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Fate of mail ballots still up in the air

By Mavis Fodness

The majority of precincts in Rock County want to keep mail ballots as a voting option, but Rock County commissioners are still considering a return to polling places.

They tabled a decision at their May 2 meeting after lengthy discussion.

After the November 2022 election, county auditor Ashley Kurtz informed commissioners about anonymous calls that left her election workers concerned for their safety.

Since then, she and the commissioners proposed to township supervisors a return to all in-person voting and eliminating mail ballot precincts.

Currently, 18 out of the 24 precincts in Rock County vote by mail, an option that was first available in 2006.

Commissioners are following a proposed Election Worker Protection Act, introduced in the state Legislature earlier this year, for possible guidance.

The protection act prohibits (with enhanced penalties) certain types of threats, harms and intimidation that involve threats of harm to poll watchers, election officials and election agents.

The Minnesota Legislature is in session through May 22.

Most local precincts want to keep mail ballots

"All 10 of my precincts want to keep the mail ballot option," said Commissioner Gary Overgaard. "Every one of them wants to do the mail ballot process with the understanding of the issues. Just because of a few people, we shouldn't change what the majority of the people wish to maintain."

They cited cost savings, time savings and increased voter participation as reasons to continue using mail ballots for elections.

Overgaard represents District 1, which includes the townships of Battle Plain, Denver, Magnolia, Mound, Vienna and Rose Dell

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Mavis Fodness photo/0511 Cardinal Dash 2023

Ready, set, dash!

Luverne Elementary School's annual Cardinal Dash raised \$12,330 for the booster club, Parents, Partners In Education, according to the announcement Wednesday afternoon, May 3. Instead of selling products PPIE now promotes physical health and sportsmanship through the Cardinal Dash. The dash features half- and two-mile runs and a grade level tug of war challenge. PPIE uses the funds for enhanced learning activities such as swimming lessons, special guest visits, kindness retreat and track and field days. Above, fourth-graders start their dash. Below left, kindergartners compete in the tug-of-war challenge. Facing camera are (from left) Levi Jessen, Gabby Lynch, Isaac Kalass, Vance Dreesen and Timmy Jurrens. Below right, teacher Pam Christensen congratulates her third-grade students' win in the tug-of-war challenge.



City pursues investigation of brown stains on property

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members are pursuing an investigation into what's causing brown discoloration on houses in Luverne.

At Tuesday night's meeting, the council authorized the mayor and city administrator to sign a contract with Braun Intertec Corporation, Sioux Falls.

The firm will assist the city with the "determining and source

of an unknown substance that causes staining on personal property within the city."

The stains have been a problem for nearly 15 years, but answers have been out of reach. Now, city building inspector Chad McClure is hoping for results.

"The MPCA and the EPA haven't been able to definitively determine what is causing the yellow staining on citizens' private

property," he said.

"We are continuing to encounter episodes of the staining and feel like we need to continue down the path of finding a resolution for the people in the community."

He said he and the city were directed to seek help from Braun Intertec as a third-party firm.

"It is our understanding that they will start their investiga-

tive process through a fresh set of eyes, looking at all possible explanations, whether that is an environmental or climatic phenomenon, some sort of industrial emission or a combination of several factors," McClure said.

"We are hopeful that their expertise will provide us with the answers needed to move forward

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Park celebrates Mother's Day with bison hike

Blue Mounds State Park bison tours start May 26

By Mavis Fodness

Blue Mounds State Park naturalist Tiffany Muellner will lead hikers on a "Wildlife Mamas and Babies Hike" Saturday morning, beginning at the park's picnic area.

The hike begins at 9 a.m. "It's one of those programs that's really going to vary," Muellner said.

Central to the hike will be viewing more than a dozen bison babies and the rest of the herd.

The hike could be long or short, depending on where the herd is in the large pasture area.

"Wherever the bison are, we are going to walk to them," she

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Mavis Fodness photo/0511 Mother's Day Buffalo

A bison calf rests near his mother Sunday evening. The calf is one of 13 calves currently at Blue Mounds State Park, where as many as 30 are expected this spring. The calves and their mothers are part of a "Wildlife Mamas and Babies Hike" planned for Saturday morning.

Tax question leads to 20-year-old county assessment error

By Mavis Fodness

Property values brought Fred Wilgenburg to the Beaver Creek Township tax and equalization meeting last month, and a 20-year-old assessing error brought him to the county commissioners May 2.

"So, I am here to ask the county to fix my rates going forward, as they said they would, but also that the county would fix what was overcharged for the past 18, 19 years," Wilgenburg said. "I don't know the exact amount."

At the Tuesday morning meeting, the assessor's office didn't know the exact amount either.

The market value of Wilgenburg's 2.5-acre acreage near Valley Springs was decreased by \$100,000 as a result of the township meeting. Current market value is \$325,000.

But before assessor Rachel Jacobs begins the task to determine Wilgenburg's tax overpayment every year since 2003, commissioners may not have the authority to issue a two-decades-old refund.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, at the township hall in Beaver Creek.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 507-283-2069 or 507-283-2964.

School band concert May 12

Luverne students in grades 6-12 will perform their spring band concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the school performing arts center.

Bike Rodeo May 13

Luverne Optimist Club will host its annual Bike Rodeo at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13, in the Blue Mound Ice Arena parking lot. Everyone is encouraged to attend the bike awareness program. Second-Mile Bicycles will be on hand to assist with bike repairs. Prizes will be distributed to everyone.

'Marlene and Darlene' return to Generations May 11

Local actresses Brenda Winter and DJ Luethje will return as Marlene and Darlene in "Piece of Cake" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Generations. Tickets for the third annual Dessert Theatre are \$20 in advance (in the Generations lobby 9:30-1 p.m. April 24-May 8) and \$25 at the door to benefit special events at Generations. Email livewellagewell100@gmail.com.

School choirs to perform pops concerts May 19

Luverne choir students in grades 6-12 will perform two spring pops concerts, "It's R Time," the music of 2010-2021, on Friday, May 19, in the school performing arts center. One starts at 6:30 and the other at 8 p.m. The second show will include recognition of seniors. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Activity passes are accepted.

Luverne Music Boosters will serve Take 16 root beer floats between performances for a donation.

Mobile dental clinic in Luverne 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.

Master Gardeners plant sale

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.

Hardwick Memorial Day program set for May 29

Hardwick American Legion Post #478 will sponsor a Memorial Day Program at 10 a.m. Monday, May 29, at the Hardwick Veterans Memorial. In case of inclement weather it will be in the Hardwick Community Hall.

Guest speaker is U.S. Army Retired Colonel Kim Henningsen, a Vietnam veteran, of Jefferson, South Dakota. Readers will be Girls Stater Kiesli Smith and Army ROTC Cadet Gunnar Oldre, University of Notre Dame. Madi Oye will provide special music. Coffee, juice and cookies will follow the program.



Mavis Fodness photo/0511 Mother's Day Buffalo

Bison calves walk with their mothers Sunday evening at Blue Mounds State Park. Below, a baby enjoys his mother's grooming.

State park to host pre-Mother's Day hikes/continued from page 1

said. "We'll see how close we can get to them."

Along the way, periodic stops will lead to discussions about the challenges wildlife have raising their young on the prairie.

The main focus will be about the bison calves and how they are raised to adulthood at the park. "I've allotted two hours for the hike," she said.

Depending on questions, the hike could be shorter or longer than planned.



Blue Mounds State Park bison tours begin Friday, May 26

The Blue Mounds State Park has announced that it will begin offering bison tours on Friday, May 26.

Call the park at 507-283-6050 for more information or reservations.

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"Right, wrong or otherwise, there is some burden to homeowners to question the value, if it is not right. Once you don't do that, you've waived your right to adjust that later. That is just the way the tax system works," said county attorney Jeff Haubrich.

"I am not sure if the board would have any authority to go back to do some of those prior years. I don't know if you (as the current commissioners) have authority to make that expenditure."

Annually the Rock County Assessor's Office issues property valuation tax statements to Rock County property owners.

The forms, mailed in the spring of each year and available online at the county's website, detail increases or decreases in market values for the next tax year.

Meetings are scheduled in each township and municipality for property owners to attend and question the information on the notification.

Wilgenburg attended the April 10 meeting for Beaver Creek Township.

He questioned why his and his wife, Amy's, acreage increased in value by \$87,000 in 2023 and will increase an additional \$71,000 in 2024.

"As I talked about our property — much of our

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house was moved in from Iowa in 2003, when we moved here, and it was built around 1940 — they were surprised. They were not aware of that (the home was moved in)," Wilgenburg said.

The assessor at the time, who was contracted by township supervisors, listed the "effective age" of the Wilgenburg home as a new construction in 2003.

The permit to move the home on Tenth Avenue near Valley Springs did not stipulate the age of the home.

"When your home is built, we assume it lives 100 years," Jacobs said. "So, we put what is called an 'effective age' on that home, which is usually the same age as the year it is built."

However, the effective age of the Wilgenburg home is not 2003, but 1975, as determined by the extent of the remodel and square-

foot addition completed in 2003.

Beaver Creek Township's contracted assessor didn't know that the 1940s home on a new foundation with a new roof and new siding was not a newly built home.

The assessor noted an inside inspection was never completed in the Wilgenburg home, where finishes would have revealed it was not a new home.

In 2003 the Wilgenburg home was valued at \$177,000.

"The reason I didn't question it before is that the valuation increases were not so large that it caught my wife's and my attention like it has the last couple of years," Wilgenburg said.

"I didn't raise a concern because I naturally thought the property was correctly assessed way back then."

Increases in market

value of 30 percent in 2023 and 18 percent for 2024 were based on countywide acreage sales.

The Rock County Assessor's Office became the contract assessor for Beaver Creek Township in 2020, the same year evaluation records were computerized from previous contracted assessors, who made manual notes in large binders.

Jacobs said an exterior-only inspection was completed on the Wilgenburg home in July 2020.

She said assessors rarely view a home's interior to verify the inspection records prior to the mailing of the annual valuation notices.

Notices to schedule an inside inspection are rarely returned.

"People don't want us in their homes, but when the value is wrong, they yell at us that we haven't been in their home," Jacobs said, adding anyone can request an interior home inspection at any time by contacting the assessor's office.

Since the April township meeting, the interior of the Wilgenburg home has been inspected, which led to the lower effective age and decreased market value for future tax implications.

Commissioners tabled a decision about a refund for the Wilgenburgs until questions about the county's authority are answered.

#TellUsTuesday Results

Scan Here to Vote for this Week's Survey!



Which Of These Would Be Hardest To Live Without?

Chocolate	5%
Music	29%
Your favorite drink	5%
Your phone	45%
TV/Streaming	17%

Beaver Creek Township Public Hearing Notice

Beaver Creek Township will hold a public hearing on May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of adopting a town road map to record roads. The roads to be recorded will be as four road rods with the official and permanent alignment being 33 feet on either side of the existing center line. The hearing will be held in the Township Hall in Beaver Creek. Contact the Township Clerk at 507-227-2061 with any questions.

Dog Licenses Due During Month of May

City of Beaver Creek residents are reminded that dog licenses are due during month of May. Cost is \$4 per dog, however, residents age 65 and over are exempt from the license fee. Copy of current rabies vaccination required. A \$20 late fee will be added to utility bill if license not renewed. Clerk office hours are Monday 7am to 11am & Tuesday 5:30pm to 9pm. You can also leave payment and vaccination certificate copy in the clerk's drop box and license and tag will be mailed to you. If you no longer have your pet, please notify clerk's office at 673-2266 or email at jane@cityofbeavercreekmn.com

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Take Mother's Day fishing challenge

Moms who live in Minnesota are invited to join a free virtual fishing challenge Saturday, May 13, through Sunday, May 14, during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend, when all Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

To participate in the Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge, moms simply need to join the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/1173295613370541) and submit one photo of each fish they catch.

All participants who submit a fish will be entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student Anglers Organization, including SCHEELS gift cards.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is partnering with the Student Anglers Organization to organize the challenge.

Contest details are available on the Student Anglers Association web-

site (studentangler.org/minnesota-moms-fishing-challenge).

In the contest, no fish is too small and all fish species count.

The Minnesota State Legislature established Take a Mom Fishing Weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day.

This year, the weekend also happens during fishing opener — seasons begin Saturday, May 13, for walleye, northern pike, bass, and trout in lakes.

To celebrate the fishing season, the Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener event is taking place May 12-14 in Mankato.

During the event on May 13, several anglers with the Student Anglers Organization will be fishing with their moms on Madison Lake, and the moms will be taking part in the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge.

Contact: Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator, 651-259-5178.



Mavis Fodness photos/0511 Ag Safety 2023

Fourth-graders and FFA'ers look at the end product of the bale shredder that included Billy the Bale (separate picture), who was caught inside during a simulation of what could happen if the tractor and power to the shredder was engaged.

FFA students teach fourth-graders about farm safety

Members of the Luverne High School FFA Chapter teamed up to present 10 safety demonstrations on the school campus Wednesday morning, May 3, during the chapter's annual Farm Safety Day. "A lot of kids don't have the experience of what could go wrong when they're around farm equipment and animals," said Chapter President JT Remme. To illustrate the dangers, the FFA members dropped a small soybean stubble bale into a bale shredder. "This is a nightmare scenario," Remme told the fourth-graders. No one knew Billy the Bale was inside the shredder and the key was left in the tractor. FFA students also demonstrated the dangers around a semitrailer, grain wagon, hay rake, skid loader, livestock trailer, silage chopper, manure spreader, drone and farm animals (pig, chickens, a calf and two donkeys).



Above, Alexis Wrigg (left) and Molly Pick get an up-close look and touch of the chick held by FFA'er Piper Wynia. In the photo at right, FFA'ers Layne Sasker (left) and Samuel Honerman talk about the slow-moving vehicle sign on the back of the grain wagon and how to work safely around the equipment.

DNR urges people to leave deer fawns alone

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources asks that people avoid disturbing or touching deer fawns, which are born around this time of year.

Most fawns are born in mid-May to mid-June, and fawns do not attempt to evade predators during their first few weeks of life.

Instead, they remain still to avoid being seen.

During these times, fawns are learning critical survival skills from their mothers but are often left on their own while their mothers forage watchfully

nearby.

Be assured deer fawns are likely fine even if they look abandoned or fragile.

Even if the fawn is known to be wounded or abandoned due to a car strike or animal attack, do not transport it without talking to a wildlife rehabilitator.

For more information about what to do when people find fawns or other species of young wild animals, visit the DNR website (mndnr.gov/eco/nongame/rehabilitation/orphaned-wildlife.html).

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and the cities of Kenneth, Hardwick, Magnolia and part of Jasper.

He said he met with representatives from each of his precincts as well as took phone calls to discuss the anonymous, harassing phone calls the auditor's office received concerning the validity of the 2022 general election.

Each representative had a similar message for those who make anonymous accusations of fraud but offer no valid proof.

"We've got to tell these people, if they have an issue, they have to come in front of us and talk to us in person, with your name, plus what your gripe is and we will deal with it," Overgaard said.

District 3 Commissioner Greg Burger represents Clinton, Kanaranzi and a portion of Luverne (who have two precincts) townships along with the city of Steen.

"The township people were unanimously in favor of going back to in-person," Burger said.

"Actually Clinton (Township) was going to talk with Steen city and they were in favor of going back to in-person voting if they could get some help buying the (voting) machines."

Stan Williamson represents District 2, which has three mail ballot districts: Springwater and Beaver Creek townships and the city of Beaver Creek.

He said Springwater Township representatives were in favor of continuing as a mail ballot district while Beaver Creek and the

"It's hard to explain - I get emotional every time I talk about it - I had voters contacting my family, and I know you can't stop that, but something has to be done."

— Ashley Kurtz, county auditor

city of Beaver Creek were favorable to either option.

'Something needs to be done'

Auditor Kurtz pointed to her staff, who were in attendance at the May 2 commissioners meeting, as the reason safeguards need to be put into place.

She is also worried about her own family.

"It's hard to explain — I get emotional every time I talk about it — I had voters contacting my family, and I know you can't stop that, but something has to be done," she said.

"I don't even know if changing mail ballot to polling places is even going to change the issue, but we don't feel safe."

Commissioners discussed implementing various options such as new protocols to handle anonymous phone calls, more courthouse safety measures, and informing law enforcement of those making threats.



FFA'er Eli McLendon (center with controls) demonstrates a drone to fourth-graders (from left) Kyra Kremin, Lucy Knips, Aniyah Rivas, McClendon, Aidan Reese, Amelia Lanoue, Athena DeBoer, Jeremiah Gilzene, and Duane Nelson. In the inset photo above, Eddie Edstrom (right) correctly feeds grass to a donkey owned by FFA'er Morgan Bonnett.

City to pursue stain investigation/continued from page 1

with a resolution."

In 2018 the Minnesota Department of Health analyzed a sample of the substance that discolored dozens of homes and properties in Luverne's western neighborhoods.

The lab results were "unable to detect hazardous compounds," so residents were told they need not fear for their health.

The sample tested was

scraped from a porch railing and trim from a home in the neighborhood near The Lake where the discoloration was most prevalent.

Lab results didn't point to a source of the discoloration, however, which left an unclear path going

forward for residents.

At first, they spent time scrubbing their homes and white trim, only to have the stains show up the following year. But many have given up and simply painted their houses a darker color that doesn't show the

contamination as clearly.

Without a source, McClure was unable to help residents, but now he's hoping to find more answers.

According to council discussion, the fee for Braun Intertec services is not to exceed \$15,000.

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Sale is subject to approval by the Heirs of Ralph J. Mauch. For further details and an information packet contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 227-2829.

This is the story of a little blond boy with big dreams and important plans

Once upon a time there was a little blond boy who grew up near Luverne between the Rock River and Blue Mounds State Park.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

He was made of “snips and snails and puppy dogs’ tails,” with boundless energy and an effervescent love for life. Behind his blue eyes were sparks of mischief and brilliance.

He’d leap out of bed at sunrise and grab his bicycle and pole to go fishing in Hallett’s Pond on Darling’s Bend.

The little blond boy had big dreams and important plans, and he couldn’t wait to get out into the wide world to conquer obstacles that might stand in his way.

As he grew, he found a rewarding and challenging career that let him be his own boss and work with wonderful and interesting people.

He married a girl who appreciated his free spirit and nurtured his quest for adventure. Together they built a home with two little boys of their own.

Life was good. Or so it seemed.

But clouds were gathering on the horizon.

The boy began to falter. He learned that a drink helped to calm his mind, which often spun faster than his feet could keep up.

There was so much to do and too many opportunities to seize and not enough time or resources — or focus — to accomplish them.

One day he found himself alone in his truck with a nearly emptied 12-pack of beer.

It scared him.

And he told his wife. And together they sought help.

But it turns out the help for too much drinking didn’t help to quiet his unquiet mind.

He discovered some street drugs could help him fall asleep at night and get up in the morning.

There were arrests, and jail time and in-patient treatments. And eventually a bipolar diagnosis, which led to a long list of trial-and-error prescriptions.

Which made him feel numb. And apathetic. Which was at times worse than being depressed or manic.

The boy with the big dreams and important plans had become a man searching for the boy he once was.

He watched his marriage, career and other cherished blessings slip through his hands and out of reach.

And hope for a better life began to dim.

How had this happened?

Here’s how:

The little blond boy with big dreams and important plans grew up in an era when brain health was spoken of in whispers.

Brain health professionals were only guessing at how to treat diagnoses, and health insurance reimbursed for brain care at a fraction of what it’s worth.

Which means promising brain health doctors left for specialties with better pay.

And patients had fewer options for care, leaving many innocent souls unable to find relief for their brain health conditions.

The story of the little blond boy doesn’t have a happy ending, and his obituary appears on Page 7 of this week’s paper.

It’s the same sad ending as the stories of so many others who lost their hopes and dreams — and their lives — to mental illness.

Rest in peace, Scott.

We’ll keep fighting for better outcomes, but your free spirit is free at last.

Happy Small Business Day, from one small local business to the others

May 10, National Small Business Day, celebrates small businesses and honors small business owners. It was designated by the Small Business Administration to honor the importance of small businesses around the country.

Defined as having 20 employees or fewer, small businesses account for three-fifths of new jobs in the country each year, and one in five are family owned.

By this definition, Rock County communities are comprised mostly of small businesses, especially when factoring in family farm operations.

They are the lifeblood of our local economies, supporting local jobs and incomes, and generating money that circulates among other local businesses ...

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assuming we support our fellow local businesses.

The money that’s spent in Rock County stays in Rock County and benefits Rock County businesses and families.

We at the Star Herald are among the small businesses observing National Small Business Day. It’s a great time to thank our readers for subscribing to our newspaper — online and in print — and buying our paper off the stands.

And we thank our local advertisers for putting their

faith — and their dollars — in our medium and trusting us with their message.

Our news team works hard to promote local small businesses in our coverage, and we appreciate it when those businesses in turn support us with their advertising dollars.

We all do better when we all do better (to quote the late Paul Wellstone).

Today and this week, we salute our local businesses and thank them for putting faith in Rock County.



Rall: Success of prescribed burns is at the whims of the wind

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

Which way is the wind going to blow today?

There is little doubt why southwest Minnesota is covered up with wind towers.

Almost everything I do in April and May is affected by the wind. From about April 1 until the deadline of May 15, we are doing prescribed burns. This is the burning of grassland areas for the benefit of native grass species.

Folks often wonder why this takes place in the spring when ground-nesting birds like pheasants and other waterfowl are nesting. It is a great question and one I get

asked often.

Burning in the spring has a date cutoff of May 15. This is the date when wildlife professionals determine that nesting is actively underway.

Not all birds do the same thing at the same time. Some start their nesting efforts earlier and others are latecomers and nest into early summer.

Native grass species, the kind you will most likely see in public Wildlife Management Areas, are primarily made up of warm-season grasses. These grasses don’t really get started growing in earnest until about June 15. Invasive cool-season grasses like smooth brome are the

ones that green up first every spring, and you can see it when the road ditches are bright green when other grasses are still completely brown.

Because cool-season grasses start much earlier every year, they can often out-compete their later-growing, warm-season species. If left completely un-attended, a great stand of warm-season grasses can completely disappear in as little as 10 years. A parcel of great wildlife habitat which has lots of diversity and stands up to our tough winters, thus providing great winter habitat for birds, can be degraded to invasive cool-season broghm in a very short time.

By time we do a prescribed

burning in the spring, many of these cool-season grasses will be growing vibrantly. A fire in the spring singes these undesirable cool-season grasses and sets them back on their heels for a short time. After the burn, the ground is black and absorbs the sun’s rays. This heats up the soil temperatures very quickly, stimulating the warm-season varieties and allowing them to start growing sooner. This can actually give the desirable grasses about 30-45 days longer growing season. This is why the vegetation is so responsive. A stand of native grasses that reached 3 feet in height the prior year can reach 6-8 feet in height by fall if they were subject to

burn in April or May.

The vibrant warm-season grasses now have the opportunity to outcompete the undesirable cool-season brome.

Fire to prairies and other native grass stands is exactly like fertilizing your lawn grass in the backyard. We all know the homeowner who fertilizes regularly has the nicest-looking lawn. The best part about a spring fire is you get the same results and there is no fertilizer to run into a neighboring lake or stream, thus deteriorating water quality.

So, back to the question about burning up pheasant nests. Pre-

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 28

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported a disorderly.

•Complainant south-bound on Highway 23, mile marker 4, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•A warrant was issued on E. Crawford Street.

•A warrant was issued on W. Hatting Street.

April 29

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Luverne, reported debris.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90 ramp, reported a pedestrian.

April 30

•Complainant on Christensen Drive reported debris.

•Complainant on 231st Street, Jasper, reported a fire.

•Complainant on 160th Avenue, Luverne, reported a fire.

•Complainant on County Road 6 and 21st Street, Hills, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Birkett Avenue, Magnolia, reported a sudden death.

May 1

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, requested assistance from another department.

May 2

•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported a missing person.

•Complainant on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported found property.

•A search warrant was issued on W. Mead Court.

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

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, reported debris.

May 3

•Complainant on N.

Kniss Avenue reported harassing communications.

•Complainant on Dodge and Freeman Avenue reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, west of Beaver Creek, reported burning.

•Complainant south-bound on Highway 75 from Interstate 90, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•A weather warning was issued.

•Complainant on 100th Avenue, Hardwick, reported a fire.

•Complainant on Interstate 90 and Highway 23, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a fire.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported drunkenness.

•Complainant on 20th Avenue and 31st Street, Hills, reported an abandoned vehicle.

May 4

•Complainant on E. Brown Street reported found property.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an NSF check.

•A search warrant was issued on Park Avenue, Kenneth.

•Complainant on 100th Avenue, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant in Hardwick requested extra patrol.

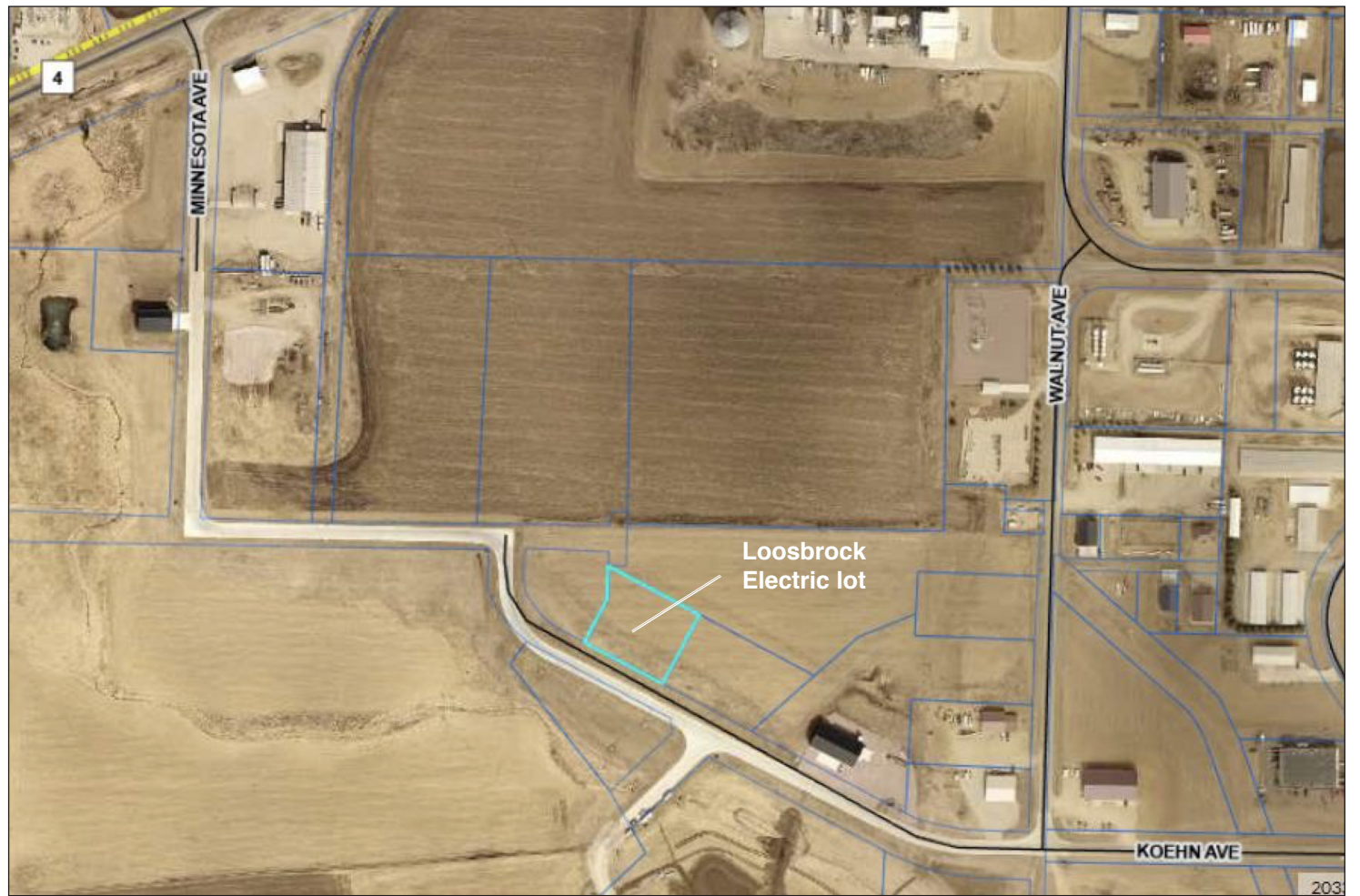
•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported a civil issue.

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

May 5

•Complainant on south side of river reported an abandoned vehicle.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 2 escorts, 4 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 23 burn permits, 1 alarm, 3 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 62 traffic stops, 16 abandoned 911 calls, 1 welfare check, 2 reports of cattle out and 1 follow-up.



Scott Loosbrock of LEC Properties is purchasing Lot 1 in the Mayes Third Addition to construct a 70-by-140-foot shop

EDA sells industrial park lot to Loosbrock

By Lori Sorenson

Another lot in Luverne's industrial park has been sold, according to action at Monday morning's meeting of the Economic Development Authority.

Scott Loosbrock of LEC Properties is purchasing Lot 1 in the Mayes Third Addition to construct a 70-by-140-foot shop to support the

operations of his electrical business, Loosbrock Electrical Construction, LLC.

The new facility will include offices, reception area, living quarters, future offices above the lower offices, vehicle storage and material storage. It will also include a fenced area for trailer storage.

According to Loosbrock, the project will retain eight employees and

more in the future.

"With the employees that we are currently employing, they are buying homes in Luverne and looking to someday start a family within the community," he said.

In his proposal to EDA Director Holly Sammons, Loosbrock said he'd like to start construction in July in order for the facility to be operational by Nov. 1.

"We are excited for this opportunity and look forward to many years of business in Luverne," Loosbrock said.

According to the agreement, Loosbrock will pay the LEDA \$31,000 for a deed to the property, and he'll be responsible for the costs of connecting utility services from the property line to the building.

Senior Companions sought in Rock County and southwest Minnesota

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is seeking volunteers for its Senior Companion Service, in partnership with AmeriCorps Seniors, a national service agency, to offer friendship and support to older adults in the community.

Senior Companion volunteers are age 55 and older and visit older adults weekly offering encouragement, sharing their time and talents, assisting with errands, grocery shopping and transportation to appointments to assist older adults in remaining healthy and independent.

"I joined the Senior Companion family eight

years ago. I love being with older adults and knew this is what I wanted to do after I retired," shared Deb Doran, a Senior Companion volunteer.

"I feel that I am helping those I serve by just being there and supporting them to live independently."

And, the rewards go both ways, enriching the lives of Senior Companion volunteers as well.

In a recent survey, Lutheran Social Service learned that over 90 percent of volunteers either agree or strongly agree that their volunteer experience at LSS has changed their life in a positive way.

Almost 85 percent say

that they feel more socially connected because of their service as a volunteer. More than 76 percent say that they feel healthier because of their service as an LSS volunteer.

"I feel a personal satisfaction knowing I have positively impacted lives," Doran said. "It is a life-changing experience."

"Volunteering is a great way to give back to those in your community," said Carolyn Scherer, program director for Lutheran Social Service.

"I hope many others will join us in this important service to our neighbors who are so grateful for the support."

The Senior Companion Service is seeking volunteers age 55 years or older and can commit to at least 10 hours per week.

Volunteers receive an hourly stipend, a chance to stay connected and a meaningful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of older adults. No prior volunteer experience is needed, and training is provided.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota conducts background checks to ensure safety.

Call 888-205-3770, or email americorps seniors@lssmn.org or visit lssmn.org and click "volunteer" and "senior companion."

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Aria Bernard leads her classmates to the front of the classroom to perform songs and receive their diplomas in front of parents, grandparents and friends who attended the Monday morning program.

A time of 'pomp and circumstance' for Discovery Time preschoolers

This week 79 students at Discovery Time Preschool will participate in graduation ceremonies, where they will receive diplomas as the 2022-23 school year ends. The first of four ceremonies took place Monday morning at Luverne Community Education. **At right:** Dawson Hoff (center) holds up his diploma from teacher Amy Chapa. He is standing next to classmates Margaret Jaquith (left) and Harrison Fitzer. **Below:** Amy Chapa's morning preschool class poses for pictures after receiving their 2022-23 diplomas.



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

The effects of the April 9-10 ice storm continue to be felt around the region, and especially in Rock County, where damage was among the worst.

At Tuesday night's Luverne City Council meeting City Administrator John Call reported that public works crews are continuing to trim trees and remove trees damaged from the storm.

"We hauled out 125 loads of debris from the main city park and from Riverside Park," Call said.

"They have taken down 45 trees in the main park. It's thinned out, but it's still a beautiful park."

25 years ago (1998)

For many residents in the Kenneth area, the bank in Kenneth is the only bank they've ever done business with.

It's the banking institution that handled their first personal savings accounts, college funds, and loans for cars, home and farming operations. For many, the bank in Kenneth has been an important part of their lives.

That will all come to an end Friday when the bank will be open for the last time. The State Bank of Edgerton, which bought the Kenneth bank in 1993, will continue to provide banking services for its clients. But for residents in and around Kenneth, the closing of the building represents another major blow to small-town survival.

50 years ago (1973)

Bill Getman, a former Luverne boy who now lives in Wayne, Pa., was presented with a check for \$100 recently for winning first place in an essay contest, sponsored by the Jaycees of Wayne. Bill's essay "Our Community Needs" stressed the importance of becoming involved in community affairs as the only cure for our nation's leading disease, which, Billy says, is apathy.

The answer, he says in his essay, is "tough love."

"Not a Hollywood, romantic, emotional love," he wrote, "but a love that forces us to spill our guts to people, that makes us put ourselves on the line for people. Let's start 'squealing' on those who destroy our schools, let's start going to those

meetings where community and school needs are discussed, and let's support those people who stand up against the useless waste of money...If it is only to cut the grass of a neighbor who cannot do it herself, let's get involved!"

75 years ago (1948)

Another Luverne teacher has resigned and three new faculty members have been hired for the coming year, Supt. M. C. Munson announced this week.

Latest to announce that he would not return next year is Leonard Anderson, who has taught the past two years in the commercial department. He announced no definite future plans.

Employed as athletic coach for the coming year is Arling Anderson, who for the past six years has taught school and coached athletics at Lake City, Minn. Mr. Anderson has had a good record in both football and basketball, according to reports. A graduate of St. Olaf college, he is married and has three children.

Miss Genevieve Huisenfeldt, Marshall, who for the past four years has taught at Redwood Falls, will teach typing and shorthand next year. She received her training at the College of St. Catherine, University of Minnesota and Minneapolis Business college.

Miss Hildegarde Bunge, Plato, Minn., who will be graduated from St. Cloud State Teachers college this spring, has been employed to teach girls' physical education and biology.

100 years ago (1923)

If the new law regulating public dances, passed by the state legislature, is anywhere near as effective as its authors planned, it will make a marked change in the manner of conducting dances in many sections of the state.

The law, which is Chapter 139, provides that proprietors of dance must procure a license, from the councils in incorporated places, or from township boards or the county board in unincorporated places. Applications for the permit are carefully safeguarded under the provisions of the law to prevent undesirable persons from securing permits. Five persons can petition for the revocation of the permit if they find the law is not being observed in the conduct of the dances.

CELEBRATIONS

Bridal shower

A come-and-go bridal shower for **Blair Altman** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20, at the Luverne Fire Hall at 209 E. Lincoln Street in Luverne. Guests are asked to bring a favorite recipe for the bride. Gifts will be opened at 11 a.m.

Celebration of Life

In memory of **Pat Gail Johnson**, a celebration of life will be from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at her daughter's home, 413 E. 4th Street, Hills, MN.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, May 15:

Salisbury steak with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, peas and carrots, bread, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, May 16:

Tater tot casserole, green beans, peaches, dinner roll, bar.

Wednesday, May 17:

Chicken wild rice soup, carrots, fruit cocktail, breadstick, gelatin.

Thursday, May 18:

Pulled pork on a bun, butternut squash, coleslaw, pineapple chunks, cookie.

Friday, May 19:

Turkey alfredo with pasta, broccoli, pears, garlic breadstick, birthday cake.

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.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jacobs earns senior accreditation

Rock County Assessor Rachel Jacobs recently completed the Senior Accredited Minnesota Assessor (SAMA) licensure requirement through the Minnesota State Board of Assessors.

As a SAMA, Jacobs completed more than 200 hours of classes and required residential and income case study exams.

She also has five years of assessment experience and

has completed an oral interview with the State Board of Assessors.

Jacobs began working as a technician with the Rock County Land Records office in 2015. She became the Land Records Office director in August 2021 and was appointed assessor in November 2021 on a probationary status.

With the completion of a SAMA license, Jacobs also fully assumes the role of county assessor.

1943: Boisen owned Luverne's first 'juke' box

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 30, 1943.

Christian Boisen, Luverne, Owned Luverne's First "Juke" Box

Although there is no sworn statement on file, it is believed that Chris Boisen, Luverne, had Luverne's first "juke" box. Before going any farther, it might be well to explain that the "nickelodeon" brought here by Mr. Boisen could hardly be compared with the gaily colored coin phonographs of today, but it cost as much, perhaps, and proved just as popular as the modern machine.

Mr. Boisen had purchased an Edison phonograph, one of the earliest models, and was in Rock Rapids when an acquaintance induced him to come here to display his machine. It was a crude affair, but a money maker. Fifteen rubber tubes emanated from the sound chamber. By putting the tubes into their ears, eight customers with one tube in each ear could listen to their favorite recording at one time. The 15th tube was used by the operator of the machine so that he could tell if the record was playing properly or not.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

Boisen charged his patrons five cents to listen to one record, or they could hear three for a dime. He did quite a business at those prices, he recalls.

The equipment represented considerable investment. The machine itself cost \$360 and the records cost \$2.00 each.

The experience with the phonograph, however, is but one of many interesting experiences in Mr. Boisen's life. He was born Sept. 18, 1868, near Flensburg, Germany, a seaport city of 150,000 located on the Baltic Sea and bordering Denmark at the north edge of the city. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and during the Danish war, he shod horses for the army. He was a skilled workman, and specialized in fine work such as cutlery, etc. His parents died when he was a

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OBITUARIES

Scott Ehde

Scott A. Ehde, age 53, of Luverne, Minnesota, passed away at home on May 4, 2023.

Visitation was from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. A funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 8, at Grace Lutheran Church with burial at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To view a life tribute video and sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com

Scott Arthur Ehde, 53, of Hills, Minnesota, died on May 4, 2023, at his parents' home in rural Luverne, Minnesota. Scott was born on June 13, 1969, to Arthur and Carol (Nelson) Ehde in Luverne. He was baptized in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills, Minnesota, when he and his parents lived in Steen, Minnesota. His family moved to rural Luverne when he was 4 years old. He was confirmed in Grace Lutheran Church and attended school in Luverne, graduating with the Class of 1987. He worked at the family mink farm throughout his high school years.

Scott earned his business degree from Mankato State University, Mankato,



Minnesota, where he was a member of the track and field team and was president of the college business and marketing club. His friends at that time remember him for his boundless energy, free spirit and big dreams. He graduated with honors from MSU in the spring of 1991, and that summer he married Lori (Kroontje) of Kenneth, Minnesota. Their marriage was blessed by two sons, Jonathan in 1996 and Carson in 2001. They later divorced.

Scott had a brilliant mind and a charming personality, which lent well to his chosen career in sales and marketing. He believed in the value of life insurance for protecting families and easily attained top sales goals with Prudential Insurance during his early years in the Plymouth, Minnesota, office. In 1993 he moved back to Rock County and started his own firm, Scott Ehde State Line Financial Services in Hills, where he thrived with farmers and ag businesspeople as his clients. A few years later, he started a custom planting business with a no-till drill during a time when soil conservation practices were first getting established. His dad later joined

Scott's farming business, as they added land, machinery and a haying operation.

He made many family memories (as a child and with his own children) during summer trips to Cedar Rapids Lodge on Medicine Lake near Blackduck and winter snowmobiling trips in the Black Hills.

Scott was diagnosed with bipolar depression in his late twenties when he also started leaning on alcohol and drugs for self-medication. Through many subsequent hardships and losses, he maintained his spirit of kindness and generosity, showing a distinct fondness for the underdog and less fortunate. For example, while working for several holidays at Baumgartner's Family Christmas Trees in Sioux Falls, South Dakota he would purchase trees for local churches and for families who had never before had a fresh Christmas tree. Scott paid dearly for the effects of his disease, losing lifelong relationships and much of what he had achieved professionally, but he never stopped loving his sons and family close to him. Even in his darkest moments, he was known for randomly sending thoughtful greeting cards with heartfelt, handwritten notes of thanks.

Finally, he never lost sight of his Savior and Lord. On the day he ended his life on earth, a "Verse of the Day" arrived on his cell phone home screen from the Bible app he was using. It was from Psalm 103:11, "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward those who fear him."

Scott is lovingly remembered by his son, Jonathan (and Brittany Landwehr) Ehde of Sioux Falls; his parents, Arthur and Carol Ehde of Luverne; his fiancée, Kari Mess of Hills, and her sons, Cody, Michael and Donavon; uncles and aunts, Elmer (Karen) Ehde of Edina, Minnesota, Margaret (Bud) Sturzenbecher of Sioux Falls, Clarine Hawkins of Sioux Falls, Roger (Barb) Nelson of Mankato, and Marilyn Nelson of Hills; and cousins, Dawn (John) Cerqui, Tim (Jennifer) Ehde, Doug (Ruth) Brown, Donna (Don) Larson, Kim (John) Ochsner, Virgil Hawkins and Brandy (Bill) Boddicker, Mark (Julie) Nelson, Marie (Dan) LaRock, Ryan Nelson and Todd Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his son, Carson Ehde; his sister, Pam (Ehde) Lais, and his grandparents, Elmer and Goldie Ehde and Elmer and Opal Nelson.

Yvonne Graphenteen

Yvonne Graphenteen, age 91, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the Parkview Manor in Ellsworth, Minnesota.

Memorial visitation will be Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne with the memorial service to follow at 2 p.m. Burial will take place at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Yvonne Vie Graphenteen was born December 19, 1931, to Jacob and Vie (Bonnett) Aanenson on the family's farm near Magnolia, Minnesota. She spent her childhood on the farm, graduating from Magnolia High School in 1949. Following her graduation, she worked in nearby Luverne at Tri-State Insurance Company.

She married Robert "Bob" Kleemeier in January 1951. The couple lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Yvonne was pregnant with their baby girl, Coleen, when Bob was killed in a car accident. Yvonne moved home to Magnolia where she lived with her family and took care of Coleen.

Throughout life, one of Yvonne's greatest joys was music and dancing. One night she was at Hollyhock Ballroom near Hatfield, Minnesota, when her future husband, Harold "Shorty" Graphenteen, came over and asked her to dance. The couple began dating and got married on August 15, 1953, in Tacoma, Washington, where Harold was stationed with the Army. Upon Harold's return from the service, the young family farmed in the Jasper area until 1967 and were blessed with two more children, Laura and Steve. Yvonne worked hard as a stay-at-home mom and homemaker for their family. They moved to Magnolia and continued to farm until 1974.

At that time, they moved to Trosky, Minnesota, where Harold began running "Graff's Bar." In 1982 they sold the bar and bought an off-sale liquor store in Fulda, Minnesota. They lived in Fulda and operated "Graff's Liquor"

for the next 25 years. They sold their store in 2009 and decided to move to Luverne, Minnesota, to be closer to family. They also spent more time at their cabin on Lake Shetek near Slayton, Minnesota.

Yvonne was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple were members of the same card club for over 60 years. It included nine other couples that got together to play cards, visit, share food and have some fun from September to May. They would all get together in the summer for an annual picnic and await the next fall for their card playing to start again.

Yvonne's passion in life was dancing. She would dance every night of the week if she could. She loved to jitterbug but enjoyed a good waltz and polka too.

The lady could make a mean apple pie. Harold planted apple trees for her in their yard. When apple season came, the couple would eat at least two pies a week between the two of them. She also enjoyed spending time up at Lake Shetek socializing with their neighbors and the feeling of community amongst them.

Yvonne is lovingly remembered by her children, Coleen Cauwels of Cresco, Iowa, Laura (Steve) Van Klei of Champlin, Minnesota, and Steve (Mary Jo) Graphenteen of Luverne; grandchildren, Teresa (Doug) Reisdorfer of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, Beth Cauwels (Tom Norton) of Ventura, California, Michael (Lindsey) Van Klei of Plymouth, Minnesota, Christopher Van Klei (Peter Wampole) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Taylor (Vashti) Graphenteen of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Anthony Graphenteen (Kristel) of Luverne; great-grandchildren, Derick Reisdorfer, Madison and Kayla Van Klei; Regan and Cameron Graphenteen, and Banks Graphenteen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Shorty" Graphenteen (October 13, 2019); son-in-law, Dennis Cauwels; parents; and sister, Ellen Aanenson.

Patricia Johnson

Patricia "Pat" Gail Johnson, age 75, of Temple, Texas, passed from this life on Sept. 16, 2022.

Pat was born in Luverne, Minnesota, on January 12, 1947, to parents Gerrit and Theresa (Gisolf) Korthals. She grew up in Jasper, Minnesota, and graduated from high school there.

She married Art Johnson in 1967. The young couple spent 30 years together and raised two children before life would eventually take them in separate directions. Pat worked in customer service jobs for most of her life. She retired from HyVee Grocery in Minnesota in 2010. After retirement she made her way to Temple with her sister Valerie and to be closer to family in the area.

Pat loved her family. She loved to watch



NASCAR, garden, cook and grill (charcoal only). She enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and her two dogs, Shorty and Winnie. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Pat leaves behind to cherish her memory her son, Greg Johnson and wife Sandy of Luverne; daughter Marie Opheim and husband Mark of Hills; brother Darrell Korthals of Pipestone, Minnesota, brother Roger Korthals of Temple, Texas, sister Valarie Korthals of Temple, Texas, and sister Bonitta Mygrant of Steen, Minnesota. She also leaves behind four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Pat's life will be on Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the home of Pat's daughter Marie (Mark) Opheim at 413 E. 4th Street in Hills.

Viola Popma

Viola "Vi" Popma, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, went to heaven on April 29, 2023, at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne, Minnesota.

Viola was born July 9, 1927, to Adam and Johanna (Max) Muehlbeier in Bon Homme County, South Dakota. She attended eight years at the Ochsner Country School and graduated in 1945 from Scotland High School. She was married to Lester Popma on January 15, 1947, until his passing on January 15, 2003, their 56th wedding anniversary.

Viola lived at West Winds in Scotland, South Dakota, until December 2, 2021, when she moved to Luverne to be closer to her granddaughters, Michelle (Dennis) Munk and Paula (Cory) Bloemendaal. Residents and staff at the Mary Jane Brown Home will remember her as a fun and feisty lady who, on occasion, would entertain them by playing the piano "by ear" at 95 years old.

Viola was an active member of the United Methodist Church, Red Hats, Scotland Community Choir, and loved volunteering her God-given talents with music and piano at church and the Good Samaritan Center. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, butterflies, bowling, golf, and there was always music in her life.



Viola moved to West Winds Apartments in 2010 and loved spending time there with her many friends over the years. She always looked forward to visits from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. This was her joy as many miles separated the family but they always remained close.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Popma; her parents; sister Charlotte and brother-in-law Elton Thum; three brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

Survivors are brother Lester Muehlbeier and Shirley of Scotland; children, Larry Popma and Venita of Arizona, Pam Bell and Dennis of Missouri, Cindy Brown and Wayne of South Carolina; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

A private celebration of life will be held at a future date and burial will be at Rosehill Cemetery in Scotland. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been set up; checks, cash and memorials can be mailed to the following address: LJM Foundation, 600 Billars Street, Scotland, SD 57059; please note "in memory of Vi Popma."

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boy, and at the age of six, he went to live with his sister. At that time, he was able to speak the Danish language, but as the law forbade the speaking of Danish in the city where his sister lived, he soon forgot most of it. He can still say a few words in Danish, however, but he speaks both high and low German, in addition to English.

In 1879 he came to Brooklyn, New York, on a ship which had been built in his hometown. As a matter of fact, he was in the ship when it first went down the scaffold. At that time, the piers of the great Brooklyn bridge were just being completed, and he recalls driving a team onto a ferry boat, crossing the river, loading the wagon with supplies at a market, and then coming back, when he worked for a short time for a storekeeper.

He went out one night with a fisherman friend with whom he stayed to get oysters, and states that he was really frightened when the man pulled in a giant sea turtle about three feet in diameter.

The oysters, too, were extra large, and while in Brooklyn he learned to eat oysters prepared in many different ways, "I've eaten them in soup; I've eaten them chopped fine and put on pancakes and I've eaten them fried. I'll tell you, those were real oysters," he declared.

He spent several hectic hours in Brooklyn one Decoration day, he recalls. He loved music, and when the band paraded in the street, he began following it until he became lost. He didn't know what to do for some time, so he kept following it until it again passed the place where he had first seen it. He had enough band music, for that day, he relates, so he went home.

His brother, who lived at Luverne, Iowa, insisted that he come to live with him, so he reluctantly left Brooklyn. After coming to Iowa, he attended school, and later was confirmed there.

The first winter he was in Iowa was one of the most severe he ever experienced. Under normal conditions,

56 trains passed through the town of Luverne in 24 hours. After the blizzard struck, there wasn't a train in the town for a whole week. There were no snow plows in those days, and the only thing that could be done was to shovel cut the cuts, and try to force the locomotive through the

snow banks by sheer force of power. Mr. Boisen recalls how two locomotives had a "running start" of two miles, and then hit a snow filled pass. Another locomotive had come up from the rear and pulled them back by a cable.

(Continues next week.)

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Congratulations, D.A.R.E. Classes of 2023



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Rock County fifth-graders received certificates of completion last week in two D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies. Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary conducted their ceremony Tuesday morning, May 2, while Luverne Elementary completed their ceremony Friday afternoon, May 5. D.A.R.E. (former Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a 10-week program where students learn about making positive choices when faced with various challenges. After a seven-year hiatus, the program returned under the duties of School Resource Officer and Rock County Deputy Sheriff Jeff Stratton.

Luverne Elementary fifth-graders (above) receiving D.A.R.E. certificates Friday afternoon are (front row from left) Marrs Thone, Jenae Zeutenhorst, Katie Booe, Wyatt Carson, Jayden DeKam, Will Chapin, Kalsen Baker, Charlotte Bierman, Kharter Bollinger, Caul Bonnett, Kadia Brandt, Max Fick, Inge Gangestad, Amelia Ganun, Brooklynn Gillette, Kennedy Gruis, Kaydence Hendricksen, Calden Holtz, Hayden Kurtz, Serenity Kurtz, Shelby Larson, Gavin Mead, Ayla Nelson, Mason Pick, Phillip Rolfs, Cameryn Schepel, Samantha VanMaanen, Molly Boltjes, Jolie Arp, (second row) Tate Ver Steeg, Andrew Wieneke, Emmett Woodley, Taedra McKenzie, Allison Lysne, Destiny Kubesh, Ella Facile, Cali Syndergaard, Emary Zwaan, Mya Wermager, Beck Walgrave, Braxton Stratton-Lafrenz, Harper Renken, Harper Phelps, Melina Panala, Luke Nath, Kaidyn Mundt, Joslyn Meinerts, Ross Loosbrock, Bristol Kramer, Eli Kinsinger, Zach Jonas, Keegan Hess, Ruth Garcia, Nelsi Euceda Paredes, Favian Camarillo, Owen Brockberg, Sierrah Bowen, Braylynn Altman, Hadian Aliniz, (back) Deputy Jeff Stratton, James Eggebrecht, Lucas Nieman, Abrianna Hubbling, Alena Sandbulte, Annie Smeins, Landry Frahm, Brantley Swenson, Ryley Wallenburg, Cooper Thone, Alerick Stanley, Hudson Seifert, Isley Smith, Ingrid Schmuck, Cade Smeins, Eli Ripka, Zella Peterson, Eden Perez, Alayna Oechlse, Khloe Noah, Justin Mulder, Timothy Mahoney, Emerson Klosterbuer, Jocelyn Hartz, Elizabeth Florey, Oliver Carbonneau and Josh Brandt.



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H-BC fifth-graders holding their D.A.R.E. certificates are (front row from left) Elaina Bos, Quinn Bork, Emileigh Koller, Tenley Balster, Arya Tollefson, Lily Fick, Odynn Kobernick-Pasch, Ryker Peterson, (second row) Kinley Leuthold, Chey Kraayenhof, Mia Taubert, Eva Hubbard, Lulu Susie, Huck Terry, Noah Engelkes, Nora Tatge, Zach Zingler, Athena Kobernick-Pasch, (back) teacher Brianna Leuthold, Ellie Selle, Kristina Stefanyuk, Naomi Harsma, Penni Moore, Adley Rheault, Makaylie Voss, Ian Lingen, Sam Aanning and teacher Dylan Gehrke.

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scribed burning in the spring does burn up a few nests, but in most cases, a very limited number. I do a drive around after all of the smoke has cleared and look for active nests. Sometimes I find zero and other times maybe a half dozen.

Prescribed fire usually affects about one-fourth to one-half of the parcel. Hens that lose a nest will just move to the unburned portion of the property and re-nest again. Hens have been known to re-attempt nesting up to four or five different times. This can happen when a burn is completed or when a nest predator eats the eggs before

they hatch. Re-nesting is not an uncommon event.

In the end the saying goes like this. Endure a short-term pain to achieve a long-term gain. The wildlife carrying capacity and nesting success of great habitat is much higher than the success from nesting attempts in marginal cover.

The additional game production lasts for six to seven years before a burn is necessary again. These years of much higher production far more than offset the slight losses in production in the year the burn took place.

The key here is understanding prairie and grass-

land biology. Lightning used to start fires on the prairie all the time. It was this natural fire source with no human interference that managed and maintained our robust prairie ecosystems for over 10,000 years.

Spring burning is just the small scale current human attempt to do what nature did all by itself since before man walked upright.

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

Pick's work selected as Four-Way Essay winner

The Luverne Rotary Club recognized three Luverne Middle School students as winners of the annual Four-Way Test essay contest for 2023.

Tenley Pick was selected as this year's essay winner. Pick earned \$75 for her winning effort.

Her winning essay titled "Does being in sports impact kids" will be entered into the district essay contest. Her winning essay is printed below.

Madden Von Tersch's essay was chosen for second place (\$50) and Charlie Von Tersch was third (\$25).

The contest introduces students to the Four-Way Test, which asks four questions to gauge whether thoughts, works and actions are appropriate. The questions are: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? And Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Does being in sports impact kids?

*By Tenley Pick
Is It True?
Is it true that being in sports have an impact on kids?*

Personally I think they have an impact on kids physically and mentally. Not just in positive ways but also in some negative ways. This



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Sixth-graders Tenley Pick (left) is this year Luverne Rotary Club's Four-Way Essay winner with Madden Von Tersch's essay selected as second and Charlie Von Tersch third. Pick's essay will move on to district competition.

shows that it has an impact on kids in many ways. These impacts are shown in their skills for their future and relationships. A sport provides many life lessons and memories to use and remember forever

Is it fair to all concerned?

This is fair to all concerned because being in a sport can benefit your life in many ways. All positive and negative effects have the ability to relate to anyone who participates in a sport. It makes an impact on

kids and their relationships. Teens can make friends and have that friendship for a lifetime, because that is what a sport provides. Even if there is a negative effect from the sport, that is a lesson learned for your future. Coaches also have an impact.

Does the coach make fair playing time to all the kids? Do they support the kids and help them correct the mistakes they make or do they not help them and let them do that mistake over and over again?

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Luverne baseball team goes 4-1 for week

By Greg Hooegeven
The Luverne High School baseball team went 4-1 this past week, improving their season record to 9-3 overall.

The Cardinals beat Pipestone, breaking the Arrows 15-1 Tuesday, May 2. They took two games against Blue Earth 11-0 and 10-2 on the road Friday, May 5, and they split a doubleheader with St. James, losing 5-3 in Game 1 and winning 10-9 in Game 2 Monday, May 8.

The Cardinals were scheduled to host Jackson County Central Tuesday, May 9, and Redwood Valley Thursday, May 11.

LHS 15, Pipestone 1

The Luverne baseball team traveled to Pipestone and targeted the Arrows for a 15-1 win in five innings Tuesday, May 2.

Carter Sehr started on the mound for the Cardinals, pitching three innings, allowing four hits and one run while striking out four Pipestone batters.

Patrick Kroski came in the game to relieve Sehr in the fourth inning, holding the Arrows to no hits and no runs and two strike-outs.

LHS had 14 total hits in the game with Sehr and

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Luverne boys' and girls' track teams win True Team Championship Monday, May 8, in Slayton at Murray County Central High School. submitted photo

LHS boys and girls win True Team Championships H-BC girls take seventh and boys finish eighth

By Greg Hooegeven

The Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track and field teams traveled to Murray County Central in Slayton for the Minnesota True Team meet Monday, May 8.

The LHS boys' and girls' teams both were crowned champions this year and qualify for the state meet Saturday, May 20, in Stillwater.

"We were very pleased with the kids' performances last night and are excited for them to have the opportunity to compete for a state title," LHS head coach Pete Janiszkeski said.

"This is a meet that we mark on our calendars every year and work toward building the best team possible with as much depth as possible, and the kids' hard work was on full display last night."

In 33 of the 36 events Luverne competed in, they won 11 event titles.

The girls' 4-by-200-meter relay was first with a time of 1:53.32. Relay team members were Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck and Bella Oye.

The boys' 4-by-200-meter relay was first at 1:35.60. Relay team members were Gavin DeBeer, DJ Rock, Zach Terrio and Darius Dolo.

Elizabeth Wagner won the 400-meter dash at 1:01.16, and Lucky Dara won the boys' 400-meter dash at 52.35.

Reinha John was first with a 50.22 in the girls' 300-meter hurdles.

Gavin DeBeer cleared 20-02.5 in the boys' long jump, and Elizabeth Wagner cleared 5-02 in the girls' high jump.

DJ Rock was first in the pole vault 13-00,

Jocelyn Hart won the girls' shot put with a 39-06, and Elijah Woodley won the boys' shot put with a 47-05.75.

Jocelyn Hart was first with a 126-00 in the discus event.

"This is absolutely tremendous and a large reason why they earned section titles," Janiszkeski said.

H-BC had a good showing at the meet.

"I was pleased with how both our guys and gals did last night," H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said.

"We weren't able to fill all our events, but the ones we were able to, we did well and had a lot of good performances."

At the meet Brynn Bakken broke the H-BC school

record in the triple jump by over a foot with 34-11.5. The previous record was held by Paige Leuthold at 33-10.

Bakken also reset her 200-meter school record of 26.47 from last year with a new time of 26.19 this year.

Bakken was the only first-place finisher for H-BC at the True Team meet. She took first in the girls' 100-meter with a time of 12.71.

Women - Team Rankings 18 Events Scored

1. Luverne 640
2. Canby/Minneota 541
3. SWMCH-EHS 496
4. Redwood Valley 450
5. Pipestone Area 404
6. Murray County Central 392
7. Hills-Beaver Creek 346
8. Windom Area 306
9. Lakeview 241
10. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 198
11. Adrian/Ellsworth 159

Men - Team Rankings 21 Events Scored

1. Luverne 629
2. SWMCH-EHS 435
3. Pipestone Area 433
4. Redwood Valley 424
5. Windom Area 423
6. Canby/Minneota 409
7. Lakeview 341
8. Hills-Beaver Creek 322
9. Murray County Central 283
10. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 272
11. Adrian/Ellsworth 221

LHS Section 3A True Team finishes 1989-2023

- 1989-A-2nd Girls
- 1992-A-6th Girls
- 2005-A-3rd Boys
- 2026-A-5th Boys
- 2007-A-3rd Girls
- 2008-A-Champion Girls
- 2009-A-2nd Girls
- 2010-A-Champion Girls
- 2011-A-3rd Girls, 9th Boys
- 2012-A-5th Girls, 6th Boys
- 2013-A-2nd Girls, 5th Boys
- 2014-A-Champion Girls, 3rd Boys
- 2015-A-3rd Girls, 7th Boys
- 2016-A-3rd Girls
- 2017-A-2nd Girls, 5th Boys
- 2018-2A Girls
- 2019-2A-8th Girls
- 2021-2A-12th Girls (virtual)
- 2022-2A-2nd Girls, 4th Boys
- 2023-2A Champions Girls and Boys



Greg Hooegeven photo/0511 Abby Olson

Abby Olson shoots for the green on Hole 8 at the Luverne Country Club May 4. She finished the round with a 54, good for fourth place in the meet.

Cardinals and Patriots play head-to-head on LCC golf course

By Greg Hooegeven

The Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams played head-to-head at the Luverne Country Club Tuesday, May 4.

The LHS boys beat H-BC 165-222 in nine-hole play.

The Patriot girls' team only had two players at the meet and lost to Luverne 209-118.

The lowest four scores from each team factor into the combined team score in the match.

Boys: LHS 165, H-BC 222

Cardinals Henry Hartquist and Brady Bork led the field, shooting 40 strokes each.

Owen Sudenga finished with a 42, Tyler Arends 43, Levi Gonnerman 49, and Will Bergman had a 53. Micah Bush led the Patriots with a 52.

Brock Harnack shot a 55, Calum Bartels 57, Cameron Allen 58 a 64.

"We didn't have our best meet, but it was a good experience for our kids," LHS boys' head coach John Sichel said.

"All four of our top four scorers had one really bad hole, but I was happy with how they handled it and

how they didn't let that one bad hole ruin the rest of their round."

As for the Patriots boys' team, head coach Dan Ellingson felt his team did not shoot their best round Tuesday.

"With experience and our short game getting better, I feel the scores will continue to drop," Ellingson said.

Girls: LHS 209, H-BC (2 players) 118

Abby Olson posted the low score for H-BC with a 54. Taylor Spykerboer shot a 64.

For the LHS girls, Lauren Hansen led the team with a 49.

Deziree Nath shot a round of 52, Kiesli Smith 53, Perceyis Trerweiler 55, Abigail Anderson 66 and Mallory Von Tersch finished with a 66.

"Abby Olson tied her personal best score and Taylor Spykerboer keeps improving every time out," Ellingson said.

"All of the players have had some very productive practices. The attitudes have been very positive. Their willingness to learn and trying to get better have been great."

Luverne Redbirds take on Sioux Falls Canaries in pre-season exhibition game at Redbird Field

By Greg Hooegeven

The Luverne Redbirds started their 2023 season with an exhibition game against the Sioux Falls Canaries Saturday, May 6, at Redbird Field.

The Redbirds opened their regular season at home spanking Mountain Lake 25-1 Sunday, May 7.

The Redbirds' next game is Sunday, May 14, at Heron Lake, followed by a home game against Jackson Wednesday, May 17.

Canaries 5, Redbirds 4

Luverne fell behind the Sioux Falls Canaries early, giving up four runs in the first three innings.

Luverne mustered four runs late in the game but couldn't overtake Sioux Falls.

The Canaries helped out the Redbirds at the mound and catcher positions in the final inning when the Redbirds went through their bullpen.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0511 wyatt ulrich

Sioux Falls Canaries' Wyatt Ulrich flies around third base on his way to home plate against the Redbirds May 6 in their exhibition game at Redbird Field.



Greg Hooegeven photo/0511 newt johnson

Redbird Newt Johnson catches a pop-fly just in play against the Sioux Falls Canaries May 6 in their exhibition game at Redbird Field.

Redbirds 25, Mt. Lake 1

Luverne Redbirds won their season opener 25-1 on the road at Mountain Lake Sunday, May 7.

Nick Smith got his first win for the Redbirds, pitching five innings, giving up no hits or runs while striking out seven Laker batters and no walks.

Luverne tallied 19 hits in the game with two long ball homers from Ben Serie and Smith.

Declan Beers, Serie and Smith had five runs in the game.

Serie had seven RBIs in the game with Smith adding four and Beers one.

Cade Wenninger and Gaige Nath drove in four runs each in the Redbirds' score fest.

Mark Sterrett, Phil Paquette, Joe Ahrens and Sehr contributed one run each.

BOX Score

MLake	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RBirds	4	5	5	4	6	1	x	25

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Beers	3	5	3	1
Maurer	1	0	0	0
Smith	5	5	4	4
Wenninger	2	4	2	2
Sterrett	2	1	1	2
Serie	5	5	4	7
Paquette	3	1	1	1
Ahrens	2	1	1	1
Johnson	4	0	0	2
Lundgren	4	0	1	3
Sehr	4	1	1	1
Nath	3	4	1	0

2B: Serie 2, Smith 2

HR: Serie, Smith

Total Bases: Serie 9, Smith 9, Beers 3, Wenninger 2, Paquette, Nath, Sterrett, Sehr, Lundgren, Ahrens

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Smith	5	0	0	0	7
Serie	1	0	0	0	2
Ahrens	1	3	1	1	2

Pitches-strikes: Smith 58-39, Serie 16-10, Ahrens 17-14

Batters faced: Smith 17, Serie 3, Ahrens 6



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The H-BC trap team participants at the Border Battle trap shooting event May 4 include Shaun Hubbard (front, left), Brekken Boen, Kraig Scholten, Lukas Hubbard, Clayton Kellenberger, Hunter Leenderts, Gunnar Bork, Travis Dwire, Alex Harris, Blake Leenderts, Luke Fuerstenberg, Arlyn Gehrke, Maddox Metzger, Scott Harris, Michael Ykema, Stacy Bork.

Patriots trap team takes second place at Border Battles event

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School trap shooting team posted scores for Week 3.

H-BC had seven shooters make a combined score over 40 this week. They were Cameron Allen 41, Brekken Boen 41, Sawyer Bosch 44, Luke Fuerstenberg 43, Cooper Gehrke 43, Lukas Hubbard 40 and Blake Leenderts 40.

Week 3 scoring

	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Cameron Allen	20	21	41
Garrett Blank	16	11	27
Brekken Boen	22	19	41
Seyler Boen	5	8	13
Gunner Bork	18	19	37
Olivia Bork	9	13	22
Sawyer Bosch	19	25	44
Camdyn Broesder	16	22	38
Karis DeWire	6	7	13
Luke Fuerstenberg	21	22	43
Alexis Gardner Swenson	11	7	18
Cooper Gehrke	22	21	43
Alex Harris	19	18	37
Brooklynne Hubbard	12	11	23
Lukas Hubbard	20	20	40
Keaton Huisman	12	17	29
Clayton Kellenberger	18	21	39
Jayden Kueter	8	6	14
Blake Leenderts	19	21	40
Hunter Leenderts	17	15	32
Karson Metzger	12	6	18
Maddox Metzger	16	22	38
Cody Moser	13	15	28
Jack Moser	21	15	36
Max Sammons	12	10	22
John Tiesler	19	19	38
Gracyn Wegener	17	13	30
Cash Wisley	10	15	25
Michael Ykema	13	14	27



H-BC senior Alex Harris placed first overall with a combined trap score of 47 at the Border Battle trap shooting event in Garretson, South Dakota, May 4.
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Boys' Border Battle Trap Shooting Event

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' trap shooters competed in a Border Battle event in Garretson, South Dakota, Thursday, May 4, put on by Whitetail Farms.

The H-BC varsity team took second place out of five teams.

Teams competing were Hills-Beaver Creek, Garretson, Edgerton, Southwest Christian, and Luverne.

H-BC's Alex Harris placed first overall with a combined high score of 47.

Border Battle scores

	Round 1 16 yards	Round 2 18 yards	Total
Alex Harris	23	24	47
Maxxod Metzger	21	20	41
Luke Fuerstenberg	21	23	44
Hunter Leenderts	20	17	37
Clayton Kellenberger	20	18	38



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The LHS trap team took first place out of five teams at the Border Battle trap shooting event in Garretson Thursday, May 4. Team members are JT Remme (left), David Rathman, Holden Overgaard, Alex DeWispelaere and Tyson Cowell.



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LHS trap shooter JT Remme was the only varsity level shooter to score a perfect 25 at the Border Battle trap shooting event in Garretson Thursday, May 4.

Cardinals trap team takes first place at Border Battles event in Garretson

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School trap shooting team posted scores for Week 6 of the season at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

"I feel we are doing well this year," head coach Scott Loosbrock said.

"The weather has been good, other than this week with the wind being a huge factor on the scores."

Five shooters were able to break the 40s in their two rounds. They were Tyson Cowell, Alex DeWispelaere, Jacob Henning, Holden Overgaard and Piper Wynia.

"We have had the most 25s this year so far compared to any other year since I started," Loosbrock said. "Great group of kids."

Week 6 scoring

	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Cash Bonnett	17	13	30
Morgan Bonnett	14	13	27
Tyson Cowell	22	22	44
Alex DeWispelaere	22	23	45
Fox Forrest	17	8	25
Lucas Hansen	14	17	31
Jacob Henning	20	21	41
Samuel Honerman	18	20	38
Gavin Hoven	12	15	27
Andrew Kinsinger	13	18	31
Jacob Madison	21	15	36
Lucas Madison	18	17	34

Liam Murphy	14	19	33
Makayla Oechsle	18	15	33
Austin Ossefort	15	18	33
Holden Overgaard	18	22	40
David Rathman	13	17	30
Jaden Reisch	19	14	33
JT Remme	16	19	35
Rayann Remme	13	13	26
Tucker Remme	17	14	31
Sawyer Saker	20	16	36
Cameron Wieneke	15	17	32
Grant Wieneke	16	14	30
Piper Wynia	22	22	44

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JT Remme was the only varsity level shooter to get a perfect score of 25 in a round in the event.

The varsity team consisted of JT Remme, David Rathman, Holden Overgaard, Alex DeWispelaere and Tyson Cowell.

LHS tennis drops two matches

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' tennis team conceded 7-0 to St. James at home May 2 and on the road against Redwood Valley 7-0 May 4.

Luverne's active player numbers are down to only four varsity members.

"Frankly, the kids are getting tired of playing five against 10 each game," head coach Nathan Rud said.

"Having to forfeit all three doubles matches makes it hard to compete in a meet."

Luverne is scheduled to travel to Pipestone Tuesday, May 9, host the Big South Conference Crossover Friday, May 12, and host Benson and Lac Qui Parle Valley Saturday, May 13.

S. James 7, LHS 0

On their home court, the Luverne Cardinals gave up four singles matches and forfeited three doubles matches to St. James Tuesday, May 2.

In singles matches, LHS senior

Ethan Nath fell to Andrei Rivera 6-2, 6-0, senior Ross Bergman was defeated by Brennan Kern 6-0, 6-2, freshman Caleb Kracht was topped by Zech Ciske 6-0, 6-0, and sophomore Kaleb Hemme came up short against Rylan Meyer 6-2, 6-0.

Luverne forfeited three doubles matches due to lack of athletes.

"St. James clearly had the better singles players, and it showed in the results," Rud said.

He said the St. James coach commented that he was particularly impressed with Ross Bergman's improving play as a new player in the area.

Redwood Valley 7, LHS 0

The Cardinals traveled to Redwood Valley Thursday, May 4, losing 7-0.

LHS lost its four singles matches and had to forfeit the three doubles matches.

The singles match results were Andrew Muetzel over Ethan Nath (Luv) 6-4, 6-2; Cole Johnson (RV) over Ross

LHS tennis team/see p.16

Cardinal boys' golf team takes first place at Big South West

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne golf team had a busy stretch this past week on the links in away competitions.

The Cardinals participated in the Fairmont Invitational Saturday, May 6, with the boys taking home second place and the girls eighth place.

They played in the Big South West Event No. 3 Monday, May 8. The boys took first place in Marshall and the girls were fourth in Redwood Valley.

The LHS golf teams' next event will be Monday, May 15, at Dakota Ridge for the Big South Championship.

Fairmont Invitational

The Luverne golf teams traveled to Fairmont Saturday, May 6, for the Fairmont Cardinal Invite.

The boys' team played at Interlaken Golf Club taking second place out of 12 teams.

The girls' team played at Rose Lake Golf Club and placed eighth out of 10 teams.

The Cardinal boys placed two golfers in the Top 10 at the 18-hole tournament.

Junior Henry Hartquist took first place overall with a score of 72. Junior Owen Sudenga placed third with a score of 74.

Other LHS golfers at the meet were senior Brady Bork who shot an 85, sophomore Levi Gonnerman with an 85, junior Tyler Arends with an 88 and eighth-grader Will Bergman with an 89.

Luverne's team score of 316 was good for second place behind Min-

newaska with a 314 total.

Behind LHS were Marshall with 327, Fairmont with 336, St. Peter with 339, Blue Earth Area with 339, Worthington with 350, Jackson County Central with 360, Pipestone with 363, North Union with 363, New Ulm with 368, Redwood Valley with 373 and Windom with a partial team score of 286.

The Cardinal girls' team finished in eighth place with a combined team score of 420.

Redwood Valley took first place in the meet with a score of 338. Fairmont was second with 359, followed by Worthington with 366, Blue Earth Area with 373, St. Peter with 385, Marshall with 401, North Union with 405, then Luverne with 420, Jackson County Central with plus 144 after 17 holes and New Ulm with 478.

Senior Lauren Hansen led Luverne with an 18-hole score of 91.

She was followed by junior Perceyis Trierweiler with 106, junior Kiesli Smith with 109, senior Deziree Nath with 114, senior Mallory Von Tersch with 119 and senior Abigail Anderson with 125.

Big South West Event

The Luverne boys' golf team took first place in Marshall Monday, May 8, out of six teams. The girls' team was fourth in Redwood Valley that day out of four teams.

The LHS boys' team had a combined score of 303 to beat out five other teams at the Big South West Event.

Marshall came in second with 311,

Pipestone finished third with 329, Worthington was fourth with plus 46, Windom was fifth with 335 and Redwood Valley placed sixth with 349.

Three Luverne golfers placed in the Top 12 individual score for the day.

Hartquist took top honors with his first place finish of 66. Sudenga tied for fifth place with a score of 77. Bork placed seventh with a score of 78.

Bergman finished in 12th place with a score of 82. Gonnerman finished with an 84 and Arends shot an 85.

"We had a very good day today. Henry Hartquist's round I believe is a school record and our team score of 303 is the best team score that I can remember," head coach John Sichmeller said.

"Henry had an awesome round with six birdies and no bogeys. It was also good to see eighth-grader Will Bergman have his best round of the year with an 82."

The Luverne girls' golf team finished in fourth place with a team combined score of 442.

"It's always difficult to score well at this course," head coach Chris Nowatski said. "Putting was our biggest struggle."

Redwood Valley took first with 345, Worthington second with 382, and Marshall third with 391.

One LHS girls' golfer placed in the Top 12 individual players for the day.

Hansen placed 12th with a score of 100. Trierweiler finished the day at 107, Smith recorded a 114, Nath shot a 121, Anderson shot a 123 and Von Tersch finished with a 126.

H-BC boys' golf team places fifth at Red Rock Conference meet

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team competed in the Red Rock Conference golf meet No. 2 Tuesday, May 4, at Mountain Lake, where they finished fifth out of seven teams.

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda/Westbrook Walnut Grove finished first with a combined 18-hole score of 358. Adrian/Ellsworth was second with 363, Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey third with 376, Southwest Christian-Edgerton fourth with 387, Hills-Beaver Creek fifth with 430, Murray County Central sixth with 431 and Red Rock Central seventh with 468.

"The boys had their best team score of the year, with all six boys recording their personal best scores," head coach Dan Ellingson said.

"They are improving and are looking forward to the next conference meet."

Micah Bush led the Patriots with a 53 on the first nine holes and a 44 on

the second nine for a total of 97.

Brock Harnack shot 53 and 49 for a 102. Callum Bartels and Cameron Allen both shot two rounds of 51 for a 102 total. Cooper Gehrke shot 48 and 57 for a 105, and Camdyn Broesder shot 53 and 56 for a 109.

The girls' team played at Adrian and did not place with only two girls competing.

Abby Olson shot a 58 on the first nine and a 61 on the second to finish with a 119.

Taylor Spykerboer shot 66-70 for a 136.

Both girls did not have their best day," Ellingson said.

H-BC was scheduled to compete in the Red Rock Conference Golf Meet No. 3 Tuesday, May 9.

The girls' team will play in Fulda and the boys' team will travel to Westbrook-Walnut Grove for that meet.

Both the boys' and girls' teams will travel to Adrian Friday, May 12.

Cards and Pates track teams compete at Bob Nagel Relays in Pipestone May 2

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track and field teams traveled to Pipestone for the Bob Nagel Relays Tuesday, May 2.

The Cardinals and Patriots were two of nine teams invited to the event.

In the girls' team scores, LHS placed first with 191.5 points, and H-BC placed fourth with 66.5 total team points.

In the boys' team scores, LHS placed first with 194 points, and H-BC placed fifth with 74.5 total team points.

"We did a lot of nice things on Tuesday, despite the windy and cooler conditions," head coach Pete Janiszkeski said.

"The kids are growing and improving each time out, and we're just very proud of them for all of their hard work and progress."

H-BC head coach Rex Metzger also mentioned the windy conditions as a factor in the meet, but overall he was pleased with how the Patriots performed.

"We finally saw some good times from our kids," Rex Metzger said.

Individual event results for the meet are as follows:

Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay
LHS Tiana Lais, Reinha John, Ella Schmuck, Cassi Chesley 10:49.23, first

Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay
LHS Camden Janiszkeski, Dylan Ommen, Ryan Fick, Leif Ingebretsen 8:53.90, first

Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles
LHS Augusta Papik 17.40, [PR], first
LHS Roselynn Hartshorn 18.79, fifth
H-BC Larissa Steinhoff 19.82, eighth
H-BC Ava Steinhoff 20.14, [PR], 11th

Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles
H-BC James Vanden Bosch 20.02, seventh
H-BC Jackson Gacke 21.27, [PR], eighth

Girls' 100 Meters
H-BC Brynn Bakken 12.66, [PR], first
LHS Baylee Smidt 13.89 [PR], fifth
LHS Hailey Como 14.29, eighth
H-BC Brynn Rauk 14.33, ninth
LHS Morgan Hadler 14.47, 11th
LHS Skylar VanderSteen 15.46, [PR], 20th

Boys' 100 Meters
H-BC Cooper Gehrke 11.78, [PR], third
H-BC Beau Bakken 11.84, [PR], fifth
LHS Gavin DeBeer 11.85, [PR], sixth
LHS DJ Rock 12.02 [PR], sixth
H-BC Mason Shaffner 12.03, [PR], eighth
LHS Zachary Terrio 12.10, [PR], ninth

"The kids are growing and improving each time out, and we're just very proud of them for all of their hard work and progress."

— LHS head coach Pete Janiszkeski

LHS Ashton Hood 12.35, [PR], 11th
H-BC Bode Kruger 12.54, 13th

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay
LHS Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye 1:55.64, first
H-BC Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Hailey Moser 1:59.93, third

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay
LHS Gavin DeBeer, Zachary Terrio, Darius Dolo, Lucky Dara 1:36.69, first
H-BC Cooper Gehrke, Beau Bakken, Blake Leenderts, Elisha Taubert 1:40.18, second

Girls' 1600 Meters
LHS Jenna DeBates 5:29.02, second
LHS Cassi Chesley 5:59.11, [PR], third
LHS Grace Ingebretsen 5:59.11 fourth
LHS Ella Schmuck 6:05.96, fifth
H-BC Bailey Spykerboer 6:40.68, tenth
H-BC Emma Deelstra 7:16.98, 18th

Boys' 1600 Meters
LHS Owen Janiszkeski 4:56.59, first
LHS Sage Viessman 4:57.58, [PR], third

Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay
H-BC Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Bakken 54.56, first

Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay
H-BC Blake Leenderts, Beau Bakken, Cooper Gehrke, Elisha Taubert 47.81, first
LHS Ashton Hood, Isaac DeBates, Coy Thone, Coulter Thone 47.96, second

Girls' 400 Meters
LHS Tiana Lais 1:05.10, first
H-BC Abigail Harris 1:06.42, third
LHS Maria Rops 1:11.33, eighth
LHS Roselynn Hartshorn 1:11.37
H-BC Hailey Moser 1:13.87, 14th
LHS Kayla Bloemendaal 1:14.02, 15th

Boys' 400 Meters
LHS Dylan Ommen 59.15, [PR], tenth
H-BC Bode Kruger 59.76, 12th

Bob Nagel/continued on page 16



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0511 HBC 4x200

The H-BC girls' 4x200 team finished in 18th place with a time of 1:52.77 at the Howard Wood Relays May 5. Members of the team are Brynn Bakken (left), Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk and Abigail Harris.

LHS/H-BC track teams shine at Howard Wood

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track and field teams participated in the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6.

The 98th Annual Dakota Relays included more than 3,000 middle school and high school student athletes from 131 schools.

Thirty-one event records fell over the two days of competition this year, marking a record for the most records broken in one year at the relays.

No Cardinal school records were broken, but several local athletes posted Top 10 finishes.

LHS girls' discus throwers Jadyn and Jocelyn Hart both had a very good showing at Howard Wood.

Jaydyn placed fifth out of 39 athletes with a throw of 132 feet, four inches.

Jocelyn placed eighth, throwing 127 feet, 10 inches and also placed tenth in the shot put with a throw of 39 feet, four inches.

Jenna DeBates placed sixth out of 48 athletes in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10:58.05.

The LHS girls' 4-by-800-meter relay team placed sixth out of 27 teams with a time of 9:55.86. Runners were Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley and Elizabeth Wagner.

Hills-Beaver Creek's Brynn Bakken ran strong in the 100-meter dash but missed the cutoff for the finals.

Bakken ran 12.73 in the prelims and 12.54 in the semi-finals.

Individual event results for LHS and H-BC are as follows:

Girls' 100 Meter Dash
H-BC Brynn Bakken 12.73, 16th out of 61 athletes in prelims 12.54, 11th out of 23 athletes in semi-finals. Top eight went to finals.

Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay
LHS Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley, Elizabeth Wagner 9:55.86, sixth out of 27 teams

Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay
LHS Camden Janiszkeski, Owen Janiszkeski, Carsen Tofteland, Ryan Fick 8:18.06, seventh out of 25 teams

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay
H-BC Abigail Harris, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk, Brynn Bakken 1:52.77, 18th out of 23 teams
LHS Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye 1:53.04, 21st out of 23 teams

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay
LHS Darius Dolo, Gavin DeBeer, Zachary Terrio,

Lucky Dara 1:36.54, 21st. out of 23 teams

Girls' 3200 Meter Run
LHS Jenna DeBates 10:58.05, sixth out of 48 athletes

Boys' 3200 Meter Run
LHS Owen Janiszkeski 9:45.35, 17th out of 50 athletes

Boys' Long Jump
LHS Gaven DeBeer 19-03.75, 26th out of 39 athletes

Girls' Shot Put
LHS Jocelyn Hart 39-04, 10th out of 39 athletes
LHS Jadyn Hart 36-08, 23rd out of 39 athletes

Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles
LHS Elizabeth Wagner 48.78, 33rd out of 62 athletes

Boys' 1600 Meter Run
LHS Camden Janiszkeski 4:46.39, 44th out of 47 athletes

Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay
LHS Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye 53.27, 20th out of 23 teams

Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay
LHS Lucky Dara, Zachary Terrio, Darius Dolo, Gavin DeBeer 45.40, 16th out of 23 teams

Girls' Discus
LHS Jadyn Hart 132-04, fifth out of 39 athletes
LHS Jocelyn Hart 127-10, eighth out of 39 athletes

Girls' Triple Jump
LHS Augusta Papik 33-06, 24th out of 38 athletes

Boys' Pole Vault
LHS DJ Rock 13-00, 14th out of 26 athletes



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0511 chesley 4x800

LHS junior Cassi Chesley ran the third leg of the girls' 4x800 at Howard Wood Friday, May 5. LHS finished in sixth place with a time of 9:55.86. Junior Jenna DeBates led the first leg for the team. Senior Tiana Lais ran the second leg, and senior Elizabeth Wagner anchored the team.

Luverne softball team wins two games, drops one

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School softball team played three games in the past week, winning two and losing one.

The Cardinals lost to the Arrows 21-1 in Pipestone Tuesday, May 2, and they came back to win a doubleheader in Redwood Valley 15-4 and 15-6 Thursday, May 4.

The 5-6 Cardinals were scheduled to host Windom Tuesday, May 9, and they'll travel to Blue Earth Thursday, May 11, and to Marshall Saturday, May 13.

Pipestone 21, LHS 1

The Cardinals fell 21-1 to Pipestone in four innings on the road Tuesday, May 2.

Luverne struggled to contain the Arrows' offense and committed 10 errors in the game.

Pipestone had 16 hits, 16 RBIs and had only one player strike out.

LHS had four hits in the game, two by Amira Cowell and one each by Ella Reisdorfer and Carly Olson.

Gracie Nath started on the mound for Luverne, going 1 1/3 innings, allowing six hits and ten runs while striking out one Arrows batter.

BOX Score

LHS	0	1	0	0	x	x	x	1
PHS	3	13	5	x	x	x	x	21

BATTING

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

2B: Cowell
Total Bases: Cowell 3, Olson, Reisdorfer

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	1.1	6	10	6	1
Cowell	1.2	10	11	11	0

Pitches-Strikes: Nath 49-29, Cowell 65-38
Batters Faced: Nath 15, Cowell 20

LHS 15, Redwood 4

The Cardinals shone in the Redwood Valley batter's box Thursday, May 4, with 16 hits and 14 RBIs.

Olson led the Luverne offense with a triple in the first, single in the second, double in the third and a single in the seventh inning.

Tori Serie added a spark hitting an inside-the-park home run on a fly ball to center field in the sixth inning.

Elizabeth Smidt helped LHS with four runs in the game and one RBI.

Nath went the full seven innings on the mound facing 32 batters.

She was credited with the victory, allowing nine hits and four runs, striking out ten and walking one.

BOX Score Game 1

LHS	3	0	4	0	2	4	2	15
RVHS	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Smidt	5	4	2	1
Olson	6	3	4	4
Reisdorfer	3	1	1	4
Cowell	6	0	2	2
Boll	3	0	0	0
Franken	4	0	1	0
Serie	4	3	2	2
Nath	3	1	1	0
Lenz	1	0	1	0
Kracht	3	3	2	1

2B: Cowell, Smidt, Olson
3B: Olson
HR: Serie
Total Bases: Olson 7, Serie 5, Cowell 3, Smidt 3, Kracht 2, Lenz, Reisdorfer, Nath, Franken
Stolen Base: Smidt 2, Reisdorfer

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	7	9	4	3	10

Pitches-strikes: Nath 98-72
Batters faced: Nath 32

LHS 15, Redwood 6

The Luverne Cardinals found themselves down 6-3 after the third inning in the second game of the Redwood Valley tournament on May 4.

In the fourth inning LHS took the

LHS Softball/see p.16

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A work in progress

“When will it be done?”
“When will you paint it?”

These are two of the most common questions I receive about my old truck, outside of what year it is and what engine is in it. Except, like many old car projects, there will likely never be a “done.” There will be new parts here and there and changes made yet, but it will always be a work in progress.

When I was 15 and bought my 1964 Chevy truck from a farmer east of where I grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, I had grand dreams of what my dad and I would turn this old farm truck into.

My dad and I went to many car shows over the years. I saw many pristine trophy-winning hot rods that never even saw a raindrop. At the time, I thought that was the standard to shoot for, but a high schooler working part time at a fried chicken restaurant could only afford a few parts here and there.

Often there can be such a misperception at church. Some think church is for those who are polished and have reached a certain standard. But if you start reading through the lives of many of the figures in the Bible, there are a lot of pieces of unfinished work.

So, should we lower our expectations?

Well, no. In part, all the mess and brokenness mentioned in scripture is evidence of what needs fixing due to sin and how far humans have fallen short of God’s original standards. Yet, the Bible also gives hope for humans facing their own shortcomings.

And even if progress is going in the right direction, sometimes it

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Joe Steenholdt, Luverne Christian Reformed Church

takes longer than we wish. We notice there is always more work to do, never “arriving.”

So, too, goes my truck, and that’s OK. It is still roadworthy, and it’s OK if it gets dirty. It can drive straight, bring me from point A to B, and have fun doing it.

Our faith is similar. It may not be perfect, but what counts is if our faith directs us back to the perfect one, Jesus Christ. We receive God’s blessings through faith, and he begins to restore us.

Further, other followers of Christ can help us patch up holes in our faith like the friends with welding skills help me with my truck. For Paul wrote the church in Thessalonica about how encouraged he was by their faith and love. Yet, they weren’t done yet, because he tells them, “Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.” (1 Thessalonians 3:10).

Hearing that your faith is lacking could be taken as offensive! However, it’s OK if we realize we haven’t arrived yet. Pray that God continues to use your faith and life and draws you closer to him. He is in the business of the most extraordinary restoration project and will see it through to completion in His people.

(Philippians 1:6)

St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne
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Joe Steenholdt, Pastor

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First Baptist Church

103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

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Grace Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, May 11: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 8:30 a.m. 3rd floor painting. Sunday, May 14: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee/Sunday (last one). Tuesday, May 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 17: 7 a.m. Men’s Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors meeting. 6:30 p.m. Voices of Grace rehearsal. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Thursday, May 11: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, May 12: 6:30 a.m. Community Men’s Bible Study. Sunday, May 14—Mother’s Day/Graduate Recognition Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, May 16: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 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

Wednesday, May 10: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, May 13: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, May 14: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, May 15: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, May 16: 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, May 17: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 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, May 10: 1:30 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Session meeting. Thursday, May 11: 9 a.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating team meeting. Sunday, May 14: 9-10 a.m. All-church brunch honoring graduates and mothers. 10:15 a.m. In-person worship service Sunday (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. Monday, May 15: 1 p.m. Caring Friends at

church. 2 p.m. Caring Friends at Poplar Creek. 3:15 p.m. Caring Friends at Mary Jane Brown Home. Wednesday, May 17: 9 a.m. Morning circle. 1:30 p.m. Afternoon circle and staff meeting. 6:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal. 7 p.m. Deacons meeting.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
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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.

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500 E. Main St., Luverne
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New Life Celebration Church
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Jesse Baker, Pastor

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Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
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Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, May 14: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, May 16: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Council meeting. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garetson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — palisadchurch@alliancecom.net
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Thursday, May 11: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA. 7 p.m. Palisade Lutheran Council meeting. Sunday, May 14: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
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Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
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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 bichills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church

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Rock County Planning and Zoning hearing set for May 22

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

Henningsen Construction

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2023. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Henningsen Construction
 Property Owner: F & S Farms
 Location: SW 1/4 of Section 36 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
 Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
 Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Date: May 11, 2023

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
 Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
 311 W. Gabrielson Road
 Luverne, MN 56156
 507-283-8862

(05-11, 05-18)

Kwik Trip assumes name

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

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

ASSUMED NAME: **Kwik Trip #1261**
 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
825 S. Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA
 NAMEHOLDER(S):
 Name: **Kwik Trip, Inc.**
 Address: **1626 Oak Street, PO Box 2107, La Crosse, WI 54602 USA**

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

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ Scott P. Zietlow, President
 EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: moliver@kwiktrip.com

(05-11, 05-18)

Bittner probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
 ROCK COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT
 FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 COURT FILE NUMBER: 67-PR-23-63
 CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

In re the Estate of Thomas Jay Bittner,
 Deceased

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and
 Appointment of Personal Representative
 and Notice to Creditors

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated August 8, 2022, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Kenneth Jay Bittner, whose address is 4371 Briarwood Lane, Minnetonka, MN 55343 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 10, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
 District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch
 Court Administrator

(05-04, 05-11)

Rock County Highway Dept. accepts proposals until June 5

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.P. 067-601-014

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota, until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 5, 2023.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/ THESE PROJECT/ PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

•in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids

in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

•in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

•in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

•in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in any state, on any single working day during the previous 12 months, you must have a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights to bid on any job in this advertisement. Please contact the Department of Human Rights immediately if you need assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of 1.9% Good Faith Effort to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Construction of Bridge 67576, a 140' Concrete Slab Span. The project is located in Kanaranzi Township, 1.6 Miles East of CSAH 3 on CSAH 1 over Kanaranzi Creek.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 194 Cu. Yd. Structural Concrete; 4,892 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 332 Lin. Ft. of Type S (TL-4) Railing Concrete; 98,050 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 590 Cu. Yds. Random Rip Rap (Class IV); 480 Lin. Ft. 12" C-I-P Piling; 2 - 12" C-I-P Test Piles 70 Ft. Long; 840 Lin. Ft. 16" C-I-P Piling; 2 - 16" C-I-P Test Piles 80 Ft. Long & Approach Work.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questodn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be **\$50.00**.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SP 067-601-014"**.

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
 Rock County Highway Engineer
 (05-11, 05-18, 05-25)

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

1333 Northland Drive, Suite 205

Mendota Heights, MN 55120

801-355-2886

651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MN21479.

(04-27, 05-04, 05-11, 05-18, 05-25, 06-01)

City of Steen sets hearing for June 6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Steen will hold a public hearing on June 6, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the City Hall to consider changes to city's floodplain ordinance.

This floodplain ordinance would establish floodplain regulations for the city, and will reference the effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS). The city is adopting a floodplain ordinance as part of the process to enroll in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Any and all person(s) desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity at the above stated time and place.

If you have any questions regarding the above public hearing, please contact Lynette Woelber.

(05-11)

Notice of hearing for variance request for Bonestroos

Notice of Public Hearing for Variance Request

for Mitch and Erwin Bonestroo

Close Proximity Owners and Local Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 22, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:05 p.m. to act on the following application:

A request for a variance to allow the placement of a new non-farm dwelling to be located less than one-quarter mile from an existing feedlot, with the dwelling to be located on a 6.99 acre tract located in the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 32 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W of Rock County, Minnesota. Said property is owned by Erwin and Janet Bonestroo. The proposed dwelling would encroach upon the required setback from the nearest feedlot as allowed in the Rock County Zoning Ordinance.

The property described is zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Dated: May 11, 2023

By Order of the Rock County Board of Adjustment

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road

Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862

(05-11, 05-18)

Javner probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

Estate of

PROBATE DIVISION

Deborah Maymee Javner, a/k/a

Court File No. 67-PR-23-85

Deborah M. Javner,

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON

a/k/a Deborah Javner,

PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND

Decedent

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 5, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown St., Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, May 9, 2022, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Greg Vanderpoel, whose address is 1721 75th Ave., Lake Wilson, MN, 56151 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 25, 2023

BY THE COURT

COURT SEAL

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt

District Court Judge

Attorney for Petitioner

/s/ Natalie Reisch

R. Paul Goode, Jr.

Court Administrator

Runchey, Louwagie & Wellman, P.L.L.P.

533 West Main Street

Marshall, MN 56258

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(05-04, 05-11)

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EMPLOYMENT

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•RN part-time day shift
•Both positions include every 3rd weekend and 3rd holiday.
Contact: Suzanne Lenz, Director of Nursing, 507-967-2482 don@parkviewmanormn.com 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 (4.29-5.13)

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EMPLOYMENT

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Dennis & Cheryl Shelton,
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(5.11-5.13)

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<https://mn.gov/mmb/careers>
For additional information call 507-920-0000.
EEO/AAO



EMPLOYMENT



Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for FULL-TIME ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH TEACHER.

Questions may be directed to Stacy Gillette, Elementary Principal - s.gillette@isd2184.net or 507-283-4497.
District application form available at https://www.isd2184.net/about_ips/open_employment. Submit letter of application, 3 current letters of recommendation, college transcripts and completed district application form to Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne MN 56156 or c.oftedahl@isd2184.net.
Position open until filled.



MORE INFO & APPLICATION FORM

EOE

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For more information or an application give Al a call at 507-677-2237 or email alk@chandlerfeed.com

Chandler Feed Co.

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LHS Baseball team/continued from page 9

Conner Connell crossing the plate twice in the game.

Zach DeBoer drove in three RBIs, and Miller and Stroh knocked in two each.

BOX Score	LHS	PHS
5 2 3 5 0 x x 15		
1 0 0 0 0 x x 1		

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

Left on base: 7
2B: Sehr, Connell, Domagala, Stroh
TB: Schlosser, Buss, Sehr 3, Connell 2, Domagala 3, Kroski, Miller, Sneller, Stroh 2, Serie, DeBoer, Ahrendt
SB: Schlosser 3, Sehr, Ahrendt

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne	3	4	1	1	4
Sehr	2	0	0	0	2
Kroski	2	0	0	0	2

Win: Kroski
Pitches-Strikes: Sehr 61-40, Kroski 39-21

Blue Earth doubleheader

The Luverne baseball team took two games from Blue Earth, 11-0 and 10-2, on the road Friday, May 5.

In Game 1, the Cardinals posted 11 hits in the game, four by Sehr and two by Miller.

Sehr led LHS with four RBIs, and Layke Miller led with three runs.

Blue Earth had just one hit in the game and left four

runners on base.

Connell pitched five innings for Luverne. He allowed only one hit and struck out nine batters.

BOX Score Game 1	LHS	BLHS
0 2 0 2 7 x x 11		
0 0 0 0 0 x x 0		

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

Left on base: 6
2B: Miller, Sehr 3, Sneller
TB: Connell, Miller 2, Sehr 4, Sneller 2, Stroh
SB: Kroski, Sehr, Sneller

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne	5	1	0	0	9
Connell	5	1	0	0	9

Win: Connell
Pitches-Strikes: Connell 82-55

In Game 2, the Cardinals picked up where they left off in Game 1.

They fired up the offense with the two runs in the first inning and one in the third to take a 3-1 lead over Blue Earth.

LHS added two runs in the fifth and closed the game in the sixth with another five runs.

Elliot Domagala led LHS with a pair of hits, and he and Stroh posted two RBIs each. Riley Sneller, Connell and Will Serie each produced two runs for the Cardinals.

Jacob Stroh started on the mound for Luverne, pitching five innings, allowing three hits and two runs, and striking out three batters.

DeBoer came in to relieve Stroh and got the win, not allowing a hit or run while striking out five batters.

BOX Score Game 2	LHS	BLHS
2 0 1 0 2 5 x 10		
0 1 0 0 1 0 0 2		

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

Left on base: 6
2B: Domagala, Sehr
3B: Connell
TB: Connell 3, Domagala 3, Sehr 2, Sneller, Stroh
SB: Domagala

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne	5	3	2	2	3
Stroh	1	0	0	0	5
DeBoer	1	0	0	0	5

Win: DeBoer
Pitches-Strikes: Stroh 91-48, De-Boer 30-21

St. James doubleheader

The Cardinals split a doubleheader with St. James on the road Monday, May 8.

LHS lost the first game 5-3 on late scoring from the Saints. Luverne took the second game 10-9 on a seventh inning walk-off single by Layke Miller.

In Game 1 St. James pulled away in the sixth in-

ning, scoring two runs to lead 5-2.

In the top of the seventh the Cardinals had a chance to stay in the game, but they scored only one run. The game ended 5-3 in the Saints' favor.

Connell helped Luverne with a fly ball homerun to left field in the second inning. He led the team with two hits and five total bases in the game.

DeBoer started on the mound for Luverne, allowing three runs on eight hits over five innings, striking out six and walking one.

Kroski took the loss for Luverne, allowing no hits or runs over two-thirds innings.

BOX Score Game 1	LHS	St.J
0 1 1 0 0 0 1 3		
2 0 0 0 1 2 x 5		

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

Left on base: 7
2B: Serie, Sneller, Stroh
HR: Connell
TB: Connell 5, DeBoer, Miller, Sehr, Serie 2, Sneller 2, Stroh 2

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne	5	8	3	3	6
DeBoer	.1	1	2	2	1
Ahrendt	.2	0	0	0	0
Kroski	.2	0	0	0	0

Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 73-52, Ahrendt 17-8, Kroski 4-2

In Game 2 Luverne won

in dramatic fashion with a 10-9 walk-off victory.

In the bottom of the seventh inning Miller singled on a 3-2 count, scoring Connell from third base.

LHS built up a six-point lead at the end of the second inning only to go dormant for the next four innings.

At the top of the seventh St. James was able to tie the game 9-9.

The Cardinals pulled off the win in the bottom of the seventh inning to take Game 2 from the Saints and split a doubleheader.

Sehr took the mound for LHS and went 4 2/3 innings, allowing four runs on six hits, striking out five and walking one.

Kai Buss came in to relieve Sehr and pitched 2 1/3 innings, allowing five runs with two strike-outs.

BOX Score Game 2	St.J	LHS
3 0 0 0 1 3 2 9		
8 1 0 0 0 0 1 10		

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

Left on base: 2
2B: Domagala, Sneller
TB: Connell, Domagala 3, Miller, Serie, Sneller 2

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Luverne	4.2	6	4	1	5
Sehr	2.1	7	5	5	2

Pitches-Strikes: Sehr 73-47, Buss 42-26

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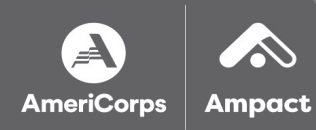
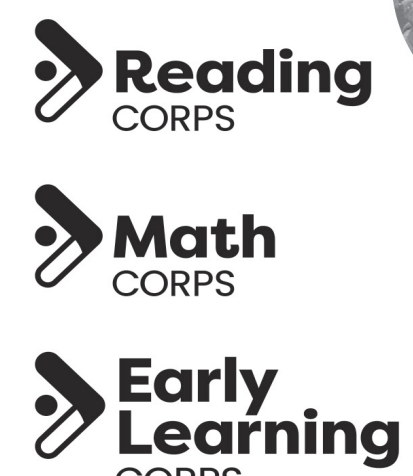
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EDUCATION: HS Diploma

REQUIREMENTS:

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GENERAL SUMMARY:
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RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Work closely with operations to provide daily operating reports (Yield Reports/ AS400)
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Bob Nagel Relays/continued from page 11

H-BC Blake Leenderts 1:00.48, 14th
H-BC Lukas Hubbard 1:06.59, [PR], 19th
LHS Eli McLendon 1:06.85, [PR], 20th

Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles
LHS Elizabeth Wagner 48.22, first
LHS Reinha John 53.02, second
LHS Jerzey Hood 58.68, seventh
LHS Emma Nath 59.00, [PR], eighth
H-BC Ava Steinhoff 1:01.55, 13th
H-BC Larissa Steinhoff 1:04.77, 14th

Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles
H-BC James Vanden Bosch 47.05, [PR], fifth
LHS Isaac DeBates 47.20, sixth
H-BC Jackson Gacke 52.71, 11th

Girls' 800 Meters
LHS Jenna DeBates 2:32.24, second
LHS Grace Ingebretsen 2:47.85, sixth
H-BC Bailey Spykerboer 2:57.58, tenth
H-BC Ella Sammons 2:58.37, 11th
LHS Josie Anderson 3:05.97, [PR], 15th
LHS Brynn Boyenga 3:23.44, 20th

Boys' 800 Meters
LHS Owen Janiszkeski 2:09.59, first
LHS Camden Janiszkeski 2:12.37, second
LHS Sage Viessman 2:18.83, fifth

Girls' 200 Meters
H-BC Brynn Bakken 26.77, first
LHS Baylee Smidt 30.05, [PR], sixth
LHS Hailey Como 30.48, ninth
LHS Morgan Hadler 30.63, [PR], 11th
LHS Adelyn Rodriguez 31.47, 15th

Boys' 200 Meters
LHS Coy Thone 24.73, third
H-BC Elisha Taubert 24.85, fourth
LHS Coulter Thone 24.85, [PR], fourth
H-BC Mason Shaffner 25.15, [PR], sixth
LHS Ashton Hood 25.59, ninth
H-BC Riley Tatge 26.32, 13th
LHS Tyler Rolfs 26.47, 14th
H-BC Sawyer Bosch 27.04, 15th

Boys' 3200 Meters
LHS Leif Ingebretsen 11:28.61, [PR], third
LHS Eli McLendon 12:40.68, [PR], seventh

Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay
LHS Tiana Lais, Sarah Stegenga, Isabella Oye, Elizabeth Wagner 4:25.30, first

Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay
LHS Lucky Dara, Zachary Terrio, Darius Dolo, Ryan Fick 3:40.52, first

Girls' Long Jump
H-BC Brynn Bakken 15-03.75, first
LHS Kendra Thorson 14-11, third
LHS Sarah Stegenga 14-04, seventh
H-BC Brynn Rauk 13-09, ninth

LHS Makena Nelson 13-07.25, 10th
H-BC Hailey Moser 11-08.5, 22nd
H-BC Abigail Harris 11-04.75 23rd

Boys' Long Jump
LHS DJ Rock 18-04, third
H-BC Mason Shaffner 16-10.5, eighth
H-BC Bode Kruger 16-07.75, [PR], 10th
H-BC Riley Tatge 16-06, 11th
H-BC Sawyer Bosch 16-05.75, 12th
LHS Anyuon Atem 15-11, 16th

Girls' Triple Jump
LHS Augusta Papik 33-09.25, second
LHS Kendra Thorson 30-08.25, fourth
H-BC Jerzey Hood 29-07, sixth
H-BC Ava Steinhoff 28-11.5, eighth
H-BC Emma Deelstra 28-03.5, 10th
H-BC Bailey Spykerboer 28-01, 11th

Boys' Triple Jump
LHS Anyuon Atem 36-03.5, fourth
H-BC Blake Leenderts 36-00.25, fifth
LHS Coy Thone 35-07.5, [PR], sixth
H-BC Mason Shaffner 34-10, [PR], eighth
H-BC Sawyer Bosch 34-06, tenth
H-BC Bode Kruger 33-07.5, 14th

Girls' High Jump
LHS Agusta Papik 4-10, [PR], third
H-BC Ava Steinhoff 4-10, [PR], fourth
LHS Maria Ropps 4-06, sixth
H-BC Larissa Steinhoff 4-04, eighth
LHS Reinha John 4-04, eighth

Boys' High Jump
LHS Gavin DeBeer 6-00, [PR], second
H-BC James Vanden Bosch 5-04, fourth
H-BC Elisha Taubert 5-02, seventh
H-BC Jackson Gacke 5-02, ninth
H-BC Jamin Metzger 5-00, 11th

Girls' Pole Vault
LHS Corynn Oye 7-06, second
LHS Josie Anderson 5-00, 10th
LHS Kayla Bloemendaal 5-00, [PR], tenth
LHS Brynn Boyenga 5-00, 10th

Boys' Pole Vault
LHS DJ Rock 12-06, first
LHS Tyler Rolfs 10-00, third
LHS Anyuon Atem 9-06, fourth
LHS Leif Ingebretsen 9-00, fifth

Girls' Shot Put
LHS Jocelyn Hart 40-06, first
LHS Jayden Hart 38-07, [PR], second
H-BC Isabel Wysong 30-05, fifth
H-BC Ally Birger 30-05, sixth
H-BC Larissa Steinhoff 29-09, seventh
LHS Hannah Woodley 29-08, [PR], eighth
LHS Hannah Sneller 27-10, 11th

Boys' Shot Put
LHS Elijah Woodley 43-03, first
LHS Keaton Ahrendt 39-09, third
H-BC Beau Bakken 39-06, fourth
LHS Ryker Johnson 37-11, fifth
H-BC Brayden Metzger 37-03, ninth
H-BC Jackson Gacke 34-06, 13th
LHS Adam Ask 33-07, 15th
H-BC Riley Tatge 32-07, 21st

Girls' Discus
LHS Jocelyn Hart 117-08, first
LHS Jayden Hart 133-07, second
H-BC Ally Birger 83-05, [PR], fifth
H-BC Isabel Wysong 80-09, [PR], seventh
LHS Hannah Sneller 80-00, eighth
LHS Hannah Woodley 78-05, ninth

Boys' Discus
LHS Elijah Woodley 120-00, first
LHS Ryker Johnson 116-11, [PR], second
H-BC Riley Tatge 110-11, [PR], third
LHS Keaton Ahrendt 107-04, fifth
LHS Adam Ask 106-10, eighth
H-BC Brayden Metzger 97-07, 11th
H-BC Jamin Metzger 85-08, [PR], 18th

LHS Tennis/from page 10

Bergman 6-0, 6-0; Kanyon Hicks over Caleb Kracht (Luv) 4-1, 0-0 retired; Zach Lundeen over Kaleb Hemme 6-0, 6-0.

Austin Sandbulte played in an exhibition match, losing 6-2, 6-1.

“Against Redwood Valley our No. 1 singles player, Ethan Nath, played a strong match against the section’s second-best singles player,” Rud said.

“Ethan lost both games but had multiple deuces, and it easily could have gone the other way.”

He said Kracht was playing well in his first match when he suffered an ankle sprain and had to retire.

“We are hopeful that it isn’t too serious and that he will be playing again soon,” Rud said.

LHS Softball/from page 11

game over, scoring four runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and seven in the sixth inning.

Anika Boll led Luverne by scoring two runs on two hits and driving in four RBIs.

Reisdorfer crossed the plate three times, stole one base and added one RBI for LHS.

Cowell started on the mound, going three innings, allowing nine hits and six runs and striking out two batters.

Nath took the win, pitching four innings, not allowing any runs while striking out five and no walks.

BOX Score Game 2

RVHS	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	6
LHS	0	0	3	4	1	7	x	15

BATTING

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

2B: Boll
3B: Olson
Total bases: Olson 3, Boll 3, Smidt 2, Serie 2, Reisdorfer, Lenz, Cowell
Stolen Base: Smidt, Reisdorfer

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Cowell	3	9	6	1	2
Nath	4	2	0	0	5

Pitches-strikes: Cowell 60-43, Nath 46-37
Batters faced: Cowell 21, Nath 15

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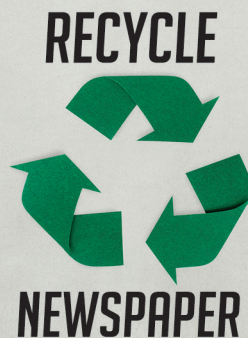
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