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National Guard Luverne Readiness Center on track to open in August

By Mavis Fodness

Construction of the Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center has progressed as scheduled since the December 2021 groundbreaking.

For the first four months of 2023, however, construction slowed, according to project manager Kelly Sandborg with Brennan Companies of Mankato.

"The winter was horrible with all the storm events," he said last week. "Wind, snow — winter didn't want to give up."

Despite the weather delays, construction of the nearly 47,000-square-foot readiness center is on track for an August finish.

Sandborg said the weather primarily delayed work on the



Mavis Fodness photo/0518 Armory Build

Workers lay bricks and install the translucent panels (ballistic-proof windows) Wednesday afternoon, May 10, on the back side of the future Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center on West Koehn Avenue.

landscape, which will resume soon. The \$17.5 million building on West Koehn Avenue near I-90 will

be the new home of the Alpha Battery, 125th Field Artillery Regiment this fall.

The facility features an assembly hall, work bays, storage areas, classrooms, administrative

offices, fitness center, kitchen and locker rooms.

"This project is a unique one with the KAHR Foundation," said project manager Justin Skogland with the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs. "It (the \$6.2 million KAHR contribution) increased the footprint of the assembly hall or drill floor."

When not in use by the guardsmen, portions of the readiness center will be available for community use, a role that has been limited in the current armory on Freeman Avenue in Luverne.

At 10,716 square feet, the assembly or drill hall is a third larger than those included in the traditional armory floor plan.

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Dirt work begins at school alumni garden

By Mavis Fodness

Construction on the alumni garden on the Luverne Middle-High School campus began in earnest last week with landscapers spending days removing dirt from the location.

Steve "Junior" Selseth with Oh' Landscapes out of Mayer, Minnesota, is heading up the project.

"This whole project is design built," he said. "There is a basic format that was agreed upon but basically it is built as we go."

Once the area is fully excavated, the project will begin first with the setting of 154 tons of granite slabs. Sioux quartzite boulders will be added along with similar materials used in other monuments and gardens in Luverne.

After preparations to improve drainage and the installation of electrical and irrigation lines are complete, the garden build will begin.

Timeline has Selseth moving the granite pieces into place the first week in June with construction finished before the start of the 2023-24 school year in September. "It's going to be a cool project," Selseth said.

The alumni garden is a Luverne Education Legacy Fund (LELF) project, which funds various school facility improvements through community donations.

The garden project is primarily funded through the KAHR Foundation, including



Mavis Fodness photo/0518 Alumni Garden Start

Workers with Oh' Landscapes of Mayer, Minnesota, begin groundwork on the east side of the Luverne Middle-High School last week. The ground will be leveled before workers begin building the new alumni garden.

a hall of fame wall to recognize former Luverne students.

Initial costs were slated at \$1.4 million.

The existing steel canopy will be incorporated into the garden design that includes a 30- to 40-person seating area with podium and sound system.

Vegetation will surround the garden.

Alumni hall of fame unveiled this fall

The inaugural induction for the Luverne Public School's Alumni Hall of Fame will take place this fall during the district homecoming weekend.

Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl reported to the March 23 school board that the selection committee received 20

applications.

"Very deserving nominations" is how Oftedahl described the candidates.

The committee anticipates selecting no more than eight individuals to honor. Nominees not selected this year will be considered the following year.

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'Marlene and Darlene' help raise \$13,000 at Generations

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne actresses Brenda Winter and DJ Luethje returned to the Generations stage Thursday night as the popular "Marlene and Darlene" who had the audience of over 300 people rolling with laughter.

The May 11 event marked the fourth annual performance for the hapless elderly sisters who drove their "Toyota from Leota" to help Generations raise money for its operations.

"It was an amazing and fun show," said Generations president George Bonnema.

"These talented ladies have a way of coming up with one-liners and facial expressions to support their conversation that is uniquely their own."

Auctioneer Yvette Vander

Marlene and Darlene/see p. 3



DJ Luethje



Brenda Winter

Financing in place for work to begin on Lopau Addition

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members at their May 9 meeting authorized sale of general obligation improvement bonds in the amount of \$1,585,000 to finance the Lopau housing addition development.

During the bid letting that morning, four firms submitted proposals for the bond sale, and Robert W. Baird investment bank was awarded the sale at 3.37 percent (better than the estimated 3.56 percent).

The city retained Northland Securities Inc., Minneapolis, to advise the sale of the bonds, and

George Eilertson of the firm reported to the council Tuesday night.

"Housing is a need in Luverne, and this is a project in line with that," he said.

"The bonds will be issued to finance the public improvements with that project to get it ready for single family and twin home development. That is certainly a positive for the city."

The bonds are structured with a 12-year financing term with a call date Feb. 1, 2030, which is the date the city could start prepaying

Lopau Addition bonds/see p. 2

Jr. kindergarten has successful first year

By Mavis Fodness

Bright smiles and enthusiastic applause Friday afternoon capped a successful junior kindergarten year at Luverne Elementary School.

The 12 students in the inaugural class performed their first musical program Friday afternoon in front of a large group of family and friends gathered in the gymnasium.

Music teacher Morgan Van Holland watched the students' confidence grow since they started in September as they learned to use good singing voices (not shouting) and maintain a steady beat.

"When I had students come up

Junior kindergarten/see p. 7



Mavis Fodness photo/0518 Junior Kindergarten 2023

The first class of junior kindergartners perform "Milkshake" Friday afternoon in the elementary gym. Pictured (from left) are Kodac Rivas, Mavis Mollberg, Ryder Leicher, Hadee Bullerman, (second row) Quinn Connell, Kaidyn King, Athena Peterson, Luke Elbers, (back) Silas Nettifee, Presley Mundt, Huck Petersen and Adalynn Sparks.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mobile dental clinic coming to ATLAS 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 scheduled for May 20

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

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.

Maplewood Cemetery Memorial Day program May 29

Luverne American Legion and VFW will host a Memorial Day ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 29, in Maplewood Cemetery. Guest speaker is Kent Heronimus. The service will be broadcast on KQAD.

Park bison tours begin 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.

Luverne Community Education officers classes, activities

Community Education will offer the following classes in the next few weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

To take advantage of lower fees and **register by May 24** for football, volleyball, tennis, golf, morning rec, arts and crafts, basketball, track, gymnastics, and weight lifting.

Soccer Fun for ages 3 through second grade as attended during the past school year begins on May 30. Fee is \$35/child.

Grades 3-12 can learn about lakes and how to catch fish at **School of Fish** on May 31. Fee is \$38 (and includes an adult buddy.)

Students grades 3 and older (as attended during 22-23 school year) will receive training that can prepare them to be **Home Alone** on June 1. Fee is \$15.

Co-Ed Outdoor 3 on 3 Basketball League begins on June 1 for boys and girls in grades 3-6 as attended during the 22-23 school year. Fee is \$50 (or \$40 if registered for another camp/offering).

SAIL classes in Magnolia

SAIL classes meet from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings June 6 through Aug. 24, in the Magnolia Post Office. The free classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. Call A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota manager Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064, or A.C.E. volunteer Connie Frahm, 507-220-3584.



County roads 5 and 6 get milled off and overlaid with new asphalt surface

Workers with Duinink Construction mill off the section of County Road 5 between County Road 6 and Highway 23 Monday evening. They recently finished paving County Road 6 between Hills and Beaver Creek, and they expect to have County 5 finished by the end of the week. The railroad crossing at County Road 6 and County Road 4 east of Beaver Creek was also rehabilitated as part of the project.

Lori Sorenson photo/0518 county 5 mill-off



Wieneke retires from county sheriff's office

By Mavis Fodness

Sgt. Jeff Wieneke will retire next month after a 32-year career with the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioners accepted Wieneke's request May 2.

"It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Rock County for over 32 years," he wrote in his May 1 retirement letter.

"I have been fortunate to work with many people who are dedicated and passionate about law enforcement. I will take many lifetime friendships with me."

His retirement becomes official June 30.

"Rock County has been my home for most of my life," Wieneke stated. "I doubt there is a better place to live, work and raise a family."

He's served in a variety of

positions at the sheriff's office, most recently as investigator and sergeant, with previous positions as deputy and tactical operator for the H.E.A.T. tactical team.

"I want to thank all of my supervisors throughout my career, especially Sheriff (Evan) Verbrugge, who thought I deserved these opportunities," he added.

The county is currently seeking to hire an officer for Wieneke's position.

Verbrugge said the internal process to hire a new sergeant/investigator has already started.

"Once that has been completed, then we hope to interview for an open deputy position," he said.

Counting Verbrugge and Wieneke, the Sheriff's Office currently employs 13 officers.

Poppy Day May 26

National Poppy Day is Friday, May 26, and Gov. Tim Walz declared May as Poppy Month in Minnesota.

Red poppies symbolize the sacrifice of United States service members killed while protecting our nation.

They're worn to honor those fallen heroes and to support military service people, veterans and their families.

Local American Legion Auxiliary members accept donations for poppies at Bomgaars, Pizza Ranch, Sunshine Foods and local banks.

All money collected directly supports service members, veterans and their families through the Legion's outreach programs.

For example, American Legion Auxiliary members use the funds for Veterans Home bingo, painting, musical programs, newspaper subscriptions, Christmas presents, cover-ups and more. Also, money raised through poppy sales can now be used to support Honor Flights.

To donate or for more information, call Luverne American Legion Auxiliary President Dianna Tomlinson, 507-220-0275.

Lopau Housing Addition bond sale/continued from page 1

on the bonds "Hopefully by that date and any date thereafter you've sold all the lots and you can pay off the bond," Eilertson said.

He said the Luverne's strong financial management, strong fiscal policies, and solid budget reserves contributed to the city's strong AA-minus bond rating through Standard and Poor's rating.

Bond funds will hit the city's account on June 1.

Construction to start this spring, lots ready this fall

Henning Construction of Adrian was the low bidder for the project

at \$1,480,513.80 (nearly \$270,000 lower than the engineer's estimate of \$1.75 million).

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

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

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

The existing property

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

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

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

stream of Poplar Creek and will reduce the proposed runoff flow rate.

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

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

LEDA will use a combination of cash reserves and the revenue from lot sales to make bond payments, in addition to special assessments on the new properties and property tax levies.

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Hills City Council addresses resident letter about blight

By Mavis Fodness

The city of Hills received an anonymous letter singling out various blighted properties in the city.

The city, however, can't act on the letter's request because the letter was unsigned.

"You can't go the sheriff with a complaint, if nobody signs it," said Mayor Keith Elbers.

The letter listed 17 residences by address, which they considered a nuisance, and the city's responsibility to enforce its own nuisance ordinance.

The letter dated May 8 asked: "Doesn't the town have an ordinance (sic) against this saying the town would clean them up and fine property owners taxes?"

The council discussed the letter's contents at their May 9 meeting.

They agreed many of the listed addresses violated the city's public nuisance ordinance. Some did not.

The three-page nuisance ordinance adopted in 2013 provides a detailed list of what is considered a public nuisance.

Among the nuisances are:

- abandoned and junk vehicles.
- accumulation of manure, refuse and other debris.
- storage of discarded

materials, which are no longer used for purposes for which they were manufactured.

Annually, city officials tour the city and notice properties in violation of the ordinance. Letters are sent to those residences explaining the violation and request mitigation.

Ordinance violations are a misdemeanor.

The city's letter reminds residents they face a \$500 fine per violation if blight is not removed from the location. The penalty doubles for a repeat violation occurring within 12 months at the same location.

However, enforcement of the blight ordinance starts with a signed complaint from a resident.

Until a complaint is received, city officials will continue to educate residents about the nuisance ordinance.

Council member Stacen Burgers said the annual letters should "coach" residents on what is expected in the city of Hills.

"If people understood the value of just talking with their neighbors, it can go a whole lot further than what we can do," he said.

"If you can't get a neighbor to cooperative, you simply have to fill out the complaint. But you have to put your name on it for us to be able to do anything about it."

'Save the Manfred House' says DNR is neglecting historic Manfred House

Members of the non-profit Save the Manfred House Inc. issued a position paper last week accusing the Minnesota DNR of neglecting the historic Manfred House and demanding public engagement before the structure is torn down.

The group was founded in September 2019 out of concern that the historically significant Manfred House, built by noted Minnesota author Frederick Manfred, was being neglected by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

It is located atop the Blue Mounds within the state park north of Luverne and most recently served as the park interpretive center until 2016 when it was closed to the public.

"We call on the DNR to reexamine its intent to tear down the Manfred House, to engage experts and the public more fully, and to conduct a more objective review of the situation than has occurred to date," the group asserts in the position paper released May 11.

"Only after that is done should the possibility of the demolition of the Manfred House be considered."

This position paper asserts that the DNR:

- has not lived up to its obligations to steward the Manfred House on behalf of the people of Minnesota.
- has not properly considered public opinion in formulating its plans to tear down the Manfred House and has consistently misrepresented the extent of its public outreach.

- issued a Request for Proposal that was designed to result in the DNR's desired outcome of the demolition of the Manfred House, rather than considering all reasonable options.

- has not engaged with the proper experts to consider the range of possible options for the Manfred House.

- did not support the listing of the Manfred House on the National Register of Historic Places, a designation the house received for its cultural significance and unique design.

- has not been responsive to requests from SMH for information that is in the public interest.

Each of these assertions is expanded upon in the full text of the 1,700-word document which can be found at savethemanfredhouse.org.

The DNR responded on Tuesday to the position paper saying:

"The DNR just received a copy of the position paper from the Save the Manfred House group. We are in the process of reviewing the document.

"The DNR hopes to continue to work with the community to develop an approach that honors the historic contributions of Mr. Manfred."

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Lori Sorenson photos/0518 marlene and darlene

Audience members — 300 people in attendance — react to the comedy duo of Marlene and Darlene Thursday night, May 11, at Generations in Luverne where the dessert theater and auction raised \$13,000 for the non-profit seniors organization.

Marlene and Darlene at Generations/continued from page 1

Brink joined the comedy act incorporating the auction of 10 "beautiful, elegant cakes donated by local specialty bakers," said Bonnema, who also donated his famous carrot cakes for the auction and the raffle.

The cake auction contributed \$4,150 to the overall evening receipts of \$13,000, which will be used for programming expenses at Generations.

"The Generations event team members express their sincere appreciation for the people who supported and attended this great event," Bonnema said.

Among the fundraising efforts that evening was the raffle of a quilt started by the late Sandy Winter (Brenda Winter's mother) before she died last fall.

Marian Schneekloth and other Generations quilters finished it in time for the event on May 11, which happened to be Winter's birthday.

Her husband, Gerald, and their children and grandchildren were in attendance.



Darlene (DJ Luethje) and Marlene (Brenda Winter) react as their homemade cakes are auctioned Thursday.



Donated cakes raised more than \$4,000 at the Generations dessert theatre and auction May 11.

"The membership dues are still needed to pay the light bill," he said. "That's another \$1,540 per month — times 12 months, so we're looking at \$18,480 per year just for utilities."

That's in addition to snow removal, property maintenance and other expenses, Bonnema said, explaining that fundraising efforts are ongoing.

But he stressed that Thursday's fundraiser was for activities such as music, dancing, live music, cards, speakers, coffee and cookies, puzzle tournaments, make-and-take projects, SAIL fitness classes and more.

Generations takes in revenue through renting out the building for private parties, weddings, reunions, graduations and other occasions.

Also, Lutheran Social Services rents the kitchen and facility to serve senior diners in the area — roughly 20 to 60 people who eat lunch Monday through Friday.

LSS kitchen staff and volunteers also package and deliver home-delivered meals to Luverne, Adrian, Worthington, Pipestone, Hardwick, Jasper, Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen.

In all, the Generations kitchen serves 4,000 meals per month. Last March, 4685 meals were prepared.

Bonnema said the Generations organization mission statement is to "Live Well and Age Well," and new members 55 and older are welcome to join "for nutrition, education, recreation, socialization and fitness."

The Generations Facebook page lists events and menus for each month.

Mortgage burning

In addition to the fundraising event, the Generations board burned their mortgage (in a large glass jar) to represent the total repayment of the loan plus interest to purchase the building.

It cost \$975,000. They borrowed \$600,000 at 4.24 percent, which meant another \$27,000 had to be paid for interest on the loan.

As the audience applauded the burning mortgage, Bonnema reminded the group that Generation's expenses are ongoing.

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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Class of 2023

**Unfold your wings ...
and fly, or don't**

Forty-two years ago this spring, I — 18-year-old sage that I was — gave the student address to the Class of 1981.



**THE
NORTHVIEW**

By Brenda Winter, columnist

There were two speakers. I don't remember who the other speaker was, and I doubt we made lasting impressions on our classmates.

As a matter of fact, I doubt we made any impression on our classmates.

Advice is like that.

The inspiration for my address was a young, lost blackbird that had joined me earlier that week for a brief walk down Luverne's Main Street — past Smith's Furniture.

I don't recall what I was doing there, and the little bird certainly did not know what it was doing there.

"What are we doing and where are we going?" seemed like a fitting motto for both the bird and for me at that particular stage of our lives, but probably lacked the motivational tone required of a graduation class address, so I kept looking.

In the early 1980s inspirational greeting cards were all the rage. My friends and I sent each other cards with "Deep Thoughts about Deep

Things."

Along with the little bird, the card that inspired my graduation talk read,

*"Unfold your wings and fly.
Away, into the starry sky.
Friend of mine,
have a good time."*

I'm not sure "having a good time" was the most noble of life's endeavors, but it rhymed with "mine" so I went with it.

I knew a lot when I graduated from high school. I knew I would "fly away" and never live in Luverne. I would never marry a farmer, never have three kids, and as I once announced to my mom while we pulled weeds, "Never!" have a garden.

By 1994 I was married to a Luverne-area farmer, had three kids and a big garden.

In 2023 I'm married to a Luverne-area photographer (same guy), have three kids, four grandkids and an even bigger garden.

So, Class of 2023, as you look forward to the rest of your lives, just know this: Whatever you think you know is probably wrong.

Have a good time.

**If we eliminate subminimum wages,
what will the impact be on
individuals with disabilities?**

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Eric Sage, executive director
Rock County Opportunities, Luverne

I have been asked a lot lately what I think about the growing movement across the country and here in Minnesota to end subminimum wages for people with disabilities in the next five years.

It's comforting that Minnesota has a Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages to help develop a plan if this bill does pass.

However, I'm nervous about removing options for individuals with disabilities. Higher wages would be fantastic for those we serve who can work competitively in the community.

Our goal at Rock County Opportunities (RCO) is to encourage independence and sustainability, but we know there is not a one-size-fits-all service. Everyone we serve is completely different.

I have supported individuals with disabilities for the last 15 years in several different areas, and I believe that the more options we can offer, the more successful the individuals we support will be long-term.

RCO's mission is to empower people of all abilities to achieve all they can. We serve individuals with physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities. I believe that RCO is the only non-profit disability service provider in Luverne.

The individuals we serve at RCO can choose what their day will look like. They can:

- participate in our enrichment programs, working in the community while receiving a

competitive wage,

- work with our Vocational Rehabilitation Services program to get help finding an independent job placement, or

- work in our facility which holds a 14c subminimum wage certificate.

This certificate allows us as a small rural nonprofit organization to provide choices to the individuals and families we support.

As minimum wage increases and more jobs become automated, my fear is that jobs may not be available for many of the individuals we support who cannot work competitively in the community.

I also do not know what our individuals will do during that lost time that they would have been working in our facility. Several people we serve need consistent support from their dedicated staff team to complete the required tasks.

The timing of this also concerns me when there are more than 3,500 Minnesotans that are currently on waiting lists to receive day and employment services exactly like the services we provide here at RCO. Some have been waiting for more than three years.

At RCO we do not want to prematurely remove our 14c certificate

without a solid understanding of what will replace this opportunity for the individuals we serve.

After speaking with the families and individuals who would be impacted by the elimination of subminimum wage, I am not certain that the wage is more important than an established environment where the individuals feel safe, accepted, and have a sense of purpose.

I have learned to trust that families know the individual needs and preferences of their loved ones better than I do.

I do not know what the impact of this legislation will be if passed.

I hope we are looking at data in other states that have already made the decision to eliminate subminimum wage to understand what that might look like here in Minnesota.

I know that here at RCO we will continue to advocate for those we love and support as we have been for the last 55 years.

At the end of the day, I am confident that RCO and other providers like us will continue to find creative ways to carry out our mission while providing opportunities for those we serve to make choices in how their services are received and delivered.

Friends, fishing: 'No better way to spend four days'

In recent weeks I have been planning for an upcoming fishing trip.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

For years my two fishing buddies, Leroy and Dan, and I — and yes, I have fishing buddies ... I also have hunting buddies, side-by-side buddies, and I even have a group of Power Ball buddies, not to mention my coffee buddies — anyway, my fishing buddies and I get together for a four-day trip to the waters of the Missouri River. Due to Covid and other events, our fishing trip has been canceled two of the last three years.

Planning for weeks in advance, I compose a list of the things I need to bring along on the trip. This helps me at least in my mind think that the trip is a bigger deal than it really is.

Believe it or not, the fishing tackle, rods and reels and bait are the easy part. Planning for the weather is a much different story. Morning temps for fishing can be cold, damp

and windy. Raingear, hats and gloves certainly need to be packed. Midday weather could be calm, sunny, hot and humid. Afternoon weather could be hotter and winds more than likely will pick up, causing rough waters. You can bet that the rain suit will be the attire of the day for at least one of the four days.

Hopefully we'll be catching and eating a lot of fresh fish. But what we really need to catch up on is the past couple of years. In that time, two of the three of us have retired. If you're reading this column you know that I am not one of the two. One of the three moved from South Dakota to Minnesota and has regretted it ever since. Leroy's dad died about a year ago, and Dan's brother was killed in a motorcycle accident roughly the same time.

We all have kids about the

same age and a dozen or more grandkids to catch up on.

Dan and Leroy grew up in Redwood Falls, and I think they might have even been in the same grade if not darn close. I enjoy listening to the two of them reminisce about their wild high school days. The funny thing is, their high school days sound a lot like mine ... only the names are different.

We don't waste a lot of time talking politics, mostly because we all are on the same/right side of the fence.

All three of us are a little disappointed Minnesota didn't end the taxing of Social Security benefits, and I know one is really happy about the new pot legislation.

Friends, fishing or hunting or riding side-by-sides in the Black Hills and laughter ... there is no better way to spend four days.

**Protecting the elderly: Minnesota's
battle against the landline shutdown**

Letter to the Editor:

In Minnesota, I recently discovered that telecom companies were granted FCC approval last August to deregulate the shutdown of copper wire landline phone service. Instead, they are allowed to substitute it with internet-based phone service.

This ruling has profound implications for Minnesota's most vulnerable population segments. If the federal government fails to champion their interests, it becomes incumbent upon the state government to step forward and take action.

As outlined in the FCC order, the cost-intensive maintenance of landline infrastructure impedes our progression toward the next generation of communication technology.

Explain this perplexing situation to my parents or the 740,000 seniors in Minnesota who still rely heavily on landline

service. My parents struggle to navigate their cellphones, and frequent disruptions plague the internet connection in their home. It is unfathomable to tether their primary mode of communication to such an unpredictable entity as their internet connection, not to mention the complete blackout of internet service during power outages.

The FCC's decision places the profit margins of telecom giants above the needs of rural communities, elderly individuals and regions with inadequate internet accessibility. It becomes the responsibility of the Minnesota State Legislature to intercede and advocate on behalf of those most likely to be marginalized in this change for the "better."

**Cole Griffin,
Luverne**

'People with mental health feel isolated'

Letter to the Editor:

First, I think Lori Sorenson is one of the strongest and most courageous women I know, and thank you for sharing and bringing mental health to the forefront to the community.

I would like to share my story. Eleven years ago, I had a "mental breakdown," and although I knew intellectually that depression and anxiety were nothing to

be stigmatized, emotionally I stigmatized myself. It wasn't until I went to Dialectical Behavioral Therapy group five years later that I finally integrated my intellectual self with my emotional self. What an eye opener!

I still have problems and will continue to do so as mental health issues

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 5

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported issue with tobacco laws.
•Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on south side of the river.

May 6

•Complainant on County Road 4, Manley, reported training.
•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported a pedestrian.

May 7

•Complainant on S. Steen Street reported a public nuisance.
•Complainant reported an outage.
•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported property damage.

May 8

•A warrant was facilitated in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

May 9

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an issue with curfew.
•Complainant on S. Church Avenue reported suspicious activity.

May 10

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported vandalism.

May 11

•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue reported drunkenness.
•Complainant on W. Elm Street, Luverne, reported theft.
•Complainant on E. Barck Avenue reported

vandalism.

•A fire was reported on 21st Street.

May 10

•Complainant reported an NSF check.
•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported a parking issue.

May 11

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a driving complaint.

May 11

•Complainant on Luverne Street and N. East Park Street reported a driving complaint.

May 11

•Activity with a warrant took place on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia.

May 11

•A weather alert was issued.

May 11

•Complainant on 31st Street, Ellsworth, reported a sudden death.

May 11

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported harassing communications.

May 11

•Complainant on S. Fairview Drive reported suspicious activity.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 transports, 2 escorts, 7 ambulance runs, 24 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 27 burn permits, 1 background check, 2 driver license checks, 1 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 18 traffic stops, 19 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 reports of cattle out and 2 follow-ups.

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chemical problems in the brain and don't go away. But there are tools to help when times get difficult.

Right now, times are difficult for me. Scott Ehde's death and numerous other people I've known have been devastating for me.

I realize that rural areas all over the country are experiencing high rates of suicide, but Luverne's rates are higher than most, especially among young people.

My feelings are that it is in part the attitude of stigmatization in the community and lack of true help for these people. These are thoughts I've had for some time and would like to share.

People with mental health problems feel isolated and that they are the only ones who feel the way they do. I truly believe that group therapy can be a lifesaver.

2It was for me.

I would like to see Avera/Southwestern Mental Health Center purchase a van and transport people to Sioux Falls for group therapy.

These kids and adults need to know that they aren't the only one with issues, because that's how they feel. Talk therapy only goes so far. Trying to do it in Luverne is too close to home, and the embarrassment is too heavy.

I believe that there needs to be support

groups for parents of children/loved ones with mental health problems. The first being therapist led who can help these parents deal with their children's or other loved ones' issues.

The second being for those that have lost loved ones that would be strictly a support group for them and not in any way associated with a therapist.

Maybe some of these things are already being done. I've been gone for a while. Most of all the community at large needs to stop stigmatizing people with mental health. They are normal people with an invisible illness.

No one would stigmatize someone because they have cancer or some other form of illness that is visible.

This is also a heavily religious community who rely on prayers and the Lord to help them. Prayers are wonderful and God helps, but he helps those who help themselves. We have to do our part of the work.

I know this is a difficult journey, but it is a worthwhile journey, and if it saves one life, it's worth it.

I pray for all the families that have lost loved ones to suicide. I wish love and support for each and every one of you.

Cathy Rockman
Maple Grove

Alumni garden/from page 1

Individuals selected will have shown excellence in their profession; exceptional service, volunteerism and/or contributions to society; excellence in their personal endeavors; and/or con-

tributions to education. Individuals must exhibit qualities of character and action to be outstanding role models for current students supporting District 2184's vision: Learn, live, lead.



Schematic courtesy of Minnesota Department of Military Affairs

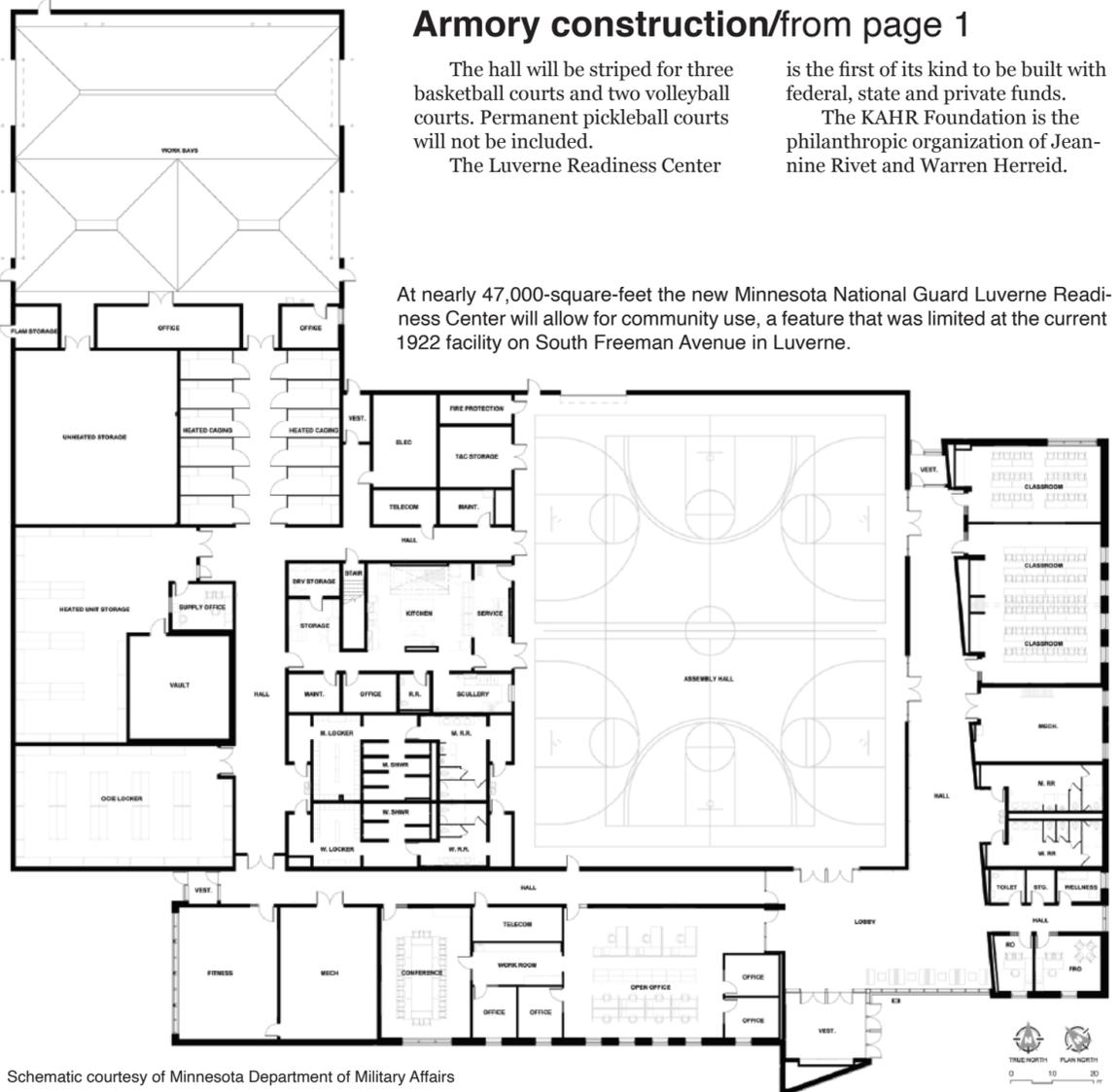
An architectural rendering of what the Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness will look like when finished later this year.

Armory construction/from page 1

The hall will be striped for three basketball courts and two volleyball courts. Permanent pickleball courts will not be included.
The Luverne Readiness Center

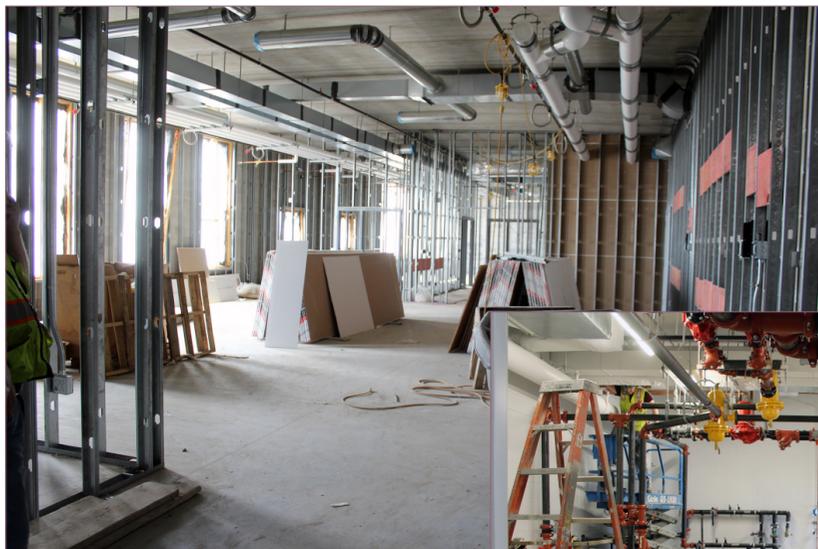
is the first of its kind to be built with federal, state and private funds.

The KAHR Foundation is the philanthropic organization of Jean-nine Rivet and Warren Herreid.



At nearly 47,000-square-feet the new Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center will allow for community use, a feature that was limited at the current 1922 facility on South Freeman Avenue in Luverne.

Schematic courtesy of Minnesota Department of Military Affairs



Mavis Fodness photo/0518 Armory Build

The mechanical room shows pipes for the ground-source heat pumps, demand control ventilation and air-cooled chiller. Once complete, the Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center will receive a LEED Silver Certification through the U.S. Green Building Council.

Four private offices will be included in the administration area at the future Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center.

Mavis Fodness/0518 Armory Build

ACREAGE FOR SALE

LEGAL: Acreage consisting of approximately 8.10 acres located in the NE1/4 of 27-102-43, Nobles County, MN.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2023 at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN. All bidders who have submitted a bid prior to said deadline will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing with possession going to Buyer at closing.

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.

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Golden jubilee

Mavis Fodness photo/0518 Carol Nelson 50 years

Carol Nelson will be honored Wednesday, May 24, with a public open house celebrating her 50 years of employment with Security Savings Bank, the only employer in Nelson's work resume. The open house begins at 9 a.m. in Luverne.

Nelson celebrates 50 years with same employer

**Public open house
May 24 at Security
Savings Bank, Luverne**

By Mavis Fodness

Greeting customers and handling money is the only career Carol Nelson has known for 50 years.

To recognize the milestone, the staff of Security Savings Bank, Luverne, will honor Nelson Wednesday, May 24, at the bank on West Gabrielson Road.

The public open house will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

She insists the celebration is not for an upcoming retirement announcement.

"I think I'll stick it out for a while longer," she said. "I just enjoy it."

Nelson (nee Wallenburg) began working for Exchange State Bank as a senior at Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1973.

She moved from the Hills location to Luverne in 2011.

Ryan DeBates, Luverne market president, nominated Nelson for the Pioneer Club through the Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA).

"The experience Carol has through her 50 years of banking is invaluable," DeBates said. "She's seen us through all the technology upgrades and improvements



In this Star Herald file photo, Carol Nelson (standing, center) talks with well-wishers celebrating her 45th anniversary at Security Savings Bank in 2018.

"The experience Carol has through her 50 years of banking is invaluable."

— Ryan DeBates, Security Savings Bank
Luverne market president, on Carol Nelson's 50 years with the banking institution.

over the past five decades, and her involvement in implementing those successful changes is quite an achievement. We are appreciative of her dedication."

Nelson will be recognized by the MBA for her 50 years of active service and industry leadership at the annual Summit Celebration Luncheon on June 13.

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.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, May 22:

Pizza casserole, green beans, applesauce, garlic bread stick.

Tuesday, May 23:

Biscuit with sausage gravy, roasted potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, dessert.

Wednesday, May 24:

Orange chicken, brown rice, peaches, romaine salad with dressing, bar.

Thursday, May 25:

Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato wedges, vegetarian baked beans, fruit, cookie.

Friday, May 26: Baked

fish, cheesy hashbrowns, California Normandy vegetables, pears, gelatin with whipped topping.

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

Ellsworth graduate to head state school boards association

Kristi (Kruger) Peterson, a 1992 graduate of Ellsworth High School, was recently elected president of the Minnesota School Boards Association.

She was elected to the four-year commitment May 11 at the association's annual meeting in St. Peter, and will serve as president from 2025-2026 and past president in 2027.

Peterson is currently a member of the Shakopee school board, a position she's filled since 2019. The past four years, she's been chairman.

"As a proud graduate of a small Minnesota public school and a current board member from a large metro school district in our state, I am truly honored to be selected as MSBA president-elect," she said.

"I look forward to representing and working with all school boards in Minnesota."

She's served on the MSBA Board of Directors since 2020, representing board members from District 13 (southwest metro suburbs), serving on the student scholarship committee, ad hoc and bylaws committee, MSDLAF+



trustee and executive committee.

Peterson attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls and is currently the marketing manager at EDCO Products in Hopkins.

She and her husband, Sean, have two children.

Peterson is the daughter of Carolyn Kruger, Ellsworth, and the late Daryl Kruger.

MSBA is a statewide nonprofit organization representing 331 Minnesota public school boards.

As the statewide unifying voice for public education, MSBA supports and empowers Minnesota public school boards through advocacy, board development, and policy and legal guidance.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Owners, managers and dignitaries gathered Wednesday morning to celebrate the opening of the new Grandstay Hotel & Suites of Luverne, which hosted its first guests Wednesday night.

The 51-room hotel includes an indoor pool, elevator, 12 suites, handicap accessibility, pet-friendly rooms and more.

General Manager Kullen Schroht said the hotel's philosophy is to be community-friendly.

The indoor pool will be available for a fee to the public for swimming rehabilitation therapy or birthday parties. A community meeting room that holds up to 25 people can be reserved at no charge.

"We want the community to see this place," Schroht said.

25 years ago (1998)

•Luverne sixth-graders Alyssa Radisewitz and Trevor Maine are the winning essay writers in the Minnesota Board on Aging annual sixth-grade essay contest.

Area sixth-graders wrote essays about their grandparents or older friends (older than 60) and were judged based on the feelings portrayed in the essay in addition to originality, organization, grammar and spelling.

Finalists were invited to read their essays at the Senior

Dining Center Monday, and the two winning essays will be sent to Minnesota Board on Aging for a chance at the state contest at the State Fair.

50 years ago (1973)

•About 200 bicyclists will be participating in the "Blue Mound 100" bike ride to be held here on June 3, according to word received by the Luverne Chamber of Commerce.

The ride will cover 100 miles through Rock County, with the Luverne high school parking lot serving as the starting point for the three circuitous phases of the ride. One will take the riders to Beaver Creek, Hills and return; the second to Kenneth, Hardwick and return, and the third to Steen, east toward Ellsworth, north to Magnolia and then return.

The Chamber of Commerce will provide trophies for the winners in the event. Each participant will receive an arm patch.

75 years ago (1948)

•Norma L. Groth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Groth, of Luverne, is this year's valedictorian of the Luverne senior class. Salutatorian this year is Nancy Juhl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Juhl, while Kenneth Vos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vos, of Hardwick, is the highest ranking boy

of the class. Names of the honor students were made public yesterday by, Harvey G. Eitrem, senior high principal.

Fifteen members of the class were selected for the National Honor Society. Selections are made on the basis of scholarship, leadership and participation in extra curricular activities.

Included in the Honor Society selection were:

Betty J. Brown, Dorothy Dibbern, Faye Gilbertson, Norma Groth, Cherie Hoepner, Jean Juhl, Nancy Juhl, Robert Lindberg, Velma Lensch, Iva Jean McClure, Margaret Rolph, Delores Schoon, Betsy Schoonover, Betty Jean Soutar and Kenneth Vos.

100 years ago (1923)

•The Paul Untiedt store in Kanaranzi was broken into Monday night by burglars who stole a quantity of merchandise valued at from \$1200 to \$1500. They also ransacked the safe but were rewarded with only about \$2 in pennies. The goods stolen included five sacks of sugar, fifteen Ford "Trade-maker" tires, ten dozen shirts, twelve dozen unionalls and overalls, a number of pairs of men's shoes, five dozen pairs of silk hose, several bolts of cloth, and a quantity of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.

Entrance to the store was gained by breaking the knob of a side door in the building.

OBITUARY

Anita Boyenga

Anita L. Boyenga, age 81, secretary which included preparing the weekly bulletins.



Anita was gifted at sewing, crocheting, knitting and baking. She was known for her baby gifts of knitted blankets. She also knitted hundreds of sweaters which were donated to charities for children around the world.

Anita grew beautiful roses for many years, providing the kitchen table with lovely roses throughout the summer. She was an avid reader and a faithful student of the Bible. She enjoyed a good game of pinochle, traveling, and especially attending her grandchildren's events and activities. Anita will be remembered for her faithfulness in sending birthday and anniversary cards, her hospitality in hosting family holiday meals, and her generosity.

In her final years, Anita courageously lived out her cancer diagnosis without complaint, continuing to think of others before herself and maintaining a sense of humor.

Left to honor her memory are her husband, Ron; five children, Melinda (Chet) De-Jong of Rock Rapids, Wanda (Mike) Jarchow of Luverne, Mike (Angie) Boyenga of Ellsworth, Hugh (Patrick) Boyenga of Sacramento, California, and Nicole (Chris) Maag of Sioux Falls; grandchildren, Maxwell (Gracia), Luke (Madeline), Emily (Matthew), Amelia, Elise, Griffen, Anja, Katia, Lydia, Carter, Simon, Brynn, and Maesa; two great-grandchildren, Jack and Henry; brother, Loren Wiese of Sioux Falls, and brother-in-law, Mark (Priscilla) Boyenga of Hamilton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert (age 8) and Vernon Wiese; and two sisters-in-law, Annette Wiese and Ruth Wiese.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to ATLAS of Rock County, Minnesota or ATLAS of Lyon County, Iowa.

A public visitation was Monday, May 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, Minnesota. A private family service was Tuesday, May 16. Burial will be held in the Stateline Cemetery, rural Ellsworth, Minnesota. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Anita Lucille Boyenga was born March 23, 1942, to Roney and Alma (Griesse) Wiese in Rock Rapids, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at the Stateline Presbyterian Church in rural Ellsworth, Minnesota. Anita was raised on the family farm southeast of Luverne. She attended country school through the eighth grade in Ash Creek, Minnesota, and graduated from Luverne High School in 1960. Following graduation, Anita attended the South Dakota Beauty Academy in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On November 18, 1961, Anita was united in marriage to Ronald Boyenga at the Stateline Presbyterian Church. Their first year of marriage was spent living on Ron's parents' farm near Ellsworth. They then rented an acreage two miles down the road which they would later purchase. Anita helped in various aspects of the farming operation in addition to raising five children. She also harvested from a large garden every year, canning and freezing the produce.

Anita was currently a member of the United Christian Church in Rock Rapids after being a lifelong member of Stateline Presbyterian Church until its closing. She was very involved in both churches. Through the years she helped teach Sunday school and Bible School, helped lead youth group, and filled the role of church

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with actions or ideas, I only had a few who were willing to share," she said. "Now I have almost the whole class sharing."

Van Holland's music curriculum nurtured skills that students learned from teacher Susan Bullerman in the classroom. These include raising hands before speaking, following directions and learning the difference between walking and running feet.

Luverne established the junior kindergarten program as a voluntary option for the 2022-23 school year.

"Kindergarten classes often have students with limited exposure to the school environment, and at the same time some students who can read and write already," said Principal Stacy Gillette.

"This discrepancy commonly leads to student frustration and an increase in inappropriate behaviors — which is a challenge for the teacher and puts a strain on the school support system. Such situations do not set up students for success."

State education officials encourage all children who are 5 years old by Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

In Luverne, Gillette added, parents of students who turn 5 in the summer months often



Mavis Fodness photo/0518 Junior Kindergarten 2023

On Friday the 12 students who comprise the first junior kindergarten class in Luverne performed a musical program, "A Day in Music," for family and friends. Mimicking teacher Morgan Van Holland (on floor) are students (from left) Kodac Rivas, Mavis Mollberg, Ryder Leicher, Hadee Bullerman, Quinn Connell, Kaidyn King, Athena Peterson, Luke Elbers, Silas Nettifee, Presley Mundt, Huck Petersen and Adalynn Sparks.

wait to send them to kindergarten until they turn age 6.

However, the cost of preschool tuition,

ineligibility of learning scholarships and lack of day care have prompted parents to enroll their 5-year-olds in kindergarten ahead of their readiness.

"We proposed that instead of holding these students, let's create a program to address their needs and welcome them to school," Gillette said.

The all-day/every-day schedule mimics that of the regular kindergarten program.

Students attend recess, lunch, physical education, music and are transported to and from school the same as other elementary students.

The difference is in the classroom, where the teacher focuses on hands-on activities.

"The curriculum covers pre-kindergarten skills to get them ready for kindergarten the next year," Gillette said.

Junior kindergarten is offered again in the fall due to the positive results from the inaugural class. It's for students who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2023.



Mavis Fodness photo/0518 Junior Kindergarten 2023

Junior kindergartners sing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" Friday afternoon in the Luverne Elementary School gym. The program, "A Day in Music," is the first public performance for the 5-year-olds in the inaugural program.

1943: Christian Boisen's story continues with sighting of the first 'spring buggies'

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 (Continued from last week.)

Snow was so deep in the streets of Luverne (Iowa) that it was possible to walk from the center of the street in one place to the top of a two story building.

Considerable sleet fell too, that year, and Mr. Boisen recalls skating to town three miles distant on the ice sheet that covered the ground.

At that time, he worked on a farm and earned \$30 for the 9-month season. Grain was harvested with a self



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

rake, and to go someplace, a person either walked, or rode in a lumber wagon as buggies had as yet not come into being.

A "wonderful" development, he relates, was the "march Harvester" on which two men could stand and bind grain by hand. Later, a binder attachment was invented for the machine. A binder using wire instead of twine to tie the bundles didn't prove successful, because livestock, in eating the straw, often swallowed wire which later caused them to die. First binder to really attract attention was the "Walter A. Wood." Mr. Boisen recalls that a demonstration he once attended in

Iowa attracted 300 persons. Even then, practically every other bundle was loose.

He remembers also when the spring buggies were first used. People then ran to the window to see them drive by, just as they later watched with interest the coming of the automobile and airplane.

He stayed at Luverne until he was old enough to "paddle his own canoe," he states. He travelled around the state, mostly working on farms. He was in Plymouth county for a while, and recalls that in 1895, farmers in that section raised one of their best crops. Wheat yielded 40 bushels to the acre, but was

worth only 35 cents a bushel. He worked on a threshing machine for 75 cents a day.

"Those were really hard times," Mr. Boisen states. "I can remember when potatoes sold for five cents a bushel and butter was worth five cents a pound in trade. I also remember one time that a whole carload of potatoes was just dumped because they couldn't be sold, and the owners couldn't afford to pay for the use of the railroad car for storage space. I've seen them come down the railroad track in groups of 50 or more, all of them out of a job. Many of them were wearing stiff collars, but they were broke.

"One thing about it though, prices of what you had to buy were correspondingly low. You could buy the best suit of clothes for \$10.

It was in 1898 that Mr. Boisen set foot in Luverne for the first time, and he has been here ever since. The first thing he noticed was that so many people spoke the Norwegian

language. "I'd never heard Norwegian in my life before," he states, "and I couldn't figure out what nationality they were."

That same year, on Sept. 2, he was married to Anna M. Everett at Jasper.

He later obtained a job driving a livery for John Cameron, and the next spring he bought a light dray line. He would haul a whole load any place in town for 10 cents. He also made deliveries for Hawes and Son's department store, making four deliveries daily and furnishing his own team for \$10 a month. "I soon found out that there wasn't any money in that so I sold out," he says.

He then obtained a job helping to lay the first sanitary sewer through Main street. His wages were \$1.75 per day for a 10-hour day.

In 1903, he began to paint and do paper hanging, and that has been his business for the past 40 years. The first house he ever worked on

was what was then known as the old Stelling house in the northwest part of town. He earned \$1.25 per day for his work.

Here it might be well to explain that Mr. Boisen's work was done under physical handicap. When he was a young man, he fell from a moving train and lost one foot, and part of his leg. After it healed, he used a peg leg for many years, and with that peg leg, he has walked behind a walking ploy day after day, and has climbed and stood on ladders 50 feet in the air

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This includes **one photo**. If two photos are submitted, the second photo will be \$10.

If a death notice is submitted, then later an obituary, the death notice fees will be waived.



Submitted photos

Optimists host Bike Rodeo

The Luverne Optimist Club sponsored its annual Bike Rodeo Saturday, May 13, in the Blue Mound Ice Arena parking lot in Luverne. Young bicyclists traveled through an obstacle course, heard bike safety tips from Deputy Dallas Hamm (above) and had their bicycles checked out by Second Mile Bikes of ATLAS ministries (at right with Todd Mann in back, Eugene Marshall on the ground and Michael Blank at right). They also received prizes from local merchants.



4-H'ers earn ribbons at Communication Contest

Thirteen Rock County 4-H'ers participated in the annual Communication Contest May 6 at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Students competed in public speaking, interpretive reading, creative writing and photojournalism.

Contest goals include developing effective skills in both written and oral communications, poise and self-confidence, practicing the process of inquiry and research, and encouraging creativity and self-expression.

Results are as follows, listed by participant, grade, club, category and ribbon placings:

- Caylix Buchholz, gr. 4, Springdell, interpretive reading, blue, public speaking, purple, creative writing, blue, photojournalism, blue.

- Colton Buchholz, gr. 6, Springdell, photojournalism, blue.

- Coyer Buchholz, gr. 2, Springdell, creative writing, photojournalism, cloverbud.

- Egypt Forrest, gr. 12, County K9s, creative writing (four entries), three blues,

purple.

- Noel Henrichs, gr. 3, County K9s, interpretive reading, blue, creating writing, blue, photojournalism (three entries) all blue.

- Bri Kinsinger, gr. 10, Magnolia Juniors, interpretive reading, purple.

- Leeland Maloney, gr. 3, Springdell, interpretive reading, purple.

- Lillian Maloney, gr. 8, Springdell, interpretive reading, purple.

- Norah Maloney, gr. 6, Springdell, interpretive reading, purple.

- Mazzi Moore, gr. 10, Blue Ribbon, interpretive reading, purple, creative writing, purple, photojournalism, blue.

- Penni Moore, gr. 5, creative writing, blue.

- Gabriella Porter, gr. 7, County K9s, interpretive reading, purple, public speaking, blue, creative writing (two entries) purple and blue, photojournalism (three entries) all blue.

- Noelle Snell, gr. 2, Springdell, creative writing (four entries) Cloverbud.

COLLEGE NEWS

Graduation May 20 at Augustana

Several area students will graduate from Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Saturday, May 20.

Graduates, all of Luverne, include Declan Beers, Bachelor of Arts in history; Carissa Cunningham, Bachelor of Arts in biology and sociology; Jedidiah Dooyema, Bachelor of Arts in exercise science; Gracie Rozeboom, Bachelor of Arts in marketing and management; and Riley Severtson, Bachelor of Science in nursing.

USDA's CLEAR30 offers producers with expiring voluntary conservation contracts longer term options

FSA NEWS

Agricultural producers and landowners with certain expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts can receive additional rental incentives and extend that land's role in conservation for another 30 years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has opened the signup period for its Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers enrollment (CLEAR30) **now through July 31, 2023.**

CLEAR30 is a part of the CLEAR initiative, which prioritizes water quality practices as a part of Continuous CRP enrollment and is one of several CRP enrollment opportunities. CLEAR30 allows producers and landowners enrolling certain water quality practices to enroll in 30-year contracts, extending the lifespan and strengthening the benefits of important water quality practices on their land. Like other CRP enrollments, CLEAR30 is a voluntary, incentive-based conservation opportunity offered by

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"The foundational value of CLEAR30 enrollment is right there in its name: Clean Lakes, Estuaries, And Rivers — there is nothing more essential to all things on the planet, including agriculture, than clean water," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "CRP is one of the world's largest voluntary conservation programs, and our CLEAR initiative and CLEAR30 enrollment gives our producers and landowners a great option to continue their conservation practices well into the future."

Cropland and certain pastureland that is currently enrolled in Continuous CRP or the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Pro-

gram (CREP) and is also dedicated to an eligible water quality practice, such as the establishment of riparian buffers, contour strips, or grass waterways, may be eligible for CLEAR30 if their contracts are expiring by Sept. 30, 2023.

CLEAR30 contracts will be effective beginning Oct. 1, 2023. These long-term contracts ensure that conservation practices remain in place for 30 years, which improves water quality by reducing sediment and nutrient runoff and helping prevent algal blooms. Conservation in riparian areas also provides important carbon sequestration benefits. Traditional CRP contracts run from 10 to 15 years.

About CLEAR30

CLEAR30 enrollment was established in the 2018 Farm Bill to better address water quality concerns. Originally, CLEAR30 was only available in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay watersheds; in 2021 FSA made CLEAR30 available to agricultural producers and landowners nationwide, and participation grew nearly seven-fold from 2020 to 2021.

Annual rental payments for landowners who enroll in CLEAR30 will be equal to the current Continuous CRP annual payment rate plus a **20-percent** water quality incentive payment and an annual rental rate adjustment of **27.5 percent.**

How to sign up

To sign up for CLEAR30, landowners and producers should contact their local USDA Service Center by **July 31, 2023.** Contact information can be found at farmers.gov/service-locator.

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while painting.

It didn't even affect his dancing, one of his favorite pastimes as a young man. Even after the accident, he taught dancing in northwestern Iowa, and in Luverne and Hardwick.

Although he doesn't work as hard now as he once did, Mr. Boisen is still active, and enjoys life. He has two sons, Staff Sergeant Waldo Boisen, of Camp Polk, La., and John Boisen, of Luverne. He also has two grandchildren, Jarvis and Ramona Boisen of Luverne.

Mr. Boisen was the youngest of a family of eight children, seven of whom were boys. Only he, and a brother, J. F. Boisen, of Keystone, Iowa, are now living. One brother was killed in the Prussian war.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



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DFL volunteers adopt a highway

Volunteers with Rock County DFL picked up roadside trash on April 24 as part of their Adopt-a-Highway service project. Pictured are (front, from left) Randy Creeger, Larry Nelson, Lona Klosterbuer, Suanne Ohme, Carol Svingen, Shirley Klosterbuer, Carol Serie, Beryl Haugen, (back) Greg Antoine, Carol McDonald, Rhonna Jarchow, Barb Antoine and Pat Baustian. The group walked miles 13 through 17 of the eastbound lane of Interstate 90, which is the four miles just east of the Highway 75 overpass bridge.

LHS boys' golf team wins first Big South Conference Championship

Luverne High School girls' team places eighth in the Big South Conference

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School golf team had a busy week of competition, participating in three events.

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

They competed in the Big South West Event 3 Monday, May 8, when the boys took first place in Marshall and the girls were fourth in Redwood Valley.

LHS traveled to Morton for the Big South Conference Championship on Monday, May 15, when the boys took first place as the Big South Champions and the girls were eighth.

The Luverne golf teams will compete next week in the Buffalo Lake-Hector sections competition. The girls will play Wednesday, May 24, and the boys' team will play Thursday, May 25.

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, and the girls played at Rose Lake Golf Club, placing 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 Minnewaska 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.



submitted photo

LHS boys' Big South Conference golf team members. **are from left:** coach John Sichmeller, Levi Gonnerman, Henry Hartquist, Owen Sudenga, Brady Bork, Tyler Arends and Will Bergman. Three LHS golfers were selected to the Big South Conference Boys Gold All-Conference Team. **Center with certificates, left to right:** Juniors Henry Hartquist and Owen Sudenga with senior Brady Bork.

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

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

Hansen 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.

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, Luverne with 420, Jackson County Central with plus 144 after 17 holes and New Ulm with 478.

Big South West Event 3

The Luverne boys' golf team traveled to Marshall Monday, May 8, taking first place out of six teams.

The LHS girls' golf team traveled to Redwood Valley May 8, placing fourth out of four teams.

Luverne's boys' team combined score of 303 beat out five other teams at the Big South West Event.

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.

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.

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

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.

The Luverne girls' 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."

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.

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

Big South Conference Championship

LHS boys' and girls' golf teams participated in the Big South Conference Championship Monday, May 15, at Dakotah Ridge Golf Club in Morton where the boys took first place and the LHS girls were eighth.

The Cardinal boys' team placed first, taking the first-ever Big South Championship in LHS history.

Luverne beat out 11 other teams at this year's event, finishing with a combined team score of 308.

Luverne placed four golfers in the Top

LHS golf team/see p.12

Luverne track and field teams win 2023 Big South Championships

By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne's boys' and girls' track and field teams won the Big South Championship in Blue Earth Monday, May 15.

The Cardinals claimed 13 first-place finishes, nine second places and four third-place medals at the meet, in addition to 42 other athletes placing in the Top 10.

The Cardinals beat six other schools in the conference to claim the title.

The Luverne boys' team placed first with 136 total team points, followed by Jackson County Central with 103, Redwood Valley with 93, Pipestone Area with 81, Windom Area with 78, St. James Area with 70 and Blue Earth Area with 44 total points.

The LHS girls' team placed first with 156.5 total team points, followed by Jackson County Central with 134, Redwood Valley with 99, Pipestone Area with 81, Windom Area with 58, Blue Earth Area with 53.5 and St. James Area with 29 total points.

The next Luverne track and field event is scheduled to be at Stillwater Saturday, May 20.

Individual event results from the Big South competition are listed below.

Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay

First Place - 10:11.65
Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, Maria Rops, Cassi Chesley

Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay

First Place - 8:30.24
Camden Janiszewski, Ryan Fick,

Dylan Ommen, Sage Viessman

Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles

Fifth Place - 17.18 PR
Augusta Papik
Seventh Place - 18.90
Roselynn Hartshorn
10th Place - 20.09
Jerzey Hood

Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles

Ninth Place - 21.79
Ashton Pick

Girls' 100 Meters

Seventh Place - 14.15
Hailey Como
10th Place - 14.29
Baylee Smidt
14th Place - 14.43
Morgan Hadler

Boys' 100 Meters

Second Place - 11.81
Lucky Dara
Seventh Place - 12.32 PR
Coulter Thone
Ninth Place - 12.51
Ashton Hood

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay

First Place - 1:52.47
Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson,
Anna Banck, Isabella Oye

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay

First Place - 1:35.20
DJ Rock, Gavin DeBeer, Zachary Terrio, Lucky Dara

Girls' 1600 Meters

Third Place - 5:45.10 PR
Ella Schmuck
Fifth Place - 5:54.73
Grace Ingebretsen
Ninth Place - 6:18.08
Kayla Bloemendaal

Boys' 1600 Meters

Fourth Place - 4:48.88 PR
Carsen Tofteland
Seventh Place - 5:00.36 PR
Leif Ingebretsen
Eighth Place - 5:00.94
Sage Viessman

Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay

First Place - 53.16
Sarah Stegenga, Anna Banck,
Makena Nelson, Isabella Oye

LHS track /see p.12

H-BC golf team gains experience at Red Rock Conference and Adrian meets

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams participated in the Red Rock Conference No. 3 meet on Tuesday, May 9.

The boys' team traveled to Westbrook-Walnut Grove, finishing six out of seven teams, and the girls played at Slayton and did not place with only two girls competing.

The Patriots traveled to Adrian May 12 where the boys lost 161-209 and the girls played a two-on-two match with the Dragons.

H-BC was scheduled to travel to the Red Rock Conference golf meet No. 4 in Worthington Tuesday, May 16, and the Patriots will take on Lamberton Thursday, May 18, on the road.

Red Rock Conference golf meet No. 3

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team competed in the Red Rock Conference golf meet No. 3 Tuesday, May 9.

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda/Westbrook Walnut Grove took first with a combined 18-hole score of 318. Adrian/Ellsworth placed second with 328, Southwest Christian-Edgerton was third with 357, Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey was fourth with 369, Murray County Central was fifth with 399, Hills-Beaver Creek was sixth with 409, and Red Rock Central finished seventh with 410.

"The boys' team shot a low score for the year and so did Cameron Allen and Micah Bush," Patriots head coach Dan Ellingson said.

Bush, a freshman, led the Patriots with an 18-hole score of 92.

Allen, a sophomore, turned in a two-round total of 93, eighth-grader Camdyn Broesder finished with a 109, senior Brock Harnack posted a 115, and junior Cooper Gehrke finished with a 124.

Freshman Abby Olson turned in an 18-hole score of 132, and junior Taylor Spykerboer shot a 193.

"The girls' team did not have a good day," Ellingson said. "They started off poor and never recovered."



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 spykerboer olson

H-BC junior Taylor Spykerboer stands by as freshman Abby Olson chips onto the green in their game against Adrian May 12.

H-BC vs. Adrian

In a golf meet at Adrian Friday, May 12, the Patriot boys lost to Adrian 161-209 in nine-hole play.

"This was the first time our players have played at Adrian," Ellingson said.

"Although our scores were not the best of the year, our experience is helping us to make better decisions on the course."

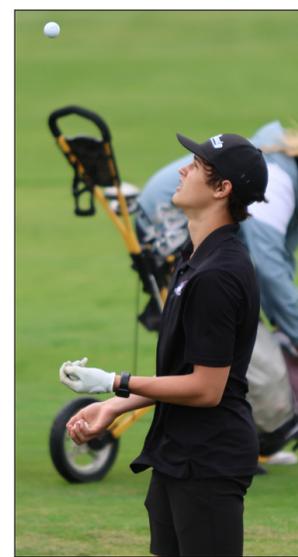
He said the boys are on the verge of breaking the 200-stroke team barrier for nine holes.

"I feel like we will do that this week," Ellingson said. "Either Tuesday at Worthington or Thursday at Sanborn."

Allen led H-BC with a round of 49, Harnack turned in a score of 50, Bush shot a 51, Broesder finished with a 59 and Gehrke shot a 63.

For the girls' team Olson turned in a round of 59 and Spykerboer shot a 65.

Both H-BC and Adrian had only two female golfers in the meet.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 bush

H-BC freshman Micah Bush prepares by juggling golf balls May 12 against Adrian.

Cardinal softball girls take five games, outscore opponents 72-8

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School softball team upped its season record to 10-6 after a successful week on the ball diamonds.

The Cardinals beat Windom 3-1 and 14-1 at home in a doubleheader May 9. They took down Blue Earth 18-0 and 21-5 in a doubleheader on the road May 11 and beat Adrian at home 21-5 on May 15.

Luverne was scheduled to host Worthington Tuesday, May 16, and Edgerton Thursday, May 18.

LHS 3, Windom 1

The Cardinals softball host team pulled away from the Eagles in the fourth, closing the inning leading 3-1 during the first game of the Windom doubleheader on May 9.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Cardinals' first two batters, sophomore Amira Cowell and junior Anika Boll, reach first on errors.

Sophomore Payton Behr then grounded into a fielder's choice, Cowell reached third on a throw to second and scored on an error by the catcher.

Boll and Behr then scored off a hard single to center field by junior Kenedee Franken.

Junior Gracie Nath pitched a complete game for LHS, allowing five hits and one run, striking out 10 and walking none.

BOX Score								
WHS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
LHS	0	0	0	3	0	0	x	3

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

3B: Smidt
 Total bases: Smidt 3, Cowell, Franken, Behr, Boll
 SB: Serie, Reisdorfer

PITCHING					
Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	7	5	1	0	10

Pitches-Strikes: Nath 88-63
 Batters faced: Nath 26

LHS 14, Windom 1

The Cardinals started the second game against Windom on May 9 in Luverne where they left off in the first game — in charge.

"We really came out with an aggressive mindset at the plate, and it paid off," head coach Brooks Maurer said.

"We had 11 different girls get hits, which was fun to see as a coach."

Luverne scored 14 points off nine hits and had a team total



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 boll
Above: LHS junior Anika Boll slides into third base in the game against Windom May 9 in Luverne. The Cardinals beat the Eagles in doubleheader action 3-1 and 14-1.

Greg Hoogeveen photo/ 0518 olson
Left: LHS senior Carly Olson bats against Windom May 9 in Luverne. The Cardinals beat the Eagles in a doubleheader 3-1 and 10-0. Olson got her third home run of the year in the second game.

of 14 RBIs, five of them coming from senior Carly Olson.

In the second inning, Behr scored off a bases-loaded walk. Olson then drove one out of the park with the bases still loaded for a grand slam.

Junior Tori Serie, sophomore Regan Mehlhaff and junior Elizabeth Smidt all crossed home plate with Olson, making the score 5-0 at the end of the second inning.

Freshman Allie Kracht scored for Luverne in the third, and sophomore Ella Reisdorfer scored in the fourth inning, making it a 7-1 game after four.

The fifth and sixth innings were stalemates with no runs scored.

In the seventh inning the flood gates opened and the Cardinals doubled their score, driving senior Kaylee Lenz, Serie, Kracht, Smidt, Olson, Reisdorfer and Cowell across home plate.

Cowell led things off on the mound for LHS, pitching five innings, allowing one run on four hits, striking out one.

BOX Score								
LHS	0	5	1	1	0	0	7	14
WHS	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1

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

2B: Behr, Reisdorfer
 3B: Serie
 HR: Olson
 Total bases: Serie 4, Olson 4, Behr 3, Reisdorfer 3, Boll, Cowell

SB: Reisdorfer 2, Behr, Cowell

PITCHING					
Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Cowell	5	4	1	0	1
Nath	2	0	0	0	1

Pitches-Strikes: Cowell 99-59, Nath 17-14
 Batters faced: Cowell 22, Nath 6

LHS 18, Blue Earth 0

Gracie Nath took the mound throwing a no-hitter over four innings to help beat the Buccaneers 18-0 in Blue Earth on May 11.

Nath struck out six and walked one.

The Cardinal batters could not be stopped, racking up 18 hits and 14 RBIs in the game.

Olson and Serie hit two doubles while Boll and Behr added one each.

Reisdorfer posted her second homer of the year, smacking one over the fence in the first inning, collecting one of her two RBIs with Olson on base.

BOX Score								
LHS	5	5	8	0	x	x	x	18
BLRT	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	0

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

2B: Olson 2, Serie 2, Boll, Behr
 HR: Reisdorfer
 Total bases: Olson 5, Reisdorfer 5, Behr

4, Serie 4, Boll 3, Cowell 2, Lenz, Franken, Kracht, Smidt
 SB: Boll, Behr, Olson

PITCHING					
Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	4	0	0	0	6

Pitches-Strikes: Nath 49-34
 Batters faced: Nath 14

LHS 21, Blue Earth 5

The second game in Blue Earth played out much like the first. The LHS batters were on fire.

Blue Earth was able to get some offense going, scoring five on six hits.

Reisdorfer was clutch at bat for LHS going three for three at bat, crossing the plate twice, and posting six RBIs in the game.

She added another home run in the first inning, knocking in two of her six RBIs.

Boll had three RBIs and three runs, Mehlhaff drove in three RBIs and crossed the plate twice, and Olson added two RBIs and three runs in the game.

Cowell started on the mound pitching three innings, allowing four hits and five runs while striking out three batters.

Nath came in to relieve, pitching one inning, allowing two hits and no runs.

BOX Score								
BLRT	0	0	5	0	x	x	x	5
LHS	8	8	5	x	x	x	x	21

BATTING				
Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	2	2	2	1
Smidt	2	3	1	1
Olson	2	3	1	2
Reisdorfer	3	2	3	6
Cowell	1	1	1	1

Nath	0	0	0	0
Serie	2	2	1	1
Boll	4	3	3	3
Lenz	3	2	1	0
Mehlhaff	3	2	2	2

2B: Reisdorfer, Boll
 HR: Reisdorfer
 Total bases: Reisdorfer 7, Boll 4, Behr 2, Mehlhaff 2, Olson, Smidt, Cowell, Serie, Lenz

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

Pitches-Strikes: Cowell 64-42, Nath 15-11
 Batters faced: Cowell 19, Nath 5

LHS 16, Adrian 1

The Cardinals softball team fired up early and didn't look back against Adrian Monday night, May 15.

In the first inning Reisdorfer doubled, scoring Behr and Mehlhaff to go ahead 2-0.

In the second inning Luverne let loose, driving in 11 runs and put the game out of reach for the Dragons.

Scoring in the second was Lenz off a Smidt single. Kracht, Behr and Smidt crossed the plate on an Olson double.

Mehlhaff scored on a Boll sacrifice fly.

Reisdorfer scored when Lenz was hit by a pitch.

Cowell scored when Kracht picked up a walk.

Serie scored on a Behr single, and Lenz scored on an error by the shortstop.

Kracht scored on a Smidt fly ball single.

Behr scored on a wild pitch. In the third inning the Cardinals added two more runs when Smidt singled to center. Lenz scored and Kracht scored, beating the throw to home.

And finally in the fourth inning Boll scored on a Serie double.

Nath got the win, pitching four innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out seven batters.

BOX Score								
AHS	0	0	0	1	x	x	x	1
LHS	2	11	2	1	x	x	x	16

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

2B: Olson, Kracht, Reisdorfer, Serie
 Total bases: Olson 3, Smidt 3, Kracht 2, Reisdorfer 2, Serie 2, Behr, Boll
 SB: Behr 2

PITCHING					
Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	4	2	1	1	7

Pitches-Strikes: Nath 63-38
 Batters faced: Nath 16

The sight of an unexpected visitor

There is a county super star whose name is Jason Aldean. He sings a song called "Fly-over States." Many folks who are not familiar with the Midwest just plain and simply call our great part of North America fly-over states. When it comes to wildlife and waterfowl in particular, this is in many respects the truth.

The spring season in Minnesota does allow us the opportunity to see waterfowl and other wetland-related birds for a few weeks as they are headed to other parts of the world that they find more attractive.

I received a call the other day from my area wildlife biologist from the Minnesota DNR, and he told me of a sighting he found of great interest. He told me the location of a temporary wetland that had a large gathering of a bird called a white-faced ibis.

A white-faced ibis, in my opinion, really does not have a predominantly white face. These are pretty large birds with long legs much like a great blue heron has, but they are about one-third the height of a great blue heron. They have a curved bill unlike any other bird I see in our area. They use this curved bill to forage for crustacean and other critters that live in shallow wetlands.

They normally live from the West Coast to the west edge of South Dakota. When they are seen in Minnesota, it is usually in the southern part of the state.

These are big birds when compared to most of the winged creatures that live here. There is a completely separate population in South America. They are about 18-22 inches long and have a wing span of about 3 feet.

An interesting fact about this bird is that the populations are actually increasing. This is the opposite of the trend for almost all other birds with the exception of geese and ducks.

Many of the songbird species have seen population declines so dramatic that biologists feel their numbers will fall below a threshold of what it will take to keep the species from becoming extinct.

White-faced ibis are not the only unique visitors that make a stop in some of the fly-over states. For example, canvasback



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
 Outdoors columnist

ducks which are almost never seen in southwest Minnesota during the summer months will be pretty common as they stop and rest here on their way to somewhere else each spring. The same can be said for blue bill ducks, ring bill ducks and several others. These same ducks, which are absent in the summer, will occasionally show up in a duck hunter's bag here in the fall, but not in great numbers.

One of the things I find the most impressive in spring is just the total numbers of ducks and geese you can see in one spot. I crept over a hill a few nights back and saw about 400 ducks of many different species all utilizing the same temporary wetland.

During the summer months you can drive many miles in my neck of the woods and search out many different wetlands that might have zero ducks utilizing them and others might just have a half dozen.

The sheer numbers of birds visible on an early spring day might be more than you can see for the entire summer in total.

If you are into raptors, this spring will be a great time to watch out for them as well. Many of the shallow lakes across the state have experienced significant winterkills. Winterkills are not uncommon, but the total number of lakes that had a significant winterkill is far higher than in almost all other years. Raptors will feed on the dead fish as they move through the area. They might very well stay here longer than normal, as abundant as the food supply is turning out to be.

For the next few weeks, you can view a wide variety of fowls that will be absent from our area in only a few weeks. Take the time to do a wildlife ride in the next two weeks to capitalize on this great opportunity. You might just catch a bug to do this event more often, and if you do a ride quickly, you just might see a white-faced ibis as well.

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.



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LHS baseball team wins three home games in a row at Redbird Field

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School baseball team collected three more wins at home in the past week, nudging its season record to 12-3.

Luverne beat Jackson 7-6 Tuesday, May 9, and took two games from Redwood Valley 6-2, 10-0 Thursday, May 11.

The Cardinals were scheduled to travel to Worthington Tuesday, May 16, and they'll host a doubleheader with Adrian/Ellsworth and Edgerton Monday, May 22.

LHS 7, Jackson 6

Luverne beat Jackson County Central 7-6 Tuesday, May 9, at home after building a five-run lead through five innings.

In the bottom of the second, sophomore Layke Miller grounded out while scoring senior Riley Sneller from third base.

In the fourth inning Miller got his second RBI on a grounder to second, scoring Sneller once again from third.

In the fifth, junior Conner Connell sent a ball over the left field wall to bring in sophomore Carter Sehr from third and junior Elliot Domagala from second.

In the sixth and seventh innings Luverne gave up six runs total, letting the Huskies take the lead 6-5.

In the bottom of the seventh, with Luverne down by one run and one out, Connell tied the game at six on an error by the Huskies catcher.

With the game now tied and LHS with two outs, junior Jacob Stroh singled on a 2-2 count, and Sneller scored his third run of the game.

LHS seized the 7-6 victory, bringing their season record to 10 wins and three losses.

Connell started on the mound going 6 1/3 innings, allowing four hits and four runs while striking out 12 batters.

Stroh was given the win pitching two-thirds of an inning, giving up two hits and two runs and striking out two batters.

BOX Score							
JHC	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
LHS	0	1	0	1	3	0	2

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



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 connell HR
Cardinal junior Conner Connell, No. 23, walks back to the dugout with his teammates after his home run against Jackson Tuesday, May 9. Luverne hosted Jackson County Central, beating them 7-6.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 schlosser
LHS sophomore Alex Schlosser gets into the hot box between first and second against Jackson County Central Tuesday, May 9, at Redbird Field. The Cardinals won the game 7-6.

Schlosser	1	0	1	0
Stroh	2	0	1	1
Kroski	2	0	0	0
Left on base: 6				
HR: Connell				
TB: Connell 5, Schlosser, Sehr, Sneller, Stroh				
SB: Connell, Schlosser, Sneller				

Pitching					
Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Connell	6.1	4	4	2	12
Stroh	.2	2	2	2	2
Win: Stroh					
Pitches-Strikes: Connell 18-28, Stroh 1-5					

LHS 6, Redwood 2

The Cardinals hosted Redwood Valley Thursday, May 11, for a double-



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 deboer
LHS senior Zach DeBoer tries to tag out a Redwood Valley base runner May 11 at Redbird Field. Luverne beat Redwood 6-2 and 10-0 in the doubleheader.

header, beating the Redwood Cardinals 6-2 in Game 1 and 10-0 in the second game.

LHS won off solid pitching and smart base management.

Stroh started on the mound and pitched 4 1/3 innings while allowing five hits and two runs and striking out five batters.

Patrick Kroski and Sehr came in as relievers and held Redwood to only one hit between them.

Scoring for Luverne in the fourth inning were Serie off a Miller single, Stroh off a Domagala ground ball single and Miller from third base on an error by Redwood's

first baseman.

The Cardinals added three more runs in the sixth inning. Landon Ahrendt scored from third on an error by the center fielder, and Domagala and Zach DeBoer scored off a Schlosser hard ground ball past the shortstop.

BOX Score							
RWV	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
LHS	0	0	0	3	0	3	x

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

Left on base: 3
TB: DeBoer, Domagala 2, Miller, Schlosser, Serie
SB: DeBoer, Sehr

Pitching				
Luverne	IP	H	R	ER
Stroh	4.1	5	2	2
Kroski	1	1	0	0
Sehr	1.2	0	0	0

Win: Sehr
Pitches-Strikes: Stroh 82-49, Kroski 18-9, Sehr 21-16

LHS 10, Redwood 0

Luverne blanked Redwood 10-0 in the second game of the May 11 doubleheader, allowing the Redwood Cardinals only two total hits in the five-inning game.

DeBoer pitched the full five innings and did not give up a run while striking out six batters and walking one.

Luverne collected 10 RBIs off 11 hits. Six of the RBIs came from Connell and DeBoer with three apiece.

LHS covered 15 total bases in the game and had four doubles.

BOX Score							
LHS	0	0	5	1	4	x	x
RWV	0	0	0	0	0	x	x

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

Left on base: 7
2B: Connell, DeBoer, Schlosser, Sehr
TB: Connell 4, DeBoer 2, Domagala, Buss, Schlosser 3, Sehr 3, Serie
SB: Sehr, Sneller

Pitching				
Luverne	IP	H	R	ER
DeBoer	5	2	0	0

Win: DeBoer
Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 71-51

Cardinal tennis team drops four

By Greg Hoogeveen

The LHS tennis team dropped four matches in the past week.

Luverne went on the road losing to Pipestone 3-2 Tuesday, May 9, Vermillion 7-2 Thursday, May 11, Yellow Medicine 5-2 and Montevideo 7-0 on Monday, May 15.

The Luverne tennis team was scheduled to host Fairmont Tuesday, May 16, and will host Benson and Lac Qui Parle Valley Thursday, May 18, and travel to a Quad at St. James Saturday, May 20.

Pipestone 3, LHS 2

The Luverne tennis team traveled to Pipestone, winning one of four single matches and beating the Arrows in doubles Tuesday, May 9.

"This week's matches were both very close. Just a few points swinging the other way for us would have given us a team win," head coach Nathan Rud said.

"Ethan Nath played very well and Ross Bergman continues to improve every time out, and younger kids are coming along as well."

In singles, senior Ethan Nath defeated Lucas Zupp, winning the first set 6-2, losing the second set 7-5, and winning the third 5-4.

Senior Parker Carbonneau lost to Cody Norberg, winning the first set 6-2, and losing the last two sets 6-2, 6-3.

Senior Ross Bergman was defeated by Chase Wilson 6-3, 6-4.

Sophomore Kaleb Hemme was defeated by Mathew Swenson. Hemme won the first set 6-3 and lost the last two sets 6-3 and 6-2.

In two exhibition matches freshman Zander Carbonneau won 6-0 and freshman Elijah Henrichs lost a close match 6-7, 6-8.

The Luverne doubles team of Elijah Henrichs and Zander Carbonneau won by forfeit.

Vermillion 7, LHS 2

The Luverne tennis team went on the

road Thursday, May 11, to play Vermillion.

Ethan Nath beat Caiden Mandernach 10-0.

Carbonneau lost to Lucas Green 10-4, Bergman was defeated by Grant Freeling 10-9, Carbonneau lost to Caleb Reins 10-3, Hemme lost to Theo Wittmuss 10-1, and Henrichs was defeated by Mason Freeling 10-0.

In doubles play Carbonneau and Hemme were defeated by Lucas Green and Mason Freeling 10-3.

Carbonneau and Nath beat Caiden Mandernach and Grant Freeling 10-2.

Freshmen Austin Sandbulte and Elijah Henrichs lost to Caleb Reins and Theo Wittmuss 10-2.

Yellow Medicine 5, LHS 2

The Luverne tennis team traveled to play Yellow Medicine losing 5-2 May 15.

In singles, Nath lost to Ryan Syring 6-1, 6-4, Carbonneau lost to Karter Canatsey 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, Bergman won against Liam Hadfield 6-0, 6-0, and Luverne gave up the last match by forfeit.

In doubles play Carbonneau and Hemme lost to Gage Corner 6-3, 7-5, Sandbulte and Henrichs beat Devin Ladwig and Mathias Vonderharr 6-3, 6-2, Luverne lost the last doubles match to forfeit.

Montevideo 7, LHS 0

The LHS tennis team traveled to Montevideo, losing 7-0 May 15.

In singles, Nath lost to Tyson Quigley 7-5, 6-2, Carbonneau lost to Simon Fitzkappes 6-0, 6-2, Bergman lost to Gabriel Lindermann 6-2, 6-0 and LHS gave up one match due to forfeit.

In doubles play, Carbonneau and Hemme lost to Soden and Ostendorf 6-0, 6-1, Sandbulte and Henrichs lost to Hagen and Canatsey 6-1, 6-0 and LHS gave up one doubles match due to forfeit.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 nath
LHS senior Ethan Nath, pictured in Madison April 25, won two singles matches this past week. On May 2 Nath beat his Pipestone opponent 6-2, 5-4, and on May 11 he won against Vermillion 10-0.

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LHS and H-BC post weekly trap team scores

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School trap shooting team posted scores for Week 7 of the season at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

Lucas Madison shot a perfect 25 in his second round this week, finishing with a total of 47.

Thirteen athletes were able to break the 40s this week, and scores are as follows:

Week 7 scoring			
	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Cash Bonnett	21	22	43
Morgan Bonnett	14	15	29
Tyson Cowell	22	20	42
Alex DeWispelaere	20	19	39
Fox Forrest	8	10	18
Lucas Hansen	17	18	35
Jacob Henning	22	20	42
Samuel Honerman	22	22	44
Gavin Hoven	20	19	39
Andrew Kinsinger	22	23	45
Jacob Madison	18	22	40
Lucas Madison	22	25	47
Liam Murphy	21	19	40
Makayla Oechsle	18	17	35
Austin Ossefoort	21	23	44
Holden Overgaard	18	22	40
David Rathman	23	23	46
Jaden Reisch	17	19	36
JT Remme	23	22	45
Rayann Remme	18	17	35
Tucker Remme	15	15	30
Sawyer Sasker	16	16	32
Cameron Wieneke	17	18	35
Grant Wieneke	17	18	35
Piper Wynia	23	21	44



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0518 madison
LHS trap shooter Lucas Madison shot a perfect 25 in his second round, finishing with a total score of 47 at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School trap shooting team is in sixth place in Conference 3A after posting another week of scores.

Luke Fuerstenberg is in 11th place in ranking of males in the Top 25 with a 46 average.

Jayden Kueter is 24th among females in the Top 25 with a 28.67 average.

This week Alex Harris shot a 25 in his first round and finished with a 47.

Thirteen other athletes scored in the 40s, and the totals are as follows:

	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Cameron Allen	21	21	42
Garrett Blank	13	16	29
Brekken Boen	16	19	35
Seyler Boen	08	09	17
Gunner Bork	22	21	43
Olivia Bork	21	18	39
Sawyer Bosch	23	23	46
Camdyn Broesder	21	18	39
Karis DeWire	09	12	21
Luke Fuerstenberg	23	24	47
Alexis Gardner Swenson	12	10	22
Cooper Gehrke	21	21	42
Alex Harris	25	22	47
Brooklynne Hubbard	10	16	26
Lukas Hubbard	16	18	34
Keaton Huisman	07	14	21
Clayton Kellenberger	22	19	41
Jayden Kueter	11	08	19
Blake Leenderts	18	22	40
Hunter Leenderts	19	23	42
Karson Metzger	15	18	33
Maddox Metzger	21	20	41
Cody Moser	15	18	33
Jack Moser	22	23	45
Max Sammons	15	14	29
John Tiesler	23	21	44
Gracyn Wegener	17	19	39
Cash Wilsey	21	19	40
Michael Ykema	17	15	32

Spring turkey hunting season continues through May 31

Firearms turkey hunters who have an unused tag from an earlier hunt period can participate in the final hunt period from Wednesday, May 17, through Wednesday, May 31.

Hunters can also purchase a license for this time period. Archery-only and youth ages 17 and younger are allowed to hunt during any time period, including the final one.

Hunters cannot purchase both a firearms and archery-only license.

Turkey licenses can be purchased online at (mndnr.gov/buy-aticense), by phone at 888-665-4236, or in person from a license agent.

More information about turkey hunting in Minnesota can be found on the Minnesota DNR website, mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey.

Hunters concerned about avian influenza and wild turkeys can find USDA safe handling practices at usda.gov. Additional information on the DNR avian influenza webpage (mndnr.gov/ai).

LHS track/from page 9

Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay
Second Place - 47.49
Ashton Hood, Coy Thone, Coulter Thone, Isaac DeBates

Girls' 400 Meters
First Place - 1:00.50 PR
Elizabeth Wagner
Fifth Place - 1:09.67 PR
Roselynn Hartshorn
15th Place - 1:16.02
Josie Anderson

Boys' 400 Meters
10th Place - 58.63 PR
Dylan Ommen
11th Place - 1:00.1
Ashton Hood
17th Place - 1:05.44 PR
Eli McLendon

Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles
First Place - 49.70 PR
Reinha John
Sixth Place - 55.56 PR
Jerzey Hood

Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles
Third Place - 46.90
Coy Thone
Ninth Place - 53.30
Ashton Pick

Girls' 800 Meters
Third Place - 2:28.67
Jenna DeBates
Fourth Place - 2:29.01 PR
Cassi Chesley
Eighth Place - 2:41.85 PR
Grace Ingebretsen

Boys' 800 Meters
Second Place - 2:05.85
Camden Janiszewski
Fifth Place - 2:11.04
Owen Janiszewski
12th Place - 2:18.03 PR
Marcus Papik

Girls' 200 Meters
Fifth Place - 29.62
Hailey Como
Ninth Place - 29.93 PR
Baylee Smidt
12th Place - 30.24 PR
Morgan Hadler

Boys' 200 Meters
First Place - 23.68 PR
Lucky Dara
Sixth Place - 24.88 PR
Zachary Terrio
10th Place - 25.47
Isaac DeBates

Girls' 3200 Meters
Fifth Place - 14.44.06
Josie Anderson

Boys' 3200 Meters
Second Place - 10:02.20 PR
Ryan Fick
10th Place - 12:24.84 PR
Eli McLendon

Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay
First Place - 4:15.17
Tiana Lais, Ella Schmuck, Reinha John, Elizabeth Wagner

Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay
Fourth Place - 3:24.74
Zachary Terrio, Camden Janiszewski,

Carsen Tofteland, Coulter Thone

Girls' Discus Throw
First Place - 121-03
Jadyn Hart
Second Place - 115-07
Jocelyn Hart
Fifth Place - 86-02 PR
Hannah Sneller

Boys' Discus Throw
Second Place - 112-08
Elijah Woodley
Fifth Place - 107-01
Keaton Ahrendt
Eighth Place - 104-00
Ryker Johnson

Girls' Shot Put
First Place - 37-01.0
Jadyn Hart
Second Place - 37-00.5
Jocelyn Hart
Fifth Place - 31-01.5 PR
Hannah Woodley

Boys' Shot Put
Second Place - 42-06
Elijah Woodley
Fourth Place - 41-02.5
Keaton Ahrendt
Seventh Place - 40-03.5
Ryker Johnson

Girls' Long Jump
Fourth Place - 15-02.5
Kendra Thorson
Ninth Place - 12-10.25 PR
Marlee Nelson
13th Place - 12-07.5 PR
Abby Boltjes

Boys' Long Jump
Fifth Place - 19-04
Gavin DeBeer
11th Place - 17-07
Dylan Ommen
15th Place - 16-09.5 PR
Coy Thone

Girls' Triple Jump
Seventh Place - 30-00
Kendra Thorson
Ninth Place - 29-08.25
Jerzey Hood
15th Place - 25-09
Abby Boltjes

Girls' High Jump
First Place - 5-00 PR
Augusta Papik
Seventh Place - 4-06
Reinha John
10th Place - 4-04
Maria Rops

Boys' High Jump
Second Place - 6-00 PR
Isaac DeBates
Third Place - 5-08
Gavin DeBeer

Girls' Pole Vault
Fourth Place - 8-06 PR
Corynn Oye
11th Place - 6-00 PR
Kayla Bloemendaal

Boys' Pole Vault
First Place - 13-00
DJ Rock
Sixth Place - 10-00
Tyler Rolfs
Eighth Place - 9-00
Leif Ingebretsen

LHS golf/from page 9

6 at the event. Bork placed second with an 18-hole total of 73. Hartquist was third with a 74, and Gonnerman and Sudenga tied for sixth place with 78s.

Two other Cardinal golfers for Luverne had good days but placed lower than 15th place in the individual competition. Arends finished with an 84 and Bergman shot an 89.

Three LHS golfers, Hartquist, Sudenga and Bork, also garnered Big South Conference All-Conference team awards.

In second place at Big South competition was St. Peter with 307. For third place there was a three-way tie at 332 among Blue Earth Area, Windom Area and Marshall.

Sixth place went to Fairmont with 341, Waseca was seventh with 344, Pipestone took eighth with 346, New Ulm was ninth with 349, Redwood Valley took 10th with 353, Jackson County Central placed 11th with 354 and Worthington finish 12th with 357.

The Luverne girls' golf team played later Monday, placing eighth out of 10 teams.

The Luverne girls placed in the event as follows: Hanson placed 28th with a 103, Thierweiler placed 40th with 113, Smith placed 43rd with 114, Nath placed 44th with 115, Von Tersch placed 49th with 120 and Anderson placed 52nd with 124.

The girls' team championship went to Redwood Valley with a team combined score of 339.

Blue Earth Area was second with 352, Fairmont took third with 361, St. Peter finished fourth with 364, Worthington was fifth with 379, Marshall was sixth with 389, Waseca placed seventh with 421, Luverne was eighth with 445, Windom Area was ninth with 460 and New Ulm finished in 10th with 501.

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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.

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

Thursday, May 18: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, May 19: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, May 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School—last day of Sunday School. Tuesday, May 23: 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.

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109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
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Wednesday, May 16: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, May 20: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, May 21: 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 22: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Messenger deadline. Tuesday, May 23: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Messenger deadline. Wednesday, May 17: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

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

Wednesday, May 17: 9:00 a.m. Morning circle, 1:30 p.m. Afternoon circle and staff meeting, 6:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting. Sunday, May 21: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays), Youth Sunday School during worship - SUNDAY FUNDAY (Last day of

Sunday School until Fall), 11:15 a.m. Music staff meeting. Monday, May 22: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Quilting group. Wednesday, May 24: 1:30 p.m. Staff meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, May 18: 7 p.m. Parish council meeting at First Lutheran. Sunday, May 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Thursday, May 18: 7 p.m. Parish council meeting at First Lutheran. Sunday, May 21: 9 a.m. Worship Service. No Sunday school. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheran-Parish.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who I am in Christ

When we believe in Jesus Christ as the only way for our salvation, the Bible promises us that we are ...

... a child of God. (John 1:12)
... a friend of Jesus Christ. (John 15:15)
... justified in Christ. (Romans 5:1)
... bought with a price and we belong to God. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
... redeemed and forgiven of all our sin. (Colossians 1:13-14)
... complete in Christ. (Colossians 2:9-10)
... given direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 4:14-16)
... free from condemnation. (Romans 8:1-2)
... citizens of heaven. (Philippians 3:20)
... free from a spirit of fear and given power, love and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)
... chosen and appointed to bear fruit. (John 15:16)
... ministers of reconciliation for God. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
... the very workmanship of God. (Ephesians 2:10)
... able to approach God with freedom and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12)

... able to do all things through Christ, who strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13)
... are a chosen people, a royal priesthood and God's special possession. (1 Peter 2:9)
... loved by God. (Romans 5:8)
... a brand-new creation. The old is gone. We are made new in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
... precious and honored in God's sight. (Isaiah 43:4)
... promised eternity with God. (John 14:1-6)
... uniquely gifted for the glory of God. (1 Peter

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

There are days when life is hard, but when we stop and remember the hope we have because of Jesus we can continue knowing we are loved.

4:10)
... blessed. (Ephesians 1:3)

There are days when life is hard, but when we stop and remember the hope we have because of Jesus we can continue knowing we are loved. Our hope begins when we understand Jesus came to reconcile us to God. Because of our sin Jesus died, was buried, and rose again and, in doing so, extends the gift of salvation to all believe in him.

When life is bad or good, remember who you are in Jesus Christ.

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City of Luverne amends Ordinance No. 34

ORDINANCE NO. 34, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LUVERNE CITY CODE CHAPTER 111: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AMENDING SECTION 111.060, SUBDIVISION D LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That City Code Chapter 111, Alcoholic Beverages, amending section 111.060, subd. D Liquor License Required, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 111.060 LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED.

(D) On-sale wine license and an on-sale malt liquor license to a person who is the owner of a summer collegiate league baseball team or baseball team competing in a league established by the Minnesota Baseball Association, or to a person holding a concessions or management contract with the owner, for beverage sales at a ballpark or stadium located within the municipality for the purposes of summer collegiate league baseball games, town ball games, and any other events at the ballpark or stadium, notwithstanding any law, local ordinance, or charter provision. A license issued under this paragraph authorizes sales on all days of the week to persons attending baseball games and any other events at the ballpark or stadium.

Statutory reference:

Related provisions, see M.S. § 340A.404, subd. D.

SEC. 2. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(05-18)

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)

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)

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.questcdn.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)

Otten estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of
Lavonne Katherine Otten,
Deceased

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-23-101

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Sharla Reisch, whose address is 1137 Spruce Ave., Luverne, Minnesota, 56156, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir 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 with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 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 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 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.

Date Filed: May 8, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

Attorney for Personal Representative

Jennifer L. J. Gilk

Gilk Legacy Law, PLLC

513 E. Bridge Street

PO Box 126

Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Attorney License No: 238363

Telephone: 507-627-4525

FAX: 507-627-4528

Email: office@gilklegacylaw.com

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(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 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

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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)

H-BC School Board meets April 17

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

April 17, 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Gehrke, Harnack, Helgeson, Rauk, Rozeboom and Uittenbogaard. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member Bosch was absent.

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda.

Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald and Angela Chesley.

Administration of Oath for Canvass Board.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-SW MN Spelling Bee Participants Saturday, April 22.

-Spring Activities under full swing

-Bond Referendum Vote Tuesday, April 11

Committee Reports/Updates:

Staff Development/TAB - April 5, Personnel/Finance - April 10, Community Education - April 12

Motion by Uittenbogaard, second by Harnack, and carried to approve

Consent Agenda:

-Minutes—3/27/2023

-Bills

-Accepting the resignation of Joan Johnson as Assistant Cook effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

-Paying \$10,000 of earnest money for Elementary School Land purchase out of the general fund to be reimbursed by the construction fund.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Medica as the district's Health Hospitalization Insurance Carrier continuing with the SW/WC Service Cooperative for the 2023-2024 School year.

Motion by Harnack, second by Helgeson, and carried to approve Resolution to Canvass Special Election Results from Bond Referendum Election held April 11, 2023.

Motion by Rauk, second by Uittenbogaard, and carried to approve reduction in programming to eliminate the Tuesday/Thursday Little Patriots Academy section of preschool.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report

•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

•Legislative Update- Rozeboom

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 24

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 8

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 22

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve adjournment of meeting.

Time of Adjournment: 8:56 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk

(05-18)

City of Luverne seeks bids for Sybesma Subdivision

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota at the Luverne City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 on Tuesday, the 6th of June, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. for the Sybesma Subdivision Connection to the Luverne Loop, Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Administrator and Engineer.

The approximate quantities of work on which proposals will be received are as follows:

8,036 S.F.	PCC Sidewalk (Thickness varies)
140 S.Y.	Concrete Pavement
106 L.F.	Storm Sewer, Varies Sizes
1 Ea.	Storm Structure
400 C.Y.	Common Borrow
400 C.Y.	Topsoil, On-Site

and other related items of construction.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into contract and post satisfactory bond. Work shall commence on or after June 26, 2023. All work shall be completed by September 16, 2023.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The City also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$22.00 by inputting Quest project #8508625 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$50.00, none of which is refundable.

Published upon order of the City Council of Luverne, Minnesota.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

By /s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor

(05-18)

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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
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We would like to thank our neighbors, friends and family for the cards, flowers, food and prayers extended to our family with the loss of our brother Lyle Tobiason. We will never forget these kind and caring expressions of sympathy. Special thanks to Pastor Tom Voigt, Mike Rust, Mark Knips, Nobles County and Rock County Sheriff's Departments, the Lismore Rescue Squad and Dingman Funeral Home staff. **The Family of Lyle Tobiason Linda & Doug Broich & Family Laurie and Jeff Deutsch & Family** (5.13-5.18)

John and Jennifer Hilfers would like to thank the United Methodist Church and the Perez Family for their fundraising efforts. Jennifer and John would like to send a big thanks to their families and friends for all of their support during this time. Jennifer is currently home and working hard towards her road to recovery. It is going to be a long, hard journey, but is going to be achievable thanks to all of the support Jennifer is receiving, not only from family and friends, but the many well wishes from the community. **Thanks again, John and Jennifer Hilfers** (5.13-5.18)

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