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Elk Creek expands Magnolia solar farm

County supports new, larger plan

By Mavis Fodness

A proposed solar energy generation project north of Magnolia is doubling in size thanks to delays with the original plans for the Elk Creek Solar Farm.

National Grid Renewables (NGR) is reapplying for state permits and is now asking to expand from the proposed 80-megawatt to a 160-megawatt solar farm.

NGR originally received a certificate of need and a site permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in December of 2020.

"Due to significant delays to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) interconnection queue review process for the project, Elk Creek was not able to meet its original target commercial operation date of Dec. 31, 2021," stated Marc Morandi, NGR's solar permitting specialist.

Now complete, the review revealed NGR could expand its interconnection up to 160 MW of power generation. As a result, NGR reapplied to PUC to permit double the original request.

The PUC has not made a decision.

Original plans involved 976 acres in the sections of 27, 34 and 35 in Vienna Township. The expanded plans include an additional 500 acres in the same townships as originally planned plus land in Section 3 of Magnolia Township.

Supervisors in both townships previously supported the original project, as did the Rock County commissioners.

Both the Rock County Board and the Rock County Economic Development Authority recently sent letters to the PUC in support of NGR's expansion plans.

"We believe this project will bring significant economic development and will have a long-term financial benefit to the area," wrote Economic Authority Chairman David Riphagen.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0427 LHS Musical 2023

Gomez (left, Parker Carbonneau) and Morticia Addams (Bri Kinsinger) discuss love, family and marriage. Below, Uncle Fester (Xavier McKenzie) sings about how much he loves the moon.

'Addams Family' takes stage at performing art center

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School drama department will bring "creepy and kooky, mysterious and spooky" characters to life in "The Addams Family: The Musical."

The first of five performances of the musical comedy starts tonight, Thursday April 27. Others are Tuesday, May 2 (recently added), and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 4, 5 and 6, in the school's performing arts center.

All performances begin at 7 p.m.

Director Shawn Kinsinger said he chose the production for its humor and songs.

"Much of the singing in The Addams Family

LHS 'Addams Family'/continued on page 3



FEMA agrees to correct errors on flood maps

By Mavis Fodness

Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood insurance program agreed to update local maps to include flood mitigation projects implemented almost three decades ago.

Poplar Creek and Rock River watershed areas will be studied and maps updated before the final approval process starts again, possibly late this year or in the spring of 2024.

That's according to Jeff Weiss, surface water and floodplain engineer with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, who confirmed plans on April 18 with Rock County Commissioners.

"There has been additional discussion and investigation and FEMA decided they are not going to go ahead with the draft maps that are out there now," Weiss said via Zoom.

"They're going to decide to put the process on hold until the issues in the city of Luverne are addressed."

Weiss, who began working with the DNR in 2020, reflected back to the initial mapping meetings between FEMA and local officials in 2016 to update the 1970s flood maps.

The completed draft maps were revealed in December 2022 when Luverne and Rock County officials noticed flood plain surrounding Poplar Creek had remained unchanged.

It failed to reflect an extensive flood mitigation project after 1993 that slowed the water flow

FEMA maps/see page 5

Rabies alert issued after Nobles County calf tests positive

By Mavis Fodness

A rare diagnosis of rabies in a Nobles County feedlot calf has four people completing post-exposure treatment.

The rabies-positive bovine is the first to be detected in the state since 2020.

Local veterinarian Erin de Koning said skunks and bats most commonly transmit rabies locally.

"Cattle and horses are curious

animals, and they will put their noses down and follow the animal around," she said. "Then they get exposed or bit."

Rabies is transmitted through saliva of a rabid animal.

Cattle are not normally vaccinated for rabies.

According to the state Board of Animal Health, a Nobles County calf began acting strangely on April 10 and was straining to def-

ecate. The veterinarian diagnosed a possible intestinal blockage and relieved the pressure surgically.

Three days later the calf struggled to stand and died that evening.

Necropsy samples were sent to the South Dakota State University diagnostic laboratory, which confirmed rabies on April 15.

The calf was housed in a pen of 28 other feedlot calves with

dozens of farm cats present on the premises.

The veterinarian recommended vaccinating the calves and keeping them confined for six months. Cats were also vaccinated and will be quarantined for six months.

The state's veterinarian recommended that the owner un-

Rabies alert/see page 5

Students in trades class to host open house May 21

By Lori Sorenson

City Council members on Tuesday, April 18, toured an East Dodge Street home that's being remodeled with help from students in Luverne High School's trades class.

The class is called "Today and Tomorrow's Tradesmen" (Tnt Tradesmen), and it's led by LHS woodshop teacher Darrel Van Aartsen of Van Aartsen Construction.

The school partners with the city through building inspector Chad McClure.

The city had an empty lot at 409 East Dodge Street after a structure was taken down through the blight removal program.

Trades class house/see page 5



Lori Sorenson photo/0427 trades house council tour

The former Real Estate Retrievers building was moved from South Highway 75 last fall to the residential neighborhood of East Dodge Street on Oct. 12, 2022. Since then, students in Luverne High School's trades class have been working with and learning under Van Aartsen to remodel the former office building back to a family dwelling.

Road construction continues in western roads of Rock County

By Mavis Fodness

Two county road improvement projects will begin in May, once the current work to replace three bridges along County Road 6 between Beaver Creek and Hills is complete.

According to county engineer Mark Sehr, the culvert replacements are scheduled for completion by May 1, followed by two mill off and bituminous overlay projects scheduled this year.

The first overlay project is six miles of County Road 6 from Beaver Creek to

Hills, which also involves a railway crossing improvement project.

The second overlay project is four miles of County Road 5 from County Road 6 to State Highway 23.

Sehr estimates it will take three weeks to complete the 10 miles of mill off and overlay.

However, start of the projects depend on the lifting of weight restriction limits on local roadways.

Duininck Inc. of Prinsburg has the contract for the two road projects.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in the township hall.

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.

Kindergartners perform April 28

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

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

State park naturalist offers programs April 29

The Blue Mounds State Park naturalist will offer two programs 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.

'Coach Stig' coming to Luverne

Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow will bring John Stiegelmeier to the Palace Theatre in Luverne at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 1.

"Coach Stig" is known as the winningest football coach in the history of South Dakota State University. His message, "It Takes a Whole Team to Win," is free and open to the public.

Tickets for reserve seating and a VIP reception at Sterling's are available (in advance) as a fundraiser for LIFT. Call the Chamber, 507-283-4061.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

A series of six classes, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, starting May 3, at A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, located in the Generations building in Luverne. Classes, to help caregivers take better care of themselves, are free, but registration is required by calling 507-283-5064.

Virtual Medicare 101 Class May 3

A virtual class about the basics of Medicare Part A, B, C and D from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, will offer information about when and how to enroll. Register at <https://bit.ly/3Y16hIr>. The free class is a service of Senior LinkAge Line funded by the Minnesota Board on Aging. Call 1-800-333-2433 with questions.

Ecumenical Coffee May 3

The Presbyterian Women will host an Ecumenical Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Speaker will be Pastor Jakob Danilko on Ukraine and current needs. All are welcome.

Nutrition for seniors May 4

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer its Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The drive-thru distribution will be in the parking lot off Maple Street on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required by calling 507-283-5064.

Fifth-grade band concert May 5

Luverne elementary fifth-grade band concert will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the performing arts center. The public is welcome to attend.

#TellUsTuesday Results

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Which Embarrassing Thing Are You Most Likely To Do?

Trip in front of a crowd	30%
Text/call the wrong person	26%
Call someone the wrong name	35%
Have a wardrobe malfunction	4%
Break a nearby object	4%



Mavis Fodness photos/0427 Spelling Bee 2023

Luverne Middle School hosted the Southwest Minnesota Spelling Bee Saturday in the performing arts center. Seven students from the six participating schools moved on from the written tests to complete in the live spelling rounds. Principal Jason Phelps (far left) explained the selection process as moderator Wendy Bosshart listens with the finalists Elizabeth Anderson, Oliver Carbonneau, Talan Kremer, Allyson Muder, Trinity Olson, Cooper Thone and Makaylie Voss.

'Strategy' earns spelling bee win

By Mavis Fodness

Thirty of the best spellers from six southwest Minnesota middle schools gathered in Luverne Saturday morning for the 2023 Southwest Minnesota Spelling Bee.

A Luverne Middle School fifth-grader earned the champion speller title.

Oliver Carbonneau, 11, son of Mike and Molly Carbonneau of Luverne, spelled five words correctly in the final round, besting Allyson Muder of Edgerton in the finals.

Carbonneau spelled "strategy" to seal the champion title.

His winning strategy included staying calm and one other important mindset: "I didn't worry about winning," he said.

In addition to Luverne and Edgerton, four other schools, Hills-Beaver Creek, Worthington, Westbrook-Walnut Grove and Adrian, send students to the annual event.

Each school selected five students and an alternate to the spelling bee.

All 36 students started the competition with a 20-word written test.

Students who correctly spelled 14 or more words moved into the spelling finals, which were conducted verbally.

Seven students advanced from the written tests to compete against one another.

Joining Carbonneau and Muder in the finals were Elizabeth Anderson (Worthington), Talan Kremer (Worthington), Trinity Olson (H-BC), Makaylie Voss (H-BC) and Cooper Thone (Luverne).

One by one, each spelled the same five words verbally: scuba, tuxedo, vibrant, conscience and hygiene. Two students were eliminated.

The next set of words brought the spellers from five down to three. Those words included obstacle, schedule, unique, analyze and calendar.

The spell-off between Carbonneau, Muder and Kremer featured the words develop, encourage, awk-



Award recipients from Saturday's Southwest Minnesota Spelling Bee include alternate spelling bee champion Bergen Arp of Edgerton, second-place finisher Allison Muder of Edgerton, champion Oliver Carbonneau of Luverne, and third-place finisher Talan Kremer of Worthington.



Oliver Carbonneau from Luverne spells "strategy" to win Saturday's spelling bee competition.

At left, Oliver Carbonneau receives the first-place trophy from Principal Jason Phelps Saturday morning as the 2023 Southwest Minnesota Spelling Bee champion.

ward, competition, mischievous, miscellaneous, catastrophe and embarrass.

For the championship, Carbonneau spelled concentrate, familiar, demonstrate, jewelry and strategy correctly.

Second place was claimed by Muder, third place by Kremer, and

Bergen Arp took first place among the six alternates at the competition.

Luverne Middle School took the team competition with the most accumulated points by its participants.

Luverne team members included Carbonneau, Cooper Thone, Mallory Edstrom, Allison Lysne,

Isley Smith and Tyler Wicks (alternate.)

H-BC team members included Trinity Olson, Makaylie Voss, Penni Moore, Ryker Gehrke, Kaleb Olson and Malachi Bush (alternate).

As home to the current champion, Luverne will host the 2024 spelling bee.

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Luverne sends four to Saturday's state speech tourney

By Mavis Fodness

Four Luverne High School students will compete at this weekend's Minnesota State High School League Speech Tournament in Apple Valley.

The Class A schools, including Luverne, compete Saturday, while the Class AA tournament takes place Friday.

For two of the students — brothers Parker and Zander Carbonneau — it's their third straight state appearance. Both compete in extemporaneous speaking.

Parker, a senior, placed sixth at last year's tournament.

"My goal this year was to make it to state and hopefully make into the final round there," he said.

The top eight speakers advance to the final rounds in each of 13 categories.

Zander, a freshman, placed 11th last year, one out of the top 10.

His goal this year was simply to achieve another trip to the state tournament.

"I feel it is a good achievement by itself because there are lots of new people in the category and they are good," Zander said.

Junior Roselynn Hartshorn and sophomore Bri Kinsinger are making

their first trip to the state tournament.

Hartshorn competes in original oratory.

"My expectations were to make it to state and always practicing to get there," she said.

Hartshorn took the judges' comments from previous meets and applied their suggestions to original oratory.

Her work resulted in a section championship on a topic centering around fast fashion.

"Fast fashion is the mass production of clothing at a really fast rate," she said. "They can go through exploitation of workers and there is a massive environmental degradation with that, too."

Her speech persuades people to look at how their clothes are made and purchase at thrift stores if possible.

As a competitor in creative expression, Kinsinger also performs a piece that she's written.

Her speech is called "The Void," where friends confide their feelings to her but she's never asked about her own feelings, keeping what she feels inside.

Kinsinger is excited



Submitted photo

Six Luverne High School students earn medals at the Section 3A speech tournament April 15 in Redwood Falls. Pictured are Jessika Tunnissen, Makayla Oeschle, Bri Kinsinger, Roselynn Hartshorn, Zander Carbonneau and Parker Carbonneau. Kinsinger, Hartshorn and Parker and Zander Carbonneau compete in this weekend's state speech tournament.

to finally place in the top three at the section tournament. For two consecutive years, she placed fourth.

Her state expectations are different.

"My expectation is that I don't think I'm going to place because it is gigantic (tournament) and I haven't done it before," she said. "(But

at the end of the day, if I've actually shared how I feel, and one person comes up to me and says 'I relate to this' and 'You make me feel my emotions,

you made me understand something,' I will be proud of myself."

LHS places fifth at section meet

Six Luverne High School students reached the final round in their respective categories and were in the hunt to move on to the state tournament.

However, only the top three finishers in each of the categories earn a state trip.

Two LHS students earned Section 3A championship medals.

Junior Roselynn Hartshorn captured first place in original oratory while freshman Zander Carbonneau topped the podium in extemporaneous speaking.

Other results included: •second, Parker Carbonneau, extemporaneous speaking.

•third, Bri Kinsinger, creative expression.

•fourth, Jessika Tunnissen, informative speaking.

•fifth, Makayla Oeschle, discussion.

As a team, Luverne placed fifth out of 15 teams competing at the Section 3A tournament April 15 in Redwood Falls.

LHS students to present five 'Addams Family' performances/continued from page 1

is not the typical choral singing you would hear at one of the high school choir concerts," he said.

"This gives the students the chance to experiment with different styles and techniques. The humor in this show is great."

The large cast features Addams Family characters of:

- Gomez Addams portrayed by senior Parker Carbonneau.

- Morticia Addams, by sophomore Bri Kinsinger.

- Wednesday Addams, by junior Alex Perkins.

- Pugsley Addams, by freshman James DeBates.

- Uncle Fester, by sophomore Xavier McKenzie.

- Grandmama, by freshman Rebecca Hoogland.

- Lurch, by sophomore Chase Matthiesen.

- Cousin It, by senior Myles Trimble.

The plot centers around the Addams Family annual gathering at the family crypt to celebrate their ancestors (living, dead and undecided) when it is discovered that Wednesday has fallen in love with a "normal" boy and is getting married.

This boy and his family, the Beinekes, are coming to dinner to meet Wednesday and her family.

Wednesday convinces Gomez to keep the engagement from Morticia so they can try to act as "normal" as possible to win them over.

Uncle Fester has decided that, to help Wednesday, the ancestors will not be allowed back into the crypt until they've helped Wednesday seal the deal.

Pugsley, however, has a different idea and his mischief with one of Grandmama's potions adds a twist to the dinner.

"This sets the stage for an 'eventful' evening for everyone involved," Kinsinger said.

Other cast members include the Beineke family: dad Mal, (freshman Zander Carbonneau), mom Alice, (junior Abby



Mavis Fodness photos/0427 LHS Musical 2023

Luverne High School drama department will perform five shows of "The Addams Family: The Musical" beginning tonight (April 27) in the school's performing arts center. Pictured are (front, from left) Alex Perkins, Rebecca Hoogland, Myles Trimble, Parker Carbonneau, Chase Matthiesen, Bri Kinsinger, James DeBates, Xavier McKenzie, (on the set clockwise from left) Janica Oeschle, Audrie DeBates, Bethany Behr, Hallie Pergande, Lexi Berg, Ashlyn Johnson, Chris Bonilla, Korben Fisher, Isabella Benson, Kaitlin Conger, Egypt Forrest, Makayla Oeschle, Elizabeth Mulder, Priscilla Muehr, Hunter Cope, Nora Louwagie, Brooklyn Wicks, Andrea Luitjens, Elijah Henrichs, Abby Boltjes and Zander Carbonneau.

Boltjes) and Wednesday's boyfriend (Lucas, freshman Elijah Henrichs).

- Ancesters are Hallie Pergande, Steven Wood, Priscilla Muehr, Audrie DeBates, Andrea Luitjens, Brooke Vis, Lexi Berg, Brooklyn Wicks, Nora Louwagie, Janica Oeschle, Bethany Behr, Chris Bonilla, Hunter Cope and Ashlyn Johnson.

"The group of ancestors are all individual characters themselves," Kinsinger said. "This allows each student to bring their ancestor to life in their own creative ways."

A large production crew supports the students on stage.

They are stage manager Kaitlin Conger, Makayla Oeschle, Isabella Benson, Travis Schempp, Korben Fisher, Egypt Forrest, Zoey Berghorst, Cam

Aukes, Austin Morseman, Elizabeth Mulder and Andrew Kinsinger.

Director Kinsinger said the students are excited about the musical, which features elaborate sets that raise and lower from the art center's ceiling.

This feature was part of the PAC's construction completed two years ago.

"Luverne has always supported live theater in our community and we are thankful for that," Kinsinger said.

"We look forward to showing off what the new performing arts center can do. ... It's an absolute spectacle of a set."

Parents Cody Henrichs and Mike Carbonneau helped construct the Addams mansion and various wheeled scenery for the two-act play.

The music, however,



Mavis Fodness photo/0427 LHS Musical 2023

Gomez Addams (left, Parker Carbonneau) talks with his daughter, Wednesday (Alex Perkins), about love and the Addams family's kooky version of marriage when she says she no longer loves her "normal" boyfriend.

keeps the action moving, Kinsinger said.

"The music is top-notch and the students are excited about it," he said.

"The characters are fun, and not just the

family that everyone is familiar with — there is a group of dead ancestors that show up in the beginning that is full of odd and peculiar characters that hang around throughout the entire show."

Sanford offers free class for youth in grades 6-8

Sanford PROMISE summer programs are a way for youth to gain hands-on science experience and learn about current research being done at Sanford Research.

An event at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Luverne is from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, for students in grades 6-8 of the 2022-23 school year.

The class, "Inside Out: An Anatomy and Health Experience," addresses how our organs work to keep us alive and how we can keep them healthy.

In this program, students will learn about the heart, lungs and kidneys. They will dissect each organ, learn about its function, learn how to keep them healthy and learn about why researchers are interested in it.

Participants will need parental/guardian permission to participate in dissection and fitness activities.

The program is free to attend and is filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with a rolling admission that closes registration when the class reaches capacity.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yc35zt6c>. Upon enrolling, students will be notified within five business days of registration confirmation.

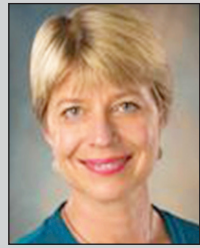
The Sanford Program for the Midwest Initiative in Science Exploration (PROMISE) was developed to connect communities in the region with cutting edge science and research.

In 2010 Sanford Research created an outreach program to provide science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) experiences for K-12 students across South Dakota and neighboring states.

May 11

I hope you can join us for a 'Piece of Cake'

A year ago at this time my family celebrated my mom's 80th birthday, which was May 11.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

We pulled out all the stops and had a day-long party concluding with Mom serving cake to 34 of her favorite descendants.

This year, we will not celebrate Mom's 81st birthday on earth but will rejoice that she is celebrating her first birthday in heaven.

A few weeks back, I announced an April date for the next "Marlene and Darlene" annual fundraiser for the Generations in Luverne (formerly Luverne Senior Citizens.)

Well, I was wrong and the date has changed to May 11 - Mom's birthday.

Last year, for the Marlene and Darlene skit, Mom sat near the front with other family members. She said she laughed so hard she cried.

She won't sit with the family this year, but I hope she can see us and I hope she laughs so hard she cries. (I know there are no tears in heaven, but perhaps tears from laughter are allowed.)

Like most people who pass away suddenly, Mom had a lot of unfinished projects - including quilts. Lots of quilts.

The quilting crew at

Generations offered to finish one of Mom's quilts for the fundraiser raffle. (It's beautiful and will be raffled along with one of George Bonnema's famous carrot cakes, a beef bundle, a pork bundle, lawn care, car washes and book store gift cards.)

I think Mom, who was a shy person, would be a bit shocked to learn that one of her quilts will be raffled at a public event.

Perhaps it is because Mom was shy that I am not. Her art was quilting.

My art is writing and performing in skits about ridiculous old ladies who are "only trying to help."

It will be fun to combine talents with her at Generations for this year's fundraiser - her quilt and my skit "appearing together for one night only."

Auctioneer Yvette VanDerBrink and actress DJ Luethje will also join the effort to raise money for special programs at Generations.

I hope you can join us May 11 for dessert, a raffle, an auction and a skit called "Piece of Cake."

Mom's piece will have one candle.

Consider intent, integrity of mail ballots before changing rural precincts

The Rock County Board of Commissioners will consider the future of mail ballots at their meeting on Tuesday, May 2. And we hope they consider the reasons we implemented mail ballot voting in the first place.

Rock County has been using mail ballots since 2006 when the federal Help America Vote Act required all precincts to make sure all voters can vote with ease, regardless of disability.

It also ensured voters could correct errors that may otherwise void the ballot.

This marked the introduction of electronic voting machines, which immediately recognize ballot errors and allow voters to make corrections.

The machines, which cost \$5,000 in 2006, were too expensive for many of Rock County's small, rural precincts, as was the prospect of making polling places handicap-accessible.

Vienna Township and the city of Kenneth were the first to use mail ballots, and they were soon followed by other rural precincts who opted to give their voters more access to elections without the burden of cost.

Today, 18 of Rock County's 24 voting precincts use mail ballots, and those who want to vote in person bring them to the county courthouse where all ballots end up on Election Day.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

And our Rock County election officials through the years have said mail ballots work: Voter participation increased, without evidence of fraud, and it's become an accepted and appreciated form of participating in elections.

... Until, of course, last fall.

After a divisive 2020 presidential election fraught with false claims of voter fraud (each solidly debunked in courts of law), the election lies have continued.

As have divisive conversations and bad behavior at the national level (on Jan. 6), and locally.

Rock County election officials told the County Board they were harassed during the November 2022 election and felt threatened by mostly anonymous callers alleging mail ballot fraud.

Commissioners empathized with courthouse election workers and are now considering a return to in-person voting.

... perhaps combining rural precincts to share resources, and possibly assisting with election judge hiring ... all good ideas.

... if we have good reason to do

away with mail ballots.

But do we?

If we're changing a process that affects 18 of 24 precincts because several courthouse workers were harassed by a handful of bad actors, that's not a good reason.

We, too, empathize with election workers who feel threatened, and we're deeply disappointed that the bad actors were allowed so much influence. ... However, it would be more disappointing if the actions of these few resulted in changes affecting so many.

If there are reasons to return to in-person voting, then let's consider valid informed discussion to that effect (not baseless allegations).

Our commissioners have been seeking input from township officials and city leaders in our rural towns, and many have been clear about wanting to keep the mail ballot system.

But they don't get to decide; the county commissioners do. And it's on their agenda Tuesday.

Whatever they decide, if they do take action at that meeting, we hope it's for the right reasons.



Field and Stream's Heroes of Conservation: Standing in a giant shadow

When you read about the conservation efforts of the current-day participants, there are many great stories to read about.

I was able to meet five very unique people back in 2014. These were the finalists in the Field and Stream Heroes of Conservation contest. I was fortunate enough to be among them. They hailed from all over the United States.

There were folks who were cleaning up rivers in the mountain west in order for trout species to again swim in their waters. Another started the Mule Deer Foundation's youth programs credited with mentoring a new army of young conservation volunteers. Each of these folks had in their own right done a job for which thousands of people across the United States have certainly benefited.

In my opinion, the greatest conservationist that has ever existed on this planet is the late great Teddy Roosevelt. This president left a greater lasting legacy on planet Earth than any other. The list is too



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

long for this space, but I thought I would highlight a few.

After becoming president in 1901, Roosevelt used his authority to establish 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, four national game preserves, five national parks and 18 national monuments on over 230 million acres of public land.

The motivations behind this legacy come with a few interesting stories and reasons for his actions.

Mr. Roosevelt was a really big hunter and lover of nature. When he visited what is now Yosemite National Park and the Grand Canyon, he used the following words to express his connection to the natural world:

"I want to ask you to keep this great wonder of nature as it now is. I hope you will not have a building of any kind, not a summer cottage, a hotel or anything else, to mar the wonderful grandeur, the sublimity, the great loneliness and beauty of the canyon. Leave it as it is. You cannot improve on it. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it. What you can do is to keep it for your children, your children's children, and for all who come after you, as one of the great sights which every American if he can travel at all should see."

- Speech by Theodore Roosevelt at the Grand Canyon, May 6, 1903.

One of the many bird refuges he

founded was as a result of hunters killing off bird species just so they could use the feathers in women's hats. He kept this from happening.

It was during his presidency that after he had set aside millions of acres of land for national parks and refuges that Congress was going to strip him of his ability to continue to do so. On the night before the congressional vote, he made one last stand and dedicated several million acres more in the hours before he was prohibited from do so.

The teddy bear that kids have hugged for the past 120 years was also a President Roosevelt cause. Some of the members following along on one of his hunting expeditions had found a bear and her cub and tied the mama bear to a tree. They tried to get the president to shoot the animal. He refused as he knew there was no sport in it.

He had the bear released unharmed and one of the members of the party went home and created a hand-sewn likeness of the bear's cub. How many millions of stuffed

toy bears have been produced since that first one? Nobody really knows, but each and every person knows how the Teddy Bear got its name.

I expend many hours every year in the promotions of public lands in southwest Minnesota. We have been successful in converting some of the lowest quality farmland in our area back to grasslands and wetlands that support all of the wildlife the president of 1901 loved so much. These are small parcels, and if I live to be 300,000 years old, I can never leave the indelible mark that President Roosevelt did. In my own little way I do know that each of these spots will have no buildings, summer cottages, hotels or anything else on them. They too will be set aside for posterity in their natural state for all to enjoy.

When conservation challenges look ominous and competition for every square inch of land is a battle, I take satisfaction in doing all that I can do to follow in this great man's footsteps, even if the footprint I leave behind is but a tiny one.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 14

•Complainant on 221st Street, Edgerton, reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a transient.

•Complainant on W. Edgell Street reported theft.

•Complainant on N. Lindale Street reported a parking issue.

•Complainant on 260th Avenue, Magnolia, reported a fire.

•Complainant on 31st Street, Hills, filed a driving complaint.

April 15

•Complainant reported harassing communications.

•Complainant on Central Avenue, Hills, filed a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street filed a driving complaint.

April 16

•Complainant on 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a burglary.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street filed a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported weapons.

•Complainant on Sherman Avenue requested assistance from another department.

April 17

•Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported theft.

•Complainant on 100th Avenue and 121st Street, Luverne, reported a fire.

•Complainant on 100th Avenue and 121st Street, Luverne, reported a fire.

•Complainant in Hardwick reported lost property.

•Complainant on 120th Avenue, Luverne, reported a fire.

•Complainant on Edgell Street reported vandalism.

•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street requested assistance from another department.

April 18

•Complainant reported an outage.

•Complainant on 141st Street requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant reported fraud.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 34, Adrian, reported an outage.

•Complainant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, requested assistance from another agency.

April 19

•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on 161st Street, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90 on ramp, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.

•Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Dodge Street reported a driving complaint.

April 20

•A weather alert was issued.

•Complainant on S. Dakota Street, Steen, reported an accident to property.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported weapons.

April 21

•Complainant on 211th Street, Hardwick, reported theft.

•Complainant on Highway 74, mile marker 3, Steen, reported debris.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, near mile marker 11, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in the ditch, 2 transports, 8 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 29 burn permits, 1 background check, 5 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 35 traffic stops, 15 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 welfare check, and 1 follow-up.



Lori Sorenson photos/0427 trades house council tour

Luverne City Council members on Tuesday, April 18, tour the East Dodge Street home that's under construction with help from students in Luverne High School's trades class. From left are Kevin Aaker, City Administrator Jill Wolf, Dan Nath, trades class instructor Darrel Van Aartsen and Caroline Thorson.

Trades class to host open house/continued from page 1

The home, formerly office space for Real Estate Retrievers on South Highway 75, found its way to the vacant lot last fall after the Realtors sold it to the city for \$1.

The city arranged for Berghorst and Son, Hull, Iowa, to move it, and the trades class learned about all the construction processes along the way.

Students used computer aided drawing to help plan the layout of the rooms, and they helped build the new garage and basement.

It's now a five-bedroom house with two bathrooms, new kitchen cabinets and appliances, new basement and a new 26-by-30-foot double garage.

As the interior process is nearing completion, students and builders will have a chance to showcase their work during a May 21 open house from 4 to 6 p.m.

"They're pretty excited about it and feeling pretty good about what they did," Van Aartsen told council members during their April 18 tour.

TNT students are Josh Evans, Austin Ossefoort Nick Hansen, Luke Hansen, Trenton Carson, JT Remme, Harrison Uithoven, Ryan Vos and Tyson Cowell.

Van Aartsen said his goal for the class was to introduce many types of trades and occupations involved in building a house.

For local contractors, plumbers, electricians and other trades, educat-



The upstairs bedrooms in the trades class house are separated by a stairwell, closets and narrow hallway with an option to add doors.

ing a local workforce will hopefully mean some students learn the trades and remain in Rock County to work.

Council member Caroline Thorson praised Van Aartsen, McClure and the other professionals involved.

"Darrel, this is such a cool thing you're doing for the kids," she said. "It's another great public-private

partnership and an example of what this community is able to do."

The city owns the property and will sell it once construction is complete.

Proceeds from the sale of the home will support another construction project — another home remodel or new construction — for the 2023-24 school year.

FEMA corrects drafts of flood maps/continued from page 1

through the Poplar Creek watershed located on the west side of Luverne.

Local officials estimated 30 to 40 homes would no longer be in the flood plain as the result of those mitigation efforts, but they were still in the flood plain on FEMA's December 2022 draft map.

FEMA officials later noticed that mitigations efforts in the Rock River watershed east of Luverne were also not included.

"Those two streams, Poplar Creek and Rock River within the city of Luverne, were not specifically included in the scope of work so that's why they were not done with that (updated) study," Weiss said.

"... there was some miscommunication in productivity and mismatched expectations between what we are doing with the work and what the city and the county wanted ..."

— Jeff Weiss, FEMA

"From what I understand, there was some miscommunication in productivity and mismatched expectations between what we are doing with the work and what the city and the county wanted to get at with these maps."

Weiss said FEMA is committed to amending the scope of work to study the effect of the mitigation projects on future rain events involving Poplar Creek and

the Rock River.

Weiss further clarified the reason for his Zoom presentation to the county commissioners with a letter to County Administrator Kyle Oldre dated April 17.

"FEMA has committed to fund this work, and the MnDNR has committed to complete it," he wrote. "Work will begin after funds are available in October 2023."

The April 18 commissioners meeting was also attended by city of Luverne representatives, including city building inspector Chad McClure,

McClure first pointed out at the public meeting in December about the possibility that the preliminary flood maps were missing mitigation information.

His sentiments about FEMA finally updating the maps mirrored those of the commissioners.

"From the city standpoint, we don't care how long it takes," McClure said. "Working off the old paper maps is arduous, but I would rather do that than work off something that is inaccurate."

Rabies alert/continued from p. 1

dergo post-exposure treatment for rabies, because there was contact with the calf's mouth during treatment and no gloves were worn.

The veterinarian treating the calf and two assistants who restrained

the calf during surgery also opted for the treatment.

All dogs, cats, ferrets and horses should be current on vaccinations.

If vaccinated animals are exposed, a rabies vaccination booster is recommended within 96 hours.



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	Super Mario Bros. Movie	PG
	Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29	7:00 pm
	Sunday, April 30	2:00 pm
	Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6	7:00 pm
	Sunday, May 7	2:00 pm
	Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 – 12 th grade, \$7 for adults	
	BANK NITE MOVIE: Super Mario Bros. Movie	PG
	Thursday, May 4	6:00 pm
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Magic Art Bus inspires creativity at Generations

The 605 Magic Art Bus stopped at Generations in Luverne Thursday to inspire personal creations in the mobile art studio. Generations members were invited to make art projects in the bus and at art stations set up inside Generations. At the end of the day, participants took home hand-painted magnets and garden stakes, courtesy of bus owner Marlo Arp, who is a niece of Generations president George Bonnema.

Lori Sorenson photos/0427 art bus

Above: Generations members (sitting from left) Cheryl Nath, Kathleen Jacobsma and Gen Eernisse put the finishing touches on their artwork as Linda McGinty watches.

At right: Art bus owner Marlo Arp attaches a magnet to Marlene Wassenaar's finished project.



MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, May 1: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, dessert.

Tuesday, May 2: Santa Fe chicken, carrots, pears, breadstick, cookie.

Wednesday, May 3: Goulash, mixed green salad with dressing, tropical fruit, bread, pudding.

Thursday, May 4: Pork loin, candied yam, California Normandy vegetables, bread, bar.

Friday, May 5: Pepper steak, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, dessert.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced 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: Diamond Club turns spotlight on Art Herbert

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 23, 1943.

Maybe you knew him as the "shoemaker in back of the Handy grocery." Or maybe as the man who made harness for Burley and Kennicott. Perhaps you will recall him as one of the members of the Luverne fire hose team that won the world's championship back in 1895. Or maybe as "Big Waxie" Herbert, the man with the inevitable cigar in his mouth.

Anyway, he's been back in Luverne for the past two weeks, visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Cowan and to those of his many old friends and acquaintances that didn't get to see him, we'll say, "here's Art Herbert, cigar and all, and he missed seeing you, not because he wanted to, but because he didn't have the time."

Almost 80 Years Old

Mr. Herbert, who is lacking just three months of being 80 years old, decided he'd earned a vacation so he closed his shoe repair shop in North Hollywood, and he and his wife boarded a train for Luverne. "Sure, business was good," he said, "but it will be good when I get back, too. The shop would stand if I was dead and gone, so it should be there if I get back. If it goes up in smoke in the meantime, that's all right too. A fellow's got to have a little fun once in a while."

And fun he has been having since he's been here, especially shaking hands with his former acquaintances. "Took me two hours to get from the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

Handy Grocery corner to Nelson's store one day," he declared. "After that trip, my wife told my daughter if she ever wanted to go up town to do some shopping she'd better not take me along if she was in any hurry."

Lived Here 40 Years

Mr. Herbert was a Luverne resident for 40 years, having come here in 1888, and having left for California in 1928. He lived in various places before coming here as a young man. Born in Celk, Quebec, Canada, Dec. 22, 1863, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Anderson Herbert, he came to the United States with his parents in 1865. His first home in this country was at Ft. Snelling, Minn. While living there, his father helped build the first bridge across the Mississippi river from Ft. Snelling to St. Paul. From Ft. Snelling, they moved to Lakeville, south of Minneapolis, and from there to Farmington, where they lived until 1878. Mr. Herbert's father was a blacksmith.

With considerable land still open to homesteading in the area west of Sioux Falls, the Herberts left Farmington and moved to the vicinity of

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Preliminary numbers indicate that the 19th annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction at the Blue Mound Banquet Center Saturday night was the most successful ever.

Unofficial calculations show the 2013 estimated net proceeds at \$66,165. The previous record was set in 2011 when the charity event raised \$62,400.

The dinner each April raises money to support hospice care for patients and families who are unable to pay for hospice services.

The charity event has become known as one of the social events of the year. From food to decorations to entertainment, the evening provides a fun night out for friends and families who support the local hospice program.

25 years ago (1998)

•After more than 40 years of working in the Rock County Courthouse, Anna Mae Huiskes has announced her plans to retire.

Huiskes began her career with the county as a teenager when she started working in the auditor's office immediately after graduating from Luverne High School in 1957. In 1960, she was hired in the court administrator's office as a deputy, now known as the clerk of court.

In 1979, she was appointed court administrator, at that time working for District Court Judge Harvey A. Holtan, Windom. The county court judge at that time was Gary L. Crippen.

Huiskes submitted her resignation on Tuesday, effective May 29. "It was a hard decision to make," she said Tuesday. "Darrell and I have been talking about it since January, but it just finally fell into place."

After working in the courthouse for 41 years, Huiskes said she'll miss her co-workers the most.

50 years ago (1973)

•Mrs. Richard Herman, Clarice, will be appearing Monday, April, 30, at 2 p.m. on "The Price is Right," CBS-TV, Channel 11. The show was taped during the Hermans' vacation trip to California in March.

In all, Mrs. Herman won \$4,100 in prizes on the show including a full-length fur coat.

75 years ago (1948)

•The Hardwick school board issued an appeal this week for all schools in that area interested in consolidation to present their signed petitions as soon as possible.

Several districts, the board announced, have completed their petitions and are eligible and ready to vote. Other districts

which are included in the proposed consolidation and wish to participate are asked to sign the petitions without delay, so the elections can be held. The board must know soon, what the people want they say, so that they can start making plans to take care of the children for the coming school year. Free holders of the districts which as yet have not signed the petitions may do so at the Hardwick State Bank.

100 years ago (1923)

•J. A. Maudlin, of the Luverne Cleaners and Dryers, this week purchased the entire equipment, business and good will of the Co-operative Cleaners and Dryers of Worthington, and will have the plant moved to this city. The company had been in operation at Worthington for about three years under the management of M. A. Lynn, and during the greater portion of that time Mr. Maudlin was identified with the firm.

Mr. Maudlin has leased the Hegge building on East Main street and will install the equipment there. This is to be consolidated with his present cleaning and dyeing business, and therefore the location on the Soutar building which had hitherto been occupied by the establishment will be vacated. For greater convenience in work, Mr. Maudlin has the rug cleaning department, which is one of the big lines of the business, located in the Dunn elevator on South Cedar street.

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Wall Lake, S.D.

The trip was made by covered wagon, and from Mankato to Worthington, they travelled with a wagon train consisting of 36 wagons. All but the Herberts were bound for Nebraska. Some of the wagons were covered with blankets. At night, they would form a circle with the cattle on the inside to prevent their straying away. For a boy of 15, that was a great experience, Mr. Herbert recalls. Days were always filled with excitement, and the nights proved enjoyable because a man with a fiddle and another with an accordion provided music for the group.

Hauled Lumber 40 Miles

Lumber for their new home on their homestead was hauled from Beaver Creek, because the railroad had as yet come as far as Sioux Falls. Mr. Herbert's father hauled two car loads of lumber and two carloads of machinery by wagon, a distance of 40 odd miles.

Until their new home was built, they lived in a tent. A heavy, wet snow fell in April, causing their tent to fall down on them while they slept one night. That was an experience that Mr. Herbert will never forget.

The days I spent on the Dakota prairie were the happiest days of my life," states Mr. Herbert. "Lots of times I'd go for six months and never see another woman's face except my mother's and sisters. Occasionally we'd see Indians, and wild game was plentiful. Every once in a while, my brother and I'd go out and shoot an antelope in the hills. Fish, especially big bullheads and perch, filled Wall Lake so for a kid that loved the out-of-doors, that was real country."

Began Learning Trade

In the spring of 1881, he went to Sioux Falls to learn a trade. He wanted to be a blacksmith, but there were openings for an apprentice at that time. There was an opening in a harness shop, owned and operated by John McGee, so he went to work. The first year, he earned \$25 and received his board. The second year, his salary was increased to \$75. He was to have received \$100 his third year, but he figured he knew enough about the business then to go out and get a job for himself so he quit. He went to Parker where he worked as a journeyman for two years, and from there went to Hartford, where he lived about a year. There he met and married Minnie Schultz, on Dec. 12, 1885. From there he went to Sioux Falls, and remained there until coming to Luverne on July 15, 1888.

Mr. Herbert was helping shovel snow from the railroad track at Parker at the time the famous blizzard of January 12, 1888, struck. During the morning, the weather was so warm that the men were working in their shirt sleeves. At 1 p.m. the station agent at Parker told the crews that they shouldn't go out that afternoon as a blizzard was reported at Mitchell. The storm struck at 2 p.m. and at 4 p.m. the temperature had dropped to 44 below zero.

He states that he started walking home a distance of 10 blocks, and he didn't reach there for two hours. After reaching home, he heard his next door neighbor calling, and he found that the latter's chimney had blown off his house. Both he and his neighbor tied their clotheslines to door knobs of their respective homes and then fumbled their way through the blinding snow until they reached a clothesline post between the two places.

(Continued next week)

DEATH NOTICE

Douglas Goering

Douglas S. Goering, 66, Luverne, died Sunday, April 23, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage. A private family grave-

side service will take place at a later date.

Dingmann Funeral Home, Luverne, is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

James Harner

James A. Harner, age 90, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Friday, April 21, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



Memorial service will be Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m., with visitation beginning at 1 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors will be on Monday, May 1, at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery near Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

James Anderson Harner was born on November 11, 1932, in a blinding snowstorm to George and Violet (Anderson) Harner in Swea Township, Iowa. He was baptized on April 10, 1933, at the United Methodist Church in Swea City, Iowa. Jim began his education at a local country school. He would later attend Swea City Consolidated Schools where he loved playing basketball and graduated in 1951.

In 1953 Jim was drafted

into the United States Army. He spent two years as a radio operator in Germany and France. He received his honorable discharge in June of 1955 and enrolled at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1959.

Jim met his future wife at college and on August 6, 1960, he was united in marriage to Delores Schultz at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, Iowa.

Jim and Dee both taught at Grundy Center Community School in Grundy Center, Iowa, from 1960 to 1962. In the summer of 1961, the couple would spend three months traveling in Europe. Jim attended Colorado State College in Greeley, Colorado for his MA and specialist degrees. In 1964, he took the position as high school principal at Wykoff Community School in Wykoff, Minnesota. He was the high school principal at Zumbrota Community School in Zumbrota, Minnesota for three years before relocating to Luverne, Minnesota in 1971,

where he would be employed at Luverne Public Schools as the high school principal for the next 22 years.

Jim semi-retired in 1993. He continued his teaching career as a defensive driving instructor, covering the Upper Midwest traveling throughout Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and North Dakota. He officially retired in August of 2020.

Jim was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. He held several positions within the church and community. He was involved with the men's Bible study, church counsel, and served as Congregation President for two years. He was a member of the Luverne Rotary Club where he would hold the position of District Chair of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and received the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award, both in 1989. He was a member of the American Legion and performed the duties of the Legion Honor Guard. He sat on the board of directors for the Southwest Mental Health Center (10 years), RCO, City Planning and Zoning, Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Center, and the Sanford Hospital. He was the chairperson

of the Community Education Committee and the Sanford Clinic Advisory Board.

In his spare time, Jim enjoyed building things, making a go-kart and a motorbike, fishing on the Missouri River, hunting, and gardening. Jim and Dee traveled extensively, visiting all 50 states and many countries. Jim was honored to be a part of an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., in 2020.

Jim is lovingly remembered by his wife, Dee of Luverne; three children, Bradley Harner of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Pamela (Joe) Van Erem of DePere, Wisconsin, and Cynthia Harner of St. Cloud, Minnesota; nine grandchildren, Elizabeth (Neal) Elms, Brittany (Derek) Schrock, Danielle Van Erem, Tyler, Max, and Tori Harner Helm, Greg and Chris Harner, and Jennifer (Zak) Karn; five great-grandchildren, Violet and Haddon Elms, Elia, Avery, and Mabel Schrock; and siblings, June (Merlin) Beckler of Tipton, Iowa and David (Denise) Harner of Swea City, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Violet; and a brother, Merlin "Sonny" Harner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.



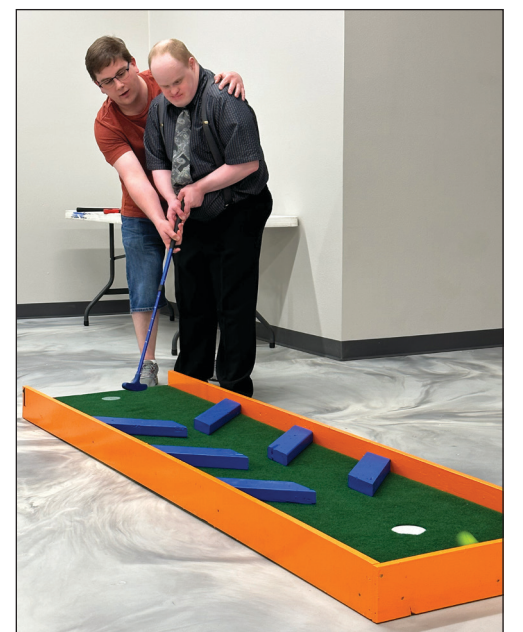
Singing karaoke at the local adults with disabilities and their families get-together are (from left) Cara Simpson, Janine Brands, Cassondra Yonzon (with children Ivie and Isaac), Amber Schieck, Ethan Ganun and (in back) Josh Youngblood.

Party just for fun

Local adults with disabilities and their families and support staff enjoy a party at Big Top Tents and Events Tuesday night, April 18 (below, left). Guests enjoyed mini golf, ping pong, karaoke singing, party snacks and more during the event that was scheduled "just for fun," according to organizers. Jordan and Stacey Smidt donated the use of the Big Top facility and Scott and Holly Wessels volunteered their karaoke sound system for the evening.

Left: Direct support professional Mike Arens (left) and John Baustian play a round of ping-pong while other guests (in the background) sing and dance to karaoke music.

Below, right: David Vis of RCO helps Tyler Briggs line up his putter at a mini-golf station. Lori Sorenson photos



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Register for 4-H camps in June; deadline is May 10

Youth who have completed grades 3-6 can attend one of two residential camps at Lake Shetek June 19-21 and June 21-23. 4-H staff and high school youth counselors lead activities, small group discussions and outdoor activities during the camps.

Registration is open until May 10. Contact the Rock County Extension Office, 507-283-1302, or mnext-rock@umn.edu.

Mobile dental clinic is May 18

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Thursday, May 18, at ATLAS of Rock County to provide dental care for adults and children of all ages. Call 612.746.1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. Organized by #Luv-1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Plant sale coming May 20

The Rock County Master Gardeners annual plant sale will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Atlas/Redeemed Remnants Parking Lot. Gardeners bring their pre-priced perennials, annuals, etc to sell (no professional growers). Shoppers get great buys on plants and have gardening questions answered. Call 507 669-2905.



Lions Club sends youth to Diabetes Camp

The Lions Club donated \$750 to cover the tuition to send Nick Lenz, who has Type 1 diabetes, to Diabetes Camp for one week in June. Nick was asked what he enjoyed about Diabetes Camp last year, and he responded that he liked two things: swimming and eating s'mores. Pictured are Lions Club member Gordon Mulder, Janelle, Jasen and Nick Lenz and Luverne Lions President Steve Cattnach. (Submitted photo)

Disaster assistance available to producers impacted by recent winter storms

Agricultural operations have been significantly impacted by snowstorms, and the USDA can assist farmers and livestock producers recover from these adverse weather events.

Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses and damages.

USDA disaster recovery assistance

Producers who experience livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

To participate in LIP, producers will have to provide acceptable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event and must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent.

ELAP also includes costs associated with equipment rental fees for hay lifts and snow removal. For ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of loss within 30 days.

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing.

Producers in counties with a disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses.

Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses, or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.

Additionally, FSA has a variety of loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm loan programs debt to the Agency because of reasons beyond their control.

Risk management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA's should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office.

If they have crop insurance, producers should provide a notice of loss to their agent within 72 hours of initial discovery of damage and follow up in writing within 15 days.

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Conservation

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Elk Creek Solar plans expansion/continued from page 1

"We believe the Elk Creek project represents cost-effective renewable energy generation, and we look forward to the project adding economic development to our region."

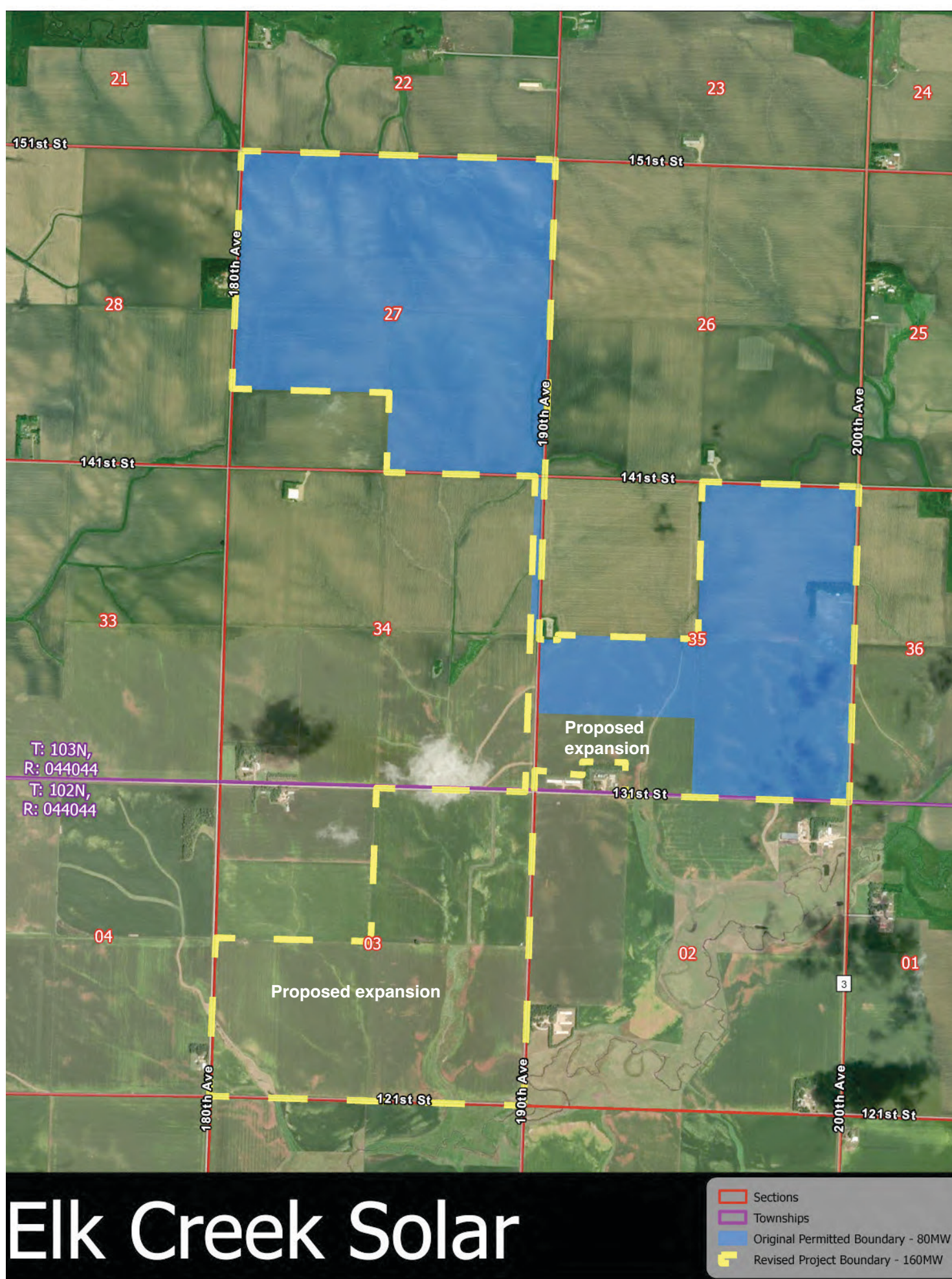
The support letter pointed to the added full-time jobs and production tax payments to the county and the hosting townships as specific benefits.

Morandi indicated if the PUC approves the necessary permits this year, construction could begin in the spring of 2024 with completion by December 2025.

National Grid Renewables, formerly known as Geronimo Energy, received a certificate of need and site permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in December 2020 to build up to an 80-megawatt solar energy generation project on 976 acres in Vienna Township (located north of 131st Street) near Magnolia. The previous project is depicted by the dark shaded areas.

Currently, NGR is applying for a new permit for a 160-megawatt solar farm (depicted by the dotted lines), a request currently before the PUC. The new solar farm will add an additional 500 acres to the original plan and expand into Magnolia Township (located south of 131st Street).

Construction of the 1,476-acre solar farm will start as soon as a permit and certificate of need is issued by the state Public Utilities Commission, which is anticipated occurring later this year. Construction will begin in 2024 with completion by December 2025.



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Luverne softball team wins doubleheader over Jackson County Central, gives up one to Fairmont

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High school softball team posted two wins in a doubleheader with Jackson County Central April 18 and suffered a 10-0 loss in Fairmont April 24.

The Cardinals, now 3-1, will host a doubleheader with St. James Thursday, April 27. They'll play Edgerton Friday, April 28, and Pipestone Monday, May 1.

LHS-JCC doubleheader

The Cardinals beat the Huskies 11-3 and 13-1 in a doubleheader with Jackson Tuesday, April 18.

"I thought both games were good team wins," head coach Brooks Maurer said.

"Our hitting was outstanding."

Luverne posted four doubles, a home run and eight stolen bases in the two games.

"It's always good to get two wins over conference section teams," Maurer said.

In **Game 1**, Luverne topped Jackson County Central 11-3

Junior Gracie Nath got the start for Luverne, surrendering three runs on four hits over seven innings, striking out five batters.

Luverne racked up 10 total hits in the game.

Sophomore Payton Behr drove in two runs on three hits in four at bats.

Sophomore Ella Reisdorfer and junior Tori Serie both had two hits and one RBI each in the game.

BOX Score

LHS	1	1	4	1	2	2	x	11
JCC	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	4	1	3	2
Smidt	3	1	1	0
Olson	4	0	0	1
Reisdorfer	3	2	2	1
Boll	4	1	1	0
Cowell	2	3	1	0
Serie	4	3	2	1
Franken	1	0	0	1
Mehlhoff	1	0	0	0
Lenz	3	0	0	1

Double: Serie 1 **Total Bases:** Serie 3, Behr 3, Reisdorfer 2, Boll 1, Smidt 1, Cowell 1 **Stolen Bases:** Reisdorfer 2, Smidt 1, Behr 1

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	7	4	3	1	5

Pitches-Strikes: Nath 112-63
Batters Faced: Nath 31

In **Game 2** the Luverne Cardinals overwhelmed Jackson 13-1.

Sophomore Amira Cowell earned the win for Luverne facing 25 batters in six innings. Cowell surrendered one run on four hits and struck out four batters.

The Cardinals had 13 total hits in the game



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0427 softball nath

Junior Gracie Nath pitched in game one against JCC, surrendering three runs on four hits over seven innings in the Cardinals' 11-3 win at home. LHS beat JCC 13-1 in the second game of the doubleheader.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0427 reisdorfer

(left) Sophomore Ella Reisdorfer throws out a JCC batter at first from third April 18. The Cardinals beat the Huskies 11-3 and 13-1 in a doubleheader at home.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0427 cowell

(right) Sophomore Amira Cowell slides onto third base against Jackson County Central in the first game of their doubleheader. Luverne beat JCC 11-3 in game one and 13-1 in the second game.

Serie doubled twice with one RBI and senior Carly Olson doubled once with two RBIs in the game.

Reisdorfer connected on an inside-the-park home run, driving a fly ball to right field in the sixth inning and scoring one runner.

BOX Score

LHS	3	2	1	0	1	6	13
JCC	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	5	0	2	0
Smidt	2	2	1	0
Wynia	1	0	0	0
Olson	3	1	2	2
Reisdorfer	3	2	2	2
Boll	3	1	2	2
Cowell	2	0	0	0
Serie	4	2	2	1
Franken	1	1	1	1
Mehlhoff	2	2	1	2
Lenz	4	0	0	1

Double: Serie 2, Olson 1 **Home Run:** Reisdorfer
Total Bases: Reisdorfer 5, Serie 4, Olson 3, Behr 2, Boll 2, Smidt 1, Franken 1, Mehlhoff 1 **Stolen Bases:** Behr 2, Stegenga 1, Smidt 1

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Cowell	6	4	1	1	4

Pitches-Strikes: Cowell 91-42
Batters Faced: Cowell 25

Fairmont 10, LHS 0

The Luverne softball team traveled to Fairmont Monday, April 24, giving up a 10-0 loss in six innings.

"Their pitcher is very good," Maurer said.

LHS pitcher Nath took the loss for Luverne, giving up three runs on seven hits over four innings.

The Cardinals were unable to get a single hit and committed three team errors in the game.

"They really hit the ball well also, but we had a few errors we shouldn't have had to give them extra at bats," Maurer said.

BOX Score

LHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FHS	1	0	2	0	3	4	10

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	0	0	0	0
Smidt	2	0	0	0
Olson	2	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	2	0	0	0
Boll	2	0	0	0
Cowell	2	0	0	0
Serie	2	0	0	0
Franken	1	0	0	0
Mehlhoff	1	0	0	0
Lenz	2	0	0	0

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	4	7	3	3	3
Cowell	1.1	5	7	4	0

Pitches-Strikes: Nath 63-41, Cowell 61-34
Batters Faced: Nath 19, Cowell 15

Patriots' golf teams fall to Adrian

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School boys' golf team hosted Adrian Tuesday, April 18, at Meadow Acres in Larchwood, Iowa.

The Patriot boys' team lost 183-224 to the Dragons and the girls' team score was incomplete, due to not enough golfers on either team.

"The boys improved their team score by 18 strokes," head coach Dan Ellingson said.

"We are getting closer to our team goal score of 200 before our conference season starts and are looking to improve every meet as we gain experience."

H-BC boy's scores

Cameron Allen	52
Brock Harnack	53
Callum Bartels	54
Camdyn Broesder	65
Josh Ternus	65

H-BC girl's scores

Abby Olson	58
Taylor Spykerboer	70

The Patriot golf team is scheduled to participate in the Red Rock Conference Invitational Thursday, April 27.

The H-BC girls' team will play in Slayton and the boys' team will travel to Sanborn for the Invitational.

H-BC track travels to Tracy for 11-team meet Girls' team places fifth, boys' team places seventh

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School track and field team traveled to Tracy to participate in an 11-team meet Tuesday, April 18.

The Patriot girls' team placed fifth with 72 points. The boys' team placed seventh with 51 points.

"I thought our kids did well. We had a bunch of personal records in both track and field events," head coach Rex Metzger said.

"In an 11-team field our sprint relays did great, and we had a lot of Top 3 finishes in other events."

The Patriots did not compete in 12 events at the meet. Those events were girls' and boys' 4-by-800 meter relay, girls' 100-meter dash, girls' and boys' 1600-meter run, girls' 300-meter hurdles, boys' 800-meter run, girls' and boys' 3,200-meter run, girls' and boys' 4-by-400 meter run and girls' and boys' pole vault.

Brynn Bakken had a great day for the Lady Pates. Bakken participated in four events placing first in each.

Bakken placed first in the girls' 100-meter dash, anchored the girls' 4-by-200 and 4-by-100-meter relays, and took first place in the girls' long jump.

For the Patriot boys, Beau Bakken placed in four events. Bakken was part of the boys' second-place finish in the 4-by-200-meter relay, part of the third-place finish in the 4-by-100-meter relay, and placed fifth in the shot put and tenth in the long jump.

H-BC was scheduled to travel to Pipestone Saturday, April 22, and Worthington Thursday, April 27.

Individual event results are as follows:

Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles

Larissa Steinhoff, 19.95 [SR], sixth.
Ava Steinhoff, 21.81, 12th.

Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles

James Vanden Bosch, 19.89 [PR], sixth.

Girls' 100 Meter Dash

Brynn Bakken, 13.15, first
Brynn Rauk, 14.30, seventh
Hailey Moser, 15.02, 14th.

Boys' 100 Meter Dash

Cooper Gehrke, 12.36 [SR], seventh.
Mason Shaffner, 12.69, ninth.
Bode Kruger, 12.96 [SR], 13th.

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay

Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deels-tra, Brynn Bakken, 1:56.42, first.

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay

Micah Bush, Blake Leenderts, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert, 1:41.44, second.

Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay

Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deels-tra, Brynn Bakken, 54.11, first.

Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay

Mason Shaffner, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert, Cooper Gehrke, 48.92, third.

Girls' 400 Meter Dash

Abigail Harris, 1:07.46 [SR], fourth.
Hailey Moser, 1:13.75, 12th.

Boys' 400 Meter Dash

Elisha Taubert, 57.62 [PR], sixth.
Micah Bush, 57.71 [PR], seventh.
Blake Leenderts, 58.23 [PR], ninth.

Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles

James Vanden Bosch [PR], 47.14, fourth.
Jackson Gacke, 53.54, ninth.

Girls' 800 Meter Run

Bailey Spykerboer, 2:59.24 [SR], 12th.
Emma Deelstra, 3:04.55 [SR], 15th.
Ella Sammons, 3:10.52, 19th.

Girls' 200 Meter Dash

Bailey Spykerboer, 30.38 [PR], eighth.
Emma Deelstra, 32.86 [SR], 18th.

Boys' 200 Meter Dash

Bode Kruger, 26.14 [PR], 11th.
Riley Tatge, 26.16 [PR], 12th.
Sawyer Bosch, 26.59 [PR], 14th.

Girls' Discus Throw

Isabel Wysong, 75-04 [SR], 11th.
Larisa Steinhoff, 67-06 [SR], 17th.

Boys' Discus Throw

Riley Tatge, 107-04 [PR], fifth.
Brayden Metzger, 95-07 [SR], eighth.
Blake Leenderts, 91-00 [PR], 12th.
Jackson Gacke, 74-07, 25th.

Girls' Shot Put

Isabel Wysong, 31-04.5 [PR], first.
Larisa Steinhoff, 26-04, 10th.

HBS track meet/see p.13



HBC trap team starts new year with a bang

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hill-Beaver Creek High School trap shooting team opened its season shooting at the Garretson Sportsmen's Club this past week.

Luke Fuerstenberg led the Patriots trap team, shooting 24 targets in both rounds for a score of 48 out of a possible 50.

Jack Moser shot a 23 in Round 1 and 24 in Round 2 for a total score of 47.

Other team members shooting in the 40s were Brekken Boen with a 41, Gunner Bork 43, Alex Harris 41, Lukas Hubbard 40, Clayton Kellenberger 40, Hunter Leenderts 43, Maddox Metzger 44, Gracyn Wegener 42 and Michael Ykema 40.

Week 1 scoring

	Round1	Round 2	Total
Cameron Allen	23	22	45
Garrett Blank	16	18	34
Brekken Boen	19	22	41
Seyler Boen	6	4	10
Gunner Bork	21	22	43
Olivia Bork	18	14	32
Sawyer Bosch	21	18	39
Camdyn Broesder	19	14	33
Karis Dwire	2	4	6
Luke Fuerstenberg	24	24	48
Alexis Gardner Swenson	12	13	25
Cooper Gehrke	15	20	35
Alex Harris	21	20	41
Brooklynn Hubbard	10	9	19
Lukas Hubbard	20	20	40
Keaton Huisman	11	14	25
Clayton Kellenberger	21	19	40
Jayden Kueter	16	20	36
Blake Leenderts	19	15	34
Hunter Leenderts	22	21	43
Karson Metzger	15	17	32
Maddox Metzger	20	24	44
Cody Moser	17	14	31
Jack Moser	23	24	47
Max Sammons	10	4	14
John Tiesler	10	13	23
Gracyn Wegener	20	22	42
Cash Wilsey	18	18	36
Michael Ykema	18	22	40

The Hills-Beaver Creek trap shooting team posted their second week of results.

Sawyer Bosch turned in two strong rounds in week two. Bosch shot a perfect 25 in round one and a 24 in the second round for a total of 49 out of 50.

Nine other H-BC shooters were able to post in the 40's in the second week. They are Cameron Allen 41, Boen Brekken 42, Gunner Bork 42, Luke Fuerstenberg 47, Alex Harris 43, Lukas Hubbard 40, Blake Leenderts 41, Maddox Metzger 46 and Jack Moser 41.

Week 2 scoring

	Round1	Round 2	Total
Cameron Allen	20	21	41
Garrett Blank	19	17	36
Brekken Boen	18	24	42
Seyler Boen	9	7	16
Gunner Bork	21	21	42
Olivia Bork	16	12	28
Sawyer Bosch	25	24	49
Camdyn Broesder	17	15	32
Karis Dwire	12	4	16
Luke Fuerstenberg	23	24	47
Alexis Gardner Swenson	12	17	29
Cooper Gehrke	18	20	38
Alex Harris	21	22	43
Brooklynn Hubbard	9	4	13
Lukas Hubbard	19	21	40
Keaton Huisman	15	19	34
Clayton Kellenberger	19	20	39
Jayden Kueter	16	20	36
Blake Leenderts	20	21	41
Hunter Leenderts	21	18	39
Karson Metzger	17	17	34
Maddox Metzger	22	24	46
Cody Moser	16	17	33
Jack Moser	21	20	41
Max Sammons	5	6	11
John Tiesler	18	13	31
Gracyn Wegener	15	16	31
Cash Wilsey	13	18	31
Michael Ykema	18	18	36



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0426 baseball deboer

(above) Senior Zach DeBoer pitched six innings for the Cardinals at Redbird Field April 18, allowing only two hits, no runs and 28 strikeouts in the LHS 5-1 win over the Arrows.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0427 baseball sneller

(left) Senior Riley Sneller grabs a Pipestone pop-fly to right field in Luverne's 5-1 win at Redbird Field April 18.

Cardinals baseball team catches two wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School baseball team won two games this past week, bringing its season record to 2-2.

The Cardinals hosted Pipestone Tuesday, April 18, beating the Arrows 5-1, and traveled to Adrian Monday, April 24, eking out a 7-6 win over the Dragons.

LHS 5, Pipestone 1

Luverne posted its first win of the season against Pipestone 5-1 at Redbird Field Tuesday, April 18.

"Our starting pitching was very good (with) a great command of the strike zone, and our defense made the plays they needed to," head coach Phil Piquette said.

"We were able to produce some runs at the plate but will need to be stronger situationally in the games ahead."

Luverne's scoring came off of nine hits and two walks in the game.

The Cardinals left seven runners on base, posted one error and had four batters fall to strike-outs.

In the bottom of the first inning, sophomore Carter Sehr scored first for LHS from second base when junior Conner Connell hit a fly ball past the Arrows' shortstop.

In the second inning junior Elliot Domagala scored from third base on a hard single to right field from junior Patrick Kroski.

Kroski stole second base and advanced to third on an error by the

Arrows' shortstop.

Sehr drove Kroski in on a fly ball that dropped into center field.

In the third inning the Cardinals added one more run on a wild pitch that advanced junior Will Serie to second and scored Connell from third.

In the bottom of the fifth inning Domagala scored again from second base on a ground ball to left field from senior Zach DeBoer.

After the fifth inning Luverne had built a commanding 5-0 lead over the Arrows.

Pipestone was able to score once in the bottom of the seventh inning. With two outs and bases loaded, LHS walked in one run.

BOX Score

PSH 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
LHS 1 2 1 0 1 0 X 5

Batting

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Sehr	4	1	2	1
Stroh	2	0	0	0
Sneller	4	0	0	0
Connell	2	1	1	1
Serie	3	0	1	0
Domagala	3	2	3	0
DeBoer	3	0	1	1
Kroski	3	1	1	1
Buss	3	0	0	0

Left On Base: 7, 2B: Elliot Domagala, Carter Sehr 3B: Conner Connell SB: Elliot Domagala, Patrick Kroski, Carter Sehr

Pitching

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
DeBoer	6	2	0	0	28
Domagala	1	1	6	1	1

Win: Domagala Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 71-49, Domagala 18-4

LHS 7, AHS/EHS 6

The Luverne baseball team traveled to Adrian Monday, April 24, beating Adrian/Ellsworth 7-6.

Leading 6-3 in the fourth inning, Luverne looked to be in control of the game.

The Cardinals added one more run in the fifth and ended the sixth inning with a 7-3 lead.

"Our pitchers did their job against Adrian," Paquette said.

"They all had good command of the strike zone and for the most part kept the Adrian hitters off balance."

Adrian mounted a comeback in the seventh inning, scoring three runs only to fall short losing 7-6 to the Cardinals.

Sophomore pitcher Carter Sehr was credited with the win closing out the game without any runs to cross the home plate.

Luverne tallied 12 hits in the game with Domagala posting two doubles along with Sneller and Stroh each getting one double in the game.

Scoring for Luverne in the game was Sehr with two runs, Serie with one, Connell with two, Sneller with one and Domagala with one run.

"Our overall play needs to be much better as we look ahead to four Big South Conference games this week," Paquette said.

BOX Score

LHS 0 1 4 1 1 0 0 7
AHS 1 0 0 2 0 0 3 6

Cardinal baseball/see p.13

Luverne golf team takes on Worthington and participates in Big South: West Division meet

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School golf team played in two meets this past week.

Both the boys' and girls' teams hosted Worthington Tuesday, April 18, when the Cardinal boys beat the Trojans 167-191 and the girls' team lost 208-228 to the Trojans.

On Monday, April 24, both teams played in a Big South: West Division Event against multiple schools.

The boys' team traveled to Pipestone, taking second place out of six teams, and the girls' team traveled to Worthington, placing fourth out of four teams.

The girls' golf team will travel to Fairmont Thursday, April 27, and Windom Monday, May 1.

The boys will host multiple teams Monday, May 1, at the Luverne County Club.

Luverne vs. Worthington

The Cardinals hosted Worthington Tuesday, April 18, when the boys beat the Trojans 167-191.

"I was happy with our scores considering the weather that we had," head coach John Sichmeller said.

"Hartquist had a very good round for the conditions. Bork and Sudenga also had solid rounds for us."

Luverne boys' scores

Henry Hartquist	38
Brady Bork	40
Owen Sudenga	41
Will Bergman	48
Levi Gonnerman	49
Tyler Arends	49

Worthington boys' scores

Tyler Jaycox	43
Andrew Mulder	47
Spenser Braaksma	49
Spenser Nickel	52
Waylon Crooks	56
Wesley Widbom	63

The Luverne girls lost to Worthington 208-228.

"Lauren Hansen played pretty well for the conditions. It's never easy to pull off a great performance when you are battling the weather," girls' head coach Chris Nowatzki said.

"We improved on our first meet, and hopefully they can keep it up as the season progresses."

Luverne girls' scores

Lauren Hansen	49
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Deziree Nath	56
Abigail Anderson	61
Perceyis Trierweiler	62
Kiesli Smith	63
Averill Sehr	69

Worthington girls' scores

Madison Beckmann	50
Lily Mahlberg	50
Claire Mahlberg	54
Ellie Weg	54
Mia Nixon	54
Tarren Spartz	55

LHS at Big South: West Division Event

The Luverne boys' golf team played in a Big South Division Event at the Pipestone golf course Monday, April 24, where they took second place out of six schools.

Marshall captured first place with a combined score of 154. Luverne was second with 154, Windom was third with 159, Pipestone was fourth with 173, Worthington was fifth with 174 and Redwood Valley placed sixth with 175.

"We played very well overall. It was back and forth with us and Marshall all round," Sichmeller said. "Their No. 1 player holed out from the bunker on the last hole for birdie

that got them the win."

The top four players' scores from each team were used to calculate the team's total score.

Luverne boys' scores

Henry Hartquist	35
Owen Sudenga	38
Brady Bork	39
Tyler Arends	42
Levi Gonnerman	44
Will Bergman	47

The Luverne girls played in a Big South Division Event April 24 in Worthington where they placed fourth out of four teams.

"There is tremendous potential with this crew," Nowatzki said.

"We have to clean up a few things and just try to avoid those big numbers."

Redwood Valley placed first with a score of 185, Worthington was second with 206, Marshall was third with 210 and Luverne was fourth with 230.

Luverne girls' scores

Lauren Hansen	46
Deziree Nath	59
Perceyis Trierweiler	62
Kiesli Smith	63
Abigail Anderson	67
Mallory Von Tersch	69

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Friday, April 28: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, April 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, May 1: 7 p.m. Leadership training. Tuesday, May 2: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 3: 6:30 p.m. Senior High youth groups. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, April 29: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, April 30: 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. FUEL party at bowling alley. Monday, May 1: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, May 2: 1:30 p.m. God's Circle. Wednesday, May 3: 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 26: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir. Saturday, April 29: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. All-Church Cleaning Day. Sunday, April 30: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays).

Youth Sunday School during worship. 11:15 a.m. Children's choir rehearsal. Wednesday, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Ecumenical spring coffee. 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 7 p.m. Committee meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, April 30: 9 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

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

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

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

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

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

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Praveen Muthasamy Pastor

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 5 p.m. Evening worship service.

Greetings in the name of the living Christ!

As we begin this new Easter season, we hear of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus met them on the road and visited with them, and at the end of that scripture text we hear: **Jesus is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.**

Luke 24:25
This is especially important to remember. Jesus will be revealed in God's time and in God's way, and to whom God chooses. God chooses us! We do not choose God, and yet we need to be open to listen, to open the door of our hearts to the love that God offers. What a blessing to be chosen!

This week's lesson is about the disciples walking on the road away from Jerusalem, scared, bewildered, not understanding anything that had happened. They were going to get out of town. Jesus joined them on the road and explained all the scriptures to them. They invited Jesus to join them for supper. He accepted, and in the breaking of the bread, Jesus opened their minds showing them his love! We have so many questions to think of: When have you witnessed Jesus in your life? How did it feel and what did you do about it?

We are all on this earth to accomplish something. God gave us each something different to do, but all of us are tasked with sharing the love of God. The greatest commandment is: **"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."**

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Nita Parker
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

John 13:34

We are chosen to love one another. How do you share the love of God with others? When have you witnessed Jesus? – How do you feel God's presence in your life? We have been chosen, so who are you choosing? Are you choosing to follow Jesus' command and share his love with your family? Are you choosing to follow Jesus' command and share God's word with others?

Sharing who God is and how God has entered your life can be a very scary thing. When you go out to dinner with friends, do you ever bring up Jesus' love to them? When you are at a basketball game do you ever invite your friends to church with you?

Yet whenever someone is in a health crisis, they are quick to ask others to pray for them! That is a beautiful way to share the love of Christ with others! Asking for prayer, asking for help from family and friends is really a wonderful way to start that conversation, and let us not make this the only time we talk about Jesus and all that Jesus has done for us!

Jesus is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Luke 24:25

Let us keep reading scripture and share those ideas and that knowledge with everyone we meet!

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LEDA public hearing May 8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been called and will be held for the Luverne Economic Development Authority, on Monday, the 8th of May, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Office Building at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider public input regarding the sale of the Lot 1, Mayes Third Addition in the City of Luverne, Minnesota to LEC Properties, LLC.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing, ask questions, and/or give comments. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the hearing by addressing them to the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 507-449-5033.

BY ORDER OF THE LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Patrick Baustian, President
Luverne Economic Development Authority
305 E. Luverne St.
Luverne, MN 56156
Phone: 507-449-2388

(04-27)

Luverne Board of Appeal and Equalization hearing May 9

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Luverne will meet at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 2023, at the Luverne City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please first contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Given under my hand this 27th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Jessica Mead
Luverne City Clerk
(04-27)

Hills Board of Appeal and Equalization hearing May 9

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Hills will meet at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 2023, at the Hills City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please first contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Given under my hand this 10th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Connie Wiertzema,
Connie Wiertzema, Hills City Clerk
(04-27)

Minnesota Board of Patrons to meet June 28

Legal Notice

The following individuals who were convicted of crimes in Rock County have applied for relief from the Minnesota Board of Pardons. The applications will be considered at the meeting of the Board scheduled for June 28, 2023, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Minnesota Senate Building, St. Paul, MN:

Martens, Matthew	First-degree manufacture of methamphetamine	Convicted: 10/19/2005
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Victims of these individuals' crimes have a right to submit an oral or written statement at this meeting summarizing the harm suffered as a result of the crime, and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether a pardon should be granted or denied. To submit an oral or written statement, or to obtain additional information, email the Board of Pardons at mnboardofpardons@state.mn.us or call 651-361-7171.

(04-27)

H-BC School Board meets March 27

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
March 27, 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN.

Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Gehrke, Harnack, Helgeson, Rauk, Rozeboom and Uittenbogaard. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. No Visitors.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

- Basketball All-Conference - Beau Bakken, Olivia Deelstra, Lanae Elbers
- Basketball All Conference Honorable Mention - Jamin Metzger, Layla Deelstra, Abigail Harris
- Superintendent Holthaus was awarded the Minnesota Association of School Administrators Region 3 - Administrator of Excellence Award.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Building Grounds - 3/16
Motion by Uittenbogaard, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

- Minutes—3/6/2023, 3/13/2023, and 3/17/2023
- Bills
- Imprest Cash Report
- Treasurer Report
- Student Activity Accounts Report

Motion by Harnack, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Donation Resolution: \$5,065.26 from Frank Boon Trust for Weight Room Enhancement/Summer Speed Training

\$300 from Alliance Communications for 2nd grade Science Field Trip
\$300 from Sioux Valley Energy for 2nd grade Science Field Trip
\$300 from Amber Engelkes with Hideaway Cabin for 2nd grade Science Field Trip
\$20 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Elementary Student Council
\$20 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Secondary Student Council

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve 2023-2024 District Calendar Adjustment to Fall Elementary P/T Conference Days.
Motion by Helgeson, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Friday, March 24 as a student contact day and Monday, April 10 as a Staff and Student School in session Day- makeup school cancellation day from March 16 and 17.

Motion by Uittenbogaard, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Resolution for Termination/Non-renewal of Arielle Larson as Teacher at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Helgeson, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Resolution for Termination/Non-renewal of Lydia Scruggs as Teacher at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Resolution for Termination/Non-renewal of Allesia Kolles as Teacher at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Legislative Update- Rozeboom

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Bond Referendum Public Meeting, Tuesday, March 28 at Hugo Goehle Gym in Hills
Bond Referendum Election- Tuesday, April 11, 2023- 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 17 (moved because of canvass of election)
Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 24
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve adjournment of meeting.
Time of Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(04-27)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 20, 2012
MORTGAGOR: Travis Dammann, a single man.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank its successors and assign .
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 180873.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated September 27, 2016 Recorded October 3, 2016. as Document No. 189217. And thereafter assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated June 14, 2019, Recorded June 21, 2019, as Document No. 194971.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1005210-0808005333-4

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 413 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

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

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 18, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 20, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

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

Dated: March 17, 2023

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

Mortgagor: Logan Crosby and Hallie Crosby, Husband And Wife
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First International Bank & Trust, its successors and assigns

Dated: September 9, 2022
Recorded: September 14, 2022
Rock County Recorder Document No. 203176

Assigned To: Citizens Bank, N.A.
Dated: January 20, 2023
Recorded: January 24, 2023
Rock County Recorder Document No. 203954

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100080500000457556
Lender or Broker: First International Bank & Trust, a Corporation
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Citizens Bank
Mortgage Originator: First International Bank & Trust, a Corporation
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Eight (8), except the South Five (5) feet thereof, In Block Two (2) of Park View First Addition to the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota.

This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 15-0283-000
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
700 Elizabeth Ave S
Hills, MN 56138
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$256,500.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$267,584.53

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: June 29, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN

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

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is December 29, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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

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

Dated: April 20, 2023
Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, Assignee of Mortgagee

By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.
Attorneys for:
Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, Assignee of Mortgagee
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LHS trap posts Week 4 scores

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School trap shooting team posted scores for Week 4 of the season at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

Samuel Honerman put together two good rounds scoring a perfect 25 in the second, and finishing with a score of 49.

Tyson Cowell shot two rounds of 24 for a final score of 48.

Alex Dewispelaere, Jaden Reisch and Piper Wynia all finished Week 4 scoring 45 points for Luverne.



submitted photo/0427 trap honnerman
Samuel Honerman, shot a perfect score of 25 in his second round this week at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

Week 4 scoring

	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Landon Ahrendt	19	21	40
Cash Bonnett	19	21	40
Morgan Bonnett	17	20	37
Tyson Cowell	24	24	48
Alex Dewispelaere	22	23	45
Fox Forrest	13	12	25
Lucas Hansen	15	17	32
Jacob Henning	22	20	42
Samuel Honerman	24	25	49
Gavin Hoven	21	18	39
Andrew Kinsinger	19	20	39
Jacob Madison	18	18	36
Lucas Madison	21	20	41
Austin Morseman	0	0	0
Liam Murphy	21	16	37
Makayla Oechsle	17	10	27
Austin Ossefoort	20	17	37
Holden Overgaard	22	19	41
David Rathman	22	18	40

Jaden Reisch	22	23	45
JT Remme	23	21	44
Rayann Remme	16	15	31
Tucker Remme	19	14	33
Sawyer Saker	11	16	27
Cameron Wieneke	8	11	19
Grant Wieneke	19	23	42
Piper Wynia	24	21	45

Cardinals baseball/continued from page 10

Batting	AB	R	H	RBI
Luverne				
Sehr	3	2	1	0
Stroh	4	0	2	0
Serie	3	1	1	1
Ahrendt	1	0	0	0
Connell	2	2	1	0
Sneller	4	1	2	2
Domagala	4	1	3	2
DeBoer	2	0	0	0
Miller	2	0	1	0
Kroski	4	0	1	0
Buss	3	0	0	0

2B: Elliot Domagala 2, Sneller, Stroh **TB:** Elliot Domagala 5, Riley Sneller 3, Jacob Stroh 3, Conner Connell 1, Patrick Kroski 1, Carter Sehr 1, Will Serie 1, Layke Miller 1
SB: Carter Sehr 2, Conner Connell 1

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne					
Kroski	3	2	1	1	4
Buss	2	2	2	2	4
Ahrendt	1.2	5	3	3	3
Sehr	.1	0	0	0	1

Win: Sehr **Pitches-Strikes:** Kroski 47-32, Buss 49-29, Ahrendt 33-21, Sehr 10-6

The Cardinals were scheduled to travel to Jackson County Central Tuesday, April 25, and they'll host Windom Thursday, April 27. LHS will travel to St. James Friday, April 28, and host Worthington Monday, May 1.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0427 baseball serie
Junior Will Serie scoops a grounder to first base against Pipestone April 18 at Redbird Field. LHS beat PHS 5-1 to bring Luverne's season record to 1-2.

HBC track meet/from page 9

Boys' Shot Put

Beau Bakken 37-09.5, fifth.
Brayden Metzger, 36-11 [SR], sixth.
Jamin Metzger, 34-02.5, eighth.
Riley Tatge, 33-03 [PR], 12th.

Girls' Long Jump

Brynn Bakken, 15-05.5 [SR], first.
Brynn Rauk, 14-10.5 [SR], second.
Hailey Moser, 11-09, 21st.

Boys' Long Jump

Sawyer Bosch, 16-09, eighth.
Micah Bush, 16-07 [PR], ninth.
Beau Bakken, 16-03, tenth.
Mason Shaffner, 16.00.5, 12th.

Girls' Triple Jump

Bailey Spykerboer, 28-10, third.
Emma Deelstra, 26-07, eighth.

Boys' Triple Jump

Sawyer Bosch, 34-01, ninth.
Mason Shaffner, 33-00 [PR], 11th.
Micah Bush, 31-06, 13th.

Girls' High Jump

Larissa Steinhoff, 4-06, tenth.
Ava Steinhoff, 4-04, 11th.

Boys' High Jump

James Vanden Bosch, 5-06 [PR], fifth.
Elisha Taubert, 5-06 [SR], sixth.
Jamin Metzger, 5-04 [PR], eighth.
Jackson Gacke, 5-04 [SR], ninth.

DNR releases Minnesota fishing facts

The Department of Natural Resources has prepared the following fishing information for the 2023 fishing opener on Saturday, May 13.

The fishing opener refers to the start of fishing for walleye, northern pike, bass, and trout in lakes on inland waters of Minnesota.

Seasons for some other species, including sunfish, crappie and channel catfish, are open all year.

Although not every kind of fish lives everywhere, 162 species of fish can be found in Minnesota waters. Walleye are the most sought-after fish in Minnesota, followed by northern pike and muskie combined, then panfish, bass, crappie and trout.

Minnesota has 11,842 lakes that are 10 or more acres in size, 4,500 of which are considered fishing lakes. There are more than 16,000 miles of fishable rivers and streams, including 3,800 miles of trout streams.

Fishing techniques and equipment vary depending on the species anglers are trying to catch.

Popular walleye fishing techniques include casting a jig-and-minnow, pulling live bait through the water slowly, casting or pulling hard plastic lures through the water, and fishing with a bobber that suspends the bait in the water.

Some of the same techniques can be used for bass, crappie, perch, sunfish, or other species, and anglers will use lighter line and smaller lures depending on the size of the fish they're after.

Fishing regulation highlights

- To fish in Minnesota, anglers 16 years or older are required to buy a Minnesota fishing license.
- The DNR offers a variety of fishing license types to fit the needs of anglers. Some of the most popular licenses are an annual fishing license for \$25, a married combination fishing license for \$40, a sports license that allows angling and small game hunting for \$41, and an annual license for Minnesota non-residents for \$51.
- Minnesota fishing regulations and more information can be found in the DNR fishing page, mndnr.gov/fishing.

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who braved the weather to attend our 50th anniversary celebration. Thank you for the texts, cards, gifts and anniversary wishes we received. Our daughters did an amazing job making our anniversary a memorable event. We had a wonderful 50th anniversary with family and friends. **We are blessed!**

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(4.22-4.27)

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Multi-Family Sale: Little Tykes toys, new baby swing, houseware items. Men's and ladies' clothing, also plus sizes. Furniture, books and much miscellaneous. Wed., April 26 - Friday, April 28, 501 E. Fairway Drive, Luverne. (4.22-4.27)

46th Annual Kingswood Rummages in Sioux Falls

Wednesday, May 3 - Friday, May 5
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 6
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Individual sale dates and times will vary.

Kingswood Boundaries
SW Sioux Falls, between 1-29 on the East and the Tea-Ellis Road on the West, 12th Street on the North and 57th Street on the South.
www.kingswoodrummage.com/listings
Available on April 28, 2023.

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED
Age 55+ workers needed for **part-time custodial work & grounds keeping** at the Blue Mounds State Park
Contact Blue Mounds State Park
507-283-6051

EMPLOYMENT

NOW HIRING
The City of Ellsworth is accepting applications for a **Full-Time Public Works Employee.**
Obtain an application at the Ellsworth City Clerk's Office or online at www.ellsworth.mn.citygovt.org
Deadline is 5PM, Friday, May 5th, 2023. EOE

EMPLOYMENT

SEASONAL LAWN AND PARK CREW MEMBER
The City of Luverne is seeking applicants for the 2023 summer season in the Public Works Department. Job duties include various types of physical labor and operation of light equipment in the maintenance of City streets, parks, and landscaping. These are seasonal positions and not intended to last beyond late summer or early fall. Desirable qualifications: Valid Class D driver's license, building or grounds maintenance experience and good driving record. Pay will be based on experience and qualifications; \$13.06-\$17.90/hr. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled, first review date May 1, 2023. Application packets are available online at www.cityofluverne.org/employment, for questions regarding the application contact Jessica Mead at 507-449-9898 or jmead@cityofluverne.org. EOE.

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Full-time Dispatcher

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of **Dispatcher** in the Rock County Sheriff's Office until **May 15, 2023 at 5:00PM**. Minimum qualifications are a High School diploma or equivalent with one year of work related experience. Applicants must possess excellent communication skills, have the ability to read a map and multi-task duties in a fast paced environment. The work is performed on a shift rotation basis and is a union position of Local Union No. 2558C. **Starting hourly wage will be \$21.65 - \$23.43 DOQ with additional compensation for overtime and shift differentials.** This is a **Full Time position** and Rock County offers an excellent benefit package to include **health, life insurances and pension.** All interested persons must complete a Rock County application form; for an application form and full job description, please go to https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php.

For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or email susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us.

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DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to City Code, Section 33.03, Subd. 3 (A), the City Administrator hereby declares the following City of Luverne property as "excess" property and authorizes its sale via sealed quotes:

One (1) 2006 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup Truck with Utility Box

Please submit your sealed bids by **May 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, to the City Clerk's office, 305 E. Luverne St., PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. The City reserves the right to reject any or all quotes. If you have questions or would like to view the truck, visit www.cityofluverne.org or contact Darrel Ykema at 507-920-5988.

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Rock County Veterans Services

507-283-5061
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Rock County Courthouse

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE
GARBAGE ROUTES REMAIN THE SAME
Please set containers away from curbside items!

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CLEAN UP

May 1-5

PICK-UP SCHEDULE

- **MONDAY, MAY 1** – – – Route 1: Main Street and to the South
- **TUESDAY, MAY 2** – – – Route 2: Main Street to Dodge Street
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 3** – Route 3: Dodge St. to Barck Avenue
- **THURSDAY, MAY 4** – – – Route 4: Barck Avenue and to the North
- **FRIDAY, MAY 5** – – – Appliance / Mattress Pick-up



APPLIANCE: \$15 EACH • MATTRESS/BOX SPRING: \$30 EACH
Must register and pay fee before Friday pick-up.
NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

ITEMS SHOULD BE SET CURBSIDE NO EARLIER THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CLEAN UP WEEK.



WHAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP Tires, toxic or hazardous chemicals, TV's, electronics, computers, batteries, light bulbs, oil and paint will NOT be picked up and should be disposed of properly. Additionally, large quantities of building materials from construction or remodeling should be disposed of as part of your project and will not be picked up by the City during Spring Clean-Up. It is your responsibility to take these items to the Transfer Station. The Rock County Transfer Station is located ¾ mile East of Luverne on Rock County Road 4, and ¾ mile North on Rock County Road 9.

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