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H-BC facilities committee supports new elementary school in Beaver Creek, additions to secondary school building in Hills

By Mavis Fodness

A 25-member Hills-Beaver Creek School District stakeholder committee recommended building a new elementary school in Beaver Creek along with additions to the secondary school in Hills.

School board members have taken no official action on the committee's recommendation, waiting for results from a soon-to-be-released districtwide community survey.

Cost estimates will be released later when the figures for the state's school building bond agriculture credit will also be available. The board's final decision may include a referendum vote in April 2023.

New elementary school includes day care facility

With the new elementary school, a day care facility will be included with an expanded outdoor physical education field and playground.

Plans also call for a new 60-vehicle parking lot and a bus drop-off loop.

The new building allows for larger classroom spaces based on current enrollment numbers.

The elementary would stay a pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade facility.

Eighty-one percent of the committee members preferred building new instead of investing million to remodel the existing 1955 and 1997 facilities.



Mavis Fodness photo/1006 Facility Recommendations

Members of Hills-Beaver Creek School District stakeholders committee met with Dean Beeninga with ATSR, a planning, architecture and engineering firm from Minneapolis Thursday, Sept. 22, in the commons at the secondary school in Hills. The group considered the various building improvement plans before voting on which plan the group would recommend to the school board.

Committee considers detailed facility study

Representatives from ATSR, a planning, architectural and engineering firm in Minneapolis, led committee members through the 215-page long-range facility analysis and education adequacy study.

The study examined the physical structure, heating and cooling abilities as well as the state education department's recommended classroom sizes and other 21st century learning recommendations.

The local committee met four times in late August through September, examining the study

H-BC building plans/see 3A

Child's Remembrance Garden is ready

Nearby Luverne pocket park, 'Tonto Park,' to be renamed 'Dragonfly Park'

Park dedication, ribbon-cutting set for 4 p.m. Sunday

By Lori Sorenson

A dedication and ribbon-cutting for the Child's Remembrance Garden is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

The garden in the northwest corner of Tonto Park and St. Catherine's Cemetery in Luverne has been under construction over the past year with help from the city of Luverne, local donors and volunteers.

It provides a non-denominational space for people who have lost a child "to grieve, remember and heal," according to members of the organizing group.

A short program will follow the public event along with refreshments. Attendees should park on James Street or on the paved roads in the cemetery. Golf carts will be available for those wanting a ride to the remembrance garden.

City Council member Dan Nath has been serving as a liaison member to the garden planners, volunteers and family members.

He updated the council Tuesday, Sept. 27, on progress and on plans to rename the nearby city pocket park from "Tonto Park" to "Dragonfly Park."

He said the dragonfly is seen as a symbol of change and transformation of the soul after death, and it's observed in Native American spirituality as well, with dragonflies perceived as the "souls of the dead."

A dragonfly's visit around the time of a loved one's death may signify the loved one's soul taking form in the spirit of dragonfly. It offers the assurance their soul is free.

In previous city council and staff discussions, renaming and rebranding the park has been a priority.

Nath said timing it with the dedication of the Child's Remembrance Garden seemed right.

Background of Child's Remembrance Garden

Several local families who



Luverne volunteer firefighters helped family members involved with the Child's Remembrance Garden erect the pergola on Sept. 17. Pictured are (from left) Joe Juhl, Jordan Kopp, Tyler Lebrun, Tyson Facile, Monica Facile, Mark Kurtz, Benson Lebrun and Anna Lebrun. (Submitted photo)

are grieving the loss of children formed a non-profit and have been raising money to design and build the garden.

Last summer they approached the Luverne City Council about leasing the 140-foot by 60-foot parcel owned by the city in the northwest corner

of Tonto Park off James Street near the Catholic cemetery.

At that July meeting, the city verbally agreed to provide the space free of charge with the understanding that long-term maintenance would be a shared responsibility.

At their Jan. 25 meeting,

council members and the non-profit group signed a "Contract for Management and Operation of Child's Remembrance Garden."

The contract states that the city owns the garden and

Remembrance Garden/see 3A

Local couple buys Hills bar, names it Brody's

By Mavis Fodness

Deon Carriere and Sheri Moucka said buying the former Willie's Bar on Main Avenue Hills is more than a business venture.

"It's about the social side and giving back to the community," Carriere said.

Earlier this year the couple purchased the building from Audrey DeSmet after discovering the "for sale" listing in the Luverne Announcer.

They discussed it one morning at their acreage located north of Steen where they've lived for 12 years. "Hey, want to buy a bar in Hills?" Moucka recalled asking Carriere as she read the "for sale" ad in the Luverne Announcer.

His response: "Yes, let's buy a bar in Hills."

They opened the door to "Brody's" just after Memorial Day.

"Three weeks after we opened, we had Friendship Days," Carriere said. "My goodness! What a trial by fire that was! It was packed out there."

Neither Carriere nor Moucka previously worked or managed in a bar prior to purchasing the business from DeSmet.

Moucka's background is in the food and beverage industry. The Colorado native currently works as a regional trainer for Krispy Krunchy Chicken.

Carriere's background is in sales and engineering. The Minnesota native is currently executive director for an at-home business called Buyer's Advantage.

Together they like to socialize, and after helping out at Friendship days, they've been "hands-off" owners.

"We both are going to keep our full-time jobs and it seems like the right thing," Carriere said in the French-Canadian accent.

"We don't need two jobs. The bar takes a little bit of income until we get it going. We love the hours though."

The couple rely on two full-time bartenders to operate the bar that is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 4 to 11:30 p.m.,

Brody's Bar/see page 2A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, in the Blue Mound Meeting Room in Sanford Luverne to make rice sacks. Bring guests. Call Sharon Zinnel, 507-227-3821.

American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne. Call Dianna Tomlinson, 507-283-1934 with questions.

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

Extra evening hours offered at Rock County Food Shelf

Starting in October, the Rock County Food Shelf will be open for an additional evening shift. It's open from 5 to 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. Call Mary at 507-227-5548 or Katie at 507-227-3531.

Free food for seniors Oct. 6

Nutrition Assistance Program for seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, with drive-thru distribution in the parking lot off Maple Street at the new office location on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

Shredding truck Oct. 8

St. Catherine Church will host the Dakota Shred-It truck from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Luverne Laundry Room parking lot. Freewill donations are accepted.

Rock the Edge food drive Oct. 9

The seventh annual Rock the Edge city-wide food drive will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. To donate to the Rock County Food Shelf, place non-perishable food items in a bag on your porch or outside your front door. Call 507.920.5278

'Rock the Aqua' swimming and pizza event Oct. 21

"Rock The Aqua" free area-wide youth event is from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the Luverne Aquatics and Fitness Center for grades 9-12. The event, which includes swimming, door prizes and pizza, is sponsored by Rock the Edge and the Substance Free Coalition of Rock, Nobles, and Pipestone Counties. Call 507.227.1978 with questions.

Food distribution is Oct. 20

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple St. in Luverne.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the west side of the building. Parking lot opens at 3 p.m. Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot, intersection or alley entrance. Food will be loaded into vehicles, which exit via the alley going west. Call 507-283-8963 or 507-283-4366 with questions.

Community Ed

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

Children 0-5 years along with parents are invited to the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom for **Outdoor Play Time** on Oct. 18. There is a morning or evening session. No fee, but registration required.

Students (grades 4-6) will follow along with the instructor step by step to create a painting at **Paint & Snack** class on Oct. 24. Fee is \$33.

Catching up with Luverne Public Schools

Superintendent discusses shortage of sports officials, implementing mental health curriculum and hiring and retaining teachers and staff

By Craig Oftedahl, Luverne Schools Superintendent



We are off to a fantastic start of the school year and everything seems to be running smoothly on all fronts, so I'd like to share some thoughts regarding the Luverne Public School.

A question I have heard several times this fall already is about Thursday night football games. The answer is very simple: Officials.

The number of officials in the state and the area has dwindled to the point of urgency. There are not enough of them to cover all the Friday night contests.

Therefore, games are being played on Thursdays, and in some cases, even Saturday afternoons or evenings.

The crew we hosted for the Windom home football game Thursday night had already done an afternoon game. They were scheduled for two more games on Friday afternoon and

evening, and another on Saturday — five games in three days.

My message to everyone that is reading this is two-pronged.

One is, lay off the officials during games.

They are doing their very best to call the games and officiate with respect to the rules. If spectators continue to act irresponsibly, this gives officials an opportunity to quit. It is not worth the headache and the fun gets taken away.

Secondly, get involved.

Become an official. It takes some time and effort and some investment to buy the gear and equipment needed, but it is greatly needed to continue educating our students beyond the classroom.

If you have an interest, talk to a school official. We can get you pointed in the right direction and get you in touch with some veteran officials that can mentor you.

Officials are needed in all areas of activities from speech to volleyball, hockey to mock trial, and everything in between.

Mental health, wellness through Project 11

Another topic that continues to surface is mental health and wellness.

The Luverne Public School addresses this issue with curriculum from Project 11. The district received this curriculum through the Max Foundation.

It focuses on mental wellness and assisting students on various topics that are age appropriate and addressing them at grade level.

The Project 11 curriculum spans grades K-12 and is the brainchild of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club of the NHL.

It is researched-based and is the mental health and wellness curriculum used across the entire province of Manitoba. It covers anxiety, sadness, anger, self-esteem, conflict resolution, self-harm and more.

One thing I really appreciate about the curriculum is that we're able to pick and choose topics that are time appropriate.

School update/see page 5A

Hills bar has new owners; name is Brody's/continued from 1A

Fridays from 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The bar is closed Sundays and Mondays.

They are open to change and have taken suggestions from patrons.

There's Tractor Pull Tuesdays or TPT, where patrons watch tractor pulls on the bar's television sets on Tuesday nights.

Starting soon will be Throwback Thursdays where various "vintage" beers will be available.

They're considering opening on Mondays for those who want to watch the Monday Night Football games and opening at 11 a.m. on Saturdays for those who want to watch the Minnesota Gophers and other college football games.

"We want a year under our belts before we make major changes," Carriere said. "The writing on the wall is that we have plans."

Recently, a city building permit was granted to construct an outdoor patio, which will be finished this fall. A grand opening is planned once the "Brody's" sign is finished.

"Woodworking is my passion," Carriere said. "That's the reason the Brody's sign is not out there yet. But as soon as I get it done in the workshop, our plan is to have a grand opening."

"Brody's" is named after the couple's 2-year-old black Lab whose image is used on the business logo along with a cancer ribbon in lieu of an apostrophe.

The apostrophe is Carriere's idea, who currently has his 2021 multiple myeloma diagnosis under control. "It's a subtle reminder for us this (Brody's) was our recovery," Moucka added.

The dog is a frequent bar visitor and conversation starter. "It's the building of relationships that is fun," Moucka said.

"This town has been so supportive and so kind to us. We couldn't have asked for a better situation."



Mavis Fodness photo/0915 Brodys Bar Hills
Sheri Moucka and Deon Carriere pose with the black lab, Brody, in the former Willie's Bar on Main Street Hills. The couple purchased the building and business earlier this year, naming their new business "Brody's."



The logo for "Brody's" features Brody, the dog of bar owners Deon Carriere and Sheri Moucka. A cancer ribbon is substituted for the apostrophe as a reminder of Carriere's successful treatment of multiple myeloma, which he was diagnosed with in 2021.

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Energy Assistance Program is open for 2023 season through UCAP application

Applications are now open for United Community Action Partnership's Energy Assistance Program.

Renters and homeowners are encouraged to apply for the Energy Assistance Program, which helps eligible applicants pay a portion of home energy and heating costs. Households with young children, people with disabilities, veterans or seniors are especially encouraged to apply.

The Energy Assistance Program serves households that earn less than 50 percent of the state's median annual income (Example: \$49,698 for a family of four). It helps low-income homeowners and renters with heating bills through grant money paid directly to their utility companies or

heating fuel vendors.

Crisis funding is available for those who are approved for energy assistance and facing a disconnection. Additional crisis funding is also available to renters and homeowners with past due water and sewer bills through our Water Assistance Program.

Applications are accepted up to May 31, 2023. Funding is limited and administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

To get an application visit UCAP's website at www.unitedcapmn.org or call 320-235-0850.

United Community Action Partnership's mission is to eliminate poverty by empowering individuals and strengthening communities.



An Aug. 25 image shows a newly connected bubbling water feature at the Child's Remembrance Garden, which was designed and built by Lucas Stoffel of Oak Haven Landscape and Design out of Sherburn. A group of volunteers worked with the City of Luverne to develop the city-owned parcel of land in the northwest part of town. (Esther Frakes photo)

H-BC building plans/from 1A

findings before voting on a preferred option that included work at each of the other district building locations.

The committee developed five different improvement scenarios for the elementary school in Beaver Creek, five for the secondary school in Hills, and three for the Hugo Goehle facility in Hills.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus said the committee was adamant that the elementary stays in Beaver Creek.

"The state wants smaller districts to consider a one-campus model," he said.

However, keeping the elementary school in Beaver Creek had 77 percent support of the group. The proposal of the group to the school board includes:

- a new elementary school built on the current site in Beaver Creek. Costs would include construction, demolition of the current elementary school, and the purchase of five additional acres at the current site.

- moving the bus garage from the Hugo Goehle location (attached to the old high school) to the secondary school, which would receive a new middle school science addition, a new technical education building, a parking lot expansion, and a new secondary gymnasium and locker rooms.

Support among community members was also at 77 percent for building at the secondary school versus improving the Hugo Goehle gymnasium (built in 1955) and locker room facility (built in 2004).

- demolish the old high school and gravel the building site.

Support among community members for this option is also 77 percent.

In-depth facility study began in 2020

Minnesota school districts annually submit a long-term facilities maintenance report to the State of Minnesota. The report details which capital improvements are planned for the next 10 years.

H-BC's levy allows an average of \$145,000 for maintaining or upgrading the grounds or the school buildings.

"We are seeing some inefficiencies and deficiencies among our buildings and with some education delivery that at some point need to be addressed," said Superintendent Holthaus.

"There is not an urgency,

but we need to start the process."

In 2020 ICS Builds of Sioux Falls completed a preliminary review of the elementary and secondary schools, and the Hugo-Goehle gymnasium/locker rooms.

The review outlined "urgent" needs (need to be completed within a year), "medium" needs (completed in one to five years) and "low" needs (completed in six to 10 years.)

The report revealed \$7.6 million in "urgent" and "medium" needs, primarily in the 1955 section of the elementary school, where the boiler system is reaching the end of its life expectancy and many classrooms are undersized for today's education delivery.

In late 2021, general contractor R.A. Morton & Associates of St. Cloud looked more closely at the physical building deficiencies and paired with ATSR to further evaluate the district's buildings, focusing on utilization, educational programming, support spaces, physical building deficiencies and site issues.

The H-BC facilities study was finished in June.

The local stakeholders group was assembled in late August and met four times, most recently on Sept. 22.

At the sessions, led by ATSR, the stakeholders were informed of the strengths and weaknesses of each building, the cost of improvements, and were asked to choose a package that best fit the future needs of the school district.

The committee is made up of city and rural residents from Beaver Creek, Steen and Hills.

Members include Jay Bakken, Jane Blank, Cory Buschwitz, Travis Helgeson, Adam Huisman, Randy Krull, Brayden Metzger, Blake Miller, Josh Rheault, Jason Rozeboom, Shannon Tatge, Susan Vis, Dalton Bass, Samantha McGaffee, Rex Metzger, Emily Opheim, Kilee Uittenbogaard, Kirsten Zingler, Mary Kortlever, Steve Wiertzema, Superintendent Todd Holthaus, secondary principal Andrew Kellenberger, and board members Chris Harnack and Ethan Rozeboom.

The committee will convene again once the districtwide community survey is completed.

A copy of the study is available at the H-BC website, www.hbc patriots.com

Child's Remembrance Garden/continued from page 1A

its accessories, and the non-profit is responsible for costs associated with operating, maintaining and managing the property, including utilities for a water feature and lighting.

City public works crews cleared old, dying evergreens and prepared the site for development.

The garden was professionally planned and installed by landscape architect/designer Lucas Stoffel from Oak Haven Landscape and Design out of Sherburn.

Among other specifications, the contract states that the non-profit group will raise funds to establish a reserve for repair and replacement and improvement of the garden.

The initial timeline for the lease is for five years; then the parties will negotiate in good faith for further extensions.

According to the group's Facebook page, families are already planning for maintenance and future additions, such as a seating area under the pergola, sculptures, engraved rock scriptures throughout the garden and additional private seating areas.

"Please know that your generous donations are greatly appreciated and will continue to be needed and used as this garden continues to thrive and



Members of the Luverne Volunteer Fire Department help assemble the pergola Sept. 17 at the Child's Remembrance Garden in Luverne. A dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting event will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. (Submitted photo)

grow," they wrote.

To donate, contact the Luverne Area Community Foundation at 507-227-

2424. To help, contact maggie.siebenahler@gmail.com or pat.saum@gmail.com.

Learn more at www.childsremembrancegarden.org or on Facebook, Childs-Remembrance-Garden.

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Horses are pretty and good for your mental health

Debuting this week is the inaugural "Seen Through Horses," a national awareness and fundraising campaign sponsored through Horses for Mental Health coalition.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

courages humans to be more engaged in their treatment process.

Horses also don't hold the biases that are common in humans.

This non-judgmental experience provides an opportunity for relationship-building that can rewrite past trauma stories and provide present-moment connections to humans.

Horses help me with my mental health every day as I do basic barn chores or saddle up for a ride.

They are appreciative in the twice-a-day feedings by giving me soft nickers or standing for a pat on the head or a rub on the neck before digging into their hay.

It's quiet in the barn.

The world's busyness seems to slow and one can breathe. Personal concerns become less of a focus during these times as positive thoughts begin to flow into one's brain.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and World Mental Health Day.

As Lori Sorensen pointed out in "A suicide note from a grieving mother" in the Sept. 22 edition of the Star Herald, mental health treatment needs to become as routine as treating diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

As a nonprofit, Rock Ranch offers that treatment to anyone, whether they can afford the cost of care or not. They can do this through donations from us.

Go to <https://horsesformentalhealth.org/campaign/> and choose the Minnesota Seen Thorough Horses designee Rock Ranch.

The Horses for Mental Health campaign is open through Monday.

Rock Ranch near Hills is one of them.

Rock Ranch operates an equine-assisted counseling program along with its beginner horsemanship classes.

It's not easy to explain how the large animals help one's mind, but they do.

In a small way I've seen how these big animals have opened communication between me and the children I help learn basic horsemanship skills.

I've watched them come into the barn that first week walking very hesitantly and talking very little. I've watched them become partners with the mounts, so much so that they leave with a bounce in their step and a smile on the face during the last week.

Once they've made the connection with their horse, most never stop talking about how much they love their equine partner.

So why are horses good for therapy?

The answer goes back to them being prey animals that are highly intuitive to nonverbal messages and intentions.

Due to this characteristic, horses may respond to the surface beliefs, attitudes and unresolved trauma, which may be impacting our relationships and mental health. This natural, unbiased feedback supports those working through issues in a safe and powerful way.

Because of their size and presence, horses also create a sense of awe, which increases one's emotional safety and en-

Talk openly about mental illness, offer support, fight discrimination

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Sue Abderholden,
Executive Director of NAMI Minnesota

Mental Illness Awareness Week is Oct. 3-8. It's a time to raise awareness of mental illnesses, fight discrimination and provide support to people whose lives have been impacted.

This year it takes on significant importance because so many people are experiencing poor mental health due to the impact of the pandemic. Anxiety and depression have increased dramatically. We can see the angst in our community people with short tempers or who are easily frustrated.

Mental illnesses are common — one in five people are affected — so the time has come to talk openly about them so that people seek care early when it can be most effective. It's also important to remember that it is a young person's illness, with 50 percent emerging by age 14 and 75 percent by age 24.

Mental health, like health, is a continuum. There is good mental health, poor mental health and then mental illnesses.

While there are many things we can do to maintain good mental health, such as getting a good night's sleep, staying connected to others, moving every day, and practicing mindfulness — it takes additional steps to address a mental illness.

The first step is identification. When we think about symptoms, we look at the length of time and intensity. People need to take the next step when they go on for several weeks and begin interfering with

life. Symptoms include:

- Feeling sad.
- Inability to concentrate.
- Excessive worrying.
- Changes in mood, stamina, sleeping patterns, eating habits.
- Not finding pleasure in activities.
- Withdrawing from friends and family.
- Experiencing delusions, paranoia or hallucinations.
- Trouble coping with stress.
- Overly emotional — bursting into tears, anger.
- Headaches, stomach aches, racing heart.

The second step is to reach out to your primary care physician or a mental health professional. You can find a mental health professional through your health insurance network or Fasttrackermn.org.

Mental health centers around the state also provide sliding fee services.

The third step is to talk about it. Reach out to others if you need help with groceries, child care, or cleaning your home.

Having a mental illness is noth-

ing to be ashamed of. As with any health care issue, we sometimes need help, and it's OK to ask for it. And if you know someone is struggling, reach in to them. Offer to help, take a walk with them, send get-well cards.

The good news is that recovery is possible — people do get better. The bad news is that our mental health system has never been built and we have increased needs and decreased access.

NAMI Minnesota and others will continue to advocate at the Legislature to increase funds for our mental health system so that treatment can be accessed when and where it is needed.

This week, take time to learn more about mental illnesses, mention the need for increased funding to people running for elected office, and reach out to someone you know that could use some support and help.

Remember that if someone is suicidal or nearing a mental health crisis, call 988, where a trained counselor will answer your call 24/7.

Lanphere is eager to see more renewable development

To the Editor:

Promoting and developing business opportunities in our community is a vital part of the mission of the Luverne Area Chamber and CVB. Strengthening the business climate in Luverne and Rock County will enhance and build our community's future.

That's why I was pleased to learn that the turbines for NextEra Energy Resources' Walleye Wind project will be manufactured just on the other side of the South Dakota border in Brandon. It's great to know that locally sourced materials like this will not only support our area's economy and jobs, but that they will be supporting more local energy generation — especially as Minnesota continues to diversify its energy portfolio by supporting both traditional and new energy resources.

While there are many envi-

ronmental benefits to wind development, there are also economic benefits for the area here in Rock County. Projects like these create new construction jobs for Minnesota's families, as well as long-term maintenance jobs to operate the projects for decades. They also can bring millions of dollars in additional revenues for our roads, schools and services.

In fact, the Walleye Wind project alone is poised to generate an estimated \$55.7 million in economic activity, directly benefiting local businesses.

One of the criticisms I keep hearing about wind energy is the waste that is created, which I don't think is fair, since all forms of energy we use have some type of waste. However, while turbine blades may have been buried in the past once they reach the end of their life cycle, innovations have been developed to recycle the

blades, making renewable energy even more sustainable and better for our communities and the environment. NextEra Energy Resources recycles their wind turbines in many different ways and oftentimes turns them into cement! They've already begun recycling the blades from the turbines that used to be on site in the Walleye Wind project area.

I'm pleased to see how our area is poised to see real economic growth locally while also remaining attractive to businesses who may have their own renewable standards and goals. As an advocate for local business interests, I am eager to see more renewable development in the area so that we can grow the local manufacturing industry, create good-paying local jobs, and maintain and grow the local economy.

Jane Wildung Lanphere,
Executive Director,
Luverne Area Chamber

Enjoy this week's inserted 'Ag Mag'

In today's Star Herald you will find my column among the Ag Mag pages.

I am not usually a columnist for our many special sections, but the topic of my column in the Ag Mag is about an ag job I had on a farm outside of Brewster when I was in high school. I tried to recap that experience in the words that I used back in the day nearly 50 years ago.

With harvest well underway, it's time to really pay attention to the extra harvest-related traffic



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

on the roads. Harvest equipment seems to get bigger every year, so give them room.

Take extra caution before passing, and if you're coming up to an intersection when following

a truck, trailer or combine, don't pass until you're through the intersection. You never really know if they may be making a left turn.

Take some time to read and enjoy the Ag Mag.

Vos: 'What's wrong?'

To the Editor:

To Governor Walz and those in the Twin Cities controlling our state: a \$9 billion surplus, but we have to cut back our services at the Luverne driver's license exam station. What's wrong?

Ken Vos, Luverne

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Nominations sought for school Hall of Fame

Next year during Homecoming, Luverne School District will induct the first class into the Luverne High School Hall of Fame.

The idea was introduced during the All-School Reunion in July, and a committee has been established to sift through nominations and recommend induction.

Nominees must have attended Luverne Public School for eight years or graduated from Luverne High School.

Nominees must have made notable contributions in their profession, personal endeavors and made significant contributions at a local, regional, state, national or international level.

Nomination forms should be returned to Luverne Public School by Jan. 31, 2023.

The forms are available on the school website and available at the District Office at the Luverne Public School.

The inductees will have their names engraved on a granite wall that will be part of the new Alumni Garden located near the canopy on the east side of the school complex.

Warren Herreid II has generously donated funds to cover the Hall of Fame granite wall.

The Luverne Education Legacy Fund will step in and handle the induction ceremony and the cost of the engraving.



Mavis Fodness photo/1006 field fire

A tractor and disc equipment till up black dirt in the Tim Fick field south of Luverne Monday in an effort to contain a fire started in a combine. The Luverne Fire Department and farm workers were helped by winds that pushed the flames in the direction of the field that had already been harvested.

Emergency crews respond to fires in combines, fields

By Lori Sorenson

Dry harvest conditions in local fields have prompted several fire calls in the past week for combines and equipment on fire and subsequent wildfires in fields.

In the photo at right, Luverne firefighters extinguish a smoking combine belonging to Mike Bos Thursday, Sept. 29, at 939 100th Ave. west of Luverne. The combine was unoccupied and the fire was put out quickly.

In the photo above, the Luverne Fire Department was dispatched to 1510 61st St. for a field fire that started in the combine on Tim Fick's ground in Kanaranzi Township.

According to Luverne Fire Chief Dave Van Batavia, the Fick fire didn't damage any crops because the wind pushed the flames away the soybeans that were remaining in the field.

Dry bean stalks and residue, along with dusty conditions, are increasing the likelihood of fire from a spark from an engine, overheated bearing, or contact with the exhaust manifold.



Lori Sorenson photo/1006 combine fire

Luverne firefighters make quick work of putting out a combine fire for Mike Bos Thursday, Sept. 29, on a farm yard west of Luverne along County Road 11 (known as the Steen blacktop).

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 23

•Assistance from another department was received.

•Complainant reported identity theft.

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

•Complainant on N. Fairview Drive reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on 130th Avenue and 111th Street, Steen, reported a driving complaint.

Sept. 24

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a parking complaint.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported property was found.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Assistance from another department was received.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

Sept. 25

•Assistance from another department was received

on E. Adams Avenue.

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

Sept. 26

•A warrant was issued on E. Brown Street.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a scam.

Sept. 27

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported counterfeit money was received at location.

•Complainant on 3rd Street W. and Burr Avenue S., Jasper, reported a parking issue.

•A solicitor license was issued.

•Complainant in Rock County reported an outage.

•Complainant on 121st Street, Luverne, reported theft.

•Complainant on S. Cottage Grove reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a noise complaint.

Sept. 28

•Complainant on W. Dodge Street and N. East Park Street reported a driv-

ing complaint.

•Complainant near railroad tracks by Casey's reported suspicious activity.

•Assistance from another department was received.

•Complainant at Red-bird Field reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a disorderly subject.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 funeral escort, 12 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 1 vehicle impound, 1 background check, 4 gas drive-offs, 5 alarms, 5 drug court tests, 3 purchase and carry permits, 6 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 3 welfare checks and 1 OFP.

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In other words, the lessons do not have to be taught sequentially. They can be taught based on things happening within a classroom or grade level or perhaps within a community or based on a national tragedy.

Recently, our community was shaken with another young adult suicide.

This hits to the core of Project 11, which was created because a young adult hockey player in the Winnipeg Jets organization ended his life by suicide. This individual was a close friend of the general manager and assistant general manager of the Jets.

I commend the Jets organization for not only tackling a tough subject but also recognizing the importance of education of young people in the current climate of mental health and wellness.

The Max Foundation generously purchased books for the Project 11 curriculum. Because of the tie to the Max Foundation, the Luverne Public School was able to get the entire curriculum for no cost.

Locally, the friends and family of Carson Ehde have started "Carson's Cause" through the Luverne Area Community Foundation and have pledged future support for Project 11.

Also, Tim Connell and Jeff Haubrich contributed funds to the Max Foundation based on the number of saves the goalie makes for both the boys' and girls' hockey team last winter.

Project 11 can be found in several other schools in Minnesota including Warroad, Roseau, Menagha, Greenbush-Middle River and Climax.

Schools minimally impacted by staff shortages

We hear about shortages across the country in all facets of life, business and industry. Education is also being impacted by staff shortages. Bus drivers, cooks, secretaries, custodians, paraprofessionals, teachers and administrators are all in short supply.

Luverne is fortunate that we have been fully staffed throughout the entire time during the last 2.5 years.

Not all schools can say that. We certainly will continue to have needs and hope that we can continue to fill all the positions as needed.

Again, I urge you, if you are inclined to be a part of ISD 2184, step forward and inquire.

I offer up an opinion, in that our entire nation needs to change the narrative about public education and start celebrating the wonderful things happening each and every day in our public schools.

Luverne has some amazing things that students do on a daily basis. We also have a tremendous staff that works hard to provide the educational opportunities that are afforded our students.



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H-BC Elementary students safely take to city streets

Curriculum focuses on watching for vehicle traffic, physical exercise

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Darin DeBoer's physical education classes took to the outdoors last week.

His kindergarten through fifth-grade classes either learned how to safely walk (K-1) or ride bikes (grades 2-5) around Beaver Creek.

Bicycles were supplied by the Minnesota Walk! Bike! Fun! Program funded through the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program and the state Department of Health.

DeBoer attended a free training course six years ago and each year since has reserved the trailer housing various sizes of bicycles and helmets.

The curriculum was developed by the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota to follow safe walking and bicycling practices and education standards.

For some students, riding a bike is a new experience.

"I have about seven or eight students each year who haven't ridden a bike," DeBoer said.

Through classroom activities, students learn how to safely cross the street as well as proper helmet use, hand signals, and maneuvering through intersections.

With the supplied bikes, the students rode around the elementary school, and DeBoer took them on group bike rides or walks around Beaver Creek to practice their new skills.

The curriculum is meant to foster physical activity, introduce children to different modes of transportation, foster independence and help reduce traffic crashes.

At right: Fifth-graders wait at a stop sign before taking a group ride, applying the safety lesson they learned from the Walk! Bike! Fun! Program through the state of Minnesota. **Far right:** Second-grader River Johnson waits intently before he and his classmates begin biking around the school.



Fifth-graders practice safe biking skills Thursday afternoon outside at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School. At left: Second-grader Harper DeJong concentrates on balancing a Strider bike (a bicycle without pedals) with the help of physical ed teacher Darin DeBoer.



Classmates (from left) Clara Lange, Ryder Mathers and Elliot Engelkes maneuver their bikes around the Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary bus pickup area.



MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Oct. 10: Salisbury steak with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, glazed carrots, bread, dessert.

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Beef chili with beans, romaine salad, fruit, corn bread muffin, cookie.

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Macaroni and cheese, California Normandy vegetables, stewed tomatoes, dessert.

Thursday, Oct. 13: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

Friday, Oct. 14: Chicken a la king with brown rice, peas and carrots, fruit mix and dessert. *LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.*

Call Lynette Hoiland 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

Thompson honored with FCCLA award

Carmen Thompson, a family and consumer sciences teacher at Luverne Middle-High School, was recently honored with the "Spirit of Advising" award through the FCCLA National Leadership Association.

Thompson was one of 26 FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) advisers selected for the honor nationwide and was this year's selection from Minnesota.

"FCCLA advisers are crucial to the organiza-

tion's success," said Sandy Spavone, FCCLA executive director.

"Without their dedication and support to the family and consumer sciences, youth leadership and the organization, FCCLA could not be the ultimate leadership experience it is today."

The award recognizes FCCLA advisers who demonstrate excellence in modeling FCCLA character to help students achieve success within their classroom and career.

1943: Sarah Scott tells her Diamond Club story

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 May 13, 1943, and is continued from last week's issue.

The Biblical prophecy "there shall be wars and rumors of wars," may be just another scripture passage to many, but to Mrs. Sarah Scott, Luverne, it has a deep meaning, for during her 82 years of life, she has lived through three years, has seen the beginning of the fourth, and "the end is not yet."

Mrs. Scott was born May 9, 1861, near Jacksonville, in Cass county, Ill., the daughter of William and Jane Lindsey Matthews. Her father died when she was an infant, and she and her mother and sister lived with her grandmother until



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

her mother was remarried to a man who fought in the Union army during the Civil War.

From her stepfather and from her uncles, Mrs. Scott heard many stories of the Civil War. She had two uncles who were captured by the southern army, and were placed in the famous Andersonville prison. One of them was released before the other and when he

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Chef Skyler Hoiland changed the menu nearly 200 times since May when he announced plans to open The Bluestem restaurant in the former Magnolia Steakhouse.

"Every day I wake up thinking about food and about the menu," said Hoiland, Bluestem chef and owner.

The overall theme is casual, fresh Midwest comfort food with a few Italian dishes featuring fresh pasta.

25 years ago (1997)

•The Luverne Marching Band made history Saturday for its performance in the 47th Annual Tri-State Band Festival.

After years of proudly participating in the parade and field competition with little formal recognition, Luverne was honored with four separate awards Saturday.

For the first time in the history of the school, Luverne won first place in field competition. According to director Dale Nelson, winning the award was satisfying.

"I'll have to say it was unexpected, but it was well deserved. These kids have been working hard for a long time. I just

didn't know our kids were quite at that level. Now I find out that they are," he said.

50 years ago (1972)

•A letter of commendation, honoring him for his high performance in the 1971 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude test, National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test has been received by Donley Bosch, Hills-Beaver Creek high school student.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bosch, Hills. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has named 37,000 Commended students in the United States. These students are among the upper 2 per cent of those who are expected to graduate from high school in 1973. The Commended students rank high, but below the 15,000 Semifinalists announced in September by NMSC.

75 years ago (1947)

•Rock county's first dial telephone system was "cut" into service last Monday evening. Mayor L. M. Larsen, of Beaver Creek placed the first call over the new system to Alfred E.

Precht, president of the Beaver Creek community club at 7:30. The system serves the village of Beaver Creek, and 35 square miles in the adjacent rural territory.

100 years ago (1922)

•A standing offer of \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person stealing an automobile in Luverne, and for the return of the stolen car, has become an actual condition by arrangements whereby the payment of such reward is thoroughly guaranteed.

The proposal of offering a substantial reward for the capture of automobile thieves was first made through the Luverne Kiwanis club as a measure of checking the frequent theft of cars in Luverne.

Arrangements for underwriting the reward were prepared and the payment of the reward is pledged and guaranteed by fifty-six automobile owners of Luverne, each of such owners pledging payment of \$10 towards the pledged reward of \$500.

The reward offered covers the theft of any car within the limits of Luverne and will be effective for one year from and after the 30th day of September, 1922.

OBITUARIES

Cecelia 'Jeanette' Tangeman

Cecelia "Jeanette" Tangeman, 96, Luverne, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, at Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m., at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, with burial to follow at Maplewood Cemetery.

Cecelia Jeanette Battrell was born in 1925 to Roy and Ida (Beth) (Wilkins) Battrell in Des Moines, Iowa.

Growing up Jeanette learned to play piano from her mother and then used that skill to receive dance lessons by playing piano for other dance classes. Jeanette was a graduate of North High School in Des Moines. She continued her education at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, the University of Dubuque for a Bachelor of Arts in Education and English degree, and Drake University

in Des Moines for a master's degree in education, specializing in learning disabilities.

In 1947 Jeanette married Vincent Dempewolf. Jeanette taught in schools in Bellevue, Andrew and Des Moines, all in Iowa. While in Bellevue, Jeanette taught dance lessons. She was a very dedicated wife, mother, and teacher.

In 1981 she married Robert (Tim) Tangeman. Jeanette and Tim moved to Mesa, Arizona, to help Tim's parents in their final years. Jeanette and Tim then retired to Luverne.

Jeanette was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne and was a faithful participant on the Adoration Chapel schedule. She volunteered at the Sanford Luverne Hospital, and in 2003 she and Tim received the Distinguished Hospice Volunteers Award. In 2000 she was named Rock County Volunteer of the Year.

Jeanette loved wordplay, puns and crossword puzzles and was always ready with a funny response. She was a

wizard at knitting and crocheting, and enjoyed teaching these skills to others. She enjoyed writing and wrote articles for local newspapers from time to time. She loved her children and her stepchildren and was very proud of having 13 children in all.

Jeanette is survived by her children, Peggy (Michael), Rita, Diane (Lee), Tom (Helen), Nancy (Phil), and Cathy (Tim); stepchildren, Tim, Fran, Dan, and Marc; nine grandchildren, Sonia, Gabriele, Nora, Nina, Adam, Lexie, Tami, Christina, and Russell; nine great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren, Sean, Danielle, Madison, Steven, Adam, Brady, Elizabeth, Kenneth, and Christopher; and nine step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Kay.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Vincent Dempewolf (1993) and Tim Tangeman (2011); her son, Joe; her daughter, Eileen; a stepson, Brad; and a grandson, Isaac.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

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Gloria Boelman

Gloria Jean Boelman, 75, Luverne, died of cancer Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, surrounded by her family at Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Gloria Jean Hansen was born June 27, 1947, to Carl and Olga (Larson) Hansen in Luverne. She grew up on the family farm near Blue Mounds State Park north of Luverne.

She was baptized on July 27, 1947, at Blue Mound Lutheran Church in rural Luverne and confirmed on Oct. 21, 1962, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1965. After high school she worked at A. R. Wood Manufacturing for several years and worked part time for Cora Hilger during

tax season.

Gloria married Larry Boelman on July 2, 1967, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple made their home and farmed in Kanaranzi Township, where they were blessed with four children, Troy,

David, Dallas and Shelly. Gloria kept busy as a farm wife and mother. She enjoyed working with Larry in the farrowing barn as well as driving tractor and combine in the fields.

The couple retired from farming in 2013. Larry died of cancer on Feb. 4, 2015. Gloria remained on the farm and continued to be active with her grandchildren and her church.

Gloria was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne where she sang in the choir, quilted for MIA, and served as a member of the finance committee. She also served as president, chaplain and treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary and volunteered at the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Gloria enjoyed counted cross-stitch, quilting, reading and working on puzzles.

She is survived by her son, Dallas (Tiffany) Boelman of Sioux Falls; her daughter, Shelly (Wade) Popkes of Rock Rapids, Iowa; daughter-in-law Tammy (Bob) Tuma of Northfield; seven grandchildren, Jacob (Cora) Boelman, Matthew Boelman, Calvin Popkes, Kurtis Popkes, Allison Boelman, Abigail Boelman, and Brecken Boelman; siblings Ardyth Bowen of Luverne, Clifford (Gloria) Hansen of Lake Benton, Vivian Aarestad of Apple Valley, and Raymond (Elaine) Hansen of Luverne; and sister-in-law LaVonne (Ty) Reinke of Larchwood, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Larry Boelman; sons David and Troy Boelman; sister Loretta Hansen; brothers-in-law Ken Bowen and Sidney Aarestad; and parents-in-law William and Jennie Boelman.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com

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Linda Dooyema

Linda Lou Dooyema, 72, Magnolia, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at her home.



A funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore. A memorial Mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial of remains will be at St. Anthony Cemetery in Lismore at a later date.

Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society.

Linda Bullerman was born on Jan. 8, 1950, to Clarence and Arlene (Bullerman) Von Holtum in Adrian.

Linda married Lorne "Steve" Dooyema on Sept. 12, 1970, at St. Anthony

Catholic Church in Lismore.

The couple lived in various communities in the Midwest, including, Marshall, La Crosse, Wisconsin, Waukegan, Illinois, and White Bear Lake before moving to Deerwood. They owned and operated a motel

in Deerwood. In 1998 they purchased the Aanenson family farm near Magnolia.

Linda was a very active member of several organizations and charities. Linda and Lorne were founding members of Safe Home for Children.

Linda was also a member of the Deerwood Lakes Lions Club, where she received the Melvin Jones Award. She was also instrumental in organiz-

ing the Deerwood Summer Fest. She enjoyed cooking, baking and especially making greeting cards.

Linda is survived by her husband, Lorne Dooyema, Magnolia; three children, Jeromy (Carrie) Dooyema of Atlanta, Georgia, Leah Dooyema of the Twin Cities, and Matthew (Emily) Dooyema of St. Cloud; three grandchildren, Tyrese, Ellie and Lauren Dooyema; and three brothers, Jerry Von Holtum of Ohio, Larry (Barb) Von Holtum of Magnolia, and James (Lori) Von Holtum of Lismore.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter, Anya.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com.

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Imaged by CD photo/0929 LHS Class of 1957

LHS Class of 1957 gathers for 65th reunion

Nine members of the Luverne High School Class of 1957 gathered Friday night, Sept. 23, for a picture honoring their 65th class reunion. Pictured are (front, left) Stan Thompson, Bob Rogness, Ken Hoime, Mary Skewes-Fisher, (back) Jim Lehmann, Mike Ormseth, Jen Luebke, Roger Schlader and George Christiansen.

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left, the one who remained warned him to not eat too much meat after he was released. He had been starved too long, however, and was so famished that he did not overeat after arriving home, and died three days later.????

When her stepfather arrived home after the peace had been signed, she remembers she met him with a pair of stockings which she had knit for him with her mother's help. She was then only about five years old.

Because she had heard so much about the Civil War and the South, the book, "Gone with the Wind" was to Mrs. Scott in the nature of a trip "back home." She read the book through once, and read half of it the second time, in addition to seeing the movie, she states.

Cass county, where she was born, was a wooded country, and as a girl, Mrs. Scott learned to recognize birds and flowers that were native to that area. "Whenever I wasn't to be found at home, my folks usually

knew that I'd be wandering around amongst the trees," Mrs. Scott states.

At the age of 14, she began earning her own living, doing housework at \$1.25 per week. At the age of 16, she had one of the greatest thrills as a girl when she visited the state house at Springfield, Ill., and saw Lincoln's tomb.

From Cass county, she moved with the family to McLean county where she lived until going to Ford county. It was there that she met her future husband, Amos Scott, and was married to him at Matamola, Ill., on Jan. 8, 1880. Shortly afterward, they decided to go to Kansas, but got as far as Sedalia, Mo., with their team and buggy, and decided to stay there. After about a year, they returned to McLean county, Ill., by covered wagon, and remained there until 1883 when they decided to come west to Minnesota.

They settled in the southwestern part of the county near the "old iron post" which is the dividing marker be-

tween Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota, and they lived there about eight years.

During that period, Mrs. Scott experienced the famous blizzard of 1888. Her husband had gone to a neighbor's farm, and she was left alone with a man who had been making his home with them. The day dawned mild and clear, and the temperature was warm until the storm struck about 4 p.m. Mrs. Scott had no fuel or water in the house when the storm struck, but the man who was with her obtained some and managed to get to the barn and get the livestock indoors and safe.

Meanwhile, her husband had started home and found his way to the house after he had come to a clothesline which crossed the lane that led into the farm yard. He followed the wire which led directly to the house, then opened the door and fell virtually exhausted on the floor.

(Sarah Scott's story continues next week.)

DEATH NOTICE

Madge May

Madge Ruth May, 105, Luverne, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A memorial service will take place at a later date at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

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

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Images by CD photo/1006 LHS Football

Senior Kaleb Hein scores the first of Luverne's three touchdowns Friday night in a Cardinals homecoming victory over the Worthington Trojans, 22-14. The Cardinals move to 3-2 on the season.

Patriots suffer first loss of season to Renville County West

Jaguars ranked No. 1 in state nine-man football

By Dan Ellingson
For the Star Herald

On Friday, Sept. 30, the 4-0 Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots traveled to Danube to play the No. 1 QRF-ranked 9-man football team in Minnesota, the 4-0 Renville County West Jaguars.

The Jaguars lived up to their ranking as they defeated the visiting Patriots 37-6. The game was a rematch of last season's state quarter-final Patriots' victory at SMSU.

However, this season's game belonged to the Jaguars as they led early and held a 23-0 halftime advantage.

Head coach Rex Metzger and the Patriots knew the Jaguars were a physical and athletic team going into Friday night. The Jaguars' aggressiveness and size kept the Patriots at bay most of the evening.

The Patriots started the game off well with a third down defensive stop and made the Jaguars punt on their first possession.

However, Renville County West's 40-yard punt was downed at the Patriot 1-yard line and put the visitors in an early hole. Two plays later, running back Justin Roelfs was tackled for a loss and safety for the Jaguars.

This gave the home team a 2-0 lead with 7:58 left in the first quarter.

Renville County West was able to capitalize after the Patriots' free kick from the 20-yard line was returned to the Patriots 40-

yard line to give the Jaguars good field position.

Five plays later the Jaguars scored on a running play from 5 yards out, and the kick made the score 9-0 in favor of the Jaguars.

The score remained the same until Renville County West scored twice in the second quarter. The first touchdown came on a 73-yard gallop at the 10:27 mark, and the second was on a 30-yard pass play with only 8 seconds left in the half.

That score built the Renville County West lead to 23-0.

In the third quarter the teams exchanged touchdowns. The Patriots scored on their first drive of the half. A 10-play, 80-yard drive temporarily gave the Patriots some momentum early in the third quarter.

Quarterback Sawyer Bosch hit Justin Roelfs with a 14-yard touchdown pass, but the two-point conversion pass fell incomplete to bring the score to 23-6.

The No. 1-ranked Jaguar team responded with a six-play, 40-yard drive to bring their lead back to 23.

Renville County West finished out the scoring at 8:57 with a 3-yard run for a touchdown and a two-point conversion from the 1 1/2-yard line, rather than the 3-yard line, due to a Patriot defensive penalty.

"I thought we battled on both sides of the ball," coach Metzger said. "Those

Pats football, go to 10A

Successful homecoming

Luverne Cardinals take win over Worthington, now 3-2

By John Sichmeller
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinal football team celebrated a homecoming victory after defeating the Worthington Trojans on Friday night at Cardinal Field.

The Cardinals held a 15-14 lead at halftime and added one touchdown in the second half to complete a 22-14 victory over the Trojans.

With the win, the Cardinals moved to 3-2 on the season.

"It felt good to come back and get a win after last week's tough loss," said senior Gannon Ahrendt after the game.

After giving up a season-high 42 points versus New Ulm last week, the Luverne defense looked to bounce back and came up with an excellent second half to lead the Cardinals to victory.

"After the first quarter our defense played a very solid game," said Luverne coach Todd Oye.

The Cardinal offense didn't do

their defense any favors after fumbling on their first offensive play.

Taking over at the Luverne 35-yard line, Worthington was able to put together a 12-play scoring drive that ended with a 4-yard touchdown run by Worthington senior running back Abagotte Opiew.

After a successful extra point kick, Worthington held a 7-0 lead with 5:58 to go in the first quarter.

The Cardinals answered back with a scoring drive of their own.

Starting at their own 43-yard line, Luverne moved the ball quickly into Worthington territory when quarterback Conner Connell threw to Ahrendt for a 13-yard gain on Luverne's first play of the drive.

Connell added a 10-yard run, and senior Tyson Cowell chipped in with a 7-yard run to get the Cardinals inside the red zone.

Facing a fourth and 2 from the Worthington 19-yard line, the Cardinals got a key run by Cowell for a 9-yard gain which kept their drive alive.

Just two plays later the Cardinals found the endzone for their first score of the game when senior running back Kaleb Hein caught a pass from Connell and ran 9 yards for a Cardinal touchdown. After a successful kick from Patrick Kroski, the score was 7-7 with 1:17 to go in the first quarter.

The Trojan offense continued right where they left off when they got the ball back for their next possession. On first down, Opiew broke free for a 60-yard run to bring the Trojans to the Luverne 6-yard. Two plays later Opiew was back in the endzone after a 5-yard touchdown run. After another successful extra point kick, the Trojans led 14-7 with 11:51 to go in the second quarter.

The Cardinals took over at their own 20-yard line and faced a third and 20 from the 10-yard line two plays later after an offensive penalty.

Luverne football, go to 10A

Tennis team readies for section team matches at No. 2 seed

By Susan Beers
For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' tennis team was defeated by Pipestone 4-3 in the annual Battle Racquet match on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

With the loss, Luverne's season record fell to 10-5. The next action for the Cardinals will be an opening section team match at home on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

In the Pipestone match, Luverne was able to win two of the three doubles matches but only one of the four singles matches.

"The doubles teams have been playing great all season, and I was happy with how they played again on Tuesday," said LHS coach Jon Beers. "We just need to find a way to win more of the singles matches."

In singles play, Cassi Chesley was the lone LHS player to get a win by beating Jasmine Boeke 6-1, 6-4 at No. 4 singles. Rayann Remme returned to play after being out with an injury and was defeated 6-0, 6-0 by Toryn Woelber at No. 1 singles. At No. 2 singles, Roselynn Hartshorn lost to Brielle Kulm 7-5, 6-1, and at No. 3 singles Morgan Hadler lost to Jenna Boeke 6-0, 6-1.

Sarah Stegenga and Katharine Kelm defeated Alyssa Enger and Madison

"If we play our best tennis, I see no reason why we can't be Section champs and represent Section 3A in the state tournament."

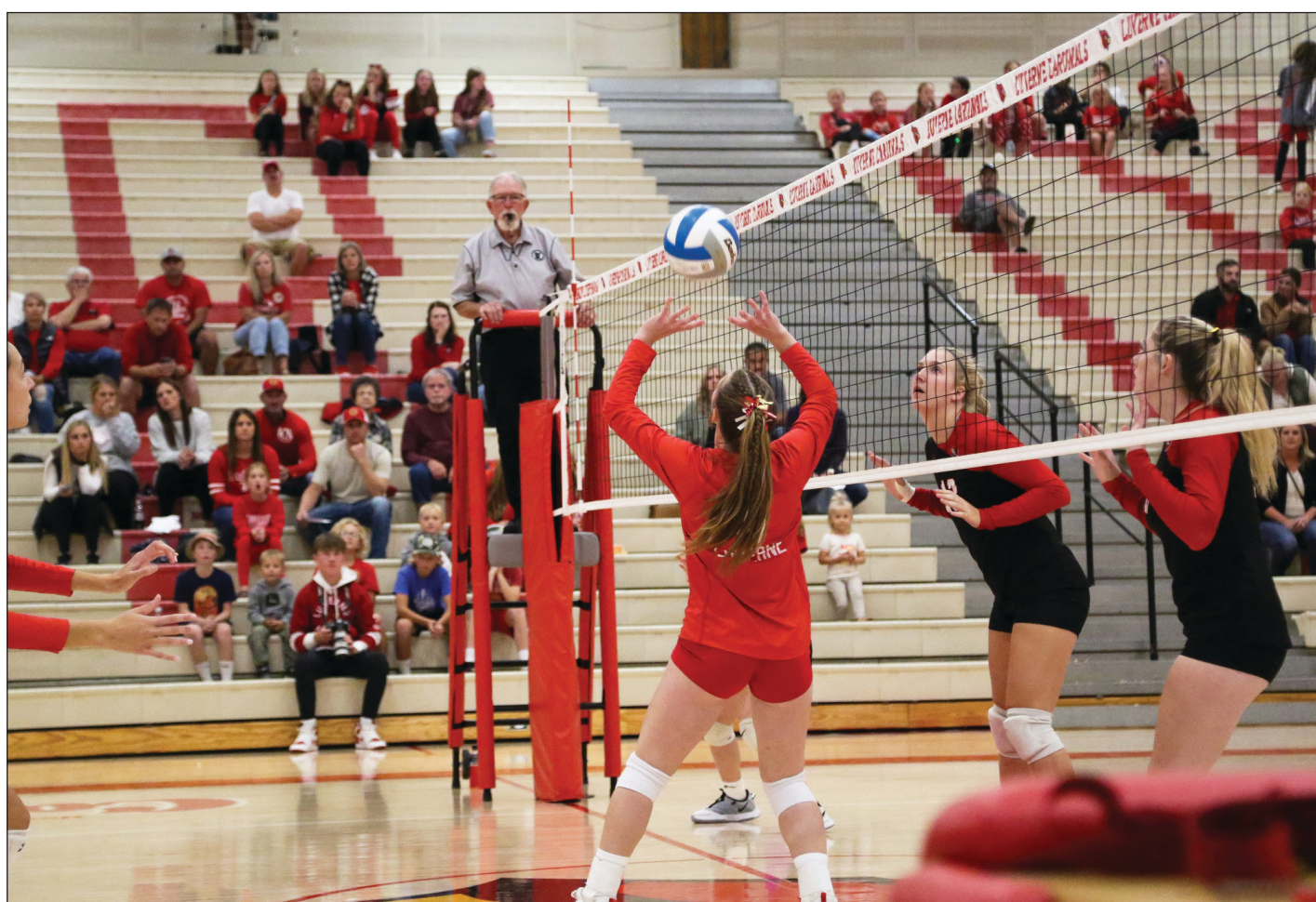
— Tennis coach
Jon Beers

Purdin 6-4, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles, and Augusta Papik and Caitlin Kindt won at No. 3 doubles over Addison Draper and Laura Minet 6-0, 6-0. At No. 2 doubles, Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr were defeated 6-2, 6-3 by Alicia Haack and Vivian Brookberg.

With Luverne's loss, Pipestone is now the No. 1 seed in Section 3A with LHS being the No. 2 seed.

The Cardinals will get to host a first-round match on Tuesday, Oct. 4, against Benson. If the girls win on Tuesday, LHS will travel to Sioux Falls for the Section semi-finals and finals on Thursday, Oct. 6.

"I know the girls will be ready to go next week. If we play our best tennis, I see no reason why we can't be Section champs and represent Section 3A in the state tournament," said Beers.



Images by CD photo/1006 LHS Volleyball

Luverne senior Emma Beyer sets the ball for her Cardinal teammates Thursday night, Sept. 29, in a home contest against St. James Area. The Cardinals swept St. James 3-0 and moved their record for the season to 12-6.

Cardinals claim two wins in busy week

By Stacy Olson
For the Star Herald

The Luverne volleyball team went 2-1 in the past week, sweeping St. James in three and taking Edgerton-Adrian-Ellsworth 4-1 after losing a Sept. 28 match 3-0 to Worthington.

The Cardinals improved their record to 12 wins and 6 losses on the season and will take on Jackson County Central Thursday night at home.

WHS 3, LHS 0

Luverne traveled to Worthing-

ton on Tuesday, Sept 27. Worthington swept Luverne with scores of 23-25, 24-26 and 12-25.

Seniors Christina Wagner and Emma Beyer led the Cardinals at the service line, with each completing 9 of 9 serves and Wagner recording an ace.

Senior hitters Anja Jarchow and Kamryn Van Batavia each charted five kills against the Trojans. Beyer recorded 10 set assists and senior Averill Sehr recorded seven set assists for LHS.

Carly Olson, senior libero, led LHS with 14 digs.

At the net senior Elizabeth Wagner charted two solo blocks and two assists for the Cardinals.

LHS 3, St. James 0

The Cardinals returned home on Thursday, Sept 29, to take on St. James.

The Cardinals swept St. James in three games with scores of 25-16, 25-12 and 25-13. Hitters Anja Jarchow and Kamryn Van Batavia recorded nine and 14 kills respectively.

Carly Olson led from the back row with 16 digs. Emma Beyer completed

LHS volleyball, continued on 10A

Luverne cross country teams turn in best meet of the season

**By Sara Schmuck
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinal Cross Country teams raced at two meets this week, with one being what coach Pete Janiszewski called "our best meet as a team."

The boys' and girls' varsity teams both took first at the St. James Invitational Tuesday, Sept. 27, and had 10 Top-10 finishes. Owen Janiszewski placed first for boys' varsity and set a meet record with his 5k time of 15:56.90.

"As a whole, we competed and performed well across the board, which was a big boost of confidence for the kids heading into the back half of the season," coach Janiszewski said.

"If they continue to do the little things, take pride in striving for excellence, and stay humble and hungry to improve and be their best, they will continue to progress toward their end-of-the-season goals."

LHS scores were not overall as good in Willmar Glacial Lakes Invite Saturday, but Jenna DeBates placed first in the varsity girls' 5k with a time of 19:13.8.

Boys' varsity and JV ran together at St. James

Camden Janiszewski, 5th, 16:59.47
Sage Viessman, 10th, 17:39.06
Carsen Tofteland, 15th, 17:55.48
Leif Ingebretson, 18th, 18:03.77
Dylan Ommen, 25th, 18:38.08
Kaleb Hemme, 33rd, 19:07.82
Camden Hoven, 45th, 20:02.7
Zach Terrio, 46th, 20:03.60
Eli McLendon, 51st, 21:20.41
Isaac DeBates, 52nd, 21:23.25
Riley Ripka, 67th, 22:40.17

Girls' varsity and JV ran together at St. James

Jenna DeBates, 2nd, 18:35.73
Ella Schmuck, 3rd, 19:59.12
Khloe Visker, 5th, 20:47.38
Grace Ingebretson, 7th, 20:54.67
Kayla Bloemendaal, 10th, 21:29.31
Tiana Lais, 15th, 22:18.44
Olivia Lund, 16th, 22:21.68
Grace Kempema, 27th, 24:00.
Reinha John, 32nd, 24:43.37
Mariah Knorr, 35th, 24:50.34
Andrea Luitjens, 47th, 28:22.81
Maddy Schepel, 54th, 32:39.60

Boys' varsity 5k Willmar:

Owen Janiszewski, 7th, 16:54.3
Camden Janiszewski, 11th, 17:09.9
Ryan Fick, 21st, 17:44.9
Leif Ingebretson, 42nd, 18:34.1
Carsen Tofteland, 48th, 18:47.5
Dylan Ommen, 69th, 19:34.6



Stacy DeBates photo/1009 cross country jenna

Jenna DeBates took the lead at the Willmar Glacial Lakes Invite Saturday and placed first in the varsity girls' 5k with a time of 19:13.8.

Girls' varsity 5k Willmar:

Ella Schmuck, 23rd, 20:58.2
Khloe Visker, 51st, 22:12.3
Kayla Bloemendaal, 65th, 23:17.8
Olivia Lund, 69th, 23:29.6
Tiana Lais, 73rd, 23:46.8

Junior varsity boys' Willmar 5k:

Camden Hoven, 39th, 20:58.8
Zach Terrio, 47th, 21:13.4
Isaac DeBates, 57th, 21:31.0
Eli McLendon, 69th, 21:56.8
Riley Ripka, 114th, 25:16.0

Junior high boys' St James 1600 meter:

Marcus Papik, 4th (6:36.83); Zander Fountain, 22nd (8:17.44)

Junior high girls' St. James 1600 meter:

Jaina Fountain, 19th (9:28.35); Emma Wieneke, 20th (10:18.24)

Junior high boys' St. James 1600 meter:

Zander Fountain, 32nd (9:25)

Junior high boys' Willmar 3200 meter:

Marcus Papik, 11th, 12:45.6

Junior high girls Willmar 3,200 meter:

Grace Kempema, 8th, 14:06.4
Jaina Fountain, 34th, 17:10.6
Emma Wieneke, 49th, 19:46.2

H-BC takes on Edgerton, MCC

By Joni Deelstra

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team faced Edgerton and Murray County Central on Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Thursday, Sept. 29, losing to the Dutchmen and the Rebels in three sets each.

The Patriot volleyball players will travel to Marshall for a tournament on Oct. 7 and 8.

EHS 3, H-BC 0

Two teams that just met in a match less than a week ago went head-to-head again Tuesday evening, Sept. 27.

In the last matchup, Edgerton defeated H-BC in four sets, marking the first time that H-BC won a set since the start of the season.

On Tuesday, Edgerton had no problem taking H-BC in three sets, 16-25, 17-25, 17-25. H-BC played without setter Brynn Rauk, who suffered a possible concussion.

Edgerton took an early lead in all three sets and maintained the lead easily. Player stats were unavailable as of this writing.

MCC 3, HBC 0

The H-BC volleyball team traveled to Slayton Thursday to play a very

good MCC team.

Inconsistencies in playing time, fundamentals and team leadership continue to plague the H-BC team.

The Patriots were called for several double hits throughout the match, and MCC had no trouble taking control of the game.

MCC started the game with three straight ace serves and went on a 7-0 lead before H-BC scored. Larissa Steinhoff and Lanae Elbers each got a kill before the set ended 25-8.

Steinhoff started the second set with a kill followed by Bailey Spykerboer getting a point off a serve to make it 0-2. Layla Deelstra scored a point off a tip and the score tied 3-3.

Grace Anderson passed to Spykerboer to set Elbers up for a kill to keep the score close 7-6.

Elbers added another kill followed by a kill by Steinhoff 14-8. Taylor Huisman and Ella Sammons also added kills before the set ended 25-12.

The third set started out hopeful for the Patriots, who carried a 5-7 lead before MCC tied it at 9-9. The score was tied again at 12-12. Elbers added two kills before MCC finished the match 25-14.

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Dog commands further explained; 'sit' often misunderstood, misused

We are working our way into the third installment of a four-part series in the subject of training your own dog.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

upward, it tends to make the butt end of the dog go downward.

So, you intermingle the "heel" and "sit" commands. As the dog gets better, you don't necessarily need to give the leash a jerk every time. A "sit" or "heel" command with no correction is called a freebie.

You utilize the leash jerk with freebies in a non-rhythm cadence. If you give three freebies and then one jerk and repeat this over and over, the dog will start to anticipate the correction and might start sitting when no command is given.

When "sit" is well understood, you will need to replace the 4-foot leash with a 30-foot check cord or rope. Give the command "sit" and then start to walk away.

If the dog breaks and follows you, say "no" firmly and return the dog to where it was, give the rope an upward jerk, and repeat the "sit" command.

When you can give the "sit" command as you walk away and the dog stays in place, you are getting somewhere. Let the rope slip through your hands until you are 30 feet away.

Walk in a circle around the dog, repeating the "sit" command. I know I have a dog with a complete un-

derstanding when I can circle around the dog two or three times and the dog does not move.

Advance this even further, but gently pulling on the rope while reminding the dog with the "sit" command. You will ultimately get to a point where you can pull on the rope hard enough that the dog's butt will come off the ground and they will still not move. Release the dog with the word OK.

We will use this same effort on the "here" command. Have the dog sit and walk to the end of the 30-foot rope.

Command the dog with a "here" command and give the leash a jerk. When they get about 10 feet from you, you can then give the "heel" command.

A dog can only be expected to do one thing at a time. You cannot and should not command the dog with "here," immediately followed by a heel command and then immediately followed up by a sit command.

Allow the dog to complete one task and then instruct them on the next command. Call the dog "here," and when it is about 10 feet from you, give the "heel" command. When the dog has reached "heel," then - and only then - give them the "sit" command.

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Elliot Domagala (No. 11) receives help from his Luverne teammates during a run Friday night at home against the Worthington Trojans. Luverne went on to win the homecoming game by a score of 22-14.

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Junior receiver Elliot Domagala came up with a big play for the Cardinals when he hauled in a 19-yard reception from Connell.

Luverne converted the fourth and 1 to keep the drive going after a Connell quarterback keeper resulted in a 5-yard gain.

The Cardinals kept the momentum going on first down when Connell found Ahrendt for a 24-yard reception. Connell tacked on another 12-yard run, and Cowell broke free for a 21-yard run to give the Cardinals three straight first downs with the ball inside the Worthington 10-yard line.

Hein finished off the drive with his second touchdown of the game, this time on a 9-yard scoring run. Luverne opted to go for two points after the touchdown, and it paid off when Carter Sehr's pass found Domagala in the end zone to give the Cardinals a 15-14 lead with 8:20 to go in the second quarter.

The Luverne defense got two quick stops in the final eight minutes of the second quarter. The Cardinal offense continued to move the ball but was unable to score as their final drive of the half ended on the Worthington 1-yard line as time expired, with the Luverne lead

remaining 15-14.

What looked to be an offensive shootout turned into a defensive battle in the second half with both teams struggling to make the same big offensive plays that they made in the first half.

Neither team could score in the third quarter, and the offensive drought for both teams continued into the fourth quarter.

The Cardinal defense had its biggest stand of the game as the Trojans lined up for a fourth and 1 from their own 48-yard line with 4:11 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Worthington quarterback Tucker Brandner faked a hand-off and scrambled with multiple Cardinal defenders chasing him. Riley Sneller tackled Brandner for an 11-yard loss to stop the Trojan drive and give the ball back to the Cardinals.

Taking over at the Worthington 37-yard line, the Cardinals were able to ice the game with a 5-play scoring drive that was capped by a Connell 7-yard touchdown run. Kroski added another extra point to give Luverne a 22-14 lead with 1:16 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Luverne defense held

strong one last time, and the Cardinals were able to kneel the ball to finish off the game and secure the 22-14 win.

"It's always fun to get a win in your homecoming game," said Ahrendt.

"Hopefully this will give us some momentum as we prepare for the Pipestone game next week."

The Cardinals will travel to Pipestone to take on the Arrows Friday night in the annual "Battle Axe" game. Game time is 7 p.m.

Team statistics:

Luverne: 176 rushing yards, 154 passing yards, 330 total yards, 20 first downs, 5 penalties for 50 yards, 2 turnovers.

Worthington: 175 rushing yards, 19 passing yards, 194 total yards, 9 first downs, 4 penalties for 35 yards, 1 turnover.

Individual statistics:

Rushing: Conner Connell 13-66 (1 TD), Tyson Cowell 13-64, Kaleb Hein 6-19 (1 TD), Carter Sehr 1-13

Passing: Conner Connell 12-21, 154 yards (1 TD), Carter Sehr 2-5, 71 yards, Gannon Ahrendt 1-1, 13 yards (1 TD).

Receiving: Tyson Cowell 6-68, Gannon Ahrendt 3-52, Elliot Domagala 1-19, Kaleb Hein 1-9 (1 TD)

Defense: Eli Woodley 5.5 tackles, Anyuon Atem 4.5 tackles, Tyler Gebauer 3.5 tackles, Conner Connell 3 tackles

State youth deer season returns Oct. 20-23

Minnesota's youth deer season will take place statewide Thursday, Oct. 20, through Sunday, Oct. 23. The season coincides with statewide teacher workshops, so many Minnesota students don't have school during the youth season.

To participate, youth must be 10-17 years old and have a deer license. Participant numbers are not limited and there is no

special permit, so parents should purchase or obtain a regular deer hunting license for the youth who will be hunting.

An adult parent, guardian or mentor must accompany youth ages 10-13. All hunters and mentors, regardless of whether they are participating in youth deer season, must follow blaze orange/pink clothing requirements.

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are the games that are going to make us better, so hopefully we can clean up a few things this week and get ready for another tough one on Friday night."

That game is against the 3-2 Mountain Lake Wolverines on Friday, Oct. 6. The 4-1 Patriots host the 7 p.m. game.

Team Statistics

HBC- 68 rushing yards, 122 passing yards, 190 total yards, 13 first downs, four penalties for 20 yards, two turnovers.

RCW - 273 yards rushing, 141 passing yards, 414 total yards, 11 penalties for 100 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Justin Roelfs 8-35, Sawyer Bosch 8-23, Beau Bakken 3-6, Mason Shaffner 2-2, Cooper Gehrke, James Vandenberg 2-1, Jamin Metzger 3-0.

Passing: Sawyer Bosch 9-13 for 84 yards one touchdown, one interception, Jamin Metzger 5 for 6 for 38 yards, Justin Roelfs 0-0, one interception.

Receiving: Justin Roelfs 4-44 yards one touchdown, Riley Tatge 3-42 yards, Cooper Gehrke 2-11 yards, James Vandenberg 2-9 yards, Sawyer Bosch 1-8 yards, Micah Bush 1-7 yards, Beau Bakken 1-1 yard.

Defense: Luke Fuerstenberg 7.5 tackles, Brayden Metzger 5.5 tackles, Cooper Gehrke 4.5 tackles, Sawyer Bosch 4.5 tackles, Cody Moser 4.5 tackles, Cole Rozeboom 4 tackles.

LHS volleyball/from page 8A

16 set assists, and Averill Sehr added another nine set assists.

Jarchow was 19 for 19 at the service line. Beyer also racked up three aces at the service line and completed 17 of 18 serves. Junior Kiesli Smith led the Cardinals at the net with one block and four block assists. Christina Wagner assisted with four blocks.

LHS 4, EHS/AHS 1

The Cardinals traveled to Ellsworth Monday to take on the Adrian/Ellsworth volleyball team.

Luverne played four games against Adrian/Ellsworth, winning three with scores of 25-23, 25-20 and 25-20 while dropping Game

2 by a score of 25-23.

Seniors Mallory VonTersch and Emma Beyer led the Cardinals at the service line with Beyer completing 18 of 19 serves and VonTersch completing 16 of 16 serves with one ace.

Beyer contributed 23 set assists for Luverne and Averill Sehr charted 15 set assists.

Anja Jarchow dominated the night with 11 kills, 18 digs, three solo blocks and two block assists.

Kamryn Van Batavia recorded eight kills for LHS. Carly Olson added 14 digs in the four games. Junior Tori Serie added two solo blocks and three block assists to secure the Cardinal victory.

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Tori Hemme

Sport: Tennis
Parents: Kyle and Mica Hemme
What I like most about Tennis: The connections I get to make with my teammates and other teams.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: FCCLA, Band, Choir, Peer Helping and Math League.



Gannon Ahrendt

Sport: Football
Parents: Brad and Angela Ahrendt
What I like most about Football: Football is the season when you and all your friends can play a sport together.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Basketball
Favorite Class: History



Emma Beyer

Sport: Volleyball
Parents: Jamie and Jen Beyer
What I like most about Volleyball: Celebrating exciting points with my teammates and the overall atmosphere of volleyball.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Basketball, Choir, Peer Helping and Math League
Favorite Class: History



Mallory Von Tersch

Sport: Volleyball
Parents: Pat and Kim Von Tersch
What I like most about Volleyball: Hanging out with my teammates.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Hockey and Golf
Favorite Class: Math



Rall column dog training Part 3/continued from 9A

I said in an earlier column that a dog is not an electronic device like a computer keyboard.

You cannot expect them to execute three or four commands at one time and then expect them to execute them all in order.

When working on the "here" command, we also utilize freebies with no cadence.

Command "here," and then give the rope a stiff tug. When the dog has complied, then move away and command "here" without a correction. Mix both a freebie and a rope jerk with

They think if a dog sits when told, they have mastered all that is required. This is far from the truth.

no rhythm so the dog does not start to anticipate and either move or sit with no command given by you.

This is an important recommendation when training your own dog.

Each session should last no more than 15 minutes. Each session should start out with 2 minutes of fun and end each session

with two minutes of fun.

As the dog gets better and better, they are still getting a correction occasionally from a jerk on the rope or leash even when they are doing everything right.

This is a necessary step if you want sponge bucket obedience and not post it note obedience.

By keeping the sessions

short and ending each session with a little fun, you keep the attitude of the dog high, and training sessions are looked forward to instead of dreaded.

Part 4 will be the introduction to the whistle and electronic training collars. Stay tuned

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

American Reformed Church

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

Thursday, Oct. 6: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, Oct. 7: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Oct. 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 2-4 p.m. Middle School gathering. 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. MJB and Poplar Creek. Tuesday, Oct. 11: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 12: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and youth groups. 8:15 p.m. Cantata rehearsal. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, Oct. 8: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Oct. 9: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school; FUEL. 9:45 a.m. coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Oct. 10: 6:30 p.m. 2nd Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Oct. 11: 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Oct. 12: 6:15 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Oct. 6: New AA group. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sunday, Oct. 9: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Youth Sunday school during worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Saturday, Oct. 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Oct. 9: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 2 p.m. 2nd Sunday Fun Day. Monday, Oct. 10: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. Tuesday, Oct. 11: 7 p.m. Women's Missionary Guild. Wednesday, Oct. 12: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 1 p.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. Kids for Christ. 7 p.m. Senior choir. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Thursday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge meeting at LHS. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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
Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

Jesse Baker, Pastor

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

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 9: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship Service at First Lutheran w/Installation Service of Pastor Mark Eliason followed by a meal at the American Legion in Valley Springs. Sign-up sheet at both churches for food to be brought to the Legion 9:00-9:45 am Sunday morning. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValleySprings; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Wednesday, Oct. 12: 6 p.m. Confirmation starts for ALL 7th and 8th graders. We will meet at First Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 9: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship Service at First Lutheran w/Installation Service of Pastor Mark Eliason followed by a meal at the American Legion in Valley Springs. Sign-up sheet at both churches for food to be brought to the Legion 9:00-9:45 am Sunday morning. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Wednesday, Oct. 12: 6 p.m. Confirmation starts for ALL 7th and 8th graders. We will meet at First Lutheran. Thursday, Oct. 13: 1:30 p.m. WELCA meeting. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

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

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sunday, 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

Sunday, Oct. 9: 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 blichills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

What is the greatest need in the church today?

I searched the internet for what other people believe is the greatest need in the church today and found a variety of answers. One person said we have a false idea about who Jesus is, another said we don't understand the holiness of God, another said discipleship, another said we don't really know who Jesus is and live accordingly.

All the answers I saw reflected a broken or tattered relationship with God. We do not understand and/or practice what God says.

I invited our church to read through the entire Bible in 2022. We started in Genesis and are now reading in the minor prophets.

There has been a repeated theme as we read. Adam and Eve wanted more and turned to the forbidden fruit. They were hoping for something more but found only brought-on grief. During Noah's time frame the whole world turned away from God, and God finally executed judgment on the sin-filled people. As Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt toward the promised land, it began with their great excitement in the greatness of God but was soon lost in complaining and discontentment.

The behavior of people is repeated over and over again in the books that follow Exodus. Isaiah, Jeremiah and the numerous other writers of the minor prophets chanted the mantra, "Repent and follow God. If you fail to repent, God will judge you." Over and over the people of Israel failed to listen even though God always provided a means for forgiveness and reconciliation.

God continually extended hope. But God held them accountable.

What is the greatest need of the church? The people I read on the internet expressed it in different ways, but the short message is to know God and live for Him.

Many people going to church today seldom read their Bible during the week. If the only time you open

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church, Luverne

Many people going to church today seldom read their Bible during the week. If the only time you open your Bible is Sunday at church, you will miss many things God has for you.

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If your lawyer only opened a law book one day a week and read a page and put it away again until next week, would you want that person to represent you in court? No, because they don't know the law of the land.

The greatest need in the church today is for people to "Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, correctly understanding (applying) the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

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Rock County Board of Commissioners sets hearing on hemp-derived products

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR HEMP DERIVED PRODUCTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on October 18, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. in the Herreid Board meeting room located at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, for the purpose of hearing public comment to a proposed Ordinance for the sale of Hemp Derived Products.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is on file at the Rock County Administrator's office or can be viewed at www.co.rock.mn.us. Written comments should be submitted to the Rock County Administrator by 5:00 P.M., October 17, 2022. All persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to present testimony.

Dated: September 20, 2022.

By Order of the Rock County Board of Commissioners
Kyle Oldre, Rock County Administrator
PO Box 509
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-5065

(10-06, 10-13)

Notice regarding Baumgard estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of Steven Kyle Baumgard, Deceased Court File No. 67-PR-22-222

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

Notice is given that an 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 David Baumgard, whose address is 338 Jesse James Lane, Mahtomedi, Minnesota, 55115, 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.

Dated: Sept. 13, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

Attorney for Personal Representative
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120 N. McKenzie
Luverne, MN 56156
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Telephone: 507-283-9111
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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(09-29, 10-06)

H-BC School Board meets Sept. 12

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
Sept. 12, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Fransman, Gehrke, Harnack, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member Knobloch was absent.

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

No Visitors

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BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS: Personnel 8/29

Motion by Harnack, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Consent Agenda: -Minutes—08/22/2022

-Bills

-Imprest Cash Report

-Hiring Mekayla Halverson as Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 22-23 school year

-Accepting Haley Tollefson's resignation as ECFE Parent Educator Effective Immediately.

-Assign Brianna Leuthold as ECFE Parent Educator for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve creation of Jr. High Assistant Coach positions for Football and Volleyball.

Motion by Harnack, second by Fransman, and carried to approve assigning Dan Ellingson as Jr. High Assistant Football Coach for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve allowing 6th grade girls to participate in Middle Level Volleyball program.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve assigning Brianna Leuthold as Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion by Fransman, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Donation Resolution:

-\$60.00 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Elementary Student Council

-\$420.00 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Secondary Student Council

-\$1,788.68 from JO Volleyball for Volleyball Student Activity Account

-\$1,000.00 from H-BC PTO for Elementary Pride Store

-\$1,300.00 from H-BC PTO for Elementary Student Council

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report

•Superintendent Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 26, 2022

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 10

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(10-06)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Aug. 25

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on August 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and David Wrigg. Absent: Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Darrel VanAartsen, Heather Johnson, Shelby McQuay, Jen Chapman, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the agenda with addendum as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Deutsch, to approve the July 28, 2022, school board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the August 11, 2022, school board meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried. Motion by Wrigg, second by Deutsch, to accept the following donations:

Main Street Financial	\$3,115.66 for elementary retreats
Luverne Country Club	
Member/Guest Committee	\$640.00 for girls and boys golf
Luverne Basketball Association	\$3,760.00 for basketball hoops/padding
	Luverne Elementary

Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the school district bills with the school board. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$630,079.16 with payroll in the amount of \$219,541.23 for a grand total of \$849,720.39. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of July 31, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Shelby McQuay and Jen Chapman with Ehlers & Associates, Inc., reported on the \$405,000 general obligation school building bonds series 2022A. They have been working on these bonds with local Security Savings Bank. Member Jarchow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Deutsch:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$405,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, AWARDED THE SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

Upon vote being taken on the foregoing resolution, the following voted in favor thereof: Baustian, Jarchow, Hartman, Wrigg, Bosch, and Deutsch; absent: Sehr; and the following voted against the same: none; whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to give authorization to Craig Oftedahl, Tyler Reisch, and Brenda Teal to wire transfer depositories. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to adopt the following: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which positions must be terminated and not renewed and which employee may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions; BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the School District and reduce expenditures and, as a result of reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the School Board for discontinuance of the part-time paraprofessional position of three days per week. Motion unanimously carried.

Member Baustian introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF KELSIE RIVAS, A PARAPROFESSORIAL

WHEREAS, Kelsie Rivas is a paraprofessional in Independent School District No. 2184.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the employment of Kelsie Rivas, a paraprofessional in Independent School District No. 2184, is hereby terminated as of August 25, 2022, due to elimination of the part-time paraprofessional position. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice has been sent to said paraprofessional regarding termination as provided by law.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Deutsch, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Baustian, Jarchow, Hartman, Wrigg, Bosch, and Deutsch; absent: Sehr; and the following voted against: none; whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Bosch, to set the adult lunch price for 2022-2023 at \$5.00 per meal. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl conducted the first reading of Policy 540 -- Student Clubs and Policy 726 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone). The policy committee did meet this past Tuesday to review the policies in depth. The second reading and possible adoption will be held at the September 22 school board meeting.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Kari Lais as Assistant Gymnastics Coach effective August 15, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Connie VandeVelde as paraprofessional effective August 15, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Marcia Ossenfort as two-hour Food Service Worker effective August 15, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Shannon Oye as two-hour Food Service Worker effective August 15, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve Kristin Schomacker as volunteer volleyball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Shawn Kinsinger as part-time Technology Assistant. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Debra Baumann, Paraprofessional, effective Monday, August 22, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve a maternity leave request from Aimee Richters, Elementary teacher, for 11 weeks beginning approximately November 27, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Lisa Remme, Paraprofessional, effective August 1, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Greg Hoogeveen as full-time custodian effective August 29, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: August 28, 2022

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(10-06)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 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:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 21, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Bradley G Moss and Dawn M Moss, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 26, 2010, Rock County Recorder, Document No. 173571.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Central Mortgage Company. Dated April 21, 2010, Recorded April 26, 2010, as Document No. 173572. And thereafter assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Dated October 19, 2015, Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. 187187. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 29, 2019, Recorded August 30, 2019, as Document No. 195483. And thereafter assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Dated June 30, 2022, Recorded June 30, 2022, as Document No. 202762.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank N.A.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a RightPath Servicing

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the NW 1/4, then east along the North Line of said Section a distance of 2,345 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing east along the North Line of said NW 1/4 a distance of 295 feet; thence south and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet; thence west and parallel to the North Line of said Section a distance of 295 feet; thence north and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$180,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$204,309.90

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: September 29, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on March 29, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

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

Dated: July 26, 2022

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-25, 09-01, 09-08)

Notice of postponement

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until November 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN, in said county and state.


Dated: September 27, 2022

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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Minneapolis, MN 55416
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 28

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 24, 2021
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,780.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Noah D. Meyer, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1005210-0808093166-7
(05-13, 05-20, 05-27, 06-03, 06-10, 06-17)
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank
SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 30, 2021, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 200387
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The South Sixty (S 60) feet of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in Barck, Adams, and Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 703 N Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0258-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,311.75

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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: July 28, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt 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) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2023, or the next business day if January 28, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 27, 2022

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

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(06-09, 06-16, 06-23, 06-30, 07-07, 07-14)

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for July 28, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., has been postponed to August 30, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., and will be held at sheriff's main address West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by February 28, 2023. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: July 29, 2022

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

Dated: August 22, 2022

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The above referenced sale scheduled for September 29, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., has been postponed to November 1, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., and will be held at sheriff's main address West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by May 1, 2023. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Dated: September 26, 2022.

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(10-06)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Sept. 8

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on September 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and David Wrigg. Absent: Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Otfedahl, Tyler Reisch, Jason Phelps, and Becky Rahm.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Otfedahl provided an email from Jen Chapman with Ehlers & Associates, Inc., stating that due to the bonds being sold directly to Security Savings Bank no action was needed by the School Board. Business Manager Tyler Reisch noted that the bond proceeds have been received into our account at the bank.

Superintendent Otfedahl reviewed the request for usage of our buildings and grounds for the Tri-State Band Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 24. Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve the usage of our facilities. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to schedule an early dismissal for Thursday, October 27, with students dismissed at 1:30 p.m. It was noted that Luverne will be hosting the Sectional Cross Country meet that day. Staff members will be participating in staff development opportunities from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. that afternoon after the student dismissal. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Wrigg, to accept the resignation of Ken Hup, Assistant Track Coach, effective August 30, 2022. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Cole Meester as Assistant Track Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the request from Adam Geraets to be moved from C-squad Boys Basketball Coach to volunteer Boys Basketball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Cole Meester as C-squad Boys Basketball Coach. Motion unanimously carried. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
Dated: September 8, 2022

Reva Sehr, Clerk
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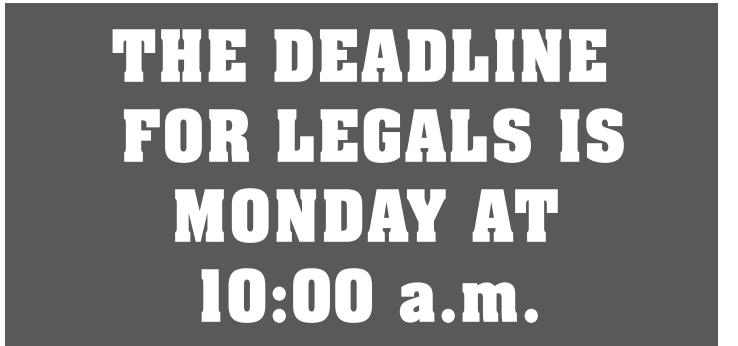
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Veteran
 Veteran who served our nation for 38 years in the United States Air Force/Air National Guard.
 I have deployed five times in support of our Nation's Defense. I retired in May of 2020 as a Chief Master Sergeant and was the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 114th Communications Flight/SD ANG supervising 38 cyber professionals. I am currently a life member of the Wilmont VFW Post 2603. I am endorsed by the Minnesota DFL Veterans Caucus.

Family Man
 Katie and I have been married for 31 years. We are both lifelong Minnesota residents. Our four children graduated from Luverne Public Schools and continue to serve their country in the Minnesota/South Dakota Air Guard. As a family, we believe in serving others through volunteering in our community.

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People grieving the loss of friends and loved ones release balloons Saturday night following a tribute video that featured the names and photos of 62 individuals in the region who lost their lives to suicide and mental health.

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On Saturday, the Verne Drive-In outdoor theater honored the late Carson Ehde and more than 60 other individuals in the area who lost their lives due to mental illness and suicide. The Rozeboom family, which owns the theater, offered free admission to the season's final night of movies as a way to increase awareness of the mental health crisis.

Grieving friends and family were offered balloons to write messages on and release following a tribute video on the big screen featuring photographs of those whose lives were lost to suicide and mental illness. Donation boxes and QR codes accepted contributions for the newly established fund, "Carson's Cause," through the Luverne Area Community Foundation. Workers donated their concession tips and the drive-in family matched cash contributions and donated concessions proceeds for a total of \$5,000 in cash. Other donations and electronic gifts bring the Carson's Cause fund to nearly \$13,000.



Balloons float away in the night sky following a tribute video featuring the names and photos of 62 people, including 21-year-old Carson Ehde, Luverne, who died Sept. 13 of suicide following a brief struggle with mental illness. In the photo at right, Verne Drive-In staff (from left) Janica Oechsle, Audrie DeBates, Gracie Rozeboom, Cody Mounce, Levi Thielbar, Christopher Bonilla and Doug Rozeboom. Not pictured drive-in staff James DeBates, Terran Siebenahler, Jace Rozeboom, Luke Thielbar and Jaden Reisch. (Verne Drive-In Facebook photos)



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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to all who sent cards and brought food after John's passing. Words of encouragement and expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated.
Joann Klarenbeek and Families
 (10.6-10.8)

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Where the rubber meets the silage tarp

Manley Tire and Oil Service is recycling old tires into silage tarp weights and woven cattle mats.

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Think you had a dirty farm job as a kid? Wait til you read this.

Star Herald General Manager Rick Peterson shares his memories as a kid in a turkey barn where his job was to 'make the toms and the hens happy.'

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Changes are on the horizon for veterinary care

Federal guidance directs how we do feed grade antibiotics. Dr. Erin deKoning explains how it affects livestock care on the farm and feedlots.



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Each turbine requires underground "collector" cables to deliver electricity to the grid. These 200,000 feet of cable are trenched in about 4 feet below ground level, and the trenching paths are roughly 90 feet wide, in order to accommodate equipment. This means widespread crop loss and damage to field tiles. All losses and damages are compensated by NextEra. (Lori Sorenson photo)

Wind turbines meet farm land

Farmers to be compensated for crop destruction as part of land lease agreements that pay roughly \$17,000 per turbine per year for 50 years

By Lori Sorenson

NextEra Energy will soon bring on line 40 turbines for the Walleye Wind Farm in western Rock County.

The \$150 million investment of 40 turbines is capable of generating approximately 110 megawatts of energy.

The 49-square-mile (31,000 acres) footprint includes Beaver Creek Township and portions of Springwater and Luverne townships.

NextEra hosted tours of the construction in progress for local leaders and media, and a good share of the information focused on the project's effects on agriculture and landowners who agreed to be part of the project.

Paths of destruction

For example, each turbine capturing wind energy requires underground "collector" cables to deliver it

to grid.

These 200,000 feet of cable are trenched in about 4 feet below ground level, and the collection paths are roughly 90 feet wide in order to accommodate equipment.

This process began about midsummer, long after corn, soybeans, alfalfa and other crops were well into their

Wind turbines meet farm land/see 2B

Pedal tractors highlight Van Belle farming career

By Mavis Fodness

Albert Van Belle keeps a few reminders of his agriculture career at his farm west of Luverne — 175 pedal toys to be exact.

"Years ago I told him he couldn't retire until he got a hobby," said his wife, Debbie.

Albert's first pedal tractor was one he restored about a decade ago, as he slowly began turning the farming operation over to his three sons.

Now the collection lines the walls of Van Belle's "man cave," a former detached garage. Because of the size of the collection, a display of the rideable toys also lines one wall in the machine shed that houses the full-sized tractors.

Before starting his collection of pedal tractors, Albert and his son, Todd, began collecting lawn mowers. They would fix the machines or modifying the lawn mowers for use at lawn mower pulls.

"We got sick of that in a real hurry," Albert said. "Dealing with dead batteries, old gas, tires that are flat and batteries always leaking. With pedal tractors you don't have any of that — you just put



Mavis Fodness photo/0929 Ag Tab Van Belle Pedal Tractor
Albert Van Belle's garage displays his pedal tractor collection. He began about a decade ago and includes not only pedal tractors but pedal airplanes, cars and a dump truck.

them on a shelf, lock the door and walk away."

Todd estimated he purchased a pedal tractor at a Sioux Falls flea mar-

ket about 15 years ago, bringing back memories of playing with a pedal tractor at the neighbor's house.

Van Belle pedal tractors/see page 8B

Wind turbines meet farm land/continued from page 1B

growing season.

The result has been hundreds of acres of crop loss due to collector cable pathways, not to mention damage in all stages of turbine construction, including access roads, turbine sites and collector cables.

And all landowners will be thoroughly compensated, according to Walleye Wind project developer Danell Herzig.

“For the lease agreement, they’ll go to the Chicago Board of Trade and get the average price of the crop, average yields,” she said during a Sept. 21 tour.

“Landowners will have a chance ... if numbers are too low, and they want to show us, obviously we’ll accept that. And they’ll be compensated for their loss.”

This also goes for tile repairs.

When trenching equipment buries collector cables, there’s no avoiding drainage tiles, which get severed.

“When they open the trench to put the cable in, a tile contractor leads and pre-identifies the cable, staking it as soon as it’s damaged,” Herzig said.

“They’re repaired immediately, but it’s inevitable you’re going to miss some. We try really hard to fix it as we go, but you basically have to damage them to bury the cable.”

She said they try to avoid the main lines, and landowners are covered for years out from project completion.

“If crops don’t grow because it’s wet, we’re obligated to come back and fix it and compensate them for crop loss,” Herzig said.

Cranes

The collection paths have also been used to move cranes between turbine sites, and to the outside observer, they’re construction projects in themselves, with smaller cranes transporting and assembling the bigger cranes.

The larger cranes (the main erection cranes) weigh 716 tons and are capable of lifting 650 tons straight up and down and are worth roughly \$7 million apiece.

“They are very specialized,” said civil engineer Paul Kwarta, who’s in charge of road and

ground conditions.

“They have counter weights hanging on the back to adjust what they’re lifting. The rack automatically moves back and forth as the load goes up.”

He said these 650s rest on “crane mats” comprised of wooden planks 5 feet wide by 20 feet long by 1 foot thick to displace their weight on the ground. Softer or wetter ground requires a bigger crane mat.

Smaller cranes with 300-ton lifting capacity are used to assemble the lower tower sections and build the rotors on the ground before they’re lifted place.

Compensation and long-term benefits

The turbine foundations required excavating a hole approximately 10 ft. deep and approximately 50 ft. in diameter, also leaving wide-scale disruptions to farm ground cropland.

But Herzig said most of the disruptions will be reclaimed.

“Years from now it will be cornfields and beans right up to the base of the turbines,” she said. “And the roads to the turbines won’t be as wide as they are now to allow for truckloads and cranes.”

She said a construction team will reclaim all of the construction areas and repair roads and intersections.



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“It will look like it did, except that you’ll have new access roads and turbines,” Herzig said.

Benefits for farmers

When company officials first started seek-

ing lease agreements in 2020 with landowners for turbine sites, they offered a deal that was difficult to refuse.

They offered a \$10,000 signing bonus, plus \$15,000 per year

over the life of the project — roughly 50 years, with built-in inflationary adjustments.

For rough figuring, that’s \$17,000 per turbine per year to give up 1.5 acres for each turbine



Every single turbine has buried cables — collection lines — that take the power they’re generating and send it back to NextEra’s collector substation, which collects all the power from the turbines and steps it up to a higher voltage and sends it to a “point of interconnection” substation owned by Northern States Power, which then sends it the grid. This 5-acre piece of land is the site of the collector substations and the future operations building where wind technicians will work.

and its necessary access road.

Factoring in other wind rights agreements and compensation, that’s an estimated \$34 million in local pockets for the life of the wind farm.

Despite the lucrative offer, planners encountered some resistance.

For example, some farmers flatly opposed a turbine on perfectly good cropland.

“I didn’t work this hard for this many years to get half-mile rows only to have a turbine parked in the middle of a field,” said one who declined a wind contract.

Those who did sign wind agreements essentially saw a better deal in the lease payments than farming the small pieces of ground they gave up.

“I can put \$700 into an acre of corn, or I can get the same income for a lot less work,” said one farmer who negotiated for three turbines on his land.

Others supported the project for community gains and environmental benefits, in addition to the lease payments.

“This offers a potentially significant revenue source for the county and the township,” said another participating landowner.

“We feel everyone should play a role in contributing to the preservation of our environment for future generations.”

Herzig said this general spirit of cooperation is what sets Rock County’s project apart from nearly 50 other wind farms NextEra has constructed around the country.

“I have worked all over the country on these projects. People want the wind projects here, where in other areas you end up with a lot of opposition,” she said.

“I believe, having worked in this area for a while, you guys were among the early adopters of wind energy in this country, so it’s not new and scary.”

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Where the rubber meets the tarp ... and cattle mat

Sliced tires from Manley Tire and Oil Service are reused as silage tarp weights and woven cattle mats

By Mavis Fodness

A decade ago, Manley Tire & Oil Service gave away the sidewalls from used pickup tires.

As a sideline to its tire sales and vehicle service business, Manley purchased a machine that slices the treads from used tires.

While the treads were used to make cattle mats, shop manager Joel Vanderburg said he had no use for the tire's thin sidewalls.

He gave them to farmers to use as weights on top of silage piles.

"The benefit of having the sidewall of your tire holding down the tarp versus the whole tire is that it doesn't hold any water," he said.

"A full tire is extremely heavy and they get full of dirt, dust and water, so it makes the job a lot harder to do."

The use of only the tires' sidewalls is catching on in the ag community.

"We sell out every year," he said.

Recently added were sidewalls from semitrailers, which are larger and heavier than the pickup truck option.

A pickup sidewall weighs about 5 pounds while the large semitrailer sidewall weighs between 20 to 23 pounds.

When not holding down the tarp, the sidewalls are easily stacked together for storage.

"There was such a de-



Manley Tire & Service employee Steffan Adams places a sidewall from a semitrailer tire on the pile during a break in customers at the Manley, Minnesota, business. The semitrailer sidewalls are a popular alternative among farmers who used to use full-sized tires as weights on silage tarps. The semi tire tread is transported to a tire recycler in Missouri.

Mavis Fodness photo/Ag Tab Manley Tires

mand for them because they worked out so well, so we started asking for a fee for them," Vanderburg said.

Cost per sidewall is \$1.25 for the pickup size and \$2.25 for the semi. The pickup sidewalls are sold in bundles

of 50 with semi sidewalls in a bundle of 30.

"Everybody has personal preferences," he said.

"Some farmers don't want to carry around a 20-pound sidewall and rather carry 5 pounds but they will need

more of them (because they are smaller.)

Cattle mats are popular with farmers

The use of tire sidewalls on silage piles is a result of Manley Tire's cattle mat business,

which only uses the pickup truck tire's tread.

Vanderburg said he purchased the specialized equipment that slices apart the tire's sidewall and tread several years ago.

The treads are woven into



This social media photo (at left) shows an Iowa church youth group tarping a silage pile for a fundraiser. In the photo at right by Mavis Fodness, Manley Tire & Service creates cattle mats from used pickup truck tire treads, a sideline the western Rock County business began 10 years ago. The cattle mats are used over concrete to prevent slippage or in muddy areas.

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Manley Tire and Oil Services finds new use for old tires/continued from page 1B

a 6-foot-by-6-foot mat for use in cattle feedlots.

A couple of local cattlemen approached Vanderburg about building mats similar to those sold at farm supply stores.

“Working with them, we built some nice cattle mats,” he said. “We learned the ‘dos’ and ‘don’ts.’”

The “dos” are the use of stainless steel bolts to hold the tire trends together. Among the “don’ts” is not making the mats larger than the six-foot-long tire tread due to a large bump that a seam creates.

“We (also) put chains on two sides of them because farmers want something they can take the forks of their skid loader and tractor and lift it up, shake it off and place it back down,” Vanderburg said.

One use of the pads is on top of slippery concrete in high traffic areas such as at the cattle chute or in an alley where animals are required to take sharp turns.

Another use is over muddy areas in feedlots.

Although the mats are durable, they are not recommended as animal bedding because the tire weave is bumpy.

“We advertise that they are indestructible and have a one-year warranty. Since we’ve started, I don’t remember one that we have ever had to honor the warranty,” Vanderburg said.

Both products keep production crew busy

The cattle mats and sidewall weights are



Mavis Fodness photo/Ag Tab Manley Tires

Steffan Adams holds the semitrailer tire tread as he uses a special cutter to slice the sidewall into five pieces.

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— Joel Vanderburg,
Manley Tire and Oil Service

completed during downtime while waiting for customers at the rural Rock County business.

Vanderburg said the tire and service

shop does not take appointments. At times the first-come, first-served customer service leaves the 10 to 12 production workers time between



customers.

Several employees jump into recycling the used tires for the cattle mats and sidewall weights during the lull in

the tire business.

Using a portion of the tire locally, while the rest of the tire (mainly the semi tire tread) is recycled, has reduced

the trips to the Missouri recycler.

“So this is kind of a unique way to keep those costs down,” Vanderburg said.

USDA to survey Minnesota farm chemical use and production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will gather information about production practices from producers across Minnesota as part of the 2022 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

“ARMS is a vital survey that tracks how Minnesota farms use technology to manage production of their major field crops,”

said NASS Minnesota state statistician Dan Lofthus.

“The results of this survey also help policymakers and farm groups understand the factors driving the costs and returns of crop production,” he said.

This year NASS is reaching out to survey wheat and potato producers across the country. NASS will conduct the survey starting in Octo-

ber and recommends that farmers have their fertilizer and pesticide spray records available to speed up the survey process. A USDA or NASS representative will call producers to set up an interview to assist in the completion of the questionnaire. Producers may also receive an email reminder if they opted for email service.

ARMS is conducted in three phases, from May 2022 through April 2023.

The first phase screened participants to make sure they have the commodity of interest and would accurately represent the entire U.S. farm sector. In this current phase, NASS is collecting information on production practices.

In the final phase, NASS will survey producers on cost of production, farm income, and production expenditures.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respon-

dents. The information provided will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, survey responses will be kept confidential and will not be published in identifiable form.

ARMS is a joint effort of NASS and USDA’s Economic Research Service. For more information about ARMS, visit nass.usda.gov/go/arms.

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For more information, call Dan Lofthus at the NASS Minnesota Field Office, 651-728-3113.

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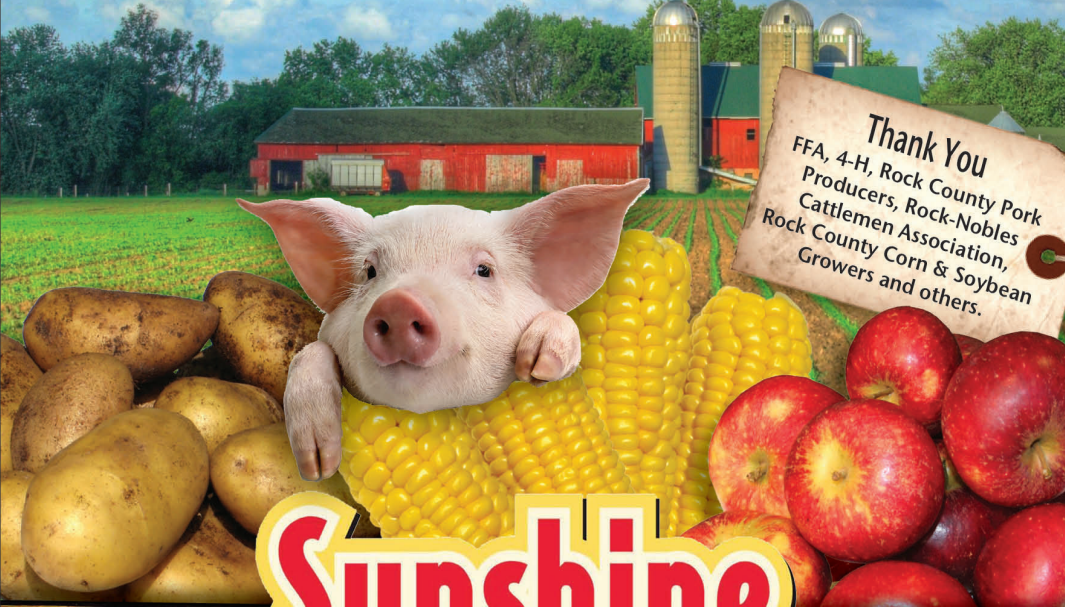
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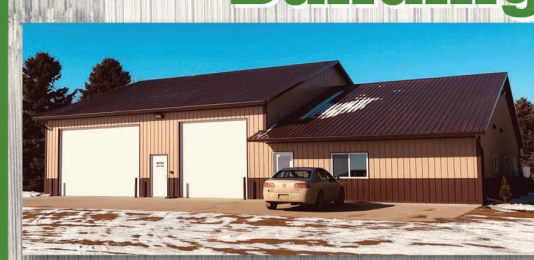
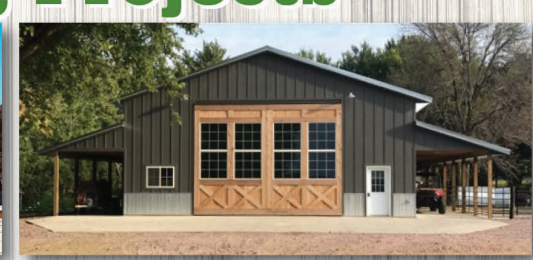
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Harvest season for 2022 underway in many areas of Midwest

By Kent Thiesse

The warm late growing season during September this year has pushed the 2022 corn and soybean crop very rapidly toward maturity.

By the end of September, soybean harvest was 50 percent or more completed in many portions of the Upper Midwest, while some areas still needed a bit more time for soybeans to fully mature.

Many corn hybrids had also reached physiological maturity by late September and were also ready to be harvested; however, some producers are hoping for some significant field dry-down of the corn prior to harvest.

As of Sept. 28, a total of 2,629 growing degree units (GDU's) had been accumulated since May 1 at the University of Minnesota Southern Research and Outreach Center at Waseca, which is comparable to many areas of southern Minnesota and northern Iowa.

This will be the final 2022 GDU count at Waseca, as that location received the first freezing temperatures of the year on Sept. 28.

The 2022 GDU accumulation at Waseca exceeded the normal GDU accumulation by 5 percent; however, the 2022 total trailed the 2021 GDU accumulation in late September by 121 GDU's.

The extra growing degree units, combined with dry weather in September, helped this year's corn and soybean crop reach maturity, as well as to dry down rapidly in the field.

Most soybeans have



Matt Sorenson harvests soybeans in a field west of Hardwick Thursday evening, Sept. 27, when crop conditions were right.

now reached maturity, and soybean harvest has been underway for the past couple of weeks in many locations across southern Minnesota and northern Iowa.

As expected, soybean yields have been highly variable across the Upper Midwest due to differing impacts from rainfall amounts and timeliness of rainfall in many locations, as well as moderate to severe drought conditions in Nebraska, Kansas, and portions of southern South

Dakota and western Iowa.

Generally, the soybean yields have been average or above and much more consistent in south central and southeast Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the eastern half of Iowa, as well as in Illinois and Indiana.

Soybean yields in other areas have been highly variable depending on the growing season rainfall. Soybean yields in areas impacted by drought have been well below the crop insurance APH (average) yields.

Most of the corn in the

Upper Midwest has reached physiological maturity, which is the "black layer" stage, or is very close to reaching maturity.

Corn is usually at 30-32 percent moisture when it reaches the "back layer" stage and then begins to dry down naturally in the field.

Ideally, growers like to see corn dried down in the field to at least 20-22 percent moisture or lower before they harvest the corn.

This greatly saves on corn drying costs and improves the quality of the corn being

harvested and going into storage.

Corn is usually dried down to a final moisture content of 15-16 percent moisture for safe storage on the farm until the following summer.

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By Shirley Top Kozlowski Insurance Agency

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- Property storm claims from April through June 30, 2022 – 26,208.
- Property storm claims in all of 2021 – 13,266.
- Property storm claims through Sept 1, 2022 – 29,187.
- Largest 4-day event in company history, May 9 through 12, 2022 – \$250 million.
- Previous record storm total – \$48 million.
- Automobile storm losses from April through June 30, 2022 – \$23.2 million.
- Automobile storm losses from April through Jun 30, 2021 – \$2.3 million.

With this type of activity, service could not be what clients were used to, but our companies worked through it.

July and August had some activity, but nothing like April and June. There is light at the end of the tunnel, but companies will need some favorable weather to get caught up.

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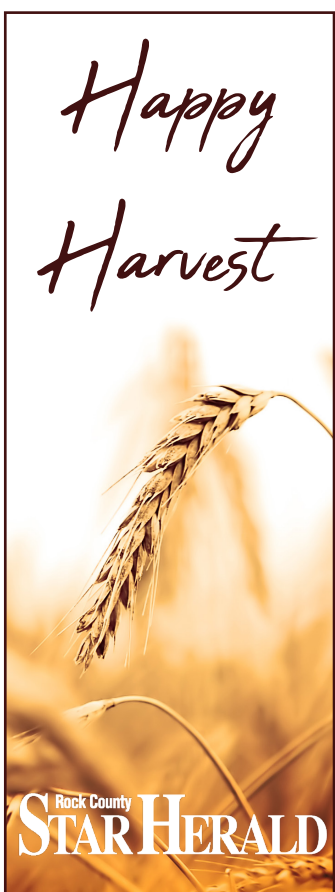
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Van Belle pedal tractor collection/continued from page 1B

“The bearings were shot. We never pedaled it. We just pushed each other around on it,” Todd said.

Tired of throwing the pedal tractor back on the junk pile after each time the Van Belles left, the neighbor gave the toy to them.

Years later Todd sandblasted the toy’s cast iron body and applied a new coat of red spray paint. New tires, decals, a steering wheel and seat were added.

“It looks brand new,” Albert said.

The 400 McCormick Farmall became the first pedal tractor in Albert’s collection, which has grown to include Oliver’s, Fords, Allis Chalmers, Massey Fergusons and John Deeres.

He’s also collected pedal cars, fire trucks, a dump truck and airplanes.

But it’s the tractors on which Albert focuses.

“Every place I go, I am watching,” he said. “I don’t care which brand it is. I am starting with the older ones, but they are getting hard to find.”

He’s found them at yard sales, auctions, flea markets or private sales.

He’s also purchased one-of-a-kind pedal tractors that were created by using parts from other broken pedal tractors.

One such toy is a John Deere “crawler” or pedal bulldozer complete with tracks instead of wheels.

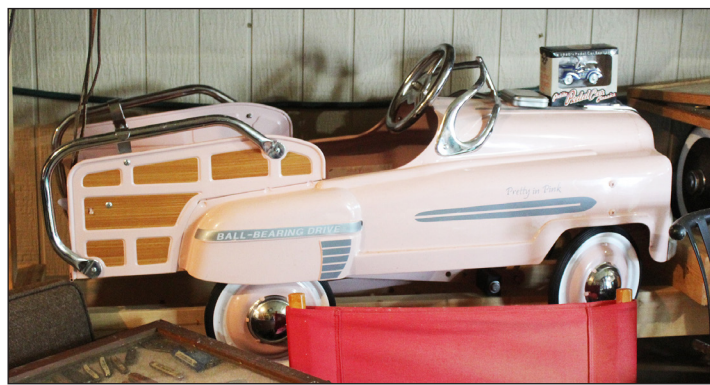
Often Albert has taken a “pile of junk,” purchased new parts and assembled a usable pedal toy.

Restoration knowl-



Mavis Fodness photo/0929 Ag Tab Van Belle Pedal Tractor

An Allis-Chalmers 190 XT pedal tractor brings back memories of the real-sized tractor that Albert Van Belle drove when he farmed with his late father, Chuck. Van Belle has also added the other series models of Allis-Chalmers to his collection.



“Pretty in Pink,” is a pedal car (at left) resembling a “Woody,” a 1950 S Murray Woody Jet Flow Station Wagon. It is a favorite of Debbie Van Belle, whose husband has a collection of 175 pedal toys. A 1950s pedal dump truck (at right) owned by Albert Van Belle is on display at the History Center in Luverne.

edge came from books dedicated to bringing the pedal tractors back to match the real-life tractors after which they were modeled.

He’s currently on the hunt for an Oliver check-board, so called for the pattern on the toy’s grill.

“They are \$6,000 if you can find one,” he said. “Some of these I have two grand in each one. Some of them are a stitch higher and some of them are over two grand. Some are \$300. It varies.”

He pursues his pedal tractor hobby for the



Mavis Fodness photo/0929 Ag Tab Van Belle Pedal Tractor

A 50th anniversary celebration of the John Deere 30 is a gold-colored, wide front 4430 with dual tires. The pedal tractor is a recent addition to Albert Van Belle’s pedal tractor collection.



nostalgia the toys evoke.

“At some point I’ve driven all of these (the full-sized versions) in here,” he said.

His favorite is the orange 190 XT Allis Chalmers, one he drove as he farmed with his late dad, Chuck.

“That was our very first big tractor,” Albert recalled. “Dad and I put a cab on it.”

The largest collection is the series of John Deeres, starting with the 4020—which evokes the most memories.

“The most popular tractor in the world is the 4020,” he said. “John Deere set the world on fire when they made the 4020. Then they became a series.”

In addition to the 4020, Albert also has the 4010, 4030, 4040, 4050, and 4055 series.

“The only difference (in the pedal tractors) is that the 30 series have black on the decals, 50 series have lights on the front of them. All have subtle changes,” Albert said.

He’s shared his col-

lection with groups who have visited the man cave and at speaking engagements where

Albert will bring a couple of his favorite pedal tractors. He spoke at Poplar Creek, Debbie recalled.

“The older people really got a kick out of them,” she said. “Brings back good memories.”

Albert’s still adding to his collection. He recently purchased and assembled a 50th- anniversary edition of the 30 John Deere series, a gold wide front 4430 with dual tires. The uniquely colored tractor joins Albert’s forever collection.

“I don’t plan on ever selling them,” he said. “My goal is to leave them sit. They’ll likely sit here for another 50 years.”



Someone constructed a one-of-a-kind John Deere “crawler,” whose tracks turn as it is pedaled. Albert Van Belle said the crawler was constructed from an old pedal tractor, and he eagerly added the toy to his collection. At right, the very first tractor in Albert Van Belle’s pedal tractor collection is a 400 McCormick Farmall that he restored with his son, Todd.



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Tips to prevent combine fires

Recent drought conditions increase risk for combine fire during harvest

By UNMC, Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, Omaha, Nebraska

No one wants equipment to go down during harvest, especially if it's due to a combine fire.

To help manage and prevent a combine fire, Joshua Michel, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Field Agronomist, recommends practicing several safety principles before and during harvest season.

"Look at your local forecast," Michel said.

"When dry conditions persist, windy conditions increase risk for combine and field fires. That's especially true when winds are strong and humidity is low. There's a lot of dry corn stalks and bean residue, things are dustier, and all it takes to start a fire is a spark from an engine, overheated bearing, or contact with the exhaust manifold."

As technology advances, today's combines are larger and more powerful, which means they generate more heat during operation.

Fire needs two sources for combustion: heat and fuel.

"You can't get away from the heat a combine generates," Michel said.

"That means we have to do a good job of removing the fuel source that's near the heat. Keep that combine clean, especially around the engine compartment. Use a high-pressure washer or compressed air to get rid of caked-on oil and grease. Get any crop residue and dust off. The cleaner you keep it, the less potential there is for fire."

Other maintenance tasks

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Joshua Michel, Agronomist



"Even if you think you smell something, it's better to call for help first, then inspect to see what's happening. No one will complain if they reach the field to find there's no fire to put out or you've managed to control it with your fire extinguisher." — Joshua Michel, Iowa State University Field Agronomist,

that help reduce fire risk include checking coolant and oil levels every day, especially if the combine features an engine turbo charger. During operation there may be wear and tear on some areas which could lead to an oil or coolant leak.

"A good practice is to frequently blow off any leaves, chaff or plant material," Michel says.

"You could use a leaf blower if a pressure washer or compressed air isn't available. It's best to get that done at the end of the day. If you wait till morning, dew may make it more difficult to get the plant materials off the machine."

In addition to clearing the exterior of the combine, search for plant material that wrapped up on the ma-

chine near bearings, belts, or any place where friction occurs since friction is what produces heat.

"Check the exhaust system and make sure nothing is leaking, including fuel, oil, any hoses," Michel said.

"Inspect and clean any recessed areas near fuel tanks and lines. I know I sound like a broken record but keeping the machine clean is the best way to prevent a fire."

When it's time to refuel, take 10 to 15 minutes to allow the combine to cool down. This reduces the risk for gasoline or diesel fuel volatilization and igniting fumes.

"Research suggests that, if we have dry conditions, which we see this year across much of the Midwest,

coupled with wind speeds in excess of 20 to 30 miles per hour, combine and field fires are nearly inevitable," Michel said.

"As dry as the growing season has been, things dry out even more in fall. Producers may want to consider if they can delay harvest until we have some moisture on the ground."

Michel notes that even a shower that brings a tenth of an inch of rain can help significantly reduce fire risk.

"Obviously, producers still need to get into the field, but whatever can be done to reduce the risk of fire will be beneficial," Michel said.

Most farm equipment is covered by insurance. However, in today's

economy, obtaining necessary repairs or equipment replacement could be challenging and take a significant amount of time.

"Do all you can to prevent a fire," Michel said.

"Even if you think you smell something, it's better to call for help first, then inspect to see what's happening. No one will complain if they reach the field to find there's no fire to put out or you've managed to control it with your fire extinguisher."

For more information, contact Ellen G. Duysen at 402-552-3394 or at Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health; University of Nebraska Medical Center; College of Public Health, Room 3035; 984388 Nebraska Medical Center; Omaha, NE 68198-4388

Apply by Nov. 15 for Livestock Investment Grant to update operations

Minnesota livestock farmers and ranchers seeking to improve their operation are encouraged to apply for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Livestock Investment Grant program.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding approximately \$1.3 million using a competitive review process.

Applications for the grant will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15. A second round will open only if the MDA does not receive enough quality applications in this first round.

The MDA will issue a second RFP if there are any remaining funds by spring 2023. Unsuccessful applicants for this round will be able to reapply if a sec-

ond round is offered.

All principal operators of livestock farms in Minnesota are invited to apply, including those who have received grants in the past.

Only one application will be accepted per farm. Preference will be given to applicants/farms that have not previously been awarded a grant.

Livestock Invest-

ment Grants encourage long-term industry development in Minnesota's \$7 billion livestock industry.

Grant funds are available for equipment purchases, physical improvements and acquisition of facilities used to start, improve or expand livestock operations in the state of Minnesota.

Funding for the grants comes through

the AGRI Program to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries.

Applicants may apply for up to 10 percent of their project's total expense, with a minimum expense of \$4,000 and a maximum expense of \$250,000.

Grant awards can range in size from \$400 to \$25,000. Only expenses incurred after the

grant contract has been signed by all parties are eligible for reimbursement.

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Applicants must use the MDA's online application portal to apply for the grant.

More information about can be found on the AGRI Livestock Investment Grant website.

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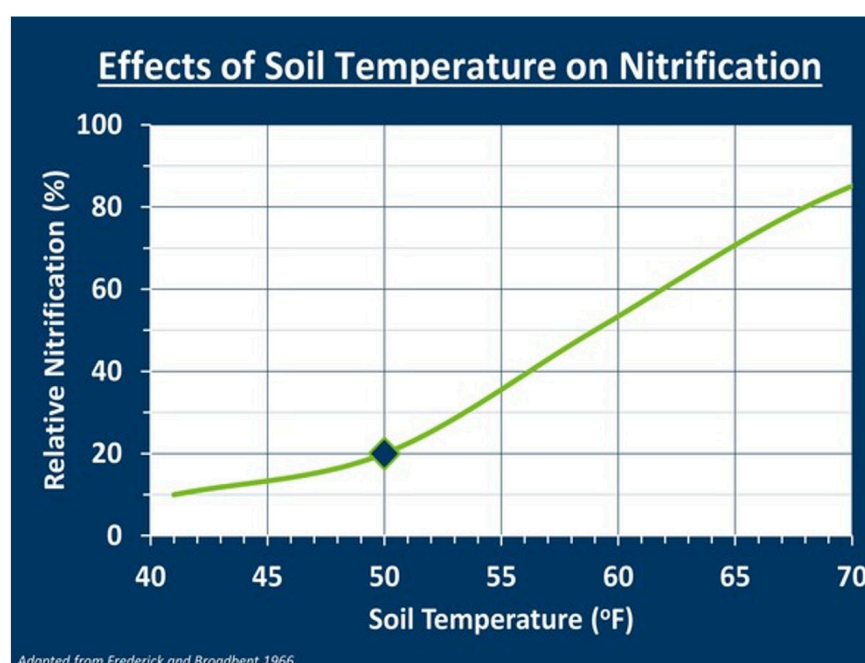
Consider soil temps when applying manure this fall. The University of Minnesota recommends delaying manure applications until soil temperatures are below 50 degrees F. Applying manure in late October or early November will reduce potential nitrogen loss.

Cool soil temperatures slow down the chemical reaction process that transforms the nitrogen in manure into nitrate that is susceptible to leaching.

To maximize nutrients, the cooler the soil at the time of application, the better. (See graph below)

Field trials conducted by the University of Minnesota Extension Service routinely see a 10 to 15 bushel/acre yield increase when manure applications occur in early November compared to early October.

The Department of Agri-



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culture's Six-inch Soil Temperature Network tool can provide real time soil temperatures for your area.

Recommended manure application rates can be found

at the University of Minnesota Extension website.

Contact Rock County Land Management at 507-283-8862 if you have questions about manure application rates.

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At USDA we are committed to helping farmers complete loan applications, environmental reviews and other paperwork free of charge.

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USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff are usually co-located at these service centers and can help guide farmers to the best USDA assistance based on their unique goals, whether it is loans, conservation programs or insurance.

Service center staff can guide farmers through the process of preparing and submitting required paperwork on their own, with no need to hire a paid preparer. Language translation service is available in all USDA service centers, so one-on-one assistance with a service



FSA Service center staff like Eva Kramer in Luverne can guide farmers through the process of preparing and submitting required paperwork on their own, with no need to hire a paid preparer.

center employee can be translated in real time for farmers requiring it. And while some program and loan applications do have an administrative fee for filing, there is never a charge for preparation services provided by USDA staff.

Farmers who work with the USDA Service Center can:

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- Learn how to meet conservation compliance provisions.

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- discuss their business and conservation goals.
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By Rob Andringa
Professional Ag Marketing

With each passing year, summers escape us faster. Another year of planted crops is making its way to maturity.

I read a great analogy of this change recently. The weather just went from 90 to 55 like it saw a state trooper.

As quickly as the seasons change, the news headlines seem to change even faster. Not so long ago, the headlines were focused on trade. Trade wars, as some would call it, became the focus of much of our economy until Covid made its impact.

Today the headlines have become much less about trade business and more about topics such as climate change, global unrest and inflation.

While we may have moved on from the headlines of toilet paper shortages, there is no doubt today you will find headlines on food shortages.

Recently I came across an article suggesting a list of 33 things we know about the coming food shortages.

The article summed up some shocking points for worldwide crop shortages in wheat, rice, produce and livestock attributed to a substantial portion of the world facing the largest drought seen in several years.

Adding to the drought are the rising prices of fertilizer and the lack of availability.

Demand at U.S food banks is said to be worse than during the Covid pandemic, while other nations are facing potential starvation. Looking at a world drought map, it is difficult to find a part of our world which was not touched by some form of a drought.

The tighter food supplies become, the more likely civil unrest will pursue. Today's global situation is pushing nations to



Now is the time to dive into your operation. Look at your inputs, expected revenue, and try to accurately estimate your profit potential.

promote a more climate-friendly environment.

The USDA announced it will triple the funding to \$3 billion to reduce climate-harming emissions from farming and forestry.

With tighter food supplies come higher prices. Food inflation is up 13.5 percent year over year, which is the highest level since 1979. Inflation continues to raise a concern for the economy. The Biden administration passed through the Inflation Reduction Act moments after July inflation data was released, topping the forecast and raising consumer prices 0.1 percent. As the federal government has taken strong steps to manage inflation, another interest rate hike in September has become even more necessary.

While headlines themselves often become depressing, typically stating bad news, opportunities rise. Drought, inflation, shortages and even Russia-Ukraine war create market volatility.

Today commodities are offering prices with profitability. Managing those opportunities becomes much more important in a volatile market. Things that matter less in a stable market have a much bigger impact in a volatile market.

When supplies are tight, focusing on things such as basis plays an important part in your bottom line. Tight supplies turn into opportunities based on location. One location may have sufficient supplies, another may

be in need. After a summer of excellent basis opportunity due to tight stocks, the current data from the USDA supply and demand report would indicate the trend could easily continue.

Tight supplies can equal soaring prices; however, soaring prices also lead to cutting demand.

The U.S. dollar is currently trading at all-time highs. The Fed has made it well-known they will continue to do what is necessary to slow inflation. Rate hikes will only cause the dollar value to rise, making the already high-priced U.S. commodity prices even less competitive in the global market.

Looking back over prior years with yield loss would show a rationing of demand mostly in exports and even in ethanol usage.

We see this rationing already taking place today. Gas prices have fallen 11 weeks in a row in the United States, thus reducing ethanol margins.

With all of this in mind, now is the time to dive into your operation. Look at your inputs, expected revenue, and try to accurately estimate your profit potential. Seek out opportunities that are tailored toward your risk tolerance. Make decisions that help you manage the larger risk in your business today that can impact your bottom line tomorrow.

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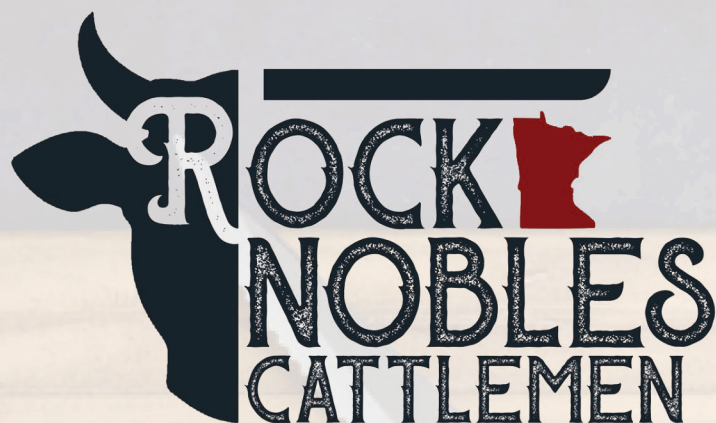
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USDA announces September 2022 lending rates

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced loan interest rates for September 2022, which are effective Sept. 1, 2022.

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Operating, Ownership and Emergency loans

FSA offers farm ownership and operating loans with favorable interest rates and terms to help eligible agricultural producers, whether multi-generational, longtime, or new to the industry, obtain financing needed to start, expand or maintain a family agricultural operation.

FSA also offers emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters or quarantine.

For many loan options, FSA sets aside funding for underserved producers, including veterans, beginning, women, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and Hispanic farmers and ranchers.

Interest rates for Operating and Ownership loans for September 2022 are as follows:

- Farm Operating Loans (Direct): 4.125 percent.
- Farm Ownership Loans (Direct): 4.375 percent.
- Farm Ownership Loans (Direct, Joint Financing): 2.500 percent.
- Farm Ownership Loans (Down Payment): 1.500 percent.
- Emergency Loan (Amount of Actual Loss): 3.750 percent.

FSA also offers guaranteed loans through commercial lenders at rates set by



FSA provides low-interest financing to producers to build or upgrade on-farm storage facilities and purchase handling equipment and loans that provide interim financing to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are low.

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Commodity and Storage Facility Loans

Additionally, FSA provides low-interest financing to producers to build or upgrade on-farm storage facilities and purchase handling equipment and loans that provide interim financing to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are low.

Funds for these loans are provided through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and are administered

by FSA.

•Commodity Loans (less than one year disbursed): 4.125 percent.

- Farm Storage Facility Loans:
 - Three-year loan terms: 3.125 percent.
 - Five-year loan terms: 2.875 percent.
 - Seven-year loan terms: 2.875 percent.
 - Ten-year loan terms: 2.750 percent.
 - Twelve-year loan terms: 2.875 percent.
 - Sugar Storage Facility Loans (15 years): 3.125 percent.

Pandemic and disaster support

FSA broadened the use of the Disaster Set Aside

(DSA), normally used in the wake of natural disasters, to allow farmers with USDA farm loans who are affected by COVID-19, and are determined eligible, to have their next payment set aside.

Because of the pandemic's continued impacts, producers can apply for a second DSA for COVID-19 or a second DSA for a natural disaster for producers with an initial DSA for COVID-19.

The COVID-DSA is available for borrowers with installments due before Dec. 31, 2022, and whose installment is not more than 90 days past due when the DSA request is made.

The set-aside payment's due date is moved to the final maturity date of the loan or

extended up to 12 months in the case of an annual operating loan.

Any principal set-aside will continue to accrue interest until it is repaid. Use of the expanded DSA program can help to improve a borrower's cash flow in the current production cycle.

FSA also reminds rural communities, farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses affected by the year's winter storms, drought, hurricanes and other natural disasters that USDA has programs that provide assistance.

USDA staff in the regional, state and county offices are prepared to deliver a variety of program flexibilities and other assistance to agricultural producers and impacted communities. Many programs are available without an official disaster designation, including several risk management and disaster recovery options.

More information

Producers can explore available options on all FSA loan options at fsa.usda.gov or by contacting your local USDA Service Center.

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You want me to do what?!

Peterson recalls high school turkey farm job working with toms and hens

**By Rick Peterson,
Tollefson Publishing
General Manager**

This column topic is a result of an office conversation we had a few weeks ago while we were discussing possible column ideas for Star Herald Fall Ag Edition.

The idea of farm-related jobs we had when we were kids came up, and you can imagine there were the usual ones like baling hay, cleaning barns, feeding the animals and so on.

I chimed in with, "You won't believe the farm job I had when I was in high school!" I tried to explain it in a way that would be suitable for the politically correct office conversation.

The year was 1973. Our family had just moved to Brewster, and I was getting to know some of my new high school classmates. The conversation eventually got around to what kind of odd jobs were available.

Well, "odd" doesn't even begin to describe my future employment opportunity.

My written words don't do justice to the verbal words my new classmates used to describe my new job.

Every Wednesday morning throughout the school year, there were six of us who were excused from school until noon so we could do our thing on the turkey farm south of town.

Our "thing," as it turned out, was to ... let's say ... make sure the turkeys had a productive morning.

There were 3,000 hens and maybe 40 toms or so that looked forward to our weekly



My new-found turkey farm co-workers were a little vague as to what my particular job would be. I thought, 'Good God, first the toms, now the hens? What had I gotten myself into?'

—Rick Peterson, recalling his high school job on a turkey farm

visit.

I had spent a number of summers working on my uncle's farm growing up, so I had seen a thing or two.

One of the things that I'll never forget is the traveling artificial inseminator that showed up on the farm to breed my uncle's cows. To this day arm-length plastic gloves give me the willies.

My new-found turkey farm co-workers were a little vague as to what my particular job would be.

I remember someone suggested I should start my first day on the job in the tom house.

So, an older guy and I (I think he was the owner of

the turkey farm) headed over to the tom house.

We walked into the tom house, and there were 40 of the biggest birds I have ever seen!

The old guy told me they weighed up to 45 pounds. Not sure what was about to happen next, I said, "Now what?"

He told me to go grab one of the toms and put him up on the table over in the corner and lay him on his side. When I turned and looked at the toms, I could swear they were smiling at me and as if to say, "Pick me, pick me!"

I boldly went over and grabbed the first tom by his

legs, carried him over to the table, and put him on his side.

While I was putting the tom on the table, the old guy was getting something out of a bag that looked like a shot glass you would see in a bar.

I was holding the tom on his side, and the old guy told me what I needed to do next.

That's when I said something like, "You gotta be kidding (not the word I really used) me!" He told me to grab the tom's little tommy thing between my thumb and forefinger and make him happy.

Again I looked at the old guy and said, "REALLY"? I looked at the turkey, and I swear this time he winked at me.

It didn't take long and the tom was happy in short order and made a deposit into the shot glass. I put him down on the floor, and he walked back to the other toms with an even bigger smile.

The old guy told me to go grab another tom. We had to collect enough deposits to keep 3,000 hens happy.

After maybe 10 or so toms, the old guy gave me what looked like a handgun that was filled with, I guess you could say, tommy bullets.

He told me that would be enough to get them started in the hen house. "Started with what?" I asked. He said, "You'll see when you get over to the hen house."

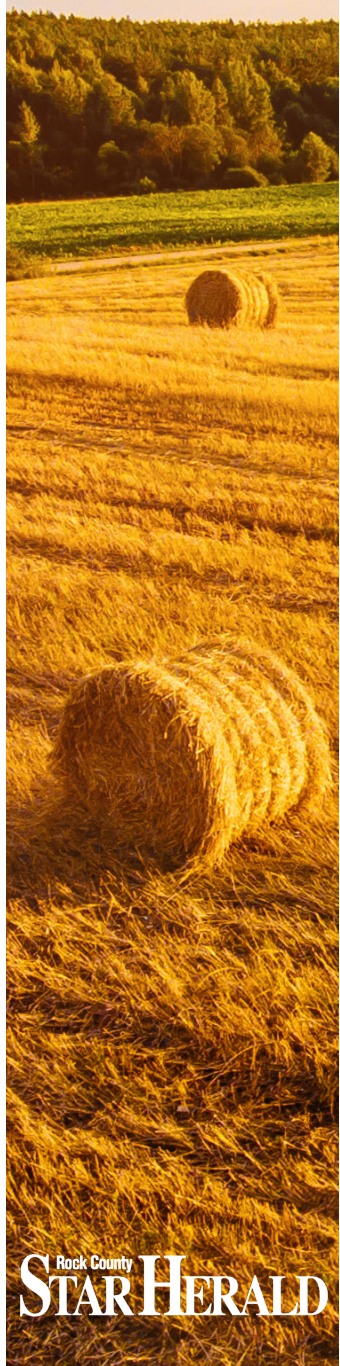
My turkey co-workers had the hen house set to mass-deposit the tommy bullets into 3,000 hens. I thought, "Good God, first the toms, now the hens? What had I gotten myself into?"

This portion of the endeavor required five guys – one to run the turkeys up the shoot, two guys to grab the hens by their leg and turn around holding the bird upside down, while another guy situated her so another guy could shoot her with a little tommy bullet.

Our crew left the turkey farm a little over three hours later.

Three thousand happy hens ... and the rumor was that over in the tom house there were 40 toms sitting around drinking scotch and smoking cigars talking about the new guy.

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weeks.

At Waseca, the normal daily average air temperature in September is above 60 degrees, but that drops to only about 48 degrees during October.

If favorable drying weather continues in the coming weeks, it is likely that corn-drying costs in many areas will be greatly reduced in 2022.

The moisture content on much of the corn being harvested in many areas has dropped considerably during the last half of September and is now 25 percent or lower.

It is a bit early to project 2022 corn yields across the Midwest; however, early indications are that corn yields in many areas will be just as variable as the soybean yields.

In portions of the Upper Midwest that had timely and adequate rainfall during the growing season, 2022 corn yields may end up average or above average.

However, in those areas that missed the timely rainfalls, corn yields will likely be reduced, with yields well below APH levels in the areas that were impacted by drought conditions in 2022.

Based on the Sept. 12 USDA Crop Report, favorable 2022 average corn yields (Bu/A.) were projected in Illinois

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(204), Iowa (200), Minnesota (190), Indiana (186), Wisconsin (183) and North Dakota (141). Less favorable corn yields were projected for Nebraska (176) and South Dakota (138), which are both well below recent state average yields.

USDA Grain Stocks Report decreases corn supply

The Sept. 30 USDA Grain Stocks Report surprised most grain marketing analysts, being especially "bullish" for future corn markets and basically "bearish" for soybean markets.

Grain stock estimates for corn were 8 percent lower than pre-report estimates by grain traders, while soybean stocks were somewhat higher than early estimates and wheat stocks came in close to the anticipated projections.

Following the USDA report, December corn futures on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) increased by 8 cents per bushel, while November soybean futures declined

by 46 cents per bushel. Wheat futures were also stronger following the report, due to USDA adjusting the estimated 2022 U.S. wheat production downward by 133 million bushels from the August estimate.

The biggest surprise in the Grain Stocks Report on Sept. 30 was the estimated total U.S. corn stocks at 1.377 billion bushels, which was 120 million bushels lower than the pre-report estimates; however, the 2022 corn stocks on Sept. 1 are still 11 percent higher than the 1.235 billion bushels on Sept. 1, 2021.

USDA estimated that 509 million bushels of corn was stored on farms as of Sept. 1, 2022, which is up 115 million bushels from a year ago; however, it represents only 36 percent of the total corn stocks.

This probably helps to explain the very tight corn basis levels that have existed in recent weeks at local grain elevators and processing plants in many locations.

The latest report implies total corn usage for feed, ethanol, exports, etc., from July 1 to Sept. 30 this year at 2.97 billion bushels, which is up slightly from a year ago.

In addition, USDA adjusted the final 2021 U.S. corn production totals downward by 41.4 million bushels from previous estimates, based on reductions in the 2021 harvested acres and the final 2021 U.S. average corn yield.

The CBOT December corn futures closing price on Sept. 30 was \$6.77 per bushel, compared to September 30 CBOT corn prices of \$5.37 in 2021, \$3.79 in 2020, \$3.88 in 2019, \$3.56 in 2018, and \$3.55 in 2017.

The USDA soybean stocks estimate of 274 million bushels as of Sept. 1 was just over 10 percent above the average grain trade estimate of 247 million bushels and equaled the highest estimates of marketing analysts.

The soybean stocks estimate on Sept. 1, 2022 is only 17 million bushels

above the U.S. soybean inventory of 257 million bushels a year ago on Sept. 1.

Soybean stocks remain at very tight levels compared to recent years prior to 2021. It was estimated that only 63 million bushels of soybeans were stored on farms as of Sept. 1, 2022, which represented approximately 22 percent of the total stocks. This again, helps explain the continued strong basis level for cash soybean prices at many grain elevators and processing plants.

The biggest reason for the higher soybean stocks in the latest USDA report was an increase in the final 2021 U.S. soybean production of 30 million bushels, based on additional harvested acres in 2021 and a slightly higher final U.S. average soybean yield last year.

Soybean usage for processing, exports, etc., from June 1 to Aug. 31 in 2022 was estimated at 698 million bushels, which is up 36 percent

from a year earlier but still trails the soybean usage level of 858 million bushels in 2020.

The CBOT November soybean futures price closed at \$13.65 per bushel on Sept. 30, 2022, compared to \$12.56 in 2021, \$10.23 in 2020, \$9.06 in 2019, \$8.45 in 2018, and \$9.68 in 2017.

The USDA Grain Stocks Report listed total U.S. wheat stocks at 1.776 billion bushels on Sept. 1, 2022, which is nearly the same as a year ago on Sept. 1.

The implied usage of U.S. wheat from June 1 to Aug. 31 this year was 543 million bushels, which was down 24 percent from a year ago.

It was estimated that 591 million bushels of wheat were in on-farm storage on Sept. 1, 2022, which is 41 percent higher than a year ago.

Both CBOT wheat futures prices and local wheat prices have remained at quite high levels in recent weeks compared to recent years prior to 2021, due to continued tight supply levels and solid wheat demand.

The strong wheat prices are likely to continue into 2023, given the reductions in the projected 2022 U.S. wheat production and the prolonged drought conditions in many primary production areas for winter wheat.



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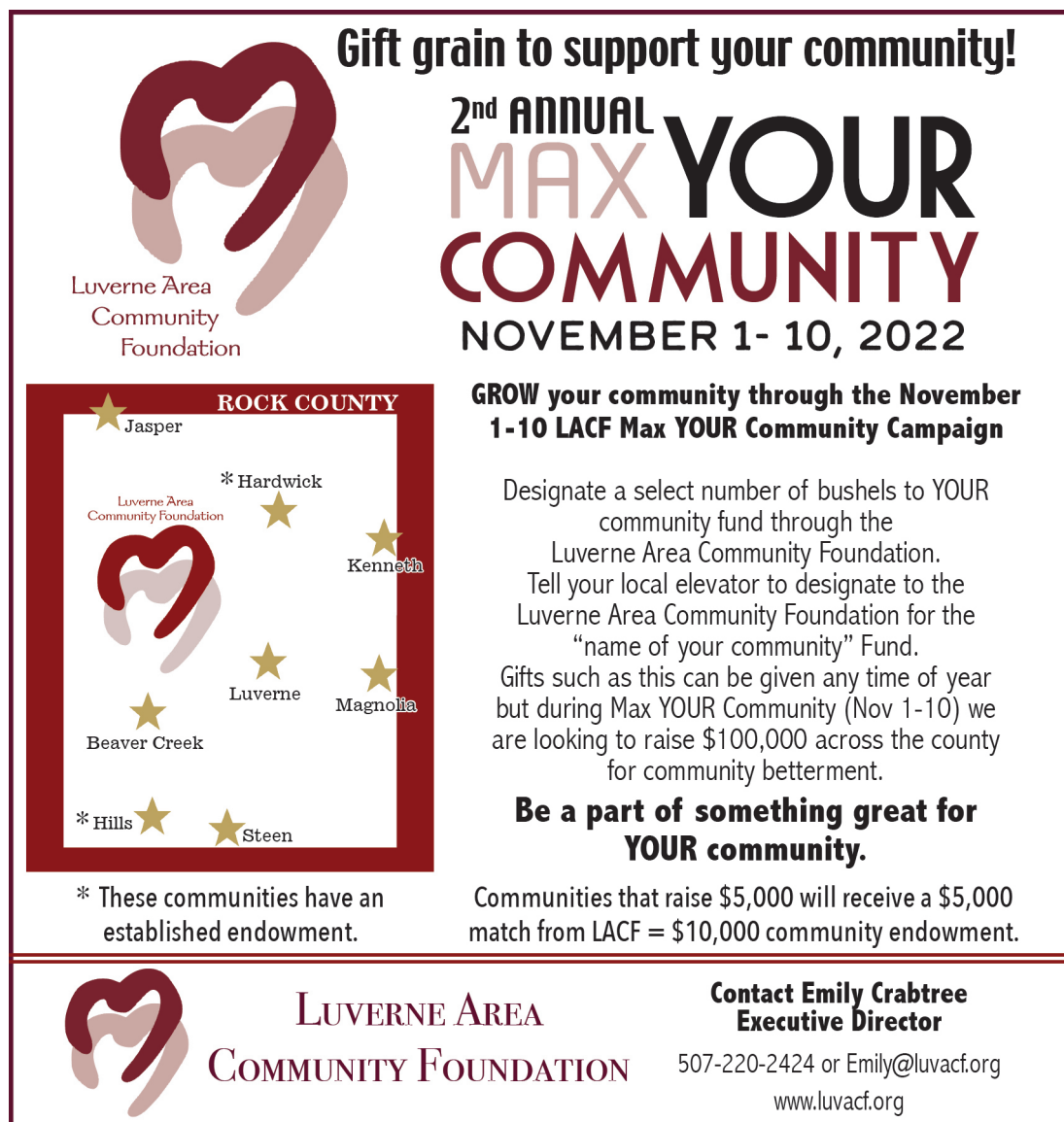
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Would you bet the farm on it?

Don't leave your home and livelihood to chance; review and understand your policy

By Barbara Anderson, Cattnach Insurance Agency Inc. Luverne

Were you feeling confident that you had the right insurance coverage as the storm clouds moved in last spring and summer?

If you escaped the damaging wind and hail, are you willing to gamble your livelihood and home on the next storm that comes along?

Skyrocketing building costs, inflation and shortage of supplies may cause your coverage to be less than you need.

Building values

Understanding your policy's inflation guard, replacement cost vs. actual cash value (ACV) building values, cosmetic damage, rebuilding clauses and other endorsements can significantly impact your claim.

Construction costs and availability of labor and materials has become a considerable hurdle in settling claims.

Typically policies in-



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clude a built-in safety net in the form of inflation guard. The percentage varies by company and usually only applies to buildings with the replacement cost endorsement.

In the past, an inflation guard of 4-5 percent was typical, and now we are seeing up to 10 percent in some cases.

Review, review, review

Insurance policies can seem overwhelming to review and understand on your own.

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key in wading through the many coverages offered to find the right fit for you.

Just because you are spending a lot of money on premium doesn't mean that you are well protected.

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policy renews or weather strikes to get that piece of mind. Policies can be updated and reviewed year-round.

Claims

The claims process can seem overwhelming when there is a lot of damage to your property, so be sure you know what to do.

- Check your property for damage after a storm.

- Does the damage exceed the deductible?

- Contact your insurance agency to report a

claim or just ask questions about coverage.

- Get estimates from contractors and approval from the adjuster before proceeding with the repairs.

- Understand policy coverages (which buildings are insured, deductibles, etc.).

- Recoverable depreciation – don't miss out on money that you may have available to you.

Recoverable depreciation

If your claim includes "recoverable depreciation," then you can claim this money after the work has been completed and receipts are sent to the insurance company.

- There is usually a time limit to complete the work and claim the funds.

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Don't leave your home and livelihood to chance. Review your policy, understand your coverage and take control of your premium dollars.

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Guidance 263 is ‘cursed, but necessary, directive for antibiotics

By Erin deKoning, DVM, Rock County Vet Clinic

Back in January 2017, Guidance 213 went into effect.

This Guidance from the federal government changed the usage rules and labels for feed grade antibiotics.

It helped create the often cursed, but necessary, Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD).

As is common with change, there was a lot of grumbling and disgust at the time.

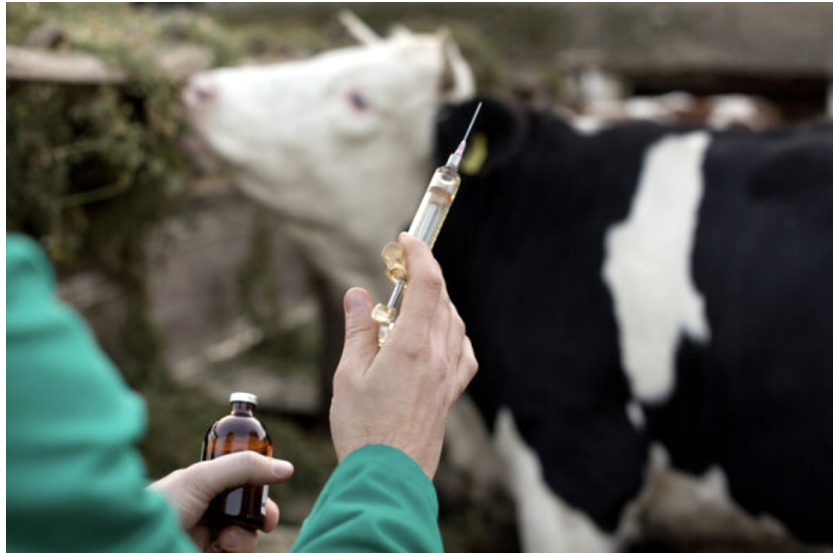
But over five years later, the VFD has become a common part of our veterinary practice and is the new normal for production agriculture. For just a few people, the grumbling and disgust hasn't stopped.

In June of 2023 another Guidance will be implemented that will once again change the way we do business.

Guidance 263 applies to Over-the-Counter (OTC) antibiotics, their usage and their availability.

Every veterinary relevant antibiotic that has cleared government approval for usage since 1993 currently contains the following statement: "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."

Some OTC antibiotics still



VCPR is a formal relationship between a producer and a veterinarian who serves as a primary contact for all veterinary services.

This veterinarian is familiar with the producer, their livestock, and their operation. The veterinarian assumes responsibility for making clinical decisions about the health of the animals. In return, the producer agrees to follow the instructions given to him or her by the veterinarian.

didn't include that statement, but after June 11, 2023, they will.

Oral, injectable, and intra-mammary antibiotics that are available for purchase from local feed stores and farm stores will no longer be available for purchase from those outlets.

Instead, those products will now only be available for purchase from a veterinarian, or with a prescription written by a veterinarian that has current working knowledge of your operation.

Examples of products that Guidance 263 will affect include the following: Cephalosporins, Penicillin, Tylan, Lincomycin, oxytetracyclines, and several sulfa type drugs.

As a producer, what does this mean for your operation?

If you currently work closely with a veterinarian, then Guidance 263 will not be an issue for you. By working with a veterinarian, you have established a Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR).

Each of the states have their own rules regarding what constitutes a VCPR, as well as how often a veterinarian should be doing a farm visit to have current working knowledge of the livestock operation.

The doctors of Rock Veterinary Clinic are licensed in several states and adhere to the rules of the individual state that the producer and their operation resides in for deciding what constitutes a VCPR. For the purposes of this

article, I will talk about the rules regarding a VCPR for Minnesota.

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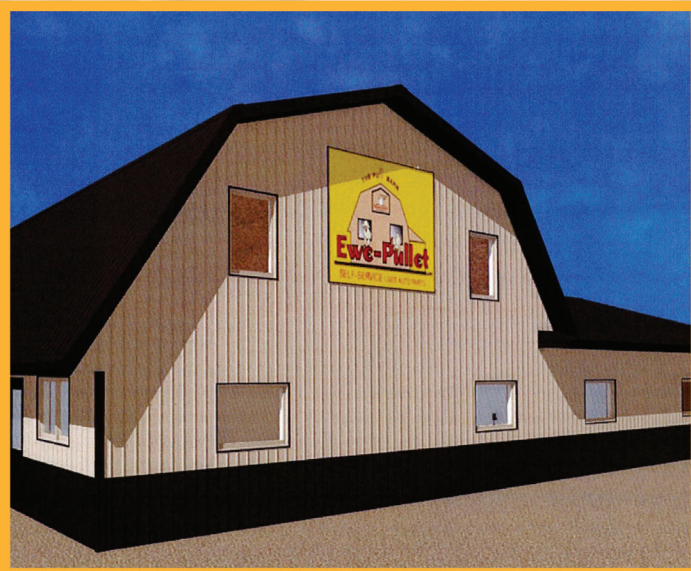
The veterinarian assumes responsibility for making clinical decisions about the health of the animals. In return, the producer agrees to follow the instructions given to him or her by the veterinarian.

Per Minnesota rules, the veterinarian must have an actual farm visit, or examine and treat an animal from that farm once in a 12-month time frame.

The VCPR doesn't necessarily need to be in a written form. However, in the instances of Farm Check Audits, BQA Feedlot Site Assessments, and PQA Site Assessments, having a written VCPR on file is recommended.

How can a producer set up a VCPR? The solution is quite easy. Feel free to contact us at Rock Veterinary Clinic, 507-283-9524. We would be happy to help!

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