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COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues, albeit more slowly than hoped

By Lori Sorenson

As COVID-19 vaccine doses reach Rock County, more residents are being inoculated against the highly contagious and often deadly disease.

According to local public health officials, in Rock County 472 people have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Of these, 81 people have received the second dose and completed the vaccine series.

However, vaccination progress remains in the first phase of a multi-

"We are making progress, but as you might have guessed, the main issue continues to be the limited supply of vaccine that is sent to us. When you combine the limited supply with the two-dose requirement, this makes for a slower transition to Phase 1b."

— Jason Kloss, Southwest Health and Human Services

phase roll-out, according to Jason Kloss of Southwest Health and Human Services.

"We continue to target people identified in the three priority groups

of Phase 1a," he said Monday.

This includes health care workers, EMS, nursing home and assisted living facility staff and residents, dental offices, pharmacies, mental/behav-

ioral health settings, school nurses, funeral directors, correctional settings, and group homes settings.

"By the end of this week, all people in Phase 1a in Rock County will have

been given an opportunity to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine," Kloss said.

"Rock County is further along in dispensing the vaccine to people in Phase 1a than other counties in our area. Most of the credit for this progress goes to the staff at Sanford Luverne."

He said Sanford Luverne has been offering weekly COVID-19 vaccination clinics throughout January to people in Phase 1a.

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City council sets price on Lopau lot, plans for subdivision, more housing

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne City Council went into executive session Jan. 12 to set a price of \$529,900 on the recently acquired property on the west edge of town.

Last fall the city purchased 10 acres of land from Lynn Lopau to develop for future housing.

The city paid \$475,000 for the house, garage and two acres, and \$186,500 for the rest of the eight acres, including two outbuildings.

The total purchase price for the entire 10 acres is \$661,500; however, the city is selling the house, garage and two acres for what was originally estimated at \$475,000.

However since last fall, the city completed several remodeling projects and updates to the home, which raised the asking price to \$529,900.

So the total value of the land that the city intends to develop for housing comes to \$141,500 — or \$17,687 per acre, depending on how much the house actually sells for.

Dirt work may begin later this year, depending on progress of current subdivisions under construction.

The subdivision will be platted for a mix of twin homes and single-family houses, which is what Luverne most needs, according to the latest housing study.

In November 2020 the Luverne Economic Development Authority reviewed the latest information from the Maxfield Research firm.

Lopau property price/See page 5



Mavis Fodness photo/0121 school build

Contractors removed the plastic covering from the front of the new commons and entry at Luverne Middle School-High School this week. As a state project, the \$30 million renovation and remodel does not factor in Luverne's building permits, nor does it contribute to Luverne tax base.

Building permits show Luverne continues to grow

By Lori Sorenson

A good way to measure growth over time is to track the number of building permits issued for construction.

Luverne building official Chad McClure compiled numbers for 2020, when he issued 197 permits valued at \$9.8 million.

Of those, six were single-family home construction valued at \$1,245,228, and comprised nearly 13 percent of permit valuations last year. McClure points out that these valuations don't reflect actual cost; they're based on formula-

tion for permitting purposes only.

Major projects permitted in 2020 were the Premium Minnesota Pork new commercial building at \$4.5 million, the HRA (Blue Mound Towers) remodel at \$1.1 million, the Subway new commercial on South Highway 75 at \$350,000 and the Henning Construction new commercial building at \$150,000.

While 2020 continues a tradition of steady growth in Luverne, 2019 was a standout year with 169 permits valued at \$22.7 million.

Among the big-ticket items permitted that

year was the city of Luverne wastewater treatment facility expansion and remodel at \$14 million.

The value of the 2019 construction projects was more than twice the value of permitted projects last year and in recent years.

For example, 2018 had 243 permits valued at \$6.9 million, 2017 had 245 valued at \$10 million, 2016 had 257 valued at \$9.6 million and 2015 had 239 permits valued at \$7.2 million.

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CEO students organize upcoming 'Souper' Supper as class business venture

By Mavis Fodness

Students in this year's CEO class are attempting to make supper a little more "souper."

The 14 students enrolled in the 2020-21 Creating Entrepreneur Opportunities are planning two "Souper" Suppers as a fundraiser for the program.

A portion of the funds will support the individual businesses students debut at the CEO Showcase this spring.

The supper event takes place over two days: Saturday, Jan. 23, in Pipestone and Sunday, Jan. 31, in Beaver Creek.

The students are learning to apply the advice gained from this year's visits with local business owners.

In the three years since the CEO program began, class businesses have become a single event and this

CEO Souper Supper/See page 3



Mavis Fodness photo/0121 CEO Business 2021 2

Southwest Minnesota CEO students Mia Wenzel and Wyatt Decker hold tickets for the first of two class events called "Souper" Supper. The events are Saturday in Pipestone and Jan. 31 in Beaver Creek.

Aanenson remembered as public servant, final police chief

By Lori Sorenson

Keith Aanenson is perhaps best remembered as Luverne's final police chief before the

city of Luverne and Rock County formed a joint law enforcement department in 1998.

Aanenson was born and grew up in Rock County and started his career in April 1967 when the Luverne Police Department still operated out of a small brick building on Main Street just west of the Methodist Church.

He was 24 years old and drove a black and white squad car equipped only with spotlights a two-way radio, a siren and a red, rotating "gumball" light.

The Star Herald reported that Aanenson was hired to replace Jim Johannsen, who became a sheriff's deputy in 1967.

The following year, in 1968, the department moved to City Hall, and in 1983 to the former jail (now the Chamber office, Herreid Military Museum and Brandenburg Gallery), where it shared dispatch services with the county sheriff's office.

In 1979 Aanenson was appointed chief of police. Officers at the time included Clyde Menning, Mike Wynia, Jerry Vorderbruggen, Dave Bower and Don Sogge.

In 1998 the city and county formed a joint law enforcement

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County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,101	4	+2.6%
Pipestone	940	4	+3.3%
Nobles	3,696	10	+2.2%
Minnehaha (SD)	26,425	65	+1.8%
Lyon (IA)	1,348	5	+2.2%

14-day case rate in Rock County per 10,000 people:

Date Range	11/29-12/12	12/6-12/19	12/13-12/26	12/20-1/2
Rate	151.92	96.67	47.81	39.31



Vaccine Status: Phase 1a

- Health care personnel
- Long-term care residents

For more Covid-19 vaccine information, please visit:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html>

School Status

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | Middle/High School: HYBRID
HBC - Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of January 19, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Aanenson remembered for public service/continued from page 1

department and built a new office on North Blue Mound Avenue. There was no longer a Luverne Police Department and no longer a chief of police.

The timing coincided with a retirement for Aanenson at age 55.

By that time he had developed the DARE and McGruff programs and continued to volunteer for them.

“I am hopeful that the programs and connections with schools and community will not go by the wayside,” he wrote in his resignation letter.

“They are important and part of community-based policing. ... People remember when an officer unlocks a vehicle but do not say much when he or she takes a theft or vandalism report.”

After more than three decades in law enforcement, he spent nearly as many years volunteering for local organizations.

He was a longtime



Members of the Luverne Police Department in 1997 included Holly Emslander, Gerry Vorderbruggen, Brad Berning, Mike Winkels, Police Chief Keith Aanenson, Jason Aanenson, Jim Sandstede and Lon Remme. This Star Herald photograph was taken in December 1997 just before the Police Department and Rock County Sheriff’s Office joined under the Sheriff’s Office.

volunteer with the Tri-State Band Festival Committee and was a founding member of the Luverne Optimist Club, heading up the Bike Rodeo and Sandbox Fill programs for many years.

In retirement he assumed responsibilities of his father’s locksmith business, which he continued to operate until he told it to

Stephen Harsma, Hills, in 2017.

Aanenson died Sunday, Jan. 17, at the age of 78. His complete obituary appears on page 7.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Virtual driver education offered

Luverne Community Education will offer a virtual driver education class after school hours for 15 days beginning Feb. 1. Students in grades 8 and older can attend class while at home with no travel or quarantine concerns.

After Jan. 15, out-of-district students may register.

Fee is \$340 and covers classroom and behind the wheel instruction. For more information contact Luverne Community Education at 507-283-4724.

Free food Jan. 21

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne.

Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

Free food for seniors Jan. 21

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, with drive through distribution in parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne.

Dental clinic in Luverne Jan. 28

The next dental clinic for adults and children of all ages will be Thursday, Jan. 28, at Rock County Health and Human Services. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment or stop by Rock County Health and Human Services for assistance in scheduling.

General exams and services will be provided. All forms of insurance accepted. The service is organized by #Luv-1 LuvAll’s Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

School of Fish Feb. 6

School of Fish with Mike Frisch, TV show host and pro angler, will be Feb. 6 for students grades 3 through high school. Participants get a rod and reel, tackle box with tackle, gift card, snack pack and workbook. Each participant may bring an adult fishing buddy. Fee is \$30. Dress for the weather.

The event takes place at The Lake. Participants will be ready to compete in Luverne’s Ice Fishing Derby on Feb. 20.

Call the Luverne Community Education office, 507-283-4724, for registration information.

Community Ed offers activities

Call the Luverne Community Education office, 507-283-4724, for registration information.

Defensive Driving 4-hour refresher classes are scheduled for Jan. 21 or Feb. 11.

Distance Learning with Clay – for all ages (1-101). Pick up a chunk of clay the week of Jan. 25 and in your own home, with instructions from Jerry Deuschle, build your creation. To then apply paint and for drying and firing, make appointment at the studio. Fee is \$20.

How to play chess for students grades K-8 after school; three sessions Feb. 2, 9 and 16. Fee is \$15.

For adults, 55 years and older, a 10-week health and wellness Aging Mastery Program developed by the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging. Class is virtual through Zoom on your computer or iPad. On Feb. 4 they will teach you how to use Zoom if you have not done it before! Class begins on Feb. 11. Fee is \$5.

Register by Feb. 6 for the ACT Prep Class that will begin Feb. 22 virtually. Fee is \$125 and includes taking a practice test and an individual conference with the teacher to review the test and tips for taking the actual test. Fee is \$125.

Coronavirus Assistance Program offers more aid to farmers

The USDA will provide additional assistance through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), expanding eligibility for some agricultural producers and commodities as well as updating payments to accurately compensate some producers who already applied for the program.

Producers who are now eligible and those who need to modify existing applications due to these updates can contact USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) until Feb. 26.

Some of these changes are being made to align with the recently enacted Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 while others are discretionary changes being made in response to ongoing evaluation of CFAP.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has left a deep impact on the farm economy, and we are utilizing the tools and monies available to ease some of the financial burdens on American producers to ensure our agricultural economy remains strong, independent and a global leader in production,” said Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue.

“As part of implementing CFAP 1 and CFAP 2, we identified new areas of support, and Congress recently directed us to provide additional relief. This additional assistance builds on to the \$23.6 billion in assistance already provided to our farmers and ranchers impacted by the pandemic, and we will continue to implement other provisions enacted by Congress.”

Updated payment calculations for CFAP 2

FSA adjusted the payment calculation for certain row crops for CFAP 2, specifically those for which a producer had crop insurance coverage but not an available 2020 Actual Production History (APH) approved yield.

FSA is now using 100 percent of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield

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Mavis Fodness photo/0121 oath of office

‘I will discharge faithfully the duties’

Hills City Clerk Connie Wiertzema (center, left) delivers the oaths of office at the group’s first meeting of 2021 on Jan. 12 to council member Ross Metzger (far left), Mayor Keith Elbers (center, right) and council member Stacen Burgers. Metzger and Elbers were re-elected to their positions and Stacen Burgers received the most write-in votes for the council seat held by Brian Sandbulte, who retired in December.



Lori Sorenson photo/0121 oath of office

Leaders sworn in, thanked for service

At the Jan. 12 City Council meeting, City Administrator Call administered the oath of office to Mayor Re-Elect Patrick Baustian (left), who then swore in Council Member Re-Elect Dan Nath (right) and Council Member Elect Scott Viessman. The council also presented Call with a plaque for his 15 years as Luverne city administrator (left).

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More gravel than ever removed from Rock County pits in 2020

By Mavis Fodness

More aggregate and gravel were removed from Rock County in 2020 than ever before, topping the 10-year high recorded last year.

Rock County Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz released the amounts Jan. 5.

The \$189,969 collected is based on the reports submitted by the 12 permitted operators in Rock County.

The 2020 tax amount is more than \$43,500 higher than the previous tax amount of \$146,373, and is the highest amount collected in the past 10 years.

Of the dozen permitted operators, eight were active in 2020.

Each paid the 15-cents-per-ton tax to remove the material.

The tax collected was split as follows: county road and bridge fund \$76,660, special reserve fund \$27,056, townships \$76,660, and administrative fees \$9,593.

The 2020 township

amount of \$7,600 is divided among five townships, based on where the aggregate and gravel originated.

Denver Township received the highest amount (\$26,337) followed by the townships of Mound (\$17,125), Battle Plain (\$16,220), Vienna (\$11,595) and Luverne (\$4,905).

The remaining townships of Beaver Creek, Kanaranzi, Magnolia, Martin, Rose Dell and Springwater each received \$500 from the administrative fund to offset the gravel tax expenditure.

Clinton Township received about \$300 to even out the tax collection of about \$200 in 2020.

Bremik Materials Inc. paid the highest tax (\$65,231) followed by Northern Con-Agg LLP (\$41,135), Buffalo Ridge Concrete (\$20,933), Jeff Pronk (\$19,241), W&N Construction (\$12,148), Reker Construction (\$11,840), Henning Construction (\$11,801), and Central Specialties (\$7,540).



Mavis Fodness photo/0121 CEO Business 2021 2

CEO program facilitator Katie Baustian talks with CEO students Tuesday morning in Edgerton. Students are learning how to start and operate businesses by conducting their own fundraising event. "How are you going to make this the best experience?" Baustian asked.

CEO students organize 'Souper Supper'/continued from page 1

year's business is no exception.

Katie Baustian is the CEO program facilitator and guides students from the five-member school districts through the processes developed by the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship.

The class business allows the students to practice a very important skill.

"They are learning how to work as a group," Baustian said. "They are responsible for doing everything — I try not to interfere."

This year's students are selling servings of soup and cinnamon rolls along with an online auction and a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are available from students or by calling 920-3309.

"What they are doing this year is more complicated than previous classes," Baustian said.

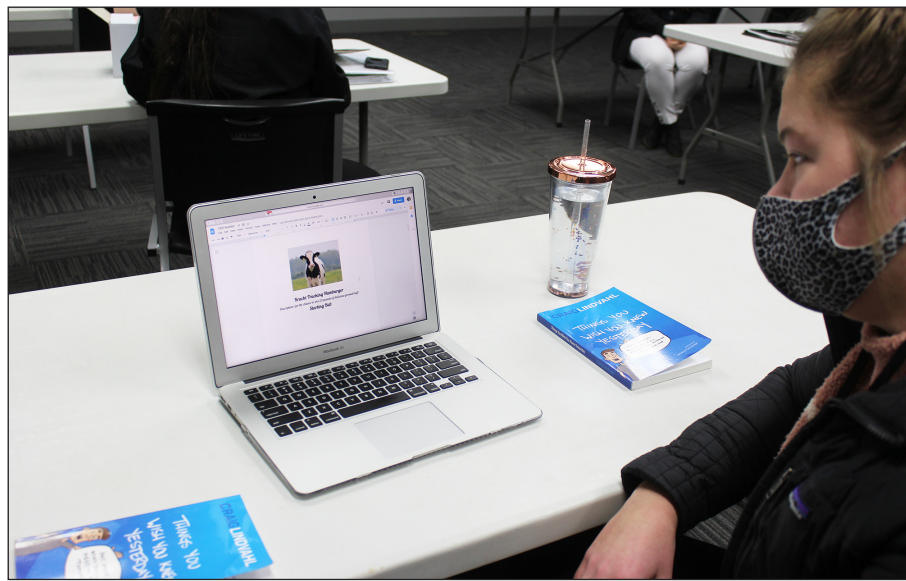
Students divide into groups and work on key aspects of the fundraising including sponsorships, ticket sales, marketing and product procurement.

All the students worked together to develop the class business, which is complicated by the coronavirus pandemic.

Southwest Minnesota Christian School senior Wyatt Decker said the group couldn't plan a community-wide event because of the restrictions on large-group gatherings.

The drive-up Souper Supper keeps customers in their cars and limits contact with one another and the student servers.

Decker said students discussed details with an Edgerton church, which conducted a similar drive-up



Elli Kracht, a senior at Edgerton High School, previews the online auction this year's CEO class is conducting for a class business project. The auction opens Saturday and closes Jan. 31. A link will be available at the Southwest Minnesota CEO Facebook site.

event this fall.

Students first had to decide what would be served for the supper.

"We are offering three different kinds of soups (at each location)," Decker said. "And if we are going to make it a meal, we can't just have soup so we included a (cinnamon) roll."

The students talked with local businesses to obtain the soup and the cinnamon rolls as well as event sponsors.

They also had to find locations with parking lots large enough to accommodate the drive-up event.

"We looked at so many locations to find one in Pipestone and Beaver Creek," said Mia Wenzel, a Luverne High School junior.

This year's class business is the first to take place outside of Luverne.

Decker said his CEO mentor suggested they look at the other communities outside of Luverne and home to the other member students. Students learned about the resources available in their home communities.

The parking lots at the SpringBrooke Events in Beaver Creek and the Hiawatha Lodge in Pipestone fit the students' criteria for their event.

Who is involved in the CEO program?

The CEO program is open to all junior and senior students at Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian, Southwest Minnesota Christian in Edgerton, Edgerton Public, Ellsworth and Pipestone.

Interested students apply the yearlong immersion experience into real life business opportunities.

This year's CEO class consists of the following students:

- Kaden Anderson, Reghan Bork, Kendall Buss, Shelby Kracht, Jayson Rops, Haleah Soto and Mia Wenzel, Luverne.

- Allie LaRock, Hills-Beaver Creek.

- Keegan Fey, Elli Kracht, Edgerton Public.
- Wyatt Decker and Cybil VanderTop, Southwest Minnesota Christian, Edgerton.
- Elsie O'Neil and Jori Strasser, Pipestone.

The Souper Supper event

Advance meal tickets for the Souper Supper are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children.

Call 507-920-3309 to place an advanced order.

At-the-door meal costs increase to \$12 adults and \$10 children.

Meals include a choice of soup and a cinnamon roll.

Pickup of the meals occurs Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Hiawatha Lodge in Pipestone and Sunday, Jan. 31, at the SpringBrooke Events Center in Beaver Creek.

Pickup times are from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Each student is selling 50/50 raffle tickets at \$5 per ticket.

The online auction kicks off Saturday on the class website, www.southwestminnesotaceo.com. The online auction begins Jan. 23 and concludes Jan. 31.



Students plan to hand out soup and cinnamon rolls sold at the two "Souper" Suppers in small delivery bags for easy handling during the drive-up events.

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A little bit of Rock County finds home in rural Iowa

A little bit of Rock County has found a home in Iowa.

I recently toured a brand new 4,800-head finishing barn near where my daughter lives in rural Schaller, Iowa. She is the reason a part of the county she grew up in now has a home in another state.

Courtney works for a company that builds those large hog confinements.

Midwest Dry Cast, located south of Luverne, makes the concrete floor slats that allow manure to fall into the pits located under the barns. Midwest Dry Cast makes those slats from gravel mined in Rock County.

The barn Courtney helped construct from the ground up was the first time her company used the Rock County product.

Walking into the new barn and on the brand new slats brought back memories of the first time I walked into a hog confinement facility.

Thirty years ago I was the farm reporter for the Daily Globe just as Pipestone System was getting off the ground. Confinement barns were becoming an alternative to finishing pigs outside in pens. Biosecurity was emphasized to ensure healthy stock in the enclosed facilities.

As a stipulation to entering that sow barn decades ago, I needed to wear plastic coveralls and shoe covers. I also needed to shower before and after entering the barn to ensure I wasn't carrying any harmful germs



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

into the barn from another facility.

The barn I toured in December was twice the size and was more technologically advanced than that facility 30 years ago.

I almost think my 30-year-old daughter was influenced in utero to work in the swine industry.

An animal lover, she gravitated toward pigs as a 4-H'er and later as a college student at South Dakota State. An internship with Pipestone System set her on a path where she experienced various front-line positions that bring pork to people's dinner tables.

During the barn open house I listened to visitors talk about design features and everything hog barns.

Most of all, I listened as my daughter used the knowledge she first began accumulating on our little acreage in Rock County to inform those who attended the open house.

In touring the new barn, I was just happy that I didn't have to undergo a shower in order to look inside. No young pigs were in the barn at the time of the open house.

When the time does come, little piglets will grow to market weight on a flooring made right here in Rock County. You can almost feel that local connection in our food supply.

Students excel at business, thanks to community support

One thing sets the Southwest Minnesota CEO program apart from others across the country — community support.

As the 2020-21 CEO class opens their group business venture, "Souper" Supper, this weekend, the students will have already reached half of their fundraising goal of \$15,000 through business sponsorships.

Other members who follow the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship model only raise a fraction of that amount as a class.

The difference?

Community support.

This year's class of 14 students from Hills, Pipestone, Edgerton and Luverne is venturing outside the familiar confines of the city of Luverne, where the past two class businesses have been conducted.

This year the group found suitable areas for their drive-up soup and cinnamon roll meal in Pipestone

on Saturday and in Beaver Creek on Sunday, Jan. 31. (Read the story elsewhere in this edition.)

No matter where the students set up their fundraisers, the public should make the drive.

For the past five months, these future entrepreneurs have visited local business owners and operators learning about how to successfully operate a business.

They learned about taxes, bookkeeping, engaging with the public and developing lifelong skills for any future career.

Each of the students in this year's class is working with a mentor. These

mentors have taken these students under their wings and are instrumental in giving their mentees the boost they need to present a business this spring in the CEO Showcase.

Since the first CEO class began in 2018, several of these students have taken business ideas cultivated over the nine-month school year and continue to operate that business three years later.

These students are the future of our business community.

Let's show them support by attending their initial foray into business by buying tickets and driving to their "Souper" Supper.



Roundabouts are becoming more prevalent; here's how to navigate one

Question: I was hoping in a future column you could talk about safely navigating a roundabout.

Last fall a roundabout was put in by our elementary school. Since the start of the 20-21 school year, I've been using it 20 times a week to drop off my kids and pick them up. I see many drivers stopping at the yield sign in order to let other drivers in the roundabout continue on their way.

It's my understanding that when using a roundabout, you are to slow down and merge into the roundabout to continue on your way. Could you please clarify how to safely and legally navigate a roundabout for your readers. Thank you.

Answer: This is a good topic as we are seeing more roundabouts all over Minnesota. Here is some information to help everyone out.

Drivers:

- Slow down when approaching a roundabout. For multi-lane



ASK A TROOPER

By Troy Christianson,
Minnesota Highway Patrol

roundabouts, as with any intersection, get into the appropriate lane.

- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. It is the law.
- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. Merge into the traffic flow when it is safe.
- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit. Do not stop or pass in a roundabout.
- Exit the roundabout immediately if an emergency vehicle approaches, and then pull over. Do not stop in the roundabout.
- Yield to pedestrians in the

crosswalk when exiting the roundabout.

- Give large trucks extra space in a roundabout. Large trucks may straddle both lanes while driving through a multi-lane roundabout.

Pedestrians:

- Cross only at crosswalks, and always stay on the designated walkways.
- Never cross to the central island.
- Cross the roundabout one approach at a time. Use the median

Roundabouts are not complicated but can be confusing as it is something new.

island as a halfway point where you can check for approaching traffic.

Bicyclists:

- Ride with traffic inside the roundabout or use the crosswalks appropriately.
 - Follow the same rules as vehicles when riding with traffic, and yield when entering the roundabout. Since traffic is slower inside the roundabout, cyclists should be able to travel at or near the same speed as motorists, staying in line with the circulating traffic.
- Roundabouts are not complicated but can be confusing as it is something new. Sometimes it's easier to learn by seeing it than to read about it. Access this naviga-

tional video to help you:

<https://youtu.be/hsFAs9gEYNO>
For additional information go to: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/roundabouts/index.html>.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 8
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported a broken out window.

•Complainant on Walnut Avenue reported a window shot out.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported vandalism.

•Complainant on Harrison Street and Kniss Avenue reported a water leak on blockage.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported vandalism to vehicle.

Jan. 9
•Complainant in San Diego County reported located stolen vehicle.

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported vandalism at location.

Jan. 10
•Complainant on IA 9 and 120th, Luverne, reported vehicle pursuit.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a noise complaint.

Jan. 11
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported vandalism.

•Harassing communication reported at location on S. Fifth Street, Beaver Creek.

•Abandoned vehicle reported at location on 145th and 150th, Luverne.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a car at location.

Jan. 12
•Deputy checked doors at building on Main Street.

•Deputy on W. Main Street stopped suspicious vehicle.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported loud music.

•Complainant on W. Maple Street reported an abandoned bike.

•Assistance from another department was conducted in Ellsworth.

•Complainant conducted a search warrant on a motor vehicle.

•Complainant on Main Street and Estey Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a possible assault.

•Complainant on County Road 4 and New Vision, Mag-

nolia, reported a deceased animal on roadway.

Jan. 13
•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 7, Beaver Creek, reported driving conduct.

•Complainant reported an FBI phone scam.

•Complainant on E. 2nd Street, Hardwick, reported threatening behavior.

•Complainant on 180th Avenue, Magnolia, reported a tractor accident.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a dispute with neighbor.

•High wind warning was issued for Rock County.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested phone assistance.

•Complainant on W. Harrison reported a vehicle for loud driving.

Jan. 14
•A blizzard warning was issued for Rock County.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported a transient in area.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported disorderly patient in ER.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Luverne, reported a semi in ditch.

•Deputy assisted MSP on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne.

Jan. 15
•Complainant on 11th Street, Steen, reported fire.

•Complainant on N. Donaldson Street reported a water leak.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested an unlock.

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported a transient.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 12 vehicles in ditch, 8 escorts, 20 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 1 paper service, 5 animal complaints, 37 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 1 vehicle impound, 4 alarms, 27 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 6 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 4 tests, 1 welfare check and 1 follow-up.



Lori Sorenson photo/0121 lopau house

The Luverne City Council set a price of \$529,900 on the recently acquired Lopau property on the west edge of town. Last fall the city purchased 10 acres of land from Lynn Lopau to develop for future housing. The city paid \$475,000 for the house, garage and two acres, and \$186,500 for the rest of the eight acres, including two outbuildings.

Lopau property price set by council/continued from page 1

Even after the Uithoven Addition is developed, the study shows Luverne still needs more single-family homes and twin homes.

Essentially, hundreds of residents are traveling out of town for work and would likely live in Luverne if the right housing were available.

The entire housing report is available on the city's website, cityofluverne.org, under reports and studies.

Tax abatement to finance pool and fitness center project

In other business Tuesday he council adopted a resolution approving tax abatement bonds to finance the \$5 million pool and fitness remodel and expansion project.

The action followed a public hearing that drew no members of the public and

no outside correspondence.

Taxes will be abated at 10 percent of the net tax capacity of the city, which for Luverne is a maximum of \$350,000 of annual principal. The city can issue the debt for up to 20 years.

Former milk ranch property to be subdivided for conveyance

The council approved a waiver of subdivision requirements for property to be subdivided in the two-mile buffer area of Luverne. Darlene Dreesen is making the request to divide the former milk ranch property into four tracts for the purpose of conveyance.

Henning Construction is buying the largest tract and intends to use it for storage. Art Ehde is buying two other tracts, and Elwin Brands also has a small parcel with a building.

In other business Tuesday:

•The council approved a \$517,500 payment to Gridor Construction for phases 2 and 3 of the wastewater treatment project.

The last major structure to be built is the digester building, and Gridor has completed the footings and floor of the facility and is in the process of tying the steel for the walls of the building.

•The council approved an annual subsidy of \$5,000 to the Luverne Senior Citizens meal site.

•City Administrator Call administered the oath of office to Mayor Re-Elect Patrick Baustian, who then swore in Council Member Re-Elect Dan Nath and Council Member Elect Scott Viessman.

•The council presented Call with a plaque for his 15 years as Luverne city administrator.

FSA updates federal coronavirus aid/continued from page 2

to calculate payments when an APH is not available rather than 85 percent, which was in the original CFAP 2 calculations. This calculation change is only for producers with crop insurance coverage who grow barley, corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, upland cotton and wheat.

Producers who applied during the sign-up period that closed Dec. 11, 2020, can modify an existing CFAP 2 ap-

plication until Feb. 26, 2021.

More information

Newly eligible producers who need to submit a CFAP 2 application or producers who need to modify an existing one can do so until Feb. 26, 2021, by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

New applicants can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364.

In addition to the changes being made to CFAP, per language in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, FSA will extend 2020 Marketing Assistance Loans to provide additional flexibilities for farmers. FSA is also preparing to move forward on implementation of the remaining provisions of the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

To learn more about this

additional assistance, visit farmers.gov/cfap.

All USDA offices are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. Visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. The phone number in Rock County is 507-283-2369

City of Luverne Building Permit Report 2020					
Comparative Totals:					
YEAR	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
PERMITS ISSUED	197	169	243	245	257
VALUATION	\$9,797,569	\$22,709,761	\$6,967,765	\$10,265,627	\$9,577,581
Notables:					
Single-family permits (including individual duplex units, served with private utilities)					
YEAR	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
PERMITS ISSUED	6	4	15	13	8
VALUATION	\$1,245,228	\$959,253	\$2,645,479	\$2,198,246	\$1,398,138
% OF TOTAL VALUATION	12.7%	4.2%	38%	21.4%	14.6%
<i>Doesn't reflect actual cost; based on formulation for permitting purposes only.</i>					
Major projects permitted in 2020 include:					
- Premium Minnesota Pork / New Commercial Building / Remodel - HRA / Commercial Remodel - Subway / New Commercial Building - Henning Construction / New Commercial Building					

Luverne building official Chad McClure compiled numbers for 2020, when he issued 197 permits valued at \$9.8 million.

City permits show growth in 2020/continued from page 1

\$129 million in permitted construction since 2010

At the end of 2019, McClure tallied permits over the past decade and found 2,277 permitted projects from 2010 through 2019, and these projects had a total estimated construction value of \$118,843,164.

That's in addition to the 2020 valuations.

The construction included 74 single-family homes and individual twin-home units, served with private utilities.

Some major projects valued in excess of \$1 million contributed to the 10-year totals of nearly \$119 million. They are:

•American Reformed Church addition in 2010 at \$3.2 million.

•Three Gevo/Agri-energy expansion projects in 2011 at \$2.5 million, 2012 at \$21 million and 2013 at \$6.9 million.

•GrandStay Hotel new construction in 2012 at \$2.8 million.

•Herman Motor Company new construction in 2014 at \$1.5 million.

•Luverne Body Shop new construction in 2016 at \$1.3 million.

•C & B Operations (John Deere dealership) addition and remodel in 2017 at \$4.1 million.

•Premium Minnesota

Pork remodel in 2019 at \$4.3 million (of the planned \$31 million construction yet to be permitted).

•City of Luverne wastewater treatment facility expansion/remodel in 2019 at \$14 million.

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At right: Luverne artist Mary Petersen talks about the six mini murals she designed and painted in the stairway to the Linda Dummer Costume Shop. The murals honor Dummer, a former Green Earth Player board member and avid supporter of the amateur theater group, who died in April 2019.

Above: A plaque painted in the Green Earth Players building stairway to the group's basement costume storage area states the reason for the murals: "In Loving Memory of Linda Dummer, costumer."



GEP honors longtime supporter with visual tribute

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

A visual tribute to a longtime Green Earth Players supporter now greets anyone entering the organization's basement costume storage area.

Lining the walls to the basement are six mini murals featuring six of the GEP's productions that Linda Dummer helped bring to the stage.

Artist Mary Petersen chose elements from each of the six productions and painted six mini murals on the otherwise white brick walls.

She said she took inspiration from photographs taken by her husband, Ken, during the performances and from graphics used in programs.

"I just did my own thing," Petersen said. The project took several months to complete as Petersen was inspired by what she



"The Dixie Swim Club"

GEP honors, continued on page 9

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Eunice Ripley will celebrate her 94th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 30. Greetings may be sent to 120 N. Spring Street, Apt. 313; Luverne, MN 56156.

Floyd Kraetsch will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 30. Greetings may be sent to him at 216 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Jan. 25: Sausage gravy with biscuits, peas and carrots, apple-sauce, cookie.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Goulash, green beans, tropical fruit, bread.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Vegetable soup, meat sandwich, pears, cake with frosting.

Thursday, Jan. 28: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, gelatin with whipped topping.

Half-Price Day spon-

sored by anonymous sponsor.

Friday, Jan. 29: Chicken enchilada, brown rice, coleslaw, pineapple.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 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.

COLLEGE NEWS

LATC releases president's list

Three area students were named to the Fall 2020 semester president's list at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, South Dakota. To be eligible, students must be full time and earn a minimum of a 3.5 GPA. Students with an asterisk earned a 4.0.

Named to the list were Haylee Overvaag* and William Stegenga*, both of Luverne, and Kyle Kueter, Hills.

MSU Moorhead names honor students

Minnesota State University Moorhead has named several area students to the Fall 2020 dean's list. Students must earn at least a 3.25 with 12 graded credits to be eligible.

Named to the dean's list are LHS graduates Wyatt Vastenberg, business administration major; and Emily Wendland, entertainment industries and technology major; and H-BC graduates Grace Holthaus and Bailey Swan, both speech/language/hearing science majors.

Kruse named to St. Mary's dean's list

Kasyn Kruse, Luverne, has been named to the Fall 2020 dean's list at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona. To make the dean's list, students must earn a 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Kasyn is the son of Karla Kruse.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

•Register now at the library to participate in the Rock County Library 2021 Winter Reading Program, which began Jan. 1.

Patrons who read at least 12 books from now until March 31 will win a prize for their efforts — and enjoy some good books.

Call the library at 507-449-5040 or email the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com for more information about the reading program.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Urban Planner Michael Schroeder took the stage of the Palace Theatre in Luverne Thursday, Jan. 13, to present possible directions for a commercial revitalization plan.

Local leaders have been working with consultants to draw up a plan for Luverne's future growth.

A community meeting on Nov. 30 drew more than 100 interested community members who shared their thoughts on what direction Luverne could take.

At the Jan. 13 meeting, Schroeder, an architect with LHB Inc., Minneapolis, presented some of those ideas, many of them accompanied by architectural drawings.

One idea, for example, focused on the city's aging power plant. It will eventually become obsolete as far as supplying city power.

However, its architectural design, with spacious interior, tall windows, and multiple levels inside, lends itself to creative uses.

Schroeder suggested the building could one day house a gallery, restaurant or a brew pub. He presented rough architect drawings of what it might look like in this capacity.

With its location at the head of the Blue Mound Bike Path and near the Rock River, it could also house an outfitter or rental business for kayaking, canoeing and biking.

The power plant was one of more than a dozen specific ideas for Luverne that would connect its resources and make the community more economically viable.

25 years ago (1996)

•The two-year pairing agreements between Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek for cross country and gymnastics expire this year, and Luverne School Board members are considering whether or not to renew them.

Luverne Athletic Advisory Committee members cited

problems with lack of participation and transportation issues, particularly related to cross country. Their feelings were, considering the complications, it would be easier to simply offer the sport in Luverne for Luverne students.

However, the door was not closed on pairing. In a letter to the H-BC board, Supt. George Maurer stated the Luverne Athletic Advisory Committee and Board of Education will continue to review the agreements.

50 years ago (1971)

•When Elmer Ehde retired last year as rural mailcarrier at Steen after 49 years, it was said it would be difficult to find someone to fill his shoes and his mailboxes.

But Elmer and his Model "A" Ford have been replaced by a 48-year-old Hills housewife and postal clerk and her 1970 station wagon.

Mrs. Albert Juffer took over Ehde's route the day after Christmas and everything is running smoothly according to her and Postmaster Jay Aykens.

Mrs. Juffer was granted the route on the basis of seniority—she had been a postal clerk for the past 24 years at Hills. The 53-mile route she covers was too large to consolidate with another route upon Ehde's retirement and so notices appeared last year calling for applicants to take over the Steen route.

It wasn't a matter of "Women's Lib" that influenced Ella Juffer to apply. She had discussed the idea with her husband and two children, and they approved. Mr. Juffer is a part-time construction worker in Hills while the two children both attend Hills' schools. The Juffers also have a book-binding business.

75 years ago (1946)

•Bad weather has retarded construction of the alfalfa dehy-

drating plant which H. A. Paulson is erecting on the south edge of Luverne. But as soon as the weather opens up, construction will go ahead full blast, he said. Scheduled completion date is June 1.

When completed, the new industry will represent an investment of approximately \$50,000 and will give employment to about 25 men. The plant will also be used for drying ear corn and shelled corn.

Mr. Paulson said that unusual interest has been shown by Rock county farmers in the new plant.

"We're urging farmers to plant more alfalfa in 1946 because this new plant will assure them of an important source of income.

"We want at least 1,000 acres of green alfalfa supply for the plant and at least 1,000 acres of sun cured alfalfa.

100 years ago (1921)

•A deal was closed Saturday night where John Cameron sold the Cameron grocery store, including the stock fixtures, and good will and a long term lease on the building to Harry Snook, who was given immediate possession.

In connection with taking over the business, Mr. Snook retained the services of J. Earl Cameron and Claude L. Cameron, who have grown up in the business, and who have been closely identified with their father in its conduct, and also the services of Nels Petersen and Henry Schneekloth, who had been employed in there for some time.

Mr. Snook has had an ambition to engage in the grocery business in this city for some time, and following the consummation of the purchase he announced that it is his intention to continue the business along the same general lines as has the retiring proprietor, and that he will handle the highest quality goods and endeavor to give the best possible service. The store will be known as Snook's grocery.

Happy 100th, Bub Walgrave!



Photo courtesy of the Oasis Care Center

An impromptu celebration for Ardean “Bub” Walgrave’s 100th birthday took place Saturday afternoon, Jan. 16, outside of the Oasis Care Home in Luverne. Friends and family sang “Happy Birthday to You” after the centenarian’s Jan. 15th birthday. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the singers (pictured at right) directed their song toward an open window where Bub enjoyed the birthday wishes. Below: Large posters recognize Bub Walgrave’s 100th birthday.



Mavis Fodness photos/0121 Bub Walgrave 100th

1883: City of Ashcreek consists of eight blocks

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village (from 01-14-20 edition of the Star Herald)

In the fall of 1880 a side track was constructed, and a correspondent predicted that Ashcreek was about to shape itself into a metropolis. The extent of the subsequent building operations, however, was the erection of a second grain warehouse, 16x30 feet in size, put by E. A. Brown, who at the time commenced his successful career as a Rock county grain merchant. A box car was placed at the new station to answer the purpose of a depot building.

An event of the year 1882 promised great things for the embryo town. This was the sale of the Kniss and Brown farm, upon which the station was located, to Col. Alfred Grey, an English capitalist and a large owner of real estate in this section of the state and Iowa. Col. Grey proposed to build a flourishing town at Ashcreek, to be the headquarters for his various interests, much after the English baronial system. A year elapsed before the promoter commenced the execution of his plan. A survey of a townsite was completed in August, 1883, by James P. Gilman, and the dedication of the site was made September 6, 1883, by James B. Close, Col. Grey’s agent. The plat included



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

eight blocks. The owner was fully honored in the names bestowed upon the streets running east and west, which were Colonel, Grey and Alfred. The intersecting streets were designated as First, Second and Third.⁹

Coincident with the platting, three dwellings, each a two-story structure covering a ground space of 24x36 feet, and three barns were built by Col. Grey for the accommodation of the employees on his nearby farms. There was persistent talk of a store on the site, but it remained for other than the Grey interests to supply the want. J. T. Woodrow, whose store was completed

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OBITUARIES

Marian Helling

Marian Helling, 94, Bismarck, North Dakota, formerly of Luverne, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck, North Dakota, after a brief illness.

A family memorial service will take place at a future date at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Marian Olson was born March 17, 1926, to Theodore and Laura Olson on a dairy farm south of Kenneth. She attended a nearby one-room school house, then attended Augustana Academy in Canton, South Dakota, and then Mankato State Teachers College, where she earned her teaching certifications. Marian began her teaching career in the elementary



school in Adrian. She then returned to Luverne for the remainder of her teaching career. She loved teaching kindergarten classes over the many years and enjoyed meeting her past students later on as adults.

Marian married Gordon Helling on June 26, 1949, at Zion Lutheran Church in Luverne. They lived in Luverne during their entire marriage and raised two children. They also looked after their parents.

In addition to her career in education, Marian and her husband enjoyed dancing at the VFW and taking family trips to northern Minnesota and Colorado. Gordy died in 2003, and Marian remained in Luverne until moving to

Bismarck in 2019 to be closer to family.

Marian loved arts and crafts, listening to music, and excelled in playing both the piano and the organ, particularly music from the 1940s. She also enjoyed tending her flower garden and visiting with neighbors. Marian also would offer a summer retreat for her grandchildren and put her teaching skills to work to their delight.

Marian is survived by her children Valerie (Tim) Majors of New Salem, North Dakota, and Grant Helling of Louisville, Colorado; three grandchildren, Katherine (Jordan) Dittmann of New York Mills, Carolyn (Nathan) Schmidt of Bismarck, and Grant Majors of Bismarck; and three great-grandchildren, Parker, Emily and Liam.

(0121 F)

Arlene Rollag

Arlene (Carlson) Rollag, 96, of Beaver Creek, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Jan. 12, 2021, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private family funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at Palisade Lutheran Church, rural Garretson, Rock County, Minnesota. The service will be live-streamed at the Minnehaha Funeral Home & Cremation Services Facebook page. Private burial will precede the service at the West Palisade Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation, without the family present, will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at the Minnehaha Funeral Home, Garretson, South Dakota.

Arlene was born near Brandon, South Dakota, on April 16, 1924, the daughter of Evald and Emma (Nelson) Carlson. She grew up on a farm in rural Garretson, one of four girls. She was baptized and confirmed at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church and graduated from Garretson High School in 1941. Following graduation, Arlene helped with the war effort and worked for



Ryan Aeronautical Company in San Diego, California. Upon returning to South Dakota, she worked at John Morrell’s in Sioux Falls from 1944 to 1951.

On May 30, 1948, Arlene married Oliver Rollag and celebrated 71 years before Oliver passed away in 2019. Arlene worked tirelessly with Oliver for 54 years on their farm west of Beaver Creek. After retiring from life on the farm in their 90s, they then moved to Poplar Creek Estates in Luverne, Minnesota, in December 2016.

Arlene was a member of Palisade Lutheran Church in Rock County for over 70 years, where she was active in WELCA and the Hannah Circle. When she took the time to relax, Arlene enjoyed tending to her flower gardens, quilting, embroidery, baking (collecting recipes) and finishing many puzzles. She will be remembered for her creative sense of humor and quick wit. But first and foremost, she was a dedicated mother who provided an excellent role model for her children and grandchildren.

Arlene will be lovingly remembered by her four

children: Diane Peterson of Hallock, Minnesota, Carlene Lawler (Pat) of Zumbrota, Minnesota, Janice Rollag of Lakeville, Minnesota, and Lyle Rollag (Sharil) of Beaver Creek, Minnesota. She’s also survived by grandchildren: Laura Linder, Beth Jiskra, Anna Peterson, Molly Lawler, Katie Lawler, Berik Kallevig, Thomas Rollag, Alaina Rollag, and Sean Rollag; as well as seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver; her parents, Emma and Evald Carlson, and sisters Edna Monrad, Elinor Steen and Viola Bjorneberg.

Arlene’s family would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all that participated in her care in any manner. We’d especially like to thank the staffs at Poplar Creek and Sanford Hospice Cottage.

Though her death was not a tragedy, but instead the completion of a long and meaningful life, she will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Arrangements were provided by Minnehaha Funeral Home, Garretson, www.minnehahafuneralhome.com.

(0121 V)

JoAnn Van Engelenhoven

JoAnn Van Engelenhoven, 90, Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Friday, Jan. 15, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

JoAnn White was born on April 9, 1930, to John and Audra (Perrin) White in Guthrie, Oklahoma. She was raised in various towns in Oklahoma until 1941 when the family moved to Long Beach, California, where she later graduated from Polytechnic High School. She met Gerrit Van Engelenhoven during his service in the United States Navy in California.

JoAnn and Gerrit Van Engelenhoven were married on Dec. 20, 1947, at the church parsonage in Long Beach, California. They moved to Luverne for a few years before



returning to live in Artesia, California, in 1951. Two years later they moved back to Luverne where they raised their children. JoAnn attended Worthington Community College in Worthington. In 1968 she began working at Tri-State Insurance Company of Minnesota in Luverne and worked there until her retirement in 1992.

JoAnn enjoyed her retirement years, especially traveling with Gerrit. She worked part time at the Sewing Basket in Luverne from October of 2000 until May of 2005. She remained active in volunteer work at Sanford Luverne Hospital. Gerrit died on Oct. 7, 2013.

JoAnn was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Luverne, where she participated in Mary Circle, Stephen Ministry, United Presbyterian Women, Committee on Ministry and the quilters guild. She also served as an

elder and financial secretary in the church. She served on the boards for the Luverne Hospital, Luverne Chamber of Commerce, Luverne Dollars for Scholars and Rock County Opportunities.

JoAnn enjoyed reading and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed the 21 years spent at Lake Sarah with her family.

JoAnn is survived by two children, Gail (Dwight) Bremer of Hardwick and Duane (Deb) Van Engelenhoven of Luverne; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gerrit; two daughters, Carol Wessels and Sheryl Schreck; three grandchildren, Cindy Bremer, Cami Gordon and Andy Wessels; great-granddaughter Lucie Sailor; and 19 siblings.

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

(0121 F)

Arden Hull

Arden Wesley Hull, 87, New Prague, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, in his home in New Prague.

He was married to Darlene Swanson for 64 years.

Arden is survived by his children, Vicki (Jacob) Sells, Kathie Hull, Debbie (Mark) Wheeler, David Hull and Patti Gilster; his

11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; his sisters-in-law LaRie Hull and Carol (Hull) Carlson; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Arden was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene (Swanson) Hull; his parents, Henry Sr. and Adelaide Hull;

sister Phyllis (Hull) Clark; brothers Virgil Hull, Henry Hull Jr. and Harm Arthur Hull; son-in-law Paul John Kolnberger Jr.; grandson John Paul Kolnberger; three nephews, Calvin Hull, Dennis Hull and Bruce Hull; and nieces Linda Hull Hanson and Connie Hull.

(0121 F)

Keith Aanenson

Keith Russell Aanenson, 78, Luverne, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, with a prayer service and time of sharing at 7:30 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To live-stream the service, go to www.facebook.com/DingmannFH.

Keith Aanenson was born Aug. 2, 1942, to Russell and Florence (Sibson) Aanenson in Luverne. He grew up on the family farm near Magnolia. He graduated from Magnolia High School in 1960 and then attended Worthington Community College. After graduation, he worked at the creamery hauling milk.

Keith married Audrey



Umland on Oct. 12, 1963, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple lived in Luverne. Keith worked in law enforcement as well as operating his locksmith business, which he took over from his father. He was also a greeter at the Luverne High School and an employee of the Dingmann Funeral Home. He served as the Luverne chief of police for 19 of his 45 years in law enforcement. After he retired, Keith transported prisoners for Rock County. He was an EMT and DARE volunteer.

He was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, where he served as an elder and video-recorded services. Keith was also a member of the Luverne Optimist Club, CCSI, his morning coffee club and was a grand marshal in the Tri-State Band Festival. He enjoyed farming, fishing, traveling on his motorcycle, going on camping trips and spending time with grandchildren, square danc-

ing, driving his convertible and attending his grandchildren’s events.

Keith is survived by his wife, Audrey Aanenson of Luverne; three children, Carrie (Rick) Van Santen of Luverne, Sheila (Ron) Johannes of Willmar, and Corey (Kyle) Aanenson of Moorhead; nine grandchildren, Brad (Donni) Van Santen, Derek (Morgan) Van Santen, Austin Van Santen, Jacob Van Santen, Mitchell (Moriah) Johannes, Joshua Johannes, Kayla Johannes, Monique Aanenson, Landon Aanenson and Maiah Aanenson; one great-grandchild, Madison Van Santen; and three brothers, Lee (Caryl) Aanenson of Oakdale, Al (Jan) Aanenson of Dent, and Gene (Deb) Aanenson of Luverne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Terry and Dale Aanenson; and sisters-in-law Barb Elcock and Marvie Aanenson.

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

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Cardinals display offensive balance in season-opening victory over JCC

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals girls' basketball team has been itching to get back out on the court since suffering a heartbreaking loss during last season's section tournament.

The wait was much longer than anticipated for the Cardinals due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Then the Cardinals had to wait one more day due to the blizzard that hit the area on Thursday and Friday.

The long wait finally ended for the Cardinals Saturday morning when they opened the season at home with a 78-67 victory over Jackson County Central.

"As expected, the first game had its ups and downs," said Luverne coach TJ Newgard.

"Anytime we can score 78 points, we are going to have a good chance to win. Having six players score eight or more points shows the balance that we have."

It was a slow start for the Cardinals as they trailed for the first 10 minutes of the game. At one point they were behind 13-5.

"Defensively I think we struggled to move our feet and communicate," Newgard said. "That led to some easy points for JCC around the rim and at the free-throw line."

A Christina Wagner bucket gave the Cardinals their first lead of the game at 25-24.

The two teams swapped leads before the Cardinals went on an 8-0 run to pull ahead 35-27, a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

At the half the Cardinals led JCC 45-38.

Christina Wagner opened the second half by knocking down a three-pointer to put Luverne up 48-39.

With the Cardinals clinging to a 63-60 lead, Brooklynn Ver Steeg scored seven straight points for the Cardinals to build a 70-62 lead.

Ver Steeg finished the game with a team-leading 22 points.

The junior guard dished out 10 assists, grabbed five rebounds, and



Brennen Rupp photo/0121 Luverne GBB photo
Brooklynn Ver Steeg attempts a shot in the paint during Luverne's home game against JCC on Saturday, Jan. 16. The junior guard finished the game with 22 points. The Cardinals defeated JCC 78-67 to pick up their first win of the season.

recorded two steals.

Averill Sehr scored 14 points. Sehr also recorded five steals.

Emma Beyer and Christina Wagner both finished the game 13 points.

Elizabeth Wagner scored eight points, grabbed 10 rebounds and recorded five blocks.

The Cardinals will play their

second game of the season on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at home against Worthington.

"I'm really proud of our effort and how we played," Newgard said.

"We look forward to getting back out there against another quality opponent on Tuesday against Worthington."

LHS boys put clamps on JCC en route to double-digit victory

By Brennen Rupp

For the second straight season, the Luverne Cardinals boys' basketball team has opened the season with a 2-0 record.

The Cardinals tipped off their season Saturday with a resounding 65-31 victory over Jackson County Central.

On Monday the Cardinals improved to 2-0 with a hard fought 54-49 victory over Worthington.

Although things started off on the sluggish side for the Cardinals against JCC, Luverne was in control of the game from the start.

"You could definitely tell that it was the first game of the season," Luverne head coach John Sichmeller said.

"The game started pretty sloppily for both teams with a lot of turnovers. It wasn't always pretty, but I was very happy with our effort."

The Cardinals led 33-18 at the midway point.

JCC went on a 6-0 run to trim Luverne's lead to 37-26. The Cardinals then went on an 18-0 run to build a 55-26 lead. That strong finish to the game for the Cardinals was due to their effort on the defensive end of the court.

"Once we got settled into the game, our defensive pressure led to a lot of easy baskets for us," Sichmeller said.

Sophomore Gannon Ahrendt recorded a double-double, scoring 25 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

Bailey Cowell scored 16 points and dished out six assists.



Dan Condon Jackson County Pilot/0121 Luverne BB photo

Luverne's Gannon Ahrendt goes up for a dunk against Jackson County Central on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Jayson Rops grabbed six rebounds and Arekel McLaughlin recorded four steals.

Against the Trojans on the road Monday, Ahrendt led the team with 17 points. Cowell finished right behind him with 16.

The Cardinals will hit the road again on Friday when they take on Martin County West. Luverne lost their lone contest against MCW last season 70-66.



Brennen Rupp photo/0121 H-BC BB photo

Hills-Beaver Creek's Oliver Deelstra drives to the basket during the Patriots' season-opening game against Southwest Minnesota Christian on Saturday, Jan. 16.

H-BC drops hard-fought contest against Eagles

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team battled in their season opener against Southwest Minnesota Christian, and in the end it was the visiting Eagles that upended the Patriots 80-72.

Oliver Deelstra scored the first three points of the game for the Patriots, taking a 3-2 lead.

With the two teams tied at 8-8, the Eagles went on a 5-0 run to open up a 13-8 lead.

The Patriots answered back with a bucket to trim the lead to 13-10. Then the Eagles scored the next seven

points to open up a 20-10 lead.

With the Eagles holding a 30-17 lead, the Patriots went on an 8-0 run to make it a 30-25 game.

At the half, the Eagles held a 43-37 lead.

The Patriots were unable to overcome that six-point halftime deficit as the two teams battled, with the Eagles outscoring H-BC 37-35.

Deelstra led the Patriots with 26 points. Deelstra also grabbed nine rebounds, dished out five assists, and recorded four steals.

Cole Baker finished with 23 points and knocked

down three three-pointers. Baker also grabbed seven rebounds.

Zander Wysong scored three three-pointers and finished with 13 points and blocked one shot.

Ty Bundesen scored six points, grabbed four rebounds and recorded four steals. Andrew Harris grabbed six rebounds.

The Patriots will be back in action on Friday when they travel to Slayton to take on Murray County Central.

The Patriots split with the Rebels last season. H-BC lost the first matchup 43-37 and then won the second meeting 54-26.

Luverne falls in season opener to Windom Area 5-2

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne boys' hockey team battled but could not dig themselves out from an early 3-0 deficit against Windom Area on Saturday, Jan. 16.

That early lead held for the Eagles as they defeated the Cardinals 5-2 in the season opener at Blue Mound Ice Arena.

"It was great to finally be able to play our first game of the 2021 hockey season," Luverne head coach Phil Paquette said.

"I was very happy with our team's drive to compete and their will to battle back from down 3-0 early in the second period. Unfortunately we weren't able to complete the comeback."

Windom struck first in the first period off a

goal from Brady Espenson. Alex Espenson recorded the assist on the goal.

The Eagles added one more goal in the opening period off an unassisted goal from Chase Hamlett.

The Eagles opened the scoring in the second frame with a goal from Ben Purrington. Cragen Porath recorded the assist on the goal.

Sophomore Brock Behrend got the Cardinals on the board at the end of the second quarter to cut Windom's lead to 3-1.

Behrend tallied his second goal of the game when he opened the scoring in the final quarter to trim Windom's lead to 3-2.

Brady Espenson scored his second goal of the game for the Eagles to give Windom a 4-2 lead.

Borath wrapped up the

scoring with a goal with 40 seconds left in the game to make the final score 5-2.

Senior goalie, Shaid Shearer finished the game with 34 saves for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals will be back on the ice on Friday, Jan. 22, when they welcome Redwood Valley to the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

"We have plenty to work on and tighten up as we look ahead to our next game against Redwood Valley," Paquette said.

Redwood Valley dropped their season opener to Minnesota River 7-4.

Luverne swept Redwood Valley last season. The Cardinals won the first meeting 5-2. They then completed the season sweep with a 7-1 victory in the second matchup between the two teams.

Voters get it right with Land Legacy Amendment

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

Last week I wrote about the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund created by constitutional amendment back in the late 1980s when the Minnesota State Lottery was begun.

It has done many good things but still funds too much research and not enough on the ground habitat and water projects for my complete satisfaction.

About 20 years ago there was another movement started to create a special fund for conservation efforts in Minnesota.

It was going to be a



dedicated fund that could only be used for limited purposes and could not be raided by politicians to fund their pet projects, which always seemed to happen too often.

The dedicated funding effort struggled for many years with a guy by the name of Bob Lessard as its chief sponsor and promoter.

It finally passed in

2009 with an increase in the state's sales tax to fund it. Minnesota's sales tax was increased by three-eighths of 1 percent with the funds being deposited into four separate pots.

The first was a pot to do projects to benefit game fish and wildlife. The second pot was the clean water fund and does as the name suggests. The third pot was for parks and trails across the state and the smaller, but still millions, was directed to Arts and Cultural Heritage.

Initially the only pot where the funds are spent

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wanted to include in the mini murals.

Some murals feature props such as knives, candy or animals used in the production. The murals also include people, the painting resembling the local actor or actress who played the part.

Terri Ebert, GEP board member, said the picking and choosing of what to include in each of the murals was a fun tribute to Dummer and is meant to bring back memories of the productions and the longtime supporter.

“Linda was such a historian and she liked to keep track of people and when things happened,” Ebert said.

The productions featured in the murals include “Willy Wonka,” “A Year of Frog and Toad,” “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” “The Dixie Swim Club,” “Drinking Habits,” and the upcoming “A Game’s Afoot,” which will be performed this year.

The production of “A Game’s Afoot” was ready to open in March 2020, just as the coronavirus pandemic was declared. Periodic rehearsals have continued in preparation for the mystery to take place this year.

Dummer died in April 2019 during the performance of “Drinking Habits,” which Petersen depicted by only including the brightly colored swimsuits and little of the women wearing them.

When the GEP moved to the West Main Street location, the basement became the dedicated area for costume storage.

Above the doorframe heading into the basement are words that Dummer frequently told performers during dress rehearsals and productions: “No food, drinks or smoking in costume!”



Above: “A Year with Frog and Toad”

At right: “Drinking Habits” mural.

Far right: “Best Christmas Pageant Ever”



Mavis Fodness photo/0121 GEP Dummer Tribute

When the Green Earth Players moved into the building on West Main Street Luverne, they named the basement costume storage, “Linda Dummer Costume Shop,” and placed the name above the stairwell along with Dummer’s frequent reminder to GEP members: “No food, drinks or smoking in costume!”



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in October, 1884, was the first merchant and for a number of years the only one in Ashcreek. The Ashcreek postoffice was moved to the new store and Mr. Woodrow commissioned postmaster.

There was some progress during the half dozen years following the opening of the pioneer store. In 1885 the railroad company established stockyards at Ashcreek, and one year later erected a serviceable depot. Early in 1886 the believers in Ashcreek’s future greatness became convinced that the dawn of a new era was at hand because of the proposed building of the Burlington railroad to Sioux Falls from Ellsworth. At an enthusiastic meeting held February 20, plans to induce the new railroad to change its

route so as to pass through Ashcreek were considered. It was proposed to offer \$15,000 as a bonus to secure this change of route, but the attempt to make of Ashcreek a railroad center came to naught.

The Congregational church society, organized in the spring of 1889, erected a neat church edifice in the village the same year. The church, built at a cost of \$1100, was dedicated Sunday, February 9, 1890. Rev. William Fitch was the pastor at the time.

L. S. Welker succeeded to the business of J. T. Woodrow in the summer of 1888. A grist mill was established by C. A. Delamater in January, 1890, but it continued in operation only a few months. The Ashcreek farm of 894 acres was sold by Col. Grey in 1891 to

Ezra Rice and James H. Gray, and this transfer was the commencement of better days for the humble village. The new owners were men intensely interested in the advancement of Rock county. Progress commenced at once. In September, 1891, J. T. Fort, a blacksmith, located in the town, and E. A. Brown erected a second elevator. The year following, E. C. Palmer came from Sioux City and established a new store and lumber yard.

Ashcreek in more recent years has been added to gradually, and at no particular period has experienced a boom or unnatural condition to force the extension of its limits. A creditable school building was erected in 1903. A public hall is maintained, and in the village are to be

found residences that would do credit to a more pretentious community.

One addition to Ashcreek has been platted: Kitterman’s by Benjamin T. Kitterman and William Lemka, December 12, 1896; surveyed by J. P. Gillman.

The story of the village of Bruce will begin in the Jan. 28 edition of the Star Herald.

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

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Sale is subject to approval by the Heirs of Henry W. Spronk. For further details and an information packet contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 283-4828.

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with the help and direction of Minnesota citizens was the game fish and wildlife pot.

Minnesota statute created the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. This council was critical to those who supported the amendment in order to keep the focus on important wildlife issues and not allow the legislators to hijack these dollars to other causes, which had happened over and over in the past.

The entire constitutional amendment was called the Land and Legacy Amendment. The council was made up of eight citizens and four politicians who held certain offices in state government. The House names two citizens as does the Senate.

The governor gets four picks and all members serve four-year terms. Once appointed, it is my understanding they cannot be removed by the appointing authority. A limit of eight years was enacted last session.

I was originally appointed for a two-year term by Governor Pawlenty in 2009 and later to a four-year term by Governor Dayton. Of the original members, some only had two-year terms to start, as they needed to stagger the replacements.

The fund is the biggest thing to happen to game fish and wildlife in Minnesota ever.

In Year 1, the taxes raised and allocated to this fund were \$61 million. That is a huge shot in the arm for conservation in Minnesota.

The amount has increased as the economy improved from the recession of 2008 to stand today at about \$120 million annually, even after the pandemic.

There are still politicians today that hate this fund and this citizens council because it takes the purse strings away from them and allows educated citizens to have a much greater say in how the money is spent.

I was once told by a politician that if I wanted a say to allocate state funds, I had better go get an election certificate. He thought citizens had no place in helping direct how their own tax money was spent, except at the ballot box.

In the earliest days of the council there were lots of

bumps and ruts on the road to a bill for allocation of these funds.

Once the recommendations of the council were completed, they went to legislators who had to agree and the governor to sign in order for them to become law.

There were many attempted changes to the council recommendations in the early years, but the collective voice of sportsmen and women has tamped down the desire to do this out of concern of reprisals in the next election.

Staying in office is still the most important thing to most politicians.

The Land and Legacy amendment and the creation of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Council makes Minnesota the envy of the nation.

In a future column, I will go into some of the many great projects your sales tax dollars have funded.

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

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St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Public mass will be celebrated with a limit of 50 percent capacity of the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stoclouverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page 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
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Wait Moser, Pastor

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 21: NO Missions in Action. Saturday, Jan. 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. In-person worship service in Sanctuary. Sunday, Jan. 24: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10-10:45 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom. Tuesday, Jan. 26: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7-7:45 p.m. Confirmation for 6th-8th grade. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Monday, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org with our sister churches for online worship opportunities.

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

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship 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.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Jan. 21: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, Jan. 23: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday Jan. 24: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday, Jan. 25: 8 p.m. AA meeting; Messenger deadline. Wednesday, Jan. 27: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal —pick up option available. 6:15 a.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Jan. 28: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf curbside.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 10:15 a.m.* Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church

of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Saturday, Jan. 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Sunday, Jan. 24: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school; Bible study. 7 p.m. Online Bible study. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org. Monday, Jan. 25: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 27: 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7:30 p.m. HS Youth group.

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com

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

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

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

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

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

Sunday, Jan. 24: 10 a.m. Worship service at Bethlehem. 10 a.m. Sunday school. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, Jan. 26: 2 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 2:45 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. Wednesday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Challenged to a greater trust

You perhaps have heard the story of the little girl who was on a cruise ship that was caught in a hurricane off the Florida coast. One of the other passengers observed how calm she was despite the fearful storm and the panic of most of the adults. He asked, "How can you be so calm and unconcerned?" The little girl replied, "Because my father is the pilot of this ship."

My father is in command — this explains the trust of this little girl. Our Father too is in control, in command — this should be the reason for our trust.

The disciples of Jesus once asked him to teach them about prayer. The prayer which Jesus taught them began with these words: "Our Father, who art in heaven." In essence, this is the prayer of a child, of one who addresses the Lord Almighty as "Father."

Jesus, you see, brought something new and wonderful into mankind's relationship with God. Because he is the only begotten Son of God, he would, of course, speak of God as "my Father." In the same way, he instructed his disciples to go to God and address him as "Father."

Being a child of the Father brings with it everyday security. The Father knows what his children need. His goodness and loving care are boundless. Nothing is too small for the Lord.

The Rabbis of Jesus' day prohibited prayers that God's mercy should extend even to a bird's nest; in their eyes, it was disrespectful to associate God with something as small as a tiny bird. In striking contrast to such an attitude, note that Jesus says that God cares even for sparrows — although five can be bought for two tiny copper coins.

The Lord even counts the hairs on a person's head. Someone has figured out that a blonde

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church

person has about 145,000 hairs, a dark-haired person 120,000, and a person with red hair 90,000. If God numbers the hairs of our heads — if not one sparrow is forgotten — what are the children of God being challenged to do? The answer is obvious: "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Fear and unrest rule the world. All around us we find anxiety and worry, anger and frustration. The Covid-19 pandemic continues. If God is dead, if he is powerless, if he does not care, if he is not loving, then we have reason to fear. But thankfully we are the children of a Father who is in command, and so we can trust him.

Our Heavenly Father is intimately aware of all that befalls us. He knows our many needs, our fears, and our concerns. Yet as we've witnessed countless times, his gracious providence continues and is all-embracing.

As we enter into a New Year, we can put our confidence in our Heavenly Father. He loves us enough to send his best, his Son Jesus, to be our Savior. He also will take care of YOU as one of his dearly loved sons and daughters. Yes, God is already there and will bless our 2021!

"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Luke 12:6,7)

(Devotion adapted from *Are You Ready?* by Lyle Albrecht)

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Mortgage foreclosure sale
set for March 10

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: October 11, 2018
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$145,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Traci Ann Scholl, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 101040121113923470
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Flanagan State Bank
SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 18, 2018, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 193663
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC;
Dated: December 9, 2020, filed: December 22, 2020, recorded as document number 198798

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
A tract in the W1/2 of Section 24, Township 104 North, Range 47 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the North west corner of the NW1/4 of Section 24, in said Township and Range aforesaid as the place of beginning, thence East 1320 feet to the Northeast corner of the W1/2 of the NW1/4; thence South 1100 feet; thence Northwesterly 720 feet to a point which is 1060 feet South of the North line of the NW1/4; thence South 200 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence South 260 feet; thence West 400 feet; thence North along the West side of the NW1/4 1520 feet to the point of beginning; excepting there from a strip or piece of land 200 feet wide extending across the Northwest corner of the described parcel granted by right of way deed dated April 23, 1888 to the Willmar and Sioux Falls Railway Company
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2178 20th Ave, Jasper, MN 56144
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10-0215-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$152,964.32

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 10, 2021, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 12 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 10, 2022, or the next business day if March 10, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: January 4, 2021

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee
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Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070
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(01-14, 01-21, 01-28, 02-04, 02-11, 02-18)

H-BC School Board
meets Dec. 28

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
December 28, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:04 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees – based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Boardmembers present were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Principal Kellenberger was absent.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Additions to the Agenda:

-Excess Property
Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald, Matt Taubert – Meulebroeck, Taubert, Co., and Chris Harnack.
AUDITOR REPORT FOR DISTRICT FINANCIALS FISCAL YEAR 2020 (MEULEBROECK, TAUBERT & CO., PLLP)
PATRIOT PRIDE:

-Blake Wysong for his Service to the Hills Beaver Creek School District
-Worthington Daily Globe All Area Football Team: Gavin Wysong, Tyson Bork, Chase Bosch, and Tory Knobloch
-2020 MN Vikings All State Football Team: Coach: Rex Metzger and Player: Gavin Wysong
BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:
-Building/Grounds Meeting 12/28
Motion by Knobloch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:
-Minutes - 12/14/2020
-Bills
-Approve hiring Ehlers to manage the district's arbitrage and for monitoring the District's Bond Funds
-Assigning Halden Van Wyhe as an additional Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach
-Add Shuttle pay for pm bus route for Jr. High Basketball Players
-Set old analog phone systems from the elementary school and secondary school as excess district equipment and direct the business manager to liquidate or dispose of said items.

Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve Resolution Approving Additional Fees a One Time Payment for the MN State High School League.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve accepting the findings of the District's Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Audit as presented by Meulebroeck, Taubert and CO., PLLP.

Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve purchasing up to six new network switches for the Elementary School and Secondary School.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:
•Superintendent Report
AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:
•Organizational Meeting
DATES TO REMEMBER:
-Regular Board Meeting/Organizational Meeting, Monday, January 11
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 25
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(01-21)

Fick applies for
livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Daniel Fick has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SE 1/4 of Section 9 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The proposed construction will consist of one 2400 head total confinement barn housing finishing swine. The barn will have an under-floor reinforced concrete pit to hold manure generated by the swine. The final animal unit capacity will be 720 animal units after the construction. The feedlot will be owned by Daniel Fick.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.
Published at the request of Daniel Fick.

(01-21)

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Signature : /s/ **Joe Schomacker, Chief Finance Officer**

CONTACT PERSON: Sharon Schomacker

PHONE NUMBER: 507-227-2183

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(01-21, 01-28)

ISD #671 requests
proposals by March 17

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Hills Beaver Creek ISD #671 requests proposals for group insurance coverage for the health plan year beginning July 1, 2021. Sealed proposals will be accepted in paper form until 5:00 pm central time on March 17 at Hills Beaver Creek District Office at 301 North Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138. Copies of the complete request for proposal may be requested from Daphne Likness – daphne@kozowski-insurance.com, and will be sent electronically at no charge. The Hills-Beaver Creek School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. District reserves the right to select the proposal which it determines to be in the best interest of the District.

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EMPLOYMENT

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EMPLOYMENT

Adrian Public School is seeking applications for a classroom/special education paraprofessional at the Elementary. Candidates will work with teachers providing academic and behavioral support to students. Candidates should hold an associates degree, or have certification via the Para Pro assessment. If interested, please complete our online district application found at www.isd511.net. For additional information, please contact Molly Schilling at m.schilling@isd511.net Position open until filled. (1.21-2.6)

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Thank you for the cards, calls, prayerful thoughts and food I received for my 80th birthday.
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(1.16-1.21)

Thank you to everyone who called, texted, sent cards, flowers and food when I was recovering. It meant a lot!
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A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*



This past Friday, I along with other Mayors from southwest Minnesota took part in a conference call with U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, the conversation was mainly about the COVID-19 vaccine distribution. All of the Mayors agreed that the vaccine rollout hasn't gone well on the national level. We need to get the vaccine out quicker. They've had plenty of time to do that. As a world power we've had plenty of time to devise a plan. It's about logistics. Big companies do that every day, but I think this time they're failing miserably. We can and need to do better. Locally, the City of Luverne as well as Rock County have been working on their own pandemic relief grants that will be available within days.

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City approves \$100,000 for business pandemic relief

Excerpts from 01/14 Star Herald - More help is on the way for Luverne businesses that lost revenue due to pandemic restrictions.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority approved \$100,000 for a grant program to assist the hardest hit local small businesses.

"Restaurants were feeling a big pinch," Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said at the Monday morning LEDA meeting. "This will help them get their employees back and get their feet under them."

According to the resolution that was approved unanimously, grants will be awarded monthly from January through April based on each business's city utilities costs.

According to the LEDA resolution, restaurants and other businesses required to be closed for four weeks during November and December 2020 will receive a grant payment equal to the actual utility costs for that business during the month of December 2020 and billed in January 2021.

Initial checks will be processed in January following receipt of the signed certification letter. Grant payments will be made monthly through April 2021 until the allocation is used in full.

County approves new round of COVID-19 relief grants for hardest-hit businesses

Excerpts from 01/14 Star Herald - Twenty-three businesses in Rock County are targeted for a second round of coronavirus aid grants.

Commissioners received \$250,000 from the state in additional pandemic relief, and a distribution plan was approved at their Jan. 5 meeting.

Targeted are bars and restaurants and other business entities most affected by Governor Walz's Emergency Executive Order 20-99. The order required a four-week "dial back" on in-person dining and other social activities in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The county's more focused approach is meant to assist local bars and restaurants along with bowling alleys, events and fitness centers that were adversely affected by the second round of business closures.

State legislators approved a plan to automatically compensate businesses that experienced more than a 30-percent decline in sales.

In the first round of business grants, applicants could apply for up to \$5,000 from the county. In the second round, no monetary cap was established. After filling out the application, discussions between business owners and committee members will determine exact losses and division of the grant dollars.

Vaccine distribution continues in Rock County

Excerpts from 01/14 Star Herald - The COVID-19 vaccine continues to be administered to Rock County people in the first phases of the rollout.

Jason Kloss of Southwest Health and Human Services said Phase 1a distribution is nearly complete. That included health care personnel and other front-line workers.

"All people in this first phase have been given the opportunity to receive the vaccine by the end of January," Kloss said.

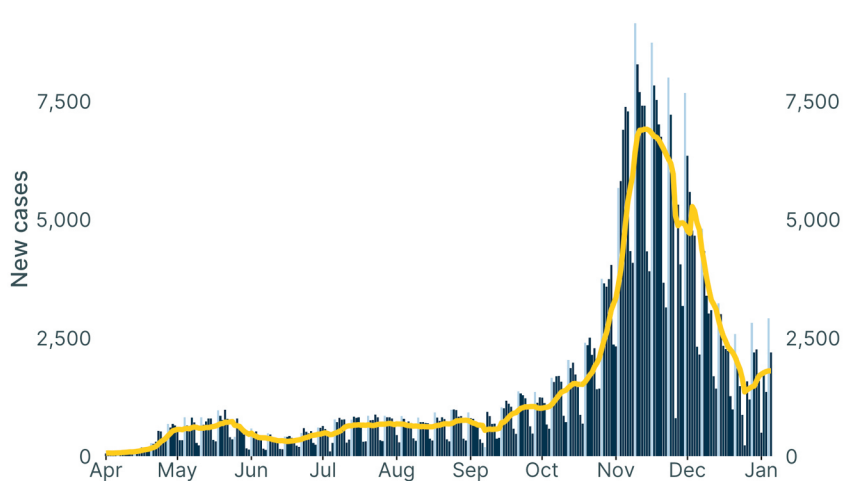
"We will likely be given the go-ahead to vaccinate people in Phase 1b sometime in February."

Priority groups in Phase 1b include teachers, grocery store workers, fire, food processing, day care workers, correctional workers, public transit and postal workers as well as 75 and older population.

So far Sanford Luverne has delivered 241 first doses and 92 second doses. Another 100 first-round doses and 43 second doses will be administered later this week.

New COVID-19 cases in MN by sample date

Includes only confirmed cases. Last week of data is incomplete and omitted. Line is 7-day rolling average. Light blue bars are Mondays.



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