up during the four years of high school, up to the second semester's work in the senior year.

### **O**BITUARIES

in August of 1977, work-

ing as an LPN for

January of 1981.

### Patricia 'Patti' Swenson

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

A funeral service was Friday, April 14, at Palisade Lutheran Church, rural Garretson,

South Dakota. Burial followed in Palisade Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Rock Ranch for the Equine Assisted Therapy Program.

Patricia Wenzel was born on June 1, 1956, to Arnold and Jessie (Ellefson) Wenzel in Luverne. She grew up on a small family farm near Hardwick and attended Luverne Public School. She was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. She graduated from Luverne High School and then moved to Worthington, and then to Rochester, where she worked as an LPN at St. Mary's Hospital.

In February of 1977, Pattitraveled to Porta Velho, Brazil, as a missionary nurse on base with Paymui Tribe with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She returned to Sioux Falls, South Dakota Avera McKennan Hospital on 1E. In May of 1978, Patti transferred to a Central Plains family practice clinic with Dr. Clark, where she remained until

In October of 1979, Patti married David Swenson at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. The couple moved to Luverne. Patti began working as a receptionist for Rock County Family Services while she obtained her RN (registered nurse) degree at Augustana University. After becoming a licensed RN, Patti worked at Avera McKennan Hospital in the hematology, oncology, and bone marrow transplant units.

In December of 1989 she moved to her home in Beaver Creek, where she remained through the rest of her life. She continued working at Avera until March of 2020.

After retirement, her love and passion for horses continued. She had been serving as a volunteer at Rock Ranch and upon retirement she took the necessary training to become an equine therapist. As this passion grew, she started caring for the horses at Valley Springs Farms and became part of their family.

Patti was an active member of the Palisade Lutheran Church in rural Garretson, South Dakota, serving as a deacon, attending Bible studies and retreats, and serving as a delegate to the church-wide synod assemblies. She volunteered riding lessons at the Rock Ranch and deeply enjoyed riding horses. She also enjoyed shade gardening and worked hard to sow beauty into everything she did. She was especially fond of her family and loved to spend time with them.

Patti is survived by her husband, David Swenson of Beaver Creek; siblings Dean (Linda) Wenzel of Luverne, Richard (Deb) Wenzel of Garretson, and Paulette (Randy) Richters of Luverne; and many nieces, nephews, Avera family, and horse-loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Wenzel.

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

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### **Cloyce Smith**

On Aug. 1, 1946, I was born in the hospital in Luverne, Minnesota, to John and Margaret (Moore) Cooney and joined my big brother, Judd. I attended Luverne Public School and graduated in 1964, the year Luverne won

the Minnesota state basketball tournament. Upon graduation I attended the Minneapolis School of Art and Design and finished my art education at Mankato State University. I received my Bachelor in Art Education and later I added elementary education to my resumé. While growing up in Luverne, I worked at the Blue Mounds State Park as a lifeguard and one summer traveled to Estes Park, Colorado, with relatives who had a cabin. I worked as a maid in a motel, which brought me to the realization that this was something I was not going to pursue. After graduating from college, my first teaching job was in Ellsworth, Minnesota.Ihadagreatteaching experience in this smaller school and the job in Ellsworth expanded to Magnolia. I then moved to Luverne where I expanded my love of



teaching art to elementary share it wit

and middle school students. I found teaching art to be my passion until my retirement in 2009.

My husband, David, and I were married on July 11, 1970, and enjoyed 52 years together.

We loved to travel and spent a number of vacations in Estes Park. Our special travels included the fall colors in Vermont and New Hampshireandenjoyingour 25th anniversary touring the coast of Maine, and a cruise to Alaska, followed by two vacations to Hawaii. Our marriage also brought us wonderful changes with the birth of our two children, Carrie and Mark. Mark left us too early but the addition of three grandchildren by Carrie and her husband Chad have been a true blessing that brightens up our lives.

share it with others.

My greatest joy is my family that have supported me and been at my side through the good times and bad. Our two children, Carrie and Mark, were always very special and although Mark left us too early, he is always with us. Chad has been there for constant help and support along with Nathan, Connor, and Zachary, who have been a very special part of my life, and I hope they feel the same



### 'Wait and see'

Most trees and shrubs will need to be replaced after excessive bark loss due to hungry deer and rabbits over the winter. However, U of M Extension educator Gary Wyatt (above, in front holding a damaged tree branch) of Mankato suggests a "wait and see' attitude when it comes to replacing woody perennial plants. Wyatt led a seminar Wednesday afternoon, April 12, at the Rock County Courthouse commissioners' room with a tour of actual damage at the food forest on North Blue Mound Avenue. He said this past winter's heavy snow cover prompted many animals to seek trees as food, the worst he has seen in his many decades working in forestry. He suggested waiting before removing the weedy plants to see if only the surface bark layer was damaged and not the underlying nutrient-carrying layer, which may mean the plant can recover. The seminar was sponsored by the Rock County Master Gardeners and the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District.

**At right**: Too much bark has been removed by hungry deer and rabbits for this apple tree and shrub (below right) to survive.



Mavis Fodness photos/0420 Tree Seminar





I have been blessed by the experiences of my lifetime and the wonderful people I have met. I have especially enjoyed coffee every Wednesday with a group of wonderful ladies that share their stories, laughs, and friendship. I hope that I will be remembered for my love of art and my willingness to ing iour and builde

Surviving me are my husband, David; my daughter, Carrie, and her husband, Chad Overgaard; grandsons Nathan, Connor and Zachary Overgaard; and my brother, Judd Cooney of Castina, Iowa.

My parents and son, Mark, have preceded me in death.

A time of fellowship will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 28, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to 2184 Legacy fund.

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

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Mickey David, the Americorps volunteer working at food forest in Luverne, talks about the graft point on an apple tree April 12 during a seminar about tree and shrub damage this winter by hungry deer and rabbits. David may cut the tree down to the graft point to see if the tree will sprout new branches.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

### Lee Alexander

A memorial service for Lee Alexander, a longtime resident of Luverne, who passed away in January 2022 in Rolla, Missouri, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Luverne United Methodist Church in Luverne.

(0420 DN)

### **Evelyn Harmsen**

Evelyn Harmsen, 95, Luverne, died Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, with a memorial service to follow at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. A private burial will be arranged by the family at a later date.

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

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## **Easter Bunny visits Beaver Creek Elementary School**

eaver Creek Beaver start teers and HBCS (Helping Build Communities Stronger) filled 2,000 plastic eggs with candy for an Easter egg hunt Saturday afternoon.

The elementary school gymnasium floor was strewn with multi-colored eggs and wrapped candy with the centerline dividing children into ages 0-6 on one side and 6 and older on the other.

As egg hunters scrambled to fill their baskets, a costumed Easter bunny strolled among them, posing for photographs when asked.

Pictured at right, Liila Leuthold takes a systematic approach to her egggathering.

Pictured below, Greyson Hoime greets the Easter bunny with high fives.

Lori Sorenson photos/ 0420 beaver creek easter egg hunt





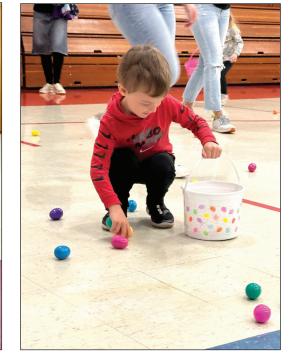


Leo Engelkes poses with the Easter Bunny in the elementary school cafeteria in Beaver Creek following the Easter Egg hunt in the gym.

At left, a barrel of plastic egg shells remain after the hunt was over. They will be reused for next year's Easter event.









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Pictured above, Alaina and Szaun Bruesch help Mikayla open her plastic eggs to return the shells. In the middle photo, Rollie Sandbulte fills his bucket with eggs, two at a time. Pictured in the photo at right, Damon Metzger runs out of room in his bucket.



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Crews may work ahead of schedule, but will return to each route on the scheduled day to pick up remaining items. Call 449-2388 with questions.



# Star Herald SPORTS

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### Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek enjoy spring track and field meet with strong perfomances by both teams

### By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne High School hosted a track and field meet Monday, April 17, with participating teams from Hills-Beaver Creek, Pipestone and Marshall.

The event was originally to take place in Marshall but was moved to Cardinal Field due to scheduling, weather and remaining snow on the ground in Marshall.

No team scores were kept for the meet, but head coach Pete Janiszeski said it was good for the athletes.

"It was another great night for the kids. They got out and got after it, striving to improve on their personal records [**PR**] and season best [**SB**] performances, and I think they were successful in doing so," he said.

"They have things heading in the right direction. We just need to stay healthy as well as humble and hungry to grow and get better with each practice and meet."

This was Hills-Beaver Creek's first varsity meet, and head coach Rex Metzger said he felt good about the team's performance.

"It was great to get on the track and get our first varsity meet in," Metzger said. "It was a great day, and I thought our kids competed very well."

Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track and field teams are both scheduled to travel to Pipestone Saturday, April 22, for the Pipestone Invitational and to the Worthington Invitational Thursday, April 27.

Individual event results for Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek at Monday's meet are as follows:

### Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay

LHS Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley, Elizabeth Wagner, 10:07.04, [SB] second. LHS Reinha John, Grace Ingebretsen, Emma Jacobsma, Brynn Boyenga, 11:46.03, sixth.

#### Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay

LHS Camden Janiszeski, Owen Janiszeski, Carsen Tofteland, Ryan Fick, 8:26.46, [SB] second. LHS Zachary Terri, Dylan Ommen, Marcus

LHS Zachary Terri, Dylan Ommen, Marcus Papik, Eli McLendon, 9:41.44, fourth.

### Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles

LHS Augusta Papik, 18.70, second. LHS Roselynn Hartshorn, 18.71, third. H-BC Larissa Steinhoff, 20.01, fourth. LHS Hailey Como, 20.18, fifth.



LHS senior Jadyn Hart builds up momentum spinning before her discus release. Hart's best throw was 124 feet, 6 inches for first place April 17 at the track and field meet in Luverne.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0420 metzger H-BC senior Brayden Metzger tosses the discus 92



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0420 rock LHS senior DJ Rock warms up for the pole vault

**H-BC** Ava Steinhoff, 59.89, eighth. **H-BC** Larissa Steinhoff, 1:00.01, ninth.

#### Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles

LHS Isaac DeBates, 46.01, [PR] third. H-BC James Vanden Bosch, [PR] 48.10, fifth. LHS Micah Andersen, 49.12, seventh. H-BC Jackson Gacke, 51.66, [PR] eighth. LHS Ashton Pick, 53.12, ninth.

#### Girls' 800 Meter Run

LHS Cassi Chesley, 2:36.16, [SB] second. LHS Ella Schmuck, 2:48.91, fourth. LHS Josie Anderson, 3:06.35, [PR] eighth. H-BC Emma Deelstra, 3:07.11, ninth. H-BC Ella Sammons, 3:09.45, 10th.

#### Bovs' 800 Meter Run

LHS Carsen Toftland, 2:16.99, fourth. LHS Dylan Ommen, 2:20.47, [PR] fifth. LHS Leif Ingebretsen, 2:21.76, [PR] sixth. LHS Sage Viessman, 2:23.41, seventh.

#### Girls' 200 Meter Dash

LHS Tiana Lais, 28.87, [PR] third. LHS Hailey Como, 30.36, fourth. H-BC Bailey Spykerboer, 30.69, sixth. LHS Morgan Hadler, 30.86, seventh. LHS Jerzey Hood, 31.27, [PR] ninth. LHS Baylee Smidt, 31.32, 10th. LHS Corynn Oye, 31.36, 11th. LHS Adelyn Rodriguez, 31.38, [PR] 12th. H-BC Hailey Moser, 31.51, 13th. LHS Elizabeth Mulder, [PR] 32.38, 14th. LHS Ella Apel, 32.40, [PR] 15th. LHS Emma Nath, 32.52, [PR] 18th LHS Marlee Nelson, 33.01, 20th. LHS Emma Jacobsma, 33.97, 21st. LHS Jaelyn Arp, 40.21, 26th.

### Boys' 200 Meter Dash

LHS DJ Rock, 24.68, second.
H-BC Elisha Taubert, 24.90, [PR] third.
LHS Zachary Terri, 24.93, [PR] fifth.
H-BC Mason Shaffner, 25.52, [PR] seventh.
LHS Trayton Sayavong, 27.41, [PR] 15th.
LHS Jaymyn McLaughlin, 28.05, [PR] 20th.
LHS Jack Gangstad, 28.40, 21st.
H-BC Jacob Wallin, 29.44, [PR] 22nd.
LHS Chris Bonilla, 30.13, [PR] 24th.
LHS Levi Huisman, 30.33, [PR] 25th.

#### Girls' 3200 Meter Run

LHS Grace Ingebretsen, 13:00.51, [PR] second.

#### Boys' 3200 Meter Run

LHS Camden Janiszeski, 10:25.07, second. LHS Marcus Papik, 11:37.44, fourth. LHS Eli McLendon, 12:58.29, fifth.

### Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay

LHS Elizabeth Wagner, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates, Kayla Bloemendaal, 4:22.13, [SB] second.

### Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay

LHS Lucky Dara, Ryan Pick, Darius Dolo, DJ Rock, 3:45.68, [SB] second.

H-BC Ava Steinhoff, 21.48, eighth.

#### Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles

LHS Micah Anderson, 20.78, sixth.

### Girls' 100 Meter Dash

H-BC Brynn Bakken, 12.93, first.
LHS Isabella Oye, 13.56, third.
LHS Anna Banck, 13.93, fourth.
H-BC Abigail Harris, 14.00, fifth.
H-BC Brynn Rauk, 14.24, sixth.
LHS Hailey Como, 14.36, seventh.
LHS Baylee Smidt, 14.59, tenth.
LHS Morgan Hadler, 14.70, 11th.
H-BC Hailey Moser, 14.83, 13th.
LHS Adelyn Rodriguez, 14.89, 14th.
LHS Emma Nath, 15.38, 17th.
LHS Abby Boltjes, 15.47, [PR] 18th.
LHS Skylar VanderSteen, 15.77, 21st.
LHS Jaelyn Arp, 19.19, 28th.

### Boys' 100 Meter Dash

H-BC Mason Shaffner, 12.33, [PR] seventh.
LHS Isaac DeBates, 12.35, eighth.
H-BC Beau Bakken, 12.35, [PR] ninth.
H-BC Blake Leenderts, 12.83, [PR] 12th.
H-BC Riley Tatge, 12.87, [PR] 13th.
H-BC Sawyer Bosch, 13.06, [PR] 16th.
H-BC EJ Wegener, 13.08, 17th.
LHS Trayton Sayavong, 13.25, [PR] 18th.
LHS Dawson Holtz, 13.36, [SB] 23rd.

feet, 10 inches April 17 at LHS.

LHS Ashton Pick, 13.72, 25th.

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay

Gehrke, 1:39.42, third.

Girls' 1600 Meter Run

LHS Darius Dolo, Gavin DeBeer,

Zachary Terrio, Lucky Dara, 1:35.02,

H-BC James Vanden Bosch, Elisha

H-BC EJ Wegener, Jamin Metzger,

LHS Jenna DeBates, 5:26.42, first.

LHS Ella Schmuck, 6:00.45, fourth.

H-BC Emma Deelstra, 6:53.44, ninth.

LHS Maria Rops, 6:18.85, sixth.

Micah Bush, Riley Tatge, 1:44.75, fifth.

Taubert, Blake Leenderts, Cooper

first

[SB] second

[SB] first.

LHS Jack Gangestad, 13.78, 27th.

LHS Asher Barron, 14.20, [PR] 28th.

LHS Chris Bonilla, 14.71, [PR] 29th.

Layla Deelstra, Brynn Bakken, 1:54.16,

LHS Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye, 1:54.48,

H-BC Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk,

LHS Olivia Lund, 6:57.18, 10th. LHS Josie Anderson, 7:03.49, 11th.

#### Boys' 1600 Meter Run

LHS Owen Janiszeski, 4:50.57, first. LHS Ryan Fick, 4:56.05, fourth. LHS Sage Viessman, 5:03.58, [PR] fifth. LHS Leif Ingebretsen, 5:13.98, [PR] seventh.

### Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay

Sarah Stegenga, Anna Banck, Makena Nelson, Isabella Oye, 53.37, **[SB]** first.

#### Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay

LHS Tyler Rolfs, Coy Thone, Ashton Hood, Coulter Thone, 47.89, third. H-BC Mason Shaffner, Elisha Taubert, Beau Bakken, Cooper Gehrke, 48.11, fourth.

**H-BC** James Vanden Bosch, Sawyer Bosch, Micah Bush, Blake Leenderts, 48.57, fifth.

#### Girls' 400 Meter Dash

**H-BC** Bailey Spykerboer, 1:09.11, second.

event in Luverne April 17.

LHS Roselynn Hartshorn, 1:09.99, [PR] third. H-BC Hailey Moser, 1:13.22, [PR] sixth. H-BC Ella Sammons, 1:13.35, [PR] seventh. LHS Skyler VanderSteen, 1:16.91, eighth. LHS Brynn Boyenga, 1:19.24, 10th. LHS Emma Wieneke, 1:27.67, 11th. LHS Anna Reisdorfer, 1:30.84, 12th.

### Boys' 400 Meter Dash

LHS Lucky Dara, 54.66, first. H-BC Micah Bush, 58.69, third. LHS Ashton Hood, 59.91, fifth. LHS Coulter Thone, 1:03.75, sixth. H-BC Jacob Wallin, 1:06.88, [PR] seventh. LHS Riley Ripka, 1:10.88, 10th.

#### Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles

LHS Elizabeth Wagner, 47.89, [SB] first. LHS Reinha John, 52.48, third. LHS Kayla Bloemendaal, 58.31, [PR] sixth.

LHS Kendra Thorson, 59.40, seventh.

#### Girls' Discus Throw LHS Jadyn Hart, 124-06, first. LHS Jocelyn Hart, 118-01, [SB] second. LHS Andrea Luitjens, 90-00, [PR] fifth. LHS Hannah Sneller, 84-00, [PR] sixth. LHS Hannah Woodley, 83-11, [PR] seventh. LHS Ava Sieve 75-09, [PR] eighth. LHS Elaine Nath, 71-05, 11th. H-BC Isabel Wysong, 61-03, 14th. LHS Ella Apel, 60-06, [PR] 15th. LHS Nardy Merida, 59-00, 17th. LHS Jaycee Chapa, 54-05, 19th. LHS Lauren Peters, 49-04, [PR] 22nd. LHS Maddy Schepel, 44-10, 23rd. LHS Natalie Berning, 30-06, 25th.

### Boys' Discus Throw

LHS Eli Woodley, 132-05 [PR], first. LHS Adam Ask, 111-07, [PR] second. LHS Keaton Ahrendt, 104-03, fifth. H-BC Riley Tatge, 99-11, [PR] sixth. H-BC Brayden Metzger, 92-10, ninth. H-BC Jackson Gacke, 80-03, 13th. LHS Damien Ahrendt, 73-06, [PR] 17th. H-BC Blake Leenderts, 70-02, 18th. H-BC Blake Leenderts, 70-02, 18th. H-BC Jamin Metzger, 65-06, 22nd. H-BC Gavyn Leuthold, 62-10, 23rd. LHS Keegan Crow, 51-01, [PR] 31st. LHS Logan Mann, 43-08, 32nd.

LHS/H-BC track/see p.2B

### LHS baseball team falls to Marshall

### **By Greg Hoogeveen**

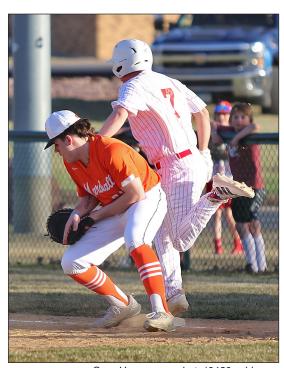
The Luverne baseball team hosted Marshall Thursday, April 13, at Redbird Field, dropping a 14-1 game to the Tigers.

The Cardinals gave up 14 runs on 22 hits and five errors in the game. Luverne left eight runners on base with seven total hits.

Luverne's only run came at the bottom of the fourth with senior Zach DeBoer scoring from third base on a pop fly to center field from Elliot Domagala.

DeBoer got on base with a ground ball single to the shortstop. He then stole second and advanced to third on a grounder by sophomore Alex Schlosser to the shortstop.

The Cardinals are scheduled to host Pipestone Tuesday, April 18, travel



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0420 schlosser Sophomore Alex Schlosser beats the throw to first on an infield single. Schlosser had three at-bats and two hits for the game. The Tigers beat Luverne 14-1 at Redbird Field April 13.

to Windom April 20, and face Windom again at home April 21.

MRSH	2	1	1	4	1	5	Х	14
LHS	0	0	0	1	0	0	Х	1

Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI
Sehr	3	0	1	0
Sneller	0	0	0	0
Serie	2	0	0	0
Connell	3	0	1	0
Stroh	3	0	0	0
Miller	3	0	0	0
DeBoer	3	1	2	0
Schlosser	3	0	2	0
Buss	1	0	0	0
Domagala	2	0	1	1
Ahrendt	-	-	-	-
Kroski	-	-	-	-

#### Left On Base: 8

PITCHING					
Luverne	IP	н	R	ER	SO
Stroh	3	8	4	4	6
DeBoer	1	4	4	3	2
Sehr	2	10	6	6	1

### Loss: Sehr, Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 25-18, Sehr 42-29, Stroh 71-39

# Luverne softball team dominates Adrian

### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School softball team opened its season against Adrian Tuesday, April 11, beating the Dragons 15-2 on the road.

The Cardinals opened their season with an easy win over the Dragons following a first-inning push of six LHS runs.

Sophomore Payton Behr started the game with a triple off a fly ball. Junior Elizabeth Smidt then singled a ground ball to shortstop, scoring Behr from third.

Smidt stole second on a pitch to senior Carly Olson, who swung on a full count, driving a hard ground ball to right field. Smidt and Olson both crossed home plate to make the score 3-0.

Junior Anika Boll scored the Cardinals' fourth run from third base off an errant Adrian throw. Junior Tori Serie and sophomore Regan Mehlhaff finished the scoring from third base and second base in the first inning when Behr hit a line drive to center field.

The Dragons scored once in the first inning when an Adrian runner stole third base and then made it home after an error by Luverne.

After the first inning the score was Luverne 6, Adrian 1.

With the score at LHS 6, AHS 1, the second inning featured Cardinal Ella Reisdorfer scoring from third base on a Dragons throwing error.

Adrian scored in the bottom of the second after a walk that advanced to second on a wild pitch. Adrian then bunted and

### Luverne track teams take top honors at Cardinal Relay

### **By Greg Hoogeveen**

Luverne High School hosted the 2023 Cardinal Relays track and field meet Tuesday, April 11,

The Luverne boys' and girls' teams took top honors in the meet that included 10 teams.

Joining LHS were Adrian Area, Canby-Minneota, Jackson County Central, Pipestone, Redwood Valley, Southwest Christian-Edgerton, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Westbrook-Walnut Grove and Windom.

"It was a lot of fun getting to see many of the kids compete for the first time this season and for them to see how their hard work is paying off," said head coach Pete Janiszeski.

The Luverne boys' team took first place in the competition with a score of 176.5.

Pipestone was second with 95, followed by SWMCH-EHS 77, Redwood Valley 69, Jackson County Central 65.5, Windom Area 64, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 48, Canby/Minneota 44, Adrian/Ellsworth 44 and Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central 19.

The Luverne girls' team took top team honors with 183.5 points. They were followed by Jackson County Central 109, SWMCH-EHS 99, Redwood Valley 84.5, Canby/Minneota 75, Pipestone Area 67, Windom Area 35.5, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 35.5, Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central 7 and Adrian/Ellsworth 6.

"The kids did a great job of going out and competing hard and doing their very best," Janiszeski said.

In the meet the Cardinals set 37 new personal records in various events.

Junior Jenna DeBates set a new Cardinal Relay record in the 3200-meter run. Her time of 11 minutes, 35 1/2 seconds beat Tenley Nelson's 2021 meet record of 11:47.06.

"We as coaches are very proud of the kids for their efforts, and we're excited to see them grow and improve as they chase their goals," Janiszeski said.

Individual event results are as follows:

### Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay

Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, Kayla Bloemendaal, Roselynn Hartshorn, 10:54.07, third

Ella Schmuck, Maria Rops, Olivia Lund, Josie Anderson, 11:51.01, sixth.

### Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay

Owen Janiszeski. Ryan Fick, Sage Viessman, Leif Ingebretsen, 9:00.38, first.

Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles Hailey Como, 20.71, seventh.

**Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles** Did not compete.





Greg Hoogeveen photos

(top) Junior Gavin DeBeer hands off the baton to junior Zachary Terrio in the boys' 4x200 Meter Relay. DeBeer, Terrio, Darius Dolo and Lucky Dara placed first in the event. (bottom) Senior Elizabeth Wagner placed first with a time of 48.14 in the girls' 300 Meter Hurdles. Eighthgrader Reinha John finished in second with a personal record of 51.51.

Anna Reisdorfer, 8:51.92, 24th. Emma Wieneke, 9:16.77, 25th

Grace Ingebretsen, 2:46.12, fourth. Jarlyn Arp. 3:33,13, 24th.

Linkon Korr, 32.12 [PR], 38th.

Girls' 3200 Meter Run Jenna DeBates, 11:35.50, first Ella Schmuck, 13:14.55, fifth.

Boys' 3200 Meter Run Ryan Fick, 10:34.00, second. Sage Viessman, 11:17.62, seventh. Leif Ingebretsen, 11:44.02, 11th.

Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay Elizabeth Wagner, Tiana Lais, Reinha John, Cassi Chesley, 4:19.56, first.

Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay

Lucky Dara, Owen Janiszeski, Zachary Terrio, Carsen Tofteland, 3:47.15, third.

**Girls' Discus Throw** Jadyn Hart, 125-01 [PR], first. Jocelyn Hart, 113-10, third. Andrea Luitjens, 85-09, eighth. Ava Sieve, 75-01 [PR], 11th. Elaine Nath, 72-11 [PR], 13th. Hannah Woodley, 70-10, 15th. Nardy Merida, 65-02 [PR], 18th. Hannah Sneller, 62-06, 21st. Jaycee Chapa, 61-10 [PR], 23rd. Maddy Schepel, 59-11 [PR], 25th. Ella Apel, 53-01, 30th. Lauren Peters, 47-03, 35th. Luella Johnson, 46-11, 36th. Taya Johnson, 45-03, 37th. Natalie Berning, 32-10, 41st.

### **Boys' Discus Throw**

Eli Woodley, 130-02 [PR], first. Keaton Ahrendt, 114-03 [PR], fourth. Ryker Johnson, 109-11 [PR], sixth. Adam Ask, 109-06, seventh. Damien Ahrendt, 68-06 [PR], 26th. Masyn Akkerman, 63-04, 32nd Logan Mann, 47-11, 34th. Keegan Crow, 45-08, 37th.

### Girls' Shot Put

Jocelyn Hart, 40-11.50 [PR], first. Jadyn Hart, 35-04.00, second. Hannah Sneller, 29-00.00, 11th. Hannah Woodley, 28-11.50, 12th. Jaycee Chapa, 26-08.50 [PR], 15th. Andrea Luitjens, 26-02.00 [PR], 18th. Nardy Merida, 25-03.50 [PR], 21st. Taya Johnson, 24-07.50, 23rd. Ava Sieve, 24-03.50 [PR], 24th. Elaine Nath, 23-07 [PR], 27th. Ella Apel, 22-01.50, 30th Maddy Schepel, 19-08.00 [PR], 39th. Lauren Peters, 17-00.00, 40th. Luella Johnson, 16-01.00, 41st. Natalie Berning, 15-02.00, 42nd.

### Boys' Shot Put

Eli Woodley, 45-11.00 [PR], first. Keaton Ahrendt, 41-02.00, second. Ryker Johnson, 39-05.50, seventh. Adam Ask, 35-04.00, 14th. Masyn Akkerman, 27-08.50, 29th. Damien Ahrendt, 26-11.50 [PR], 30th. Keegan Crow, 22-06.00, 33rd. Logan Mann, 18-11.00, 37th.

### Girls' 100 Meter Dash

Sarah Stegenga, 14.18, third. Baylee Smidt, 14.57, eighth. Makena Nelson, 15.03, 10th. Corynn Oye, 15.25, 15th. Jerzey Hood, 15.38, 17th. Marlee Nelson, 15.70, 20th. Elizabeth Mulder, 15.73, 22nd. Emma Jacobsma, 16.66, 26th. Jaelyn Arp, 18.81, 31st.

### Boys' 100 Meter Dash

DJ Rock, 12.43, seventh. Tyler Rolfs, 13.16, 16th. Jack Gangestad, 13.56, 18th. Ashton Pick, 13.62 [PR], 20th. Jaymyn McLaughlin, 13.80, 22nd. Asher Barron, 14.24, 25th. Chris Bonilla, 15.07, 32nd. Dawson Holz, 15.36, 34th. Levi Huisman, 15.52, 36th. Riley Ripka, 15.64, 37th. Linkon Korr, 15.75, 38th.

### Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay

Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye, 1:56.22, second. Ella Apel, Emma Nath, Jaelyn Arp, Elizabeth Mulder, 2:09.95, 11th.

#### Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay

Darius Dolo, Gavin DeBeer, Zachary Terrio, Lucky Dara, 1:36.09, first.

Girls' 1600 Meter Run

Grace Ingebretsen, 6:05.50, fourth. Cassi Chesley, 6:17.99, fifth.

#### Boys'1600 Meter Run

Camden Janiszeski, 4:55.56, second. Carsen Tofteland, 5:09.29 [PR], fourth. Dylan Ommen, 5:26.28, eighth. Eli McLendon, 5:52.18, 15th.

#### Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay

Hailey Como, Anna Banck, Sarah Stegenga, Isabella Oye, 54.00, second. Skylar VanderSteen, Ella Apel, Adelyn Rodriguez, Morgan Hadler, 57.83, eighth.

### Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay

Trayton Sayavong, Coy Thone, Ashton Hood, Coulter Thone, 47.87, second.

### Girls' 400 Meter Dash

Tiana Lais, 1:07.62, third Kayla Bloemendaal, 1:09.81, fifth. Maria Rops, 1:10.77, 10th. Emma Jacobsma, 1:17.06, 19th. Josie Anderson, 1:19.32 [PR], 22nd.

### Boys' 400 Meter Dash

Zachary Terrio, 55.45, third.

### Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles Elizabeth Wagner, 48.14, first. Reinha John, 51.51 [PR], second. Roselynn Hartshorn, 57.89, seventh.

Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles Isaac DeBates, 46.61, sixth. Darius Dolo, 48.21, seventh.

Girls' 800 Meter Run Cassi Chesley, 2:36.16, second.

Boys' 800 Meter Run Owen Janiszeski, 2:09.69, first. Camden Janiszeski, 2:12.40, second. Carsen Tofteland, 2:16.10 [PR], third. Dylan Ommen, 2:21.22 [PR], seventh. Eli McLendon, 2:40.45, 15th. Zander Fountain, 3:14.48 [PR], 21st.

### Girls' 200 Meter Dash

Isabella Oye, 28.65, second. Anna Banck, 29.61, fourth. Hailey Como, 29.90, sixth. Baylee Smidt, 30.70, ninth. Morgan Hadler, 30.81 [PR], 11th. Kendra Thorson, 31.27, 13th. Jerzey Hood, 32.39, 19th. Adelyn Rodriguez, 32.66, 20th. Emma Nath, 32.74, 21st. Marlee Nelson, 32.93 [PR], 23rd. Abby Boltjes, 33.97, 30th. Emmery Huiskes, 36.09, 32nd

### Boys' 200 Meter Dash

Lucky Dara, 23.91 [PR], first. Coulter Thone, 25.51, ninth. Ashton Hood, 25.60, 10th. Coy Thone, 25.65, 11th. Tyler Rolfs, 26.56, 16th. Jack Gangstad, 27.36, 20th. Dawson Holz, 27.54, 21st. Ashton Pick, 27.75 [PR], 23rd. Trayton Sayavong, 27.88 [PR], 25th. Jaymyn McLaughlin, 28.34, 26th. Asher Barron, 29.55, 28th. Levi Huisman, 30.55, 32nd. Chris Bonilla, 30.83 [PR], 34th. Riley Ripka, 31.52 [PR], 36th.

### Girls' Long Jump

Kendra Thorson, 14-02.50, fourth. Jerzey Hood, 13-00.00, 10th. Makena Nelson, 12-10.00, 12th. Marlee Nelson, 12-04.00, 16th. Elizabeth Mulder, 12-01.50 [PR], 18th. Olivia Lund, 9-11.00, 26th.

### Boys' Long Jump

Gavin DeBeer, 20-08.00 [PR], first. DJ Rock, 18-07.25, seventh. Coy Thone, 15-10.75, 21st. Jaymyn McLaughlin, 14-05.00, 25th.

### **Girls' Triple Jump**

Kendra Thorson, 31-00.75, fifth. Abby Boltjes, 25-07.00, 13th.

#### **Boys' Triple Jump** Did not compete

**Girls' High Jump** Elizabeth Wagner, 5-00.00, second. Maria Rops, 4-06.00 [PR], ninth. Olivia Lund, 4-02.00, 13th.

### **Boys' High Jump**

Gavin DeBeer, 5-10.00, third. Isaac DeBates, 5-06.00, seventh. Darius Dolo, 5-04.00 [PR], eighth.

### Girls' Pole Vault

Corynn Oye, 7-06.00 [PR], fourth. Brynn Boyenga, 5-00.00, 16th. Josie Anderson, 5-00.00, 16th.

### **Boys' Pole Vault**

DJ Rock, 11-00.00, third. Leif Ingebretsen, 9-00.00, sixth.

### Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek Track/from page 1B

### Girls' Shot Put

LHS Jocelyn Hart, 35-09, first. LHS Jadyn Hart, 35-06, [SB] second. H-BC Isabel Wysong, 30-01, [PR] fifth. LHS Hannah Woodley, 28-11, sixth. LHS Hannah Sneller, 28-02.50, eighth. LHS Jaycee Chapa, 27-08.50, [PR] ninth. H-BC Larissa Steinhoff, 27-03.50, 10th. LHS Andrea Luitjens, 26-09, [PR] 12th. LHS Taya Johnson, 25.06.50, [PR] 14th. LHS Ava Sieve, 25-01, [PR] 16th. LHS Nardy Merida, 24-01, 17th. LHS Elaine Nath, 23.06.50, 18th. LHS Ella Apel, 20-08, 19th. LHS Maddy Schepel, 20-05.50, [PR] 20th

LHS Lauren Peters, 17-11, [PR] 23rd. LHS Natalie Berning, 16-07, [PR] 25th. LHS Luella Johnson, 16-01, 26th.

### Boys' Shot Put

LHS Eli Woodley, 46-00 [PR] first. LHS Keaton Ahrendt, 40-09.50, second.

H-BC Beau Bakken, 38-11, [PR] fourth. H-BC Jackson Gacke, 36-07, fifth. LHS Adam Ask, 36-02, [SB] sixth. H-BC Brayden Metzger, 34-08.50, 10th H-BC Jamin Metzger, 34-05,12th. H-BC Riley Tatge, 32-02, 16th. H-BC Gavyn Leuthold, 27-01.50, [PR] 23rd.

LHS Damien Ahrendt, 26-00.50, 25th. LHS Logan Mann, 21-10, [PR] 30th. LHS Keegan Crow, 20-10, 31st.

### Girls' Long Jump

H-BC Brynn Rauk, 14-07.75, first. LHS Kendra Thorson, 13-05.75, fifth. H-BC Hailey Moser, 12-11, sixth. LHS Jerzey Hood, 12-10, eighth. LHS Makena Nelson, 12-07.50, 10th H-BC Abigail Harris, 12-06.75, 11th.

LHS Marlee Nelson, 12-03.50, 13th. LHS Elizabath Mulder, 10-04.75, 15th.

### Boys' Long Jump

H-BC Mason Shaffner, 17-11, [PR] fourth. H-BC Sawyer Bosch, 17-07.50, [PR] fifth. LHS Isaac DeBates, 17-01, [PR] sixth. LHS Beau Bakken, 16-03.50, eighth. H-BC EJ Wegener, 15-03.50, 10th. LHS Jaymyn McLaughlin, 13-00, 17th.

Girls' Triple Jump H-BC Brynn Bakken, 32-10, first. LHS Augusta Papik, 32-03.50, second. H-BC Bailey Spykerboer, 30-03, third.

LHS Kendra Thorson, 29-10, fourth. LHS Sarah Stegenga, 29-03, fifth. H-BC Emma Deelstra, 28-06.50, seventh. H-BC Ava Steinhoff, 27-06.50, [SB] eighth. LHS Abby Boltjes, 26-07, ninth.

Boys' Triple Jump LHS Gavin DeBeer, 38-02, [PR] second. H-BC Micah Bush, 36-04.50, [PR] third. LHS Anyuon Atem, 35-06, fifth. H-BC Sawyer Bosch, 35-04.50, sixth. LHS Coy Thone, 32-08.50, eighth. H-BC Jacob Wallin, 30-05.50, [PR] 10th.

### Girls' High Jump

H-BC Ava Steinhoff, 4-08, fourth. H-BC Larissa Steinhoff, 4-08, [PR] fifth. LHS Maria Rops, 4-06, sixth. LHS Olivia Lund, 4-00, eighth.

Boys' High Jump LHS Gavin DeBeer, 5-06, third. H-BC Elisha Taubert, 5-04, fourth. LHS Darius Dolo, 5-04, fifth. H-BC Jamin Metzger, 5-02, [PR] sixth. H-BC Jackson Gacke, 5-02, seventh. H-BC James Vanden Bosch, 5-02, eighth. LHS Coy Thone, 5-00, ninth. H-BC Jacob Wallin, 5-00, [PR] 10th.

### Girls' Pole Vault

LHS Corynn Oye, 8-06 [PR], third. LHS Josie Anderson, 6-00, [PR] seventh. LHS Anna Banck, 6-00, eighth. LHS Brynn Boyenga, 6-00, [SB] eighth. LHS Elizabeth Mulder, 5-00,10th.

### Boys' Pole Vault

LHS DJ Rock, 12-06, [SB] first. LHS Tyler Rolfs, 10-00, [PR] second. LHS Anyuon Atem, 10-00, [PR] third. LHS Leif Ingebretsen, 9-00, fifth. LHS Dawson Holtz, 7-06, sixth. LHS Trayton Sayavong, 7-06, seventh.

### **Cardinal golfers swing past Southwest Christian-Edgerton in season opener**

### **By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne Cardinals boys' golf team took on Southwest Christian-Edgerton Monday, April 17, at the Luverne Country Club.

The Cardinals won the match 160-217 in nine-hole play. LHS fielded five players and SWC-EHS played six golfers.

Only the four best scores from each team were factored into calculating team final scores.

### LHS golfers

Name strokes Owen Sudenga 37 39 Henry Hartquist Brady Bork 41 Tyler Arends 43 47 Levi Gonnerman

### SWMC golfers

Name	strokes
Dawson Rieck	50
Carter Prins	55
Jared Fischer	56
Phillip Vander Lugt	56
Gavin Rieck	61
Jaden Van Hill	71

The Luverne girls' and boys' golf teams were scheduled to host Worthington Tuesday, April 18, and Hills-Beaver Creek Thursday, April 20, at home.

On Monday, April 24, the girls' team will travel to Worthington and the boys' team travels to Pipestone.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0420 gonnerman

Sophomore Levi Gonnerman tees off at the Luverne Country Club April 17 against SWMC-EHS. The Cardinal boys' golf team won 160-217.

### Hills-Beaver Creek boys' and girls' golf teams play their first match of the season

### **By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team traveled to Mountain Lake Thursday, April 13, for the Patriots' first meet of the season.

H-BC, Mountain Lake, and Red Rock Central golfers participated in the event.

The Patriots had two girls and one team of four boys compete in the event.

Freshman Abby Olson scored a round of 55 for H-BC and was the meet medalist for the girls.

"Abby started as she ended last season. She has made great strides in golf as she has only played for one year," said head coach Dan Ellingson.

"I look for her to be breaking 50s soon." Junior Taylor Spykerboer shot a round of 64 for the Patriots.

"Taylor has made much improvement in the last year, and she has the potential to continue on that path," Ellingson said.

For the boys' team Ellingson said he sees room for improvement as the season progresses.

"Even in the windy conditions at Mountain Lake and it being only the third time outside all year, the team made improvements during the round."

Playing for H-BC were sophomore Cameron Allen with a round of 57, senior Brock Harnack with a 58, freshman Callum Bartels with a 61, and eighth-grader Camdyn Broesder finishing with a 66.

"Of the five varsity golfers on Thursday, only one had participated in competitive golf before this season," Ellingson said.

"We have some well-rounded athletes on the team, and they will improve as we continue with the season." Medalist for the boys was Devyn Remple from

Mountain Lake with a round of 39.

H-BC is scheduled to host Adrian in Larchwood Tuesday, April 18, for a golf meet, and the team will travel to Luverne Thursday, April 20, to play at the Luverne Country Club

### Luverne trap team records third week scores at Sportsman's Club

### **By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne High School trap shooting team posted scores for Week 3 of the season at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

Holden Overgaard and Jacob Madison each shot a perfect 25 in one of their two rounds. Both posted a combined score of 47 out of 50 for the week.

### Week 3 scoring

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	Round1	Round 2	Total
Landon Ahrendt	0	0	0
Cash Bonnett	0	0	0
Morgan Bonnett	15	12	27
Tyson Cowell	0	0	0
Alex Dewispelaere	20	23	43
Fox Forrest	12	9	21
Lucas Hansen	12	17	29
Jacob Henning	24	19	43
Samuel Honerman	15	19	34
Gavin Hoven	21	18	39
Andrew Kinsinger	23	22	45
Linkon Knorr	0	0	0
Jacob Madison	25	22	47
Lucas Madison	23	21	44
Austin Morseman	0	0	0
Liam Murphy	20	23	43
Makayla Oechsle	18	20	38
Austin Ossefoort	24	19	43
Holden Overgaard	22	25	47
David Rathman	22	24	46
Jaden Reisch	23	19	42
JT Remme	19	23	42
Rayann Remme	16	18	34
Tucker Remme	17	17	34
Sawyer Sasker	16	17	33
Cameron Wieneke	12	10	22
Grant Wieneke	19	18	37
Piper Wynia	20	21	41





Submitted photo/0420 trap (above) Holden Overgaard, and (below) Jacob Madison, LHS trap members, shot a perfect 25 this past week.

### **Changing landscapes** of Minnesota

### **By Scott Rall**

I made a call last week to a resort called west Winds Resort located in Waskish, Minnesota. They are located on the east shore of Upper Red Lake which is about 75 miles from Lake of the Woods. I have been making an annual trip to this location for about the past

13 years or so. For those of you who are not familiar with this great wall-



### THE **O**UTDOORS

**By Scott Rall** 

is current legislation in both the House and the Senate in Minnesota that would turn over the ownership of all state-owned lands within the boundaries of the Upper Sioux Agency State Park back to the Upper Sioux Community by Sept. 15. 2023. This transfer would be done for zero dollars to the state.

Because federal money was used to

### Luverne boys' tennis team drops home opener to Sioux Falls Lincoln

### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' tennis team opened its season Monday, April 17, against a tough and talented Sioux Falls Lincoln team in Sioux Falls.

"For the day, we went 0-14 in matches without winning a set, but I was very impressed with everyone's efforts and attitudes," head coach Nate Rud said.

"Playing our first match with seven new starters against a very good team whose players play yearround was not ideal scheduling.

Senior Parker Carbonneau played competitive in his singles match, losing 6-4, 6-2 to a strong Lincoln player.

### Softball/from page 1B\_

reached first on an error at first, scoring the runner from second.

LHS closed the second inning leading Adrian 7-2.

In the third inning Luverne scored one more run after Behr was hit by a pitch, stole second and then advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Smidt hit a hard ground ball to right field to score Behr.

The Cardinals held Adrian from scoring and took the third inning with an 8-2 lead.

In the top of the fourth inning junior Kenedee Franken scored on a walk after reaching first base on a line drive to center, then being awarded second after a passed ball, went to third on a walk and reached home on another walk by the AHS pitcher.

With Serie at third and Mehlhaff on second base, Behr singled on a ground ball to center and reached second on an error. Serie scored on the single and Mehlhaff scored on the error.

Reisdorfer hit a grounder to score Behr from third base, bringing the fourth-inning score to 12-2, Luverne.

In the fifth inning Serie walked to first, and then advanced to second and third on AHS errors, ending up scoring for Luverne.

Later in the inning Reisdorfer hit another grounder to score Lenz from third base.

A few plays later Behr, at third, scored after junior Anika Boll was hit by a pitch when the bases were loaded.

Luverne finished the game with 15 points, 10 hits and four errors.

"I thought that we had some very nice at bats

### **Singles Results**

Senior Nathan Nath def. 6-0, 6-1 Senior Logan Ommen def. 6-2, 6-0 Senior Ross Bergman def. 6-0, 6-0 Senior Parker Carbonneau def. 6-4, 6-2 Freshman Zander Carbonneau def. 6-0, 6-0 Sophomore Kalab Hemme def. 6-0, 6-0

### **Doubles Results**

Seniors Parker Carbonneau and Logan Ommen def. 6-0, 6-2

Seniors Ethan Nath and Ross Bergman def. 6-1, 6-0 Freshmen Calab Kracht and Zander Carbonneau def. 6-0, 6-0

and were aggressive at the plate," head coach Brooks Maurer said.

'We had a few more walks and errors than we would like, but it was good to play and see what we need to work on going forward."

The Cardinals are scheduled to host Jackson County Central April 20 and will travel to Fairmont April 24.

### **BOX Score**

AHS	1	1	0	0	0	3
LHS	6	1	1	4	3	15

#### BATTING

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Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI
Behr	3	4	3	3
Smidt	4	1	2	2
Olson	2	1	1	2
Reisdorfer	4	1	0	2
Boll	3	1	1	1
Cowell	2	0	0	0
Franken	3	1	1	0
Serie	1	3	1	0
Nath	1	0	0	0
Mehlhaff	0	2	0	0
Lenz	2	1	1	1
Stegenga	0	0	0	0

Triple: Behr Home Run: Olson Total Bases: Franken, Olson 4, Boll, Serie, Smidt, Lenz, Behr 5 Stolen Bases: Behr 1, Reisdorfer, Smidt 2 Left On Base: 12

### PITCHING

Luverne	IP	н	R	ER	SO
Nath	3	4	3	3	5
Reisdorfer	2	0	0	0	4

Win: Nath, Pitches-Strikes: Nath 58-30, Reisdorfer 32-17, Batters faced: Nath 15, Reisdorfer 8

eye lake, it has quite a story.

Back in 1880 the Red Lake Nation reservation was reduced from 3 million acres down to about 300,000.

When this change was made, all of Lower Red Lake and about two-thirds of Upper Red Lake stayed in tribal hands. This left about one-third of Upper Red Lake open to sport fishing by members of the general public. It was the treaty of 1889 that made these changes.

In and around 1990, almost 100 years later, the lake collapsed. The cause was assigned to overfishing by the band and state anglers. Walleye fishing was closed, and a huge restoration effort was undertaken.

It took years of work, but the end result is one of the very best walleye fisheries in all of North America.

It made the news this week that the Red Lake Nation is now making contact with the Secretary of the Interior to discuss restoring the original reservation boundaries and thus making Upper Red Lake off limits to non-tribal members.

This has the potential to change a lot of things in Minnesota. What happens to all of the nontribal businesses that rely on the fishing tourism generated from this world class walleye fishery?

What happens to all of the guides and outfitters who have operated here for the past three decades? What becomes of the houses owned by regular visitors of Red Lake and what will happen to the value of those homes if only tribal members can utilize this lake?

All of these are questions I cannot answer.

What do you think the chances are for these lands to revert back to tribal lands? Some will say very slim, and others who follow state and national politics might have a different opinion.

I just read an article that follows along these same lines. There

Outdoors columnist

purchase the state park, these acres would have to be replaced by other state acres.

Where would these funds come from if the transfer is at zero dollars?

There are many other state parks that share a significant tribal history. These include Mille Lacs Kathio, Itaska, and Fort Snelling. If this transfer happens, could this possibly lead to the transfer of these or other state parks back to tribal nations?

All of these questions have no current answers. All I can say is that if events like these were to happen, they have no better chance of doing so than in the current political climate in the state of Minnesota.

I don't follow all of the reparations bills happening in other states and jurisdictions, but there is certainly a movement afoot on a state and national scale to right the wrongs perpetrated from generations stemming from 100 years ago.

Much of the state of Minnesota was once ceded territory. I am just trying to understand how what is happening today in Minnesota might affect the Minnesota I know another 100 years from now.

Minnesota's natural resources are some of the best in North America. All I can say and wish for as a lifelong conservationist is that if the Legislature moves forward in these directions, that they do so purposefully and intelligently and that they are well-informed for the benefit of all Minnesotans.

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

### Prairie Rose Community Fund grants, scholarships awarded for 2023

Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund grants and scholarships of more than \$39,000 were awarded from 2023 disbursements from the \$40,000 Enel Co. annual contribution.

The Community Fund Board of directors met recently to conduct the annual disbursement of student scholarships and organization grants.

Six scholarships totaling \$5,500 were awarded to area students in the Prairie Rose Wind Farm footprint. Scholarship recipients include Makenna Moss, Tori Hemme, Justis Ahrendt, Caleb Raak, Zach Ahrendt and Chance Tunnissen.

The Hardwick and Jasper communities split over \$33,000 in grants.

The city of Hardwick received a grant of \$2,601 for park and recreation upgrades. The American Legion

Auxilliary will get \$1,280 for a new sign for the Community Center.

The Hardwick Community Club was granted \$3,725 for Jubilee Days and Santa Claus Day.

The Hardwick Fire Department received \$15,200 for replacement of equipment.

The Jasper Fire Department received \$7,686 for hoses and nozzles.

The Jasper Ambulance received \$3,500 for a handheld radio.

Applications for the 2024 award period will be accepted after February at prairierosecommunityfund.com.

Recipients must meet qualifications of connection to the Prairie Rose wind farm footprint, which includes Hardwick and the portion of Jasper that's in Rock County and the townships of Springwater, Rose Dell and Denver.

### **COLLEGE NEWS**

### Drake University releases dean's list

Ben Jarchow and Jade Smith, both of Luverne, were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

### **DeSplinter makes BPA Nationals**

Minnesota West Business Professionals of America recently participated in the 2023 BPA College Division State Leadership Conference.

Macy DeSplinter, a business management major, earned second place in Interview Skills competition and the Meeting and Event Planning Concepts open event. She is now eligible to attend the National BPA Conference in Anaheim, California, at the end of April.

The online student from Hardwick earned her GED after 12 years of being out of school. "You can achieve big goals at many stages of life," she said.

### **4-H News**

**Eight 4-H'ers selected for scholarships** 

Eight scholarships were

•Leah Kruse, a senior at

### Luverne High releases third quarter honor roll

### **A Honor Roll**

Seniors: Justis Ahrendt, Mariam Alinizi, Micah Anderson, Abigail Anderson, Brock Behrend, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Ashton Eitreim, Marcus Feit, Egypt Forrest, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Jacie Graham, Lauren Hansen, Nicholas Hansen, Jadyn Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszeski, Anja Jarchow, Ashlyn Johnson, Katharine Kelm, Tiana Lais, Reese Louwagie, Lacey Morseman, Ethan Nath, Logan Ommen, Austin Ossefoort, Isabella Oye, Joseph Remme, Alyia Renken, Averill Sehr, Krystyn Skindelien, Cedar Viessman, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

Juniors: Morgan Ahrendt, Tyler Arends, Alexsis Berg, Zoey Berghorst, Abby Boltjes, Morgan Bonnett, Brynn Boyenga, Kai Buss, Cassandra Chesley, Jenna DeBates, Elle Halverson, Henry Hartquist, Roselynn Hartshorn, Kyliauna Hendricksen, Uriel Hernandez, Julia Hoogland, Addison Huiskes, Kira John, Patrick Kroski, Maya Limones Gonzalez, Jacob Madison, Evan McCrary, Makena Nelson, Dennie Sandbulte, Sawyer Sasker, Tori Serie, Elizabeth Smidt, Sarah Stegenga, Skylar VanderSteen, Brooklyn Wicks.

Sophomores: Keaton Ahrendt, Zachary Brown, Jaycee Chapa, Audrie De-Bates, Zariah Holmgren, Katia Jarchow, William Johnson, Caitlin Kindt, Brianna Kinsinger, Nora Louwagie, Andrea Luitjens, Xavier McKenzie, Liam Murphy, Emma Nath, Janica Oechsle, Corynn Oye, Hallie Pergande, Katherine Pizel, Maria Rops, Hannah Sneller, Kylie Vander Lugt, Sage Viessman, Piper Wynia.

Freshmen: Anna Banck, Rhiannon Bartels, Julia Beyer, Connor Bose, Zander Carbonneau, Fox Forrest, Thomas Held, Tyler Hodge, Ella Hoogendoorn, Hanna Kempema, Allie Kracht, Addyson Mann, Logan Mann, Nicholas Mann, Greta Mc-Clure, Cameron McCrary, Nardy Merida, Elizabeth Mulder, Gabriella Nath-Huls, Makavla Oechsle, Jordyn Reisch, Adelyn Rodriguez, Emma Saarloos, Ella Schmuck, Ava Sieve, Zoev Smeins, Jessika Tunnissen, Brooke Vos, Hannah Woodley.

### **B** Honor Roll

Seniors: Josie Anderson, Brady Bork, Tyson Cowell, Zachary DeBoer, Lily Ehlers, Sarah Gehrke, Yoselyn Gonzalez Quintana, Andy Halverson, Lucas Hansen, Kaleb Hein, Isabella Lanoue, Kaysie Lenz, Jocelynn Mann, Priscilla Muehr, Deziree Nath, Mallory Nelson, Carly Olson, Monica Padilla, Lola Peterson, Travis Schempp, Riley Sneller, Ryenn Stegenga, Carsen Tofteland, Myles Trimble, Harrison Uithoven, Kamryn Van Batavia, Daylin Velasquez, Mallory Von Tersch, Ryan Vos, Harley Wendland

Juniors: Tucker Banck, Kayla Bloemendaal, Anika Boll, Cash Bonnett, Zakada Bradley, Conner Connell, Sarah de Cesare, Isaac De-Bates, Gavin DeBeer, Elliot Domagala, Brendan Eidem, Ryan Fick, Kenedee Franken, Morgan Hadler, Izabel Honerman, Cade Kracht, Spencer Kracht, Ava Loosbrock, Emma Lusty, Gracie Nath, Alyssa Petroff, Tyler Rolfs, Kiesli Smith, Owen Sudenga, Zachary Terrio, Perceyis Trierweiler, Josie Voorhees, Steven Woods.

Sophomores: Masyn Akkerman, Jaelyn Arp, Bethany Behr, Payton Behr, Kaelyn Braun, Kaitlin Conger, Amira Cowell, Lucky Dara, Trevor DeBates, Marcos Diaz, Jack Gangestad, David Happeny, Kaleb Hemme, Ashton Hood, Leif Ingebretsen, Owen Janiszeski, Ryker Johnson, Linkon Knorr, Christopher Matthiesen, Elijah McLendon, Augusta Papik, Ella Reisdorfer, Blaycie Remme, Tucker Remme, Layne Sasker, Carter Sehr, Maren Stegenga, Coulter Thone, Kendra Thorson, Marcus Vortherms, Zane Walgrave, Elijah Woodley.

Freshmen: Azeez Ahmed, Jocelyn Altman, Ella Apel, Nicole Areualo, Alexander Booe, Lucas Brockberg, Kasey Buss, Maddux Domagala, Joshua Hansen, Elijah Henricks, Samuel Hinz, Dawson Holtz, Rebecca Hoogland, Gavin Hoven, Jaydon Johnson, Aaron Kindt, Caleb Kracht, Jaxon Lais, Landyn Lais, Paula Martinez, Xander Remme, Riley Ripka, Jace Rozeboom, Austin Sandbulte, Blake Sauer, Traytan Sayavong, Madison Schepel, Blake Swenson, Jace Tofteland, Katelynn Van Belle, Hadley Vanderburg, Hannah Wieneke, Kianna Winter, Aaliyah Xaysongkham.

Third quarter honor rolls issued for Hills-Beaver Creek school

### A Honor Roll

Seniors: Anthony Beaner, Olivia Bork, Devon Dysthe, Alexander Harris, Ellynor Klosterbuer, Jenifer Martinyuk, Britton McKenzie, Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser, Riley Sheppard, Amallia Ternus, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

Juniors: Grace Anderson, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Madison Gaugler, Taylor Gehrke, Kyler Hartz, Tahliya Kruger, Brynn Rauk, Justin Roelfs, Larissa Steinhoff, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge, Joylynn Taubert.

Sophomores: Beau Bakken, Gracie Fagerness, Jackson Gacke, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Jack Moser, Kadence Rozeboom, Johnathan Tiesler, Lexxus Wessels, Amber Wiersema.

Freshmen: Ally Birger, Micah Bush, Mya Erickson, Claire Knobloch, Jamin Metzger, Abigayl Olson, Austyn Pap, Sarah Prohl, Ella Sammons, Hadley Spath, Eduardo Wegener, Isabel Wysong.

Eighth Grade: Brynn Bakken, Hailey Moser, Ava Steinhoff.

Seventh Grade: Lily Top, AnnMarie Wiersema.

SixthGrade: Hope Bosch, Karis Dwire, Hailee Gehrke, Ryker Gehrke, Gavin Harnack, Kamron Kellenberger, Karissa Kerkhove-Brandt, Auston Olson, Kaleb Olson, Trinity Olson, Nicholas Zingler.

### **B** Honor Roll

Seniors: Alexandra Drake, Luke Fuerstenberg, Brock Harnack, Aspen Shimp.

Juniors: Layla Deelstra, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Cooper Gehrke, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Ty Leuthold, Joshua Lohr, Skyler Steensma, Logan Susie.

Sophomores: Cameron Allen, Sawyer Bosch, Isabella DeBoer, Emma Deelstra, Lukas Hubbard, Harli Rozeboom, Bailey Spykerboer, Talon Steensma.

Freshmen: Callum Bartels, Caidence Ellis, Caydon Hanson, Abigail Harris, Bode Kruger, Jack Kruger, Jayden Kueter, Gavyn Leuthold, Donavan Mess, Teagan Rainford, Mason Shaffner, Wy-

ett Shimp, Joshua Ternus, Jacob Tiesler, Nate Van Maanen, Gavin Voss, Jacob Wallin.

<u>Eighth Grade:</u> Camdyn Broesder, Katelyn Chesley, Olivia Deelstra, Brooklynne Hubbard, Hunter Leenderts, Ava Rainford, Riggins Rheault, Tryg Tollefson, Tatyana Williams.

Seventh Grade: Aspyn Bartels, Claire Boeve, Raeanna Chesley, Sage DeBoer, Jace Gacke, Braxton Kaiser, Haven Kerkhove-Brandt, Brodie Metzger, Karson Metzger, Maddox Metzger, Ella Rheault, Maxwell Sammons, Ruby Susie, Brystol Teune, Norah Top.

Sixth Grade: Kelsey Baker, Gabriella Junge.

awarded to Rock County 4-H'ers, as determined by the 4-H Executive Committee.

Sponsors include Sunshine Foods and the Marcel Reisch Scholarship Fund.

**Recipients include:** 

•Krista Burkman, a senior at Brandon Valley High School, daughter of John Burkman and Crystal Burkman, Sioux Falls.

•Egypt Forrest, a senior at Luverne High School, daughter of Russell Forrest and Katie Walgrave, Luverne.

•Karly Kruse, a senior at Adrian High School, daughter of Kory and Michele Kruse, Ellsworth.

Adrian High School, daughter of Kory and Michele Kruse, Ellsworth.

•Austin Ossefoort, a senior at Luverne High School. son of Josh and Becky Ossefoort, Luverne.

•Claire Popkes, a senior at Ellsworth High School. daughter of Darrin and Nancy Popkes, Ellsworth.

•Caleb Raak, a senior at Southwest Minnesota Christian High School, son of Philip and Theresa Raak, Jasper.

•Zach Uhl, a senior at Garretson High School, son of Mike and Anna Uhl, Garretson.

The fifth-annual Love the Burger Battle, sponsored by the Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's Association, starts Monday, April 24, and continues through Saturday, May 27.

The Cattlemen's Association will present the Love the Burger traveling trophy to the winner of the contest at 8 p.m. during the Buffalo Days Cruise-In on Main Street Luverne on June 2, 2023.

Luverne participating

### Love the Burger Battle returns, begins April 24

restaurants will compete with their versions of classic American beef hamburger. Patrons are encouraged to try each restaurant's burger in the contest to determine restaurant winners.

Participating restaurants in Rock County include Bogey's Bar & Grill at Luverne Country Club, Green Lantern Bar and Grill in Hardwick, Hidden Hills Café & Hideaway Tavern in Hills and Howling

Dog Saloon and Sterling's Café & Grille in Luverne. Customers will assign

up to five points in each of five categories for every featured burger they try. The burger with the highest average points at the conclusion of the battle will be declared the winner.

**Contest categories** include patty, presentation, toppings, flavor and customer service.

Customers who participate will be entered to win in the restaurant gift card drawings. Ten \$10 gift cards will be given by each restaurant.

Winners will receive their gift certificates in the mail and a listing of the winners will be posted on the Chamber's Facebook page.

The event is coordinated by the Luverne Area Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau. Email luvernechamber@co.rock. mn.us or call 507-283-4061.





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## **Star Herald HURCH**

#### St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

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

#### Luverne Christian Reformed Church 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.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 20: 11 a.m. Amazing Grays. Saturday, April 22: 1 p.m. Family Earth Day at City Park. Sunday, April 23: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee/Sunday. 4:30 p.m. 2024 Youth Gathering info meeting. Tuesday, April 25: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Grace Noted assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 3 p.m. Communion Service at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, April 26: 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 21: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, April 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, April 25: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, April 26: 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 110<sup>th</sup> 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 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

United Methodist Church 109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne 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. Monday, April 24: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Quilting group. Tuesday, April 25: 11:30 a.m. JOY Club meal and program. Wednesday, April 26: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 6 p.m. Women's Chorus. 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir.

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

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

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

#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net Jesse Baker, Pastor

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

#### Ben Clare United Methodist Church 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net Bill Bates, Pastor

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

Sunday, April 23: 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @ FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Sunday, April 23: 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Ph. 605-215-3429 email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com Nancy Manning, Pastor Sundays: 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

> Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with

### Living in the apocalypse

Don't worry, I am not here to tell you to build a bunker, store up on food, or buy a lot of toilet paper. This is usually what people think of when they hear the word apocalypse.

There can be pictures and thoughts when we hear of the end of the world. Things like large disasters, famine, zombies (possibly?) and a final judgment.

But the interesting thing about the word apocalypse, at least when it is used in the Bible, means nothing along those lines. It has less to do with the end of the world and destruction and more to doing with "revealing." In fact, that is exactly the definition, it is "to uncover, reveal, lay bare or pull back the covers."

So how are we living in the apocalypse?

Jesus brought the apocalypse (revealing) of the Father. He also brought the apocalypse (uncovering) of a new life in him when he rose from the dead. And if you have read any of Paul's letters in the New Testament, this is his main message: living in the apocalypse (revelation) of Jesus Christ. He writes to church after church trying to help them comprehend this new way of living and a new perspective.

This is similar to when you have an "Aha!" moment - when you taste real tacos compared to chain store tacos. There is no going back! Or, on a more serious note, it is as if you were living as a slave and then you were set free. There would be a whole new way of living, thinking, acting and deciding. One way Paul reveals this apocalypse in almost all of his letters is by calling these followers in Christ "saints."

### BUILT ON A ROCK

### By Josh Hayden, Living Rock Church, Luverne

In our world when we hear of a saint, we think of Mother Theresa, or maybe the older man down the street who gives everyone cookies on Christmas. We attribute "saint" to someone's actions that they do.

Paul's definition of being a saint is all because of what Jesus has done. Through His life, death and resurrection we are now saints, holy ones, set apart, seated with Christ. It is a new identity for anyone who is a believer in Christ.

Can you imagine how this helped Paul in his own life? After persecuting the church, he is met by Jesus on the road to Damascus and has an apocalyptic encounter that changed the way he viewed all of life.

Of course there may have been times he struggled with guilt in his past life, but God reminded him that he is a saint, a new creation because of what Jesus did. It is real freedom and life that he wanted to share with everyone.

How have you experienced the apocalypse of Jesus? It is more than just attending church and trying to be a good person. It is not just a change in your Sunday morning schedule. It is a transformation in how you view God, yourself, others and the world. I pray that you would continue to have a greater understanding of the apocalypse of Jesus and live in that reality every day.

#### Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, April 22: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, April 23: 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 24: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, April 25: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. Wednesday, April 26: 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.

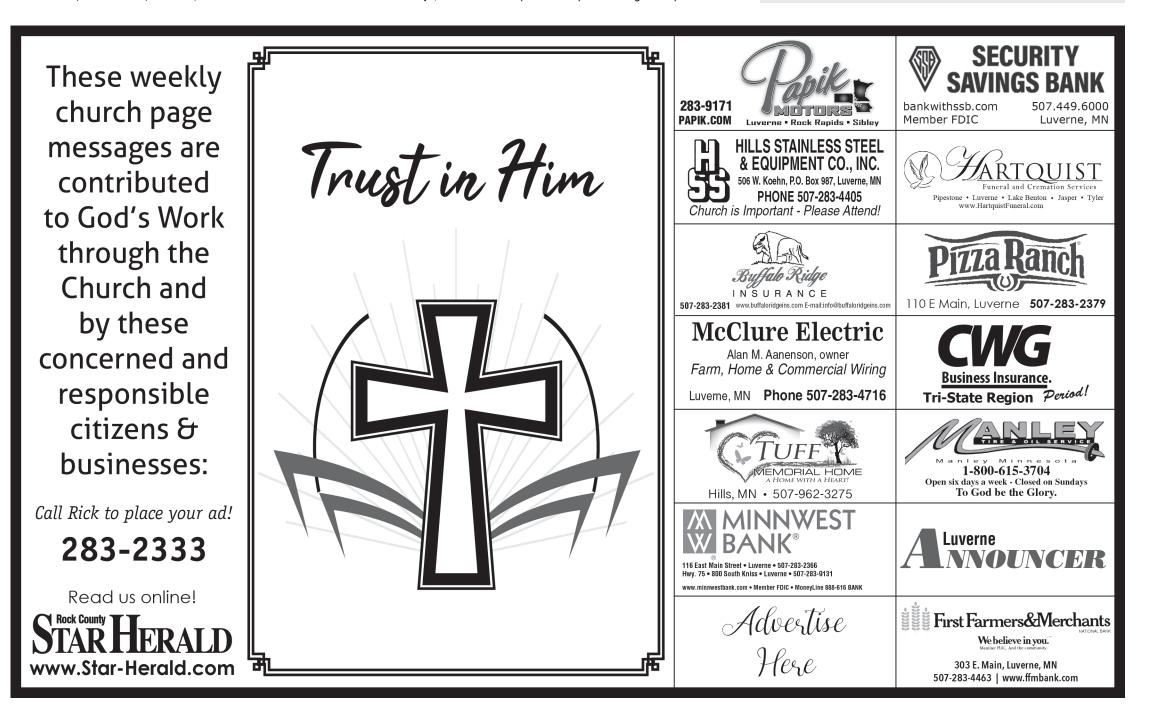
#### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: fpcemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 19: 9 a.m. Morning circle. 1:30 p.m. Afternoon circle. 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir. 6:30-8 p.m. Senior Highs. 7:15 p.m. Deacons. Saturday, April 22: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Blue Mound Quilters in Fellowship Hall. Sunday, April 23: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service (View on Facebook under First

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net Praveen Muthasamy Pastor Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 5 p.m. Evening worship service.



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# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

March 21, 2023

### **Rock County Commissioners meet March 21** 9:00 A.M.

### Herreid Board Room

**Rock County Courthouse** 

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson with Commissioners Overgaard, Williamson, Burger and Reisch present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Mavis Fodness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the March 21, 2023 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the County Board minutes of March 07, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote. 1. Resolution No. 05-23 Rock County SnoMaster's Snowmobile Club Trail Agreement

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims for approval; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims as presented, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A completelisting of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

\$11,060.00	
18,903.71	
15,425.00	
2,990.39	
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14,316.56	
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2,299.29	
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11,359.49	
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6,276.81	
5,494.72	
27,036.40	
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The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator requested approval to enter into a service agreement with Clear Gov offering a Budget Management software subscription; the software is a more robust system that offers additional options for budget reports and forecasting. The annual subscription cost is \$13,600 with a one-time set up fee of \$1,920; the Budget Management software is endorsed by Naco and AMC. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Budget Management software subscription, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was is receipt of the tax capacity rates, a breakdown of the dollars levied from the various taxing districting and the tax amount per capita; was presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of the V	Vind Production Tax distribution listing for 2023:	
Rock County	\$748,882.18	
Beaver Creek Township	95,778.94	
Luverne Township	1,598.07	
Martin Township	423.99	
Rose Dell Township	68,841.12	
Springwater Township	13,468.92	
TOTAL	\$936,102.74	

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator informed the County Board that a meeting has been scheduled for March 27 at 5:30 P.M. in the Library Basement to discuss Elections and the fate of the of Mail Ballot process.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve a liquor license for the Luverne Country Club, declared carried on a voice vote. Mark Sehr, Engineer, requesting authorization to bid let SAP Projects SAP 067-599-185 and SAP 067-599-186, the replacement of (2) township bridges - one in Luverne Township and one is Rose Dell Township with a bid letting date of April 3, 202. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested authorization to bid let project SAP 067-030-016, bituminous crack sawing/sealing on numerous roadways with a bid letting date of April 17 at 11:00 A.M.; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer reviewed a draft of the 5-Year Road and Bridge Construction Plan; the plan will also be presented at the Annual Road & Bridge Hearing this spring.

The County Board thanked the Rock County Highway Department for their efforts road maintenance and snow removal during the winter months.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to send a letter of support to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the Elk Creek Solar project, declared carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Overgaard abstaining. Construct for the Elk Creek Solar project located in Magnolia and Vienna townships, is scheduled to begin in 2024 with production beginning in 2025.

The Administrator stated that as a result of mediation, the labor agreement between Rock County and MN Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employee's Union #320 representing the Sergeants reached a tentative agreement;

#### **Multi County HRA** Jody Reisch

### Personnel Committee

Greg Burger Jody Reisch Jeff Haubrich Kyle Oldre Daryl Fuerstenberg Highway Union rep Arlvn Gehrke Ashley Kurtz Personnel Board of Appeals Craig Oftedahl Jill Wolf Todd Holthaus

#### Private Industry Council Chief Elected **Officials Board** Jody Reisch

#### Planning & Zoning Committee Gary Overgaard

Brad Petersen Gordon Mulder Kurt Wenzel Dave DeBoer Mark Vander Pol Mary Thompson (non-voting member) Eric Hartman (non-voting member) Jeff Haubrich (non-voting member)

### Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

Brad Petersen Gordon Mulder Mark Vander Pol Kurt Wenzel David DeBoer

### **Rock/Nobles Community Corrections**

Advisory Board Grea Buraer Jody Reisch Jeff Haubrich Jon Ramlo

#### **Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Executive Board**

Greg Burger Jody Reisch Jeff Haubrich

### Rock County Rural Water

Stan Williamson Chad Overgaard Shelia Steinhoff Matthew Sorenson Andrew Hoyme Eric Binford Scott Loosbrock

#### Rock County Veterans Memorial **Rick Peterson**

Gregg Groepel

### Safety Committee

Kyle Oldre

Kvle Oldre Susan Skattum Highway Union Rep Deputy Union Rep Arlyn Gehrke Justin Feikema Al Hartz Gary Kurtz

Soil & Water Conservation District Board Stan Williamson

### SWCD/Rock County Liaison

### **Rock County Community Library**

Sherri Thompson Barbie Meinerts Marilyn Bergman Molly Carbonneau Margie Fuerstenberg Holly Anderson Vonnie Nergaard

### **Rock County EDA Committee**

Gary Overgaard Jody Reisch . Tammy Johnson Keith Elbers Tim Gust David Riphagen Lanette Elbers Dennis Madison Josh Tuene Kyle Oldre (ex-officio) Ashely Kurtz (ex-officio) Jeff Haubrich (ex-officio) Rock County Opportunities Nancy Walker

### Rock County/HBC School Liaison

Stan Williamson Jody Reisch Kyle Oldre Ali Breuer Jeff Haubrich Evan Verbrugge

#### **Rock County Historical Society Advisory** Garv Overgaard

### Rock County/Luverne School Liaison

Sherri Thompson Gary Overgaard Kyle Oldre Stacy Schepel Jeff Haubrich Evan Verbrugge

### Southwest Health & Human Services Nursing Hands Partnership Committee

Greg Burger

### Southwest MN Adult Mental Health **Consortium**

Greg Burger

#### Southwest Minnesota Opportunities Council Jody Reisch

### Southwest Regional Development

**Commission** Sherri Thompson Keith Elbers

**Emergency Communications Board** Jody Reisch Kyle Oldre (alternate)

Southwest Regional Radio Committee Evan Verbrugge

#### Southwest Regional Rural Energy Task Force Gary Overgaard Greg Burger (Alternate)

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT) Gary Overgaard

Southwest Solid Waste Board Gary Overgaard Greg Burger (Alternate)

motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Sergeant's Union Contract, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Sheriff to fill the vacant Sergeants position (vacated in

2021), declared carried on a voice vote. Net cost is estimated at \$9,000 - \$10,000 and will be filled from an in house posting.

The County Board was informed of the Nature Energy site invitation to Denmark scheduled for March 26 - April 1st and Commissioner Reisch stated that he would be accepting the invitation.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Boards and Committee Appointments for 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

### Advocate Connect Educate

Sherri Thompson Greg Burger (Alternate)

### AS400 Computer Committee

Kyle Oldre Ashley Kurtz Rachel Jacobs Shawn Sweeney Lana Henrichs

### **Association of Minnesota Counties**

All Commissioners Kyle Oldre Mark Sehr Susan Skattum

### **AMC Policy Committees**

Environmental & Natural Resources – Overgaard General Government – Reisch Health & Human Svcs - Thompson Public Safety – Burger Transportation - Williamson

### **AMC District VIII Committees**

Ag & Transportation - Overgaard Ag & Rural Development Task Force- Burger & Overgaard ATP – Burger (alternate) Land Use – Overgaard Health & Human Services - Thompson

### Audit Committee

Greg Burger Jody Reisch Kyle Oldre Susan Skattum Ashley Kurtz Lana Henrichs

#### Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed Bill Jansma

Law Library Committee

Jody Reisch Tim Connell Damon Eisma

### Luverne City/County Liaison Committee

Jody Reisch Gary Overgaard Kyle Oldre

#### Luverne Community Economic Development **Corporation**

Jody Reisch Kyle Oldre (Alternate)

### Lyon County Regional Landfill

Gary Overgaard Greg Burger (Alternate)

### **Budget Committee**

Greg Burger Jody Reisch Kyle Oldre Ashley Kurtz Susan Skattum

### **Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority**

Stan Williamson Sherri Thompson Kyle Oldre, Exe Sec Ashley Kurtz, Treas Susan Skattum

### **Buildings Committee**

Jody Reisch Stan Williamson Kyle Oldre Children's Justice Initiative Stan Williamson SWHHS Rep

### **Compliance Committee**

Eric Hartman Ashley Kurtz Rachel Jacobs

### **Extension Committee**

Gary Overgaard Stan Williamson Kurt Elbers Lynette Jauert Anna Haas Matt Jessen Kory Kruse Jordan Papik Lanae Elbers (youth) Justin Mente (youth)

### Judicial Ditch Advisory Board

Stan Williamson Gary Overgaard Eugene Peterson Dean Wenzel Roger Brockberg

### **Plum Creek Library Committee**

Sherri Thompson Greg Burger (Alternate)

### **Rock/Pipestone County Collaborative** Jody Reisch

SWHHS Rep SW Mental Health Rep **PIC Representative** Todd Holthaus SMOC Rep Craig Oftedahl Jon Ramlo Public Health Kyle Oldre

Jody Reisch Roger Hoff Jim Veldkamp

### Southern Prairie Community Care

Greg Burger Sherri Thompson(alt)

### Southwest Health & Human Services

Sherri Thompson Grea Buraer

#### Southwest Regional EMS Board Harlan Vande Kieft

Jody Reisch (alternate)

### SWMN Tourism

Jane Lanphere

### Transit Advisory Committee

Jody Reisch Gary Overgaard Tammy Johnson Todd Holthaus Molly Peterson Kyle Oldre

The Administrator presented the following office update: Weather Spotter training was scheduled for March 20 which resulted in a low turnout, the March 20 EDA meeting was postponed due to lack of a quorum, participated in MACA legislative update stating that legislation is working on licensing requirements for the legalization of cannabis.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Community Corrections, (2) Southwest MN Opportunities Council, mediation for Sergeant's Union, Budget/Personnel Committee of the County Board pertaining to the Sergeant position and Economic Development Authority.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Rural Water and Extension. Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Extension, Economic Development Authority and City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Community Corrections, Armory Building tour, mediation for Sergeant's Union, Budget/Personnel Committee of the County Board pertaining to the Sergeant position.

Commissioner Burger also reported that Southern Prairie has distributed \$300,000 of funds to the member counties, with the exception of Rock and Murray Counites; the remaining balance of the Southern Prairie reserve funds is \$850,000. Burger anticipates a meeting of dis-solution and as per the By Laws of the Southern Prairie organization, it takes a one hundred percent approval of its members to dissolve. After discussion, it was the general consensus to deny dis-solution until Rock and Murray Counties until they have each received their \$300,000 distribution payable to Southwest Health & Human Services. Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: Library, City of Luverne

Public Hearing regarding a variance referencing the construction of a Nutcracker.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair. (04-20)

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# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

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 MORT-GAGE: 1005210-0808005333-4

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORT-GAGE: 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, INCLUD-ING 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 RE-DUCED 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 DWELL-ING 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 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (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)

### **Rock County Commissioners** meeť March 7

#### Herreid Board Room **Rock County Courthouse**

### 9:00 A.M. March 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson with Commissioners Overgaard, Williamson, Burger and Reisch present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Mavis Fodness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the March 07, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. (3) contracts with D & G Drinking Water Solutions for rental units at the location of the Courthouse, Highway Department and Sheriff's Office at \$56/month/unit. The Administrator presented a legislative update stating that currently a

\$1.9 billion bonding bill has passed in the House, but pending in the Senate. The Administrator indicated that he had spoken with Representative Schomacker and he stated that the Rural Water/Water Tower project was not included in the proposed bonding bill, however, there may be a chance of the development of a third bonding bill before the legislative deadline.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, introduced new employee Meegan Gyberg, Administrative Assistant in the License Center.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims; after review, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims as presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office. MARCH 7, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$3,327.48
BMO FINANCIAL GROUP	2,833.46
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMINFMR	7,158.28

MN COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN	2,919.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	4,380.00
STAPLES ENTERPRISES	2,223.19
WAUSAU EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	2,746.76
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOC INC	8,542.00
55 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	22,740.30
TOTAL	\$56,870.47

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a Notice from the Department of Revenue notifying Rock County of the amount of tax revenue generated from wind production from Y2022; Rock County wind energy revenue from Y2022 is \$936,102.74, an increase of 21.9% from Y2021.

Rachel Jacobs, Land Records Office Director informed the County Board of a software contract renewal for recording documents; software Avid is a Fidlar Technologies product. Contract costs are based on a per document basis, and covers land recording, indexing, and Torrens Certificate Management; contract renewal is includes Replication Software License Agreement. Both renewal costs will be paid from the Land Records Office Technology fund. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to authorize the Land Records Office Director to execute the 5-year contract renewal, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board also congratulated the Land Records Office Director on the completion of her SAMA licensure, effective January 10, 2023.

The County Board was in receipt of an update regarding mental health services that are currently under contract with the Southwestern Mental Health organization; the cost for (5) contracts) appears to be less dollars on the "ala carte" basis than what was proposed as being a member of the Southwestern Mental Health association. The "ala carte" basis is a temporary solution while Southwest Health & Human Services continues to pursue a more permanent solution.

There was a brief discussion regarding a site visit to the Nature Energy facility in St. Paul and discussed their intent to come to Rock County.

The Administrator presented the following activity update: continue to monitor legislative issues and their impact, met with DDA to initiate the project overview of a job description and market study review, monitoring the status of potential economic development projects, working on timeline of vacating the Human Services building for HVAC project; Deputy Administrator stated that the office has conducted (5) new employee orientations over the course of 2-weeks.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: no meetings.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/ events: Testified at State Capitol in favor of the Rural Water Tower project and met with Nature Energy representative.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Testified at State Capitol in favor of the Rural Water Tower project and met with Nature Energy representative, Rose Dell Township where they also indicated that they are in favor of mail ballots, and City of Hardwick for potential economic development project(s).

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Southwest Health & Human Services, Opioid Committee, zoom meeting with Senator Weber, and local meeting referencing Nature Made economic development project.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: Testified at State Capitol in favor of the Rural Water Tower project and met with Nature Energy representative

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

(04-20)



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