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Local rate of COVID-19 vaccination increases

Next up: food processing workers and younger people with pre-existing health conditions

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County and southwest Minnesota residents are steadily finding increased access to the COVID-19 vaccine, according to local public health officials.

Last week the vaccination priority groups were expanded to the second and third tiers of Phase 1b. Tier 1 of Phase 1b included people 65 years and older, teachers and child care providers.

Phase 1a included health care workers, long-term care facility residents, and group home residents.

"Expanding to the next two tiers of Phase 1b couldn't have been more timely," said Jason Kloss of Southwest Health and Human Services.

"Filling appointments at vaccination clinics was becoming more challenging, especially in our region."

He said most people in the previous priority phases that wanted the vaccine have been vaccinated and roughly 22 percent of Rock County residents have received their vaccine.

Following are the groups included in the next two tiers of Phase 1b. All people in these two tiers and the previous phases are eligible to be vaccinated, Kloss said

Phase 1b, Tier 2 —high-risk populations:

People age 16 or 18 years and older with Sickle cell, Down Syndrome, active cancer treatment, immune-compromised from organ transplant, oxygen-dependent chronic lung or heart conditions.

People with rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk.

Phase 1b, Tier 2 —essential workers including:

Employees of food processing facilities.

Phase 1b, Tier 3 —high-risk populations:

People age 45-64 years with one or more underlying medical

COVID-19 vaccine/see page 3A



Mavis Fodness photo/0318 Snow March 15

Fresh air on fresh snow

Rock County residents woke to a white world Monday morning after nearly 7 inches blanketed the area with a heavy wet snow. Whether that was a good or bad thing depended on who was asked. It was hard work to shovel the stuff, but for students sledding west of the elementary school that afternoon, the snow was a good thing. Luverne Middle School sixth-graders spent time after e-learning lessons getting fresh air on the fresh snow.

Pictured above, Izzy Steensma, Matthew Gangestad, Charlie Mostad, Benjamin Hartquist and Macie Edstrom sled down the hill at Luverne Elementary School Monday afternoon.

Pictured at right, Marcie Edstrom (left) and Izzy Steensma slide together down the snowy hillside.

Benjamin Hartquist (bottom) and Matthew Gangestad share a sled as they travel down the hill.

Below right, Charlie Mostad is all smiles as he takes a turn on the sled.



City, developer sign Towne Square agreement

By Lori Sorenson

Construction on the long-awaited Towne Square Development Project on South Highway 75 will begin this spring, according to action at the March 9 City Council meeting.

Council members approved a

development agreement with Alvin Johnson of Town Square LLC to construct two 27-unit apartment buildings on the former Sharkee's and Mert's property that the city owns.

The agreement stipulates items the developer will do as well

as the items the city of Luverne will provide as incentives for the project.

One apartment building will receive a \$680,000 workforce housing grant and a \$550,000 loan with 2-percent interest and payments deferred for 10 years.

The two apartments will be constructed in the TIF District and the land will be conveyed for \$1. The site development provided by the city includes paving the parking areas.

Towne Square/continued on 5A

Trooper retires after 30 years

By Mavis Fodness

After a planned 30 years in law enforcement, Lori Halsne of Luverne hung up her maroon and tan uniform of the Minnesota State Patrol Feb. 12, her 50th birthday.

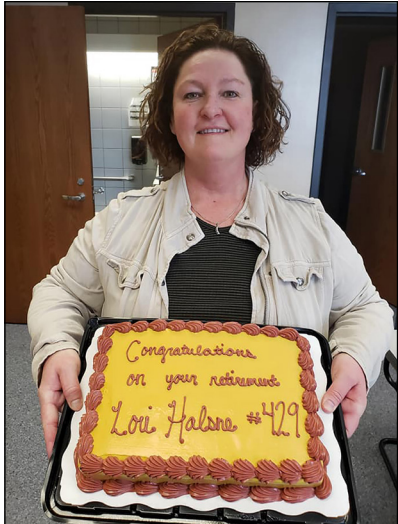
Halsne entered law enforcement when few women chose policing as a career. She credits positive role models for her choice.

As a teenager growing up in Ruthton, she rode along with a classmate's father, a deputy sheriff with Pipestone County and a career in law enforcement intrigued her. "It's a career with no sitting behind a desk," Halsne said.

She developed a strong philosophy during her years working in public safety from those role models.

"Traffic enforcement is important but I always

Halsne retires from state patrol/see 2A



Lori Halsne's colleagues honor her with a cake for her retirement.

Juveniles charged in city park vandalism plus other property damage and assault

By Lori Sorenson

Four juveniles are facing criminal charges in connection with holiday vandalism of Christmas displays at the Luverne City Park, in addition to assault and damage to numerous other properties around town.

According to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the teens are accused of multiple crimes — some of them felonies — ranging from damage to property to assault with a dangerous weapon.

The Rock County Attorney's office last week filed four juvenile delinquency petitions in Rock County District Court charging Elliot Stollenberg and Gavyn Boll, both 16 at the time of the alleged crimes, and two 14-year-olds (whose names are not public

due to their age).

"It's kind of heartbreaking seeing that these kids have done what they did. ... It caused a lot of turmoil in the community," said David Owens, assistant county attorney. "It is worrisome that we have children whose circumstances led to these actions. We have no idea as to why they've done this. ... It's difficult to parse."

The criminal complaints outline more than a dozen counts of vandalism in varying degrees and assaults that took place in and around the city of Luverne between December 2020 and February 2021.

The assault charges stem from the

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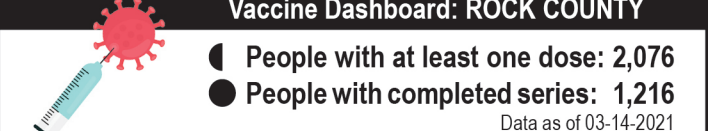
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County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,174	1	+0.4%
Pipestone	1,020	0	+0%
Nobles	3,889	2	+0.2%
Minnehaha (SD)	28,662	47	+0.5%
Lyon (IA)	1,478	3	+1.2%

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

Date Range	1/24-2/6	1/31-2/13	2/7-2/20	2/14-2/27
Rate	17.00	13.81	7.44	7.44



● People with at least one dose: 2,076
● People with completed series: 1,216
Data as of 03-14-2021

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

School Status

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | Middle/High School: In-person
HBC - Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID
Current data as of March 16, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

Sponsored by: Rock County Emergency Management

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Compassionate Friends

Compassionate Friends provides support to grieving parents and grandparents after a child dies - of any age and any cause. This month's meeting will be Monday, March 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Luverne Community Foundation Office, next to the Palace Theatre. Meetings are free, confidential and open to anyone whether the loss is recent or occurred sometime ago. If questions, call 605-254-2072 or email pat.saum@gmail.com.

Free food March 18

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne.

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

Community Ed ball sign-up

All grades K-12 register by Friday, March 19 for summer Community Education ball -- Legion, Jr. Legion, middle school baseball, major league, minor league, T-ball, and softball. After March 19, registrations will be accepted only if there are openings on the rosters and the fees will be higher.

Community Ed pitching clinic

Community Education will be offering a 4-session pitching clinic for experienced or inexperienced players. Instructor will be JJ Olson. Meet in the small gym at the high school from 7 to 8 p.m. March 22, March 29, April 5, and April 12. Bring someone along to be your catcher. Fee is \$50. Questions: call 283-4724.

Community Education

Luverne Community Education will offer the following classes and activities. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Maximize Your Memory -- attend by Zoom or in person on March 24. Learn when to be concerned and techniques to improve your memory! Register with your email. Fee is \$5.

Preschool Fun Time on March 30 for parents with children ages 0-5. Registration required, but no fee.

Learn how to keep your yard looking fresh from George Bonnema at the Pruning Shape Up class on April 13. Fee is \$10.

Using glaze, heat, flames and cooling, you will transform a pottery piece into an Amazing Raku Treasure on April 17. Fee is \$5 plus pick out a piece of pottery ranging from \$10 - \$30 at the studio.

Halsne retires after 30 years with State Patrol/continued from 1A

tried to make it a positive and educational experience," she said. "It wasn't always about writing a ticket."

Halsne attended Willmar Community College, where she earned a two-year degree.

An internship with the MSP had her riding with Laurie (Mortenson) Bullerman, one of a few women troopers in the early 1990s.

"I looked up to her as a female officer," Halsne said. "My dream was to work with the State Patrol."

Halsne entered her first law enforcement job at age 20 in 1991 with the Marshall Police Department. She was the only woman on the force at that time.

"There had been a woman working there in the 1980s, but she left by the time I got on the force," Halsne said.

She applied to the MSP in 1997 along with 1,500 other applicants. A desire to patrol the open roadways versus city streets. She was hired to work in the Morris district.

As a rookie with the MSP, Halsne completed a four-month academy, an experience similar to basic training for the military.

"We started with 21 and finished with only 11," she said. "I was the only female."

Halsne moved to the Marshall district in 1998 and was assigned to the jurisdiction of Rock and Nobles counties. She chose to live in Luverne, where she plans to continue to live after retirement.

She spent 22 years patrolling the state roads in her jurisdiction, covering over 900,000 miles, many of them on I-90.

"There are a lot of people that get stranded or broke down on the interstate," she said. "Through the years I got a lot of thank-yous."

Halsne was never forced to use her gun in line of duty, but she experienced several close calls when vehicles would come too close to her as she assisted others on the interstate.

Her hardest job in law enforcement came just months before her retirement.

She was surprised



Contributed photo

Lori Halsne (center), Luverne, retired from the Minnesota State Patrol Feb. 12. Pictured with Halsne are Lt. Matt Sorenson (left) and Captain Casey Meagher.

Lori Halsne's badge No. 429 will now be reassigned to a rookie patrolman entering the Minnesota State Patrol. Halsne retired from the Minnesota State Patrol Feb. 12 on her 50th birthday.

A wooden flag was presented to Lori Halsne, whose badge number was 429, at her retirement party celebrating 30 years in law enforcement. She served with the Minnesota State Patrol from 1997-2021.



"Traffic enforcement is important, but I always tried to make it a positive and educational experience. It wasn't always about writing a ticket."

- Lori Halsne, retired State Trooper

when the riot training she completed as an MSP rookie more than 20 years ago was put into play in May 2020 during the riots in the Twin Cities.

She scoffed at the riot stick and other gear she was handed, thinking this will never be used during

her stint as a trooper.

Then George Floyd died during his arrest near a convenience store in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020. The public response was to riot, and the MSP and the National Guard were called in to restore order.

"It was like walking

into a war zone," Halsne said. "Thank God for good training."

She recommends anyone interested in law enforcement today to delay entrance into the field.

"Don't start in the career too young ... get some life experience and a four-year degree," Halsne said.

Like military service, she feels anyone in law enforcement should set similar limits. Her retirement comes as the public view of peace officers is shifting.

"Today there's a lack of respect towards law enforcement," she said.

In retirement Halsne said she will pursue another job, but first she looks forward to spending more time with family, which includes her 15-year-old son, Michael.

Hall of Fame Committee seeks members

The Rock County Historical Society Board of Directors has authorized the reforming of the Rock County Hall of Fame Committee, and new members are sought for input.

The purpose of the committee is to recognize the accomplishments of the many men and women --great and near-

great -- who at one time in their lives had a significant identity with Rock County, Minnesota.

Their achievement comes from all endeavors, with some gaining state, national and international recognition.

Fame, for some, may have been confined more closely to home. However, the common thread for all

is the distinction that their accomplishments brought to Rock County.

Applications are now being taken for up to 10 people, representing all regions of the county, who would be willing to serve on the committee, which meets once annually.

Names of volunteers interested in serving on the committee will be accepted

through April 7.

The Rock County Historical Society Board will name committee members during its April meeting.

Those interested in serving on the committee or who need additional information can contact the Luverne Area Chamber at 507-283-4061 or email rcmuseum@gmail.com.

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H-BC approves 2021-22 calendar

Parents take over prom plans, date set for May 15

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board approved the 2021-22 calendar at their March 9 meeting with half of the district's teachers supporting the choice.

In her staff development committee report, director Tami Rauk said teachers were presented three different calendars and were asked to vote on their preference.

"Fifty percent of the vote supported the one chosen," she said.

Classes for the upcoming 2021-22 school year would start Sept. 7, a day after Labor Day, for students in grades 6-12 with conferences taking place for kindergarten through fifth-grade students on Sept. 7. The first day of class will be Sept. 8 for K-5 students.

Classes will end Friday, May 27, 2022, with commencement exercises at 7 p.m. that evening.

No snow days were designated in next year's school calendar.

"With our e-learning days, there are no snow days," Superintendent Todd Holthaus said.

Each school year, districts can conduct up to five e-learning days due to inclement weather.

In other business, the H-BC board:

- approved spring coaching assignments: golf, Dan Ellingson with Caleb Ellingson as volunteer assistant golf coach; track,

Rex Metzger as head coach with Dalton Bass as assistant coach and Darin DeBoer as junior high coach.

- accepted Halden VanWyhe's resignation as volleyball assistant coach.

Prom scheduled for May 15 in Beaver Creek

Prom for Hills-Beaver Creek High School junior and senior students will be Saturday, May 15, but not in the usual location.

Junior parents, who fundraise and organize prom activities, moved the annual event to the SpringBrooke Events center in Beaver Creek from the Goehle gymnasium in Hills.

"(The) school was only going to host a Grand March due to (pandemic) regulations they were going to have to follow," said junior parent Kari Kueter.

"They couldn't guarantee parents could be there for the Grand March. It's not that we didn't want it at school; we just wanted to be able to attend in person, so we asked parents and decided we would do it all."

Parents are planning a meal, Grand March, dance and after-prom activities. Activities are still in the planning stages, Kueter said, with activities beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending at 1:30 a.m. Exact activities and times will be announced in April.

Due to the pandemic, last year's prom was canceled.



Mavis Fodness photo/0318 Snow March

Heavy white stuff blankets the region Monday

Heavy snow clings to trees (and sidewalks) as Ken Petersen tries to use a snow blower to remove melting snow from sidewalks outside St. Catherine's Church Monday afternoon.

Robbie Drake uses a shovel to remove the moisture-laden snow from a neighbor's driveway Monday afternoon in Luverne. Drake had been using a snow blower but the heavy snow clogged the machine.

Mother Nature dropped another two to three inches of snow on Tuesday before a warm-up was forecast for later in the week.



Wind production increases in 2020

By Mavis Fodness

Four wind production companies operating in Rock County in 2020 will pay taxes totaling \$792,327, according to information at the March 2 commissioners' meeting.

That's about \$58,032 higher than 2019 (\$734,295) but down \$104,102 from the high of \$896,429 collected in 2015.

The county will keep 80 percent of the tax, payable May 15, with the remaining 20 percent divided among the townships where the wind energy was produced.

The 2020 tax includes the two Rock County Wind Fuel turbines that came online last year to supply electricity to the Agri-Energy plant west of Luverne.

The two towers generated \$4,656 in taxes.

Prairie Rose Wind, whose 114 turbines operate near Hardwick, pays the largest tax amount (\$785,579).

Of the production tax collected in 2020, Rock County receives \$633,862.

Commissioners have

earmarked the tax money for repaying bonds taken out for a portion of the countywide broadband project and two other bonds for highway department equipment, and highway improvements.

For the first time this year, Luverne Township will receive a portion of the production tax (\$931).

However, Beaver Creek Township will receive no tax for the first time in nine years due to the seven turbines north of Beaver Creek deemed nonoperational.

They will be decommissioned as part of the planned Walleye Wind Farm by developer NextEra Energy.

Four townships receiving a portion of the tax include:

- Martin, \$418
- Rose Dell, \$60,733
- Springwater, \$11,883
- Denver, \$84,499

Several years of no levy for Denver Township

Since 2013 Denver Township has received just over \$695,000 in production taxes, the most of

any of the county's 12 townships.

For the past eight to nine years, township officials have not increased the local township tax levy, instead using production tax for road improvements and equipment purchases.

They also seek building a maintenance/meeting hall, which the township currently doesn't own. Township officials meet in the city offices in Hardwick.

Last August, Denver Township officials met with the Hardwick City Council about a joint project to build a multi-purpose building that could include a new fire hall.

Plans, however, have been stymied.

"The problem we are running into is the logistics of it — one building for everything," said township official Kyle Hemme. "It's a fairly large building and the problem is space."

No public property is available for the building in Hardwick. Talks with private landowners haven't yielded any ideal locations.

Both entities agree to continue to work together.

"We are still in talks with the city," Hemme said.

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conditions. People age 16 or 18 to 44 years old with two or more underlying medical conditions. People age 50 and older in multigenerational housing.

Phase 1b, Tier —essential workers:

Agriculture, additional school and child care workers, airport staff, correctional settings, first responders, food production, food retail (grocery), food service, judicial system workers, manufacturing, postal service workers, public transit workers and public health workers.

Kloss said several providers in Luverne now offer COVID vaccinations.

"Sanford Luverne is currently offering vaccine to clients that meet the definition of high risk," he said. "Extra doses and open appointments will be offered to those essential workers on their wait list."

Lewis Family Drug also provides COVID vaccinations.

"Their vaccination schedule is currently full, but they

are hoping to get additional doses soon," Kloss said. "There are other pharmacies in our region that are also offering vaccinations."

He said SWHHS is now focusing on offering vaccinations to employees of food processing plants in the region.

"We will be vaccinating employees of Premium Pork in Luverne in the coming week. Essential workers in Tier 3 will be our next focus," Kloss said. "SWHHS continues to work closely with our partners at Sanford Luverne and Lewis Family Drug to ensure our residents have an opportunity to be vaccinated. The good news is that the vaccine supply is increasing and as each week passes, more people are being vaccinated."

To be notified of vaccination clinic opportunities, please register using the survey located on the website [SWHHS.com](https://www.swhhs.com).

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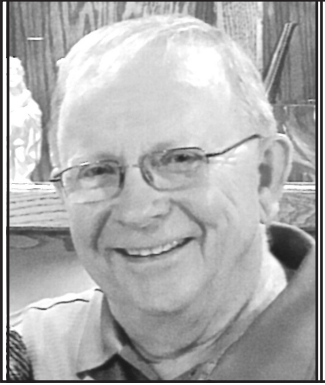
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This is Sunshine Week

Open government is key to honest government

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Ken Paulson, director of the Free Speech Center at Middle Tennessee State University

the free flow of information, but it unfortunately can also leave the public with a sense that Sunshine Week reflects the concerns of a single industry.

To the contrary, access to government information is critical.

It's important to see government employees – including elected officials – as the people we hire through our tax dollars to do a good job for all of us.

If you run a business or hire a contractor, you wouldn't hesitate to demand a full understanding of how something went wrong. That should be exactly our relationship with government.

Getting that information, though, requires public meetings where residents can ask questions. It also means access to the documents that led to a poor decision. Words on paper can be much more forthright than the dissembling of politicians.

It's critical that we hold

government accountable, for better or worse. (It's also important to acknowledge when government leaders are doing a good job.)

How can you help?

First, keep doing exactly what you're doing at this moment. Read and support your local newspaper. Local journalists, more than anyone else, will stand up for your right to information. Facebook will not be going toe-to-toe with your mayor.

Second, when you believe government isn't doing its job, demand an explanation. Ask to see the documents. Attend public meetings. And above all, support legislative efforts to make government more transparent.

It's too easy for officials who have failed us to point fingers, blame the media and wait for their side of the partisan fence to rally to their defense. We deserve better. We all pay taxes to support the work of government. We should get our money's worth.

When government fails, it's the rare public official who says, "Oops. My fault."

That's human nature, particularly for officials in the public eye who may have to run for office again. No one wants to be held directly responsible for letting the public down.

Case in point is the recent catastrophe in Texas, when unexpected winter storms left four million homes without power, ruptured pipes and tainted the water supply for many.

The Texas energy grid essentially collapsed. While Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was quick to blame frozen wind turbines, the cause was much more complex than that. To truly understand how things went so terribly wrong will require time, study and research.

... But how do you get to the truth when public officials rarely step up to take direct responsibility for failures?

The answer is public records. And public meetings. And access to information that taxpayers deserve.

The need to fight for government transparency is reaffirmed each year during Sunshine Week. ... [It's] keyed to the March 16 birthday of President James Madison who drafted the Bill of Rights – including the guarantee of a free press – in 1791.

That journalism connection reflects the role news media play in

Gust: Health care professionals need to protect the vulnerable

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Rick Petersen's "For What It's Worth" column from the March 11 edition of the Star Herald regarding questions on the MDH vaccine registration website.

My work for the past year has focused nearly solely on protecting people (particularly residents in long-term care facilities from SARS-CoV2, commonly known as COVID-19.

Most recently, I have been spending my Saturdays administering COVID-19 vaccinations for the state of Minnesota through Homeland Health. Each Saturday we learn how much vaccine we have available to administer. The quantities are limited, and we administer every drop.

It is now common knowledge that some people are more likely to die from COVID-19. This includes people who are elderly, obese, diabetic, cognitively and physically impaired, and persons who smoke or vape. Any of these can lead to conditions that affect a person's ability to dress and bathe (e.g., breathing difficulties, difficulty making decisions, loss of limb, mobility impairment, etc.).

There are also good reasons for questions relating to gender and sexual orientation. There is well-documented evidence of systemic bias and prejudice against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and trans-genders in health care. These persons are less likely to receive preventive

health care and are thus more vulnerable.

As health care professionals, we have a duty to protect our most vulnerable, which means making sure they receive doses of a limited quantity of vaccine first.

While Rick may find these questions "absurd," extraneous or perhaps even offensive, they are critically important to identifying these Minnesotans and ensuring they get vaccinated first.

The state of Minnesota certainly has erratic times, but this is not one of them.

Karis Rieke Gust,
Luverne
RN, BSN, MA, BC-RN

Justice will be served; kids and community have opportunity to be better

The community received long-awaited news last week from the Sheriff's Office that



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

But we do know the perpetrators accused in the holiday crime spree. They go to school with our children and grandchildren, and we sit in the bleachers with their parents and grandparents.

They have good parents in God-fearing homes, and their brush with the law is unnerving and disappointing.

But this doesn't have to be the end of the story.

For the juveniles or for us as community members.

We're known not by our mistakes but by how we learn from them and grow to be better people.

It's true for kids, too, and now would be a good time to embrace the concept with our accused vandals.

Similarly, our community is defined not by its failures but by how it rises above hardships to do better and be better.

We're right to feel good that justice is served, but a few harsh remarks on the Star Herald Facebook page made me cringe.

We're better than that.

If we subscribe to the village concept of raising children, we can all play a role toward a happy ending.

Let's withhold judgment (Jesus instructed the ones without sin to throw the first stone) and embrace the concept of forgiveness.

The vandals have an opportunity to learn and grow from their mistakes and hopefully make things right with their victims. Let's give them space to do that.

And it paid off in a big way.

Anyone who showed up for the fireworks and park lighting event can attest to the heartwarming experience of celebrating the season collectively, yet safely in our cars, not spreading the virus.

We'd lost so many of our traditional Christmas festivities — Sunday school programs, choir cantatas, school concerts and more.

This felt right. And it was safe. All was well.

Until someone destroyed the park displays ... not just in one thoughtless act, but several.

As a community we shared the pain and outrage with the victims whose displays were destroyed.

We wanted justice, and we wanted the perpetrators to pay. Instinctively we believed we'd feel better once someone was punished.

But now that charges are filed, I can't say I feel better.

Working on the news story, I found that my personal reaction wasn't vindication.

Rather, I was heart-broken.

Somehow, I hoped the vandals would be from out of town with no ties to our community. ... It's easier to hate someone we don't know.

Green: A new day is dawning after pandemic year

To the Editor:

This morning (March 12) I was taking my dog Charley out and saw the brightening in the east of the sunrise, announcing a new day. The night's darkness was passing away.

I was thinking that yesterday was the one-year anniversary of the World Health Organization proclaiming the Covid-19 virus to be a worldwide pandemic. What a year it has been, in which the darkness had steadily deepened with the deaths of more than 527,000 of our fellow Americans, and every part of our society suffering. It has been difficult to hold onto hope. But, like the sunrise, hope is now brightening with the prospect of vaccines becoming available for each adult in the near future.

President Biden said, "Help is on the way ... help is here." While we look to the future with hope as a nation, we also bear the burden of grief which we all share as Americans. We are all in this grief together.

Earlier in the week there was a television program honoring the loss of loved ones through the sharing of stories by loved ones left behind. Senator Elizabeth Warren is known for being a tough person, but she spoke with great feeling about the loss of her beloved brother to COVID-19. She spoke of the pain she still carries of not being able to say goodbye, of not having been able to hold his hand as he passed on. This is a story so many people have shared of their own loss and grief.

President Biden has sought to bring voice to the pain that this country experiences. He speaks from the loss of loved ones in his own family. He said we cannot heal until we confront and honor the emotional pains of loss. In so doing, emotional wounds begin healing. Words need to be spoken, and caring ears need to listen. With the passage of time the memories will become smiles, and tears will flow less often. But, there will always be a hole in the heart, an empty chair at the table.

As we care for and about our fellow Americans, we are comforted by the belief that "We are ALL in this together."

God bless America.

Larry Green, Luverne

Kracht: Rep. Schomacker must stand up to Gov. Walz

To the Editor:

For nearly a year, Governor Walz has exercised total and unilateral control over the state of Minnesota. With his countless executive orders, he has shut down bars, restaurants, schools, churches, and more ... many of which can never open their doors again.

What is Representative Joe Schomacker doing about it? It looks like absolutely nothing. He and many of his friends in the legislature have made a few weak efforts to repeal Walz' powers, and nothing more. They're letting Walz get off the hook for his

abuse of power.

Not Representative Erik Mortensen. He's fighting for small businesses by introducing Articles of Impeachment to remove Governor Walz from office. This sends a message both to him and anyone succeeding him that the separation of powers in Minnesota's Constitution is important and cannot be disregarded.

If Schomacker wants to keep his seat in 2022, then he'd better sign on to Mortensen's impeachment resolution.

Jessica Kracht,
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 5
•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and W. Gabrielson Road reported a pedestrian light malfunction.
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a license issue.
•Complainant on 171st Street, Jasper, reported a suspicious vehicle in the area.
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a business matter.
•Complainant reported someone tore up the grass at county park.
•Complainant reported a phone outage.
•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 2, Valley Springs, reported debris in roadway.
•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported possible court order violation.
•State patrol requested county assistance on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9-10, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.
•Complainant on Interstate 90 from Magnolia to Sioux Falls reported an intoxicated person who may drive.
March 6
•An outage was reported in Luverne.
•An outage was reported on N. Oakley Street.
•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Valley Springs, reported a vehicle swerving on the road.
•Complainant on 131st Street, Magnolia, reported prohibited items being burned.
•Complainant on Highway 23, Jasper, reported a semitrailer ran his vehicle off the road.
March 7
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue, reported a suspicious vehicle in parking lot.
•Vehicle was parked at location on County Road 8 and State Park.
•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported two kids fishing on unstable ice.
•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a sewer issue.
•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported vandalism.
•Complainant on N. Spring Street requested to speak to a deputy.

March 8
•Complainant on Interstate 90, Beaver Creek, reported a man standing outside his vehicle pointing a bow.
•Dispatch reported a phone outage.
•A wallet was found at location on Edgehill Street.
•A stolen vehicle was recovered in Sioux Falls.
•Extra patrol was requested at location in Hardwick.
•Subject was arrested in Worthington on Rock County warrant.
•Complainant on W. Main Street requested a deputy check on vehicle.
March 9
•Complainant on S. Fourth Street, Beaver Creek, reported a scam.
•Disorderly subject was reported at location on E. Luverne Street.
March 10
•Deputy was out with vehicle.
•Complainant at Sanford Hospital reported a child locked in car.
•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Magnolia, reported an accident/property damage.
•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3-5, Beaver Creek, reported they went into the ditch.
March 11
•State patrol requested assistance with accident westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne.
•Complainant on 120th Avenue, Luverne, reported an FBI warrant scam.
•Complainant observed driving with suspended license.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious person at location.
March 12
•Complainant on 171st Street, Luverne, reported a trespassing issue.

In addition, officers responded to 3 deer accidents, 2 vehicles in ditch, 9 escorts, 25 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 13 burn permits, 2 background checks, 1 gas drive-off, 5 alarms, 3 drug court tests, 11 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 27 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 2 welfare checks, 2 OFPs and 4 follow-ups.

Juveniles charged with holiday vandalism in city park, plus other crimes/continued from 1A

use of air-gun style, CO2 powered automatic pistols that were used to shoot at individuals. At least one incident involved shooting at a pedestrian from a vehicle.
The same weapons are described in damage to property, much of which involved shooting out windows. The complaint outlines more than a dozen separate incidents of Luverne residents and business owners reporting damage to vehicles or property by a BB-gun style weapon.
By reviewing security

footage at some properties where damage was reported and comparing that to reports of individuals who had been shot at, law enforcement contacted the parents of the suspects to interview them.
According to the redacted criminal complaint released late on Monday, each juvenile admitted to one or more of the vandalisms and implicated other juveniles.
Following the interviews, law enforcement recovered a revolver-style

BB gun that fires projectiles at 710 feet per second. The complaint also describes a black CO2 powered full-auto blowback BB air pistol that had been recovered.
Also recovered with it were a 15-count box of Daisy Powerline Premium CO2 cartridges containing six full cylinders with the remaining nine removed, and one container of Crosman Copperhead precision copper coated steel BB's, 6000 count.
The complaints mention that a third weapon

may have been used in the crimes.
Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said the vandalism spree took a toll on the community more than other crimes, due to the holiday season amid the pressures of COVID-19.
"The community took this vandalism hard," he said. "We were trying to do something to beautify the park and gather people to celebrate Christmas."
Many of the same businesses hit hardest by the pandemic worked hard on

their displays.
"They went all out, and then to see the vandalism happen the first time and then the next week to see it happen again," Verbrugge said. "There's no emotional connection for the kids, but for the owners there's a huge emotional connection."
Stoltenberg is charged with 11 counts of damage to property in varying degrees and two counts of assault. One or more of the counts contained in the petition is a felony.

Boll is charged with 10 counts of damage to property in varying degrees and two counts of assault. One or more of the counts contained in the petition is a felony.
All four juveniles are scheduled to come before the court for an initial juvenile hearing on March 22.
It's unclear whether reward money will be disbursed, according to Owens.
"We're looking into giving remuneration to someone who may have helped," he said.



Luverne City Council members approved a development agreement with Alvin Johnson of Town Square LLC to construct two 27-unit apartment buildings on the former Sharkee's and Mert's property that the city owns. Work starts this spring.

Towne Square Development agreement/continued from 1A

The site development costs, as well as costs already incurred in acquiring the property, demolishing the structures and installing utilities will be repaid with future tax increments.
The developer will sign a promissory note and a personal guarantee for the \$550,000 deferred loan and agrees to the terms and conditions of the \$680,000 workforce housing grant.
The assessment agreement states that the agreed upon market value of each 27-unit apartment complex will be \$4 million for a total market value of \$8 million.
Johnson and Don Jahnke, the builder, attended Tuesday's council meeting to answer questions about the plans.
"We designed it in accordance with the grant and with what we felt the city could use to keep rent rates at a workable number for a small town," Jahnke said.
"We're really looking forward to seeing the buildings go up and also getting publicity for their efficiency. It's a very environmentally friendly project to bring into a town."
By that, he means the units will be built with "Extreme Structural Insulated Panels." They'll have high performance heat pumps, in-floor heat, LED lighting that qualifies for Energy Star, and the Net Zero Ready Program.
"It will be one of the greenest, most efficient multi-family buildings in the

Midwest," he told the Star Herald after the meeting.
The development includes one- and two-bedroom units
There will be two one-bedroom units on each floor. Some units will have two bedrooms and two baths, and there are also two-bedroom one-bath units on the corners with more windows.
"Each building has three levels, with elevators, so we can serve all ages on any floor," Jahnke said.
Mayor Pat Baustian said that will also help Luverne fill a need for senior housing as well.
"Given the time invested in this project, it's going to be wonderful to see it kick off and watch you develop that site and apartment buildings going up," Baustian said.
"Using this workforce housing grant ... housing is expensive and apartments are short and this will definitely help with our workforce."
Jahnke said he's grateful to have Johnson working with him on the project.
"It's nice to have a developer with his background and experience who's willing to work in a small town," Jahnke said. "Ninety percent of them would run to Sioux falls, so it's been great getting to know him."
Johnson joined Tuesday's meeting in Luverne via Zoom

from his office in Texas.
"Thank you for the opportunity," he said. "I look forward to being here in the spring."
He gave credit to Jahnke for doing the legwork on the project.
"I happened to be the guy to walk through the door at the right time," Johnson said. "They've worked tirelessly on this for years. When our purpose and our passion collide the magic happens, and that's what's happened today in Luverne, Minnesota."
Councilwoman Caroline Thorson said she looks forward to the development having a lasting impact in Luverne.
"We're thrilled to have this development take place for our community, for our citizens, and for our future citizens," she said. "Thanks for taking a chance and reaching out to our community."
Jahnke said dirt work will begin when the frost is out of the ground this spring.
Plans still call for a mixed use development of retail and residential to front the property along Highway 75.
The entire development was delayed in 2019 when the area qualified for federal Opportunity Zone investments.
However, the parameters of the incentive didn't meet what investors were looking for and the project proceeded without it.

FSA extends deadline for Quality Loss Adjustment

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline from March 5 to April 9 for agricultural producers to apply for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program because of recent winter storms and some clarifications to program rules.
This program assists producers who suffered crop quality losses due to

qualifying 2018 and 2019 natural disasters.
The QLA program assists producers whose eligible crops suffered quality losses due to qualifying drought, excessive moisture, flooding, hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity or wildfires.
Eligible crops include those for which federal crop

insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available. Additionally, crops that were sold or fed to livestock or that are in storage may be eligible.
Assistance is available in counties that received a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or Secretarial Disaster Designation, or for drought, a

county rated by the U.S. Drought monitor as having a D3 (extreme drought) or higher. Producers in counties that did not receive a qualifying declaration or designation may still apply but must also provide supporting documentation.
FSA will issue payments once the application period ends. Call 507-283-2369 for information.



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Winners selected in 2021 Luverne Rotary essay contest

Sixth-grader Wed Kadhim's entry moves on to district competition

By Mavis Fodness
The Luverne Rotary Club recognized three Luverne Middle School students as winners in the annual Four-Way Test essay contest for 2021.
Wed Kadhim, the daughter of Tareq Abdulhasan and Raghad Haddad, was selected as this year's essay winner. Kadhim earned \$75 for his winning effort.
His essay titled "Social Media" will be entered in the district essay contest. His winning essay is printed below.
Coy Thone's essay was chosen for second place (\$50) and Anna Reisdorfer received third (\$25).
All the students are sixth-graders. Fifteen students submitted entries into the annual contest.
The contest introduces students to the Four-Way Test, which asks four questions to gauge whether thoughts, works and actions are appropriate. The questions are: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? And will it be beneficial to

all concerned?
This year's contest was conducted differently from the past due to the coronavirus pandemic. The awards presentation in March 2020 was the last in-person meeting for the Rotarians.
Karen Willers is the club's marketing/public relations chairperson.
"It felt good to hold one of our annual traditions again, although a bit different in format," she wrote on the club's social media page. "Students read their essays via Zoom to our club."
Social Media
By Wed Kadhim
Does Social Media tell the truth? We'll let's find out. We all have different opinions. I think Social Media doesn't tell the truth because not everyone on Social Media tells the truth, like they might be lying about their age or where they are at. You never know what people might be doing these days.
Is Social Media fair to everyone? I think that it isn't because some people might not like what they are posting or maybe they are talking about a person they really enjoy talking to. It also could be when they



Contributed photo

Wed Kadhim (left) is the winner of the 2021 Luverne Rotary Club Four-Way Test essay contest and was awarded \$75 earlier this month. Coy Thone (center) won second place and Anna Reisdorfer third. Kadhim's essay titled "Social Media" is the local entry for the district contest.

are on vacation some people don't go on vacations and they may get jealous but they never say anything.
Can Social Media build friendship and positivity?
I think that Social Media can't build friendship and here's why. It can't because not everyone gets along so maybe they dislike each other. However it also can be dangerous and here's why. It can be dangerous because people might find out where you live, let's say Tik Tok people and can find where you live, Instagram people might take the pictures that you posted on there and post it again and say it is theirs, or they might hacked and get into people's identity. Snapchat is dangerous because people can have their location on and they can find out where you live, and they can put fake names or hack. But it also can be fun because you can make new friends.
Social Media is a great way to communicate with friends and family!
Most people love social media and they post everything on there but I honestly think that it's not that safe to put everything on there. Most people are comfortable with social media and some people aren't and that's fine. Not everyone enjoys it, which is totally fine. You can't trust everyone out there, you never know what they are going to do.
Social Media can also be really bad because they might

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CELEBRATIONS

Bridal showers

An online bridal shower for **Natalie Willers**, bride-to-be of **Robert Golden**, will be Sunday, March 21, at theknot.com/us/Natalie-Willers and any blessings or well-wishes may be sent to the couple at 379 61st Street, Beaver Creek, MN 56116.

Card showers

Rollie and Lynn Crawford will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 19. Greetings may be sent to them at 282 81st Street, Beaver Creek, MN 56116.

Curt and Mary Smook will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 26. Greetings may be sent to 212 N. Washington Street, Magnolia, MN 56158.

Fred Cook will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, March 27. Greetings may be sent to him at 720 S. Donaldson; Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, March 22:
Chicken and noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie.

Tuesday, March 23:
Baked ham, coleslaw, sliced carrots, dinner roll, brownie.

Wednesday, March 24:
Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, sage dressing, pumpkin bar.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Compeer Financial.

Thursday, March 25:
Tator tot casserole, green

beans, dinner roll, peaches.
Friday, March 26:
Pork chop, diced potatoes, peas, bread, lemon bar.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

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

ENGAGEMENT

Mark and Karen Willers, Beaver Creek, and Charlie Golden, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, announce the engagement of their children Natalie Willers and Robert Golden.

Natalie is a 2008 Luverne High School graduate and works as an intensive care nurse at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Robert graduated from Roosevelt High School, Sioux Falls, and works as a quality assurance technician at Diamond Mowers, Sioux Falls. The couple plans a May



Natalie Willers and Robert Golden

29, 2021, wedding celebration.

1932: State Patrol takes 100 cars into custody

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Sept. 16, 1932.

Highway Dept. Shows Interesting Figures

Assorted Activities of State Highway Patrol Summarized for August; 100 Cars Taken Into Custody

The report of activities of the state highway patrol for the month of August, as summarized by a recent highway bulletin, shows that in addition to giving directions and other information to 117,000 motorists and first aid to twelve persons injured into traffic accidents, patrolmen found time to check up a large number of vehicles and issue tags calling for corrections of unsafe or illegal equipment.

A total of 1,277 drivers were given tags for failure to have rear lamps lighted;



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

1,274 because of head lamps being out of adjustment; 742 one lamp dark; 373 on account of glaring lights; 145 insufficient light; 119 illegal lights, and 106 because of no clearance lights displayed on wide vehicles.

Faulty brakes were found on 49 vehicles; 45 had defective warning devices; 48 had no rear view mirror, and 50 no windshield wiper. Failure to have exhaust pipes properly muffled brought tags to 58, and 149 were tagged because of swinging license plates, obscured license plates, or because of the license plates not being

illuminated at night.

Improper operation of motor vehicles brought many motorists to the attention of the patrolmen, the report shows. Warnings were given to 3,044 for improper parking; to 659 for failing to stop at arterial highway "Stop" signs; to 572 for driving too fast in congested areas, and to 316 for not driving in the correct traffic lane. Others given warnings included 164 for improper passing of other vehicles; 80 for passing on curves, and 32 for passing on crests of hills.

Infractions for which tags, calling for corrections

within 48 hours, were issued by the patrol officers included 212 vehicles with expired licenses or large trailers without licenses; 125 no Minnesota license plates; 30 wrong class of license, and 75 having only one license plate displayed. Chauffeurs to the number of 81 were tagged for failure to have proper license. Corrections in this class of irregularities required the payment of vehicle tax to a total of \$3,337.25.

All violators of traffic regulations were not, however, fortunate enough to but get tags, according to the report. Motorists to the number or 72 were arrested for driving while drunk, and paid fines totaling \$5,716.00. Others placed under arrest were: 29 for failure to stop before entering on or crossing arterial highways; 19 for careless driving, and 17 for

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Even after moving into a bitter cold, snow-filled winter, prior Georgia residents Pastor Billy Skaggs and his wife, Cindy, have a fire in their hearts for their new church home in Luverne.

"It's the people here," Skaggs said about being senior pastor of Living Rock.

"There are incredible families God has placed in our church. Living Rock is a nondenominational congregation that meets at 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the former Furniture House building on East Main Street.

"God has really placed a passion in our hearts to love and minister to families in the area," he said.

The couple also has family in the area, which influenced their decision to move from sunny Georgia to seasonal Minnesota. His daughter, Ashley, and her husband, Jared, live in Sioux Falls with their three girls.

25 years ago (1996)

•Rock County Corn and Soybean Board members were introduced to yet another new product made from corn at a recent board meeting.

Board president Gene "Pucky" Sandager said the most recent corn by-product is a product that can replace liquid fire-starting material.

Sandager said, "It's a paste that you squeeze onto wood. It doesn't run all over. You can carry it in a backpack if you're hiking, and it doesn't leave an after-taste if you're grilling.

The fire starter is just one of hundreds of products that are made from corn and corn by-products. Sandager said ethanol continues to be the No. 1 alternative use of corn, but lots of other products are being developed. They include deicing material for airplanes, windshield washer fluid, biodegradable plastic and water-absorbent materials which are used in diapers among other things.

50 years ago (1971)

•Luverne's High School cagers brought home the District 8 crown Saturday night after a fight-to-finish 69-65 victory over arch-rival Pipestone. Since 1924, Luverne has captured 23 district championships, and has won berths in the regional competition in six out of the last eight years. On Tuesday, Luverne advanced to the Region II finals with a 64-53 win over District 7 Champion, Windom. Friday night's regional championship is slated for 7:30 p.m. in the Worthington High School Gymnasium against the winner of Wednesday's regional contest between Frost of District 5 and St. James, District 6.

75 years ago (1946)

•Competing against five schools in the district speech contest held here Saturday, Luverne high school contestants won five first places, and four second places in the seven different divisions to take the biggest share of the honors.

Jean Ellen Canfield, participating in the original oratory division with her oration, "See Here, Mr. Striker", won a superior rating; Howard Binford, giving "The Phantom Delegate" rated superior in oratorical declamation; Jack Butler rated an excellent in the discussion division on the topic "Our Future Relations with Soviet Russia" to tie with Adeline Sauter; Fulda; Eldon Michaelson rated an excellent in extemporaneous speaking discussing "Federation of Malayan States"; Alyce Anderson was given a superior rating on her interpretative reading selection, "Elizabeth and Essex." All of these placed first in their divisions and they are now eligible to compete in the regional contest at Windom, March 25.

100 years ago (1921)

•School will re-open in the Central school building next

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OBITUARIES

Gertrude Bruynes

Gertrude “Gert” Bruynes, 86, Luverne, died Monday, March 8, 2021, at her home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Friday, March 12, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens near Luverne.



Gertrude Berghorst was born Oct. 21, 1934, to Sidney and Marie (Vlieger) Berghorst in Oldebrook, Netherlands. She was baptized at the Reformed Church in the Netherlands. In July of 1948, when Gert was 14, her family came to America on the New Amsterdam ship and settled in Versailles, Missouri. The family relocated to Hull, Iowa, in 1951.

On Sept. 20, 1954, Gertrude married Jacob Bruynes at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne. The young couple started their married life on a farm west of Luverne until moving to Hardwick in 1963. Gertrude was confirmed on Nov. 21, 1965, at the Hardwick Lutheran Church. Jacob and Gertrude were blessed with five children. Gertrude remained in Hard-

wick until 2010 when she and her daughter Vicki moved into a condominium in Luverne.

Gertrude was a hard worker. She was a housewife, she cleaned houses, was a custodian for Zion Lutheran Church in Hard-

wick, as well as both the Mary Jane Brown Home and the Minnesota Veterans Home. She also was employed with Fey Industries in Edgerton for five years.

Gertrude was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne and was active in many church activities. She enjoyed knitting, gardening, and playing cards, especially with the condo ladies. Gertrude loved a clean house and thought her house was never clean enough. She was also an animal lover and cared for injured animals. She loved square dancing and walking with her sister Fran for as long as she was able. More than anything, she loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was proud of them all.

Gert is survived by her

children Deb Fick of Woodbury, Vicky Bruynes of Luverne, Jacob (Terri) Bruynes of Hardwick, and Susan (Lee) Bitterman-Bruynes of Mitchell, South Dakota; nine grandchildren, Ryan (Kristy) Fick, Melissa Fick-Dorn, Lisa (Luke) Lien, Jacob (Katie) Bruynes, Caleb (Tricia) Bruynes, Jonathan (Mickie) Tooley, Jamison (Sarah) Tooley, Kyle (Andrea) Bitterman, and Nicole (Thomas) Argubright; 14 great-grandchildren; and siblings Frances Vos of Luverne, Henry Berghorst of Benson, Martin (Judy) Berghorst of Willmar, Arthur (special friend Pat) Berghorst of Canby, John (Sheila) Berghorst of Canby, Mary Wiering of Alexandria, and Jack (Julie) Berghorst of Canby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jake; daughter Martha Bruynes; sisters Wilma DeBoer and Minnie Hubbling; and brother Frank Berghorst.

Funeral arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0318 F)

Shirley Ford

Shirley Ann Ford, 93, Luverne, died Thursday, March 11, 2021, at the Pipestone County Medical Center in Pipestone.

A public visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A private family graveside service is planned for Thursday, March 18, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Shirley Skoland was born March 30, 1927, to Tobias and Lila (Spease) Skoland in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1945.

Shirley married Harold Ford on Aug. 31, 1946,

at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church parsonage in Luverne. The couple lived in Luverne where Shirley had worked as a receptionist for Dr. Martin and Dr. Siebert. She also worked at Myhre Studio and at The Style Shop. Shirley later volunteered at the Luverne Sanford Medical Center.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne and the Luverne VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Her family remembers her for her loving and caring nature, her endless knitting and her skill at cooking and baking. She also enjoyed playing

bridge.

Shirley is survived by her three sons, Rod (Linda) Ford of Rochester, Greg (Fern) Ford of Boulder, Colorado, and John “Jack” (Mary Ann) Ford of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold, on June 2, 1993; and a sister, Dorothy Foss.

Memorials are preferred to the Disabled American Veterans or the Luverne Dollars for Scholars.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0318 F)

BUSINESS NEWS

Sanford Luverne named ‘Top 100’ hospital

Sanford Luverne Medical Center has been named a “Top 100 Critical Access Hospital” for 2021, according to a list released by the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

“It’s an honor to be named a top 100 critical access hospital,” said Tammy Loosbrock, senior director of Sanford Luverne. “Our team of physicians, nurses, techs, assistants and many other ancillary staff pride them-

selves on the hard work and dedication to the communities we serve. At Sanford, our goal has always been to provide quality health care close to home, making access to health care convenient for our patients.”

According to the Chartis Group website, hospitals making the “Top 100 Critical Access Hospital” list serve as a benchmark for other rural systems.

“Amidst uncertainty, transition and strain, these top performers are excelling in increasing patient satisfaction, securing better outcomes for patients, managing risk, achieving higher quality and operating at a lower cost than their peers,” the website stated.

For more information about Sanford Luverne Medical Center, visit sanfordhealth.org.

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be posting inappropriate things and kids might see it as well.

Kids shouldn’t have social media in the first place. It is now easier than ever to access the internet whether you are using a computer, phone, tablet. There is no doubt that

many young people are spending more and more time online, with both positive and negative consequences. Some young people become addicted to online gaming and this can mean they waste too much time playing video games. This can have

a negative effect on schoolwork.

One advantage of the internet is that young people can do research for their schoolwork and homework.

We all have different opinions on Social Media; this is what I thought about Social Media.

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having improper license plates on their vehicles. These latter paid fines amounting to \$995.50.

Cars taken into custody by the patrol officers numbered an even one hundred. The majority of these were on account of drunken drivers.

Patrolmen required the removal of 285 signs improperly placed on state trunk highways.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156. Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Remember/from page 6

Monday morning, as usual, in at least six of the eight rooms, Supt. H. C. Bell announced Tuesday afternoon.

Careful examination of the building has disclosed that the fire in no way weakened the floor supports of any of the rooms, the main damage being confined to non-essential dividing walls, and consequently it is deemed entirely safe for any of the rooms to be occupied.

A fire which originated in the southwest part of the basement of the Central school building, and for a time threatened the destruction of the structure, was discovered at about 7 o’clock Tuesday, and while not a great deal of damage was done to the building, it was sufficient with the disarrangement of the heating system to make it impractical to attempt to hold school there during the remainder of this week.

Early spring chores include pruning ornamental grass, thinning daylilies

It’s Monday and I am thinking of all the pruning I got done last week. Now I’m looking at a blanket of the whitest and heaviest snow we have seen in awhile. But hey, the frost came out of the top layer of soil so this will be wonderful moisture to help replenish the deficit from last year.

So, we get a couple of days off but we do want to get the pruning done whenever we get the chance because just because we take a couple of days off, the calendar keeps moving.

Yearly I try to remind my gardening friends that cutting back the tall Carl Foerster ornamental grass should be the first pruning project to tackle. I got a lot of them cut last week and noticed that new growth was popping up already.

This is a cool season grass, so they are one of the first perennials to start growing. At this point, cut them back as close to the ground as possible, thereby eliminating all of the previous year’s growth, and they will look fresh from the start.

If you notice that the crown seems to be dead in the center with new growth around the edge, that’s an



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

indication that it is time to divide the clump. Before you put all the effort into cutting it back, dig out the entire clump.

Use your spade to cut the root mass into four sections. Cut off the old growth on one section and plant it back into the hole where you dug it out. You can discard the other three divisions, plant them somewhere else, or bless a friend with them. Be prepared to add soil to the hole to account for the vacancy left from what you removed. Water the new transplant to settle the soil around the root mass. Easy ... almost nothing to it!

This same thinning should be done to daylilies if those clumps have become so thick that they don’t seem to be blooming as plentifully as they did earlier. Ignoring the overcrowded condition situation will not correct the problem. People tend to procrastinate investing that hour of work and regret it

for the rest of the season.

If you have a clump of rhubarb that you want to move or divide, now is when you want to get to it. Rhubarb can grow in the same location for years without complaining. Most often it begins to decline. The issue is inadequate sunlight or harvesting too late in the season, although it is pretty forgiving unless you continue late harvesting year after year.

The shade issue kind of sneaks up on a person. Trees don’t seem to grow all that fast and we tend to ignore them until a neighboring plant doesn’t seem to be blooming or growing as well as in previous seasons. In the case of rhubarb, it is easier to move the rhubarb to a site where it gets full sun than it is to move the tree.

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

Minnesota West recognized as Top 47 colleges in state

Minnesota West Community & Technical College has been recognized as one of the Top 47 Colleges in the State of Minnesota for 2021 by [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com).

The top college picks by [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com) are affordable, respected, and flexible.

These rankings are based on assessments of over 153 universities and colleges along with comparisons of over 344 educational programs.

Minnesota West operates campuses in Luverne, Worthington, Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson and Marshall. Colleges that have made

this top list have also been ranked based on areas including program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement. These areas are then scored and given an overall ranking based on a score between 0 and 100.

Amongst the Top 47 Colleges Minnesota West Community and Technical College was listed as the best for Network Security. With an Intelligent Score of 79.67.

For a complete list of ranked colleges visit <https://www.intelligent.com/best-colleges-in-minnesota/>.

COLLEGE NEWS

U of M Mankato names Fall 2020 honor students

The University of Minnesota Mankato has announced the high honors and honors students for Fall 2020 semester.

Janae Kopp and Sierra Wieneke, both of Luverne, were named to the high honors list with a 4.0 GPA.

Griffin Ahrendt, Jacqueline Diaz, Kaitlyn Roberts and Sidney Wicks, all of Luverne, Jordyn Gyberg of Adrian, and Faith Mounce of Hills were named to the honors list with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99.



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‘God does have a plan — for all those people to be there at the right time in the right place.’

Cardiac arrest survivor thanks quick thinking of church colleagues and use of AED

By Lori Sorenson

Don Bork, Beaver Creek, said he believes God has a plan for everything and for everyone, and after his Feb. 15 cardiac arrest, he’s convinced he’s alive today for a reason.

“God does have a plan — for all those people to be there at the right time in the right place,” he said Sunday, nearly a month after nearly losing his life.

On that frigid February night, he turned an ashen color and slumped in his chair during a council meeting at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne.

He regained consciousness to find himself lying on the floor surrounded by several worried faces leaning over him.

“Wrede (Vogel) was saying, ‘Don, if you can see me squeeze my fingers.’ I looked around some more and squeezed his fingers,” Don said. “And I saw the biggest smile I’ve seen in my life.”

He learned that his heart had stopped beating and his church colleagues brought him back with quick thinking and the use of an AED — automated external defibrillator.

“I knew we had one at church, but I didn’t even know where it was,” he said.

Don traveled by ambulance that night to the emergency room in Luverne and then to Sioux Falls where an angiogram the next day showed a primary vessel was 99 percent blocked.

“They told me that I’d had a heart attack, but because of how quickly I was brought back, there was minimal damage to my heart,” Don said. “I’m one humble and fortunate guy.”

Reality sinks in

Marcia said people have sympathized with her about the traumatic events on her birthday. “But I tell them I had the best birthday present ever,” she said. “I still have him.”

She said she couldn’t stay with Don at the heart

hospital due to COVID-19 precautions, so she returned home in the wee hours of Tuesday morning.

“The hard part was coming home to a quiet house, and the reality hit me,” she said. “I could be actually coming home alone.”

A few of her close friends —Char Feikema, Marilyn Van Santen and Jan Brink — had recently lost their husbands and Marcia had them over for coffee the Friday before Don’s heart attack.

“When they left, she looked at me and said, ‘You can’t leave me,’” Don said. “And I said, ‘Well I don’t plan on it.’”

Little did they know how close he would come to leaving.

“Never in my wildest dreams did I think this would happen,” Marcia said Sunday.

She admitted she’s having a hard time grasping the reality that she almost lost him.

“It’s hard to think of it, in a sense, because then it’s real,” she said. “So I just look at what did happen. ... It was humbling when we actually did come home together.”

Recalling the ‘what-ifs’

Cardiologists placed a stent in the blocked vessel around noon Tuesday, Feb. 16, and by 2 p.m. Wednesday Don found himself back at home reflecting on the previous 48 hours.

“I caused a lot of people a sleepless night,” he lamented.

Mostly, he replayed the events of Feb. 15 in his mind, knowing that the day could easily have ended differently.

It was Marcia’s birthday and their son (Randy) and grandchildren had been there for supper.

“It was a terribly cold night, and I told Marcia that I would maybe skip the church meeting since it was her birthday,” Don recalled. “But the kids were getting ready to leave, and Marcia said I should go to



Lori Sorenson photo/0318 Don Bork

“I’m one humble and fortunate guy,” says Don Bork, pictured above Sunday with his wife, Marcia. Don suffered a heart attack Feb. 15 due to 99 percent blockage in his primary vessel. Church colleagues used an AED to start Don’s heart beating again, saving his life.

the meeting.”

The fact that he left home — 20 miles from Luverne — to attend the meeting likely saved his life.

“Had I been home, I would have never made it,” Don said. “That was the good Lord’s plan starting right there.”

Also, the fact that Dr. Vogel was at the meeting and quickly initiated CPR while others called 911 saved precious time in restoring his heart rhythm.

Rich Hubbling took over chest compressions

while others retrieved the AED from the church narthex and Vogel connected the sensors.

A readout from the machine showed 58 seconds elapsed from “power on” to “analysis started,” and another 19 seconds before “shock initiated.” Then, within 40 to 50 seconds the heart was beating somewhat normally.

Warning signs

Other than cracked ribs from the chest compressions, Don said he feels fine now and is doing cardiac rehab therapy at Sanford Luverne.

“I almost feel guilty for feeling so good after what I put everyone else through,” he said.

He said he felt mostly fine before the cardiac arrest, too, but now realizes he overlooked some warning signs.

There was the vacation in the Smoky Mountains when he felt a pain during a hike.

A similar thing happened during harvest field fire when he rushed to get equipment for discing

a barrier. And after the first snow of this winter he noticed it after briefly shoveling.

“It was pure stupidity on my part over the past four to five months that I still ignored those signs.”

Also, he and Marcia have lost close friends and family members in the past, one due to heart issues, and it should have prompted him to listen to his own body.

“I have three brothers who have had issues with their hearts,” he said. “And

then 13 days [after Feb. 15] later my nephew Doug Bork died of a massive heart attack. That was a real gut wrench for me.”

His nephew would have been 60 this year.

“You look at that and you wonder, ‘Why him? Why not me?’ I guess God’s not finished with me yet,” said Don, who will be 70 in July.

Spokesman for a cause

The Luverne Area Community Foundation is fundraising to pay for yearly inspections and battery and pad replacements for AEDs in the community.

An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses cardiac arrhythmias and instructs users how to administer shocks if the machine deems they’re needed.

There are about 50 in locations in Luverne and Rock County.

Foundation director Emily Crabtree has asked if Don would be a spokesperson for the cause.

“I’d be humbled to help put the story out there,” he said. “It might be one of the reasons God has me here yet.”

Another new advocate for AEDs is Shawn Feilema who was sitting next to Don at the church meeting.

“It’s an experience I’ll never forget,” Shawn said. “What an amazing providence of God to have people there who knew what to do and an AED available.”

He said he and his brother Mike, Feikema, are getting an AED at their farm operation and will train their employees how to use it during their spring safety training.

“When we have all our part-time help here, it’s 13 or 14 guys, and some of them are over 65,” Shawn said. “If it can save a life, it’s definitely worth the investment.”

Those interested in supporting AED maintenance in the community can contact Crabtree at 507-220-2424.



Photos courtesy of Sanford Luverne Medical Center

Don Bork (above and below with Darla Feikema) completes cardiac rehab at Sanford Luverne Medical Center recently.



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LHS girls' basketball enters section tournament on four-game winning streak

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals girls' basketball team closed out the regular season on a four-game winning streak after winning a pair of games this past week.

Luverne opened the week with a thrilling 60-54 victory over Pipestone Area in Luverne on Thursday, March 11.

The Cardinals wrapped up the regular season with a 52-37 road victory against New Ulm on Friday, March 12 to extend their winning streak to four games.

With the two wins and a four-game winning streak, the Cardinals finished the regular season with a 9-9 record and are playing their best basketball at the right time.

"The regular season was filled with adversity,"



Brennen Rupp photo/LHS GBB
Elizabeth Wagner drives to the basket during Luverne's matchup against the Pipestone Area Arrows on Thursday, March 11. The Cardinals defeated the Arrows 60-54.

LHS GBB/3B

Luverne girls' hockey earns first-round bye in section tournament

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne girls' hockey team went 3-0 this past week to wrap up the regular season. With those three wins, the Cardinals ended the regular season with a 14-4 record.

Luverne opened the week with a 7-0 victory over Fairmont on Tuesday, March 9, in Fairmont.

The Cardinals defeated the Marshall Tigers 4-1 on Thursday, March 11, in Marshall.

Luverne wrapped up the regular season with a 10-2 victory over Windom on Saturday, March 13, in Windom.

LHS 7, Fairmont 0

The Cardinals shut out Fairmont 7-0 in Fairmont on Tuesday, March 9.

Reghan Bork scored the opening goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 1-0.

Kamryn Van Batavia and Peyton Behr both recorded assists on the goal.

Van Batavia scored the second goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 2-0.

Neither team recorded a goal in the second period. Luverne's offense erupted for five third-period goals to come away with the 7-0 victory.

Rylee Gee opened the scoring in the final period to put the Cardinals up 3-0. Bork and Van Batavia both notched assists on the goal.

Bork scored her second goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 4-0. Van Batavia and Gee both recorded

Girls Hockey/2B

Cardiac Cardinals edge Blue Earth Area 73-70 to wrap up regular season

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals have been more like the Cardiac Cardinals this season.

They finished the regular season with a 14-3 record with six of their 14 wins coming by four points or less, including a pair of three-point wins this past week.

The Cardinal boys opened up the week with a 58-55 victory over Pipestone Area in Pipestone on March 11. The next day the Cardinals defeated Blue Earth Area 73-70 in Luverne.

LHS 58, PAS 55

The Arrows were the only team other than Marshall to defeat Luverne this season. On Thursday the Cardinals exacted a little revenge by topping Pipestone 58-55.

The visiting Cardinals owned a 29-22 halftime lead. In the second half, the Arrows outscored Luverne 33-29, but it wasn't enough



Brennen Rupp photo/LHS BB
Bailey Cowell attempts a three-pointer during Luverne's home game against Blue Earth Area on Friday, March 12. The Cardinals defeated BEA 73-70. Cowell finished the game with 21 points for the Cardinals.

LHS BB/3B

Boys' hockey goes 1-2 to close out regular season

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals boys' hockey team went 1-2 this past week to finish the regular season with a 7-11 record.

The Cardinals opened the week with a 5-2 victory over Fairmont on Tuesday, March 9, in Fairmont.

Luverne then lost a 3-1 contest to Marshall in Marshall on Thursday, March 11.

The Cardinals wrapped up the week with a 5-4 loss to Windom in Windom on Friday, March 12.

LHS 5, Fairmont 2

After defeating Fairmont 11-2 on Saturday, March 6, the Luverne Cardinals once again bested the Fairmont Cardinals 5-2 on Tuesday, March 9.

Brock Behrend scored a goal 15 seconds into the

contest to give Luverne an early 1-0 lead.

Fairmont scored the equalizer six minutes later to make it a 1-1 game.

Behrend opened the scoring in the second period to put Luverne up 2-1.

A goal from Carlton Oftedahl put Luverne up 3-1. Behrend recorded the assist on the goal.

Fairmont trimmed Luverne's lead to 3-2 with a goal six minutes into the period.

Cade Wenninger put the Cardinals back up by two when he put one between the pipes. Behrend and Cooper Arends both recorded assists on the goal.

Behrend recorded the hat trick when he scored

Boys Hockey/2B

Gymnastics win final meet of season, Reisdorfer breaks personal all-around record

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne gymnastics team had its final tune-up before the section meet this weekend when the Cardinals hosted Blue Earth Area on Thursday, March 11.

The Cardinals hosted Blue Earth and came out on top 129.025-127.900.

"The team had a great night," Luverne head coach Phoebe Flom said. "They are a cohesive group that really works hard. We are looking forward to our section meet and doing our best. I'm very sad that we are getting to the end of the season."

Ella Reisdorfer broke her own program record in the all-around with a score of 35.475. With that new program record, Reisdorfer finished first overall.

"Ella had a great night," Flom said. "I'm sure the record will be broken several times. She added some giants to her bar

routines for the first time. That was exciting."

Amira Cowell finished fourth in all-around with a score of 32.050.

Reisdorfer finished first in the vault with a score of 9.250.

Kianna Woods finished second with a score of 8.775.

On the bars, Reisdorfer finished first with a score of 8.425.

Cowell finished third with a score of 7.550.

Reisdorfer finished first on the beam with a score of 8.900.

Cowell finished fifth with a score of 7.550.

In the floor exercise, Reisdorfer finished first with a score of 8.900.

Cowell finished third with a score of 8.500.

The Cardinals will compete in the section meet in Jackson on Saturday, March 20. The meet is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.



Brennen Rupp photo/Gymnastics
Ella Reisdorfer performs on the beam during Luverne's meet against Blue Earth Area on Thursday, March 11. Reisdorfer broke her own all-around record posting a score of 35.475.

H-BC goes 1-1, Rauk earns all-state honorable mention

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls finished the regular season by winning seven of their last eight games, including a 60-28 victory over Adrian/Ellsworth on Friday, March 12.

The Patriots wrapped up the regular season with a 61-53 loss to Southwest Minnesota Christian on Saturday, March 13, in Edgerton.

H-BC 60, A/E 28

It was all H-BC all the time on Friday in Hills. The Patriots held the visiting Dragons to eight first half points en route to a 60-28 victory.

H-BC outscored the Dragons 31-8 in the first half. In the second half the Patriots outscored A/E 29-20 to pick up their 14th win of the season.

Abby Knobloch scored a team-high 16 points for the Patriots.

Taryn Rauk finished with 14 points



Brennen Rupp photo/HBC GBB

H-BC's Taryn Rauk looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during a game against Luverne earlier this season. Rauk recently earned all-state honorable mention in Class A by the Minnesota Coaches Association.

for the Patriots.

Kenadie Fick reached double figures with 10 points and grabbed a team-leading eight rebounds.

SWC 61, H-BC 53

The first time

Hills-Beaver Creek and Southwest Minnesota Christian squared off, it was the Patriots picking up a 57-53 victory at home.

On Saturday, March 12, in Edgerton the Eagles bested the Patriots 61-53.

H-BC held a narrow 30-28 lead at the end of the first half.

In the second half, the Eagles outscored H-BC 33-23 to pick up the 61-53 victory to hand H-BC their

H-BC GBB/7B

Hills-Beaver Creek boys’ basketball team surges heading into section tournament

By Brennen Rupp
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys’ basketball team wrapped up the regular season this past week with a 69-61 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda on Thursday, March 11, and a 72-53 loss to Westbrook-Walnut Grove on Saturday, March 13.

H-BC 69, HLOF 61
The contest was a first-round preview in Hills on Thursday, March 11. The Patriots and Coyotes are scheduled to face each other in the opening round of the 3A Section Tournament on Thursday, March 18.

The Patriots picked up the victory in this matchup with a 69-61 home victory. After the first 18 minutes, the Patriots held a slim 31-30 lead.

In the second half, the Patriots outsourced their opponent 38-31 to pick up the 69-61 victory.

Oliver Deelstra scored 19 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Patriots.

Zander Wysong scored 19 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds for H-BC.

Cole Baker chipped in with nine points. Ty Bundesen scored seven points and grabbed five rebounds.

WWG 72, H-BC 53
The Patriots put up a valiant effort against the Chargers on Saturday, March 13. In the end, that effort wasn’t enough to overcome a WWG team that couldn’t miss from three-point land in the second half, as the Chargers picked up a 72-53 road victory. The visiting Chargers opened the game by



Brennen Rupp photo/HBC BB

Ty Bundesen drives to the basket during H-BC’s regular season finale against WWG on Saturday, March 13 in Hills. The Patriots had their five-game winning streak snapped by the Chargers as WWG defeated H-BC 72-53.

knocking down a three-pointer, a sign of things to come.

Deelstra scored the next time down the floor for the Patriots to get H-BC on the board.

Another Deelstra bucket cut WWG’s lead to 8-4.

Following Deelstra’s basket, the Chargers went on a 12-0 run to open up a 20-4 lead.

Baskets from Wysong and Baker trimmed WWG’s lead to 20-8.

The Chargers answered back with another three-pointer to push their lead to 15, at 23-8.

At the half, the Chargers held a 33-20 lead.

The Patriots scored the first five points of the second half.

A Deelstra three-point play followed up by a pair of Wysong free throws cut WWG’s lead to 33-25.

The Chargers responded by hitting three straight three-pointers to open up a 42-25 lead.

Unfortunately for the Patriots they were unable to get back within striking distance as the Chargers picked up the 72-53 victory.

Baker finished the game with 14 points for the Patriots.

Deelstra had nine points and nine rebounds.

The Patriots finished the regular season with a 9-8 record. They are heading into the section tournament as winners of five of their last six games, including an eight-point victory over their first-round opponent, the Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda Coyotes.

“We are playing really hard,” H-BC head coach Steve Wiertzema said. “We have been in most games

this year, but our depth has been an issue. Having Oliver Deelstra back from his ankle injury has helped.”

H-BC 31 38 69
HLOF 30 31 61

Scoring: Deelstra 19; Wysong 19; Baker 9; Bundesen 7; Harris 6; Leenderts 5
Rebounds: Wysong 9; Deelstra 5; Bundesen 5
Assists: Harris 5; Raymon 4
Steals: Harris 6; Bundesen 3

H-BC 20 33 53
WWG 33 39 72

Scoring: Baker 14; Deelstra 9; Harris 8; Wysong 7; Bundesen 6
Rebounds: Deelstra 9
Assists: Wysong 3
Steals: Deelstra 1; Wysong 1

Rall column: Prairie management with fire

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist
When you spend your free time in the conservation universe, there is normally very little down time between seasons. The ice fishing season closed at the end of February, and in a short window of about 30 days I am heading into the heart of fire season. When it comes to managing grassland habitats, there is nothing else that can have such a positive impact as fire.

Before human settlement, the great plains were vast seas of native grass species that often grew to 8 feet tall. These prairie ecosystems were under constant natural management. Lightning would start prairie fires and they could burn tens of thousands of acres in a single event.

I can only imagine a fire that could literally burn across much of an entire state being stopped only by natural rivers or streams. Fires remove the duff that accumulates from seasons of growing and dying.

Then you add in the millions of buffalo that roamed these same prairies



and their hooves would beat up the ground and

integrate years of seed production into the soil to germinate the following spring.

The American Indians were the first utilizers of fire as a management tool. They would burn prairies, and the results that followed would be that buffalo herds would seek out these areas for the fresh green sprouts of grasses and forbs that would be present following the fire.

Between buffalo and natural fire, the ecosystems of both tall grass and short grass prairies were maintained.

Then humans come along and the result was the loss of over 95 percent of all of those native grassland acres in Minnesota and across the Midwest.

The trend continues today with losses of grassland equal to the size of the state of Kansas even over just the past 30

years. Native grassland ecosystems are the most endangered ecosystem in the entire world today.

Add in the fact that humans introduced many grass species that were never native to North America and we have yet another challenge to managing the ever-precious native prairies that remain.

With the introduction of non-native smooth brome a few hundred years ago, there would be no way for our remaining remnant native prairies to survive without human management.

We now use fire and livestock grazing on native prairies to do our best to mimic the natural process that existed before we arrived. Invasive cool season grasses like smooth brome would ultimately destroy native prairies if they are left unattended.

It is the first grass to sprout in the spring, and without any other water or light competition from native warm season grass that doesn’t take off until soil temperatures reach about 70 degrees, they dominate and choke out the desirable native grasses and forbs in only a few years.

If you successfully planted a restored native prairie and did nothing with it, in 15 years you would hardly be able to tell those desirable plants ever existed.

Management by fire in April and May sets back the undesirable cool season species, and while they are recovering from the fire, the warm season natives get a jump start on them.

This jump start is achieved in two ways.

First, after the fire the ground is black. This absorbs sunlight and the soil heats up much faster. This allows those desirable warm season grasses a growing season that is up to 60 days longer than in the absence of fire.

The second benefit is that as the burned off cool season grasses are recovering, there is reduced moisture competition and no sunlight competition.

All of this results in the reduction of undesirable cool season species and the robust improvement in density

Rall column/7B

LHS girls’ hockey/from 1B

assists on Bork’s goal. Van Batavia scored her second goal of the game to give Luverne a 5-0 lead. Bork and Brynn Thier both recorded assists on the goal.

Gee scored her second goal of the period to put Luverne up 6-0. Regan Feit and Van Batavia both recorded assists on Gee’s goal.

Behr scored the final goal of the game. Roz Oye and Sophie Holmberg both recorded assists on the goal.

Cheyenne Schutz recorded 22 saves for the Cardinals.

LHS 4, Marshall 1
The Cardinals defeated Marshall in Luverne 5-0 earlier this season. The Cardinals completed the sweep of Marshall on Thursday, March 11, with a 4-1 victory.

Van Batavia scored the lone goal in the first period for the Cardinals.

It was Van Batavia again in the second period to put the Cardinals up 2-0. Bork recorded the assist on both of Van Batavia’s goals.

Marshall opened the scoring in the third period to cut Luverne’s lead to 2-1.

Van Batavia recorded the hat trick by scoring her third goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 3-1. Thier and Oye both recorded assists on the goal.

Gee scored the final goal of the game to make the final score 4-1. Mallory Nelson and Bork both recorded assists on the goal. Schutz recorded 21 saves in the win for the Cardinals.

LHS 10, Windom 2
The Cardinals wrapped up the regular season on Saturday, March 12, with a

10-2 victory over the Eagles in Windom.

The Cardinals scored the first three goals of the game to jump out to a 3-2 lead.

Behr scored the opening goal of the game to put Luverne up 1-0 five minutes into the game. Nelson recorded the assist on the goal.

Van Batavia scored the next two goals for Luverne to put the Cardinals up 3-0.

The Eagles scored the final two goals of the first period to make it a 3-2 game after the first 17 minutes.

Van Batavia recorded the hat trick by scoring her third goal of the game to open the second period. Gee recorded the goal.

Bork scored the second goal of the second period to put Luverne up 5-2. Van Batavia and Feit both recorded assists on the goal.

Behr scored her second goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 6-2. Feit recorded the assist on the goal.

Van Batavia scored her fourth goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 7-2.

Behr opened the scoring in the third period by scoring her third goal of the game to record the hat trick and put the Cardinals up 8-2.

Gee scored the final two goals of the game to make the final score 10-2.

The Cardinals will open the section tournament on Wednesday, March 17.

They’ll play Windom in Luverne. The Cardinals swept the Eagles this season.

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his third goal of the game to open up the third period. Wenninger and Henry Hartquist recorded assists on the goal.

Shaïd Shearer recorded 27 saves for Luverne.

Marshall 3, LHS 1
The Cardinals defeated the Tigers in Luverne earlier this season 5-3.

On Friday, March 11, the Tigers won the rematch 3-1 in Marshall.

The Tigers scored the lone goal in the first period to take a 1-0 lead into the locker room after the first 17 minutes.

Wenninger scored the lone goal in the second period to make it a 1-1 game. Behrend recorded the assist on the power-play goal.

The Tigers scored two goals in the final period to secure the 3-1 victory over the Cardinals.

Shearer recorded 42 saves for the Cardinals.

Windom 5, LHS 4
The two Big South Conference foes went back and forth on Friday, March 12, to wrap up the regular season. In the end, it was the Eagles coming out on the winning end with a 5-4 overtime victory over the Cardinals.

The Eagles scored the first goal of the game to take a 1-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

Less than a minute later, the Cardinals scored the equalizer off the stick of Arends.

The Eagles took a 2-1 lead 13 minutes into the first period.

Once again the Cardinals wasted little time

in answering. A mere 21 seconds later Behrend put one between the pipes to tie the game at 2-2.

Wenninger opened the scoring in the second period to put the Cardinals up 3-2. Arends recorded the assist on the goal.

Windom scored the next two goals to take a 4-3 lead into the final period.

Behrend scored the lone goal in the third period to force an overtime period.

Windom’s Alex Espenson scored the overtime goal to give the Eagles the 5-4 overtime victory.

Shearer recorded 35 saves for the Cardinals.

Shearer finished the regular season with 758 saves. Those 758 saves led the state of Minnesota in that category.

As a sophomore, Behrend finished tied for second in the state with 29 goals.

Luverne will open the section tournament on Tuesday, March 16, against Fairmont in Luverne.

Luverne swept Fairmont this season, outscoring them 16-4 in two games.

Luverne won the first meeting between the two teams in Luverne, 11-2.

They then won the rematch in Fairmont, 5-2.

If Luverne defeats Fairmont they’d hit the road to Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato on Thursday, March 18.

The Dragons earned the number two seed in the section tournament and finished the regular season with a 7-8-2 record.

The Dragons enter the section tournament having lost their last two games.

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Gannon Ahrendt enjoying successful sophomore season as Cardinals inch closer to ultimate goal

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne Cardinals boys' basketball team finished the regular season with a 14-3 record, with two of their three losses coming to Marshall, a Top 10 team. It's a veteran group for the Cardinals. With eight seniors on the roster, this team has been through it all on the court together. That veteran leadership has helped them win eight games by five points or less. "They work hard and set the tone for the rest of the players," Luverne head coach John Sichmeller said. "They are a really fun group to be around."

Point guard Bailey Cowell is one of those seniors. He's the one that stirs the drink for the Cardinals.

"He gets our team going," Sichmeller said. "When he is playing well, our team generally plays well."

Jayson Rops joins Cowell in the starting lineup. He's a glue guy that scored 22 points in the season finale.

Ethan Beyer is the third senior that's in the starting lineup.

The other five seniors on the roster include Arekel McLaughlin, LaShad Smith, Kaden Lampron-DeSollar, Ben Jarchow and Justin Dolhmann.

Junior Nathaniel Cole-Kraty is one of the five starters for Sichmeller. Cole-Kraty provides a strong defensive presence and is a strong rebounder.

The large group of seniors will begin postseason play on Saturday, March 20, in Luverne against Windom Area or Tracy-Milroy-

Balaton.

When they take the court on Saturday, they'll be three wins away from reaching the state tournament.

A player that could help them reach the finish line is sophomore Gannon Ahrendt.

As a freshman Ahrendt was one of the team's leading scorers.

Fast forward a year and Ahrendt is up to the same tricks, leading the Cardinals in scoring averaging over 20 points per game.

"Our goal is the state tournament," Ahrendt said. "We had a lot of success because everyone was in shape and prepared for the season. We are a tight-knit group and everybody gets along very well."

Ahrendt can jump out of the gym. That freakish athleticism gives him an advantage each time he steps on the court.

"I mean the thing with him is his athleticism is huge for him," Sichmeller said.

"There are a lot of times where there is nothing there for him and he'll just jump over somebody and get his shot over them. We can kind of get him his shot whenever we need to."

Athleticism is something you can't coach. Ahrendt has that in spades.

The thing that separates Ahrendt from other athletic prep players is his willingness to hone his craft. He's a gym rat that's been playing basketball since he could remember.

"His athleticism is huge," Sichmeller said. "But he has a lot of skill. He's got good touch around



Brennen Rupp photo/Gannon Ahrendt attempts a shot during Luverne's contest against Windom Area earlier this season.

the basket to go along with that athleticism."

When Ahrendt was a freshman, Sichmeller said that Ahrendt was just a player for the Cardinals. Now as a sophomore, Ahrendt has grown more confident and is developing into a leader for the Cardinals.

"A lot of it he's more confident," Sichmeller said. "There are even times where there are certain plays that we run for him and he'll ask if we can run a play for him to get a three-point shot. He would have never done that before. He's growing and maturing into a leader of the team."

The Cardinals enter the

section tournament as one of the hottest teams in Section 3AA.

The Cardinals are currently on a four-game winning streak and are 9-1 in their past 10 games. The lone loss during that stretch was to the Marshall Tigers, a Top 10 team. In fact, two of Luverne's losses this season came at the hands of the Tigers.

With a perfect blend of senior leadership and talented youth, the Cardinals are on the doorstep of accomplishing their goal of reaching the state tournament.

Luverne wrestlers fall in opening round of section tournament

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne wrestling team lost in the team section meet on Tuesday, March 9.

The Cardinals lost to Fairmont-Martin County West 74-0 and will now turn their attention to the individual section tournament in Redwood Falls on Tuesday, March 16.

This season was a battle for the Luverne wrestling team with COVID-19 and all the uncertainty surrounding the schedule, but Luverne head coach Jordan Kopp said he's proud of the way his team came through it all.

"This season has been a tough one, but I feel we accomplished a lot in a short time," Kopp said. "We were able to get a couple team wins and a couple ties that we lost due to too many forfeits."

The season consisted of twice a week duals, sometimes three a week.

"Everyone was able to stay healthy for the most part," he said. "We lost a couple to injuries, but

"I just hope the guys come out aggressive against whomever they wrestle. I hope they wrestle hard and go after their dreams."

- Luverne head coach Jordan Kopp

the wrestlers I thought did really well overall for the season with what we faced this year."

Kopp said he's unsure of what the individual section tournament will bring, but he hopes his wrestlers give it all as they attempt to qualify for the state tournament.

"I just hope the guys come out aggressive against whomever they wrestle," Kopp said. "I hope they wrestle hard and go after their dreams."

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to overcome the seven-point halftime deficit.

Gannon Ahrendt led the Cardinals with 24 points. The talented sophomore also grabbed six rebounds and recorded three steals.

Senior guard Bailey Cowell scored 21 points, dished out six assists, and recorded three steals.

Jayson Rops chipped in with seven points.

LHS 73, BEA 70
The Cardinals wrapped up the regular season on Friday, March 12, with a 73-70 victory over Blue Earth Area.

Rops opened the scoring for the Cardinals to give them the early 2-0 lead.

Cowell then scored the next seven points for the Cardinals as they jumped out to a 9-5 lead.

The two teams played a back-and-forth first half with Blue Earth leading after 18 minutes 42-38.

In the second half, the Cardinals outscored BEA 35-28 to pick up the 73-70 victory.

Rops led the Cardinals with 22 points. Rops also grabbed five rebounds.

Cowell scored 21 points, dished out five assists, and recorded three steals.

Ahrendt scored 19 points, grabbed six

rebounds, and recorded three steals.

With their 14-3 record the Cardinals earned the No. 1 seed in the south region of the Section 3AA section tournament. They'll either play Windom or Tracy-Milroy-Balaton at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in Luverne.

The Cardinals won both of their matchups against Windom this past season. Luverne beat the Eagles 86-65 in Windom and then beat them 72-63 in Luverne.

Luverne did not play TMB in the regular season. The Panthers finished the regular season with a 10-8 record.

LHS 29 29 58
PAS 22 33 55

Scoring: Ahrendt 24; Cowell 21; Rops 7
Rebounds: Ahrendt 6
Assists: Cowell 6; Beyer 6
Steals: Ahrendt 3; Cowell 3; Beyer 3

LHS 38 35 73
BEA 42 28 70

Scoring: Rops 22; Cowell 21; Ahrendt 19
Rebounds: Ahrendt 6; Rops 5; Cole-Kraty 5
Assists: Cowell 5; Beyer 5; Cole-Kraty 4
Steals: Ahrendt 3; Kole-Craty 3; Cowell 3

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Luverne head coach TJ Newgard said. "The girls stayed the course."

LHS 60, PAS 54
The Cardinals edged the Arrows 60-54 on Thursday, March 11.

Kira John opened the scoring for the Cardinals to give them the 2-0 lead.

The Arrows responded with a three-pointer to take a 3-2 lead.

A Christina Wagner bucket put the Cardinals back on top 4-3. The Arrows answered with a bucket of their own to take a 5-4 lead.

An Averill Sehr three-pointer kickstarted an 11-0 run to put the Cardinals up 15-5.

After an Arrows bucket, the Cardinals went on a 7-0 run to build a 22-7 lead.

With the Cardinals leading 29-17, the Arrows hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to cut Luverne's halftime lead to 29-20.

In the second half,

the Arrows outscored the Cardinals 34-31, but it was the home team making the key plays in the final minute to secure the victory.

With the Cardinals trailing 54-53, Elise Ferrell hit a three-pointer to put the Cardinals on top 56-54.

The Arrows attempted a shot the next time down the court that was blocked by Sehr.

The Cardinals were able to salt the game away at the free-throw line and held on for the 60-54.

Ferrell finished the game with 15 points, six rebounds, and four assists for the Cardinals.

John and Elizabeth Wagner both finished the game with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Christina Wagner finished the game with 11 points and five rebounds.

Sehr scored 10 points, dished out five assists, and recorded four steals.

LHS 52, New Ulm 37

The Cardinals wrapped up the regular season with a 52-37 victory over New Ulm on Friday, March 12.

Ferrell led the Cardinals in scoring with 15 points.

Elizabeth Wagner chipped in with nine points. Wagner also dished out five assists and recorded five steals.

Sehr scored eight points, grabbed six rebounds and recorded four steals.

The Cardinals will open the section tournament on Tuesday, March 16, when they host Tracy-Milroy-Balaton.

"I think we are coming into our own over the last two weeks," Newgard said. "The girls are excited about the postseason. We know that we have to play well to advance, but we also know that we can compete with anyone in our sub-section. We are just going to lay it all out on the line and see what happens."

LHS 29 31 60
PAS 20 34 54

Scoring: Ferrell 15; E. Wagner 12; John 12; C. Wagner 11; Sehr 10
Rebounds: John 8; E. Wagner 8; Ferrell 6; C. Wagner 5
Assists: Sehr 5; Ferrell 4
Steals: Sehr 4

LHS 52
New Ulm 37

Scoring: Ferrell 15; E. Wagner 9; Sehr 8; C. Wagner 7
Rebounds: Sehr 6
Assists: Sehr 5
Steals: E. Wagner 5; Sehr 4; Van Grootheest 4

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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
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First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, March 21: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. Monday, March 22: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Wednesday, March 24: 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.

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The Lenten journey includes Easter

BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Jason
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There are some interesting people around the final hours of Jesus. There are the major players like Peter who makes bold declarations about how he will follow Jesus to the end and never deny him, but he turns out to be a fickle follower. There's John, who follows everything closely, but at a distance. There is Pontius Pilate who is every bit a politician.

Some of the characters are minor, but deeply illustrative. John 18 and Luke 22 both mention a servant of the high priest. John says his name was Malchus. Peter cuts his ear off with a sword. Luke says Jesus then heals the man's ear. This would be Jesus' last healing miracle before his death on the cross. Jesus shows healing compassion even at the moment of arrest. Simon of Cyrene is another minor Bible character in the Lenten drama. He is the man who happens to be one of the bystanders as Jesus passes carrying the cross. Simon is selected by the soldiers to carry Jesus' cross for him. Maybe he wasn't so minor after all! Were you there?

I once received a sample of a Lenten video. It opened by saying, "Lent is a time to focus on the sufferings of Jesus ..." And then after a dramatic pause added, "... and beyond" as a sunrise focused onto the screen. Our journey is to Easter Sunday and the glorious happening that lies at the center of our Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave in conquest of death and sin.

May your Lenten journey help you reflect on and deepen your faith, and on Easter Sunday may your joy be immense!

I have often heard it said that Lent is meant to be like a journey. The Biblical background that inspires this is Jesus journeying toward the city of Jerusalem where he will be crucified and killed.

The reason we remember and think about this is that Easter is on the other side of that journey.

The time and season of Lent call us to reflect deeply about the cost Christ paid before rising from the dead. That's why many people will give up something for Lent. The original reason for "giving up" something for Lent was to take on the cost of discipleship.

I have also often heard people suggest that it's more beneficial to "add on" something for Lent, such as focused Bible study, deeper prayer, or some other spiritual discipline that helps us to refocus our attention on Christ.

The cross is at the center of Lent and so you find a great many devotions and devotionals that focus on the cross. I was reading one the other day about the people who were gathered around Christ's cross. The author said that there were some types there that are still found today: "Those who want a cross without Christ," "Those who want a Christ without a cross," "Those who want neither Christ nor his cross" and finally, "Those who want Christ and take up the cross." The words were definitely worth thinking about!

When I was serving at my first church, someone associated with my congregation wrote a poem and in one part asked the question: "Were you like faithless Pilate, unfaithful Judas, loyal John, timid Peter..." and on it went.

Of course, a number of you are probably familiar with the song, "Were You There?" Were you there when they crucified my Lord? There are a variety of very human responses. I've read about some of the great painting of the crucifixion where the artists paint themselves into the picture as someone around the cross. Rembrandt is one who did this. Were you there?

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H-BC School Board meets Feb. 8

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
February 8, 2021

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees – based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk, and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger, and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member LaRock was absent.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald and Ms. Cloey Anderson (Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor).

PATRIOT PRIDE:

- Agricultural Education Summer Grant Award
- Gavin Harnack-2021 Elementary Festival Honor Choir
- I Love to Read Month
- Black History Month

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

- Staff Development/Tab, 02/03, Community Education 01/27, Building Grounds meeting set for 2/11

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Consent

Agenda:

- 6.1. Minutes—01/25/2021
- 6.2. Bills and Imprest
- 6.3. Accept Teri Richards' resignation as Junior Class Advisor effective the end of the 2020-2021 School year
- 6.4. Accept Jeanette VandenHoek's resignation as Secondary Student Council Advisor and Knowledge Bowl Coach effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 6.5. Approve Jeanne Prekker as Special Needs Teacher Practicum Student from Southwest MN State University for 30 hours Spring Semester
- 6.6. Approve payment to the City of Hills in the amount of \$1500 for baseball scoreboard

Motion by Knobloch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Resolution for Donations February 2021

Motion by Rauk, second by Bosch, and carried to approve District Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve GAGA Ball Pit at the Elementary School

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 22, 2021
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 8, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(03-18)

Bode probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re:Estate of:

Court File No. 67-PR-21-41

Pamela Jo Bode, a/k/a Pamela Josephine Abell,
a/k/a Pamela Jo Abell a/k/a Pamela J. Abell, a/k/a Pam Abell,
a/k/a Pamela Jo Virkus,
Deceased

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the 29th day of March, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Paul Jon Reif, whose address is 1355 280th St., Odebolt, Iowa 51458, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrators 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.

Date Filed: March 3, 2021

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

Paul A. Vis
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #297550

(COURT SEAL)

(03-11, 03-18)

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES

State of Minnesota

County of Rock

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 21, 2021, 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 10, 2021. 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

Deputy District Court Administrator

Fifth Judicial District

Date: February 16, 2021

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, 2021. Interest calculated from January 1, 2021, 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	PARCEL NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	TOTAL TAX AND PENALTY
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	2020	655.34
TOWN OF BEAVER CREEK			
BRIAN & DEBORAH L TAUBERT	02-0182-200 SEC-34 TWP-102 RNG-46 E 508' OF N 429' OF NE 1/4 5.00 ACRES	2020	570.31
GREG W JANSMA O - IOLA MOSS	02-0291-200 SEC-36 TWP-102 RNG-47 A TR IN THAT PART OF FIRST ADDITION TO MANLEY IN SW 1/4 COM AT W COR OF LOT 6 BLK 12 OF FIRST ADDITION; ELY 125.29' TO POB; NLY 252.19'; SELY 41.94'; SWLY 242.62'; WLY 19.34' TO POB 0.17 ACRES	2020	18.00
JOHN & KAREN RUDDY	02-0295-000 SEC-22 TWP-102 RNG-46 6.48 A BLDG SITE TRACT IN SE CORNER OF E 1/2 OF E 1/2 LESS 0.20 A CSAH #17 6.48 ACRES	2020	852.81
TOWN OF CLINTON			
DALE & HEATHER STEENSMA	03-0215-000 VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOTS 1 THRU 4 BLOCK 4	2020	178.69
MARILYN LOUISE SHEEHAN	03-0216-000 VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 4	2020	249.75
ELIZABETH KRUGER	03-0224-000 KITTERMAN'S ADDITION VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOT 3	2020	6.75
TOWN OF DENVER			
HEATH C & KERI K PETERSEN	04-0018-000 SEC-12 TWP-104 RNG-45 E 667' OF S 358' OF SE 1/4 5.48 ACRES	2020	879.80
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	2020	713.25
JAMES WM BROOMFIELD & PATTY A BROOMFIELD	04-0143-000 SEC-29 TWP-104 RNG-45 7.80 A TR IN NE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT NE COR OF SD NE 1/4 AS POB; S ALG E SEC LN 546'; W 390'; N 43'; W 250'; N 503'; E 640' ALG N SEC LN TO POB	2020	564.20
TOWN OF LUVERNE			
LISA SIMONSEN	06-0164-100 SEC-25 TWP-102 RNG-45 5.73 A TR DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 25; S ON W LN OF SD SEC 46' TO POB; CONTN S ON SEC LN 1254'; E 198'; NELY 297' TO PT 382.8' E & 970.2' S OF NW COR OF SW 1/4 ; ELY 66' TO PT 455.4' E & 937.2' S OF NW COR OF SW 1/4; NWLY 897.6' TO PT 46' E & 202.4' S OF NW COR OF SW 1/4; NWLY 132' TO PT 30' E OF POB, TH W 30' TO POB	2020	600.75
CAANEN HOLDINGS LLC	06-0186-100 SEC-29 TWP-102 RNG-45 E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 80.00 ACRES	2020	1,901.90
CAANEN HOLDINGS LLC	06-0186-200 SEC-29 TWP-102 RNG-45 S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 80.00 ACRES	2020	1,812.80
CAANEN HOLDINGS LLC	06-0187-000 SEC-29 TWP-102 RNG-45 N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 EXC 11.70 A TR DESC AS: E 696.5' OF S 731.5' 68.30 ACRES	2020	1,531.20
TOWN OF MAGNOLIA			
WAYNE A & PEGGY J HARMS	07-0127-000 SEC-04 TWP-102 RNG-44 S 386' OF E 540.5' OF W 1337' OF SW 1/4 4.79 ACRES	2020	633.64
TOWN OF MARTIN			
SHERI ROZEBOOM	08-0269-000 SEC-26 TWP-101 RNG-47 W 462.80' OF FOLLOWING DESC TR: TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF SEC 26; ELY ALG S LN OF SD 1/4 353' TO POB; NLY 33'; CONTN NLY 459.09'; ELY 622.36'; SLY 459.73'; CONTN SLY 33' TO SD S LN; WLY ALG S LN 636.98' TO POB 5.22 ACRES	2020	1,696.94
TOWN OF ROSE DELL			
WAYNE C KISLOWSKI	10-0036-000 SEC-07 TWP-104 RNG-46 4.47 A TR IN NW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT C OF MN HWY 23 AT N SIDE OF SEC 7; WLY 7.5' ON N SIDE OF SD SEC TO POB; WLY ON N SIDE OF SD SEC 572.5'; SLY 340' = W SIDE OF SD SEC; ELY 572.5' = N SIDE OF SD SEC; NLY 340' TO POB LESS 0.30 A HWY #23	2020	135.00
SAX SEED & SERVICE INC	10-0167-100 SEC-34 TWP-104 RNG 46 4.23 A TR IN NW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NE COR OF NW 1/4; SLY ON E LN OF NW 1/4 683'; WLY 270'; NLY 683' TO N LN OF NW 1/4; ELY 270' TO POB	2020	31.36
TOWN OF SPRINGWATER			
ADAM & TRESSA FRANZ	11-0166-200 SEC-23 TWP-103 RNG-46 1.53 A TR IN SE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SE COR OF SEC 23; NLY ALG E LN OF SE 1/4 808.28'; WLY 441.3'; WLY 251.08' TO POB; CONTN WLY 16.62'; NWLY 215.09'; NLY 421.29'; ELY 79.68'; ELY 56.57'; SWLY 619.33' TO POB	2020	23.87
CITY OF BEAVER CREEK			
THOMAS B & LINDA SWANSON	13-0058-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 11	2020	913.57

CITY OF HARDWICK			
SUSAN ROGERS	14-0020-000 AUDITOR'S OUTLOTS 26-104-45 OUTLOT 13	2020	654.75
SUSAN ROGERS	14-0021-000 AUDITOR'S OUTLOTS 26-104-45 OUTLOT 14	2020	87.75
LORI WENDT	14-0048-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 1	2020	2,489.28
TRAVIS SCHOOLMEESTER	14-0099-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION LOTS 9 & 10 & E 1/2 OF LOT 11 BLOCK 1	2020	369.00
TRAVIS SCHOOLMEESTER	14-0100-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION W 1/2 OF LOT 11 & ALL OF LOTS 12 THRU 14 BLOCK 1	2020	136.71
JONNA DULL	14-0104-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION LOTS 8 & 9 BLOCK 2	2020	199.64
JAMES PETERSEN	14-0110-100 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION S 40' OF LOT 17 & ALL OF LOT 18 BLK 2	2020	976.50
DANIEL SPIER	14-0127-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOTS 6 THRU 8 BLOCK 1	2020	690.75
JONNA DULL	14-0130-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 1 BLOCK 2	2020	373.50
CITY OF HILLS			
MILDRED KESTERSON	15-0047-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 5 & N 1/2 OF LOT 6 BLOCK 2	2020	1,523.25
WENDELL W & WILMA L BENGSTON	15-0118-000 F.C. FINKE'S ADDITION S 32' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 8	2020	2,475.00
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	2020	1,265.14
JERRY & SHIRLEY J JOHNSON	15-0212-000 HELGESON'S & QUALLEY'S ADDITION N 92' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 28	2020	792.87
JUD DUNN	15-0234-000 QUALLEY ADDITION N 34' OF LOT 11 & S 38' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 2	2020	2,823.75
CITY OF JASPER			
DENNIS & RHONDA GALLOP O - BERNICE HONKEN ET AL	16-0047-000 ROSE DELL ADDTION LOT 4 BLOCK 17	2020	627.13
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	2020	329.67
MAURICIO MARTINEZ	16-0053-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION W 75' OF E 225' OF LOWER PARK	2020	1,043.40
CITY OF KENNETH			
JAMIE LYNN ARCHAMBEAU % CARLY NEAL	17-0014-100 SEC-02 TWP-103 RNG-44 W 60' OF E 360' OF OUTLOT 1 & TR DESC AS: COM AT NE COR OF SD O L 1; WLY 300' TO POB; NLY 40'; WLY 60'; SLY 40'; ELY 60' TO POB 0.15 ACRES	2020	93.31
CITY OF MAGNOLIA			
SOMPHIANE KHUT XAPHAKDY	18-0038-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 13 & 14 BLOCK 1	2020	82.39
KARL H KOIKER	18-0053-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1, 2 & 3 BLOCK 3	2020	159.43
JENNIFER RAE PETERS	18-0054-000 ORIGINAL PLAT N 1/2 OF LOTS 4 THRU 6 BLOCK 3	2020	407.37
JENNIFER RAE PETERS	18-0055-000 ORIGINAL PLAT S 1/2 OF LOTS 4 THRU 6 BLOCK 3	2020	22.50

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DALE D & PATRICIA M AUCH	18-0057-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 9 THRU 11 & W 10' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 3	2020	123.69
NATHAN & DARLENE RUST	18-0069-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 7 THRU 11 BLOCK 5	2020	220.89
LAURENCE J STOCK & SAMANTHA AUCH	18-0075-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 1 & E 1/2 OF LOT 2 BLOCK 7	2020	69.93
DYLAN FITZPATRICK	18-0118-000 GUTZLER'S ADDITION LOT 1 & 2 BLOCK 6	2020	538.16
CITY OF STEEN			
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	2020	159.75
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	2020	159.75
CODY SCHOLTEN	19-0007-704 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT THE NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1055.22 TO POB; SLY 208.08'; WLY 92.48'; NLY 206.31'; TO N LN OF NW 1/4; ELY ALG N 92.45' TO POB	2020	173.25
CODY SCHOLTEN	19-0007-705 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT THE NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1055.22'; SLY 208.08' TO POB; SLY 124.22'; WLY 152.12'; NLY 128.24'; ELY 152.17' TO POB	2020	173.25
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	2020	648.83
JARED GERLOFF	19-0032-000 ORIGINAL LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 1	2020	345.03
TOMMY R & TRISHA M BEANER	19-0057-000 ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 7	2020	882.75
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0059-000 ORIGINAL LOTS 4 & 5 BLOCK 7	2020	22.50
RANDY & KATHY MARSHALL	19-0073-000 ORIGINAL LOT BLOCK 10	2020	129.47
TOBY NELSON & KAIJA KAUPINS	19-0090-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE 1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF QTR SEC LN OF W 1/2 NE 1/4 OF SD SEC 32; S ON QTR SEC LN 666.5'; E 192' ALG N EDGE OF MINNESOTA AVENUE TO POB; N 119' ALG W LN OF WINTERDYKE STREET; W 76', S 119', E 76' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 10 & E 28' OF LOT 11 BLOCK 4 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION	2020	2,637.00
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	2020	6.51
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	2020	6.51
CITY OF LUVERNE			
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	2020	918.00
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0148-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 N 95' OF W 137.5' OF OUTLOT 13	2020	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'	2020	28.21
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	2020	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	2020	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	2020	34.72
BRIDGET L CONNELL	20-0304-000 BARCK, ADAMS & HOWE'S ADDITION S 63' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 8	2020	1,044.00
ERIC J FOUNTAIN & GAYLE C FOUNTAIN	20-0540-000 CRAWFORD'S ADDITION LOT 8	2020	824.60
DOUGLAS DEAN LAFRENZ	20-0722-000 CHARLES O HAWES' ADDITION LOT 5 BLOCK 3	2020	554.50
CORRINE COLVIN	20-0979-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 152' OF LOT 4 BLOCK 4	2020	2,645.23
SARA MISTEREK	20-1000-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 93' OF W 1/2 OF 9 & W 74' OF LOT 14 BLOCK 5	2020	1,707.79
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	2020	726.95
JENNIFER K BUTLER	20-1487-200 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION N 10' & S 60' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 28	2020	8.68
LEO SWENSON C/O ANDY SWENSON PERS REP	20-1582-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION W 22' OF LOT 17, ALL LOT 18 & E 18' OF LOT 19 BLOCK 7	2020	828.25
ROSALIA BAUMGARD	20-1611-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 5 BLOCK 10	2020	591.75
YVETTE YAN JIANG	20-1633-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 4 & W 10' OF LOT 5 BLOCK 11	2020	410.70
JANNA & CHRISTOPHER THIELSEN	20-1660-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 13	2020	453.53
DEVIN D MC GUIRE	20-1663-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION N 86' OF LOT 6 BLOCK 13	2020	349.37
SARP LLC	20-1852-000 TR IN NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 14; S ALG W LN OF SD SEC 322.63'; SELY 357.47' TO ELY R/W LN OF CSTPM&O R/W; NWLY ALG SD WLY R/W LN 317.39' TO N LN OF SD SEC; NWLY ON SD N LN 322.43' TO POB EXC A 0.56 A TR DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SEC 16; SELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 263' TO POB; CONT SELY 59.12' TO E R/W LN OF ABND RR; SELY ON SD E R/W LN 317.69'; WLY 94.41'; NWLY 316.97'; TO POB 1.35 ACRES	2020	30,399.75
SARP LLC	20-1941-000 SATER'S CREEK ADDITION BLOCK 6	2020	14,458.50

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 5th day of February, 2020.

(Notary Seal)

Notary Public, Nobles County, Minnesota

City of Luverne seeks bids by April 6

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, at the Luverne City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 on Tuesday, the 6th of April, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. for the 2021 School Street Improvements in, Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Administrator and Engineer.

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

2,200 S.Y.	Bituminous Milling
1,600 Tons	Bituminous Paving
2,200 L.F.	Curb and Gutter
1,030 S.Y.	6" PCC Pavement
7,700 S.F.	PCC Sidewalk

and other related items of construction.

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H-BC girls' hoops/from 1B

third loss of the season. Rauk finished the game with 16 points and five rebounds. Knobloch reached double figures with 11 points. Fick also reached double figures with 10 points. The Patriots finished the regular season with a 14-3 record. They'll open the section tournament on Tuesday, March 16, at home against Murray County Central. H-BC defeated MCC in Slayton earlier this season 87-45 and in Hills 63-27. Rauk recently was named all-state honorable mention in class A by

the Minnesota Coaches Association.

H-BC	31	29	60
A/E	8	20	28

Scoring: Knobloch 16; Rauk 15; Fick 10; Deelstra 7; LaRock 7
Rebounds: Fick 8; LaRock 6; Moser 6
Assists: Rauk 4
Steals: Deelstra 5; Bos 4; Elbers 3

H-BC	30	23	53
SWC	28	33	61

Scoring: Rauk 16; Knobloch 11; Fick 10; Deelstra 6; Moser 5
Rebounds: Bos 6; Moser 5; Rauk 5
Assists: Fick 3
Steals: Deelstra 4; Rauk 3

Rail column/from page 1B

and vitality of native species. I went to one of my very first prescribed fires and we used a wet depression as a fire break. It was an uneven line that weaved about a half mile. The fire went off like it should. What blew me away and has been forever scorched in my mind is what I saw the following fall. The burned area had grasses and flowers 6 feet

tall. The unburned area had almost all short undesirable cool season species that were only 12 inches tall. You could easily see the uneven line weave across this prairie, and anyone, even if they knew nothing about native prairies, could tell what had been burned and what had not. From that moment on, I was hooked on prairie grassland management and fire was now my friend.

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Governor Walz Expands Vaccine Eligibility as State Reaches Goal of 70% of Seniors Vaccinated

Newly eligible Minnesotans include those with underlying health conditions and essential frontline workers; Announcement comes weeks ahead of schedule after the state moved quickly to use more vaccine from the federal government



March 9, 2021 — Today, Governor Tim Walz announced that Minnesota is expanding vaccine eligibility as the state reaches its goal of vaccinating 70% of Minnesotans 65 years of age and older this week. The announcement comes several weeks ahead of schedule after the state moved quickly to use more vaccine from the federal government.

As a result, the state will expand eligibility to the next two phases of Minnesotans at once, starting Wednesday. Providers have been directed to prioritize people in the first of these phases, which includes Minnesotans with specific underlying health conditions; food processing plant workers; and Minnesotans with rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk of severe illness. Providers will then have the flexibility to provide available appointments to other eligible Minnesotans.

"We asked most Minnesotans to wait patiently while we protected Minnesotans at higher risk and got shots to at least 70% of our seniors. We will hit that milestone on Wednesday – well ahead of schedule. More Minnesotans will now be eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine, beginning this week," said Governor Walz. "To reach 70% of seniors vaccinated is an incredible accomplishment in itself, but it's not the end goal: we will continue moving full steam ahead until every Minnesotan who wants a shot gets one."

Minnesota will expand vaccine eligibility this week, more than three weeks ahead of previous goals. This expedited timeline is a result of the expansive, robust network of options Minnesota stood up to get shots to everyone across the state. Minnesota providers are quickly vaccinating patients as the federal government ships even more doses to states. To provide more flexibility to providers and get critical protection against COVID-19 to even more Minnesotans, two additional phases will be eligible for the vaccine beginning Wednesday.



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- Targeted essential workers
- People with rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk

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- Essential frontline workers
- People age 50 and over in multi-generational housing

Who will get their vaccine soon?

MAY-JUNE

- People age 16 years and over with any underlying medical condition
- Age 50-64 (regardless of health condition)

SUMMER

- General public
- All other essential workers



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