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H-BC moves ahead with \$30 million bond for new school

Building location not yet determined; public meetings set for March 23, 28

By Mavis Fodness

The Minnesota Department of Education issued a favorable review and comment to the Hills-Beaver Creek School District to proceed with a \$29.975 million bond referendum.

As a result of the favorable review, the district must receive a simple majority of positive votes on both questions in order for the bond referendum to pass.

The vote takes place Tuesday, April 11.

District officials are asking residents two questions:

- The first ballot question authorizes \$26.5 million for the construction of a new 57,416-square-foot elementary school, demolition of the existing elementary school in Beaver Creek, and completion of improvements at the secondary school in Hills.

No location for the new elementary school is specified in the information to the state.

However, district officials are negotiating on additional property for the new elementary school in Beaver Creek. After several closed sessions, no purchase agreement has been reached on a 10- to 12-acre site.

- The second question authorizes \$3.475 million to upgrade the Hugo Goehle gymnasium located on the former high school site in Hills, demolition of the remaining portion of the old high school, and updating the current bus garage facility and parking lot

H-BC construction/see page 5



An adaptation by Tim and Carol Ceynowa

The Green Earth Players community theater group will bring seven performances of "Alice in Wonderland" to the Palace Theatre stage from Friday through Sunday, March 24-26, and from Thursday through Sunday, March 30 through April 2.

Pictured are (front) Trisha Schmidt-McKenzie, (second row) Xavier McKenzie, Joe Stearns, Nicole Henrichs, Cody Henrichs, Berty Stearns, Britton McKenzie, (third row) Carol Ceynowa, Terri Ebert, Morgan Van Holland, D.J. Luethje, Tory Bohlke, Katie Walgrave, Katrina Brown, (back) Shawn Kinsinger, Chris Brown, Shane Amborn, Casey McKenzie, Jim Harsma, Tim Ceynowa and David Vis.

Lori Sorenson photo/0316 alice in wonderland cast

'Alice in Wonderland' brings whimsy to Palace Theatre stage for seven performances, March 24-26 and March 30 through April 2

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne theatrical wife-husband team Carol and Tim Ceynowa spent more than a year adapting the beloved children's story, "Alice in Wonderland," for the local stage.

The Green Earth Players bring the couple's adaptation to the stage of the Palace Theatre in seven performances from Friday through Sunday, March 24-26, and from Thursday through Sunday, March 30

through April 2. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except for the Sunday performances, which begin at 2 p.m.

"Alice in Wonderland" is based on Lewis Carroll's book of the same name.

The Ceynowas admit their version of the classic children's story keeps Alice's adventures on a funnier level.

"Lewis Carroll with his writing is very adult," Carol said. "We didn't want to go too

dark in tone but stay whimsical."

Tim indicated their adaption is "90 percent Carroll, 10 percent us." They've added additional scenes and more characters to Carroll's stories of a young Alice and the made-up adventures in Wonderland.

"It's an interesting story on different levels," Carol said. "One or two characters are

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Local yields in 2022 stay just above state average

By Mavis Fodness

Local grain producers reported corn and soybean yields from the 2022 production year at just above the state average, a year after record-setting yields locally in 2021.

Rock County farmers averaged a corn yield of 196.8 bushels

per acre in 2022 from 129,400 harvested acres. In 2021 local producers pushed the county's corn yield record from 127,600 acres of 206.4 bushels per acre.

The state corn yield average for 2022 was 195 bushels per acre.

Renville County led the state in corn grain production, harvest-

ing a total of 52.9 million bushels. (Rock County had 25.4 million bushels).

Martin County led all Minnesota counties with a corn yield average of 224.9 bushels per acre.

For corn silage, Rock County producers harvested 4,680 acres in 2022 with an average yield of

22 tons per acre, down from 24 tons per acre in 2021.

The state corn silage yield average for 2022 was 21.5 tons per acre.

Stearns County led the state in corn silage, harvesting 1.2 mil-

Yields from 2022/see page 5

Brandenburg earns Nat Geo Lifetime Achievement Award

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne native Jim Brandenburg has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from his colleagues at the National Geographic magazine.

In a March 9 social media post, Brandenburg said he was "humbled" and "surprised" by the announcement from his peers at The Photo Society.

"I have been so very fortunate over the years to have received some precious and treasured awards around the world," Brandenburg said. "But this one is unique for me because it is from my peers — some of the finest photographic talent in the world."

Comprised of 200 of National Geographic's photographers, the society's membership requires photographers to have done serious feature assignment work for the magazine.

Only five others have received Nat Geo's Lifetime Achievement Award. Brandenburg reached out



Judy Brandenburg photographed her husband, Jim, with his Lifetime Achievement Award last week.

to the Star Herald Tuesday to say he credits his upbringing in the Luverne community for his career successes.

Brandenburg award/see page 3

Luverne High School couple finds 'viral' fame with hockey promposal

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne High School students Brady Bork and Sarah Stegenga have found themselves in the national limelight after their promposal went viral at the Cardinal boys' state hockey appearance.

The couple have been dating for three months and had discussed prom plans, but to be creative, Bork jotted a formal prom request on the tape wrapped around the blade of his spare stick.

Ahead of the Class A quarterfinal between No. 2 Hermantown and unseeded Luverne, the Cardinal senior skated to the camera at the blue line and raised his stick, unveiling the prom proposal, "Hey Sarah, prom?"

The proposal hit social media, and Stegenga shortly thereafter responded on Twitter, "I am Sarah and I said yes!" The word was drawn in bubble letters on the blade of a taped hockey stick.

It was a sweet story amid the Cardinals' brutal 6-0 loss in Wednesday's game.

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LHS senior Brady Bork and junior Sarah Stegenga have become "famous" after their promposal at the boys' state hockey tournament went viral on social media and then was picked up by traditional news and sports print and television media.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinsons Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in Poplar Creek, Luverne. All are welcome. Call 507-935-8173 with questions.

Pleasantview Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, in the home of Brent and Jodi Taubert. Call 605-929-1593 with questions.

Kindergarten Round-up

Luverne Kindergarten Round-Up will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Luverne Elementary School for an informal “meet and greet” open house. Children must be five years old before Sept. 1, 2023, in order to register for kindergarten. Contact the Elementary Office at 283-4497, Opt 4, with questions.

Child’s Remembrance Garden Wine Tasting, Dinner March 25

A Wine Tasting and Dinner benefiting the Child’s Remembrance Garden will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Big Top Tents and Events, Luverne. A cash bar is available for those not drinking wine.

Purchase tickets by March 22 at Blue Mound Liquor or by calling 507-449-5052. See childsremembrancegarden.org or the group’s Facebook.

A photo table will honor children who have gone too soon. To share a photo contact Mary Thompson, 507-920-6226.

‘Amphibians and Reptiles’ at Blue Mounds March 25

Meet from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Picnic Shelter at the Blue Mounds State Park for a program on “Amphibians and Reptiles.”

Learn which amphibians and reptiles you can find in the park and explore the life cycle of these animals to discover how they give clues about the health of an ecosystem. Call 507-283-6050 for details.

Mobile dental clinic March 30

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne Thursday, March 30, in the Rock County Health and Human Services community room.

This clinic, organized by #Luv1LuvAll’s Rock County Oral Health Task Force, provides dental care for adults and children ages 0 to over 100. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted.

Tree trimming and pruning help

Project Food Forest is offering to help with any and all tree trimming for trees less than 10 years old. The local organization will provide one-on-one guidance in the process, specifically tailored to individual trees. To schedule a service, email mickey@project-foodforest.org or call 605-215-1051.

The service is available through March 31, weather permitting,

Community Ed

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

Taking **Defensive Driving Classes** allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. The Beginning 8-Hour Class is April 17 and 24 (four hours each evening). Refresher 4-Hour Classes are March 13 and April 3.

Project Food Forest can help you tap your maple tree and make maple syrup with Community Wide **Maple Tapping** starting in mid-March. Fee is \$12.

Students in grades K-5 can learn to **decorate spring-themed cookies** like a professional at B’s Bakehouse April 3. Register by March 24. Fee is \$30.

Students in grades K-12 sign up for **summer T-ball, baseball or softball**. Register before March 27 for lower fees and an assured spot on a team.

#TellUsTuesday Results

Scan Here to Vote for this Week’s Survey!

How Have You Been Keeping Up With All The Fantastic Sports Teams In Luverne?

Going to games in person	14%
Watching online	28%
Looking for updates on social media	45%
Too many to track!	14%



Lori Sorenson photos/0316 Alice in Wonderland play
The Green Earth Players cast of “Alice in Wonderland” rehearse the “trial” scene Monday night in the GEP building on Main Street. Casey McKenzie (center) is interrogated in Alice’s trial where she stands accused of stealing the queen’s tarts.

‘Alice in Wonderland’ to take stage two weekends/from page 1

nice to Alice, but everyone else is a bit too crazy.”

Several of the Green Earth Players portray more than one character in the play, and they sing popular songs from the ‘60s.

“A lot of the songs are in the public domain and are ones Doris Day sang — a lot of songs from my generation,” Carol said.

During the early weeks of the GEP rehearsals, the local actors contributed to the Ceynowas’ adaptation with suggested dialogue changes, inclusion of dance elements, and whimsical songs created by Shawn Kinsinger and David Vis, who based the songs on Lewis Carroll’s poems. The result is a fast-moving, 2-hour and 20-minute performance.

“Alice in Wonderland” is the ninth GEP production that the Ceynowas have completed together. The most recent was the 2021 production, “The Game’s Afoot.” This is Carol’s 10th role as director.

The cast and character(s) of “Alice in Wonderland” include:

- Nicole Henrichs (Alice)
- Katie Walgrave (Queen of Hearts)
- Morgan Van Holland (Edith, Duchess, Rose)
- Tory Bohlke (Tea Lady, Petunia, Door 1)
- Terri Ebert (cook, Peony)
- Britton McKenzie (Tweedle



The script cover: “We are all quite mad here. You fit right in.”

At right, Cody Henrichs plays the role of Humpty Dumpty.

Below right, Luverne theatrical wife-husband team Carol and Tim Ceynowa spent more than a year adapting the beloved children’s story, “Alice in Wonderland,” for the local stage.

Carol Ceynowa created the colorful costumes and set accessories, mostly by hand.

- Dee, Card 2, Swimmer)
- Jim Harsma (White Knight, March Hare, Swimmer)
- D.J. Luethje (Door Mouse, Poppy, Octopus)
- Shane Amborn (Knave of Hearts/executioner, Caterpillar, Swimmer, Wind)
- Trisha McKenzie (Butterfly)
- Berty Stearns (Sunflower, White Queen, Door 2)
- Chris Brown (Card 5, Jabberwocky, Mushroom, Swimmer)
- Casey McKenzie (JubJub Bird,



D.J. Luethje plays a Door Mouse. At left, Shane Amborn emerges from giant mushrooms on the set of the Green Earth Players’ practice stage Monday.



- Mad Hatter, Swimmer)
- David Vis (White Rabbit)
- Tim Ceynowa (King of Hearts)
- Cody Henrichs (Humpty Dumpty, Card 7, Swimmer)
- Xavier McKenzie (Tweedle Dumb, Page, Door 3)
- Carol Ceynowa (Clean-up Mouse, Fan Dancer)
- Shawn Kinsinger (Cheshire Cat)
- Joseph Stearns (Mini-Me)
- Katrina Brown (Fan Dancer)

Ticket costs are \$14 for adults and \$7 for children.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.palacetheatre.us, at the Palace Theater Box Office, 104 E. Main St., Luverne, or call 507-283-4339.

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Keeping the store

Farmhouse storage room records family history

When I was a kid, I spent hours imagining I was the keeper of a “store” in the farmhouse basement’s huge food storage room.

Since Mom’s passing in November, I’ve been straightening and cleaning at the farm, and last week my focus was the basement pantry.

To step through its threshold is to step through time.

Grandpa and his brothers built the brick house in the early 1950s. He built the storage room shelves with dimensional 2x10 planks of hardwood.

Grandma carefully covered them with pages from the 1948 Ladies Home Journal.

The fabric curtains she hung to protect the canned goods from light still hang from the original wire. A mouse or two have sampled the fabric, adding to the busy patterns Grandma preferred.

Seventy years have passed, and covered with dust, elements of the trendy design style called “farmhouse” fill the room. Here is a Red Wing crock. There, an egg basket. Over there, a copper ash bin and dozens of blue Kerr



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

canning jars with glass lids.

And, of course, the shelves still boldly display Mom’s gleaming jars of red tomato sauce, green beans, pink canned meat and orange peaches.

As I straightened the pantry’s shelves and swept its floors, I recalled all the good things that came out of this room.

It was a happy day when Mom said we could have a jar of canned Bing cherries with dinner. My brother and sister and I would carefully count the pits to confirm we’d had equal servings.

A meal featuring Mom’s canned cubed beef with mashed potatoes and gravy came straight from heaven.

“Run down and get a jar of beans,” was a common instruction to one of us as Mom made supper.

I blink, and 50 years have passed. Hundreds of those jars now stand empty and dusty on Grandpa’s sturdy-built shelves.

A few dozen jars display Mom’s last harvest.

And I am a middle-aged lady with a broom and a dustpan, keeping a store in the farmhouse basement storage room.

Celebrate newspapers and their efforts to record local history

March 12-18 is Sunshine Week

Guest editorial

By Jim Pumarlo,
Red Wing Republican Eagle

Sandy Robinson and Ben Carlson were part of news reports as birth announcements in Minnesota’s newspapers.

Neither one was probably aware of the attention created by the event, but we could expect to see more of Sandy and Ben in the coming years.

Likewise, we hope the local newspapers become a part of their daily routines.

Newspapers pride themselves as recorders of local history. I encourage all Minnesotans to join in celebrating their local newspapers during Sunshine Week, March 12-18.

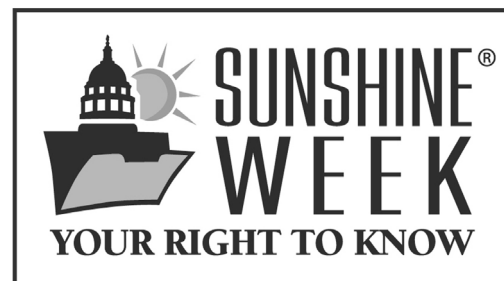
At its foundation, the week underscores the importance of the free flow of information for an open, effective and accountable government.

Shedding light on information, however, is much broader than probing into government workings. Newspapers regularly strive to provide stories that people should read and like to read.

Readers may view many reports as routine, but chronicling the lives of Sandy and Ben often represents years-long initiatives to gain access to information. The items often show up on refrigerators or a permanent place in family scrapbooks.

The news may range from publishing vital statistics to capturing photos of winning scores to detailing presentations before a school board or city council. The opportunity for anyone to collect a variety of data or enjoy ringside seats to many events is not happenstance. The press

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has a storied history of working to shed light on all aspects of everyday life.

Sandy and Ben’s births will remain part of local history. Newspapers take pride in helping families spread news of special events in their lives — maybe a pinewood derby or a youth sports championship.

The achievements will be recognized, especially through high school, with honor rolls, school activities and photos in graduation editions. The relationship with their hometown papers is likely to continue with college news, scholarships, dean’s lists and subsequent careers.

I expect Sandy and Ben may someday decide to start their own families, and news pages will announce engagements and acknowledge weddings — wonderful additions to family scrapbooks.

Their names will be in the news some more if they join boards of civic organizations, become youth leaders at church or volunteers at school. They might even start their own businesses, which will be recognized as well.

Then the families, along with

older brothers and sisters, will be planning a special anniversary celebration for their parents. Once again, the event will make the paper.

Individuals are the essence of community newspapers. After all, people make the news.

Today’s media landscape is more fractured than ever, underscoring the value of community newspapers in providing a living history of our hometowns. Many stories are easily gathered; others are more challenging.

They all represent the expense of time and resources by newspaper staffs.

During Sunshine Week, we pay tribute to the millions of readers who invite newspapers into their homes each day. I speak firsthand from many years sitting behind the editor’s desk. We enjoy the relationships we’ve made, and we hope our readers do, too.

- Jim Pumarlo is a member of the Minnesota Newspaper Association. He is a former editor of the Red Wing Republican Eagle and former board member of the Minnesota News Media Institute.

CVD Board: Support ‘Just for Nuts’

To the Editor:

The members of the Luverne Area Convention & Visitors Bureau enthusiastically support the efforts of the “Just for Nuts” 501C non-profit organization to site and construct the “world’s largest nutcracker” in Luverne.

Some of us were skeptical in 2017 when Roger Brooks’ assessment told our community that our “one big, unique thing” that could grow our tourism industry was the collection of nutcrackers at the History Center.

Over the past five years, as the collection and its reputation have increased, Brooks’ recommendation was spot-on.

The story of Luverne’s nutcracker collection is now seen via print, video and social media throughout the country which has increased our visitor traffic and improved the bottom line of our retail and service industries which depend on tourism to survive.

FROM OUR READERS

We believe that the world’s largest nutcracker will only improve our visitor traffic and increase the revenue of businesses in our community.

Our friends in Blue Earth, Minnesota, started seriously promoting their “Green Giant” in the past couple of years. Today they get about 40,000 visitors a year to stop by their statue.

Imagine what could happen if 40,000 additional visitors stopped in Luverne to see the “largest nutcracker.”

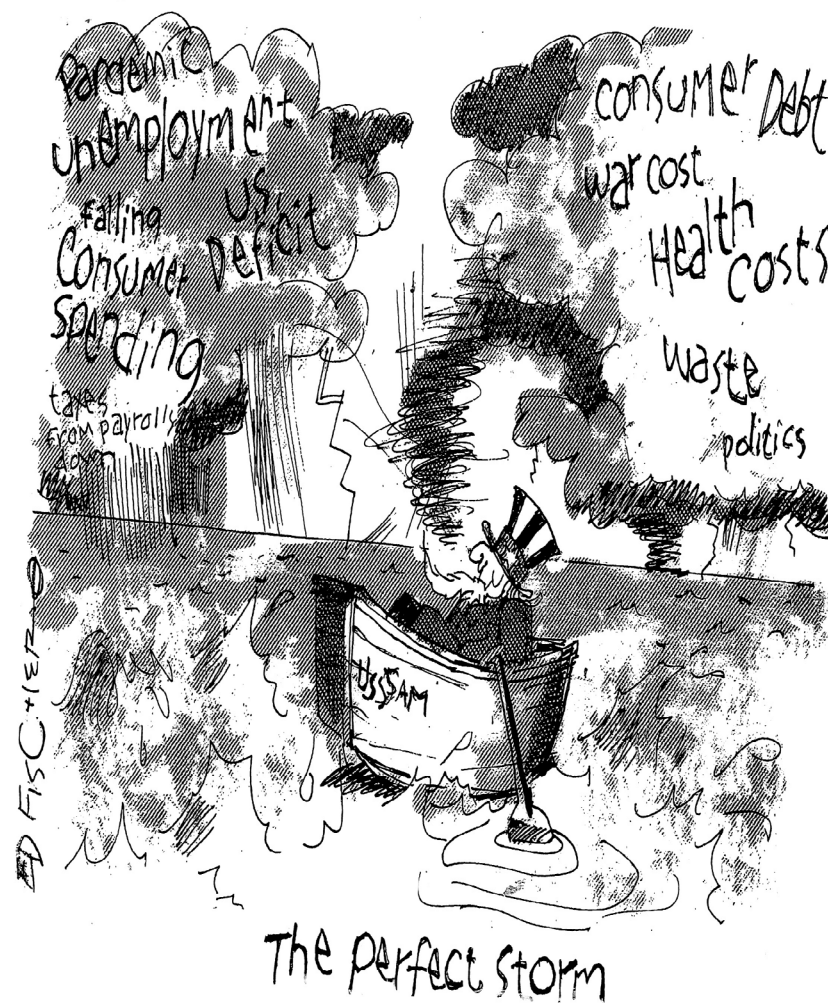
If we could get even a quarter of those visitors to go downtown to see the History Center’s collection and spend an hour or two ... Roger Brooks estimates that Luverne could see an additional \$2 million in revenue.

We urge you to work with the wonderful people of the “Just for

Nuts” organization to accomplish the goal of siting the “World’s Largest Nutcracker” in Luverne. We know that this will increase tourism ... that in turn will strengthen and grow our business community!

Your support to make this happen will make Luverne a better place to “live, work and play.”

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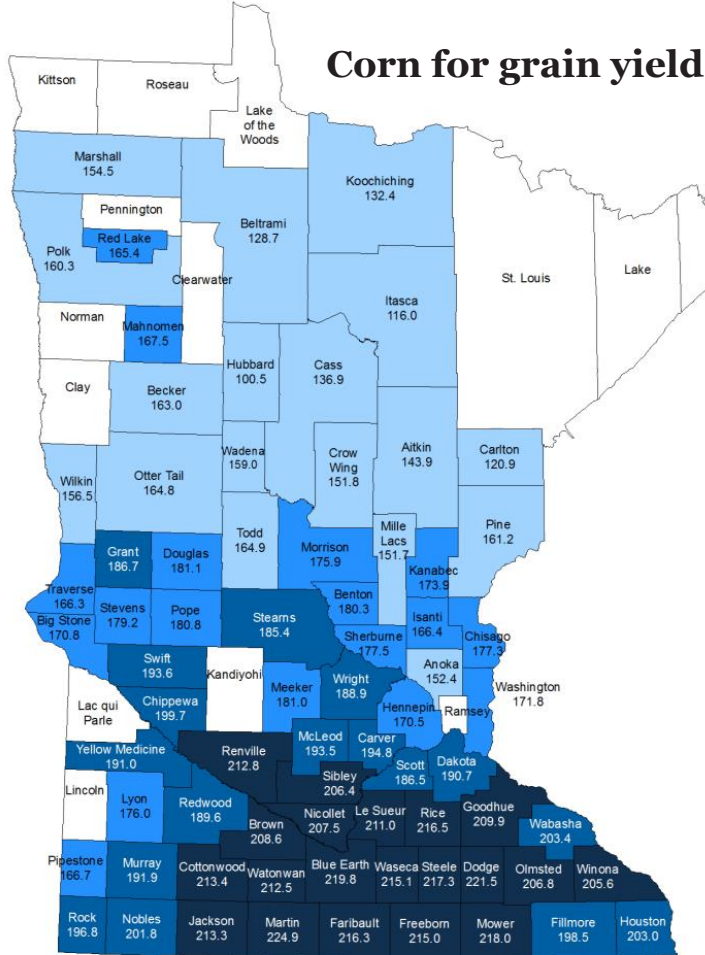
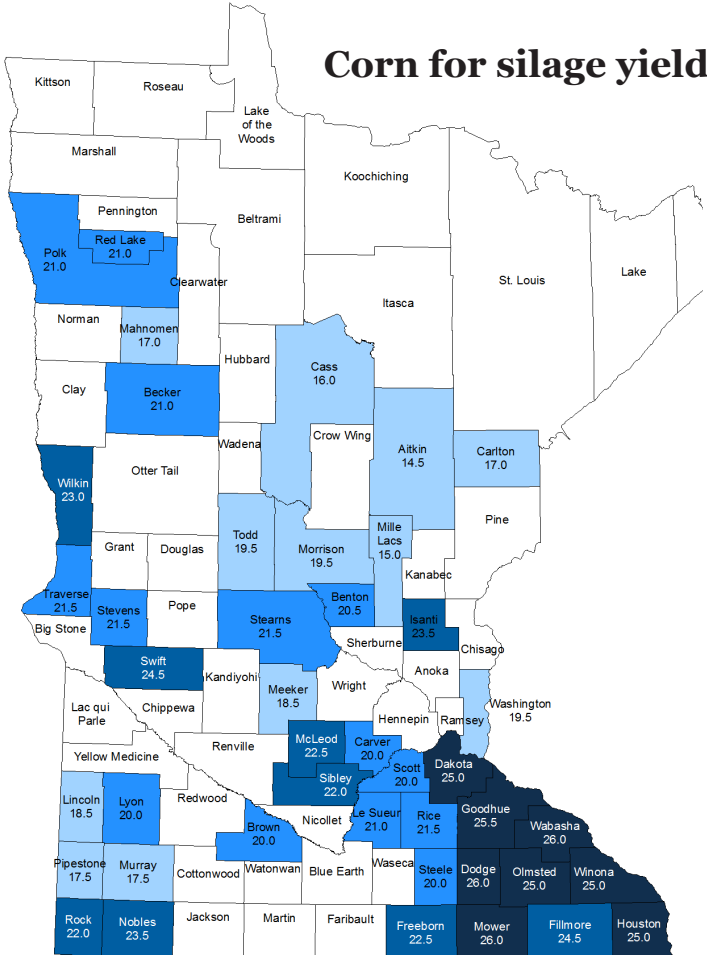
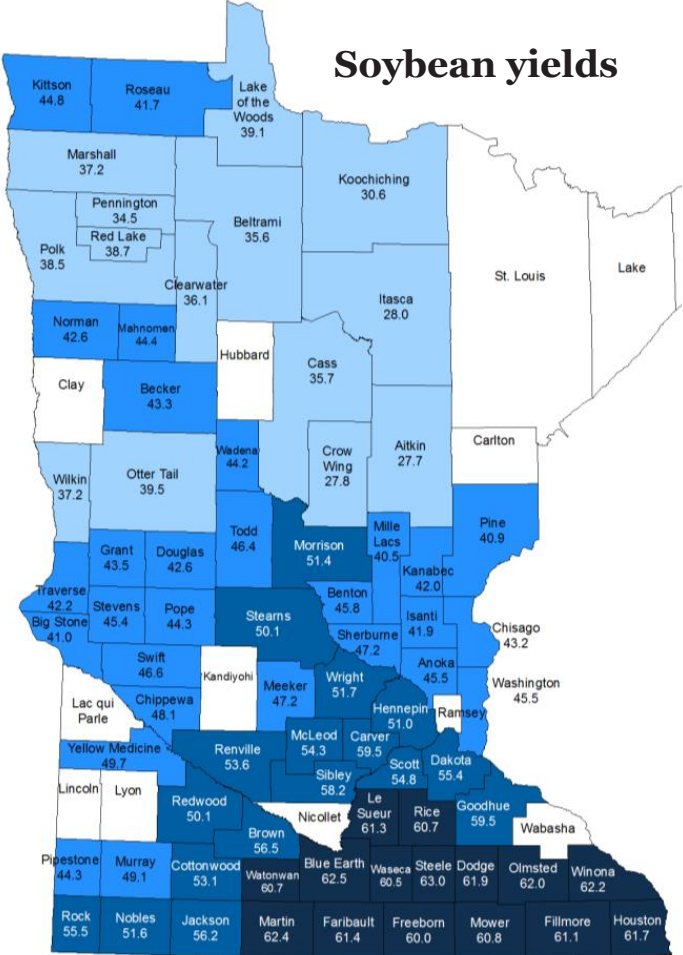
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The state average soybean yield was 50 bushels per acre in 2022. Rock County's yield was 55.5 bushels per acre.

The state average corn for silage yield was 21.5 tons per acre in 2022. Rock County averaged 22 tons per acre.

The state average corn for grain yield was 195 bushels per acre in 2022. Rock County averaged 196.8 bushels per acre.

Rock County corn and soybean yields from 2022 above state averages/continued from page 1

lion tons in 2022. Wabasha, Dodge and Mower counties tied for the highest corn silage yields in 2022 with an average of 26 tons per acre.

In soybean production for 2022, local farmers harvested 6.4 million bushels from 108,200 acres in Rock County with an average yield of 55.5 bushels per acre.

In 2021 producers harvested a near record-setting 61.5 bushels per acre.

The state average for soybean production in 2022 was 50 bushels per acre.

Faribault County led soybean production in the state with the harvest of 11.1 million bushels in 2022. (Rock County had 6 million). Steele County achieved the

highest soybean yield in 2022 with an average of 63 bushels per acre.

Several weather events affected Rock County in 2022 including a May 12 derecho, which barreled across the county with 70 mph winds, followed by tornado-like cells over Memorial Day weekend. Extreme heat settled into

the county in late June, bringing drought conditions through the summer into the fall harvest season.

State set corn yield records in 2022

According to farm management analyst Kent Thiesse, the 2022 corn yield average of 195 bushels per acre is a new statewide record. This

surpasses 194 bushels per acre in 2017, he noted in his March 5 “Focus on Ag” column.

Soybean yields didn’t rise to the record set in 2016 of 52 bushels per acre, but came close with 50 bushels per acre.

Thiesse noted extreme drought conditions continued to impact 2022 crop

yields in the neighboring states of South Dakota and Nebraska.

The average corn and soybean yields for South Dakota for 2022 were 135 and 38 bushels per acre respectively. Nebraska recorded average yields of 165 bushels per acre for corn and 49 bushels per acre for soybeans.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- March 3**
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a parking complaint.
 - Complainant on Crawford and Blue Mound Avenue reported a parking issue.
 - Complainant reported a scam.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.
- March 4**
- Complainant on E. Main Street reported a suspicious vehicle.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and W. Fletcher Street reported a garbage complaint.
- March 5**
- An outage was reported.
 - Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a scam.
 - Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Luverne, reported a road and drive law issue.
- March 6**
- Complainant on 110th Avenue and County Road 4, Luverne, reported debris.
 - A warrant was issued on N. Spring Street.
 - Complainant reported identity theft.
 - Complainant on County Road 6 and County Road 7 reported an abandoned vehicle.
 - Complainant on Sunshine Avenue reported vandalism.
 - Complainant on N. Spring Street reported suspicious activity.
- March 7**
- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.
 - Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a parking issue.
 - Complainant on Mackenzie Street and Main Street reported property damage.
 - Complainant on County Road 3 and Interstate 90, Magnolia, reported a transient.
 - Complainant on E. Main Street reported a suspicious vehicle.
- March 8**
- Complainant on Rapp and Jackson streets reported a parking complaint.
 - Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 22.5, Adrian, requested assistance from another department.
 - Complainant on E. Warren Street requested roadside assistance.
 - Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Luverne, reported a pedestrian.
 - Complainant on Highway 23, Jasper, reported a civil issue.
- In addition, officers responded to 9 motor vehicle accidents, 3 vehicles in the ditch, 1 transport, 1 escort, 6 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 11 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 alarm, 9 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 91 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 report of cattle out and 1 follow-up.

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at the current secondary school, both in Hills.

Construction will take place in 2024 and 2025.

Proposal anticipates decline in student enrollment

The review by the state indicates a decline in student enrollment of 8 to 13 percent annually, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

“If enrollment declines continue into the future and class sizes drop significantly below the status quo of slightly more than 20 students per grade, the district will likely face operational cost deficits prior to the competition of the debt service payments on the proposed bond issue which expires in 2046.”

The district expects to reduce

some of its operational costs through the construction of a new, more energy-efficient elementary school.

The enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year at H-BC for kindergarten through 12th grade is 344 students.

Upcoming referendum sessions planned

School officials plan two information sessions to inform voters on the two referendum questions and the projects included in the bond.

The first session takes place at the existing elementary school in Beaver Creek beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23.

The second session is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Hugo-Goehle gymnasium in Hills.

Representatives from the

school district, project architects, construction managers and the district’s financial advisers will be available to answer questions.

At both information sessions, the public is invited to tour the facilities and the projects included in the long-term building maintenance improvement plan.

An information brochure was recently mailed to district residents explaining the projects involved in the bond referendum and where and how residents can vote.

A copy is available online at www.hbc patriots.com under the “2023 Referendum” tab.

An impact calculator is also available for residents to gauge how the referendum may affect various property classifications.

Top honored by Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance

Shirley Top with Kozlowski Insurance Agency and Financial Services Inc., Luverne, has recently been recognized as a top-producing crop insurance agent for Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company.

FMH recognizes top-producing agents for total premium written each year.

Top has been recognized as placing 41st – up from 47th in 2021 – in the company’s Top 50 Agents in Private Crop Insurance Premium list.

In addition, Top ranked fifth in the state of Minnesota for combined Federal Crop



Shirley Top with Kozlowski Insurance Agency and Financial Services, Luverne, has been in the crop insurance business for 36 years.

Insurance and Crop Hail premium in 2022 with FMH.

This year marks 36 years in the crop insurance business for Top, who said

the most important part of her job is working with clients to help them understand options.

“I love working with farmers,” she said.

“I have never ‘just sold’ insurance. Rather, I show farmers their options and they decide which coverage is best for them.”

Top credited her adjuster, Brian Fick of FMH, for his support services.

“To no one’s surprise, in 2022 Brian was recognized by Farmers Mutual Hail as one of the top five adjusters in the company,” she said.

“Brian has passion as an adjuster to do things well and in a timely fashion.”

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Edison Houg receives a new book from Dr. Austin Spronk during a recent well-child visit at the Sanford Luverne Clinic. The clinic is a member of the Reach Out and Read program, which uses physicians and free books to stress the importance of reading to young children. Minnwest Bank of Luverne sponsors the cost of the free books.

‘Reach Out and Read’ continues to serve Sanford Luverne clients

By Mavis Fodness

A community literacy program continues at Sanford Luverne thanks to a donation from Minnwest Bank, Luverne.

Bank representatives donated \$2,500 to keep the nine-year-old program, “Reach Out and Read,” going locally.

“We are committed to building stronger, more vibrant communities everywhere Minnwest calls home,” said Melissa Fick, market president in Minnwest Bank, Luverne.

“Early childhood literacy contributes to the growth of the Luverne area and supports local families, and we are thrilled to be part of this work.”

Reach Out and Read is a nationwide nonprofit that integrates reading into pediatric practices. Families are advised about the importance of reading with their children, and as a catalyst, children receive free books at all well-child appointments.

“Our providers and staff focus on family-centered care, and they

“It’s a wonderful way to encourage healthy development and learning habits to families in the community, and it gives our youngest patients a fun surprise during their exam visit.”

*Tracy Schultz,
Sanford Luverne
Clinic director*

look forward to sharing books through this program,” said Tracy Schultz, Sanford Luverne Clinic director.

“It’s a wonderful way to encourage healthy development and learning habits to families in the community, and it gives our

youngest patients a fun surprise during their exam visit.”

Yearly about 750 books are distributed at the Luverne clinic.

Children begin receiving age-appropriate books at 6 months of age and continue to do so until age 5 or when the child begins kindergarten.

The community partnership for the Reach Out and Read program began in July 2014.

In Minnesota there are 306 clinics across the state who have distributed annually over 313,000 books to children. More than 2,200 doctors and clinicians have received training on the program’s impact.

The research completed by the nationwide Reach Out and Read program indicates parents who receive books from their physicians are 2.5 times more likely to read to their children.

Children who are read to regularly score 3 to 6 months ahead of non-participants in language development skills. These early foundational language skills help start children on the path of success by the time they start school.

Lars Larson of Hardwick continues Diamond Club story from early 1900s in Aug. 26, 1943, Star Herald

The following article is part of the Diamond Club Member group that began in the January 7, 1943, issue of the Rock County Star Herald. Members of this group consist of persons of age 75 and older.

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Aug. 26, 1943.

(Lars Larson of Hardwick continues his story from last week.)

There were no public schools at that time, and the education the children did get was obtained from classes conducted in the homes. School was held one week in each home, and the Norwegian language was used exclusively until the public schools came into being. One of her teachers, she recalls, was Christopher Helgeson.

Her father went to Sibley the first year or two he was here to have their wheat ground into flour. Trips were made to Mud Creek, near where the present town of Hills is now located by ox-team and lumber wagon. A hard plank across the wagon box was the only seat.

“Thinking back,” says Mrs. Larson, “I don’t see how they could pull through in those days. But in spite of the hardships, I can’t remember that we ever went hungry.”

When she was about 16, she worked as a maid in Luverne for one of the bankers. Her salary was \$1.50 per week, and that sum was hard-earned. On wash days, she would get up at 3 a.m. and rub all the clothes clean on a wash board. In the winter time, when there was no rain water, she would melt snow and ice to obtain soft water to do the washing. In addition she did the housework, cleaning, baking, and other tasks to earn her meager salary.

Although the country was “quite civilized” when her parents moved here, there were times that Indians were seen in this section of the country. Most of



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

them were trappers and had their trap lines along the Rock river. Although they never did any harm, they often came to the homes to beg something to eat, and as a rule, they were never refused by the frightened housewives.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson have two children, the Misses Inga and Helen Larson, both of whom live at home.

Mr. Larson has one brother, Nels Larson, Luverne, and one sister, Mrs. Harold Sambo, of Willmar, living. There were six boys and four girls in the family at one time.

Mrs. Larson has only one brother, Ben Roen, of Vienna township, who is living. The family once numbered eight children, and Mrs. Larson and Mr. Roen are the two youngest.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of Our Savior’s Lutheran church here, having joined after they moved here in 1920. However, when they lived on the farm, they were members of the Blue Mound Lutheran church, and Mr. Larson served as church treasurer for many years.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iuv.net.

LHS Class of ‘60 grad is ‘Veterinarian of Year’

Roger Madison of Zumbrota was recently named Minnesota’s 2022 Veterinarian of the Year.

Madison graduated from Luverne High School in 1960 and attended the University of Minnesota, where he received his veterinary medicine degree in 1966.

He worked his first veterinary job in Grand Meadow.

Madison joined the Zumbrota Veterinary Clinic in 1967 and purchased the practice in 1971 with three other veterinarians. Since 2010, he’s worked at Anderson Veterinary Services.

Madison and his wife, Barb, have two grown sons and four granddaughters.

The Minnesota Veterinarian Medical Association each year honors one of its MVMA members who “has given much to the veterinary profession as well as to their community — a well-rounded member who is outstanding in the profession.”

ON THE RECORD

10 years ago (2013)

•Luverne High School art students, Josey Kockelman-Radtke, Nikki Severson and Cora Mumme put the finishing touches a large 8-by-10-foot mural in a stairwell landing near the high school lobby Thursday afternoon, March 7. The students are all taking a senior high independent art class with Chris Nowatzki and collaborated on this project, which combines the impressionistic style of Claude Monet with the modern brush strokes of Chuck Close. ...

The mural had to be approved by school administration, and Superintendent Gary Fisher said he is pleased with the end result.

25 years ago (1998)

•Warmer days may bring changes along Highway 75 in Luverne.

Tuesday, Luverne Economic Development Authority members discussed the possibility that a new Jubilee Foods grocery store may be going up on the former Lampert Lumber property south of the railroad tracks. Jubilee owner Tony Bosch owns the property.

Long-standing questions about removing a rail spur and purchasing property owned by Southwest Minnesota Farmers Co-op Elevator are still being worked out privately, according to City Administrator Matt Hylen. He said, although the city has been approached for general development assistance Bosch hasn’t made any specific requests.

Mayor Bill Weber said, “I’d like to see a complete package when Jubilee comes in.” A timetable and specific plans are not known.

Weber said it takes minimum of 60 days to process Tax Increment Financing, if it is needed.

50 years ago (1973)

•Damage in last Tuesday’s fire at the Luverne elementary school has been appraised at about \$15,000, Supt. Harvey Eitrem said this week.

This includes damage to the room where the fire was confined, and to the inventory in the room. The room was used for storage, and housed a substantial stock of paper which was destroyed. Also destroyed was the Luverne Little League baseball equipment, Eitrem said.

The loss was covered by insurance.

75 years ago (1948)

•The American Legion’s boxing event, held last Wednesday night, attracted a “full house” to the Luverne armory. A crowd estimated at about 800 persons—exceeding the hopes of even the most optimistic local promoters—saw 22 regular bouts, and three exhibition bouts, and liked them.

Starting the evening’s card was an exhibition match between two young Luverne grade school boys, Arlen Anderson and David Schuett. The two scrappy little youngsters captivated the crowd to the extent that when the match was over, dimes, quarters and half dollars were being tossed into the ring by spectators from all angles. When the boys had finished picking up the coins, each had about \$13.50 to pocket, which is more than a lot of professional boxers pick up in three-round exhibition matches.

Also appearing in exhibition matches, and

giving a good account to themselves were Dallas Meyer and Boyd Beyer, and Gene Olson and Donald Spease. ...

Two of Luverne’s entries lost by technical knockouts. Rodney Hoepner lost to Lloyd St. Pierre of Flandreau in the bantam weight division, while Jerry Veech, Slayton, gave Bryce Mork as much as he thought he could take in two rounds, in the welterweight division.

Both the Luverne boxers showed they were capable of dishing out the punches, but they appeared to be lacking in stamina, which no doubt was due to the short time they had had to train for the meet.

Jim Welch, Luverne, stayed with Ray Torkelson, Slayton, for three rounds, but lost the decision. ...

The promoters of the fights expressed their gratitude to all who helped with arrangements, particularly those who helped with the advance ticket sale.

100 years ago (1923)

•James Brandenburg was the winner of the large sack of Pillsbury’s Best flour which had been offered by the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. as a prize to the person who most accurately guessed its weight.

The contest was open from February 27th until Tuesday evening, when the large sack which during this time had been on display in the Carl P. Houg hardware store window, was weighed.

Its weight was 533 1/2 pounds. Mr. Brandenburg’s guess was 538 pounds and 9 ounces.

Luverne High School math league competes at state

By Mavis Fodness

For the third year in a row, a Luverne High School math league team participated in state competition.

The 10-member team competed at South St. Paul High School on Monday, March 13, finishing in seventh place.

Members include seniors Mallo-ry Von Tersch, Parker Carbonneau, Camden Janiszkeski, Anja Jarchow, Reese Louwagie, Logan Ommen; juniors Zoey Berghorst, Steven Woods; freshmen Ella Hoogendorn and Zander Carbonneau.

Third-year adviser Aaron Perkins said 46 students were members of this year's LHS math league, with students participating in one or more of five meets conducted each month since November.

The Luverne math league finished first in Section 2A and was runner-up in the Dynamic South Division, finishing behind Montevideo High School.

"It was close the entire year," Perkins said. "We had four of the top 10 scores in both divisions and section."

Perkins said competition is tough at the state level.

Teams answer as many of the 24 questions they can in 12 minutes — many without the use of a calculator — in the four topic areas of algebra, geometry, trigonometry and precalculus.



Mavis Fodness photo/0223 Math League 2023

The Luverne High School math league team competed at the state tournament at South St. Paul High School Monday, March 13. Members include (front, from left) Mallory Von Tersch, Zoey Berghorst, Anja Jarchow, Reese Louwagie, (back) Parker Carbonneau, Logan Ommen, Camden Janiszkeski, Ella Hoogendorn, Steven Woods and Zander Carbonneau.

LSS meals at Generations

Monday, March 20: Pasta in meat sauce, romaine salad with dressing, pine-apple chunks, breadstick, dessert.

Tuesday, March 21: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, pears, bread, bar.

Wednesday, March 22: Egg bake with sausage, carrots, apple sauce, coffee cake.

Thursday, March 23: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, California Normandy vegetables, bread, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Luv/Luverne.

Friday, March 24: Baked ham with sauce, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, pudding.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

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

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

OBITUARIES

Ronald Rauk

Ronald Rauk, age 75, of Beaver Creek, Minnesota, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family on March 10, 2023.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 21, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be on Wednesday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the church with burial to follow at Beaver Creek Cemetery. To sign an online registry and view a life tribute video, please visit www.hartquist-funeral.com.

Ronald Edward Rauk was born on March 20, 1947, to Edward and Elizabeth (Keehr) Rauk in Seaside, Oregon. They moved to Beaver Creek shortly after his parents were discharged from the United States Army. He was baptized at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls at the age of nine prior to having surgery. He attended grades 1-12 in the Beaver Creek School where he graduated in 1965. He played baseball, basketball and football.

He furthered his education at Worthington Junior College in Worthington, Minnesota, and at Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He left school to help his father and grandfather at Rauk's General Store. Ron started driving school bus for H-BC School District in 1970 until retiring in 2021.

On October 17, 1970, he was united in marriage to Marlys Peterson at Dalesburg Lutheran Church in rural Vermillion, South Dakota. The couple made their home in Beaver Creek. Ron continued to operate the family store after the death of his father. He and Marlys built Rauk's Hilltop Stop in 1995. When his health was failing, his nephews took over



the operation of the store which they eventually purchased. Ron had a liver transplant at Mayo Clinic in 2000 and a kidney transplant at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls in 2008. On March 10, 2023, while in his home surrounded by his loving family, Ron went to be with his Lord and Savior at the age of 75 years, 11 months, and 21 days.

Ron was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek where he attended Sunday School and confirmation. He later served as an elder and was a Sunday School teacher.

In his younger years, he enjoyed bowling and golfing. Ron was passionate about serving the Beaver Creek community. He coached his son's Hills-Beaver Creek baseball team, was a volunteer fireman for 36 years, served on the Southwest Opportunity council, city council, and was mayor for three terms. He was also a member of the Beaver Creek Jaycees where he served as president and state chaplain. Ron loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. He loved slipping them money without Marlys' knowledge. Ron touched the lives of many children in his 51 years of driving school bus. Any relative or friend that had a nickname, it probably came from Ron.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Marlys, of Beaver Creek; two children, Ryan of Beaver Creek and Linnea Cooper and her husband Brandon of Mitchell, South Dakota; four grandchildren, Austin (Kendra) Rauk, Dewell Rauk, and Colton and Collie Cooper; great-grandson Boden Rauk; Gina Rauk; sisters Mareda (Keith) Bertelson of Sioux Falls and Roxanne Rauk of Sioux Falls; sister-in-law Mary Rauk of Beaver Creek; and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Rick.

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Patsy Austin

Patsy "Pat" Austin, 71, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, March 2, 2023, surrounded by family.

A funeral service was Friday, March 10, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls.

Pat Ranschau was born at the Luverne Hospital on June 4, 1951, to Frank and Virginia (Borman) Ranschau. She attended K-12 and graduated from Luverne High School.

She cherished her deep connection with her father, with whom she enjoyed activities such as fishing, golfing, and playing Connect Four.

After attending beauty school in Pipestone, she met Ricky Austin. They were married on Feb. 14, 1970, (-1976) moved to Luverne, and had two children, John and Pamela. They also resided in Jasper, Garretson, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Pat worked for many years as a customer service representative and retired as an accounting assistant at Sioux Falls Housing Authority. She enjoyed adventuring in her motor home, fishing the "Big River," motorcycle riding, and spending time with



her siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pat was an avid jewelry maker, creating beautiful pieces that were cherished by her family and friends. She also created stained glass creations for her family and churches, and she won first place in a stained-glass show. She was also a masterful seamstress, creating many items for her family.

Pat was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016, and in 2021 she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.

Pat is survived by her son, John Austin of Sioux Falls; her daughter, Pam (Mark) Olson of Sioux Falls; her grandchildren, Kristine (Brady), Daniel (Maggie), Jordan (Steph), Gierra, Jasmine, Kelsey, Jesse, Jordyn, and Jason; 14 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Jim Ranschau of Luverne, Janet (Jose) Quesada of Tacoma, Washington, Peggy (Jim) Rokala of Minneapolis, Jeff (Connie) Ranschau of Cle Elum, Washington, and Julie (Bryon) Foote of Worthington; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com.

(0316 F)

Eleanore Gretillat

Eleanore Rose Gretillat, 88, Luverne, died Sunday, March 12, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. Monday, March 20, at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Dingmann Funeral Home, in Luverne. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery in rural Elmore at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 21.

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

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Luverne boys' hockey team plays two tough teams at state

By Greg Hooegeveen

The Luverne boys' hockey team traveled to St. Paul for the Minnesota State Hockey Tournament last week where the Cardinals faced some of the state's toughest competition.

In the opening quarterfinal round March 8 Luverne faced No. 2-seeded Hermantown at the Xcel Energy Center, losing 6-0 to the defending state champions.

Luverne then faced No. 3-seeded Alexandria Area in a consolation semifinal game March 9 at 3M Arena at Mariucci in Minneapolis.

The Cardinals fell to Alexandria 7-3, marking the end of their 2022-23 season.

Quarterfinal Hermantown 6, LHS 0

The No. 7-seeded Luverne boys' hockey team took on No. 2-seeded Hermantown Wednesday, March 8, at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

"Opening round of the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center is an experience like none other," said head coach Phil Paquette.

Hermantown, the Class A defending champion, beat Luverne 6-0, outshooting the Cardinals 49 to 13 in the game.

Junior LHS goalie Tyler Arends stopped 43 shots in the game while giving up six goals to a strong Hawks team.

Luverne had 13 shots on goal in the game against junior goaltender Dane Callaway for the Hawks.

"Our boys battled with one of the best teams in the state," Paquette said.

"An unfortunate flurry of three goals in one minute by Hermantown in the middle of the first period put us in a tough spot."

Hermantown scored three goals in the first and third periods of the game. The second period had no scoring by either side.

"I was proud of our guys for sticking with it and continuing to battle," Paquette said. "At that point it would have



No. 7-seeded Luverne boys' hockey team warms up for their first state hockey game Wednesday, March 8, at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. The Cardinals faced state defending champions No. 2-seeded Hermantown, losing 6-0 in the quarterfinal game.



Senior Brock Behrend drives the puck into Hermantown's zone March 8 at the Xcel Energy Center. The Cardinals lost 6-0 to Hermantown in the state quarterfinal game.



Luverne students (from left) senior Josie Anderson, junior Elle Halverson and senior Carly Olsen hold signs at the Luverne boys' hockey game at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul March 8.

been easy to give up. ... We had opportunities to score and put some pressure on Hermantown but couldn't make it happen."

Shooting for Luverne, sophomore Alexander Schlosser had one shot on goal, senior Brady Bork had two shots, sophomore Layke Miller had one shot, senior Brock Behrend attempted two shots, junior Elliot Domagala had two shots, sophomore Blaik Bork had one shot, junior Patrick Kroski had one shot, freshmen Maddux Domagala had two shots and junior Henry Hartquist had one shot on goal.

Consolation Semifinal Alexandria 7, Luverne 3

In the consolation semifinal game Luverne took on the No. 3-seeded Alexandria Area Cardinals Thursday, March 9, at 3M Arena at Mariucci in Minneapolis.

Last season Alexandria finished in fourth place at the state tournament, losing to Mahtomedi 4-2.

"Alexandria is a team that is led by seniors; they turned their season around completely midway through the year," Paquette said.

"They play fast and physical hockey and came into the consolation round ready to roll."

The game with Alexandria started with trading possessions and feeling out how each team matched up.

Alexandria did score early in the first period at 2:14 in the game. Luverne was able to hold off any other scoring opportunities to finish the first period down by one goal.

In the second period Alexandria scored two quick goals, the first at 2:05 and the second coming at 4:31.

The Cardinals didn't back down after finding themselves in a three-goal deficit, scoring at 7:23 in the second period.

Junior Elliot Domagala scored the

Boys hockey/see p.14



Greg Hooegeveen photo/0316 GBB seniors LHS seniors (from left) Elizabeth Wagner, Jocelyn Hart, Averill Sehr, Emma Beyer, Lauren Hansen, Christina Wagner and Jadyln Hart along with head coach TJ Newgard receive their runner-up plaque after losing 44-32 to New London-Spicer in the Section 3AA Championship game March 10.

LHS girls' basketball team falls short in section championship ending season

By Greg Hooegeveen

The Luverne girls' basketball team traveled to Marshall to take on New London-Spicer Friday, March 10, for the Section 3AA Championship.

Region 3A No. 1-seeded Luverne fell 44-32 to Region 5A No. 1-seeded New London-Spicer Wildcats in a heartbreaking game for LHS.

"This loss was hard to swallow, and I am not sure when I will get over it," head coach TJ Newgard said.

"I felt like this team had what it takes to play in the state tournament and thought they deserved that opportunity."

Luverne started the game with great energy but was unable to get the ball to drop.

"I think a few missed shots by us and a couple made by them really cast some doubt in our minds," Newgard said.

"We were never able to get anything going offensively in the first half. Part of that was our lack of execution, but it was also a result of their ball pressure."

The Wildcats kept Luverne to only eight points in the first half while scoring 24 of their own.

"The second half we just talked about leaving it all on the floor," Newgard said.

"We played our game in the second half, and if we had played like that in the first half, I think this game would have been closer."

Newgard reflected

Girls' basketball/see p.14

Starting a trend that lasts a lifetime

I just had a birthday last month and reached the tender age of 62. Most of us, by the time we reach our 60s, have a few grandchildren running around. There are limitless ball games to attend, choir concerts, band, and for sure birthday parties to attend.

Now, I may be ... not may be ... am a little old-fashioned. When I see kids opening presents, I see a pile of gifts comprised of all the current hot trends. Electronics, sports equipment, and a ton of toys.

I have often wondered just how many toys a kid needs to be happy. I have one granddaughter that



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

must have over 50 mermaids.

We can all identify some special thing or things our kids and grandkids have a soft spot for. The thing that has become very clear to me is that almost all of those hit items will not even be of interest to said child or gone in the trash in the short span of only a few years.

The money spent on those kinds of gifts will end up getting sold on a rummage sale or outright tossed in way too short a time. This is money spent with a very short-term reward.

The other thing I notice, and it does not matter who the recipient is, almost all of those gifts require batteries or an electrical plug. In many cases it allows the child or youth to spend

countless hours in their room by themselves with no social interaction with any other human. We are raising a generation of kids with little to no connection to the outdoors.

Humans, especially kids, have an inherited desire to interact with wild things. Imagine taking 1,000 kids and putting them all in an event center with every kind of toy ever manufactured, regardless of their social status, race, geographical location or a limitless number of other factors. Each and every one of them would be attracted

Outdoors/see p.14



BMFS to hold annual ice show "The 90's Rewind" March 17 and 18

The Blue Mound Figure Skaters will host their 32nd Annual Ice Show, "The '90s Rewind," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, and at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

"Skaters will put on over 100 matinees in the show highlighting all the great things from the entire decade," said Katie Kopp of the Blue Mound Figure Skaters.

Tickets can be purchased in

advance at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Monday, March 13, or Thursday, March 16.

Advance prices are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the nights of the show for \$10.

For details visit www.blue-moundfigureskating.com or see the BMFS Facebook page.



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Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, March 16: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, March 19: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and 4th Grade Milestone. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10 a.m. Coffee/Sunday School and Drums. 1-3 p.m. K-5th Grade Easter Escapt Room. 6-8 p.m. Senior blanket making. Monday, March 20: Grace notes deadline. Tuesday, March 21: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, March 22: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 3:15 p.m. Bread-making for 5th Graders. 5-6:30 p.m. Lenten supper. 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service. 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace rehearsal. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.gracluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

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

Friday, March 17: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, March 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 2-4 p.m. Haitian Experience. Tuesday, March 21: 7 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, March 22: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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

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

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

Saturday, March 18: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, March 19: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Blessing of the Quilts. Monday, March 20: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Messenger deadline. Tuesday, March 21: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6 p.m. Trustee meeting. 6:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, March 22: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. **5:30 p.m. Community Meal.** 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Presbyterian Church. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-2131; email: fpcemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 15: 9 a.m. Morning Circle, 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Circle, NO Choir rehearsals, 7 p.m. Lenten Service at United Methodist Church. Saturday, March 18: 10 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal. Sunday, March 19: Camp Sunday,

9 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays), Youth Sunday School during Worship, 11:15 Music Staff meeting. Wednesday, March 22: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6 p.m. Chancel Choir, 7 p.m. Lenten Service. 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: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, March 19: 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, March 22: 7 p.m. Lenten Service at First Lutheran Chuch. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Sunday, March 19: 9 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, March 22: 7 p.m. Lenten service at First Lutheran Church. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

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

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

Sundays: 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

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

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

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

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

The Garden

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser, First Baptist Church

"And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.'" Matthew 26:36

Jesus arrives in the Garden of Gethsemane "to be with the Father for an interlude before his betrayal, but found hell rather than heaven open before him" as one commentator recounts that night. Jesus knew the hour was fast approaching for his betrayal and his painful crucifixion.

Jesus prays for "this cup to pass", referring to the prophet Isaiah describing it as the cup of God's holy wrath. This cup contains the full fury and fierceness of God's holy wrath poured out against all sin. We discover in Scripture that it's intended for all of sinful humanity to drink. It's your cup... and mine.

C. J. Mahoney says, "In the vivid imagery of the Old Testament, this cup is filled with 'fire and sulfur and a scorching wind' like some volcanic firestorm, like all the fury of Mount St. Helens' eruption, concentrated within a coffee mug. No wonder Scriptures say that tasting from the cup caused the drinker to 'stagger and be crazed.' No wonder that, when Jesus stares into the detestable vessel, he stumbles to the ground."

Listen to this verse as if for the very first time: "For God so loved the world..." that he's silent at this moment when his Son appeals for an alternative.

Jesus is going to the cross to bear our sins. He is experiencing utter distress and total abandonment with absolute wrath from his Father on the cross because of your sins ... and my sins.

In the darkest hour for our Savior do you recognize his love for you?

"Yet not what I will, but your will."

Jesus says, "Father, I will willingly drink this cup, I will drink it all." He did not leave a single drop, so that we might be saved from God's wrath for sin.

He drank it all. He drank it all so your sins and my sins can be forgiven.

Take time to consider what a wonderful Savior we have.

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School District #2184 seeks group insurance bids

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Luverne ISD #2184
Notice is hereby given that Luverne ISD #2184 requests proposals for Group Health Insurance.
Specifications will be available from the District's agent of record, National Insurance Services, at 14852 Scenic Heights Road, Suite 210, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, phone 800-627-3660.
Proposals are due no later than 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, to Luverne ISD #2184 at 709 North Kniss Ave, Luverne, MN 56156 and as specified in the RFP. (03-09, 03-16)

Bauman probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
In Re: Estate of
Dallas Dale Bauman, a/k/a Dallas D. Bauman,
a/k/a Dallas Bauman,
Deceased
Court File No. 67-PR-23-52
PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated December 2, 2022, and for the appointment of David James Goedken, whose address is 28413 Bulick Avenue, Adrian, Minnesota 56110, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.
Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date Filed: March 6, 2023
/s/ Terry S. Vajrjt
District Court Judge
Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #389457
(COURT SEAL)
(03-16, 03-23)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 21

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 24, 2021
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,780.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Noah D. Meyer, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1005210-0808093166-7
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank
SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 30, 2021, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 200387
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The South Sixty (S 60) feet of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in Barck, Adams, and Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 703 N Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0258-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$87,487.88
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: April 21, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on October 21, 2023, or the next business day if October 21, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday..
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: Feb. 20, 2023
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
Gary J. Evers - 0134764
Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210
Eagan, MN 55121
(952) 831-4060

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
(03-02, 03-09, 03-16, 03-23, 03-30, 04-06)

Notice of delinquent taxes

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST
A list of real property in Rock County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Rock County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.
The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus interest and costs, or file a written objection with the district court administrator. The objection must be filed by April 19, 2023, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.
For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 8, 2023. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.
You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.
If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).
It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.
To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown St, PO Box 509, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0509. You may also contact the Auditor-Treasurer at (507) 283-5060 or ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us.

/s/ Natalie Reisch
District Court Administrator
Fifth Judicial District
Date: February 10, 2023

District Court Seal

DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
The following table contains a list of real property located in Rock County on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, 2022. Interest calculated from January 1, 2022, and county costs must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of real property to be removed from the delinquent tax list.				
NAME OF OWNERS, TAXPAYERS & INTERESTED PARTIES				TOTAL TAX AND PENALTY
PARCEL NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		YEAR		
TOWN OF BATTLE PLAIN				
KARI M LEWIS-MATHEWS & CHRISTOPHER W MATHEWS	01-0093-000 SEC-22 TWP-104 RNG-44 5.76 A TR IN N 760' OF W 330' OF NW 1/4 EXC 0.29 A TR #75 & EXC 0.11 A CSAH #2	2022	648.83	
TOWN OF BEAVER CREEK				
LESTER K ROLLAG TRUSTEE OF LESTER K ROLLAG TRUST	02-0232-000 SEC-13 TWP-102 RNG-47 SE 1/4 160.00 ACRES	2022	2,841.30	
TOWN OF CLINTON				
MARILYN LOUISE SHEEHAN	03-0216-000 VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 4	2022	252.00	
TOWN OF DENVER				
DOUGLAS DEAN LAFRENZ	04-0052-000 SEC-04 TWP-104 RNG-45 A 4.44 A TR IN S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 COM AT + OF C L OF US HWY 75 WITH S LN OF SEC 3, NWLY ON C L 1236.6', WLY 75' TO POB, WLY 15', NWLY 123.24', WLY 467.38', SLY 190.20', SELY 199.17', SLY 170.63', SELY 504.27', NWLY 389.87' TO POB	2022	661.85	
TOWN OF KANARANZI				
NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS LLC	05-0027-300 SEC-15 TWP-101 RNG-44 CELLULAR TOWER SITE IN E 376' OF S 1056' OF SE 1/4	2022	443.25	
TOWN OF LUVERNE				
MICHAEL BOS	06-0122-300 SEC-19 TWP-102 RNG-45 9.83 A TR IN SE 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT SE COR OF SD SE 1/4; N 1422' TO POB; W 594'; N 721'; E 594'; S 721' TO POB EXC 2.65 A TR DESC AS: COM AT SE COR OF SEC 19; NLY ON E LN OF SEC 19 1758' TO POB; CONTN NLY ON SE E LN 385'; WLY 300'; SLY 385'; ELY 300' TO POB 7.18 ACRES	2022	440.51	
PAT BOSER	06-0279-000 SEC-16 TWP-102 RNG-45 1.10 A TR BEG AT + OF N LN OF NE 1/4 & N LN OF US HWY 16 R/W; W 460' ON N SEC LN; SLY 225.17' TO N LN OF R/W; NELY ALG SD N HWY R/W 516' TO POB 1.10 ACRES	2022	51.75	
TOWN OF ROSE DELL				
AARON J OLUND & ASHLEY D FACILE	10-0191-000 SEC-11 TWP-104 RNG-47 20.05 A TR IN E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 BEG AT NE COR OF NW 1/4; SLY 632' TO PT 6.06' WLY OF E LN OF SD NW 1/4; WLY 457'; SWLY 84.24'; WLY 141.4'; NLY 35.51'; WLY 715.93'; NLY 664.5' TO NW COR OF SD E 1/2 OF NW 1/4; ELY 1325.22' TO POB	2022	1,599.29	
TOWN OF SPRINGWATER				
CHAD WILLIAMSON & TROY WILLIAMSON & TRAVIS WILLIAMSON	11-0102-000 SEC-23 TWP-103 RNG-47 THAT PART OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 23 & LOT 1 IN SEC 22 DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 23; WLY ALG N LN OF SD LOT 1 IN SEC 22 263.59' TO NW COR OF SD LOT 1 IN SEC 22; S ALG W LN OF LOT 1 1205.33'; E 54.89'; SELY 466.85'; SELY 180.38'; SELY 53.92'; SE 97.77'; SELY 232.76'; SELY 377.29'; SELY 111.06'; SELY 502.86' TO S LN OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SEC 23'; ELY ALG S LN 236.16' TO SE COR OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4; NLY ALG E LN OF W 1/2 NW 1/4 2654.67' TO NE COR OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4; WLY ALG N LN OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 1335.19' TO POB LESS 0.52 A HWY #20 71.54 ACRES	2022	572.40	
LEO SWENSON C/O ANDY SWENSON PERS REP	11-0183-000 SEC-35 TWP-103 RNG-46 THAT PART OF NE 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NE COR OF SEC 35; SLY ALG E LN OF NE 1/4 2636.57' TO E QTR COR; WLY ALG S LN OF NE 1/4 804.6'; NLY 930.35'; SELY 515'; NWLY 1680'; CONTN NWLY 50' TO N LN OF NE 1/4; ELY ALG SD N LN 320.83' TO POB 29.09 ACRES	2022	1,193.92	
CITY OF BEAVER CREEK				
THOMAS B & LINDA SWANSON	13-0058-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 11	2022	482.57	
STEVE SOLDWISCH	13-0078-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 3 & S 15' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 14	2022	564.75	
CITY OF HARDWICK				
MISTY J BAKER	14-0040-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION S 1.5' OF E 40' OF OUTLOT 2 & S 1/5' OF W 60' OF OUTLOT 3 & N 98.5' OF W 100' OF E 140' OF OUTLOT 4	2022	328.49	
STEVE SOLDWISCH	14-0095-000 ROSS'S ADDITION S 75' OF LOT 32	2022	479.25	
TRAVIS SCHOOLMEESTER	14-0099-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION LOTS 9 & 10 & E 1/2 OF LOT 11 BLOCK 1	2022	1,239.75	
TRAVIS SCHOOLMEESTER	14-0100-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION W 1/2 OF LOT 11 & ALL OF LOTS 12 THRU 14 BLOCK 1	2022	1,030.75	
JONNA DULL	14-0104-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION LOTS 8 & 9 BLOCK 2	2022	102.72	
JAMES PETERSEN	14-0110-100 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION S 40' OF LOT 17 & ALL OF LOT 18 BLK 2	2022	153.00	
JAMES A HALLOWAY & NICOLE HALVERSON	14-0125-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 1	2022	1,048.50	
JONNA DULL	14-0130-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 1 BLOCK 2	2022	210.90	
CITY OF HILLS				
DAVID J & BRENDA L HANSEL	15-0009-000 SEC-21 TWP-101 RNG-46 W 190' OF E 302' OF S 190' OF SW 1/4 EXC 0.17 A TR DESC AS: COM AT S 1/4 COR OF SEC 21; WLY ALG S LN OF SW 1/4 303.48'; NLY 190.4'; ELY 40'; SLY 190.16' TO S LN OF SW 1/4; WLY ALG SD S LN 40' TO POB	2022	1,347.57	
KEITH & CHRISTIE MOUNCE	15-0037-000 COUNTY AUDITOR'S HILLS OUTLOTS E 163.7' OF N 225' OF OUTLOT 14	2022	761.35	
MILDRED KESTERSON	15-0047-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 5 & N 1/2 OF LOT 6 BLOCK 2	2022	1,982.25	
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	15-0092-000 ORIGINAL PLAT N 38' OF LOT 11; ALL OF LOTS 12, 13 & 14 BLOCK 10	2022	2,000.25	
ROGER C RUSSELL & CHARLOTTE R RUSSELL	15-0201-000 HELGESON'S & QUALLEY'S ADDITION S 32' OF LOT 4 & S 56' OF LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 25	2022	733.46	
JERRY & SHIRLEY J JOHNSON	15-0212-000 HELGESON'S & QUALLEY'S ADDITION N 92' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 28	2022	1,649.20	
JUD DUNN	15-0234-000 QUALLEY ADDITION N 34' OF LOT 11 & S 38' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 2	2022	3,575.25	
CITY OF JASPER				
PEGGY GULBRANDSON	16-0042-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 16	2022	169.06	
DENNIS & RHONDA GALLOP O - BERNICE HONKEN ET AL	16-0047-000 ROSE DELL ADDTION LOT 4 BLOCK 17	2022	347.20	
MARTINEZ CONCRETE LLC	16-0051-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION COM AT PT 155' N OF NE COR OF BLK 14 IN ROSE DELL ADDITION & BNG POB; N 75'; W 150'; S 75'; E 150' TO POB	2022	704.25	
MAURICIO MARTINEZ	16-0053-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION W 75' OF E 225' OF LOWER PARK	2022	2,160.00	
CITY OF KENNETH				
STEVE SOLDWISCH	17-0023-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 4 BLOCK 1	2022	126.00	
GENE MCCLAIN	17-0030-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 1 & N 15' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 2	2022	229.50	
GENE MCCLAIN	17-0038-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 17 BLOCK 2	2022	11.25	
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS O - MICHAEL JOHN CONKLIN	17-0039-000 ORIGNAL PLAT LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 3	2022	225.00	
CITY OF MAGNOLIA				
JAMES C & LISA M FISCHENICH	18-0035-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 6 BLOCK 1	2022	216.00	
JENNIFER RAE PETERS	18-0055-000 ORIGINAL PLAT S 1/2 OF LOTS 4 THRU 6 BLOCK 3	2022	22.50	
DYLAN FITZPATRICK	18-0118-000 GUTZLER'S ADDITION LOT 1 & 2 BLOCK 6	2022	527.31	
CITY OF STEEN				
RICHARD E SCHOLTEN	19-0007-700 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1116.38' TO POB; SLY 532.38'; ELY 147.88'; SLY 85.75'; ELY 177.5'; SLY 340.85'; NWLY 378.27'; NLY 128.84'; THENCE ALG A NON-TANGENTIAL CRV 94.25'; CONT ALG NON-TANGENTIAL CRV 62.83'; NLY 68.04'; WLY 152.12'; NLY 60'; NLY 462.30' TO N LN OF NW 1/4 ELY ALG SD N LN 61.16' TO POB	2022	2,434.74	
TANNER SCHOLTEN	19-0007-701 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1116.38'; SLY 164.97' TO POB; SLY 120'; ELY 149.16'; NLY 118.61'; WLY 150' TO POB	2022	155.25	
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TANNER SCHOLTEN	19-0007-702 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1116.38'; SLY 164.97'; SLY 120' TO POB; CONT SLY 120'; ELY 148.33'; NLY 120'; WLY 149.16' TO POB	2022	155.25
LORI SCHOLTEN	19-0007-703 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1116.38'; SLY 164.97'; SLY 240' TO POB; SLY 127.41'; ELY 147.88'; NLY 64.06'; NLY 63.36'; WLY 148.33' TO POB	2022	132.37
JOE D GENTRY	19-0019-100 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT 48 RDS W OF C OF S LN OF SEC 29; N 20 RDS; W 12 RDS; S 20 RDS; E 12 RDS ON SEC LN TO POB EXC TR DESC AS: BEG AT PT 60 RDS W OF S QTR COR OF SEC 29; N 119'; E 93.41'; S 119' & W 93.41' TO POB & EXC THAT PART OF SW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT S QTR COR OF SEC 29; WLG ALG S LN OF SW 1/4 792' TO POB; CONTN WLY ALG S LN OF SW 1/4 104.59'; NLY 152'; WLY 45.82'; NLY 177.50; ELY 150.41'; SLY 330' TO POB 0.26 ACRES	2022	78.75
JOE D GENTRY	19-0020-000 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 0.26 A TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT 60 RDS W OF S QTR COR OF SEC 29; NLY 119'; ELY 93.41'; SLY 119'; WLY 93.41' TO POB	2022	679.21
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0031-000 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 THAT PORTION OF UNPLATTED PORTION OF CITY OF STEEN IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 32-101-45 DESC AS: COMM AT NE COR OF LOT 6 BLK 1 OF ORIG PLAT; N ALG W LN OF MAIN ST 77.50' TO POB; CONTN N ALG SD W LN 97.22'; CONTN N 33' TO N SEC LN OF NW 1/4; WLY 80.34'; S 33'; CONTN S 97.77'; ELY 80.34' TO POB	2022	2,163.49
DURANT KRUGER	19-0036-000 ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 4	2022	162.00
TOMMY R & TRISHA M BEANER	19-0057-000 ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 7	2022	67.50
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0059-000 ORIGINAL LOTS 4 & 5 BLOCK 7	2022	20.25
RANDY & KATHY MARSHALL	19-0073-000 ORIGINAL BLOCK 10	2022	271.25
RANDY & KATHY MARSHALL	19-0102-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE1/4; S 1036.5' TO POB; S 134.25'; E 96'; N 134.25'; W 96' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 10	2022	15.19
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0103-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE 1/4; S 1036.5'; E 96' TO POB; S 134.25'; E 48'; N 134.25'; W 48' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 3 BLOCK 10	2022	800.73
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0104-100 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION 2 PRCLS IN NE 1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: ALL THAT PART OF FORMER RR R/W LNG IN SD NE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF N 1/2 OF SD NE 1/4 AS POB; ELY ALG S LN OF SD N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 96' TO POB; CONTN E ALG SD S LN 26.5'; NLY = W LN OF SD NE 1/4 44'; WLY = S LN OF SD N 1/2 26.5'; SLY = W LN OF SD NE 1/4 44' TO POB & COM AT NW COR OF SD NE 1/4; S 1182.75'; E 96' TO POB; S 90.25'; E 26.5'; S 44'; E 21.5' N 134.25'; W 48' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 6 BLOCK 10	2022	6.51
CITY OF LUVERNE			
THE ROLAND M GOFF TRUST	20-0125-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 E 85' OF W 105' OF N 139' OF OUTLOT 2 EXC N 30' THEREOF	2022	263.07
MATTHEW HALSTROM	20-0134-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 E 67.5' OF W 135' OF S 118' OF OUTLOT 5	2022	930.03
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0148-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 N 95' OF W 137.5' OF OUTLOT 13	2022	27.00
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0149-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 OUTLOT 13 EXC 137.5' & EXC E 161' OF N 95' OF W 492.5'	2022	30.38
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0150-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 14 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF OUTLOT 13; SELY ALG S LN OF SD O L 13 80' TO POB; CONTN SELY ALG SD S LN 422.50'; SWLY 240.90'; NWLY 422.50'; NELY 240.90' TO POB	2022	34.72
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0151-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 13 DESC AS: COM AT PT ON W LN OF SD O L 13 95' S FROM NW COR; E = N LN OF SD O L 137.5'; S = CEDAR ST 145.89' TO S LN OF SD O L; W ON S LN OF SD O L 137.5'; N ON W LN OF SD O L 145.89' TO POB	2022	69.44
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0152-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 13 DESC AS: COM AT PT ON N LN OF SD O L 13 331.5' E OF NW COR; S = CEDAR ST 95'; E = N LN OF SD O L 161'; N = CEDAR ST 95'; W ON N LN OF SD O L 161' TO POB	2022	30.38
LARISSA PETERSON	20-0241-000 BARCK, ADAMS & HOWE'S ADDITION S 86.5' OF LOT 1 BLOCK 2	2022	399.60
BONNIE JEAN GYBERG	20-0389-700 BARCK AVENUE ESTATES CIC #14 UNIT #8	2022	3,402.56
CORRINE COLVIN	20-0979-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 152' OF LOT 4 BLOCK 4	2022	2,888.27
SARA MISTEREK	20-1000-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 93' OF W 1/2 OF 9 & W 74' OF LOT 14 BLOCK 5	2022	1,837.99
BRIAN VIGER & TIFFANY STONE	20-1001-000 P J KNISS ADDITION N 48' OF S 141' OF W 1/2 & N 36' OF S 141' OF E 1/2 OF LOT 9 BLOCK 5	2022	698.74
JUDY KRUGER	20-1219-000 PLEASANT VIEW ADDITION LOT 1 & N 60' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 2	2022	2,787.01
ELVIRA HUMANZOR MEJIA & EULISES HUMANZOR MEJIA O - HARLAN R SIPMA	20-1261-000 RANDALL & HOLBERT'S ADDITION LOT 10 BLOCK 1	2022	345.03
JESSICA BEHR-LIMING	20-1469-000 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION S 1/2 OF LOT 4 BLOCK 26	2022	73.78
JENNIFER K BUTLER	20-1487-200 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION N 10' & S 60' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 28	2022	8.68
LEO SWENSON	20-1582-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION W 22' OF LOT 17, ALL LOT 18 & E 18' OF LOT 19 BLOCK 7	2022	552.57
C/O ANDY SWENSON PERS REP			
YVETTE YAN JIANG	20-1633-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 4 & W 10' OF LOT 5 BLOCK 11	2022	417.36
JANNA & CHRISTOPHER THIELSEN	20-1660-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 13	2022	501.27
DEVIN D MC GUIRE	20-1663-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION N 86' OF LOT 6 BLOCK 13	2022	349.37

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Ashley Kurtz, being duly sworn, deposes, and says that she is the Auditor-Treasurer of the county of Rock; that she has examined the foregoing list, and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true and correct.

(Official Seal)

/s/ Ashley Kurtz, Auditor-Treasurer
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February, 2023.

(Notary Seal)
/s/ Vanessa J. Luettel
Notary Public, Nobles County, Minnesota

(03-16)

Luke probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Duane A. Luke, a/k/a Duane Luke,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-23-55

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of April, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated October 22, 2013, and for the appointment of Todd Luke whose address is 814 N. Cedar St., Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Date Filed: March 8, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajrnt
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828

(COURT SEAL)

(03-16, 03-23)

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks sealed proposals by April 3

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-599-185 ETC.

BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. APRIL 3, 2023

LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday April 3, 2023.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates** as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on **Tuesday April 4, 2023**, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridges 67K56 & 67K57 / PCST. Box Culverts.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 41 Ft. of 14'x4' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 40 Ft. of 14'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 40 Ft. of 14'x7' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 681 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill & Bedding; 299 Tons Rock Bedding; & 168 Tons Random Riprap Class 2.

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

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-599-185, Etc."**.

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

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(03-09, 03-16, 03-23, 03-30)

Review and comment project proposal for ISD #671

The Commissioner of the Department of Education
Review and Comment on the School Construction
Proposal of Hills-Beaver Creek Public School District, ISD #0671-01

A review and comment must be provided on a school district construction project proposal before the district conducts a referendum, solicits bids, or issues bonds for the project. A project proposal has been submitted for review and comment according to requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, subdivisions 9 and 10, and Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72. The district provides the following information:

- The geographic area and population to be served:
 - preschool through grade 12 student enrollment for the past five years, and
 - student enrollment projections for the next five years.
- A list of existing school facilities:
 - by year constructed,
 - their uses, and
 - an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within school district boundaries and in adjacent school districts.
- A list of specific deficiencies of the facility:
 - demonstrating the need for a new or renovated facility to be provided,
 - the process used to determine the deficiencies,
 - a list of those deficiencies that will and will not be addressed by the proposed projects,
 - a list of specific benefits that the new or renovated facility will provide to students, teachers, and community users served by the facility.
- A description of the project, including:
 - specifications of site and outdoor space acreage,
 - square footage allocations for classrooms, laboratories and support spaces,
 - estimated expenditures for major portions of the project,
 - estimated changes in facility operating costs, and
 - dates the project will begin and be completed.
- A specification of the source of project financing, including:
 - applicable statutory citations,
 - the scheduled date for a bond issue or school board action,
 - a schedule of payments, including debt service equalization aid, and
 - the effect of a bond issue on local property taxes by property class and valuation.
- Documentation obligating the school district and contractors to comply with the following items:
 - Minnesota Statutes, section 471.345 governing municipal contracts,

- sustainable design,
- school facility commissioning under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72, certifying the plans and designs for heating, ventilating, air conditioning and air filtration for an extensively renovated or new facility meet or exceed current code standards, including ASHRAE air filtration Standard 52.1,
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) acoustical performance criteria, design requirements and guidelines for schools on maximum background noise levels and reverberation times,
- state fire code,
- chapter 326B governing building codes, and
- consultation with affected government units about the impact of the project on utilities, roads, sewers, sidewalks, retention ponds, school bus and automobile traffic, access to mass transit and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Hills-Beaver Creek Public School District, ISD #0671-01 is proposing a two question bond referendum on April 11, 2023. The first ballot question would authorize \$26.5 million in bonding authority to finance a new, 57,416 square foot elementary school on a new site to be acquired by the district, most likely in or around Beaver Creek; along with the demolition of the existing elementary school and secure entrance improvements to the secondary school. The second ballot question would authorize \$3.475 million in bonding authority to finance: deferred maintenance upgrades to Hugo Gym, the demolition of the remaining portion of the old Hills high school, upgrades to the existing bus garage facility and parking lot improvements at the secondary facility in Hills.

The existing school buildings include: an older PK-5 facility in Beaver Creek, a newer, 6-12th grade secondary in Hills and the old high school site (which contains the Hugo Gym and the bus garage); also located in Hills. The projects proposed would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2024 and 2025. Cost estimates by ballot question/location/project type are as follows:

Ballot Question #1		Ballot Question #2	
New Elementary School	\$15,170,322	Deferred Maintenance	\$1,056,154
Land Acquisition	\$480,000	Bus Garage Addition	\$383,806
Storm Shelter Upgrades	\$350,000	Demo Old High School	\$456,160
Site Improvements	\$2,452,500	Site Improvements	\$486,000
Demo Existing Elementary	\$561,000	Fees, Permits & Testing	\$357,318
HS / MS Secure Entrance	\$48,000	Contingencies	\$689,842
FF&E / Technology	\$2,227,961	Bond Issuance	\$45,720
Fees, Permits & Testing	\$1,324,023		
Contingencies	\$2,809,049		
Bond Issuance	\$449,367		
Capitalized Interest	\$627,778		
	\$26,500,000		

Though the district expects a decline in operational costs with the construction of a new, energy-efficient elementary school and the demolition of the non-gymnasium portion of the old high school facility, declining enrollment will likely be an issue for the district's operational budget in the intermediate to long term future. Enrollment projections show a decline of 8 – 13% annually beginning with the 2025-26 school year. If enrollment declines continue into the future and class sizes drop significantly below the status-quo of slightly more than 20 students per grade, the district will likely face operational cost deficits prior to the completion of the debt service payments on the proposed bond issue which expire in FY 2046.

The proposed project appears to be in the short-term interest of the school district but the intermediate and long term advisability of the proposed projects is difficult to determine and will be dependent on future student enrollment trends.

Review and Comment Statement

Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

Additional Information is Available

Persons desiring additional information requiring this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.

/s/ Willie L. Jett II,
Commissioner

March 3, 2023

(03-16, 03-23)

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Rock County Planning and Zoning hearing set for March 27

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit
Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m Monday, March 27, 2023. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the applications for Conditional Use Permits as listed in this notice:

Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	A portion of the SE 1/4 of Section 15 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary asphalt plant
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	Portions of Section 14 & 11 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Aggregate rock quarry mining, stockpiling, washing, and associated processing
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	Portions of Section 14 & 11 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary asphalt plant
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	Portions of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Aggregate mining, stockpiling, washing, and associated processing, and the stockpiling and recycling of concrete and asphalt
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	Portions of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant

Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

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

(03-16, 03-23)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 27, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 9, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$240,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Justin Birger, Her Husband and Laressa Birger, His Wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Dacotah Bank, its successors and assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: February 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 178607
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Colonial Savings, F.A.
Dated: January 19, 2017
Recorded: February 13, 2017 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 190119
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100793500000021541
Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Dacotah Bank
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Colonial Savings, FA
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 302 E 7th St, Hills, MN 56138
Tax Parcel ID Number: 15-0316-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Two (2) of Parkview Second Addition to the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$196,278.85
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; that this is registered property;
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: April 27, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 27, 2023, or the next business day if October 27, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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

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.

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

DATED: March 1, 2023
MORTGAGEE: Colonial Savings, F.A.

Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200
Woodbury, MN 55125
651-209-3300
File Number: 050335-F2

(03-09, 03-16, 03-23, 03-30, 04-06, 04-13)

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The family of Mabel Gyberg would like to express our sincere thanks to family and friends for flowers, food and memorials at the time of our mom, grandmother and great grandmother's death. Thanks to Pastor Dave for his comforting words and special music, and to Lydia Circle for serving the lunch. Thanks to Bethany Meadows for her care. Thanks to Jeff Hartquist for all your help. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.
Norman and Darlene Gyberg & family, Irene Gyberg & family, Kathy Gyberg & family, Jenny Ainsworth & family
(3.11-3.16)

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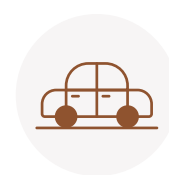
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Boys’ hockey/cont from page 8

team’s first goal of this year’s state tournament appearance, assisted by junior Patrick Kroski and sophomore Blaik Bork.

Alexandria scored another goal in the second period to increase the lead to 4-1 after two periods of play.

In the third period Alexandria added three more goals, one on a power play, another on a short-handed empty net and the last at even strength.

Luverne was able to score twice in the third period, lessening the pain of the 7-3 loss.

“I would have liked to see a little more battle and attack out of our guys in the consolation game,” Paquette said.

“We were able to score a few goals but never really put a complete game together.”

Brady Bork closed out his senior year scoring a goal at 10:07 assisted by Kroski and Elliot Domagala.

Bork also became a viral sensation before the game when he scored a date to the prom on live television during the opening introductions.

Bork wrote on his hockey stick, “Hey Sarah, Prom?” Sarah Stegenga quickly replied on a hockey stick, “Yes” and posted it to Twitter.

On another high note

junior Will Serie scored his first and only goal of the season at 15:40 in the third period. He was assisted by junior Owen Sudenga and Kroski.

Junior goalie Tyler Arends faced 40 shots on goal in the game from a quick and dangerous Alexandria team.

Luverne placed 20 shots on the Alexandria goalie in the game with three shots finding the net.

“The 2022-2023 season was awesome, thanks to a great group of players, coaches, parents and fans,” Paquette said about the season.

“We were able to learn throughout the season what makes us successful and do it well down the stretch.”

As for the playoffs, Paquette said it was about the experience more than the score.

“We played three complete games in the Section 3A playoffs, earning a trip to the state high school hockey tournament,” he said.

“This experience is unmatched and will not be soon forgotten by any of us.”

Looking forward to next year, Paquette said he is very optimistic.

“We return the majority of this team next season,” he said. “We hope that this experience pushes them to stay hungry and come back stronger next year.”



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0316 Bhoc elliot Junior Elliot Domagala takes the puck out of the Cardinals zone against Hermantown March 8 at the Xcel Energy Center. Luverne fell 6-0 to Hermantown.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0316 Bhoc crowd Students, parents, family and friends traveled to the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul Wednesday, March 8, to cheer on the Luverne Cardinal boys’ hockey team playing in the state tournament. Luverne fell to Hermantown 6-0 in the state quarterfinal game.

Basketball/from page 8

on Luverne’s game plan saying, “It seemed like every time we had some momentum, they would answer with a three.”

New London-Spicer made six of 15 from beyond the line, while Luverne made two of 17 shots, missing valuable points off the rim.

“Sometimes the ball doesn’t bounce your way, and unfortunately for us, that was Friday night,” Newgard said.

Juniors Kira John and Tori Serie led Luverne in scoring with eight points each.

John played big inside, grabbing eight rebounds with one assist. Serie had one rebound and two steals in the game.

Senior Christina Wagner added six points, six rebounds and two blocked shots.

Seniors Elizabeth Wagner and Emma Beyer contributed four points each. Wagner posted six rebounds and four assists and Beyer had three rebounds and two assists.

Senior Jocelyn Hart made two points, one rebound and one steal in the game.

Senior Averill Sehr was held scoreless but grabbed two rebounds, had one assist and one steal for the Cardinals.

“I cannot say enough good things about this group as a whole, but these seniors specifically. They brought it every day of practice and there is a reason they won 25 games,” Newgard said.

“Their leadership will be missed by everyone in the program and by the entire school.”

The Luverne girls’ basketball team finished the season with a record of 25-4 and led the Big South Conference with a record of 11-1.

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of the garden including sculptures, extended, more private seating areas, patio furniture under the pergola and adult and children’s books on grief for the lending library.

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If you would like to donate a basket, there will be a drop off table in the gathering space at St. Catherine’s Church or please contact Mary Thompson at 507-920-6226 to have it picked up.

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To provide a non-denominational, safe place for those who have lost a child to grieve, remember and heal. The garden is located on the Luverne Loop off James Street, north of Dragonfly Park.

We will have a photo table to honor ALL children that have gone too soon. If you would like to include a picture of your child, please contact Mary Thompson at mwt787@gmail.com or 507-920-6226 or bring your child’s photo the night of the event.



For more information or if you would like to donate please visit our website at: childssremembrancegarden.org or find us on Facebook at Child’s Remembrance Garden.

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to the person who entered the room with a Labrador puppy, a frog, a turtle or even a hamster.

Curiosity of the natural world is inside every child. What are we doing to nurture this innate desire? Many parents would fall into the category of doing absolutely nothing.

So, I have an idea for you. The next time you get an invitation to some kind of family get-together, try a new angle.

Call around to some of the other invitees and ask them to consider going in on a different type of purchase. I am suggesting that instead of another toy or electronic gadget that will be obsolete or end up in a landfill in a few years, consider purchasing that child a lifetime fishing license in whatever state you reside.

I took my son’s two daughters, ages 3 and

4, fishing one day last summer, and all they can talk about every time I stop by now is when we are going to go fishing again. One fishing outing and they were totally hooked.

A lifetime fishing license in Minnesota starts out at \$344 dollars for a child 3 years of age and younger and rises to \$469 for ages up to 15. Now I know this is more than a normal birthday or Christmas present might cost, but it won’t end up in a landfill two years later.

A lifetime license is still viable even if the child becomes an adult and moves out of the state of issuance. My son has a lifetime license, and when he moved to Colorado for 10 years, he could still come home and fish with his dad.

I can’t think of anything I would rather do with my kids and grandkids. My daughter’s two sons have fished with their other grandpa, and both of them are also totally hooked as well.

There are many other kinds of lifetime license. You can purchase a lifetime firearms deer license, lifetime deer archery license, lifetime small game license, a lifetime spearing license and about eight more combinations of each of these.

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How many grandparents can play football when they are 80? The number would be 95 percent fewer of those same grandparents, or parents for that matter, than those that could still go fishing with them.

It’s kind of a crusty time of year. Mid-March is cold and snowy. Think about warmer days and sitting in a lawn chair watching your kids chase around your grandkids on the shore by the lake.

Or if your kids are young, you’re chasing your kids around on the shore of a lake. Remember there are rocks to skip and memories to make. Start this trend with a lifetime license. You will never regret it.

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

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