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Winter storm dumps nearly 20 inches of snow

National Weather Service ranks event third in history for amount of snow in 24-hour period

By Lori Sorenson

In his 40 years of maintaining Rock County rural roads, Rodney Lowe said he's never seen this much snow.

"In terms of the sheer amount of snow on the roads, it's the most we've had to move," said Lowe, who is finally wrapping up his road clearing work this week.

"Normally you have occasional big drifts to contend with, but this last storm left a solid 15 to 18 inches on the road, and we have to move it all. It's going to be days before we have everything open."

— Rodney Lowe, plow driver

One for historical records

Last week's blizzard dropped 15 to 20 inches of moisture-laden snow on an already snow-covered landscape in Rock County and the region.

It's not a record, but the National Weather Service considers it historic in terms of heaviest snowfall in a 24-hour period.

In Sioux Falls the record is 26 inches set on Feb. 17-18, 1962, and the last time this area saw double-digit snowfall in 24 hours was 14 inches on April 13-14, 2018.

The Jan. 2-3, 2023, snowfall likely ranks third in the record book, according to the NWS, and pushes seasonal snowfall totals toward the top of historical records.

This winter is so far the second snowi-



Lori Sorenson photos/0112 snow

Rodney Lowe sends a plume of snow into the air Friday morning as he makes another pass to clear a gravel road in Springwater Township. He said last week's snowfall was the most he's had to contend with on rural roads since he started the job 40 years ago.

est on record with more than 33 inches tallied in Sioux Falls between Dec. 1 and Jan. 4. The snowiest on record was in 1968 at 41 inches during that time, according to the NWS.

Round-the-clock plowing

Last week's storm closed roads, schools, businesses and airports, and sent snow-removal crews into high gear.

For Lowe, it meant 15-hour days circling rural square miles to uncover gravel.

"It's hard to imagine ever saying this in our part of the country, but the wind didn't blow hard enough with this last storm, because it didn't blow off the roads," he said.

"Normally you have occasional big drifts to contend with, but this last storm left a solid 15 to 18 inches on the road, and we have to move it all."

It's not that the wind didn't blow, however.

He said after his first round of work he opened all the roads by Wednesday only to have them all drift shut Wednesday night.

"It's going to be days before

"I would put this storm in the Top 5 since I started in 1989"

— John Stoffel
Public works director in Luverne

we have everything open," he said Thursday.

He started with a single pass through all 103 miles he's in charge of, so that at least one lane of traffic was open for residents and rural mail carriers.

Lowe spent Friday and Saturday widening those passes to two lanes and ultimately to wing out the shoulders in order to prevent the next round of snow from closing the roads so quickly.

He was among hundreds of

Blizzard/continued on back page



At left, rural mail carrier Jody Larson delivers Stan Williamson's mail Friday morning in western Rock County as plow driver Rodney Lowe approaches with another pass. At right, Riley Cowell clears a sidewalk in Luverne at one of 20 residential properties he and Cowell Construction take care of. He said he and his dad, Tim Cowell, and co-worker Kendall Meyer also clear snow from 10 commercial and government properties in Luverne.



Lopau development adds 24 lots to local housing stock

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Economic Development Authority is planning for the city's newest residential development, the Lopau Addition.

At Monday morning's first EDA meeting of 2023, the board reviewed a feasibility report and concept layout of the new addition.

The development, estimated to cost more than \$2 million, will accommodate 24 residential lots.

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

Plans and specs for the street and utility projects will be finalized this month, and a bid letting will be in February.

According to discussion at Monday's meeting, construction of infrastructure and utilities will start this spring and should be substantially complete this fall.

The utility and infrastructure

Estimated to cost more than \$2 million, addition will be available for new home construction in 2024.

It will accommodate 19 single family homes and five twin homes

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

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

Lots will be accessed by 36-foot-wide asphalt streets, and drainage will follow curb and gut-

Lopau Addition/see page 5

Blue Mounds State Park naturalist encourages people to get outdoors

By Mavis Fodness

When Tiffany Muellner isn't talking about Blue Mounds State Park as part of her job as park naturalist, she's busy visiting other parks.

"It is almost kind of funny that when I am not at work at the park, I am visiting parks for vacation," she said.

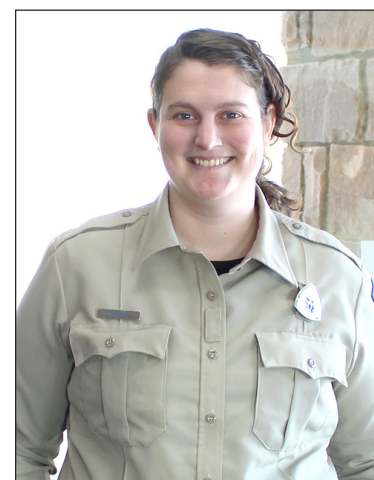
Her life goal is to visit each Minnesota State Park and all of the national parks.

She'll enjoy each park visit for various reasons.

"I literally can't pick a favorite park because they are so unique and different. There is something I have loved at every park I have ever worked in or ever been to," she said.

Muellner became the park naturalist at Blue Mounds in June. She was immediately drawn to the area's Sioux quartzite rock outcrops.

"It's small in earth scale but



Mavis Fodness photo/0112 naturalist
New Blue Mounds State Park naturalist Tiffany Muellner is organizing activities and will lead scheduled bison tours.

it's so unique to here," she said. "It is a really cool rock, which is a weird thing for a farm girl to say — I've picked a lot of rocks — but this one's pretty."

Muellner's rock picking was

at the family's dairy farm near Sauk Center, in central Minnesota. On her days off, she often finds herself helping her mom and dad along with her brother on the farm.

"Whatever I can do to be outside, that is the main goal," she said.

In high school Muellner knew she didn't want a career in agriculture. She found a possible focus in the natural resources field, while attending the state FFA convention one year.

"I knew I wanted something that would allow me to be outdoors and something that, at least, sometimes worked with animals," she said.

Muellner competed in the FFA fish and wildlife contests for several years, and her interest in wildlife and natural resources has only grown.

Park naturalist/see page 5



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Battle Plain Township Board will meet 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the conference room at Edgerton Ag, 1300 Mechanic St. No. 4408.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the home of Dick and Dolly Remme.

Blue Mounds State Park offers January activities

•Meet in the Picnic Shelter from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, to learn about **Beavers, Nature's Architects and America's Largest Rodents**. Discover how these critters use their unique adaptations to play a valuable role on the landscape. The program will conclude with a short walk down to the creek to look for beaver activity.

•Meet in the Picnic Shelter from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, for **Winter Birding: Owls**. Winter can be a great time to view owls. Find out what makes these wonderful birds so special and discover what species are in the backyard.

Story time starts Jan. 17

Story Time with Bronwyn at the Rock County Library is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 17 through April 25, and at 10 a.m. Fridays beginning Jan. 20 through April 28. Stories and make-and-take crafts are the same at either event.

For more information call 507-449-5040 or email rockcountystaff@gmail.com.

Winter Carnival Jan. 21

Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, in the Luverne Classic Gym. The event features food, games, prizes, Bingo, a cakewalk and more to benefit music education in Luverne Schools.

Online Extension offerings

The University of Minnesota Extension will offer two distance education opportunities.

•Introductory farm transitions and estate planning is each Wednesday through January. Register at <https://z.umn.edu/23FarmTransition> to receive a link to each session. Call 507-372-3900 ext. 3906.

•Sowbridge, the distance education series for managing and caring for sows and/or their litters and boars are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. There is a cost. Register by Jan. 20 at z.umn.edu/SowBridgeRegistration.

Free tax preparation at library

AARP volunteers will offer free tax preparation for low-income individuals and seniors at the Rock County Library on Mondays starting Feb. 13 through April 15. Call 507-449-5040 for appointments. Bring documents, including last year's tax return and identification to document social security number. Tax returns for 2021 will be prepared if requested.

Community Ed

Call 507-283-4724 to register for the following Luverne Community Education offerings.

Luverne students grades 8 and older may register for Winter or Summer **Driver Education** for \$365, which covers 30 hours of classroom and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Winter session begins Jan. 23. On Jan. 16, out-of-district students may register for open spots.

Children ages 0-5 years and parents can enjoy **Preschool Fun Time** on Jan. 24 or 26. There's no fee, but register for morning or evening.

Kids in the Kitchen (grades K-6) will make Superbowl Snacks on Jan. 26. Fee is \$21.

Students (grades K-5) can learn to decorate Valentine's Day Cookies at B's Bakehouse on Feb. 2. Register by Jan. 27. Fee is \$30.



Mavis Fodness photo/0112 H-BC Board Oath 2023

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board takes oaths of office

At the first meeting of the new year, the Hills-Beaver Creek School District Board of Education repeated the oath of office along with newly elected members Eric Uittenbogaard and Travis Helgeson led by Board Chairman Arlyn Gehrke (far left). Pictured counterclockwise from Gehrke are Chris Harnack, Tami Rauk (clerk), Tim Bosch (vice chair), Ethan Rozeboom (treasurer), Travis Helgeson and Eric Uittenbogaard. The meeting took place in the district's boardroom at the secondary school in Hills.

Auditor: H-BC School District's general fund continues to grow

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School District entered the 2022-23 school year with a healthy fund balance, according to an independent auditor.

Matt Taubert with Meulebroeck, Taubert and Co. told board members at their Dec. 27 meeting that the goal of maintaining an unrestricted fund balance of at least 20 percent of the district's average yearly expenditures or about \$1.3 million had been reached.

Taubert said as of June 30, 2021, the district ended with a balance of \$4.1 million.

"You're about 61 percent of a year's expenditures — which is good," he said. "In the first couple of years of me coming over here it wasn't great."

Taubert, who works in Pipestone, began auditing duties for H-BC 11 years ago. "In 2012, the district had a negative fund balance of \$224,749 and has increased

steadily since, and we end with a balance (in 2022) of \$4.1 million," he said.

"In that 11-year period you've had increases of fund balance of \$3 million. That's good...you have funds available to weather the storms."

For the 2021-22 school year, H-BC received \$5.4 million in revenue or about \$510,000 more than budgeted.

The increase in revenue primarily came from receiving \$219,000 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSR) and an additional \$152,000 in special education funding.

The district spent \$5.3 million from the general fund.

Positive balances were recorded in the District's restricted funds, including community service (\$216,210), food service (\$250,299) and debt service (\$148,651).

The district's debt decreased from \$8.055 million in 2021 to \$7.630 million, which is on track to be paid in full in 2036.

Go jump in The Lake

Sheriff throws down challenge in Luverne Leap — Reezin' for Freezin' fundraising event

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge is challenging Rock County residents to jump in The Lake Feb. 11.

Called the Luverne Leap — Reezin' for Freezin', the fundraiser will benefit the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

"We are hoping for a good turnout," said Verbrugge, who will take the first plunge into freezing water.

"It's cold," he warned. "I did it in St. Peter in temperatures about 35 degrees. We plan to jump (in Luverne) unless the weather is really bad."

The challenge is open to individuals, teams and businesses to sign up on the Luverne Area Community Foundation social media or directly at <https://luverne.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create>.

Those who want to sign up for the Luverne Leap must pay the initial \$25 pledge and then raise an additional \$75 before the Feb. 11 event.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume and for top fundraising among individuals and teams/businesses. Top fundraisers will receive a special delivery from the sheriff's office.

"Basically, this will be that the sheriff's office will be bringing them donuts and coffee," Verbrugge said. "We want the money to stay local in Rock County."

LACF is a countywide organization that supports community nonprofits through grant requests in five focus areas: arts and humanities, community and civic affairs, social and economic growth, environmental and beautification, community wellness and

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— Emily Crabtree
LACF director

health care.

Donors may designate a Rock County community to receive their money.

Emily Crabtree is the LACF executive director.

"We hope that any organization that has received a grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation will consider a designated jumper as part of their giving back to donors and their community," she said.

The Luverne Leap — Reezin' for Freezin' begins at noon Saturday, Feb. 11, at The Lake, 601 Edgell St. in Luverne.

The Luverne Fire Department will cut the hole in the ice (at a depth no deeper than 5 feet) and supply two firemen in "gumby" suits in the water to help people in and out of the water.

The festive event will have music, free hot chocolate, and a backdrop for selfies, and a master of ceremonies will announce names of those jumping into the water. Emergency personnel will also be on site for the event.

Signup deadline is Feb. 1 in order to receive a T-shirt for bravery.

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Mock trial season kicks off this week

Luverne High School opens first of five rounds with uncertainty

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Mock Trial students will return to the courtroom Thursday, Jan. 12, for the first time in two years as the 2023 season gets underway.

According to adviser Jason Berghorst, the pandemic and resulting backlog in courtrooms statewide required competition to be virtual until this year.

"The students are looking forward to in-person trials," Berghorst said.

"But only three members of our team have seen in-person trials — when they were freshmen — so the majority of our team isn't really sure what to expect. Of course, that will be the case for the other teams as well."

Rounds 1 and 2 will be in-person, with Rounds 3 and 4 virtual. Round 5 will be in-person at the Rice County Courthouse in Fairbault, where the top three Southern Division teams compete for berths in the still-virtual state tournament in March.

"(The virtual rounds) will hopefully allow us to compete against schools from a further distance, as we were able to do the last two years when all competitions were online," Berghorst said.

This year's case involves civil medical malpractice when college swimmer Jamie Morton alleged negligence by Dr. Ardi Ramidus in the knee surgery and standard of care Dr. Ramidus prescribed.

For Luverne, Morton is portrayed by senior Mallory Von Tersch, with additional



Mavis Fodness photo/0112 Mock Trial LHS 2023

Luverne High School kicks off the five-round 2023 mock trial season this week, along with other teams throughout the state. Team members are Parker Carboneau (front, left), Mallory Von Tersch, Ella Lanoue, Jadyn Hart, Ross Bergman, (second) Tyler Hodge, Makayla Oeschle, Cassi Chesley, Hallie Bork, Roselynn Hartshorn, Adam Ask, Keaton Ahrendt, (back) Xavier McKenzie, Eli McLendon and Zander Carboneau. Not pictured is Nicole Arevalo.

witnesses portraying medical expert Dr. Madison Adams (sophomore Xavier McKenzie) and swim coach Kris Peterson (sophomore Adam Ask.)

Plaintiff attorneys are juniors Roselynn Hartshorn and Cassi Chesley and freshman Tyler Hodge.

Senior Parker Carboneau portrays Dr. Ardi Ramidus, with senior Jadyn Hart as physical therapist Robin Stoll and senior Ella Lanoue as swim team member Val Rivera.

Defense attorneys are

senior Ross Bergman, freshman Zander Carboneau and sophomore Keaton Ahrendt.

Alternates include sophomore Eli McLendon (who is also the bailiff) and freshman Nicole Arevalo as attorneys. Alternate witnesses are sophomore Makayla Oeschle (also the time keeper) and junior Hallie Bork.

Jeff Haubrich returns as the team's attorney coach.

Berghorst said since the medical malpractice

case was released in October, students have been busy navigating technicalities and specific terminology.

"Team members are enjoying the process overall as they research what the terms mean and the law says, and create our strategies for the season based on what they are learning," Berghorst said. "It's not easy, but they are working hard."

Round 1 for LHS is Thursday, Jan. 12, against Lakeview at the Lincoln

County Courthouse in Ivanhoe. Competition begins at 1 p.m.

Round 2 is Friday, Jan. 20, against Hills-Beaver Creek at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, beginning at 9 a.m.

Opponents for rounds three and four are yet to be determined.

Round 5 brings the six teams with the best records in the first four rounds together, and the winners move on to the virtual state tournament.

Hills-Beaver Creek gears up for virtual, in-person trial competitions

By Mavis Fodness

After two years of virtual competition, the Hills-Beaver Creek High School mock trial team's feelings are mixed as the 2023 season begins this week.

"Most of the students are excited to be back into the courthouse because it makes the case more authentic for them," said adviser Megan Klumper.

"A few of the newer members did express a bit of nervousness."

Due to the pandemic and backlog of court cases, the event organized by the Minnesota Bar Association has been conducted virtually with each high school team competing via Zoom from their home schools.

This year, the five-round season will be split. The first two rounds will be back to in-person competitions at courthouses throughout the state. Rounds three and four are virtual.

For the Greater Minnesota Southern Division, round five will be in-person at Rice County Courthouse in Fairbault to determine which three teams will compete at this year's virtual state tournament in March.

This year's case centers around medical malpractice.

"The most challenging part for students will be the terminology," Klumper said. "Portraying a medical expert takes a lot of practice because students must become comfortable with the medical jargon if they are to be seen as an expert."

The civil case is Jamie Morton versus Audi Ramidus, M.D., where Morton, a high school swimmer, alleges that Ramidus was negligent in the repair of



Mavis Fodness photo/0112 Mock Trial H-BC

The Hills-Beaver Creek mock trial team kicks off the 2023 season this week with in-person competition for the first time in two years since the pandemic required online competition. H-BC team members include (front row, from left) Leif Tollefson, Blake Leenderts, Tahliya Kruger, Lexus Wessels, (second row) Kyler Hartz, Emma Deelstra, Lexi Drake, Joy Taubert, Britton McKenzie, (back) Tyrae Goodface, Sarah Prohl and Madison Gaugler. Missing are Gavin Voss and Isaiah Stefanyuk.

Morton's injured knee and in his standard of care delivery.

For H-BC, the plaintiff Morton is portrayed by freshman Gavin Voss. Witnesses include Dr. Madison Adams (portrayed by junior Kyler Hartz) and swim coach Kris Peterson (junior Joy Taubert). Plaintiff lawyers are sophomores Emma Deelstra, junior Madison Gaugler and sophomore Blake Leenderts.

The defense team for H-BC is Dr. Ramidus (portrayed by senior Britton

McKenzie), physical therapist Robin Still (junior Tahliya Kruger) and swim team member Val Rivera (senior Tyrae Goodface). Defense lawyers are seniors Lexi Drake and Leif Tollefson and freshman Sarah Prohl.

Time keepers and alternates for the team are sophomores Isaiah Stefanyuk and Lexus Wessels.

Currently, the H-BC team doesn't have an attorney coach but is actively seeking a volunteer.

"It seems like every year I learn more and more about how mock trial works," said fourth-year coach Klumper. "After competitions, the judges give advice on how teams can improve. This is the best learning opportunity for myself and my team."

H-BC's first competition is Thursday, Jan. 12, against Murray County Central. The mock trial begins at 1 p.m. in Slayton.

Round two is 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, against Luverne in Windom.

Opponents for the virtual rounds three and four will be determined from team records from the first two rounds.

Tips to save energy and stay safe while keeping warm

CenterPoint Energy is reminding its customers about simple energy-saving and safety steps they can take to help lower their heating bills while continuing to stay safe and warm in the cold weather.

Energy-saving tips

- Make sure your heating system is operating safely and efficiently. An annual inspection and tune-up are recommended.

- Change or clean your furnace filter regularly. Good air flow is essential for maximizing the efficiency and life of your furnace.

- Turn down the thermostat. Lower it by 10 degrees at night or when you're away for at least eight hours. You can potentially save 10 percent on your space heating costs.

- Make your home more airtight to keep warm air in and cold air out. Use caulk or weather-stripping to seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings such as pipes or ducts. Close fireplace dampers when not in use so you don't lose heat.

- Keep curtains and blinds open during the day to allow the sun's heat to warm your house. Close curtains and blinds at night so you don't lose heat when the sun goes down. Also, set your ceiling fans to turn clockwise to circulate warm air.

To learn more about energy-saving tips and efficiency, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/SaveEnergy.

Safety tips

- Use space heaters safely. Use a space heater with an automatic shut-off, and keep children, pets and all items at least three feet away. A space heater that uses gas, propane or wood should be vented to the outside. Stoves and ovens should never be used for space heating.

- Test your carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms to make sure they work properly. Change batteries regularly. Alarms don't last forever, so replace according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- Know the signs of CO poisoning. Early symptoms such as headache and fatigue are similar to the flu, but without a fever. Continued CO exposure can lead to more severe headaches, dizziness, nausea, difficulty thinking clearly and fainting. Get fresh air immediately.

Come-and-Go Open House


Happy 90th Birthday

John Bosch

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Help John celebrate at
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Pleasant View

Frosted trees create cemetery splendor

The frost on the trees bordering the cemetery Monday morning was



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

They stood glittering against a brilliant blue winter sky, creating a stunning scene worthy of the cemetery's name, 'Pleasant View.'

spectacular. Blazing white branches sparkling against a brilliantly blue winter sky created a stunning scene worthy of the cemetery's name, "Pleasant View."

My sister and I drove past the cemetery on our way to spend some time with Dad at the farm.

We've driven by this cemetery thousands of times. With Mom at the wheel of a '66 Mustang and then a '73 VW van, we drove to town for church or school activities, or to visit Grandma, or to get a part for Dad.

In high school, one of my summer jobs was mowing the grass at Pleasant View. The evergreens were small and I had to be careful not to hit them with the blades.

Monday morning, shimmering with frost, the Pleasant View evergreens towered over rows of stones and, with two feet of snow on the ground, there was no concern about lawn mowers.

I've always kept my eyes on the road driving by the cemetery.

Now I turn my head to look.

I look for the plot near the road marking the place Mom and Dad chose for

their headstone. After they told us they'd bought the stone, none of us went to look at it. Mom seemed a little disappointed that we weren't excited about how pretty it is.

It was at Mom's burial in November that, for the first time, I saw how pretty it is.

Etched into the granite, a garland of flowers hovers over "Winter" in all caps.

Two squares surround my parents' names and dates of birth. A pair of entangled rings displays their anniversary date. The names of their four children are listed at the bottom. Monday morning, all of this was under the snow.

But the trees were not. They stood glittering against a brilliant blue winter sky, creating a stunning scene worthy of the cemetery's name, "Pleasant View."

Mom would have loved it.

Spirit of generosity will get us through long winter

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Rock County's recent heavy snow created headache and hardship for many people attempting to travel – and even depart their blocked garages and driveways.

This week's Star Herald chronicles the efforts of professional snow movers and shares images of snow blowing, snow shoveling and snow piles of mammoth proportions.

The sheer volume of snow last week was the third largest in recent history, according to the National Weather Service, in terms of 24-hour accumulation for our area.

This is newsworthy, but another story riding the undercurrents of snow moving is the goodness and generosity of local residents and businesses along the way.

We saw neighbors helping neighbors as 3- to 4-foot snowbanks piled up beside sidewalks and driveways, and many brought their snowblowers and shovels to dig out the elderly and disabled.

Additional fire hydrants saw daylight after public officials put

out a plea for area residents to "adopt a hydrant" in order to keep them free in case they're needed for fire emergencies.

We heard stories of pickup drivers hooking to the bumpers of buried cars to pull them free, and in some cases, these same Good Samaritans connected jumper cables under car hoods to spark ignition.

And in rural Rock County, tractors and skid loaders equipped with plows and snowblowers criss-crossed country miles to help those who were having trouble clearing paths from homes and farmyards.

Meanwhile, those who couldn't scoop or operate heavy equipment took to the kitchen, giving away hot food to workers laboring in cold conditions. Some donated money to support the restaurants.

"Our community has always been so supportive of us. I love to give back when I can," said Jodi Reverts of Howling Dog Saloon where her staff gave away 29 meals. "I got the idea from other restaurants doing it. I chose to do it the days they did not."

We caught snippets of stories like these in conversations and social media posts, and as Star Herald writers, we wished to put each of them in print.

At the end of the day, it's simply worth stating – again – that we're blessed to live in a community where people take care of each other.

Keep up the good work, Rock County. Winter is far from over, and this spirit of generosity is what will get us through until spring.



For an LACF donation, Flipper man will make reappearance

Flipper Man will come out of retirement to take the leap for Reezin' for Freezin' Luverne Leap at The Lake on Saturday, Feb. 11.

The Rock County Sheriff's Department is organizing the Luverne Lake Leap, Reezin' for Freezin', as a fundraiser for the Luverne Area Community Foundation Grant Fund.

Flipper Man has quietly been a longtime supporter of the Luverne Area Community Foundation, and he has agreed to jump into the freezing waters of The Lake to show support and raise some money.

Flipper Man has only made one public appearance in Luverne, and that was on Halloween maybe 15 years ago, give or take a year or two.

Those that may have wit-



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

nessed the Flipper Man's Halloween appearance may recall it as a sight they have not yet been able to erase from their memory.

News of the Reezin' for Freezin' Leap into the Lake fundraiser was just announced last week, and hearty soles are already starting to sign up to take the plunge. It's always amazed me what people will do to help raise money for a worthy cause.

People will take a pie to the face or shave their head for

a cause. I'm sure you might remember the Ice Bucket challenge that was a huge success on social media a few years back that raised millions of dollars.

People jumping into freezing water commonly known as the Polar Plunge have to be the bravest or the craziest. I give Flipper Man two thumbs up for committing to take the Reezin' for Freezin' Leap.

By the way, Flipper Man has told me he is trying to raise

\$1,000 for the fundraiser, and in addition to that, he has an anonymous donor that will match the \$1,000 to make it a total of \$2,000 for the Foundation Grant fund.

If you would like to help Flipper Man reach his goal, you can call me at the Star Herald office at 507-283-2333 to donate, or stop by the office and drop off your donation.

If you would like to take the Leap yourself and be a part of the fundraising effort, contact Emily Crabtree at the Luverne Area Community Foundation office at 507-220-2424.

I'll ask Emily for updates and keep you posted as to who and how many people have signed up to join Flipper Man in the Reezin' for Freezin' Leap into the Lake.

Frakes: 'Reparations are in order'

Letter to the Editor:

I've been hearing the word "repatriations" a lot lately. I think it's a good idea. We can give all the descendants of slaves a free ticket back to their home continent so they could live the life they've always dreamed of.

Hold it! Hold it! My bad! I just found out the word is actually "reparations."

A little different but still a good idea. All the families who lost fathers, brothers, husbands and sons when they went south to free the slaves should receive reparations.

Hundreds of thousands did not return at all, and hundreds of thousands returned all mangled and disabled.

We have to remember that the total population was much smaller than it is today, so these losses had a huge impact.

Reparations are in order.

Bill Frakes, Luverne

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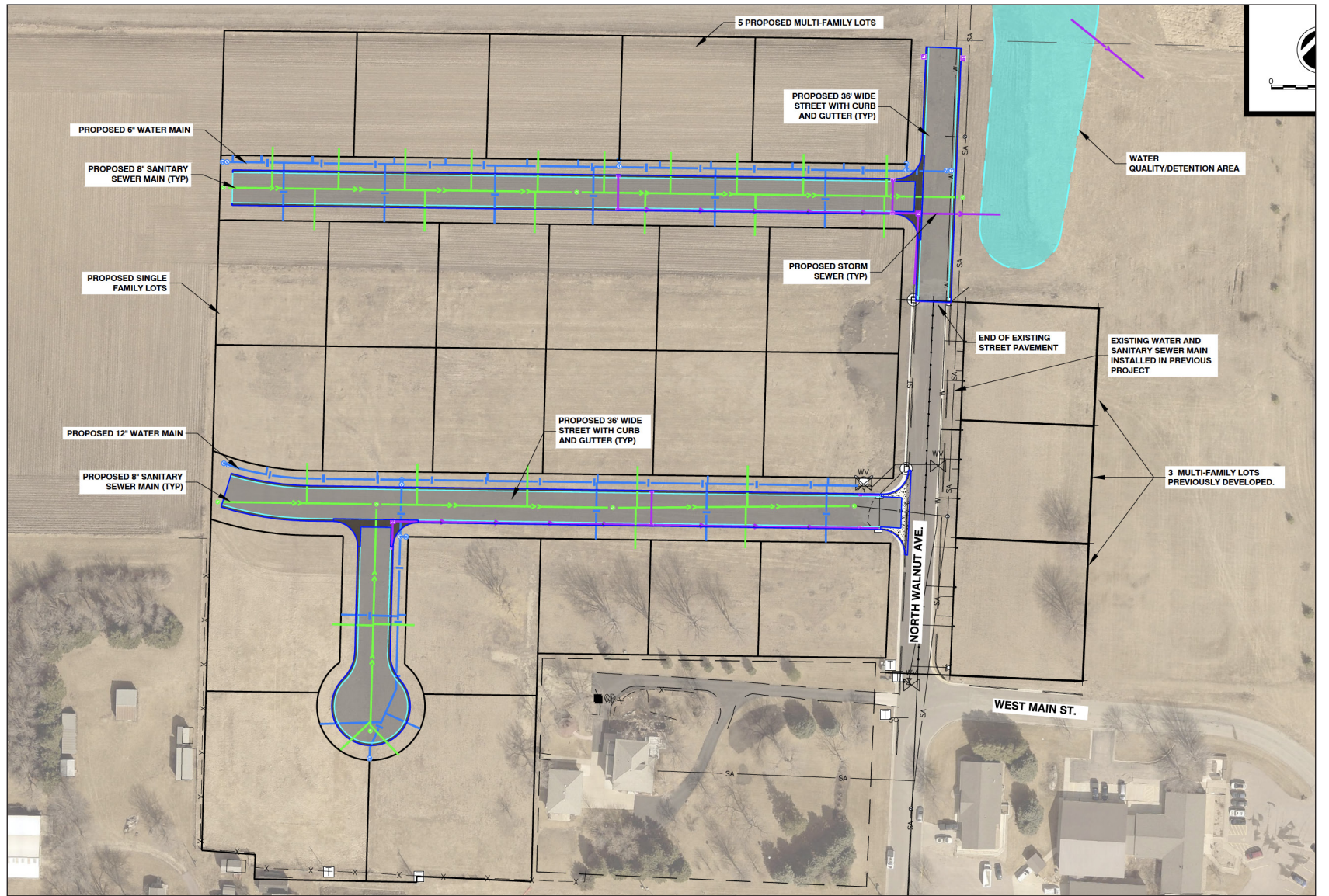
Dispatch report

- Dec. 30**
- Complainant on County Highway 4 reported trespassing.
 - Complainant on W. Crawford Street and S. Donaldson Street reported found property.
 - Complainant on 161st Street and Highway 23, Garretson, South Dakota, reported property damage.
- Dec. 31**
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.
 - Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a lost child.
 - Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported property damage.
 - Complainant on 150th Avenue, Luverne, reported a fire.
 - Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.
 - Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported drunkenness.
 - Complainant northbound on Highway 75, mile marker 15, Hardwick, reported a driving complaint.
 - Assistance from another department was requested on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Bishop Street.
 - Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported an assault.

- Jan. 1**
- Complainant on W. Main Street reported an abandoned vehicle.
 - Complainant on 110th Avenue reported a civil issue.
- Jan. 2**
- Complainant on Highway 23 and County Road 7, Jasper, requested roadside assistance.
 - Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported suspicious activity.
 - Complainant on Evergreen Drive reported suspicious activity.
 - Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a fire.
- Jan. 3**
- Complainant on N. Estey Street reported an unlock.
 - Complainant on 251st Street, Jasper, reported an HRO violation.
 - Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported an outage.
 - Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a parking issue.
 - Complainant in Pipestone reported a fire call.
 - Complainant on W. Crawford reported a parking issue.
 - Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a parking issue.
- Jan. 4**
- Complainant reported an outage.
 - Complainant on Spring and Luverne reported a parking issue.
 - Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a disorderly.

- Jan. 5**
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.
 - Complainant on Josephine Avenue reported a parking issue.
 - Complainant on E. Warren Street reported threats.

In addition, officers responded to 9 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 11 vehicles in the ditch, 3 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 7 burn permits, 1 background check, 2 alarms, 7 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 6 traffic stops, 4 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks and 5 follow-ups.



The Lopau housing development, estimated to cost more than \$2 million, will accommodate 24 residential lots. Nineteen lots will be designated for single-family homes and five will be multi-family lots for twin homes (10 units on the north end). They'll go on the market in 2024.

Lopau Addition housing development/continued from page 1

ters, drainage swales in backyards and a storm sewer system that outlets into a detention basin on the east side of the extended North Walnut Avenue. The detention basin will retain a portion of storm water on site that will drain through a filter before out-letting upstream of Poplar Creek and will reduce the proposed runoff flow rate. "This will also serve any future residential growth," EDA Director Holly Sammons said. "This water detention area was an important part of planning." The board discussed the "stub street" of north Walnut Avenue and the fact that it cannot be connected to the Uithoven Addition to the north. "There's a spring that goes through there and it's very wet. The engineers said there's no way we can put a road there," Sammons further explained. "It would have been nice to connect the street there, but with the waterway there, it won't work. This will remain a

water detention area." The LEDA owns the lots and will host a public hearing to set lot prices and establish protective covenants later this year. The lots will be on the market in 2023 and will be available for new home construction in 2024. LEDA will use a combination of cash reserves and the revenue from lot sales to make bond payments. "As the older lots are sold and paid off, they'll start paying for new development over here," said Mayor Pat Baustian who serves as EDA president.

Background
In the fall of 2020, the city paid Lynn Lopau \$661,500 for 10 acres of land — \$475,000 for the house, garage and two acres, and \$186,500 for the rest of the eight acres, including two outbuildings. After remodeling and updating the home, the city later sold the house, garage and

two acres for \$498,000 to Greg and Janet Burger.

Future housing needs
According to remarks in the feasibility study for the Lopau Addition, "It is imperative that new lots are available to meet current needs and attract others to the city of Luverne." That assumption is based on projected growth and limited residential lots available for sale in the city. "The city of Luverne is continuing to grow as it is a clean, safe, well-maintained city with an excellent school system and medical network," the feasibility report states. "New businesses continue to choose the city of Luverne as their home, and existing businesses are expanding to meet growing needs. As the population of the city of Luverne continues to rise, the tax base continues to grow, and residents spend their money locally to support local businesses; all

of which benefits the community."

Updated housing study
Because of recent housing development and the potential for more than 150 new jobs in the industrial park, Maxfield Research will update Luverne's housing study later this year 2023. The last study was completed in 2019, and since that time, the Uithoven Addition was added to include 15 single-family and twin home lots. Also, 54 market rate rental units (Prairie Loft) have been constructed, and four luxury-size lots north of town were annexed into the city limits in the Schmuck Addition. In addition to the Lopau Addition's 19 single-family and five multi-family lots, another lot or two may be added to the Reisch Addition, which is on the stub of Walnut Avenue north of RCO and Mary Jane Brown.

New Blue Mounds State Park naturalist/continued from page 1

She attended the University of Minnesota Crookston, receiving degrees in natural resources and wildlife management. For nine years she worked in various resource positions before coming to Luverne full time. "I've pretty much been in every corner of the state," Muellner said. "Between school, living and working I've been around the state. Luverne is the farthest south I've been." And she wants more people to experience the Sioux quartzite in southwest Minnesota and the bison. "I've learned so much about bison in my first position and there is so much more to learn," she said. "It has been incredible to come and work and see these big beasts outside my window." Muellner will share her bison knowledge from Memorial Day through Labor Day as she leads the scheduled 10 tours a week. Her predecessor, Amber

"To me, if I pique people's interest, that's a win. And if I make them think of something that they may never have thought about before, I feel like I've done my job."

— Tiffany Muellner, park naturalist

Brooks, secured the bison buggy and launched the tours two years ago. "All the logistics are here and I can make the tour my own for visitors to meet such a cool animal," she said. Last fall and now into the winter season, Muellner has organized education classes through Luverne Community Education and has conducted or will conduct different educational events at the state park. Her more recent was the

New Year hike on Jan. 1. She has several more events scheduled before

and after the snow melts that include beavers, a candlelight hike and possibly an activity with her favorite bird, the red-tailed hawk. "To me, if I pique people's interest, that's a win," she said. "And if I make them think of something that they may never have thought about before, I feel like I've done my job."

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Doug McGuire (above) uses a crowbar to remove boards around the serving windows in the basement kitchen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Saturday morning. He joined about a dozen other volunteers who completed the demolition in preparation for the new kitchen, serving area and handicapped-accessible bathrooms to be constructed over the next four months. **At left:** Volunteers remove the 1950s-era cabinets and countertops.

Bethlehem Lutheran remodels kitchen for congregation and community



Caleb Ellingson carries construction debris from the demolition of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church kitchen Saturday morning.

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

About a dozen people gathered in the basement kitchen of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills Saturday.

For several hours the group dismantled the 1950s kitchen and removed walls ahead of a \$155,000 remodeling project that will improve the outdated kitchen.

From now until April, the kitchen will be transformed into an open concept commercial cook's room with adjoining serving/buffet area and two handicapped-accessible bathrooms.

Planning began more than a year ago.

"We looked at our needs as a church and what's in the community," said Rebecca Spykerboer, who serves on the kitchen remodel committee.

"In Hills we don't have a place where big meals can be prepared and big events at the same time."

Once finished, the kitchen and adjoining fellowship hall (already remodeled) will be

available to the public for rent.

Pastor Nita Parker said church members talked for several years about remodeling the kitchen and the one bathroom located in the east end of the basement.

Fundraising began last year to gauge interest, and enough money was raised to start the remodeling Saturday.

The committee is \$40,000 from reaching the fundraising goal.

To stretch the budget, volunteers (like those gathered Saturday) will complete as many tasks as they can in the next couple of months until the project is finished through a local contractor.

"Our hope is to have the work done by Easter," Parker said.

The new kitchen and adjoining area will match the paint and wood finishes used in the fellowship hall.



Rebecca Spykerboer (from left) Brad Vaughn, Randy Warner and Doug McGuire remove the countertop and wood wall separating the kitchen from the service area. **Below:** When finished the Bethlehem Lutheran Church's new kitchen, service area and bathrooms will match the fellowship hall's décor. The hall was remodeled a few years ago.



January is exciting time for local gardener

Christmas has come and gone, and some people get a little depressed when the fun and business subsides.

But for us gardeners, we're almost waiting by the mailbox on the day after Christmas because that's the day the new seed catalogs arrive. Magically, those vendors know that we're ready for a new focus.

Well, that's me, and I got four catalogs on that day (not counting the legal holiday and in spite of the previous days of snowstorms) and three more since.

As with almost everything else, COVID has affected the prices. When I look at the return on my investment, I am not complaining. I have big gardens and I have expectations for the seed I plant, so I'm particular in choosing the varieties I plant.

I ALWAYS keep a record of what I plant and how satisfied I am with the results. Occasionally I will pick seed from a seed rack but usually find the varieties that are available on those retail racks are not necessarily what I am looking for. ... Yes, you can call



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

me a seed snob!

Although I get several other catalogs, these are my favorite mail order vendors:

- Pine Tree Garden Seeds ... very reasonable prices and seed quantities.
- Seeds 'N Such ... again, reasonable prices if you get a lot of seed packets and small seed quantities.
- Jung Seeds and Plants ... lots of everything.
- Select Seeds ... only flower seeds.
- Johnny's Selected Seeds ... more suited for a Farmers Market grower but

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•A new business is coming soon to the former Renfro Variety store on Main Street.

David and Stacy Riphagen, Luverne, purchased the building this fall and will reopen the doors next spring as "Dragonfly," a custom furniture and interior design boutique.

The business will feature custom-designed furniture built to clients' personal tastes and specifications.

For example, an armchair would start with a basic size and shape, but it will be customized by choices of leg style, fabric, color, skirting, etc.

Furniture orders are sent to an Ohio supplier, Norwalk, and the pieces are shipped back to Luverne. "Everything is American-made," Stacy said.

She explained that dragonflies signify change, and that's what inspired the store's name. "My life is going through change," she said. "I'm starting something new and chasing my dream."

25 years ago (1998)

•At 65 years old, postal carrier Gene Mann has decided he's delivered enough mail in his lifetime. His employers and co-workers celebrated his retirement with an open house party at the Post Office Friday afternoon.

After 32 years delivering mail through rain, snow, sleet and hail, Mann is more than ready to retire. "I won't miss those cold, cold, bad snowy days," he said with a shudder. "There were more than a few days of 50 to 60 below wind chill. Those were cold days."

As his former mail patrons greeted him during his open house party, however, he realized how much he will miss the people he's come to know on the route. "You don't have a lot of time to visit, but you see a lot of families grow in that period of time," he said.

50 years ago (1973)

•County commissioners wrapped up their two-day January meeting Wednesday with approval of pay hikes to a majority of county employees.

Increases of \$50 per month were granted the assessor,

clerk of court, treasurer, registrar of deeds, highway engineer, services officer, assistant highway engineer, highway department foreman and the auditor.

Pay raises of \$25 per month were given to James Cook and Edward Kraayenhof of the highway department.

The non-supervisory and maintenance personnel at the highway department had been granted a \$25 per month increase effective Jan. 1 during the last July commissioners meeting.

No wage increases were considered for the Sheriff's office, county attorney, courthouse clerical workers or the probate judge. The 1971 legislature gave the probate judge a 10 per cent salary increase when she became a judicial officer in July.

75 years ago (1948)

•Luverne high school will be featured in a half-hour radio broadcast next Tuesday night, January 20, over station WNAX, Yankton, at 8:30 p.m.

At that time, the transcription made here early in December of the panel discussion, featuring Bette Brown, Betsy Schoonover, Stanley Esterly and Kenneth Vos as the main speakers, will be heard. Topic of their discussion is "War, Inevitable or Dispensable." Other Luverne students who will be heard asking questions of the speakers will be Joyce Thorson, Robert Blakely, James Welch, Cherie Hopener, Alfred Anderson, Norman Ahrendt, Loren Spease and Robert Lindberg.

100 years ago (1923)

•By the decisive vote of 67 to 12, the people of Beaver Creek village declared in favor of the purchase of the telephone exchange of that place by the village at a special election held Tuesday.

The telephone system, which is known as The New Telephone Co., was offered to the village for \$1,177.24, and the people voted on its purchase at this figure, with the above stated results.

The present system, which is owned by local parties, has been out of commission for one reason or another, since about the first of May.

1943: Schuldts find life not all about one's wages

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 July 22, 1943.

Whenever you feel you're working too many hours a day, at too small a salary, think of Mr. and Mrs. William Schuldts, of Hardwick. When they were first married, they had usually worked 40 hours before the week was one third gone, and their only recompense was a bare living.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schuldts were born in Germany. He was born August 20, 1868, at Mecklenburg, Schwerigen and Mrs. Schuldts on Sept. 24, 1867, at Ludwigschloss. After they were old enough to leave home, both obtained employment at the same farm. Mrs. Schuldts not only did the housework, but also worked out of doors.

Being employed by someone meant working



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

from daylight until dark at a very small salary. Mrs. Schuldts recalls that she has oftentimes loaded three or four loads of hay, not with a fork, but with her bare hands, during the course of a day. She has also bound grain after it had been cut with a scythe, and has hoed potatoes until she was so tired she could hardly move.

After they were married on March 17, 1893, they rented a small acreage, and Mr. Schuldts obtained a job in a dynamite factory at 75 cents a day. One week, he would work during the daytime and the following week he would work at night. He walked to and from the factory, the one-way trip requiring one and one-half hours of fast walking. Those were long

days for the young couple, but both survived it well. When he worked nights, Mr. Schuldts recalls he would have to be at work at 6 p.m. That meant that he had to leave home shortly after 4 p.m. to make it on time. He would work until 6 a.m., the following day, then would walk home, arriving there at about 8 a.m. From 8 a.m. until noon, he would take care of his farm work. On many occasions, he related, he would haul in a few grain shocks from the field, and would thresh them with a flail on the floor of his barn until about 12 o'clock, then he would like down to sleep for four hours and then would get up and go back to work at the factory.

Both Mr. and Mrs.

Schuldts found it necessary to learn how to work early in life. Mr. Schuldts' father was a common laborer with only a small income, and the children had to shift for themselves as soon as they were able to do so. Mr. Schuldts herded cattle at the age of eight, and he recalls that often he would arrive at the farmer's place before he was even out of bed. He'd be out with the cattle all day, and would return home late in the evening. For this work, he would get his clothing and his board. When he became older, and could do more work, he received \$14 as his salary for the entire year.

He attended school from the age of 6 to 14, and after that period, was assigned to man-sized jobs at boy-size salaries. However, his pay was better than it had been, for he remembers he received about \$53 a year, but out of this he had to buy his own clothing.

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Photo courtesy Sanford Luverne

New Year baby welcomed

Myla Mae Young, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces, arrived at 3:17 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, as the first baby of the New Year at Sanford Luverne. Her parents are Brendan and Miranda Young, Sioux Falls, and she joins siblings Geniva, almost 4, and Hazel, almost 2. The Youngs recently moved to Sioux Falls from Little Rock, Iowa, and chose Sanford Luverne for their prenatal care and delivery. Miranda Young said, "We love our doctor (Dr. Kat Dahl) here so much that we'll keep coming to Luverne for everything. It's only 25 miles."

OBITUARIES

Glenn Rye

Glenn Elwood Rye, age 95, of Sun City, Arizona, passed away on Monday, Dec. 30, 2022.

A funeral service will be Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at 2 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 1 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills, Minnesota. Burial will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery in Hills.

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

Glenn Elwood Rye was born in Valley Springs, South Dakota, to Gullick Rye and Emma (Thompson) Rye on Feb. 9, 1927. He attended school in Hills, Minnesota. He graduated from Augustana College and obtained a Master's Degree from Loma Linda University.

Glenn served in the United States Army and was a veteran of World War II. In recognition of his service, Honor Flight sent Glenn and his daughter, Ramona, to the World War

II Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Glenn worked as a school teacher in Minnesota, Arizona and Colorado. He also owned real estate brokerage companies in California and Colorado. Glenn was the chairman of the Loveland, Colorado, Planning Commission. He cofounded and was chairman of the City of Loveland Housing Authority. Glenn conceived of and received much recognition for H.O.U.S.E., Home Ownership Using Sweat Equity. Under Glenn's leadership, the Housing Authority provided housing for families left homeless after the 1976 Big Thompson Flood. Glenn was the 1979 Loveland Realtor of the Year and was a member of Rotary.

Glenn was preceded in death by his daughter, Angela Ann Rye (1955-1968), his parents, and sisters and brothers, Gullick Rye, Emma Rye, Norris Rye, Opal Nelson, Eldora Bakk, Beverly Nerison, Raymond

Rye and Vivian Helgeson, and son-in-law, Scott Perkins.

Glenn married Donna Entenman on August 19, 1954, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Glenn is survived by former wife, Donna, son Randy Rye (Ellen Laubhan), son Dan Rye (Brigid Devney-Rye), son Greg Rye (Lisa Rye) and daughter Ramona Perkins (Rye). Glenn is also survived by grandchildren: Court Rye, Cassia Hanton, Summer Rye, Sam Rye and Ben Rye and great-grandchildren: Kalen and Dylan Hanton.

Glenn was dearly loved by his family and extended family. He made friends easily and was especially caring of those who needed encouragement. He had a bright mind, wonderful sense of humor and excellent memory. He was the repository of family history and enjoyed being the storyteller at family gatherings.

The family of Glenn Rye wishes to extend sincere thanks to his caregiver, Cecilia Celaya, The Veteran's Administration and Hospice of the Valley.

(O112 V)

Samuel Mc Gaffee

Samuel Thomas "Sam" Mc Gaffee, 68, Hills, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at his home in Hills, following a courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial service was Monday, Jan. 9, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Inurnment was at Eastside Cemetery.

Samuel Mc Gaffee was born Dec. 2, 1954, at Pierre, South Dakota, the son of Samuel and Dorothy (Westhauser) Mc Gaffee. He was raised in the Sioux Falls area and graduated from Washington High School in 1972.

After his education he entered the U.S. Army on Sept. 4, 1973, and was honorably discharged on Sept. 3, 1976, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He returned home and began working at Heartland Paper Company as a truck driver.

Sam married Glenda

Wassenaar on Dec. 4, 1982, at The Reformed Church of Steen. He lived in Hills for 40 years and later began working at Smithfield Packing Plant in Sioux Falls.

Sam was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills, serving as head usher for many years. He enjoyed word search and attending car races in area towns. He was a big Dale Earnhardt Sr. fan.

Most of all, Sam cherished his daughters and granddaughter, Henley. He was especially fond of his dog Charlie. He enjoyed his weekly coffee with his buddies in his retirement. Sam also enjoyed sitting outside on the porch visiting with friends who stopped by.

In September of 2019 Sam was diagnosed with

Stage 4 prostate cancer.

Sam is survived by his wife, Glenda Mc Gaffee, of Hills; two daughters, Katie (Dustin) Hanson of Sioux Falls, and Samantha Mc Gaffee of Hills; a granddaughter, Henley Hanson; three brothers, Ken (Betty) Garcia of Canton, South Dakota, Martin Strampher of Burwell, Nebraska, and Mike (Carol) Mc Gaffee of Sioux Falls; a brother-in-law, Marv Wassenaar of Sioux Falls; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, George and Henrietta Wassenaar; two brothers, Marvin Strampher and Pat Mc Gaffee; a sister, Robin Shea; and a brother-in-law, Robert Wassenaar.

Arrangements were provided by Jurens Funeral Home of Hills, jurensfuneralhome.com

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Henry Van Maanen

Henry Van Maanen, 75, Luverne, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at the Human Services Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 9, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at Pleasant View Cemetery in Valley Springs, South Dakota.

Henry Van Maanen was born on Jan. 18, 1947, to Jacob and Margaret (Vrolyk) Van Maanen in Luverne. He received his baptism and later confirmed his faith. He was raised in the Hills and Beaver Creek area and graduated from high school. He worked for area farmers,

then at Rapps Auto Sales, next at the Luverne Country Club, and later at A.R. Wood Manufacturing.

On Aug. 6, 1969, Henry married Shirley Flystra at the Wayside Chapel in Sioux Center, Iowa. The couple made their home in Luverne. In 1972 Henry began working at Luverne Bumper and continued there until his retirement in 2009.

Henry was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. He enjoyed watching sports, putting together puzzles, and vegetable gardening. He especially enjoyed watching his grandson play football. Henry loved getting together at fam-

ily gatherings and spending time with family.

Henry is survived by his daughter, Andrea (Dan) Kubesh of Luverne; his grandchildren, Damian Reese of San Antonio, Texas, Zoey Matthiesen of Canton, South Dakota, and Paige and Destiny Kubesh of Luverne; a sister, Gerardina "Carrie" (George) Hazuka of Lake Andes, South Dakota; a niece; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Van Maanen in 2003; his parents; a brother-in-law, Howard Petersen; and a nephew, Harlen Petersen.

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

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Benedict Blum

Benedict Nicholas Blum, 73, Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, under hospice care at his home.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, Jan. 10, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

Benedict Blum was born to Vincent and Mary Ann (Springman) Blum on Nov. 28, 1949, in Harlan, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm near Westphalia, Iowa, and attended school in town. After graduating from high school in 1968, he worked for a short time, and then on Aug. 15, 1969, he enlisted with the United States Army. After his honorable discharge on Feb. 17, 1972, he worked as a butcher in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

On June 28, 1975, Ben married Carol Puls at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. They made their first home in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Ben worked at a meat packing house in Omaha, Nebraska. They moved to

LeMars, Iowa in 1975 and then moved back to Council Bluffs in October of 1976. In the summer of 1979, they relocated to Mankato, Kansas, until the plant closed at the end of 1986. The next moves were to Norfolk, Nebraska, Fargo, North Dakota, in 1998, Rock Rapids, Iowa, and then to an acreage near George, Iowa, in 1999.

In 2013, Ben was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. They sold the acreage in 2014 and moved to Sheldon, Iowa. In November of 2016 they moved to Luverne.

Ben loved fishing and working with either his goat herd or his bird flock. He really enjoyed life on the acreage, which was a place of peace to him. While his boys were in Boy Scouts, he was very involved and remained active. He was also active in 4-H, FFA, and was a Third Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus.

Ben is survived by his wife, Carol; three children,

Matthew (Michelle) Blum of Montevideo, Andrew (Robin) Blum of Lee Summit, Missouri, and Laura (Dean) Luitjens of Luverne; five grandchildren, Ryan King, Andrea Luitjens, Victoria Blum, Josh Luitjens, and Benjamin Blum; siblings, Barbara Malik of Harlan, Jerry (Nancy) Blum of Pacific Junction, Iowa, Mary Ohlinger of Omaha, Nebraska, Joan (Dave) Tweedie of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jean (Norman) Smith of Dunlap, Iowa, Roger (Teresa) Blum of Griswold, Iowa, Delores (Tom) Huey of Harlan, Lois Reeves of Harlan, Sheila (Nick) May of Westphalia, Dean Blum of Harlan, Karen (Dan) Jones of Council Bluffs, Lisa (Rodney) Bengford of Harlan, and Angie (Warren) Bertsch of Omaha; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law, Gerald Ohlinger and Larry Reeves.

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Sale is subject to approval by Cheryl Ask as Heir of Jim and Dorothy Ask. For further details and an information packet contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 227-2829.

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

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Alvin Blom

Alvin Arthur Blom, 92, couple made their home in Luverne, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



A funeral service will be Thursday, Jan. 12, at 10:30 a.m., with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Alvin Arthur Blom was born on Oct. 27, 1930, to Chris and Josie (Westenberg) Blom in Leota. He was baptized in 1930 and confirmed on Dec. 6, 1948, both at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. He was raised on the family farm east of Leota and attended country school through the eighth grade.

In 1952 Alvin was drafted into the United States Marines. On June 20, 1952, he married Gladys Van Esen at the Naval Chapel in Bremerton, Washington. The

couple made their home in Bremerton until 1954 when Alvin was honorably discharged.

The couple moved back to Leota where Alvin began farming. In 1964 they began a dry cleaning business in Edgerton, which they operated until 1976 when they moved their business to Luverne. They continued to operate the business until their retirement in 1995.

In retirement Alvin and Gladys both remained very active within the community. Gladys died on July 24, 2018.

Alvin was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. He held the offices of elder and deacon. Alvin enjoyed camping and annual summer road trips to California to visit family.

Throughout his life, Al-

Carol Haycraft

Carol Ann Haycraft, 82, Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at the Fairmont Hospital in Fairmont.



Visitation with a prayer service was Saturday, Jan. 7, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Carol Mielke was born to Leonard and Marcella (Mueller) Mielke at their home in New Ulm, Minnesota, on May 1, 1940. She was baptized and confirmed at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in New Ulm. She attended school in New Ulm and graduated from Holy Trinity Cathedral in 1958. She worked for the New Ulm Daily Journal for much of her childhood and young adult years. She delivered the New Ulm Daily Journal at a young age, then worked as a teletype setter, and in high school and after graduation she worked in the advertising office of the Journal.

Carol married Richard Haycraft on Sept. 24, 1960, at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Following their marriage, they resided in New Ulm and then moved around for a few years before settling down in Luverne.

Carol started working at the Luverne Elementary School as the school secretary in 1974. She was recognized

as the Friend of Education for the Luverne School District in 1989. Carol retired from her position in 2002. In retirement she worked as a receptionist at Salon 75 until 2017. In January 2021 Carol moved to Fairmont and became a resident at the Goldfinch Estates memory care facility.

Carol was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Carol and her husband, Richard, enjoyed lake time at their cabins with their kids and grandkids. They had a place on West Okobojo, then bought a small cabin on Lake Darling in Alexandria, and eventually bought a place called "Ethan's Little Acres," a former resort on Lake Ida in Alexandria, with accommodations for all of their family, including siblings.

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CELEBRATIONS

Open House

John Bosch will celebrate his 90th birthday with a come-and-go open

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MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Jan. 16:

Chili, lettuce salad, fruit, cornbread, dessert.

Tuesday, Jan. 17:

Chicken ala king, peas and carrots, pineapple chunks, brown rice, gelatin with whipped topping.

Wednesday, Jan. 18:

Goulash, mixed green salad with dressing, tropical fruit, bread, dessert.

Thursday, Jan. 19:

Pork loin, candied yams, steamed California Normandy vegetables, dinner roll, bar.

Friday, Jan. 20:

Lemon pepper fish, baked potato with sour cream, coleslaw, bread, birthday cake.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church. LSS Dining offers

well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

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

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

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Mrs. Schuldt, who before her marriage was Dorothea Wiese, was left without parents at the age of 15. Her father died when she was only seven, and her mother was working in the fields. She'd return from school at noon and would bring lunch to her mother in the field. Returning home, Mrs. Schuldt would take care of the chores, which consisted of feeding the pigs and other hard work, then she, too, would go to the field and help her mother during the afternoon.

She was 15 years old when her mother died and after that was left to shift for herself. It was then that she obtained work at the farm where she met her husband, and there she received an annual salary of \$32.

When Mrs. Schuldt was employed at the factory, Mrs.

Schuldt spent her time rearing her children, and doing the farm work on their little farm. "Many were times that I put my babies in the wheelbarrow and took them out to the field while I would spade and hoe the ground," she said. "While I was working, they'd be playing around on the ground."

"Oh, yes, we found some time to have a little fun once in a while," Mr. Schuldt said. Sometimes we would go to the music concerts in town. After the orchestra had finished its part of the program and the singers had sung their last song, a little orchestra would be formed by some of the musicians, and there'd be dancing the remainder of the evening."

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

Charlotte Twito

Charlotte Rae Twito, 87, Prairie, Minnesota, in 1960. Luverne, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



A funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 5, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Charlotte Rae Wickwire was born on Jan. 20, 1935, to Milford and Ardath (Elsberry) Wickwire in Lehigh, Iowa. She spent her childhood in Lehigh, graduating from Lehigh High School in 1953.

After graduation, she began her life with her husband, Kenneth Twito. She followed Kenneth as he enlisted in the Army and traveled to Fort Benning in Muscogee County, Georgia, where the couple was united in marriage on Jan. 29, 1955. When Kenneth returned from service in 1956, the couple moved to Dayton, Iowa, and then to Blooming

ton, Iowa, in 1964 they moved to Luverne, where Charlotte began selling Avon while Kenneth worked for the city. In 1982 the family moved to Breckenridge. After Kenneth's death in 1989, Charlotte returned

to Luverne. She continued selling Avon for a number of years and helped on and off with her daughter's day care. She continued living at home until her health complications brought her to the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Charlotte loved time with her family. Whether playing games like pinochle or Uno, taking a trip to the casino, going out to eat at Dar's Pizza, or just sitting and watching the geese, she loved sharing her life with her children, grandchildren and friends. Christmas was her favorite time of year, especially when

all of her family was able to be together.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne, where she served in the Circle and for the hospitality group. She traveled with the Prime Timers, her favorite trip being the Alaskan Cruise. She also enjoyed her morning breakfasts at McDonald's with her friends.

Charlotte is survived by her children, JoLeah Mann of Luverne, Rodney (Joni) Twito of Fosston, and Jeff (Brenda) Twito of Mesa, Arizona; grandchildren Anthony (Candice), Sarah (Bryan), Reba, Emma, Bryan, Kelsey, and Alyssa; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Twito; grandson Nick Mann; and brother, Robert Wickwire.

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

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Leonard Leenderts

Leonard "Shorty" Leenderts, 88, Hills, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



A funeral service was Tuesday, Jan. 10, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens cemetery in Luverne.

Leonard Leenderts was born April 5, 1934, at the family farm near Ellsworth, Minnesota, the son of Abel and Rakie (Mulder) Leenderts. He was raised in the Steen area and attended country school District 61 through eighth grade.

On Dec. 30, 1956, he married Lois Reemts while home on leave from the U.S. Army. They were then stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. In 1958 he was honorably discharged and returned to the area after the sudden death of his father.

During their marriage, they were blessed with four children, Alan, Lori,

Kristie and David. On April 8, 2002, Shorty's wife of 45 years died suddenly.

Shorty married Delores (Timmer) VandeKamp on Sept. 3, 2005.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne and served on various church boards. He was a member of the Hills Lions Club, Hills Community Club, Rock County Farm Bureau and a 4-H leader/supporter for many years. He served as Martin Township treasurer for 41 years. He was an avid bowler in his younger years, active in the Men's League and Couples League.

He enjoyed woodworking, buying and selling cattle at the sale barn and most of all watching his children and grandchildren's activities. Shorty continued to be active in the farming operation and never retired.

Shorty is survived by his wife, Delores Leenderts of Hills; four children, Alan

(Bonnie) Leenderts of Hills, Lori (Tor) Boen of Luverne, Kristie (Pete) Jessen of Jasper, and David (Dawn) Leenderts of Hills; three stepchildren, Gregory (Denise) VandeKamp of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Arlyn (Patti) VandeKamp of Hardwick, and Pam Tieszen of Luverne; 12 grandchildren, Aric, Tracee, Michael, Jessica, Daniel, Timothy, Ashley, Matthew, Dawson, Donavon, Danette and Drew; five step grandchildren, Abby, Dezarae, Drew, Darius, Dylan; 38 great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold (Torborg) Leenderts of Oslo, Norway; a sister, Henrietta Hughes of Portsmouth, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Lois Leenderts; a sister, Reva Hoff; and two brothers, Richard and James Leenderts.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home, jurrensfuneralhome.com.

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Renita Schlegel

Renita M. Schlegel, 64, of Lincoln, Nebraska, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, in Lincoln.



A memorial service was Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Butherus Maser and Love Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Renita Johnson was born on Dec 17, 1958, to Clifford and Leona (Sveeggen) Johnson in Luverne. She grew up in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School

in 1977. In her younger years she was a member of Rock County K-9s 4-H Club.

Renita moved from Luverne to Sioux Falls before moving to Lincoln in 1993 with her then husband Glen and son Shaun. She worked for several

years in customer service. Renita enjoyed playing poker and spending time with her son, friends and family.

On Dec. 11, 2015, she married Ken Schlegel Sr.

Renita is survived by her son, Shaun Westerbur; brother Daniel Johnson; many friends; extended family; and her first husband, Glen Westerbur.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her second husband, Ken Schlegel Sr.

Arrangements were provided by Butherus Maser and Love Funeral Home in Lincoln.

(O112 F)

Cardinal girls' basketball team bounces past conference rival Marshall, bows to Montevideo

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' basketball team played two big games against tough opponents this past week.

The Cardinals won a nailbiter against Marshall on Friday, Jan. 6, and they suffered their first loss of the season to Montevideo on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Luverne, now 7-1 for the season, was scheduled to host Worthington Tuesday, Jan. 10, and will travel to St. James Friday, Jan. 13.

LHS 46, Marshall 42

Luverne hosted conference rival Marshall Friday, Jan. 6, and came out on top of one of the most exciting contests so far this year.

"Facing a perennial AAA powerhouse like Marshall is always a tough task," LHS head coach TJ Newgard said.

"These girls came into the game knowing that if they played their game and battled, they would have a chance to win."

Luverne was able to outshoot Marshall in the paint, posting 30 points under the net to Marshall's 14 points.

The Cardinals were also able as a team to out-rebound the Tigers 31-17.

Marshall exploited the parameter, sinking five of 15 3-point shots.

The game came down to fouls and free throw attempts in the second half.

Luverne made 73 percent of their free throws in the game.

Junior Kira John had a big night inside for the Cardinals. John posted 13 points, eight rebounds, one assist, one steal and two blocked shots.

Senior Elizabeth Wagner was also on fire, making 17 points, seven rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Senior Jocelyn Hart was a scrapper in the game, finding herself on the floor several times fighting for the ball. Hart posted six points, two rebounds and two steals.

Senior Christina Wagner played a solid



The Luverne girls' basketball players celebrate their 46-42 win over Marshall Friday, Jan. 6. The win brought the Cardinals to 7-0 for the season, a record that fell the next day when they lost to Montevideo.

"I am really proud of how they competed for 36 minutes and knocked down some big free throws down the stretch."

— TJ Newgard

Luverne High School girls' basketball head coach



Junior Kira John muscled her way through three Tiger defenders. Luverne beat Marshall 46-42 Friday, Jan. 6, in Luverne.



Senior Jadyn Hart goes to the floor for a rebound against the Marshall Tigers in Luverne Friday, Jan. 6.

STAR HERALD

Team Records
as of 01/09/2023

LHS	W-L-T
Girls' Basketball	7-1
Boys' Basketball	4-4
Girls' Hockey	10-3
Boys' Hockey	5-4-1
Gymnastics	3-1
Wrestling	4-3

H-BC	W-L-T
Girls' Basketball	3-6
Boys' Basketball	1-5

game with five points, seven rebounds, one steal and two blocked shots.

In the end, the Cardinals' energy dictated the pace of the game and pressured their Marshall opponents, despite modest team stats.

"I am really proud of how they competed for 36 minutes and knocked down some big free throws down the stretch," Newgard said.

Montevideo 61, LHS 51

On the heels of their big win over Marshall, a tired Cardinal team traveled to Montevideo the next day, Saturday, Jan. 7, to take on a tough Thunderhawks team.

The Cardinals lost 61-51 to a strong Montevideo team that was a state contender in 2021-22.

"They won our section for a reason last year. They have one of the top players in the state and she proved that Saturday night," Newgard said.

"Our execution, particularly on the defensive end, was very poor, and I thought that was the difference in the game."

Christina Wagner had a big night for the Cardinals posting 23 points, grabbing three rebounds and two steals and blocking two shots.

Senior Emma Beyer contributed eight points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Elizabeth Wagner had six points, nine rebounds and two assists.

Kira John had four points, eight rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Senior Averill Sehr and junior Sarah Stegenga added five points each.

Luverne girls' hockey rolls over Worthington 12-0

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' hockey team went on the road to play conference rival Worthington Monday, Jan. 9.

The Cardinals blanked the Trojans 12-0 in a lopsided contest.

Luverne flung a total of 42 shots on goal to Worthington's seven shots.

In the first period Luverne scored six unanswered goals.

Seventh-grader Ellisyn Van Batavia got the Cards rolling with a goal at 1:01 assisted by sophomore Payton Behr and eighth-grader Macie Edstrom.

Behr scored the second goal at 2:49 unassisted.

Goals three through six were all scored by senior Kamryn Van Batavia.

Her first, Luverne's third, came at 3:31 assisted by Behr and her sister Ellisyn.

Kamryn scored again, Luverne's fourth, at 6:04

assisted by eighth-grader Rylee Kurtz.

Her third (hat trick), Luverne's fifth, came on a power play at 12:30 assisted by Behr and ninth-grader Ella Apel.

Van Batavia closed the first period scoring her fourth goal, Luverne's sixth, at 13:23 assisted by Kurtz.

In the second period the Cardinals added three more goals.

Ninth-grader Greta McClure scored Luverne's seventh goal at 4:15 assisted by Behr and ninth-grader Hannah Woodley.

Van Batavia added two more goals in the second period. The first, Luverne's eighth, at 6:04 unassisted and the second (double hat trick), Luverne's ninth, at 12:23 on a power play assisted by Behr and Kurtz.

Luverne led Worthington after two periods 9-1.

In the third period the Cardinals finished with

three more goals.

Luverne's 10th goal came at 8:10 by Apel assisted by Kurtz and Van Batavia.

Kurtz scored Luverne's 11th at 10:45 unassisted.

Ellison closed the scoring at 15:05 with an assist by eighth-grader Macie Edstrom.

Kamryn VanBatavia's six goals against Worthington puts her at 30 for the season, four goals behind Warroad's Rylee Barta who has 34.

Senior Mallory Von Tersch recorded her sixth shutout for the season.

That ties her with Andover goalie Courtney Stageman at six and one behind Orono goalie Celia Dahl, who has seven shutouts for the season.

Luverne was scheduled to play Albert Lea on the road Tuesday, Jan. 10. The Cardinals will then travel to Breckenridge/Wahpeton Friday, Jan. 13, and Warroad Saturday, Jan. 14.

LHS wrestlers grapple their way to fourth-place finish

By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne wrestlers started the new year with a fourth-place finish out of 12 teams at the Jesse James Invitational Saturday, Jan. 7, in Garretson, South Dakota.

Having placed 10th as a team last year, the Cardinals showed great improvement, according to coach Jordan Kopp.

"The kids wrestled well and it was good to get back to wrestling after the long break," he said.

Individually Luverne had 11 wrestlers reach the podium at the event.

DJ Rock took home first place in the 160-pound weight class.

Second-place finishers were Hudson Hough at 132, Sam Rock at 170 and Jacob Madison at 182.

Placing third were Matthew Gangedstad in the 120-pound weight class and Josh Stroh at 132.

The Luverne girls each claimed a place at the Jesse James tournament. Bernie Rock took home first place in the 113-pound weight class.

Placing second were Zakada Bradley at 106 and CeCe Rock at 142.

Third-place finishers were Julie Hoogland in the 122-pound class and

"Super proud of this group of athletes and looking forward to the rest of the season,"

— Wrestling head coach Jordan Kopp

Andi Luitjens at 142.

Other Cardinal wrestlers contributing team points but not placing were Brody Kopp at 103, Leif Ingebretsen at 126, Cameron McCrary at 138, Cash Bonnett at 170, Kane Ackerman at 220 and Masyn Ackerman at 285.

"Super proud of this group of athletes and looking forward to the rest of the season," Kopp said. "We're just getting started."

Luverne was scheduled to travel to wrestle against Adrian Tuesday, Jan. 10, and then participate in the Marshall Triangular Thursday, Jan. 12, where they will wrestle against Marshall and Pipestone.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/LHS BBB celly

The Luverne boys' basketball team and coaches celebrate their big 58-57 win over the Marshall Tigers Friday, Jan. 6. Luverne has not beaten the Tigers since Jan. 10, 2012, when the Cardinals beat Marshall in a conference game 75-68.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0112 LHS BBB DeBeer

Junior Gavin DeBeer flies through two Marshall defenders in Luverne's 58-57 win over the Marshall Tigers.

Cardinals boys' basketball team leaves it all on court

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' basketball team had a busy week on the hardwood with a big conference victory and two losses, putting their season record at 4-4.

The Cardinals won a big game, 58-57, against conference rival Marshall at home Jan. 6 before dropping a game the next day, 52-48, to Montevideo and falling to the Trojans, 65-54, Monday in Worthington.

The Cardinals will travel to St. James Friday, Jan. 13, to Estelline, South Dakota, Saturday, Jan. 14, and to Jackson on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Luverne 58, Marshall 57

Luverne basketball fans were treated to an exciting game Friday night in the Cardinal Gym when the LHS boys edged a tough Tigers team by one point.

"That was one of the most fun games in recent history for us. We haven't beaten Marshall since 2012, so it was fun to finally beat them," head coach John Sichmeller said.

"The kids played their best defensive game of the year and executed our game plan perfectly."

Both Luverne and Marshall played physical ball with several lead changes in the fast-paced game.

The Cardinals found themselves down 27-24 at halftime but didn't relent in the second half when they kept the score close.

Marshall fell behind and committed several fouls in the last few minutes of the game, giving Luverne a chance to step to the foul line for the 58-57 win.

To cap off the night, senior Gannon Ahrendt broke Luverne's career all-time scoring record with attitude, dunking



At left, Gannon Ahrendt holds up a framed poster honoring him becoming Luverne's all-time scoring leader. At right, he's pictured dunking the ball over Marshall senior Andrew Elton, the slam that put his scoring total over the record. Ahrendt surpassed Brett Heronimus' record of 1248, set in 2013.

the ball over Marshall senior Andrew Elton.

Ahrendt passed Brett Heronimus, who had the record since 2013 with 1248 points.

Ahrendt ended the night with 30 points, eight rebounds and one assist.

Junior Carter Sehr helped out with 11 points, five rebounds and two assists.

Junior Gavin DeBeer played a solid game inside netting 10 points, grabbing three rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Also contributing to the win

for the Cardinals were seniors Riley Sneller and Tyson Cowell with two points apiece and Marcus Feit with one point.

Montevideo 52, LHS 48

Coming off the big win against Marshall Friday night,

Luverne suffered a heartbreaking 52-48 loss to the Thunderhawks at Montevideo Saturday, Jan. 7.

"The game was close the entire time and could have gone either way," Sichmeller said.

"We got down five or six points and fought back to tie the game at 48. We couldn't quite come up with the big play at the end to put us over the top."

Gannon Ahrendt led the Cardinals with 16 points, seven rebounds, two assists, one steal and two blocked shots.

Sehr also posted 16 points, grabbed three rebounds, made three assists and one steal.

DeBeer made five points, muscled 11 rebounds and one assist.

Sneller added four points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Cowell also had four points plus three rebounds and two assists.

Worthington 65, LHS 54

The Luverne boys' basketball team dropped a 65-54 game to the Trojans at Worthington Monday, Jan. 9.

The Cardinals, having already played two tough teams in the past five days, fell a bit flat, getting outrebounded and outthrustled in the paint.

Sehr came up big for the Cardinals, scoring 25 points and nabbing two rebounds, two assists and four steals.

Ahrendt had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

DeBeer contributed 10 points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Other Cardinals scoring against the Trojans were Marcus Feit with three points and Trevor DeBates sinking two points.



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0112 LHS BBB

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Luverne, MN – The Rock County Highway Department would like to remind everyone, especially rural residents, that it is against the law to deposit snow, in any fashion, on or next to a public highway or street.

Minnesota State law and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This provision also includes the ditch and right of way area.

Violations are considered a misdemeanor, but civil penalties can also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as slippery area, frozen rut or bump, which contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian accident. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction, and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

To determine the proper placement of snow for a specific location along the county highway stem, you can contact the Rock County Highway Department at 283-5010.

Mark R. Sehr, PE
Rock County Highway Engineer

H-BC boys' basketball split two games

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split two tough games on the road after the winter break.

The Patriots fell to Murray County Central Friday, Jan. 6, and claimed a come-from-behind victory over Red Rock Central on Saturday, Jan. 7.

The Patriots were scheduled to host Heron Lake -Okabena/Fulda Tuesday, Jan. 10, and will face Southwest Minnesota Christian at home Friday, Jan. 13.

MCC 91, H-BC 63

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team traveled to Murray County Central Friday, Jan. 6.

The Rebels, shooting almost 60 percent from the field, beat the Patriots 91-63.

"I thought we played one of our better games of the year," head coach Kale Wiertzema said.

"We competed hard all game long. Once again, we got down early, and every time we put together a nice stretch,

Murray County Central matched it."

The Rebels led the Patriots 42-29 at half time and didn't let up. MCC added another 49 points in the second half.

H-BC scored 34 points in the second half but it wasn't enough to catch the Rebels.

Sophomore Beau Bakken led the Patriots with 14 points, five rebounds, three steals and one assist.

Junior Riley Tatge posted 13 points, four rebounds and two assists.

Senior Brayden Metzger added nine points, three steals and eight assists.

H-BC 67, RRC 54

Hills-Beaver Creek traveled to Lamberton Jan. 7 to take on Red Rock Central.

Having lost a tough road game to Murray County Central the day before, the H-BC boys found themselves behind early in the game against the Falcons.

"After starting the game down

10-0, we battled back to get the score to 18-9 in favor of Red Rock Central," Wiertzema said.

"But we finished the half going on a tremendous 30-4 run to make the halftime score 39-22 in our favor."

In the second half Wiertzema said his Patriots did a great job speeding up the tempo, causing Red Rock Central to get into foul trouble.

The Patriots added 28 points in the second half to beat the Falcons 67-54.

"I'm proud of how our guys stuck together after getting down early again," Wiertzema said.

Bakken had another stellar game for the Patriots, posting 14 points, 13 rebounds, two steals and five assists.

Brayden Metzger contributed six points, five rebounds, two steals and seven assists.

Harnack led the scoring for the Patriots with 16 points. He also had two steals and one assist.

Jamin Metzger sink 14 points in the game to help out in the win.

Luverne gymnasts take second at Winterfest Invite in Marshall

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne gymnastics team traveled for two meets after the winter break this past week.

The Cardinals outperformed Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls Thursday, Jan. 5, and placed second in Marshall at the Winterfest Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 7.

The Cardinal gymnasts were scheduled to host Windom Tuesday, Jan. 10, and will take on Jackson County Central at home Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Luverne 126.550, Redwood Valley 125.000

Coming off a long winter break, the Cardinals gymnastics team narrowly beat Redwood Valley Jan. 5 in team results.

"The girls did a great job for not having much practice this week," head coach Phoebe Flom said. "Luverne's team victory was the result of individual efforts on the four exercises in the meet.

On the vault Luverne placed four gymnasts."

Sophomore Amira Cowell took first place with a 9.1, sophomore Ella Reisdorfer placed second with an 8.750, sophomore Kendra Thorson and freshman Kianna Winter tied for third with 8.650 points, and Hailey Como placed seventh with a 6.3.

Five Cardinals placed on the uneven parallel bars.

Reisdorfer was first with an 8.050, Cowell placed fourth with 7.350, junior Sarah deCesare placed seventh with 6.5, eighth-grader Reagan Gangestad was eighth with a 6.375 and Como was ninth with a 6.3.

Five LHS girls placed in balance beam competition.

Reisdorfer took first place with an 8.6, Cowell was third with a 7.7, Thorson placed fourth with 7.55, Gangestad placed eighth with 6.55 and Winter was ninth with a 6.15.

On the floor exercise Reisdorfer was first with a 8.925, Cowell was second with a 8.8, deCesare placed seventh with a 7.65, ninth-grader Addyson Mann was eighth with a 7.35 and Winter placed ninth with a 7.3.

All-around honors went to Luverne's Reisdorfer with 34.325 points.

Cowell placed third with 32.950, Winter was seventh with 22.100, Kendra Thorson placed eighth with 16.200, Como was 10th with 14.650, deCesare placed 11th with 14.150, Gangestad was 13th with 12.925 and Mann placed 15th with 7.350.

Winterfest Invite

Luverne traveled to Marshall for the 2023 Winterfest Invitational Saturday, Jan. 7.

The Cardinals were among six teams that also included Willmar, Pipestone Area, Redwood Valley, New Ulm and Windom.

Luverne took second place in team results behind first-place Willmar by 3.600 points.

In individual events the Cardinals were able to place several gymnasts to help the team score.

On the vault Cowell placed third with a 9.0, Reisdorfer was fifth with 8.85, Winter placed seventh with 8.65, Thorson tied for 10th with Como and two others with 8.475s.

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Boys play hard, split games

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' hockey team hosted Morris/Benson Area Saturday, Jan. 7, losing 4-3, and played at Worthington Monday, Jan. 9, beating the Trojans 8-1.

The Luverne boys are scheduled to travel to Redwood Valley Thursday, Jan. 12, and then play Waseca Saturday, Jan. 14.

Morris/Benson Area 4, Luverne 3

The Luverne boys' hockey team lost to Morris/Benson Area in overtime 4-3 Saturday, Jan. 7, at home.

The Cardinals played a fast-paced game and came out shooting.

Junior Owen Sudenga got Luverne on the board first, scoring at 11:49 in the first period. He was assisted by juniors Patrick Kroski and Henry Hartquist.

The Storm scored a late goal closing the first period 1-1, with shots on goal favoring Luverne 14-9.

In the second period the Cardinals added two more goals, both coming from senior Brock Behrend.

The first was netted at 21 seconds with an assist from Hartquist. The second came at 14:56 on a power play assisted by junior Elliot Domagala and Kroski.

Luverne was in control, closing the second period with a 3-1 lead and once again outshooting the Storm 18-4.

Morris/Benson Area did not go quietly. In the third period they scored two unanswered goals and ended the period in a 3-3 tie.

The game then went into an 8-minute overtime period.

The Storm took full advantage of the momentum and quickly scored the game-winning goal at 1:42.

LHS 8, Worthington 1

The Luverne boys' hockey team went on the road to play conference rivals Worthington, beating them 8-1 Monday, Jan. 9.

Junior Elliot Doma-



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0112 LHS Bhoc Hartquist

LHS junior Henry Hartquist weaves his way through several Storm defenders Saturday, Jan. 7, in Luverne.



Junior Owen Sudenga fights off a Morris-Benson Area skater in the second period at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne Saturday, Jan. 7. The Storm beat the Cardinals 4-3 in overtime.

with a goal at 13:56 assisted by Kroski and Blaik Bork.

The Cardinals increased their lead to 6-1 at the end of the second period.

In the third period senior Brock Behrend scored twice.

The first goal came at 3:14 assisted by junior Owen Sudenga and senior Ethan Langseth.

His second score was at 4:10 unassisted.

Behrend now has 15 goals, placing him 24th in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) season goals.

Junior goalie Tyler Arends saved nine out of 10 shots on goal against Worthington.

gala score Luverne's first goal at 4:17 in the first period assisted by sophomore Blaik Bork and junior Patrick Kroski.

Senior Brady Bork added another at 15:21 assisted by Blaik Bork and Kroski.

Luverne led Worthington 2-1 at the end of the first period.

In the second period Luverne scored four unanswered goals.

Ninth-grader Maddux Domagala scored at 7:00 assisted by Henry Hartquist.

Sophomore Alexander Schlosser scored at 8:52 assisted by sophomore Marcus Vortherns.

Brady Bork beat Worthington's goalie at 11:01 assisted by Blaik Bork.

Elliot Domagala closed the second period



Senior Brock Behrend celebrates after beating the Morris-Benson Area goalie in the first period.

Which one is your favorite?

Whenever I am out and about with my Labrador pack, I often get asked which of the four of them is my favorite? My normal response is in what category?

This causes a puzzled look on the questioner's face.

I go on to explain if you are looking for a riding companion, then my youngest dog, Ghost, is the winner hands down.

You can go for a 300-mile ride and he will sit on the front seat for days. He is the smallest so when I am not petting him, he will curl up on the seat and cause no problems at all.

Tracer, my oldest, on the other hand, will run laps from the front seat to the back, across the back seat and then launch over the center console back into the passenger seat.

Sarge will do his very best to crawl across the center console and sit in my lap. His loving intentions are great if you don't care if you make it to your destination in one piece.

When it comes to around the house, then Raider is the go-to dog. He never causes any trouble



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

and is the least likely to eat something that doesn't agree with him and puke on the carpet.

Around the house Ghost will always be stealing the other dogs' chew bones and then running away with them.

When the now boneless dog picks up a different bone, Ghost will drop the one he just stole and steal the new one from the dog he stole the first one from. He also has the best chance of sneaking away to look in a garbage can or two to see if there is anything edible or inedible to consume.

They all perform about the same in the field, but Tracer was by far and away the easiest to train.

They all end up in the same talent pool when it comes to flushing and retrieving birds, but Tracer seemed to pick up on his

duties far faster than the other three.

Sarge will point any bird that will hold. To see a 60-pound Labrador frozen in time is a pretty cool sight. He is never out of range. The other dogs will need some reminders as to just how far 20 away from me is. This takes some extra attention which Sarge never needs.

I consider Raider to be kind of like a lineman on a football team.

He is just solid and does the work. He will never be a quarterback with the ability to call an audible to make adjustments as circumstances change. He is just a solid player who never says quit.

How about when it's time to kennel up the dogs when it's time for me to leave? Ghost will be in his cage before you ever ask

him to. Raider will wait around the corner of the door to see if you might forget to put him away. He always listens but will walk slower than a human baby on a fast crawl.

All of my dogs like attention, but when they get their fill they will lie down and kind of like say, "I've had enough for now."

I will come back and get another dose when I am ready."Sarge is the only one who can lie on the couch with his head in your lap for a binge watch of five episodes of Law and Order.

Ghost will lie there with all of his muscles tightened like a spring, and the second you pick up your beer, he will launch off the couch like the space shuttle at liftoff.

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SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Jadyn Hart

Sport: Basketball
Parents: Mike and Kristee Hart
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Mock Trial, track and field, choir, BPA, church youth group
Favorite Class: Advanced weight training
Future Plans: Minnesota State University, Mankato for exercise science and track and field



Riley Sneller

Sport: Basketball
Parents: Robert and Angela Sneller
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Baseball, football, video games
Favorite Class: Media Productions
Future Plans: College

Mallory Von Tersch

Sport: Hockey
Parents: Pat and Kim Von Tersch
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Robotics, mock trial, math league, BPA, volleyball, golf
Favorite Class: College Speech
Future Plans: College to double major in business and political science/pre-law and then attend law school



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Minnesotans fish free with kids Jan. 14-16

DNR urges proper precautions on ice

Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekend is Saturday, Jan. 14, through Monday, Jan. 16.

During the three-day weekend, any Minnesota resident can go ice fishing for free if fishing with a child 15 years old or younger. Minnesotans 15 years old or younger don't need fishing licenses any time of the year.

"Ice fishing is pure, simple fun for both kids and adults," said Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"For anyone who wants to try ice fishing, we have helpful information on our website to get

you started on the way toward drilling holes through the ice and catching fish."

Check the DNR's learn to ice fish page at mndnr.gov for more information about ice fishing, including a recorded webinar with tips and techniques anglers can use to have fun catching sunfish, crappie and perch.

Ice conditions vary and there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. Always check local ice conditions before heading out to a lake or river.

Visit the DNR ice safety page (mndnr.gov/IceSafety) for ice safety guidelines.

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When it comes to going for a walk with me, a stranger or a guest, Raider will walk calmly with anyone for as long as that walk might last.

Other dogs, squirrels, rabbits or other distractions don't exist on a walk with Raider. The others need a firmer grip on the leash and an occasional jerk with a heel command.

My dogs hardly ever bark. Barking is bad when you live in town. Ghost, Sarge and Raider will give out one loud bark when someone comes to the door, but that is all that is allowed.

Tracer won't even give out one bark, but Tracer and Sarge will whine when excited or if they think they need to be where I am.

Whining is also bad, but you get to the point where the pressure to get every dog to behave perfectly is not worth the effort.

Tracer is going on 12 and Sarge is pushing the 10-year-old mark.

With so little life left in these two, I cannot bring myself to get very hard on them. As I have

aged as a dog owner and trainer, I have gotten a little softer on my discipline.

There has to be a happy medium between letting them just be dogs and needing and wanting them to act like Marines.

In the end, I have no favorites, just dogs that excel in different areas. An old friend once told me there is no such thing as the perfect dog. Each will have a habit or two that could be improved.

I guess the same can be said for dog owners. Are there times when we could better as well?

The term "interdependent relationship" is what dogs mean to me.

My dogs and I will always strive for perfect, but pretty darn great is close enough for me.

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Cardinal gymnastics/ continued from page 11

On the uneven parallel bars Reisdorfer placed fourth with 8.35 and Cowell placed 11th with 7.675.

On the balance beam Reisdorfer tied for second with 9.2, Winter tied for fourth with 8.375, Cowell placed fifth with 8.35 and Gangstad placed ninth with 8.025.

On the floor exercise Reisdorfer placed third

with 8.750, Winter tied for fifth with 8.6 and Cowell placed ninth with 8.0.

In the all-around competition, the Cardinals placed two gymnasts in the Top 10. Reisdorfer placed second with a combined score of 35.150 and Cowell placed seventh overall with a combined score of 33.025.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0112 HBC Brynn Rauk 1

Brynn Rauk drives the ball against HLOF Jan. 5 in Hills. She finished with five points, two rebounds, one steal and five assists.

Lady Pates outhustle HLOF Coytes

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team played three tough games this week, winning one and losing two on the road, bringing their season record to 3-6.

H-BC beat Heron Lake-Okebena/Fulda 68-19 at home Jan. 5 before dropping two games, 61-53 to Mountain Lake Jan. 7 and 55-36 to Westbrook-Walnut Grove Jan. 9.

The Patriots were scheduled to travel to West Lyon Tuesday, Jan. 10, then to Edgerton for a game with Southwest Christian on Thursday, Jan. 12.

H-BC 68, HLOF 19

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team out-hustled Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda Thursday, Jan. 5, in Hills, beating the Coyotes 68-19.

"It has been a pretty crazy week in southwest Minnesota when it comes to snow days, getting practices in, and games getting postponed," head coach Dylan Gehrke said.

"Thankfully we were able to get back into the gym last night against HLOF. I thought our girls did a great job of coming out and competing."

The Patriots' defense was on fire, prompting 33 Coyotes' turnovers, which led to some H-BC transition points in the game.

The Lady Pates grabbed 14 offensive and 31 defensive rebounds against the Coyotes who had a hard time sinking their shots.

The Patriots led after the first half 38-5 and continued the pressure in the second.

"We had girls flying around all night. That was exciting to see," Gehrke said.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/ 0112 HBC Steinhoff Sammons

Junior Larissa Steinhoff and freshman Ella Sammons look for an offensive rebound against the Coyotes Jan. 5 in Hills. Steinhoff had two rebounds and Sammons snagged six rebounds in the game.

"I thought we did a good job of sharing the ball as well. We had 16 assists, which is a game high for us this year."

HLOF did find some traction in the second half making 14 points, but it was not enough to turn the game.

Junior Lanae Elbers led the Patriots with 16 points, six rebounds, three assists and three blocked shots.

Layla Deelstra, a junior, posted 12 points, five steals and one blocked shot.

Ninth-grader Abbie Harris contributed 11 points, six rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Additional scoring came from eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra and ninth-grader Izzy Wysong with six points each and junior Brynn Rauk with five points.

Adding three points each were ninth-grader

Claire Knobloch, senior Olivia Bork, junior Larissa Steinhoff and sophomore Bailey Spykerboer.

Mountain Lake 61, Hills-Beaver Creek 53

The H-BC girls traveled to Mountain Lake, losing 61-53 Saturday, Jan. 7.

"Our girls battled, but it came down to free throws and that is what hurt us. They made their free throws, and we did not," Gehrke said.

Mountain Lake made 67 percent of their free throws to H-BC's 38 percent.

As a team the Patriots outrebounded the Wolverines 37-25 in the game but had trouble converting them to points.

"We had chances where we cut it to three points in the second half but couldn't get over the hump and take

the lead," Gehrke said.

Olivia Deelstra had a huge night for the Patriots, posting a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Deelstra also had five assists and one steal.

Elbers played a solid game, posting 10 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three blocked shots.

Layla Deelstra contributed 12 points, two rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove 55, H-BC 36

The Patriots lost 55-36 to Westbrook-Walnut Grove on the road Monday, Jan. 9.

"We had a rough first half, shooting 4 of 24 from the field and giving up 12 turnovers. The girls couldn't get a shot to fall," Gehrke said.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove did a good job of mixing up defenses against us, and we didn't handle it the best."

The Patriots found themselves down 31-10 going into the break.

"We played better offense and especially defense in the second half, cutting the lead to 13, but we couldn't get it any closer than that," Gehrke said.

"We need to work on putting two halves of basketball together."

The Patriots posted 26 points in the second period, but it wasn't enough to dig into the deficit.

Olivia Deelstra led the Patriots with 16 points, five rebounds and three steals.

Elbers posted seven points, one rebound, one assist and one steal.

Abbie Harris contributed five points, seven rebounds and one assist.

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Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on YouTube at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

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

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500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 12: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10 a.m. Sunday School & Drums. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 5:30 p.m. Glow Praise Band. 6:15 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation Class. 7:30 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation Class. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. On-line worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

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

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

Friday, Jan. 13: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 2-4 p.m. Middle School gathering. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs. 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups. Thursday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 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.

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

Saturday, Jan. 14: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school/FUEL. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. ALIVE field trip. Monday, Jan. 16: 7 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 5:45 p.m. M&M meeting. 6 p.m. Trustee meeting. 6:30 p.m. Church council meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 19: Seedbed Class. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

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

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

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Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 15: 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.

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Wednesdays in January: Confirmation resumes at First Lutheran. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. All are welcome. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Council meeting. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
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Sunday: 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
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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
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Nita Parker, Pastor

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

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Witness of faith

"Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down."

Hebrews 12:1

George Ferdinand Müller, born Sept. 27, 1805, started life with less than a Christian life-style. However, by the end of his life, he helped over 10,000 orphans that walked the streets of London.

In 1825 God drew George to himself, and George became a man of faith and a man of prayer. He didn't go to Bible college or seminary like most pastors. He educated himself by opening his Bible, reading it and praying. He spent hours praying and hours considering what the Bible had to say.

As he read the Bible, he believed what it said and started practicing it.

In his mid 20s he was asked to pastor a church. There were several things the church did that he saw as unbiblical.

One was a pew tax, and he sought to get rid of it. This tax allowed the people who gave more tax to sit closer to the front, leaving the poor to sit farther back. He was questioned on how he would be paid if there were no pew taxes.

George replied, "God said he will supply all our needs, and I am sure he will take care of me and my wife." And God did take care of them. They didn't have much, but God always took care of them.

George Müller saw a need to care for the thousands of orphans that were living in the streets of England. One estimate was that there were 250,000 orphans in England's streets. In his neighborhood some 100-plus kids played in the streets, begged, stole

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church, Luverne

George Müller was a witness of faith in God to fulfill his promises. May we have such faith.

and created a nuisance to many who lived there.

George believed God wanted him to care for these children. He housed them, fed them and taught them. He made sure they knew what the Bible said.

George believed he should never ask for money, never do any type of fundraising or do any other type of campaign to raise funds. He trusted God to supply all his needs and the needs of the children.

George built five different homes for the orphans and never asked for a penny. He found a seven-acre plot where he could build his orphanages. However, the price was more than he had at 200 pounds per acre. He prayed, and God answered.

One day the owner of the land came and said he would sell George the land for 120 pounds per acre. As a result, he was able to house approximately 2,500 orphans at a time. All this because he trusted God to be who he said he was.

George Müller was a witness of faith in God to fulfill his promises. May we have such faith.

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 2, 2023

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: 08/29/2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$79,948.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Erin C. Cogdill and Travis L. Cogdill
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reliabank Dakota

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 08/30/2016 as Doc No. 189031 in the Office of the County Recorder in Rock County, Minnesota.

The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Citizens Bank, N.A.

Assignment dated: 1/23/2020

Assignment recorded: 1/27/2020

Assignment recording information: Doc No. 196403

All in the records of the County Recorder in Rock County, Minnesota.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 20-0664-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 10 IN THE FIRST SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 6 IN GREENVALE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Abstract Property

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 330 SW Park St., Luverne, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Reliabank Dakota
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Citizens Bank, N.A.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$102,572.68 AS OF 12/30/2022.

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 02/02/2023 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN 56156 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 08/02/2023, or the next business day if 08/02/2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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 MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Publication to begin the week of: 12/11/2022 - 12/17/2022

Citizens Bank, N.A.,
Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
The Sayer Law Group,
P.C., By Brian G. Sayer,
Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
925 E 4th St.,
Waterloo, IA 50703

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
(12-15, 12-22, 12-29, 01-05, 01-12, 01-19)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 23, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

Mortgagor: Manuel Olson, A Single Person
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Reliabank Dakota, its successors and assigns
Dated: September 25, 2018
Recorded: September 27, 2018
Rock County Recorder Document No. 193501
Assigned To: Citizens Bank, N.A.
Dated: October 14, 2020
Recorded: October 15, 2020
Rock County Recorder Document No. 198166
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 10113490000029609
Lender or Broker: Reliabank Dakota, a Corporation
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Citizens Bank
Mortgage Originator: Reliabank Dakota, a Corporation

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 2 IN BLOCK 2 IN AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 2 IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 2 IN TOWNSHIP 102 NORTH OF RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PM, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

This is Abstract Property.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0215-000
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
728 N Estey St
Luverne, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,877.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$102,709.00
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: February 23, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN

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

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is August 23, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE

MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: December 21, 2022

Citizens Bank, N.A., Assignee of Mortgagee
By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.
Attorneys for:
Citizens Bank, N.A., Assignee of Mortgagee
1333 Northland Drive, Suite 205
Mendota Heights, MN 55120
801-355-2886
651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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(12-29, 01-05, 01-12, 01-19, 01-26, 02-02)

Smook Estate Order and Notice to Creditors

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Christopher Jon Smook, a/k/a Christopher J. Smook, a/k/a Christopher Smook, Deceased
Court File No. 67-PR-22-305

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of January, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Alexis Jean Smook, whose address is 209 West 3rd St., Hills, Minnesota 56138, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date Filed: December 28, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #158343

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(01-12, 01-19)

Horn probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of: Carrole L. Horn
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-22-299
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 23, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Luverne (via Zoom), Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated 11/01/2022, and codicil(s) to the Will dated, and separate writing(s) under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for appointment of Kimberly A. Wells, whose address is 19098 113 St. SE, Big Lake, MN 55309, of Candace R. Reese whose address is 803 E. Dodge St., Apt. 104, Luverne, MN 56156, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Rep-

resentatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: Decemeber 22, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

Attorney for: Personal Representatives
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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(01-05, 01-12)

H-BC School Board meets Nov. 16

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
Nov. 16, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 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. Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness and Travis Helgeson.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-Veterans Day Program- Thanks to all that participated and Mrs. Otfedahl for organizing.

-Secondary Band Concert- 11/3
-Varsity Volleyball - All Conference- Honorable Mention- Larissa Steinhoff
-Varsity Volleyball ACADEMIC - All Conference- Malli Ternus
-Varsity Football- All Conference- Beau Bakken, Sawyer Bosch, Brayden Metzger,
Cody Moser, Riley Tatge and Honorable Mention: Luke Fuerstenberg and Alex Harris

-Varsity Football ACADEMIC- All Conference- Micah Bush, Jamin Metzger, Beau Bakken, Jack Moser, Jackson Gacke, Blake Leenderts, Justin Roelfs, Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser
-Brayden Metzger- 9-Man Academic ALL STATE.
-Augustana Band Festival this past weekend- Tyrae Goodface and Clara
-American Education Week

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Staff Development- 11/2, Transportation- 11/16
Motion by Fransman, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:
-Minutes—10/24/2022
-Bills

Motion by Bosch, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Resolution to Canvass Board member Election Results from Board Election November 8, 2022.
Motion by Harnack, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Donation Resolution:

\$300.00 from Joan and Segundo Velasquez for Cornerstone Plaque at H-BC Secondary School
\$260.00 from Anonymous for Girls Basketball Student Activity Account
\$250.00 from Dan and Marie LaRock for Girls Basketball Student Activity Account
\$100.00 from Ray Vander Wolde for School Lunch Program
\$30.00 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Elementary Student Council
\$30.00 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Secondary Student Council
Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Quotes for Sale of 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan.

Motion by Rauk, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Quotes for Sale of 2010 Chevrolet Suburban.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

-Secondary Principal Report
-Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, November 28
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, December 12
Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(01-12)



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Rock County summary of operation budget for 2023

The following is a summary of the operation budget for the 2023 fiscal year for the County of Rock. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.169. The detail for the County Budget is on file in the Office of the County Auditor-Treasurer at the Courthouse and may be reviewed during normal hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

COUNTY SUMMARY BUDGET

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
REVENUES		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$ 6,533,370	\$ 6,827,411
Other Taxes and Penalties	976,943	977,580
Special Assessments	269,017	266,587
Licenses and Permits	46,795	46,795
Shared Revenues	2,118,084	2,433,434
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	80,000	80,000
Local Grants	140,843	140,843
State Grants	174,320	190,041
Federal Grants	23,000	23,000
County Program Aid	556,975	560,401
Charges for Services	2,074,285	2,023,569
Fines and Forfeitures	5,000	5,000
Investment Earnings	121,500	126,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	205,940	219,487
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 13,326,072	\$ 13,920,148
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	\$ 2,418,398	\$ 2,427,323
Public Safety	2,675,646	2,621,937
Highways & Streets	3,502,495	3,817,845
Human Services	1,559,647	1,656,191
Sanitation	773,805	795,910
Health	32,246	32,246
Culture & Recreation	506,071	527,682
Conservation of Natural Resources	642,487	633,534
Economic Development	2,000	47,257
Intergovernmental	297,666	247,179
Debt Service	1,100,974	856,522
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 13,511,435	\$ 13,663,626

(01-12)

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Nobles County Community Services Family & Children Services Child Protection has an opening for a social worker. You can make a difference in your community! Join our dynamic social work team now to start working with families. Social Workers help improve quality of life and safety issues through linking individuals and families to needed services and building robust working relationships with them. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or closely related field, with one year experience in social work preferred. Valid driver's license required. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply. **APPLY TO:** Nobles County Administration Office. Visit our website at www.co.nobles.mn.us for application and to view full job description and benefit sheet. **Deadline: Open until filled, first review date January 24, 2023.** EEO/AA Employer. (1.12-1.21)

Nobles County Community Services has an opening for a Public Health Nurse or Registered Nurse. If you have a passion for public health and serving the community this could be the career for you! Join our public health service unit and you'll be part of a skilled, caring, and knowledgeable professional team whose talents and contributions promote, strengthen and protect the health of individuals, families, and communities in Nobles County. This position will provide comprehensive direct care needs assessments, education, and planning to assist individuals in maintaining their independence in their home community. Weekends and Holidays off! **APPLY TO:** Nobles County Administration Office. Visit our website at www.co.nobles.mn.us for application and to view full job description and benefit sheet. **Deadline: Open until filled, first review date January 24, 2023.** EEO/AA Employer (1.12-1.21)

Nobles County Community Services has an opening for an Eligibility Worker. Apply now for this exciting career opportunity! New Starting wage: \$23.45/hour Applies program eligibility criteria to individual client situations and facilitates applicant eligibility for available state and federal program assistance. **QUALIFICATIONS:** High School diploma, minimum three years clerical, business or bookkeeping experience. Valid driver's license required. Previous experience in social services/human services agency preferred. Proficiency in a second language may be eligible for an extra \$1.00/hour. **APPLY TO:** Nobles County Administration Office. Visit our website at www.co.nobles.mn.us for application and to view full job description and benefit sheet. **Deadline: Open until filled, first review date January 24, 2023.** EEO/AA Employer (1.12-1.21)

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EMPLOYMENT

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The family of Warren Jansma would like thank everyone who has stood beside us along this journey. Your kind words, prayers, cards, food, and support are much appreciated. Special thanks go to Luverne ambulance, Ellsworth EMT and Avera Rock Rapids Hospital for excellent care.

Family of Warren Jansma
(1.7-1.12)

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EMPLOYMENT



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DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2023

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Nature's artwork

Rock County residents awoke Monday morning to more of nature's artwork after a foggy Sunday night resulted in a generous coating of ice crystals on grass blades, tree branches and fence lines.

These images were captured east of the Luverne City Park along the east bank of the Rock River.

Hoar frost derives from the old English word "hoary," meaning getting on in age. With this thought in mind, many trees, especially evergreens, did present a "hair-like" appearance resembling white, feathery beards.

Lori Sorenson photos/0112 frost



Recent blizzard is snowmobilers' delight

By Lori Sorenson

When Mother Nature makes snow, the Sno-Masters Snowmobile Club makes trails — 110 miles of groomed trails in Rock County.

And last week's 15 to 20 inches of snow created excitement among local snowmobile enthusiasts.

"I can say this is the first year the ditches have been this full in my 13 years running the groomer," said Greg Vandervele, Sno-Masters Club leader.

"This is by far the most snow we've had in a long time."

That's why he spent most of Saturday grooming the trails so local riders could enjoy them.

Club member Dave Severtson also helped with some trail grooming over the weekend.

"This is the best snow base we've seen in the last four or five years," he said.

Single-digit temperatures kept some snowmobilers from hitting the trails over the weekend, but Severtson said they'll have plenty of time to ride on them.

"It should be good for the rest of the season," he said.

He and Vandervele urged riders to register their machines and join the Sno-Masters Club to support their efforts.

"Minnesota Snowmobiling [through the DNR] funds all state trails, so the money that is spent on registrations, joining a club and joining the state club MNUSA ... all that money is dispersed to all the clubs in Minnesota," Vandervele said.

The SnoMasters Club gets \$24,000 per year (based on trail miles) and it's used for fuel expense, trail maintenance, equipment and most recently the clubhouse in Luverne that

"I can say this is the first year the ditches have been this full in my 13 years running the groomer. This is by far the most snow we've had in a long time."

— Greg Vandervele, Sno-Masters Snowmobile Club

was finished in 2019.

"All these things cost money, that's why it's imperative that people join their local clubs and pay their dues," Vandervele said.

"We have 35 active members, and I know there are way more snowmobilers out there using the trails. ... That's OK, but if you live in Rock County and own a snowmobile, you should think about joining the Sno-Masters."

He can be reached at 507-920-5189 for information about the club and how to join. The Sno-Masters Facebook provides updates on trail conditions and special events, like the upcoming Butch Connell memorial ride.

The Minnesota DNR reminds riders to stay on marked trails (for safety reasons) and to prevent trespassing on private property. In some parts of the state, wet conditions where trails go through low areas or across lakes mean trails aren't yet groomed. Riders should check trail conditions (mndnr.gov/snow_depth) before heading out.

Also, DNR reminds snowmobilers that riding under the influence is illegal and often leads to crashes, many of them fatal.

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workers in Rock County and the region moving snow to clear roads, sidewalks and parking lots.

In the city of Luverne, public works supervisor John Stoffel said his crews hauled 375 loads of snow from streets and alleys to snow piles near the Rock River south of Redbird Field.

By the end of this week, he estimates that number will climb to 1,200 loads after hauling from downtown, the airport and temporary piles in the city.

"I would put this storm in the Top 5 since I started in 1989," Stoffel said.



Pictured at left, a driveway of buried cars wait to be scooped out Thursday morning in Luverne. At right, city crews make several passes through downtown to remove snow that was piled in the center of the street to allow initial passage for motorists following the Jan. 2-3 snowstorm. Luverne public works supervisor John Stoffel said his crews hauled an estimated 1,200 loads of snow from streets, temporary piles around town and from the airport to snow piles near the Rock River south of Redbird Field. "I would put this storm in the Top 5 since I started in 1989," Stoffel said.

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The man hours, fuel and equipment costs will affect the city's budget, but he said recent mild winters will balance expenses over time. "It all evens out," he said.

On the private sector side, Riley Cowell of Cowell Construction, Luverne, said he didn't sleep much last week.

Working with his dad, Tim Cowell, and Kendall Meyer, they cleared parking

lots at Dollar General, the BP gas station, Rock Vet Clinic, the radio station, the post office, McClure Electric, Centennial Apartments, Bomgaars, Stroeh Auto and Country View Apartments, plus 20 residential properties.

"We didn't sleep much," Cowell said Saturday. "We had one 13-hour day with a couple breaks. Otherwise, it's been 10- to 12-hour days."

Snow business

Winter weather created opportunities for local merchants in the snow business.

Bomgaars, for example, sold out of snowblowers as quickly as they could get them assembled.

"What we kept getting in, we were selling," said Bomgaars assistant manager Logan Bleyenburgh.

"We've sold 10 so far this winter, when usually we sell only one or two."

He said there was a big run on ice melt after the pre-Christmas storm that started with freezing rain, and after the last snowfall, roof rakes have been in short supply.

Also, he said shoppers are seeking the heavy-duty grain scoops.

"They need the bigger ones to actually lift snow," Bleyenburgh said. "With the heavy snow they haven't been able to push it; they have to scoop."

Merely having the right equipment wasn't enough for many area residents who found that the heavy snow was hard on moving parts.

Bill Aanenson of Rock Motor Sports said he's seen extra business over the past two weeks. "We sold 20 to 25 new and used snowblowers and repaired about 40 snowblowers," he said.

"We had a lot of people looking for parts to repair their snowblowers — belts, cables, shear pins. ... It's just been constantly busy with people coming in because of the snow."

He said he's also worked on some snowmobiles and sold motor oil and belts for local snowmobilers. (See the related story about snowmobiles.)

The forecast calls for highs in the 20s, reaching 33 by Sunday, with temperatures in the high 20s predicted for next week.

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