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Hospital, SWHHS prepare for coronavirus

By Lori Sorenson

As Rock County and surrounding communities grasp new realities of the coronavirus pandemic, Sanford Luverne is taking its own measures as the local health care leader.

"We are doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing and responsible event management," said Tammy Loosbrock, Sanford Luverne CEO.

"We want to reduce the overall number of infected persons and by slowing the spread, we will protect the resources we have to manage the infection."

According to local public health officials, patients are being tested for the virus in southwest Minnesota, and as of Tuesday there were no confirmed cases.

"However, we do know it's out there," said Lauren Mellenthin, emergency preparedness coordinator for Southwest Health and Human Services.

"Our tests are limited to at-risk or high risk patients, and it takes three to five days to get results. ... People need to absolutely stay home unless they absolutely need to go out for supplies or emergencies."

Loosbrock said hospital workers are implementing protocols to protect regular clinic or rehabilitation patients by keeping areas as clean and separated from risk as possible.

"Patients who have any indications of COVID-19 through their travel or exposure history or current health will be immediately taken to a private

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Lori Sorenson photos/0326 firemen coronavirus delivery

Spirit of generosity

Luverne firefighters volunteered to deliver groceries in the community on March 18 to residents who weren't venturing out from home due to social distancing precautions. At right, Brett Hood seeks direction on where a grocery bag is going. Firefighters picked up groceries that residents had ordered at Sunshine Foods and made stops at the Blue Mound Tower, Centennial Apartments, Good Samaritan senior living facilities and other places. These acts of generosity have been playing out in the community in several different ways. The Luverne Area Chamber office is coordinating efforts at 507-283-4061 and luverne-chamber@co.rock.mn.us.



Schools set up day cares, prepare meals, ready for distance learning to start

By Mavis Fodness

In a matter of days, area school staff transformed from classroom educators to meal caterers, child care providers and distance learning professionals.

Last week state officials mandated all Minnesota schools close to stop the potential spread of the coronavirus.

Schools in Hills, Beaver Creek and Luverne conducted classes on

Monday, March 16, and sent students home through March 27.

By Wednesday, March 18, both Luverne and H-BC school districts were distributing daily meals to students and offering local to child care emergency and health care workers and their school-aged children under age 12.

"I encouraged staff to be the calm in the storm," said H-BC Superintendent Todd Holthaus.

On March 18, H-BC staff fulfilled eight requests for child care and served 30 meals. H-BC families can pick up the brown bag meals at the elementary or high school entrances.

Luverne delivered 175 brown bag meals to five different locations on March 18 and provided for 30 children.

Child care in H-BC Elementary is from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. In Luverne child care is offered from

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

While paraprofessionals and support staff complete the required meals and child care through March 27, teachers are busy devising lessons for potentially six weeks of distant learning.

Schools are preparing to educate students remotely starting March 30, per instructions from the governor's resolution passed March 15.

On March 16 students in both

school districts emptied lockers, and janitorial staff cleaned all surfaces in classrooms, hallways and locker rooms.

"Our staff has been tremendous," Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl told board members via video conferencing in a March 19 special meeting.

"This is a very challenging time

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Mavis Fodness photo/0326 HBC Board Social Distancing

'Distance meeting' for schools

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met in regular session Monday night in the school commons to allow more distance between members. Pictured from left are Tim Bosch, Tami Rauk, Ethan Rozeboom, Dan LaRock, Board Chairman Arlyn Gehrke, Renae Knobloch, business manager Amanda Rozeboom, Superintendent Todd Holthaus, High School Principal Molly Schilling and Blake Wysong, who joined the meeting after its start. At left, Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl and district technology coordinator Wade Hiller set up for Thursday night's Zoom videoconferenced School Board meeting. They're pictured on a Star Herald computer monitor as reporter Mavis Fodness participates in the meeting.

Lori Sorenson photo/0326 zoom meeting

Block retires after 42 years with yellow and green

By Lori Sorenson

After 42 years working with John Deere, Dan Block recently announced he'll retire this spring.

The past 26 years of his career have been at the Luverne dealership where he grew the business and spearheaded a massive building project in 2018.

Despite his role at the helm of a multi-million-dollar company, Block talks about his humble roots in the company that started in the Adrian store.

"I graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1976 and went to work for Denny Hohn in 1978," Block said. "He put me in the back shop setting up machinery."

Two weeks later, Hohn moved Block to the parts department.

"I told him, 'I know nothing about parts,' and he said, 'That's OK. I'll train you.' But he didn't really tell me much," Block laughed. "I learned through hard knocks."

Hohn tells a different story. "You know during the first week you hire someone if they're going to be a winner or a loser. I



Dan Block is retiring from C&B Luverne effective April 1.

could tell right away Dan was going to make it," Hohn told the Star Herald last week on a phone call from Arizona.

"I liked hiring farm kids because most of them had a strong work ethic and they knew what farm equipment was. This kid knew where he was going; he just needed an opportunity — and he

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A note about community events:

The Announcer will not list the activities and events that are canceled; it is assumed that most planned events are canceled, per CDC mandates for safe social distancing. However individual inquiries should be directed toward appropriate planners. See www.star-herald.com, for the latest coronavirus coverage.

Help others struggling with coronavirus challenges

In response to residents and organizations being overwhelmed by challenges related to the coronavirus, the Luverne Area Chamber is lining up volunteers to shop and/or deliver for those individuals who are unable to leave their homes.

The intent is to coordinate this as a service to residents supporting our local businesses. A protocol will minimize contact between volunteers and people requesting services. To join the list of volunteers, call the Chamber at (507-283-4061).

American Red Cross blood drive for Luverne, April 7th.

With Grace Lutheran being closed Grand Prairie Events Center will host the American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 7. Call A.C.E. of SW Minnesota – Rock County for details. (507) 283-5064

Kindergarten Round-Up canceled, but paperwork due

Luverne Kindergarten Round-Up in-person meeting has been canceled, but Luverne Elementary School personnel still needs the registration paperwork. The paperwork can be sent electrically or mailed to the elementary school. Call 507-283-4497 for more information.

Community ed accepting drop-box registration

Luverne Community Education policy is that when school is canceled, no community education classes are held. Grades K -12 summer Baseball and Softball registrations will continue to be accepted thru March 27. This includes t-ball. Information may be found on the Com Ed link of the Luverne School website, on page 14 & 15 of the Winter Brochure. There is a drop box to the left of the outside door at Com Ed, if you prefer to drop off your registration, rather than mail it to the office. (507) 283-4724. **If you would like financial assistance with the fee, please send an email request to Child Guide Lisa Dinger at l.dinger@isd2184.net**

Spring weight restrictions in place

Spring weight road restrictions are in place on Rock County roadways. Ending dates are variable, and drivers must check for updates throughout the spring. Call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions and updates.

Treasury, IRS and Labor announce paid leave for workers and tax credits for businesses

On Friday the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the U.S. Department of Labor (Labor) announced that small and midsize employers can begin taking advantage of two new refundable payroll tax credits. They're designed to immediately and fully reimburse them, dollar for dollar, for the cost of providing coronavirus-related leave to their employees.

This relief to employees and small and midsize businesses is provided under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Act) signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020.

The Act will help the United States combat and defeat COVID-19 by giving all American businesses with fewer than 500 employees funds to provide employees with paid leave, either for the employees' own health needs or to care for family members.

The legislation will enable employers to keep their workers on their payrolls, while at the same time ensuring that workers are not forced to choose between their paychecks and the public health measures needed to combat the virus.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0326 School Build Middle School Addition

Construction timeline gets boost with school closures

Workers are taking advantage of no classes at Luverne Middle-High School with about a dozen more plumbers, electricians, dry wall applicators and demolition crews ascending on the school last week. The construction and remodeling project is now into its second year. According to site manager Dave Mulert with ICS, workers are exercising social distancing from school personnel still working in the building, and on-site hand washing stations have been put into place.

Since students left the building March 16, workers began removing the former outside walls in the school's north wing to tie the existing building into the new two-story six-classroom addition constructed this winter. Plans for the wall removal were not slated until this summer to avoid excessive dust and noise during the wall-removal process. With no classes being conducted in the building due to the coronavirus pandemic, inside construction plans have been accelerated, Mulert said.

H-BC School Board sets 2020-21 calendar

By Mavis Fodness

With tables and chairs set more than six feet apart, the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met in regular session Monday night.

The group met in the high school commons instead of the conference room in response to the coronavirus pandemic and limiting contact between individuals.

H-BC closed schools March 16 with staff meeting since then to prepare distance learning plans set to begin Monday.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus told board members that teachers and administrators are missing the student interactions, and the social isolation in the normally busy building is being felt.

"We come together quite frequently as a staff," he said.

This week teachers have been reaching out to students, experimenting with various technology tools. Many are using familiar software such as Schoology and Google Classroom, which had been used prior to the school closure.

The contact was good both for students and staff, according to high school principal Molly Schilling.

Board members approved the 2020-21 school calendar, with classes starting Tuesday, Sept. 8, and ending Wednesday, June. 2.

The ending date into June was due to Memorial Day 2021 landing on the last day of May, Holthaus said.

Students are in class 174 days.

In other business, the H-BC board unanimously:

- hired ICS Consulting of Sioux Falls to examine the district families and complete a long-term facility maintenance report for the district. Cost is \$4,050 and will be completed by the state's report deadline in June.

- approved upgrading the security camera system at the secondary school. A bid of \$9,875 was accepted from Intellipro Security of Sioux Falls.

- entered into a new contract with Southwest West Central Service Cooperative for the 2020-21 school year. The proposed contract of \$141,948 is \$7,022 less than the current contract for assistance in staff development, special education student services, technology and general information support.

- approved the termination/non-renewal teacher contracts with full-time elementary instructor Meghan Zylstra and part-time elementary teacher Macy Ellingson effective at the end of the current school year. The reduction in staff is due to a decline in enrollment numbers for the 2020-21 school year.

- hired Dalton Bass as the district's building/grounds/ transportation supervisor beginning March 24. Salary will be \$50,000. Bass replaces Chris Harnack who resigned from the position effective April 1.

- accepted the resignation of Stephanie Bass as assistant volleyball coach, effective at the end of the current school year.

The board's next meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, April 13.

Teacher contracts approved

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members unanimously accepted a two-year union agreement with teachers during a special session conducted electronically March 19.

The agreement ended six months of discussions including a Feb. 28 mediation between the district and teachers union.

Combined salary and benefits is 8.87 percent over the two years.

For the 2019-20 school year teachers will receive a salary increase of 2.6 percent in addition to an insurance increase from the district of 14 percent.

In 2020-21, teachers will receive a salary increase of 2.4 percent and an insurance increase from the district of 3 percent.

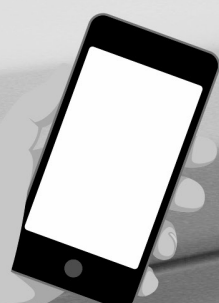
On average, teachers will receive an salary/benefit increase of \$4,214 for 2019-20 and an increase of \$3,299 for the second year.

Board members met using Zoom, a videoconference platform to avoid personal contact due to the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by Gov. Tim Walz on March 15.

The declaration closed schools and recommended social distancing to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

Sixteen people joined the online meeting. Board Chairman Jody Bosch conducted the meeting from the district boardroom at the Luverne Middle-High School with administrative assistant Brenda Teal and district technology coordinator Wade Hiller.

Seventeen others, including the six remaining school board members, joined the meeting remotely from homes or offices.



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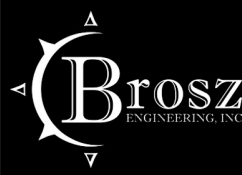
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Bank officials request change to county checking agreement

Change could mean \$100,000 less in 2020 county budget

By Mavis Fodness

Security Savings Bank wants to change the terms of a banking agreement with Rock County due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

“This is unprecedented,” said Ryan DeBates, Security Savings Bank branch manager in Luverne. “We are asking for a temporary amendment.”

He approached county commissioners with the proposal at their March 17 meeting, but they tabled a decision until their April 7 meeting.

Exact terms and a timeline were not outlined at the March 17 meeting, but bank officials painted a bleak financial picture.

Since the COVID-19 virus was first reported in the U.S. in December, stock markets declined sharply, taking a reported \$10 million out of the markets.

COVID-19 was declared a pandemic on March 11, dropping markets even further.

DeBates, along with Tim Plimpton and Alec Bonander, both with Security Savings Bank, explained the negative dips in the U.S. Treasury Bond market and the recent impacts on the banking industry.

Locally, Security Savings Bank sees potential savings by changing a professional agreement with the county.

“We want to honor all parts of the agreement but for two parts,” DeBates said.

Instead of annually, interest on the county’s checking accounts would fluctuate quarterly, along with establishing a new floor rate.

The change could save the bank \$100,000 in payments to the county.

In 2016 the county agreed to a professional agreement with Security Savings Bank for no fees on the county’s five checking accounts and an interest rate of 0.85 percent.

The county’s checking account balances fluctuate, but as of March 13, the balance was slightly over \$9 million.

Certificates of deposit at Security Savings Bank are included in the proposed agreement change.

Last year the county garnered \$263,000 from the professional agreement.

“It will be a major impact item for us,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Bonander suggested “by doing this we will be able to help others” to lessen potential personal financial losses.

Commissioner Stan Williamson said later that \$100,000 was committed to the highway department for additional gravel for county roads.

“Do we tell Mark (Sehr, county engineer) he no longer has the funds?” Williamson asked. Discussion will continue at the April 7 meeting, which begins at 9 a.m. via electronic conferencing.



Mavis Fodness photo/0326 School Pandemic

Students cleaned out lockers March 16 as future education was mandated to begin at home on March 30. Luverne Public Schools janitorial staff has cleaned all classrooms, hallways and lockers in an effort to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

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for school districts. Our teaching staff is working extremely hard to change everything they have ever known about education and teaching and in nine days transform it into something different.”

Elementary principal Stacy Gillette said teachers took quick inventory of what students had at home and what they needed for distance learning.

Since March 17, teachers have researched what is available to them to teach remotely.

“Through this planning process, it has become apparent that technology will play a big part in our plan,” she said.

On March 19 high school art teacher Chris Nowatzki was reviewing education standards for the visual arts and examining the lessons left for this school year.

He was working with art teacher Dennis Moritz and graphic arts teacher Bill Thompson on ways to take their predominantly hands-on learning projects for delivery now at home.

“The biggest challenge for art is supplies,” Nowatzki said.

However, he said many galleries have set up virtual tours of their art displays, and he is working on a project to link students with local ceramic artists.

Thompson is adding in YouTube and other videos to his classes that he hadn’t had time to use before the pandemic.

“We are looking at things ... that we didn’t have time for because the kids wanted to use their hands,” he said.

Distance learning doesn’t exclusively involve technology.

Teachers can also use paper if they



Art projects remain unfinished last week at Luverne Middle-High School after all Minnesota public schools were instructed to close no later than March 18. Students were sent home in order to stem the spread of the coronavirus, and teachers were instructed to plan lessons for distance learning by March 30.

can get materials to students.

On Friday H-BC will distribute packets containing various student lessons.

Families are asked to pick the packets up at schools closest to their homes.

H-BC students, whose addresses are Hills or Steen, are to pick up packets at the high school in Hills. Students with addresses of Beaver Creek, Garretson, Luverne or Valley Springs can pick up packets at the elementary school in Beaver Creek.

Pickup hours are from 7 a.m. to 6

p.m. Friday at both sites.

Luverne teachers are preparing similar packets with a delivery schedule yet to be determined.

Both districts are working with local internet providers to connect all families with school-aged children to the internet.

Distance learning plans are expected to begin Monday.

“There are a lot of unknowns out there,” Holthaus told board members Monday. “Our staff couldn’t be handling it any better.”

County offices close doors, services remain

By Lori Sorenson

Just days after announcing their doors would remain open, Rock County officials decided last week to restrict access to their offices in Luverne, due to coronavirus concerns.

“This isn’t what we wanted, but we just weren’t able to accommodate social distancing,” said Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre, who is also the

local emergency management director.

“Our government services continue to function, but in a very different way in these times.”

Doors are closed at the courthouse, Law Enforcement Center, Environmental Services, Rural Water and Rock County Library until further

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Churches turn to social media for Sunday services

By Mavis Fodness

Churches in Rock County suspended weekday and Sunday services for several weeks in order to contain the local spread of the coronavirus.

Many relied more heavily on local cable and radio broadcasts to stay connected with parishioners, but others added social media broadcasts, some for the first time.

St. Catherine’s Catholic Church, Luverne, suspended all face-to-face activities Friday including weekend Masses through the entire Easter holiday to May 15.

Monsignor Gerald Kosse said his worship committee suggested live streaming Sunday Mass using Facebook as another way to stay connected with parishioners.

Sunday was Kosse’s first broadcast from his personal home chapel.

“Those that we heard from said that they truly appreciated it,” he said.

About 140 families viewed Kosse’s broadcast live, which featured readings by Seminarian Mitch Logeais before Kosse ended the 30-minute broadcast with a sermon and prayers.

Committee members also encouraged parishioners to continue driving to Sunday Mass in Luverne and watch the live stream from their cars.

Kosse emerged from his



Submitted photo

Monsignor Gerald Kosse delivers a live Mass Sunday morning in his chapel with parishioners watching from home or in their vehicles parked outside St. Catherine’s Catholic Church in Luverne.

Below, after the 9 a.m. Mass, Monsignor Gerald Kosse blessed about 10 vehicles and their occupants in the church parking lot, who watched the live Mass Sunday from their cars.



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Song lyrics harbor what's missing in daily life these past two weeks

"So many things I never thought I'd see, happening right in front of me."

Seldom do the lyrics of a country song ring more true than those words do now.

The refrain of Brad Paisley's 2009 song, "Welcome to the Future" includes that phrase.

The lyrics of the song highlight how things change over time and how surprising those changes are when looked at over a lifetime.

You and I have experienced changes in the last two weeks that probably should have taken a lifetime to occur.

Indeed, so many things we never thought we'd see are happening right in front of me because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Local and national businesses are being closed by the government.

Items are sold out or rationed at stores.

The Mall of America, Times Square, and even the Las Vegas strip are empty.

The LHS choir and band performed a concert to a camera in an empty gym.

As far as I know, there were no public church services in Luverne on Sunday.

The state high school and even NCAA basketball tournaments did not happen this year.

And, most important to me, all schools are closed indefinitely with a brand new system of distance learning scheduled to begin on Monday.

And, oh yeah, we may not have prom or even graduation in 2020.

I definitely never thought I'd see any of those things.

I never thought we could completely revamp in two weeks' time how we've taught for decades.

I never thought so many people would suddenly work at home or, worse, have no income at all.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

I never thought so many kids would actually want to be in school.

And I can't believe we don't know how long this is going to last.

Perhaps that's been the worst part of all — the unknown.

It's exhausting. It's scary. And it's just plain frustrating.

So what do we do?

For me, my whole focus has been to remain as positive as I can.

I'm writing down what's going on and saving every edition of the Star Herald and Star Tribune to document these historic times.

I'm working hard to get ready to teach history and psychology online.

I'm leaning on my faith, which now means "going to church" online at home.

I'm washing my hands more and staying home as much as I can.

And I'm really looking forward to handshakes, teaching a classroom full of kids, watching live sporting events, singing in choir, and going to a restaurant in the future, whenever that may be.

And, to remain positive, I'm even looking forward to a possible graduation ceremony, or at least open houses, to celebrate some amazing seniors who deserve to experience that milestone.

Sure, right now it feels like we may never see those events.

But, then again, sometimes the things we never thought we'd see ... happen right in front of me.

'Clowns to the left of me, jokers to the right, here I am, stuck in the middle again'

We have choices in this pandemic. Let's choose to be leaders

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Luverne and Rock County have always been leaders in our little corner of the state on policies ranging from schools, the environment, agriculture and most recently the census (we're leading the state right now in data response).

Now, dear readers, we must again step up and be leaders.

Our governor has issued mandates and our local businesses and governments are following through.

But just 30 miles to the west, there's apparently no risk of disease, because many Sioux Falls bars, restaurants and other businesses remain open to the public. The mall is closed, but we heard weekend reports of full parking lots at Menards, Walmart and other big-box-type stores. Shoppers lined up at cash registers, and diners and drinkers were elbow to elbow at bars

and restaurants.

As if there's no pandemic, and no CDC warnings about staying home in order to "flatten the curve" of hospitals being overwhelmed when the tidal wave of sick people comes in.

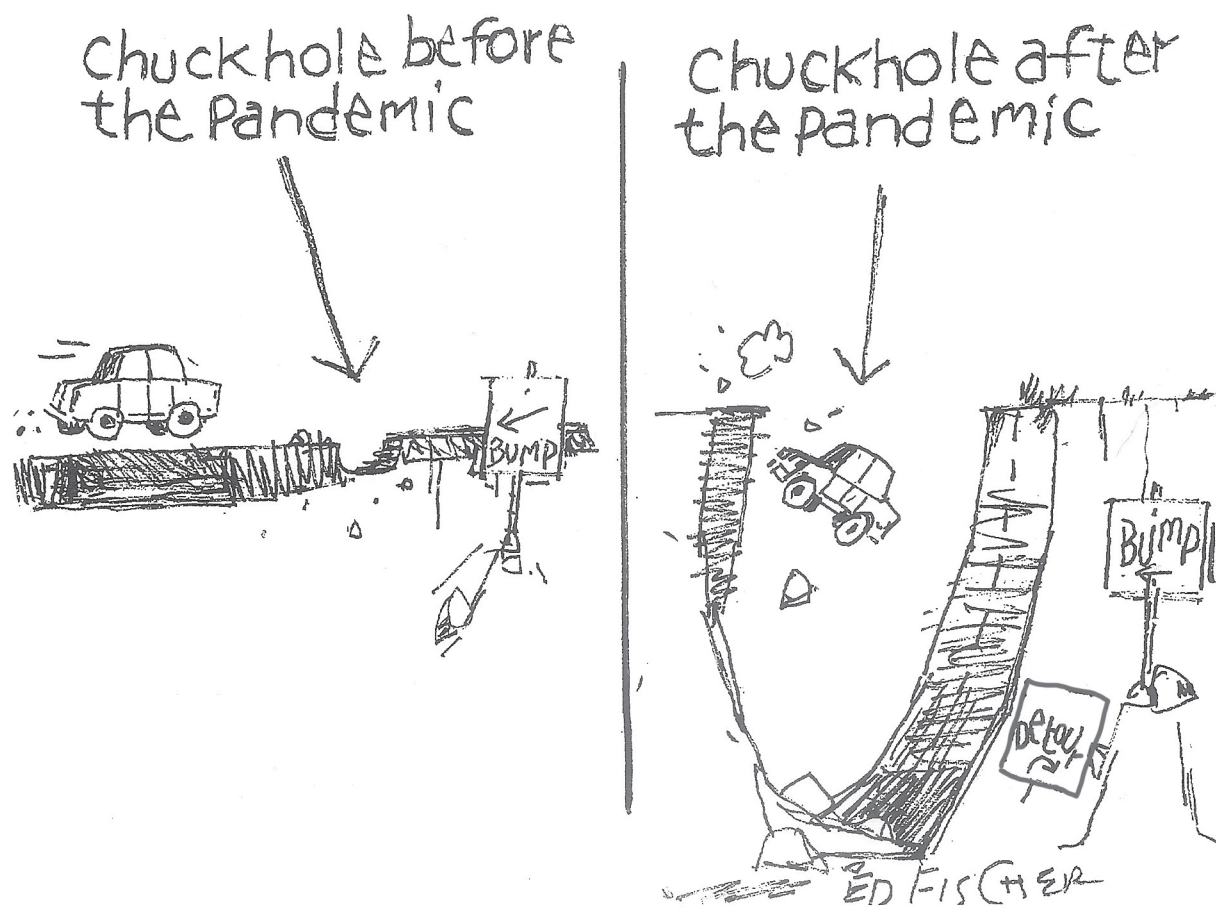
The "open for business" Sioux Falls means customers who may know better may still choose to expose themselves to the virus, and by doing so will put their families, neighbors and community members also at risk.

What this means for us in Rock County is that we may also choose to do business in Sioux Falls. And, of course, this will put our families, neighbors and community members also at risk.

Please, please, dear Rock County residents. Don't do this. Please stay home. Please don't bring the virus into our little community. Please think outside of yourself and think about the fact that you may have no symptoms at all while sharing the germs that might ultimately kill someone you care about.

Now more than ever we need to be leaders. Stay home. If you can't stay home, keep your distance. Wash your hands constantly and don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth. And be considerate, compassionate and patient.

We can do this, Rock County, but we all need to do the right thing.



We should learn something from this pandemic

Oftentimes when I sit down to write my column, I struggle as to what to write about. Well, as you can imagine, that is not a problem this week.

You guessed it -- today's topic is COVID-19.

I am not going to tell you to wash your hands and cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze.

I am not going to tell you about whatever stimulus program Washington is debating over, I am not going to tell about how many new positive test results have been reported, and worse, I am not going to tell how many new deaths have been reported.

What I am going to tell you is I am scared. There you have it.

The big, sometimes grumpy, sometimes happy, and most of the time self-confident and fun-loving guy is scared.

The odd thing is, I am not scared as to whether or not I will contract the virus.

I am scared as to how unprepared we are as a society to handle such a catastrophic event.

Before I go any further, I am



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

part of that society, so I am as guilty as anyone.

Our level of dependence on our governments -- federal, state and local -- has been exposed. Our level of instant panic has been exposed. Our level of living from paycheck to paycheck has been exposed.

Our level of -- or should I say lack of -- self-reliance has been exposed.

What I find as most disturbing is our level of divisiveness based on which cable news (propaganda) channel we watch.

I am scared as to how my business and yours will come through this. The long-term effect is the great unknown; the short-term effect is

assuredly not a positive one.

The 32nd president of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, spoke the words, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." And no, I am not a political junkie. I looked that up on Google.

The way I look at it is that if you're not scared (fearful) of something, you can't really address those fears.

That said, it's my hope that I, and maybe some of you, learn something from what scares us about today's events and we make some changes so the next time we have a catastrophic event such as this, we are better prepared to cope.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Social distancing should not be social isolation

To the Editor:

Greetings to you all. I hope you all are taking care of yourselves, both physically and mentally.

At this time our communities are gearing up for an unprecedented pandemic that will affect everyone.

Something I would like to highlight at this time is our mental state during the quarantine, mainly how to stay active and prevent isolation.

Prior to the spread of COVID-19, there was a great push at the federal, state and local level to recognize and eradicate social isolation for our older population.

This is evidenced by recent legislation proposed by Minnesota Senator Tina Smith, where she stated, "Loneliness and social isolation isn't just bad for older Americans' mental and physical well-being — it's bad for our economy too. Connectedness to communities is important for seniors and our economy to thrive."

Now with the current situation,

it is essential to maintain social distancing, but that does not mean to isolate people, especially our older population. Allow me to propose some tips for you to engage with isolated older adults during this time:

- Make a phone call to a distant relative that you know may be living alone.

- Look at your calendar and see what meetings, organization or club events were canceled and check in with fellow members.

- Write letters to your friends and family contact list.

Remember, we are all in this together, and we will all get through this together.

Let's take care of each other through this pandemic and beyond.

Maintain social distancing but break down the barriers that may cause social isolation.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 13
•Deputies assisted another agency on Interstate 90, mile marker 18 near Magnolia.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a possible drug fraud at location.
•Outage reported at location on Blue Mound Avenue.
•Complainant on 140th Avenue and 11th Street, Steen, reported an underage party.
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported harassing communications.
March 14
•Deputy assisted MSP east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, near Luverne.
•Complainant on Interstate 90, east of County Road 6, Beaver Creek, reported an accident.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on Interstate 90, east of 190th Avenue, Magnolia, reported a rollover.
•A fire was reported at location on E. Barck Street.
•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, near Luverne reported a driving complaint.
•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported an accident.
•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported suspicious activity.
March 15
•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a theft/civil issue.
•Report of an erratic driver eastbound on Highway 270, near Hills.
•Harassing communications reported at location on W. Hatting Street.
•Harassing communications reported at location on S. Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant west-bound from SD on Interstate 90, near Beaver Creek, reported wreck-less driving.
•Deputy out with vehicle at location on Edgehill Street.
March 16
•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 4, near Beaver Creek, reported an accident.

•Complainant on West Street, Kanaranzi, requested help to unlock door.
•Complainant on E. 4th Street, Hardwick, reported harassing communications.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant at Blue Mound State Park reported vandalism.
•Complainant on 111th Street, Beaver Creek, reported suspicious activity.
March 17
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy for unruly patrons.
•Complainant on US Highway 75 reported a pedestrian crossing malfunction.
•Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported suspicious internet activity.
•Complainant on East Highway 30 and 75, Pipestone, reported a leak.
•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported a theft.
March 18
•Scam reported at location.
•Complainant requested lodging voucher.
March 19
•Reserved for information by deputy on N. Estey Street.
•Complainant at Redbird Field reported lights on.
•A civil issue was reported.
•Complainant on 41st Street and 190th Street, Magnolia, reported a vehicle sitting in road-way with hazard lights active.
•Complainant on E. 1st Street and Josephine Avenue, Hills, reported vehicle stuck in snow.

In addition, officers responded to 2 deer accidents, 3 vehicles in ditch, 1 follow-up, 2 transports, 10 escorts, 30 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 2 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 1 fingerprint request, 24 burn permits, 2 alarms, 16 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 20 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 8 tests and 2 welfare checks.

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exam room,” she said.
“Patients who exhibit respiratory symptoms of any kind will be taken to a separate area for check-in and waiting.”
She said people who think they might have COVID-19 should notify the clinic (507-283-4476) when calling in to schedule an appointment.
Visitors and patients are screened for fever/chills, cough, difficulty breathing and travel history.
“We will allow only one visitor per patient and ask that only immediate family members visit at this time including parents, guardians, siblings, grandparents, spouse or significant other,” Loosbrock said.
Mellenthin said local emergency managers are distributing extra supplies, such as personal protective equipment, to local hospitals and helping them prepare for coronavirus patients.
Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian weighed in on local hospital resources in a letter to the community.
“It is critically important during this pandemic that we use our health-care resources wisely,” he said.
“Emergency rooms need to be able to serve those with the most critical healthcare needs.”



The Sanford Luverne Emergency Room entrance shows visitor policies and serves as a mandatory screening station. There are three entrances facility-wide and all screen for potential coronavirus risk factors.

State approves funds to support health agencies
Meanwhile the state Legislature unanimously approved \$200 million to

assist the Department of Health and local health agencies.
Specifically the intent is to make resources available to hospitals, providers, ambulance services, long-term care facilities, and other entities involved in the response to this outbreak.
Rep. Joe Schomacker, Luverne, announced the decision March 18.
“We need to make sure our hospitals have the support they need to deal with this unanticipated crisis,” he said.
Schomacker said there are taxpayer protections in the bill including legislative oversight, consequences for unauthorized use of funds, and returning money that goes unspent back to the general fund.
“These funds will not be used for building renovations, unless it’s to change the purpose of a room into a quarantine room,” Schomacker said.
“Temporary construction can happen, permanent construction cannot.”
He said he hoped all the money won’t be needed, but that state leaders will err on the side of caution when funding health resources.
“It is critical that those who are caring for the sick have the resources needed to deal with this pandemic,” he said.

Sanford Luverne responds to Star Herald Q&A

What are Sanford Luverne’s resources in terms of bracing for local cases?

Sanford Luverne, as well as Sanford Health, has been working to prepare for COVID-19 for several months. This is one of the advantages of being part of a larger health system. We are able to share knowledge and resources with more than 40 other hospitals to best serve our patients and community. Our local team has been discussing the best way to handle patients and ensure everyone stays safe during their care. This includes the clinic, hospital, hospice, and ambulance.

Are we able to stock up on more equipment to be better prepared when our local population is sick enough to need hospitalization?

Sanford Luverne has been working to access resources to care for the local population. We are experiencing some of the same challenges with supply chains that other health care systems across the world are experiencing, but we continue working to access additional supplies and ensure our staff have what they need.

Currently we are looking at ways to conserve the personal protective equipment that we have to ensure it’s available.

Is there a plan in place for a potential deluge?

Yes, our teams have been working for months on plans to care for a surge of patients. We have discussed alternative care locations within the facility as well as with our system partners to ensure we are able to care for patients. As part of Sanford Health, we have access to resources and care options for patients throughout our footprint. We also coordinate with other health care systems and the department of health to plan for a surge of patients in our region.

How will we protect our non-coronavirus patients like maternity or other?

We are continuously evaluating our procedures, based on new information from the CDC. To date, we have implemented screening procedures for all patients and visitors and implemented a one-visitor-per-patient policy

in our facilities. Our OB unit has them designate which person will be their one support person, and that is the only one allowed with them.
This is to help slow the spread of the virus and protect both the public and our patients and staff members. Our visitors are all screened upon entry and designate which person/room they are visiting. We are continually monitoring to ensure only one visitor. At the hospice cottage, since this is end of life, we have not restricted to one visitor but we are screening all visitors that enter, asking that all visits occur in the patient room, and that those in the room are mindful of the 6-foot social distancing from each other.
In order to continue with well child check-ups, follow-up visits and visits to manage chronic conditions, the providers at Sanford Luverne are transitioning many of these visits to a video visit so that they can be done at the patient’s home. As patients call the clinic to schedule, the phone staff will help set these visits up

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Our personnel, their families, ownership as well as myself wish you and yours the best as we go through these trying times together.

- Jordan Papik, General Sales Manager



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Child care at school

When the state closed schools to prevent the spread of coronavirus, the mandate included the stipulation that schools devise plans for child care for emergency services personnel. Under the Governor's Executive Order 20-02, free school age care for the children of emergency workers (including providers of health care, emergency medical services, long-term and post-acute care, law enforcement personnel, personnel providing correctional services, public health employees, firefighters and other first responders, and court personnel) was outlined. The orders directed schools to provide care to, at a minimum, district-enrolled students age 12 and under.

On March 18, H-BC staff fulfilled eight requests for child care and served 30 meals. H-BC families can pick up the brown bag meals at the elementary or high school entrances. Luverne delivered 175 brown bag meals to five different locations on March 18 and provided for 30 children. Child care in H-BC Elementary is from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. In Luverne child care is offered from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Above: Creating art projects at the table are Astrid Aanning (left) and Arya Tollefson and, at right, playing with oversized building blocks in the Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School gym is Samuel Aanning.



1873: Kanaranzi Township organizes, sets first meeting

Rock County will celebrate its 150th Anniversary this year. The news will be the history of Rock County, townships, and communities. The following appeared in the Rose History of Rock County, printed in 1911.

County and Township Organization — 1870-1878
(continued from 03-19 edition)

Kanaranzi

From early in 1871 the residents of the southeast corner township had been under the local government of Clinton township, but on January 15, 1873, upon the petition of A. E. Thompson and others, their territory was set off into a separate precinct and named Kanaranzi. A time and place for holding the first town meeting was selected by the board, and in a short



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
President Rock County
Historical Society

time township government was begun. The creek which flows through the eastern and southern part of the township furnished the name. Kanara-

nzi is one of the oldest place names in Rock county and is probably of Indian origin. It appears upon Joseph N. Nicollet's map of 1843 as the name of the creek, being then spelled "Karanzi." Those who received government lands in Kanaranzi township are as follows:

Henry G. Boydston (24), George W. Stoops (26), Fielding F. Kitterman (8), Charles Older (30), George Ganfield (14), John Crawford (28), Jacob Rush, Jr. (6), Ole Elefsen (8), Samuel H. Griffin (10), Victor C. Stoops (26), Hulda M. Bradford (30), Marquis F. Baker (4), Wilbur A. Ely (28), Mary J. Gallup (6), William H. Maxwell (2), Bennezzett Sherwood (26), Zelora Bailey (20), Jens Hanson (32), James Mitchell (30), William McNab (18), Peter Munson (6), Stillman Toul (14), Niels Peder Jensen (8), Charles W. Humboldt (10), Aseph E. Bowen

(10-14), Anders C. Sorenson (32), Benjamin T. Kitterman (18), Andrew Marcellus (28), James L. Colegrove (4), Thomas Ganfield (10), Charles Langenberg (2), William McKay (18), Nels S. Nesheim (18), James Christian (1), J. K. P. Thompson (22), William H. Fabes (22), Loren M. Coon (10), John B. Shurr (34), Ole Hansen (30), Anders Rassmussen (20), Jerome E. Mitchell (34), Lyman L. Bryan (10), Henry Wellendorf (23), Peter Wiese (23), James A. Birkett (12), Byron W. Van Hoesen (34), John Huntington (2), George R. Knap (12), Lawson L. Bryan (12).

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 to mannmade@iunet.

Reclaimed cropland named 'Sweetie Marie' holds special memories

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THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall,
Outdoors columnist

It was back in the spring of 2016 that I was able to participate in one of the most memorable wildlife projects of my life. Nobles County Pheasants Forever had recently purchased an 80-acre tract as an addition to Lambert Prairie Wildlife Management Area. This was only a few months after I lost my wife to breast cancer, and as a living memorial to her, I made a contribution to the habitat organization and the Minnesota DNR and we named this parcel the Sweetie Marie Rall Memorial Tract of Lambert Prairie.

This site was part pasture and part tillable land, and the property had been used as a dumping ground for at least 100 years. Old cars, washing machines, bed springs and every other kind of junk you can think of was located somewhere on this property. I put out a call for help with a cleanup day to ready this site for habitat restoration work.

The most memorable part of this project was who came to help. We had volunteers both young and old from the metro, South Dakota and all over the regional area that turned out to help. There were 41 volunteers in all. In addition to elbow grease and sweat, they also brought skid steers and tractors to make the job quicker and a ton easier.

At the end of the day this group worked from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. and removed over two miles of barbed wire fence and loaded over 16,000 pounds of scrap steel into two overloaded 16-yard dumpsters. When they emptied those two, they needed to bring a third to pick up the remaining scrap material. They worked, talked, laughed a lot, shared stories about their diverse backgrounds and their love of wildlife and the habitats that sustain it.

These were writers, professors, nurses, farmers, roofers and many other occupations represented. Many participants had never worked on a habitat project before. When we were done, we sat around and ate bison hot dogs and drank a few beers. It truly was a special day on a special piece of property.

Today the habitat restoration work is complete,

and without the efforts of these volunteers it would have taken many years longer to complete. Drive west a half mile from the corner of Nobles County 9 and 270th Street and see just how well it turned out. It has a Pheasant Run 33 sign on it.

Nobles County Pheasants Forever has scheduled another project just like the one I described on another new tract. This spot is located at the intersection of 290th Street and Knauf Avenue south of Rushmore. It is an addition to the Ransom Ridge Wildlife Management Area and needs a lot of help.

There is fence to be removed, tires to be loaded, and scrap metal to be collected. There are also a large number of invasive volunteer trees that will need to be removed. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. All you need to do to participate is show up at the event on Saturday, April 18, at 9 a.m. with a pair of safety glasses and some work gloves. A quick call to Scott Rall at 507-360-6027 to let us know you're coming would be helpful to estimate the number of helpers we will have.

You can spend an hour or the entire day ... it is up to you. We will appreciate any time you can commit. If you have some equipment that could help us out, like a skid steer, trailer or side by side that you would consider bringing along, please contact me so I can include that in my event planning process and make sure you are in the group that could best use your talent and equipment.

I am certainly looking forward to this spring day and with all the social

Rall column/see page 7

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Alex Miller is helping connect Madagascar with the technology U.S. residents take for granted every day.

"The great promise of this technology is that it can be used everywhere to get information to and from persons in need at a very low cost," Miller said.

"These applications are as relevant to Minnesota and South Dakota as they are to Africa.

Miller and his wife, Karen, live on an acreage near Edgerton. They have four children. Kristin is a civil engineer in Springfield, Va. Emily is a nursing student at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. Caitlin is a senior at Luverne High School and has been accepted at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., and John is a first-grader at Luverne Elementary School.

With a month leave from his current job with the State of Minnesota Guardian ad litem program, Miller's current volunteer work provides rural Madagascar with global connections.

As of Monday, March 8, more than 7,500 people had used the service.

"This is without any advance notice of the service and no advertising," Miller said.

25 years ago (1995)

•Sometimes bigger is better.

That may be the case for the Luverne Farmers Elevator and the Magnolia Farmers Co-op. The two boards of directors have been meeting since January and have decided to recommend a merger of the two cooperatives.

A letter was sent to all the stockholders on March 23 announcing the planned merger. For the merger to go through, two-thirds of the stockholders must vote in favor of the plan. ...

A few positive reasons for the merger include better service to customers, volume buying and merchandising, savings passed on to customers through more competitive prices and eliminating duplication of services.

According to Gary Lee, manager of the Magnolia Farmers Co-op, joining forces with Luverne would be a win-win situation for both entities. He said both co-ops are financially healthy, and a merger would only result in a stronger cooperative in the end.

"Right now, we're both small enough we can't justify hiring full-time people," he said. "With a merger, we can hopefully become more departmentalized and offer specialized services to meet farmers' needs."

50 years ago (1970)

•Teachers in the Hills-Beaver Creek school district will receive average annual income wage hikes of \$520 for the 1970-71 school year, according to Supt. Russell Castor.

Salary negotiations were completed there last week, with the "total package" representing an increase of 8%.

The base salary for a new teacher, with a B. A. degree was fixed at \$6,900, up from \$6,600 paid for the present school year. This increases to \$9,760 annually in 13 steps.

Base salary for a starting teacher with an M. A. degree was set at \$7,383, which goes to \$10,683 in 14 steps. This represents a 7% increase. Average increase for teachers with M. A. degrees will be \$541.

An added benefit provided all teachers for the coming year was single coverage hospitalization insurance, with the school district providing the full amount of the premium.

75 years ago (1945)

•Gene Baustian, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymont Baustian, and Mark Skattum, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Skattum, both of Hills, are recovering from injuries sustained in the crash of a small airplane about 1½ miles southwest of Hills Friday evening. They are both in the Sioux Valley hospital at Sioux Falls.

The ship, piloted by the Baustian boy, crashed in to a field on the Skattum farm after the motor stalled while making a bank following a takeoff. The plane went into a spin at about 500 feet so that it dropped to the ground, landing on its wheels with a terrific impact. The Skattum boy was knocked unconscious, but Baustian was able to get out of the plane without help. Members of the Skattum family came from the house about 40 rods distant to assist the lads. They were later rushed to Sioux Falls for medical aid.

100 years ago (1920)

•Supt. H. C. Bell and twenty-two of the instructors and teachers of the Luverne public schools were tendered re-election to their present positions for the next school year, at a meeting of the board of education held Monday evening.

The instructors and teachers re-elected were C. I. Fleming and J. A. Roling, and the Misses Ella Lorentzen, Ethel Armstrong, Harriet Smith, Nellie Hansen, Georgia Adams, Oliva Savage, Lucille Keech, Anna Tuttle, Mary Wiberg, Louise Fogarty, Helga Johnson, Esther Jensvold, Florence Holter, Cesiah Hughes, Mabel Rice, Margaruite Baller, Mary Jones and Augusta Gunderson, and Mrs. S. C. Rea.

In connection with this action the superintendent's salary for the coming year was fixed at \$3,150, with a minimum scale of \$125 a month for grade teachers, and \$150 a month for high school instructors.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Moen

Mildred Jepson Moen, 96, Luverne, died Friday, March 20, 2020, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne.

A graveside service was Tuesday, March 24, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Mildred Peterson was born Feb. 20, 1924, to Peter and Rose (Borman) Peterson in Tracy. She grew up on a farm near Garvin. She graduated from Tracy High School in 1943.

She worked at the Nickel Plate Café and the Manchester Biscuit Company in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mildred married Junior Jepson on June 12, 1948, in Sioux Falls. They lived there three years before coming to Luverne. She worked at the Campbell Soup Company in Worthington for three years. She was last employed at the Blue Mound Inn restaurant near Luverne for 25 years. Junior Jepson died on Aug. 31, 1991. Mildred married Osborn Moen on July 6, 1996, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Bemidji. He died Jan. 28, 2001.

Mildred was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, a life member of the VFW and the American Legion auxiliaries. She was also a member of RSVP and

did volunteer work at the Mary Jane Brown Home and Veterans Home. She sewed quilts at church and at home. She enjoyed gardening, dancing, traveling and being surrounded by her family and friends. She was looking forward to the birth of her great-great-grandchild in October.

She is survived by her three children, Cheryl (Allan) Kruse, Cape Coral, Florida, Ron Jepson, Luverne, and Pam (Patrick) Ruppert, Magnolia; six grandchildren, Brian (Carrie) VandenBussche, Lisa (Reed) Saylor, Cassie (Jake) Kasperek, Nicole Vanweston, Cory Van Noort and Joshua Markl; four stepchildren, James, Susan and Kari, Vancouver, Washington, and Carla, Kingman, Arizona; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Evelyn Chadbourn, Sun City, Arizona; a brother, Marvin Peterson, Lynd; and other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; a son, Gary "Chops" Jepson; two brothers, Robert and Earl "Pete" Peterson; and a sister, Grace Ankrum.

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

(0326 F)

Jackson Facile

Jackson Kenneth Facile, four months, Luverne, died Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the C. S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

A Mass of Christian burial was Monday, March 16, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Jackson Facile was born on Thursday, October 24, 2019, to Tyson and Monica (Johnson) Facile at Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. At 20 weeks gestation, it was confirmed that Jackson would be born with AVSD (Atrioventricular Septal Defect), Down syndrome, and other potential health concerns. Jackson's first couple of weeks were spent in the NICU at Sanford Children's Hospital. While in the hospital, he immediately proved to be a great snuggler. Mom loved taking all the snuggle time she could get, and Jackson adored his dad from the get-go. Jackson was able to go home to join his family on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

His siblings took to all aspects of caring for him: taking turns holding the pacifier in his mouth, helping hold the bottle during feedings, changing diapers, and plenty of fighting for who got to hold him next. At one point, Mom and Dad even had to set a timer for snuggles with Jackson just so it was "fair." Dad also loved snuggling with Jackson. When nighttime came, Dad always seemed to find the right song



that calmed him and helped him fall asleep in his arms. As much chaos as a family of six can create, Jackson soaked it up and wanted to be right in the thick of it. Mom will always remember being the one to get his first smile.

On Saturday, March 7, Jackson was flown to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to undergo heart surgery, and he died on Tuesday, March 10, while surrounded by his family.

Jackson is survived by his parents, Tyson and Monica; siblings Elizabeth (Ella), Addison (Addi), and Mason; maternal grandparents Todd and Miriam Johnson of Pipestone; paternal grandparents Frank and Monica Facile of Jasper; aunts and uncles Bo (Nicole) Johnson of Windham, Maine, Sam (Austin) Westly of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Veronica (Lucas) Stoffel of Sherburn, Dominic (Kristen) Facile of Morgan, and Ashley Olund of Garretson, South Dakota; several cousins; maternal great-grandmother Frances Parsley of Pipestone; and paternal great-grandmother Jeanne Facile of Brandon, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Kenneth and Irene Johnson, John Parsley, Ardell Facile and Orvil and Elizabeth Stovall.

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

(0326 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Michael Bonnema

Michael D. Bonnema, 63, Luverne, died Sunday, March 22, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home.

A graveside committal service was Wednesday, March 25, at Eastside Cemetery near Steen for immediate family only. A public memorial service may be held at a later date.

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

(0326 DN)

Else Moldenhauer

Else Moldenhauer, 95, Pipestone, died Sunday, March 22, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society in Pipestone.

A private family burial of cremains will take place at a later date.

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

(0326 DN)

Rock County

2020 Board of Appeal & Equalization Schedule

Monday, May 11, 2020

ROSE DELL TOWNSHIP

Township Hall - Jasper - 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP

Spring Water Township Hall - 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Beaver Creek Township Hall - 11:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

MARTIN TOWNSHIP

Martin Township Hall - 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

KANARANZI TOWNSHIP

CHS - SWMN Grain Elevator - Kanaranzi - 9 to 9:30 A.M.

MOUND TOWNSHIP

Rock County Highway Department - 11 to 11:30 A.M.

VIENNA TOWNSHIP

Kenneth Community Center - Kenneth - 1:30 to 2:00 P.M.

DENVER TOWNSHIP

Hardwick City Hall - 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, May 14, 2020

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

Township Hall - Steen - 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

LUVERNE TOWNSHIP

Pizza Ranch, 110 E. Main St., Luverne - 11 to 11:30 A.M.

BATTLE PLAIN TOWNSHIP

Rock County Highway Department - 1:30 to 2:00 P.M.

MAGNOLIA TOWNSHIP

SW MN Health & Human Services Bldg - Luverne - 7 to 7:30 P.M.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Roger Niessink will be celebrating his 80th birthday on April 5. Cards may be sent to 1005 N. Jackson, Luverne, MN 56156.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, March 30: Egg bake with sausage, oven-baked potatoes, apricots, bread, coffee cake.

All afternoon activities for the week have been canceled.

Tuesday, March 31: Pork riblet on a bun, potato salad, broccoli florets, choice fruit, chef's choice dessert.

Wednesday, April 1: Chicken and noodles, carrots, choice fruit, dinner roll, sherbet.

Thursday, April 2: Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, pineapple

chunks, garlic breadstick, pudding.

Friday, April 3: Lemon pepper fish, baked potato, green peas, choice fruit, bar.

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

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.

4-H News

Elbers, Kruse named 2020 4-H scholarship winners

Rock County 4-H's Whitney Elbers, Steen, and Christian Kruse, Ellsworth, will receive scholarships for 2020.

The county 4-H executive committee selected the students based on their involvement in state and local 4-H activities.

Elbers is the daughter of Kurt and Lanette Elbers and is a senior at Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

She is a member of the

Blue Ribbon 4-H Club and earned scholarships sponsored by Sunshine Foods and the Marcel Reisch Scholarship Fund.

Kruse is the son of Eric and Anita Kruse and is a senior at Ellsworth High School. He is a member of the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club and earned a scholarship from the Marcel Reisch Scholarship Fund.

Both have been 4-H members for nine years.

MAPLEWOOD NOTICE

Maplewood Cemetery Association
Annual Meeting is Postponed

Maplewood Cemetery will be starting its Spring Clean-up April 1st and continue until completed.

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Springwater Township is accepting bids for mowing the township hall and the cemetery. Bids should be per mowing. Bidder will furnish their own equipment and fuel. The Township board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A certificate of insurance MUST ACCOMPANY all bids! Please contact a board member or e-mail springwater@alliancecom.net, concerning insurance liability limits.

Bids must be submitted before Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 to:

Teresa Kramer, Clerk
137 131st St.
Garretson, SD 57030

or presented at the township board meeting that evening at the township hall.

**Teresa Kramer
Springwater Township Clerk**

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distancing and shutdowns this will be a great day outside, and there is virtually no congregating of people. They will be spread out over 295 acres. Please check your calendars and mark April 18 on it.

When this day is over and you are sitting on the tailgate of a truck with a few worked muscles and a little sweat, you will achieve a sense of satisfaction like no other. How do I know this? Because every

volunteer last year told me so. Lend a helping hand. Call to volunteer today. The pheasants, deer and songbirds will thank you for it.

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

The Star Herald reached out to churches for their worship information in the absence of in-person worship services, due to coronavirus social distancing. Those that responded are listed here. Those that would like to have information posted here should call the Star Herald or email editor@star-herald.com.

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

Services are live-streamed through the St. Catherine Facebook page at 9 a.m. Sundays. Cable channel 3 will air the service at 3 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship service can be viewed live on Facebook through a link on the website: www.fbcluverne.org or directly on our Facebook page: First Baptist Church of Luverne MN. Services are posted to the website on Tuesday and are available to view, along with past sermons. Vast Channel 3 will also air our service Thursdays at 8 p.m.

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

Online, TV and Radio Worship. Pr. Ann, Pr. Ron and organist Beryl Haugen will be recording worship services until we can meet together as a group. Each week we will update our recorded1 worship. Online: Sundays at 9 a.m., our worship service can be viewed live from our website at www.graceluverne.org on the Facebook insert, or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 PM and Fridays at 6:30 PM. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 AM.

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

Online worship and devotions at home. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org for online worship opportunities with our sister churches.

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

Join us for live online worship Sundays at 9:30AM at www.arcluverne.org/watch-live/ or on our Facebook page @arcluverne. Services can also be viewed at a later time through these same avenues. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 PM and Wednesdays at 4 PM. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, March 26: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf — drive up. Sunday, March 29: 9 a.m. 10 a.m. Worship Service — live streamed. Monday, March 30: 9:30 a.m. Folding team. Wednesday, March 25: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal by delivery or take out only; call or email church office, 283-4529 or secretary@umcluverne.com. Thursday, April 2: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. — drive up.

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

Worship through Facebook Live at regular 10:15 time on Sunday morning. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Sunday Morning Service will be recorded at 5:30 p.m. with necessary personnel and will be available on the Vast channel 3 Tuesday at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and online at the chamber website. Pastor Klatt is available for family visits in their homes by invitation or at church for groups of less than 10 for the purpose of worship and prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills will be online only through the end of March. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills MN Sunday morning at 10:30AM. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

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

God keeps his promises in life's 'Red Sea' scenarios

How do you live in the unknown? Fox News Headlines on Saturday said, "LA County moves on from containing coronavirus, gives up on testing some patients."

So what does that mean to us? There are multiple stories about "lockdowns, stay-at-home policies." So many unknowns, who and what do you trust?

King David, speaking of God, said, "They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress." Does that mean that as soon as we say, "Lord help me," the problem is over? The answer is a rather obvious no, because many have prayed for the coronavirus to stop, and it hasn't.

The children of Israel cried for years for God to free them from Egyptian captivity. Finally, at least in our thinking, God gives them freedom. God sends them out of Egypt with no weapons and no soldiers to fight the Egyptian army. As they fled, they could feel the ground shake from the rapidly approaching army behind them. In front of them was the Red Sea, giving no avenue of escape. Panic was setting in on the children of Israel. But God took care of them. He put a cloud between them and the army and opened the Red Sea.

Do you feel like the coronavirus army is thundering toward you, locking you in your house? God didn't abandon the children of Israel and he will not abandon you.

God promised Abraham that his children would impact the world and God has kept his promise. They faced "Red Sea" scenarios several times, and every time God saw them through. He always watched over them. Maybe not in the way they wanted or in the timing they wanted, but they were never

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Walt Moser
First Baptist Church, Luverne

Will God watch over you during this time of your life?

He will.

abandoned to fend for themselves.

Will God watch over you during this time of your life? He will.

King David goes on in Psalm 107 to say that the Lord "satisfies the longing soul and the hungry soul he fills with good things." Jesus was on the Sea of Galilee with his disciples when a mighty storm erupted. His disciples were worrying for their lives and Jesus was in the back of the boat asleep with not a care in the world because he knew, believed and trusted that God would take care of him.

Today we can model the faith that Jesus had in the back of the boat. We don't know what will happen with the coronavirus. It may take the life of a friend or family member. It may put restrictions on you that you don't like, but Jesus is with you. He has promised to never leave you or forget about you. Trust him today.

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Rock County Commissioners meet Feb. 4

Herreid Board Room

Rock County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Chair Overgaard with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and guests.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the February 04, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the January 21, 2020, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 02-20, EMPG Authoring Signature
2. Resolution No. 03-20, RCRW Wellhead Nitrogen Reduction Project
3. SWHHS Office Lease Agreement – Y2020; no change from 2019

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$2,800.00; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

FEBRUARY 4, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,364.36
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,935.15
ZIEGLER INC	4,241.37
64 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	25,988.05
TOTAL	\$38,528.93

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; upon a summary from the Auditor/Treasurer, motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

There was a brief discussion regarding the adoption of the EDA By-Laws; it was determined to table action until a time following an EDA board meeting to allow them to review and recommend approval.

The County Board was in receipt of a price quote from Convergent Technologies to replace the camera/video system at the Law Enforcement Center as it has become obsolete; price quote is \$22,848.88 and the Administrator confirmed that it is a budgeted expenditure. Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to accept the price quote from Convergent Technologies of \$22,848.88 for a new camera/video system at the Law Enforcement Center, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator requested to enter into a 2-year contract with DDA Human Resources, Inc. for Compensation Plan maintenance services; purpose of the contract is to develop an ongoing review process of job descriptions and market analysis on an annual basis with an estimated cost of \$12,750 over the 2-year period. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve a 2-yr contract with DDA Human Resources, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve out-of-state travel for Administrator Oldre to attend NACO and Railroad conferences in Washington D.C. on March 1-4, 2020, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an alternate bid from Swift Contractors for repairs to the sidewalk on the north entrance of the courthouse; the alternate bid removes the heating component and decorative concrete stone for a price of \$40,575. After considerable discussion, it was determined to table the repairs and re-bid the project with the heat components.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the Deputy Union and Administration have reached a tentative agreement for 2020-2022 union contract; details include the following: COLA's 2%-2020, 3.25% 2021, 3.25%-2022; annual increase of \$25 for monthly cafeteria contributions; \$80/mo contributions to MSRS HCDP for union members hired before 02/01/2020 in lieu of personal cell phone reimbursements. Motion by Reisch, seconded Thompson, to approve the 2020-2022 Deputy Union contract, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of an invitation from the Southwest Private Industry Council to participate in a public forum to assist with the development of workforce priorities as part of our Regional Workforce Development Plan; planning sessions are scheduled for February 25 or 28, 2020.

The County Board reviewed Board and Committee appointments for 2020; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve the following appointments for 2020, declared carried on a voice vote.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES 2020

Advocate Connect Educate

Sherri Thompson
Greg Burger (alternate)

Airport

Greg Burger
Paul Dougherty
Melvin Fick

AS400 Computer Committee

Kyle Oldre
Ashley Kurtz
Tom Houselog
Shawn Sweeney
Lana Henrichs

Association of Minnesota Counties

All Commissioners
Kyle Oldre
Mark Sehr
Susan Skattum

AMC Policy Committees

Environmental & Natural Resources – Overgaard
General Government – Reisch
Health & Human Svcs – Thompson
Public Safety – Burger
Transportation – Williamson

AMC District VIII Committees

Ag & Transportation – Overgaard
Ag & Rural Development Task Force- Burger & Overgaard
ATP – Burger (alternate)
Land Use – Overgaard
Health & Human Services - Thompson

Audit Committee

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre
Susan Skattum
Ashley Kurtz
Lana Henrichs

Budget Committee

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre
Ashley Kurtz
Susan Skattum

Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority

Stan Williamson
Sherri Thompson
Kyle Oldre, Exe Sec
Ashley Kurtz, Treas
Susan Skattum

Buildings Committee

Jody Reisch
Stan Williamson
Kyle Oldre

Children's Justice Initiative

Stan Williamson
SWHHS Rep

Compliance Committee

Eric Hartman
Ashley Kurtz
Tom Houselog

911 Committee

Greg Burger
Evan Verbrugge
Aaron Blank
Dave Van Batavia
Kyle Oldre
Harlan Vande Kieft
Jeff Bass
John Call

Extension Committee

Gary Overgaard
Stan Williamson
Tom Sandager
Anna Haas
Matt Jessen
Nate Golla
Kory Kurse
Teresa Kingsinger

Judicial Ditch Advisory Board

Stan Williamson
Gary Overgaard
Eugene Peterson
Dean Wenzel
Roger Brockberg
Robert Williamson

Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed

Anthony Boyenga

Law Library Committee

Jody Reisch
Tim Connell
Damon Eisma

Luverne City/County Liaison Committee

Jody Reisch
Gary Overgaard
Kyle Oldre

Luverne Community Economic Development Corporation

Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre (alternate)

Lyon County Regional Landfill

Gary Overgaard
Greg Burger (alternate)

Multi County HRA

Jody Reisch

Personnel Committee

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Jeff Haubrich
Kyle Oldre
Daryl Fuerstenberg
Steve Baumgard
Arlyn Gehrke
Ashley Kurtz

Personnel Board of Appeals

Craig Oftedahl
John Call
Todd Holthaus

Private Industry Council Chief Elected Officials Board

Sherri Thompson

Planning & Zoning Committee

Gary Overgaard
Cliff Schilling
Brad Petersen
Gordon Mulder
Mark Vander Pol
Mary Thompson (non-voting member)
Eric Hartman (non-voting member)
Don Klosterbuer (non-voting member)

Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

Cliff Schilling
Brad Petersen
Gordon Mulder
Mark Vander Pol

Plum Creek Library Committee

Jody Reisch
Greg Burger (alternate)

Rock/Pipestone County Collaborative

Jody Reisch
SWHHS Rep
SW Mental Health Rep
PIC Representative
Todd Holthaus
Neal Steffl
Craig Oftedahl
Jon Ramlo
Kia Harris
Kyle Oldre

Rock County Community Library

Jody Reisch
Barbie Meinerts
Bruce Olson
Molly Carbonneau
Rebecca Aanenson-Banks
Holly Anderson
Vonnie Nergaard

Rock County EDA Committee

Gary Overgaard
Jody Reisch
Tammy Johnson
Keith Elbers
Tim Gust
David Riphagen
Lanette Elbers
Chad Overgaard
Josh Tuene
Kyle Oldre (ex-officio)
Ashely Kurtz (ex-officio)
Jeff Haubrich (ex-officio)

Rock County Opportunities

Stan Williamson

Rock County/HBC School Liaison

Stan Williamson
Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre
Ali Breuer
Scott Johnson
Jeff Haubrich
Evan Verbrugge

Rock County/Luverne School Liaison

Sherri Thompson
Gary Overgaard
Kyle Oldre
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SW Mental Health Rep
Jeff Haubrich
Evan Verbrugge

Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Advisory Board

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Jeff Haubrich
Jon Ramlo

Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Executive Board

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Jeff Haubrich

Rock County Rural Water

Stan Williamson
Chad Overgaard
Shelia Steinhoff
Vernon VandenBerg
Andrew Hoyme
Wayne Thompson
Scott Loosbrock

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Union negotiations, City/County Liaison, Cattlemen's Banquet.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Townhall meeting, A. C. E. Cattlemen's Banquet.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: U. S. Representative Hagedorn regarding the BRRRA, Townhall meeting, Cattlemen's Banquet.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Townhall, Union negotiations, Supporting Hands and Cattlemen's Banquet.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Land Use, Rural Energy, EDA, Solid Waste, City/County Liaison and Cattlemen's Banquet.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn, declared carried on a voice vote.

(03-26)

Bork applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Nick Bork, will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The feedlot proposed to be expanded is located in the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Springwater Township, T103N, R46W, of Rock County, Minnesota.

The facility is currently permitted for 60 total animal units consisting of 100 head of finishing swine housed in total confinements and 300 head of sheep housed in a combination of open lots and a partial confinement barn.

The proposed expansion includes the following:

1. Construction of one total confinement barn with an under-floor concrete pit to house 2400 head of finishing swine
2. Eliminate two total confinements that housed a total of 100 head of finishing swine
3. Reduce the number of sheep from 300 head to 50 head.

After the expansion, the feedlot will consist of 2,400 head of finishing swine and 50 head of sheep for a total of 725 AU.

All the solid manure will be stored in manure packs and all liquid manure will be stored in an under-floor concrete pit.

This publication shall constitute as a notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the expanding feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

Published at the request of Nick Bork.

(03-26)

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www.star-herald.com

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 30

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 02, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$31,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Neale G. Hamann, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Peoples Bank
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: August 14, 2007 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 167229

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
•And assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Dated: August 02, 2007
Recorded: August 14, 2007 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 167230

•And assigned to: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation

Dated: March 06, 2017
Recorded: March 14, 2017 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 190262
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1003445-0001089259-6
Lender or Broker: Peoples Bank
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corp.
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 819 201st St, Hardwick, MN 56134-4048

Tax Parcel ID Number: 10-0122-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the SW 1/4, Section 25, Township 104 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, State of Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along the South Line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25 for a distance of 741.29 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes and 00 seconds East along said South Line for a distance of 746.44 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds East for a distance of 689.32 feet; thence North 83 degrees 17 minutes 46 seconds West for a distance of 169.66 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 184.58 feet; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds West for a distance of 612.69 feet; thence South 02 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 519.59 feet to the point of beginning

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$10,772.39

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

said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

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

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2021, or the next business day if April 30, 2021 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: March 12, 2020
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 037264F02

(03-12, 03-19, 03-26, 04-02, 04-09, 04-16)

City of Beaver Creek requests bids by April 3

The City of Beaver Creek is requesting sealed bids for the construction and complete installation of a SPLASH PARK within the city limits of Beaver Creek. Bid packages can be requested from the City Clerk at 311 E First Ave, Beaver Creek, MN 56116. Or by emailing jane@cityofbeavercreekmn.com

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Splash Park Bid" and returned to the City Clerk office by noon on Friday, April 3. Bid opening will take place at the regular meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. The City of Beaver Creek retains the right to reject any or all bids.

Jane Blank,
City Clerk
(03-19, 03-26)

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2020. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the applications for conditional use permits for the following:

Applicant: Henning Construction
Location: W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township, T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Gravel mining, stockpiling, and processing
Zoning District: A-1, Limited Agriculture

Applicant: Henning Construction
Location: SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 36 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Gravel mining, stockpiling, and processing
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Duinink, Inc.
Location: Portions of Section 14 & 11 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary asphalt plant
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Duinink, Inc.
Location: E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 29 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plan
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Duinink, Inc.
Location: Portions of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plan
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

By order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
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(03-19, 03-26)

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Luverne Backpack Board
(3.26-3.28)

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(3.19-4.4)

EMPLOYMENT

Adrian Public School has a full-time opening for a 7-12 English/Language Arts Instructor beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Coaching positions are also available. Applicants with a Minnesota Licensure or obtaining a Minnesota Licensure are preferred. Interested applicants please submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of MN License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you can email or contact Principal Koehne at c.koehne@isd511.net. Position will remain open until filled.
(3.12-3.28)

EMPLOYMENT

Adrian Public School is seeking applications for a 6-12 Special Education Instructor beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Applicants with a DCD endorsement in Special Education are preferred along with a Minnesota Licensure or obtaining a Minnesota Licensure. Coaching opportunities are possible. Interested applicants please submit a Letter of Application, Resume, District Employment Application, Credential Package including Transcript, Letters of Reference, and Copy of MN License to: District Office, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information you can email or contact Principal Koehne at c.koehne@isd511.net. Positions will remain open until filled.
(3.12-3.28)

EMPLOYMENT

The City of Hills is taking applications for a part-time seasonal maintenance position. Must be 18 or older to apply. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Contact the Hills City Office at 301 South Main Avenue or call 962-3290 to request an application.
(3.21-4.16)

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Job applications are available at www.co.rock.mn.us/employment or by contacting the Rock County Administrator's office at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota at 507-283-5065 or by email to susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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