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'Patience is wearing thin' over spring gravel road conditions

By Lori Sorenson

Township and county officials are asking for patience this spring as melting snow and thawing conditions are making gravel roads nearly impassable.

"The roads are ... muck," said Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

"We've had so much snow, and now with it melting, it's affecting the drivability of our roads."

He said he's hearing complaints from all parts of the county, and the problem will get worse before it gets better.

"It's universal. There isn't a single area that's the problem. I don't know how we approach it, except to ask people to be patient," Oldre said.

"We've implemented load limits and we hope people haul in the morning when it's frozen and don't haul when it warms up. ... I know that isn't always possible if you're expecting deliveries."

Those necessary deliveries, along with some poor judgment and short tempers, are pitting neighbors against each other and prompting complaints to public officials.

Generally, heavy hauling such as grain, feed and manure — should be done in the morning while roads are still frozen.

Generally, most farmers are honoring morning hauling schedule (for manure, grain and other commodities) while roads are still frozen, but some don't have options.

Swine operators, for example, haul on packers' schedules.

"We try to do it in the morning when the roads are frozen, but the packers have dock times when they want them delivered," said Tom Baustian, who has a hog

Spring road conditions/see 8A



Luverne's Heather Johnson received an alert on her phone Thursday night that northern lights viewing in her area was likely. So, she packed up her family and captured several images at Blue Mounds State Park around 10:30 p.m. with her cell phone and Nikon camera.

Local residents marvel at rare light display

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County residents witnessed northern lights in southern Minnesota Thursday night, March 23.

An aurora borealis is caused by a solar storm that emits electrified gas and particles that reach magnetic field lines at the

The particles and energy interact with gases in the atmosphere, producing different colored light in the sky. According to

NASA, oxygen appears green and nitrogen glows blue and purple.

Auroras are more commonly seen in northern Minnesota and near the Arctic Circle, but Thursday's geomagnetic storm was strong enough to produce stunning displays visible in southwest Minnesota.

Star Herald staff member Heather Johnson received an alert from an app on her phone that the "KP Indexes were high and viewing in this area was likely."

So, she packed up her family and captured several images at Blue Mounds State Park around 10:30 p.m.

Her northern lights post on the Star Herald Facebook page has since then reached nearly 13,000 people and garnered 52 comments and 63 post shares, including one by Explore Minnesota on its page Saturday.

Northern lights/continued on page 2A

Public meeting addresses mail ballots and election integrity

By Mavis Fodness

Representatives from Rock County's 11 townships and five cities who currently vote with mail ballots met Monday night to consider a return to in-person voting.

More than 50 people gathered at the Rock County Library to review election concerns and discuss possible solutions associated with the local voting integrity.

It is the responsibility of township and municipal leaders to coordinate elections, which are overseen by the county.

County officials are advocating the return to in-person voting as a solution to the verbal harassment and threat to personal safety

experienced by the county personnel during the 2022 general election.

The three county election workers were present at Monday's meeting to answer questions, and County Commissioner Greg Burger defended their work.

"We can't battle this (national) election integrity issue," he said.

"The integrity of our elections in Rock County is due to the people that are sitting here staff that are sitting here. We are just trying to solve the problem of keeping our staff and keeping them safe."

Mail ballots are a popular

Mail ballot meeting/see 3A

Nearly 100 attend H-BC bond meeting

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly 100 people participated in Thursday night's informational meeting in Beaver Creek related to the proposed \$29 million Hills-Beaver Creek School District bond referendum vote on April 11.

They listened to information about plans to build a new elementary school near the golf course in Beaver Creek, and they toured the elementary building for an up-close look at why a new school is needed.

At the end of the evening, Superintendent Todd Holthaus said he felt it was a productive evening.

"People had good questions," he said. "They were trying to understand the project and the process."

Representatives from the school district, project architects, construction managers and the district's financial advisers were available to answer questions.

Several questions were from citizens concerned about the district's financial health and if it



Lori Sorenson photos/0330 HBC bond meeting elementary Second-grade teacher Renee Edmondson (center) shows the tight classroom configuration for her 26 students in a too small space.

could afford a new school.

Some concern stemmed from the H-BC 2011 bond and later statutory operating debt that required another operating referendum.

"That's fair," Holthaus said, assuring the audience that the

district is now fiscally healthy.

"The district has a healthy reserve, and we've had clean audits by outside agencies. ... In short, the district is in good financial state, and our construction fund

H-BC bond meeting/see 5A

School boards consider impact of free meals law

By Mavis Fodness

Free school breakfast and lunch will return to schools this fall under a bill signed by Gov. Tim Walz.

The Free School Meals for Kids was signed March 17 with details still being released on how the statefunded program will work.

All kindergarten through 12th-grade students will receive the regular breakfast and lunch meals for free.

Students will continue to pay for extra helpings and other a la carte items under the program.

Both Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school district officials have responded favorably to the legislation, which goes into effect July 1.

"Free school breakfasts and lunches are a great benefit for those families in need," said H-BC Superintendent

Todd Holthaus.

However, there is some uncertainty about how the program will affect other state aid to districts.

Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl said districts receive compensatory aid based on the number of students signed up for the free and reduced meal program.

Without this information, Oftedahl said it is uncertain how the aid will continue to be dispensed.

For two years, during the coronavirus pandemic, both breakfast and lunch were free, paid for by federal funds.

The free federal program ended this school year. Since then, many districts have experienced an increase in unpaid breakfast and lunch balances.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the township hall.

Parkinsons Support Group change of date -The group will now meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Poplar Creek in Luverne. All are welcome. Call 507-935-8173 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the township hall.

Beekeeping workshops

The Northwest Iowa Beekeepers Association will host workshops at the Central Lyon High School agricultural room in Rock Rapids.

"Next Steps for Rethink-ing Beekeeping: New Ideas, New Techniques, New Equipment" is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

"Raising Queens" is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20. To register for the April 1 workshop, send an email by March 30 to dmvanbroek@gmail.com. Contact Tim Olsen at 507-227-5919 wuth questions.

SAIL classes in Beaver Creek

SAIL classes meet in Beaver Creek Monday and Wednesday mornings now through May 24.

The classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. They meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Beaver Creek City Hall in Beaver Creek. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required by calling Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064.

Students perform 'Barnyard Moosical' and 'Yee-Haw'

Luverne Elementary School students will perform two musicals on Friday, March 31, in the school performing arts center.

First-graders will perform "A Barnyard Moosical" at 1:30 p.m. and second-graders will perform "Yee-Haw" at 2:15 p.m. Both pro-grams will also be streamed online.

Tree trimming and pruning help

Project Food Forest is offering to help with any and all tree trimming for trees less than 10 years old. The local organization will provide one-on-one guidance in the process, specifically tailored to individual trees. To schedule a service, email mick-ey@projectfoodforest.org or call 605-215-1051. The service is available through March 31, weather permitting.

Mammal Mania April 1 in park

The Blue Mounds State Park naturalist will offer Mammal Mania from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the picnic shelter for a program about furry critters (other than bison) that live in the park. All ages are

April 6 at ATLAS

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 6. It will be a drive-through distribution in the parking lot off Maple Street at the new A.C.E. office location on east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required for those who are not already registered. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

#TellUsTuesday Results

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To Listen To For The Rest Of Your Life,

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this Week's Survey!

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Classical

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Other

Sanford, MN West host high school students

Students learn about medical assisting and surgical technology

By Lori Sorenson

High school students from nine districts attended a Medical Assistant and Surgical Technologist Camp Thursday, March 23, at Minnesota West Community and Technical College and Sanford Health in

The sophomores, juniors and seniors toured the Minnesota West Learning Center and Sanford Luverne Medical Center where they were exposed to hands-on experiences in medical assisting and surgical technology and learned about career opportunities in the field.

They learned about the college coursework, some of which can be completed online, and they learned about career paths and specialized areas of health care within the programs.

Students came from Mitchell High School, Fulda



Minnesota West's Maria Euceda (far right) shows a group of students (from left) Kaelynn Pietsch, Jennifer Quang, Kaitlyn Schaap and Serenity Jones how a surgical scope works.

High School, Hills-Beaver Creek, Spirit Lake High School, Brandon Valley, Mountain Lake, Worthington, Southwest Christian, Hendricks and a home school.

The camps were a

collaborative effort of Minnesota West, the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, and Sanford Aspire.

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Lt. Gov. Peggy

Flanagan attended the

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March 17 bill signing.

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School free lunch/from 1A

Luverne's unpaid

Holthaus said his

"H-BC is quite fortu-

nate in that our families

pay for their lunches,"

"We also have a

groups donate toward

need and fall behind."

ic, school districts were

reimbursed monthly for

their food service costs.

Under the new

program, the state will

what federal funds don't

reimburse districts

cover.

During the pandem-

number of outside

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he said.

balance has grown to

more than \$33,000.

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ance isn't that large.

Above, left, Minnesota West's surgical tech instructor Amy McCuen shows Kyler Hartz how to safely remove his gloves and gown. Above right, Minnesota West's Brooklyn Scheitel-Taylor (center) shows high school students Gracie Wilhelmi (left) and Lexxus Wessels how to put on sterile gloves without contaminating them.

Northern lights/from 1A

Some in the comments shared their own northern lights captured near Kenneth and Hardwick.

According to NASA researchers, northern lights sightings in southern Minnesota may be more frequent between now and July 2025.

They say the sun's 11year solar cycle has periods

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Lowell Bonnema, Clerk

of "fluctuating flare activity," and we're approaching a "solar maximum of more sunspots and increased solar activity" leading up to

Johnson said she uses an app called "My Aurora Forecast and Alerts," which prompted her on Thursday to get outdoors for optimal viewing.

bride-to-be of John Ferguson

St. John Lutheran Church Atrium 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne, MN





GRAVEL BIDS: MAGNOLIA TOWNSHIP Magnolia Township will be accepting gravel bids for gravel to be applied on township roads. Bids must be received by April 11, 2023. Send to: Magnolia Township 1581 121st St.

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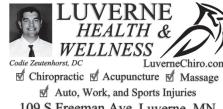
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Indoor plants need some spring TLC

Snow is melting in spite of the temp being slightly above freezing,



and that is a blessing.
Some friends last week asked about unhappylooking hibiscus plants. The

looking hibiscus plants. The light area they were in was perfect. The plants were about 30 inches tall with some wimpy flower buds and just a few pale yellow leaves.

Questioning the care they have received from the time they got moved indoors last fall until now, he told me that he had rootpruned and repotted them when he brought them indoors for the winter. It was obvious that when he root-pruned them, he did not prune back the "above ground" plant to compensate for the loss of sustaining roots removed by the root pruning. That pretty much explained the prob-

Providing there is not a root rot issue going on (which I couldn't tell without taking the plant out of the pot), I told him to cut the stem portion of the plant back to about 10 inches, cut back on the amount of water, and give the hibiscus time to initiate new growth, which I think will happen in a couple of weeks.

My point in this monologue is that root pruning is a good thing to do, but the visible plant itself needs to be pruned at the same time or the plant will suffer immense shock from loss of a root system that has been supporting that top growth. This type of renewal prun-

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne horticulturalist

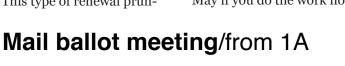
ing is beneficial for the plant and the plant caregiver. You plant the candidate back into the same pot you took it out of, thereby eliminating the need to keep shifting to larger and larger pots.

March is absolutely the best time to do any repotting. We are getting longer days and more sunlight which will result in a new burst of energy from plants that have been kind of hibernating for the winter.

For Boston ferns, or any fern for that matter, now is the best time to renew them. They tend to get root-bound as the aerial roots move to the edge of the pot, and often the stems get so dense on the edge that you can't insert a finger to check the soil.

Remove the fern from the pot, and using a serrated knife, cut the root mass into quarters, trim away the lower half of the root mass, and cut off the center point of the wedge which would be the oldest growth. From each wedge, cut out any old fern stems and stem stubs. Fill the pot halfway with new potting soil and group three of the pieces you have trimmed back into the center of the pot, fill in with new soil and water thoroughly. The fourth quarter you can repot as a new start or just compost it.

You will be amazed by the number of new fronds that will be showing up in May if you do the work now.



option for townships and communities that have embraced a system that allows them to research candidates and review issues as they view the ballot.

They also save time and miles by not having to traveling to the polling place on election day.

"Our township specifically has done a fantastic (job) with voting via mailin," said Kyle Hemme, is a Denver Township supervisor.

"We enjoy it and we have very good turnout percentage wise."

He said eliminating mail ballots won't eliminate political complaints and harassing phone calls.

"I think the best thing is to stay with mail ballots you are going to have negative feedback no matter which way you go," Hemme said Monday.

Historically, mail-in districts have had significantly higher percentage of returns than in-person balloting in Rock County.

However, those percentages became more even in 2022 as more voters chose to cast in-person ballots during the latest election.

In Rock County for the 2022 general election, 77.6 percent of mail ballots were returned while in-person voting experienced a 72.6 percent turnout.

County administrator Kyle Oldre said voter integrity outweighs voter turnout percentages.

During the 2022 general election all the questions centered around mailed-in ballots which would turn into harassing phone calls.

"What we are striving for is an election that everyone is comfortable with by the end of the day," Oldre said. "And if that difference is between 77 and 72 percent and, if people are more comfortable with the 72 percent and the integrity of the election, then that's a win."

Auditor Ashley Kurtz outlined a plan to consolidate the 16 mail-in districts into seven or eight polling places.

Cost for the additional election machines is between \$52,500 to \$63,000, and election judges are paid \$20 to \$25 per hour.

The expenses are divided among the mail-in townships and municipalities.

They currently pay for postage and envelopes for mail in ballots, but inperson voting is generally more expensive.

Voters can still request mailed absentee ballots if their precincts return to inperson voting, and there is no guarantee that election harassment will stop.

Kurtz said the state Legislature is considering a bill to provide a \$100,000 block grant to counties for election-related costs.

"I would think that if the county would end up receiving this money, they would consider using it to purchase the election machines needed," she said.

Kurtz also offered to organize election judges for the precincts, which, if rosters are shared, would require three to four certified judges at each polling place.

Ultimately commissioners will make the final decision whether or not to keep mail balloting is an option for township and municipal elections or to have in-person voting only.

The county has until Nov. 1 to make local changes for the 2024 election.



Luverne Elementary School students are learning about brain health and emotional wellness with help from a series of children's books donated by Carson's Cause, a local fund started in memory of 21-year-old Carson Ehde, who died last fall after struggling with brain health. Carson's mother, Lori Sorenson (back right), and his girlfriend, Gracie Rozeboom (middle, right), visited Pam Christensen's classroom on March 8 when third-graders received their books. Pictured are (front, from left) Bentley Elgersma, Kinze Drost, Abel Ganun, Gregory Gainey, Rory Nolz, Calla Thone, (second row) Aida Nath, Stella Brecher, Emmalee Wallenberg, Katie Berg, Eli Barnett, Nolan Cink, Luke Gehrke, Gracie Rozeboom, (back) Axel Scarset, Dawson Klay, Allydia Lynch, Norma Camarillo, Brielle Churchill, Annabelle Swanson and Lori Sorenson.

'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?'

Elementary students learn about brain health through children's books donated by Carson's Cause

Luverne Elementary School students are learning about brain health and emotional wellness with help from a series of children's books.

Kindergarten- through secondgrade students are reading, "In My Heart, A Book of Feelings" by Jo

It explores how emotions — happiness, sadness, bravery, anger, shyness — make us feel physically, inside, with language that empowers little readers to practice articulating and identifying their own emotions.

Third-graders received "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud, which teaches young readers about the power of positive thinking and behavior.

The message is that showing kindness and appreciation of others goes a long way to making this world a happier place for everyone, including ourselves.

Fourth- and fifth-graders received the book, "A Flicker of Hope," by Julia Cook, which emphasizes different ways to ask for help, and how to build hope for others.

It's about a little candle that feels overwhelmed by dark clouds that get heavy and make her feel like giving up.

"Bad grades, being teased by classmates and wondering who her real friends are – makes it so all she can see is darkness," the book description reads. "But, as Little Candle is reminded she has purpose and her own unique gifts, her dim light begins to shine brighter."

In terms of resilience and wellbeing, hope is a critically important predictor of success, and "Flicker of Hope" reminds children that dark clouds can be temporary and that asking for help is always okay.

The 550 books, costing roughly \$5,000 total, were donated by Carson's Cause, a fund set up through the Luverne Area Community Foundation in memory of 21-year-old Carson Ehde, who died last fall after struggling with brain health.

His mother, Lori Sorenson, and girlfriend, Gracie Rozeboom, worked with elementary counselor Marie Atkinson-Smeins to help guide children's dialogue about brain health to better prepare them for selfcare and helping others in the future.

"These are great books by awardwinning authors, and they do a really nice job reaching students at their level," Atkinson-Smeins said.

"We're grateful for the generous donation and we hope the students and their families benefit from the message."

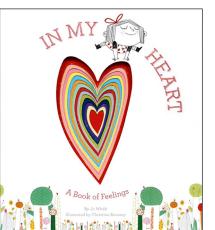
She read the books with students, who were able to keep the books, as part of a broader lesson on emotional wellness and brain health activities.

For example, students learned

stretching and breathing exercises and made "Moody Cow Jars" to learn tools for coping with strong feelings. Carson's Cause will donate

another \$5,500 to the elementary

school this fall when Climb Theatre



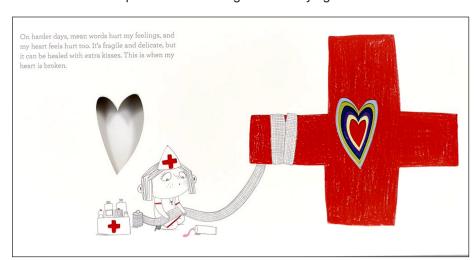


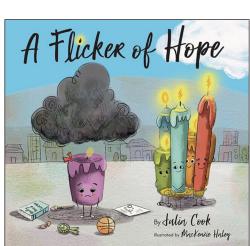
The QR code links to Carson's Cause, which donated roughly \$5,000 to buy 550 children's books for Luverne elementary students.

Carson Ehde graduated with the LHS Class of 2020. He died of suicide on Sept. 13, 2022, after a brief mental illness.



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"We dream of a day when caring for our brains is no different from treating allergies, injuries or any other physical ailment," Sorenson shares on the Carson's Cause website.

"We hope a new generation of kids will grow up recognizing common brain ailments, knowing how to talk about them and having access to straightforward treatment — without shame, stigma or obstacles of an inadequate health care system. Had Carson and other suicide victims of his era been equipped in this way, we wonder if their outcomes could have been different."

Details are at www.luvacf.org/ carsonrsquos-cause and on Facebook under "Carson's Cause."

O Star Herald PINION

Out of tragedy, a cause is born

For every tragedy there is a miracle to make up for it somewhere else

It's been said that for every tragedy there is a miracle to make up for it somewhere else.



I don't know who says this or if it actually happens, but I hope it's true.

Sometimes in grief after tragedy, hope is all we have.

... Well, that and prayer. Lots of prayer. ... By lots of good people who have been very good to us.

In the days and months following the Sept. 13, 2022, death of our Carson, many people were very generous with food, gifts, thoughtful words and deeds ... and cash.

... Lots and lots of cash. Someday I will appropriately thank each and every one, even if it's a year from now.

Because I'm so very grateful. Meanwhile, we're pleased to announce these gifts are already being put to good use with "Carson's Cause" through the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The gifts recently funded a series of clever children's books to guide elementary school approaches to brain health (see page 3A). And Carson's Cause will sponsor Climb Theatre plays (customized for brain health) in classrooms this fall.

We believe the language we use (or don't use) to talk about brain health is among the reasons suicide is becoming an epidemic.

It's hard to get help for r brains if we're ashamed to acknowledge we need help. And if we can't even talk about it, it's hard to improve a health care system that's failing us.

If we need medicine for diabetes or high blood pres-

ON SECOND **THOUGHT**

By Lori Sorenson, editor

sure, we have no problem talking about it. But if we need a prescription for brain health, we'd rather not disclose that weakness. (And health insurers bank on that.)

It's hard to change existing bias, but we're hoping to change future attitudes by guiding today's children.

Students can spot a bully in the playground a mile away, and they know how to help. Why? Because thoughtful educators have made it part of their everyday dialogue in school.

They don't use the R word ("retarded") and they embrace students who are different (in wheelchairs or with other "special" needs).

With similar guidance, we believe kids who know how to talk about brain health will know how to ask for help when they're not feeling well, and they'll know how to help someone else who may not be feeling well.

It's a bit more complicated than a toothache, but our hope is that today's kids will be tomorrow's grownups who discuss a brain health appointment like they would a trip to the dentist.

Ultimately, we're hoping for a brighter future ... for people seeking brain health care to get help before they consider suicide as an option.

Will it help? We think so. Will it prevent suicide? We hope so. We're hoping for small miracles.

And hope, in the wake of a tragedy like suicide, is a very good thing.

Spring is coming; make plans to get outdoors

Free Park Days in 2023 announced for Minnesota state parks, recreation areas

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is waiving vehicle permit fees at all 75 state parks and recreation areas on four dates in 2023.

The Free Park Days will be Saturday, April 22; Saturday, June 10; Saturday, Sept. 9; and Friday,

With the support of the state legislature, the DNR offers Free Park Days to encourage Minnesotans to get outdoors and enjoy the health and wellness benefits of spending time in nature.

"Minnesota state parks and recreation areas are open yearround, and there's plenty of fun to be had in the outdoors in every season," said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR Parks and Trails Division.

"We hope offering a series of free entrance days will encourage Minnesotans to visit these special places to spend time enjoying the outstanding natural resources our $state\,has\,to\,offer\,and\,recharge\,from$ the stresses of everyday life."

Getting outdoors makes exercise more fun and can boost mood and immunity. According to the American Psychological Association, exposure to nature is linked to benefits like improved attention and lower stress.

There's a state park or recreation area within 30 miles of most

In addition to offering popular activities such as hiking, biking, camping, swimming, skiing and birding, a variety of state park programs are open to all visitors.

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Programs are free, but some require pre-registration. Find state park programs online at the state parks and trails events calendar (mndnr.gov/ptcalendar).

The entrance fee waiver on Free Park Days does not cover activities like camping, rentals or tours.

For more information, visit the DNR's Free Park Days page (mndnr. gov/freeparkdays) or contact the DNR Information Center at info. <u>dnr@state.mn.us</u> or 888-646-6367 between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, or 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

H-BC teacher: 'I encourage you to vote April 11'

To the Editor:

I often feel like I've hit the jackpot in my job teaching kindergarten at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School! We were named a U.S. Department of **Education Blue Ribbon School** in 2019. We've got a great staff, working together like clockwork to educate our students. We've got an acclaimed administrator who leads us to keep moving forward for the sake of our students' education. Our small size makes it easy to build relationships with our students and families that are second to none.

In our school building, however, we are lacking.

Sure, walking through the hallways of H-BC elementary, you'd see a well-kept school with clean floors, freshly painted walls, even new(ish) carpet. Our custodial and grounds staff have always done a fantastic job. You likely won't even hear a complaint from anyone on our staff, as we focus on the positive and always try to put our best foot forward....

But what you might not see

walking through the facility is a barrage of shortcomings that do not match up with the high standards to which our school holds itself.

I can speak specifically of my kindergarten classroom, which this year serves 16 students (currently the smallest class in the school). We have fewer than 700 square feet; no space to set up the learning centers or play centers that a kindergarten classroom should be based on. I gave up having my own teacher's desk so I could set up a reading corner for my students. Next year I will welcome a class size in the mid-20s, and somehow find space for them and their belongings.

The aged heating and cooling system in our school is beyond repair, literally. My room will generally be 80 degrees or warmer in the middle of the winter, unless I open a window. This is without the blower unit on the heat vent even turned on – just heat that radiates into the classroom from the boiler down below. The window and the window air conditioner are the only way I have

to control the temperature in my classroom. Don't tell the person paying the electric bill, but I've been known to turn on the AC on a 50-degree day just to keep my little people awake.

But even the AC poses a problem. You see, when I switch it on, it often trips a breaker, powering down my smart board. Other days I'll be running the AC and I'll go to sharpen a pencil ... power outage again. "Just sit tight 5-year-olds, while I call the custodian to flip that back on for us, then we can continue with our lesson."

The need for a new facility is apparent!

The community has spoken through surveys that they prefer the new school to be built in Beaver Creek. Let's unite! Let's work together as a staff and a community to uphold our tradition of excellence in all areas of our school, including the school building itself.

I encourage you to vote on April 11 to build a new elementary school in Beaver Creek.

> Haley Tollefson, Luverne

Jarchow: 'Please, help protect our children ...'

To the Editor:

To begin with, I have many times thought how thankful we should be for our local Chamber and all they do to promote our town and help organize the many activities in our community. I commend them for being proactive in planning special events for children/youth for St. Patrick's Day as well as Easter with the long, snow-impacted spring.

For St. Patrick's Day they assembled enough treats for children kindergarten through 12th grade. When my children came home with their treat of Skittles from the Chamber, they also had a coupon donated by Take 16 for a free draft root beer. Am I the only one having trouble with this? I can think of better options than having families enter a brewery with their children to redeem the offer. There are several

family-friendly retailers who offer fun beverages, such as Wildflowers, The Bean, and Firefly, just to name

I've read articles where breweries are focused on promoting their locations as family-friendly and parents can enjoy their "adult" beverages and bring their children. I've seen the family reading nights and Father's Day promotions inviting parents and children. One parent in an article even said he wants his children to be comfortable around

Why are we trying to desensitize our children to an alcohol atmosphere? Would we be okay with the local liquor store or Herb N Legend providing coupons for some child-appropriate item and inviting families into their establishment?

Kids are starting to drink earlier

and at younger ages, and it's no wonder why. When we normalize alcohol consumption and have it present at every family-friendly community event or even children/ youth events, the message we are sending is that it is a normal part of everyday life.

What we aren't saying, but should, is that alcohol is a drug that is mind-altering and addictive and many people unintentionally become addicted to it.

I am concerned about the lackadaisical attitude we have around alcohol and how it is impacting our children today and what that will look like in the future.

Please, help protect our children and give them a safe, substance-free environment to grow up in.

> Wanda Jarchow, Luverne

Lanphere apologizes for lapse in judgment over St. Patrick's gift

To the Editor:

I would like to personally apologize for my lapse in judgment and thought in my actions as director of the Luverne Chamber. I take full responsibility for coordinating the efforts to provide all children in our schools with a small gift in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

When the opportunity arose to include a gift card for a free root beer at Take 16, I did not take into account the issues with alcohol and abuse that some families struggle with. I deeply regret that didn't cross my mind when we put together the bags to hand out to the children in this community.

Hindsight doesn't matter

Voice of our READERS

when you make a mistake like I did. You can only move on and pledge to take into account all aspects of decision-making in the future. I hope that you for give me and that the decision that I made doesn't reflect on what the Luverne Area Chamber and its members do to support community.

> With deepest regrets, Jane Lanphere

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report March 17

•Complainant on 41st Street and 30th-40th Avenue, Hills, reported a road closure.

 Complainant reported vandalism.

•Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported a scam.

•Complainant reported theft.

•Complainant on 3rd Street and Church Avenue, Hills, reported a parking issue and noise.

•Complainant on Spring Street and Brown Street reported a road and drive law issue.

March 18

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported burning and

•Complainant on 41st Street and 30th Avenue, Hills, reported a road closure.

•Complainant reported a

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported lost property.

·Complainant on Highway 23, mile marker 9, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.

March 19

 Complainant on County Road 9 and 21st Street, Ash Creek, reported a driving com-

 Complainant on County Road 4 and Redbird Road reported debris.

 Complainant reported a civil issue.

 Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

·Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported weapons.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a parking issue.

•Complainant reported a

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a parking com-

 Complainant on Highway 75 and 251st Street reported per-

Avenue reported a vulnerable

March 21

 Complainant requested assistance from another depart-

·Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported an NSF check.

Street reported an NSF check. •Complainant on State

•Complainant reported an

•Complainant on N. Cedar

·Complainant in Hills reported found property.

•Complainant on 141st Street, Luverne, reported suspicious

In addition, officers responded to 8 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 3 vehicles in the ditch, 14 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 6 burn permits, 2 drug court tests, 14 purchase and carry permits, 9 stalled vehicles, 38 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 3 welfare checks, and 2 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photo/0330 LHS Tennis Courts 2023

Preparing for spring sports

A Luverne Public Schools custodian shovels a few areas Friday afternoon at the school's tennis courts, allowing Mother Nature to penetrate through the ice layer under the estimated 6 inches of snow covering the playing surface. The boys' tennis season started Monday. Earlier last week, custodians cleared the track of snow and allowed the sun to successfully remove the ice underneath.



March 20

sonal injury. •Complainant on N. Kniss

adult.

•Complainant on E. Warren

Highway 270, Hills, reported a driving complaint.

March 23

Street reported suspicious activ-

•Complainant reported an outage.



Lori Sorenson photos/0330 HBC bond meeting elementary

H-BC School Board members, staff and advisers led Thursday night's meeting in the elementary school gym in Beaver Creek where nearly 100 people gathered to discuss a proposed new school.

H-BC hosts bond information meeting/continued from 1A

will not be comingled with our operating fund."

Some wanted to know if the cost estimates factored in site work to prevent cost overruns. The answer is that construction costs include these possibilities.

Others asked whether inflation and rising interest rates and availability of building materials would affect the project.

Project managers responded that they used past experience, historical costs and current trends to anticipate those costs.

For example, a 5-percent inflationary rise is factored into the bond amount, and the construction project will be managed to meet the budget.

Proposal anticipates decline

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

If enrollment continues to decline and class sizes drop significantly below 20 students per grade, the district will likely face operational cost deficits prior to paying off the proposed bond issue, which expires in 2046.

The district expects to reduce some operational costs because the new building will be more

energy-efficient.

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

Location of new elementary school would be next to golf course

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board signed a purchase agreement to buy almost 15 acres as the site for a new elementary school in Beaver Creek.

The agreement with Spring Brooke LLC is for 14.45 acres located in the Spring Brook Addition.

Purchase price is \$377,665, and the agreement is contingent on a successful bond referendum vote on Tuesday, April 11. The property is west of the

SpringBrooke Events, Golf & Grill along Golf Course Lane in Beaver Construction would take

place in 2024 and 2025.

Voters will be asked two questions on April 11:

•Question 1: Authorize the H-BC School District to build a new elementary school for grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade for \$26.5 million.

•Question 2: Authorize the H-BC School District to make upgrades and an expanded parking area at the Hugo Goehle gymnasium site, demolish the former high school on East Second in Hills, and construct a new parking area at the current secondary school, also in Hills. Cost is \$3.475 million.

Question 2 cannot pass without voters agreeing to Question 1.

Information was mailed and is available online

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

A copy is available online at www.hbcpatriots.com under the "2023 Referendum" tab.

An impact calculator is also available for residents to gauge how the referendum may affect various property classifications. Generally, taxes on a

\$150,000 home would increase \$324 per year if both referendum questions pass.

Thursday's meeting was the first of two hosted by the district.

The second was Tuesday night at the secondary school in Hills after the Star Herald had gone to press. That information will be covered online and in the April 6 print edition.

11:00 to 11:30 A.M.

3:30 to 4:00 P.M.







2023 Board of Appeal & Equalization Schedule

Monday, April 10, 2023

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

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

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Beaver Creek Township Hall

10:00 to 10:30 A.M. **SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP**

Springwater Township Hall

BATTLE PLAINS TOWNSHIP Justin Prins Residence - 1941 231st St, Edgerton 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.

MOUND TOWNSHIP

County Highway Building- Luverne 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

VIENNA TOWNSHIP

Kenneth Community Center 10:00 to 10:30 A.M.

MAGNOLIA TOWNSHIP County Highway Building - Luverne

DENVER TOWNSHIP

7:00 to 7:30 P.M Hardwick City Hall Wednesday, April 12, 2023

LUVERNE TOWNSHIP

Pizza Ranch, 110 E. Main St., Luverne 11:00 to 11:30 A.M

Thursday, April 13, 2022

OPEN BOOK MEETING AT COURTHOUSE

Kanaranzi, Martin, Mound, Rose Dell Township 9:00 A.M

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION Rock County Courthouse, Luverne 6:30 to 7:00 P.M.

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Mavis Fodness photos/0330 Cookies and Cardinals

Preschoolers invite family to Cookies & Cardinals event

After a three-year hiatus, Discovery Time Preschool opened its doors to visitors Friday in a special Cookies & Cardinals event for both its morning and afternoon programs. Preschoolers invited parents and grandparents to see what they do on a daily basis that included reading, playing in the gym, painting, and sharing cookies in the commons. Preschool teacher Angie Janiszeski named the event and worked with fellow teacher Amy Chapa to coordinate events with the adults in mind. "We figured they are taking time off work," Janiszeski said. "We needed to make it worth their time."

Above: Grace Dreckman, 4, excitedly pedals a tricycle as her mother, Clarissa Dreckman (left), and her grandmother, Michalle Hedden, follow along in one of the many activities set up by the preschool teachers in the gymnasium.







Above: Lara Fodness reads "The Pigeon Needs a Bath" to her son, Milo, as they share cookies in the commons.

Above left: Ryan Hoff (left) shows his painted hand to his son, Dawson, as his mother, Alyssa Hoff (not pictured), watches. The trio created a flower with their overlapping handprints.

Right: Four-year-old Bentley Cink laughs as he tries to launch a bean bag to his mother, Kelly Staeffler, with a Rocket Launcher.

Below left: Teddy Paquette is surrounded by his grand-mother, Stephanie Pierce (left), his father, Phil Paquette, and his grandfather, Travis Pierce, as they play with toys in the Cardinal gym.



MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, April 3: Parmesan chicken, green beans, fruit cocktail, bread stick, dessert.

Tuesday, April 4: Turkey noodle casserole, broccoli florets, cinnamon apple slices, bread, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

Wednesday, April 5: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pudding.
Thursday, April 6:

Thursday, April 6: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, bread. **Friday, April 7:** Lemon pepper fish, baked potato, mixed green salad with dressing, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

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

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

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

1943: Emma Hamann wonders if she's dreaming

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

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Sept. 9, 1943.

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

Looking back over the past half century, Mrs. August Hamann, Luverne, wonders sometimes if some of her experiences in early day Rock county aren't just dreams.

Now living in her own home in Luverne, she has conveniences she never even thought were possible when she and her husband came to live northwest of here in the spring of 1891. Instead of going to the well pumping a pail of water, and bringing it inside, all she has to do now is to turn a faucet in her kitchen, and water streams out. Instead of carrying in baskets of cobs and wood, and virtually choking the kitchen stove to keep her home warm, she merely has to turn a thermostat dial on the wall, and an oil burning furnace keeps her rooms at the temperature she desires. Instead of the almost daily task of filling lamps with kerosene for light at night, she merely has to press a button on the wall and pay an electric light bill once each month.

But all the conveniences she enjoys today she greatly appreciates, because she worked hard under difficult circumstances during her younger days,

and experienced many a hardship.

She was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, Sept. 25, 1867, as Emma Wieckman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wieckman. Her father worked in the country, and at an early age she learned to do many of the common everyday tasks. She attended school and even before she had completed the prescribed course of study, she had begun working away from home. At first, she received only her board and room. After she finished school, however, she was paid a salary of \$12 per year.

Fortunately, she said, she did not have to do much outdoor work. Most ofher duties had to do with housekeeping, but helping with the cooking, washing and baking and tending to the children, kept her plenty busy.

Relatives who had moved to the United States induced her to come to this country in 1883. She and her sister boarded a ship in Germany and landed in New York 14 days later. Although the trip was uneventful, the sight of land was a pleasant one, Mrs. Hamann states. They came directly to Benton county, where Mrs. Hamann immediately began working for her uncle at \$2 a week. Truly she thought, America must be the land of promise if she could earn as much in six weeks here as she could in Germany in 52 weeks.

(Emma Hamann's life story continues next week's Star Herald.)

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Rock County and one of its early pioneer families are featured in a current exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul.

Doreen Rollag of rural Beaver Creek learned that a replica of the sod house that was once on her current acreage is part of a display illustrating early prairie life.

"We were thrilled," Doreen said about her recent visit to the History Center. "It was full of write-ups and pictures."

The sod home had been built in 1873 by her husband Leonard's grandparents, Gro and Ole Rollag. They settled there as newlyweds after they left Norway for a new life in Rock county.

The replica of a sod house in "Then Now Wow" is based on the Rollag home, and visitors are encouraged to explore the interior rooms, sit on the beds and try on the prairie clothing that was once worn by the settlers.

The Rollags lived in the 12-by-16 foot sod house for seven years before building the frame home that Doreen lives in now. "I've lived there for 60 years," Doreen said. "We've added to the house, but it's still on the old foundation of rocks."

25 years ago (1998)

•Chuck Egland is settling into his duties as the new postmaster in Luverne. He became postmaster officially Feb. 14, but he's been officer in charge since Oct. 23. His installation was Friday. Egland comes to Luverne from Winona where he's spent the past nine years. He started there as a postal carrier in 1987 and has been supervisor since 1993. Both he and his wife, Jean, also hail from Winona as their hometown.

He said the reason he came to Luverne was the opportunity for advancement in the postal service. Now that he's here, Egland said Luverne seems like a town he could easily call home. "People are friendly here, and when you drive into this town, it's a clean town," he said. "It's not somewhere where you'd be ashamed to live. It's impressive when you get off the exit and drive through town."

50 years ago (1973)

•Two South Dakota youths whose names were withheld until charges were officially filed, were apprehended at the Luverne Livestock Association Sale barn here Saturday, after two stolen calves were recovered at the barn.

Sheriff Ole Hommen said the Lake County sheriff, of Madison, S.D., came here to get the youths, one a juvenile and one just over 18. They were released on their own recognizance.

According to Sheriff Hommen, a Volga, S.D., farmer discovered the loss of the two calves Saturday morning. The calves were taken from a barn on his farm.

75 years ago (1948)

•Four teachers in the local school system have resigned

their positions, and do not plan to teach here next year, Supt. M.C. Munson announced yesterday.

They are as follows:

Miss Joyce Hesla, instructor of vocal music; Miss Barbara Wangsness, English and dramatics; Miss Rubye Philipp, second grade; Miss Laila Leikvold, girls' physical education and biology.

Clarence J. Ekeland, athletic coach, resigned from his coaching activities, but has been extended a contract for a "straight" teaching position.

100 years ago (1923)

•A new business enterprise in Luverne, the Associated Dollar Tire store, will formally open tomorrow morning at eight o'clock. The company has leased the store building in the McGrath block, recently occupied by the Downs bowling alleys, and the business will be managed by J.A. Jacobson, of Sioux Falls, a former resident of this county.

The Associated Dollar Tire Company, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., operates an extensive line of chain stores throughout the country, and conducts its places of business on what is termed "the associated dollar plan." By this is meant that any customer who purchases one of their pneumatic tires or tubes at their list price, can secure a similar tire or tube at the additional price of only \$1.00.

Mr. Jacobson, manager of the store, invites all motor owners in the county to call the store tomorrow, if possible.





Leadership recognized

Two longtime Clinton Township officials were recently recognized for their years of service on the township board. Henry Zwaan (pictured at left with board chairman Kurt Elbers) was honored for 40 years of leadership, and Steve Top (pictured at right with Elbers) was honored for 20 years on the Clinton Township Board. The photographs were taken Sunday, March 12, at Poplar Creek in Luverne.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Holthaus named Region 3 administrator of excellence

Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek School District superintendent, is the Region 3 Administrator of Excellence award winner for 2023.

Holthaus is one of nine regional award winners selected through the Minnesota Association of School Administrators.

Each recipient was recognized for their leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs.

Holthaus received the award at the MASA spring conference on March 9-10.

Moore attends 4-H leadership workshop

Mazzi Moore, a member of the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, attended the Southwest TEEL leadership workshop Feb. 18 at Southwest State University in Marshall.

Moore joined 58 youth for the Teens Engaging in Emerging Leadership (TEEL) workshop led by older 4-H youth leaders and 4-H alumni.

This year's theme focuses on "Seasons of Growth." Youth learned about leadership while connecting to their own personal story and experiences through hands-on activities. They also learned about the Crayon Initiative, which takes used crayons, melts them into new crayons for distribution to kids in the



hospital. The initiative helps bring joy to children who are ill and keeps millions of crayons out of the landfills.

"TEEL gave me the opportunity to meet amazing leaders from throughout southwest Minnesota," Moore said. "By way of fun, small group activities and enlightening TEEL talks, I was able to grow in my 4-H journey."

Moore is a sophomore at Brandon-Valley High School in Brandon.

College News

Knips selected as coach at Lincoln

Sara Knips of Magnolia is one of 38 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students selected as new strengths coaches in the College of Business Clifton Strengths Institute. Knips is a junior majoring in Clifton Builders management.

Representing a variety of majors across the university, strengths coaches mentor about 1,000 first-year business students in Professional Enhancement I: Investing in Strengths (BSAD 111).

U of M Twin Cities names honor students

Several local students at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester. To be eligible, students must have at least 12 graded credits with a 3.66 GPA or higher.

Named to the list from Luverne were Billi Connell, freshman, education/human development; Grace Sweeney, senior, liberal arts; Solveig Tofteland, junior, nursing; Jordan Winter, junior, Carlson School of Management; and from Magnolia, Jaxon Nelson, senior, food, agriculture and natural resources science.

HARDWICK BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Hardwick, will meet on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 at the Hardwick City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections if needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Tammy J. Johnson Hardwick City Clerk

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Harmsen

Evelyn Katherine Harm-

sen, 95, Luverne, died Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at St.

Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at St. Catherine. Memorials may be directed to the Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Evelyn Voss was born on April 13, 1927, near Wilmont to Joseph and Josephine (Wiltgen) Voss. The family later moved north of Adrian until 1943 when they moved to a farm northeast of Woodstock when Evelyn was 16 years old.

On May 9, 1944, Evelyn married William Krell Jr. at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Woodstock. Evelyn and Bill ran the Woodstock

Café for a time after moving into town. Due to Bill's health issues, Evelyn began waitressing at Sid and Min's Café in Pipestone. Bill passed away on May 25, 1957, due to brain cancer. After Bill's death Evelyn began working at

elyn began working at the Flame Room bar also in Pipestone.

On Sept. 2, 1958, Evelyn married Russ Harmsen. They moved to Ihlen two months later. Russ and Evelyn bought into the Glass House Steak House with Dale and LeeAnn Hess in March 1959. Russ and Evelyn had three children together. They owned and operated the business for 25 years until 1984. Evelyn began working at the Country Club in Pipestone along with volunteering her services for seniors. She was active at the Senior Center at Ihlen, volunteering and

playing cards with friends. Evelyn celebrated her 80th birthday at the Country Club after which she retired. That summer she and Russ moved to St. Cloud.

They enjoyed spending time at their lake home at Pickerel Lake for 60 years along with traveling in their early years with friends and with daughter Joyce and husband Carl in their later years. Evelyn enjoyed being with people and made many friends in her years of working. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

In August of 2018 they moved to Luverne where Russ was admitted to the Minnesota Veterans Home and Evelyn lived with her daughter Deanna. Evelyn visited Russ daily at the Veterans Home until his death on Oct. 26, 2018. She moved to Poplar Creek in Luverne a month later. In May of 2020 she moved to the Good Samaritan Society

– Mary Jane Brown Home.

Evelyn is survived by her six children, Bev York of Columbia Falls, Montana, Joyce (Carl) Pierret of Blaine, Vicki (Brad) Quist of Pickerel Lake, Deanna "Dee" Scott of Luverne, Mike (Karen) Harmsen of Clearwater, and Kim Harmsen; daughter-in-law Dolly Krell of Coon Rapids; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Lois Voss of Maple Grove and Jean Voss of Canby; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russ, of 60 years; three children, Randy Krell, Gene Krell and Terry Harmsen; sister Dorothy Jackson; and brothers Virgil Voss and Marvin (Bob) Voss.

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

(0330 F)

Bruner Keesey

Bruner Keesey, age 2 months, Luverne, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 14, 2023,

at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center. Visitation

will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A private funeral service will be at 10

neral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Caledonia.

Bruner Keesey was born Jan. 8, 2023, to Zachary Keesey and Madison Zehnder at Sanford Health, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He joined his big sister, Kinnsley, who welcomed him with love and protection. He was the "Most Handsome Boy" and he touched many lives with his precious smile and cute dimples. He will be forever remembered and loved.

He is survived by his parents, Zachary Keesey and Madison Zehnder; sister Kinnsley Dols; grandparents Kurt and Emily Zehnder, Jeff Keesey and Julie Keesey;

ey and Julie Keesey; great-grandparents Dorsey and Sherry Keesey, Bill and Linda Zehner; aunts, uncles and cousins Dan Keesey and Ashley Werner and their children, Mya Keesey and

Brennan Thomas, Uncle Nick Keesey, Aunt Ashley Bohn and children Ben and Savannah Bohn, Aunt Jamie Bohn and children Rion, Alex, Nathan Becher, Aunt Payton Zehnder, Aunt Jadah Zehnder and Marty Koenig, Uncle Cody Zehnder and Danika Albert; godparents Storm Davis and Maddie Strub; Jamie Fritz and Derek Anderson, and Josh Vaubel.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents Reynolds; greatgrandparents Klatt; and aunt Stephanie Ellingson.

Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne and Mc-Cormick Funeral Home in Caledonia are assisting the family. www.hartquistfuneral.com

(0330 F)

Michael Hagemann

Michael David Hagemann, 81, of Glen Carbon, Illinois, passed away at 1:48 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at his home in Meridian Village.

He was born January 2, 1942, in Luverne, Minnesota, a son of the late Andrew and Anna (St

Andrew and Anna (Smook) Hagemann Sr.

He married Joyce Elaine (Achterhoff) Hagemann on October 21, 1960, in Edgerton, Minnesota, and she survives.

He retired from the Teamsters Local #600 after many years of dedicated service as a truck driver with Consolidated Freightways.

Michael was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Edwardsville for 35 years and had served as an usher. He was very active with many events at Meridian Village and was known for his role with the water volleyball team. He had a love for cars and was always proud of his clean cars as well as his manicured yard. He will be remembered for the love and special times shared with his family and friends.

In addition to his beloved wife, he is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly Boldt of Ruskin, Florida, Kelli and Ed Mientkewicz of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Kristi Breck of St. Charles, Missouri; two sons and a

daughter-in-law, Kent and
Lori Hagemann of

Collinsville, Illinois, and Kory Hage-mann of St. Louis, Missouri; former daughter-in-law Janet Frasher of O'Fallon, Illinois; eleven grandchildren, Nicholas, Samantha, Britanee,

Ashleigh, Allyson, Alex, Lacie, Kayla, Libby, Lucas and Aiden; six great grandchildren, Nicholas, Dallas, Liam, Lucy, Layla and Oakley; a brother and sister-inlaw, Andrew and Dorothy Hagemann Jr. of Prior Lake, Minnesota; nieces; nephews; other extended family and friends

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Terry Breck; a sister, Patricia Ann Snitselaar and a brother, Robert Hagemann.

In celebration of his life, a memorial visitation will be held at the First Baptist Church, 534 St. Louis Street in Edwardsville on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Drew Patton officiating. A private burial will be at Glen Carbon City Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Edwardsville. Irwin Chapel of Glen Carbon in charge of arrangements. www.irwinchapel.com

(0330 V)

DEATH NOTICE

Lavonne Otten-

 ${\bf Lavonne~K.~Otten, 83, Luverne, died~Thursday, March~23, 2023, at~the~Sanford~Luverne~Hospice~Cottage.}$

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church, with burial to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0330 DN)



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Two county roads, seven bridges slated for improvement in 2023

County plans to seal 41 miles of asphalt roads

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Engineer Mark Sehr unveiled his preliminary five-year road and bridge construction plan to commissioners March 21.

In the plan, Sehr anticipates completing two mill and overlay projects, six bridge replacements, one bridge rehabilitation and 41 miles of seal coating in 2023.

Commissioners asked Sehr if his annual \$100,000 gravel budget needs to be increased.

"It's all the department can handle with the current workforce," he said.

If necessary, Sehr indicated he would hire additional contractors to haul gravel.

The copy of the plan for projects in 2023 through 2027 is located at the highway department's website.

For 2023, six miles of County Road 6 from Hills to Beaver Creek will be milled and overlayed.

Another four miles of County Road 5 from Highway 23 to County Road 6 will also be milled and overlayed.

Five township bridges will be replaced in Kanaranzi (County Road 1), Rose Dell (221st Street) and three in Martin (along County Road 6).

The historic Spring Brook bridge in Beaver Creek will be rehabilitated this fall.

Sehr said the 2023 schedule also calls for 41 miles of asphalt county roads to have cracks cleaned and filled and the roadway seal coated.

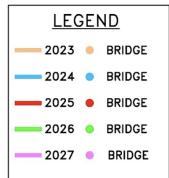
"It's on the roads that have had work done in the last five years," he said.

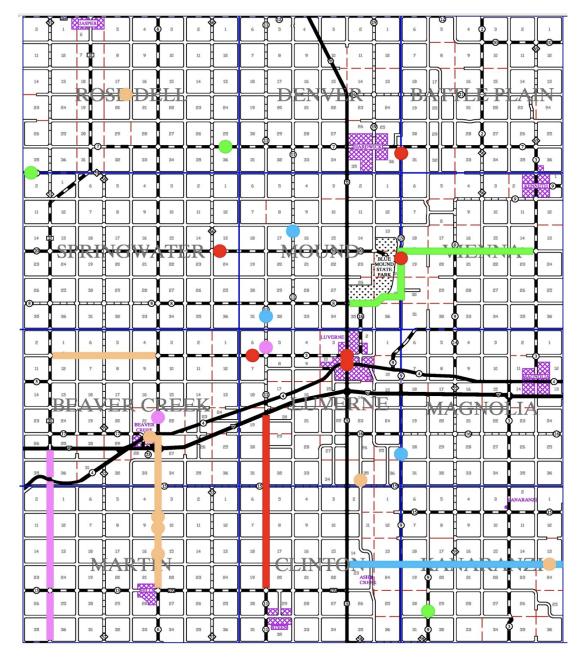
"And those county roads in the cities."

The cities include Hardwick, Magnolia, Steen, Beaver Creek and Hills.

Bids for the two mill and overlay projects were awarded to Duininck Inc. of Prinsburg earlier this

Bid letting for the five township bridge replacements is set for April 3 and the seal coat bid opening is April 16.





ing people to be patient and

follow alternate paths where

ly pumps hog manure pits

in the spring, but the tanker

trucks used to haul the liq-

uid manure are particularly

"They have those re-

ally big tires, not like semis

that spread the weight out

better," Baustian said. "I'm

summer, I'll put manure on

Meanwhile, people

traveling the roads in cars

and pickup trucks are get-

ting stuck trying to navigate

Rock County Commis-

the deep ruts left by heavy

sioner Gary Overgaard said

hoping to plant oats, and

when I get them off this

hard on gravel roads.

For example, he typical-

possible.

'Patience wearing thin' on sloppy gravel roads as snow melts to mud/continued from 1A

finishing operation on 70th Avenue.

"We're trying to get pigs delivered this week that were canceled last week when it snowed, so now they're overweight and we'll get docked," he said Friday.

Baustian hauls 80,000-pound semi loads on a schedule set by the packers.

"In seven days I had 11 semi trucks of pigs loaded out and four semi loads of feed brought in." The result, of course,

was a nearly impassable township road. Baustian, a Springwater Township Board member,

called Reker Construction



Lori Sorenson photos/0330 spring gravel roads

County Road 51 in Rose Dell Township was deeply rutted by heavy equipment and truck traffic as tall snowbanks melt into the roadway causing the surface to be soft as it thaws.

to his road and a few others in similar shape. He ordered 65 loads.

"We're having them spot apply it where it's most needed," Baustian said. "We're trying to keep the roads halfway safe until things dry out."

Baustian said he hopes township residents let the board know of other areas needing help.

"If we don't know about it, it's kind of hard to get it fixed," he said.

to deliver crushed concrete

tempers are flaring. "People are losing their cool. It's getting out of hand," he said Friday. "We just have to realize we're all in the same boat. We have to use some common sense."

equipment.

then."

He said people's livelihoods depend on gravel roads, but some roads may need to be closed in order to protect both the roads and

the motorists. "The truck traffic is causing ruts, and people in their cars are getting hung up

and they're losing parts of their cars," Overgaard said. "It's a tough deal."

He said he's getting requests from residents to have gravel put on their roads, but that would require heavy equipment that will further damage roads.

"You're going to make tracks just getting gravel to where you want it," he said. "People's patience is wearing thin, because they want to get out yesterday.'

He said as long as the snow is piled up on the sides of the road with nowhere to melt but on the road, the problem will persist. "It's just going to take time."

Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne school districts have alerted families that buses will travel only on blacktop roads until conditions improve.

That means families must bring their children to meet buses or drive them directly to school.

Overgaard was relieved to hear this, because he was afraid the county would need to declare that policy.

Now, he's concerned about other steps commissioners may need to impose.

"These are steps we have to take," he said. "Because if we keep driving on these roads, we're going to destroy them."





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LHS track and field opens season at Ruth Marske Invitational

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne track and field team opened their 2023 season traveling to Brookings to compete in the Ruth Marske Invitational Monday, March 27.

The meet was held indoors at the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex on the SDSU campus.

The Cardinals were one of 23 teams invited to the invitational and the only team representing Minnesota.

The Luverne boys' track and field team placed sixteenth out of 20 teams while the girls' team placed thirteenth out of 19 teams.

For the boys Ankeny took first place with 106 team points, followed by Sioux Falls Lincoln 78, Brandon Valley 56.5, Watertown 49, Spirit Lake 48, Sioux Falls Jefferson 42, Aberdeen Central 38, Pierre T.F. Riggs 35, Sioux City North 27, Lawton-Bronson 27, Lennox 23, Sioux City East 23, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 18, Okoboji Milford 15, Madison 11, Luverne 10.5, North Union 10, West Sioux Hawarden 4, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 2 and Sioux City West 1.

For the girls, Waukee Northwest took first place with 131.5 team points, followed by Brandon Valley 86, Sioux Falls Lincoln 63, Aberdeen Central 54, Sioux City East 35, Watertown 33, Sioux Falls Jefferson 31.5, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 26, Spirit Lake 24, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 22.5, Sioux City West 21, Madison 16.5, Luverne 15.5, Pierre T.F. Riggs 12.5, Sioux City North 12, Okoboji Milford 10, Lennox 10, Brookings 10 and Lawton-Bronson 10.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 girls4x100

LHS juniors (left) Morgan Hadler and Skyler VanderSteen team up with sophomores Corynn Oye and Hailey Como (not pictured) in the 4x100 meter run at the Ruth Marske Invitational held at SDSU March 27.

Events results are as follows: **Boys**

Long Jump - 60 athletesDJ Rock 18-06¼ placed 21
Darius Dolo 15-02 placed 50

Pole Vault - 31 athletes DJ Rock 12-00 placed 4 Anyuon Atem 9-00 placed 19 Leif Ingebretsen J9-00 placed 21 Tyler Rolfs J9-00 placed 22 **High Jump - 47 athletes** Isaac DeBates 5-06 placed 21

Triple Jump - 36 athletesGavin DeBeer 37-01¾ placed 13
Anyuon Atem 34-00½ placed 24

Shot Put - 82 athletes Eli Woodley 47-09¾ placed 6 Keaton Ahrendt 42-06¼ placed 16 Ryker Johnson 40-11 placed 22 Adam Ask 36-05½ placed 49

4X800 Meter Relay - 19 teamsDylan Ommen, Sage Viessman, Marcus
Papik, Eli McLendon 9:53.22 placed 17

100 Meter Hurdles - 44 athletes Micah Andersen 21.21 placed 36

100 Meter Dash - 98 athletes Lucky Dara 11.83 placed 34 Gavin DeBeer 12.31 placed 60 Zach Terrio 12.57 placed 68 Treven Bell 13.36 placed 91 Trayton Sayavong 13.52 placed 93

1600 Meter Dash - 65 athletes Camden Janiszeski 4:43.87 placed 6 Owen Janiszeski 4:44.44 placed 9 Ryan Fick 4:49.33 placed 13 Carsen Tofteland 5:14.39 placed 34 Sage Viessman 5:27.88 placed 41

4X100 Meter Run - 37 teamsDJ Rock, Tyler Rolfs, Zach Terrio, Lucky Dara 47.43 placed 28
Treven Bell, Trayton Sayavong, Coulter Thone, Ashton

400 Meter Dash - 83 athletes Zach Terrio 56.27 placed 20 Dylan Ommen 1:02.09 placed 55

Hood 49.58 placed 36

300 Meter Hurdles - 50 athletes Isaac DeBates did not place

800 Meter Run - 81 athletes Leif Ingebretsen 2:24.10 placed 43 Marcus Papik 2:28.66 placed 52 Eli McLendon 2:36.12 placed 65

200 Meter Dash - 100 athletes Lucky Dara 23.97 placed 16 Darius Dolo 24.90 placed 41 Micah Andersen 25.75 placed 66 Coulter Thone 25.76 placed 67

Ashton Hood 26.53 placed 79

4X400 Meter Relay - 24 teams Ryan Fick, Camden Janiszeski, Owen Janiszeski, Carsen

Tofteland 3:55.09 placed 17

Long Jump - 53 athletes
Augusta Papik 13-11 placed 19
Makena Nelson 13-05¾ placed 27

High Jump - 42 athletesOlivia Lund J4-04 placed 27
Maria Rops 4-00 placed 27

Shot Put - 76 athletes Jocelyn Hart 39-06½ placed 3 Jadyn Hart 36-10¼ placed 8 Hannah Sneller 26-03¾ placed 53 Andrea Luitjens 23-06¼ placed 64

LHS Track and field/see p.2B

LHS hosts March Mayhem FUNdraiser basketball tourney for student council

By Greg Hoogeveen

LHS students, teachers and fans came together Tuesday, March 21, for the annual March Mayhem basketball fundraiser in the Classic Gym.

"March Mayhem is the primary fundraiser that student council has each year," said student council adviser Jason Berghorst.

"Funds raised at March Mayhem pay for events that the student council puts on through the year including Homecoming, Snow Week, speakers and programs for students, recognition projects, and various other schoolwide events."

Camden Janiszeski, senior class representative, explained, "The primary goal of March Mayhem was to raise money for the student council, but it also served as a fun way to get the community involved in an event and get the students to have a fun event to end the winter sports seasons."

"As a council we just want to see students participating and having fun," said Averill Sehr, student council president.

Berghorst explained, "Juniors and seniors sign up to play and are then drafted by senior basketball players who serve as the coaches. Student council members serve as announcers, take tickets, operate the scoreboard and sell concessions. Teachers and administrators volunteer to be refs."

The tournament was made up of six teams with six players and two coaches on a team.

Teams played two eight-minute halves, and the winning team moves

Fundraiser/see p.2B



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 MM blue champs Team "Beautiful in Blue" head coach Riley Sneller celebrates his team championship win over the "Air Ballers" March 21.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 MM dribble JJ Shelton dribbles past Reese Louwagie with teammate Kai Buss in tow at the March Mayhem tournament March 21.

Watching and waiting

By Scott Rall

The state capitol is busier than a beehive on a warm July day. There are all kinds of bills floating around the capitol these days, and no one knows for sure which of these, if any, will gain traction.

One I have been following with curious interest is House File 2716. This bill would make it legal for any archery hunter of any age to use a cross bow during the entire archery season.

In the past, you could use a cross bow if you were over 60 or could get a doctor's note to say you could

not utilize a normal compound bow.

Many of you know what a cross bow is, but for those of you who do not, they are a form of archery equipment that allows you to load the bow with mechanical assistance and then it shoots a much smaller arrow called a bolt.

The crossbow has a trigger on it much like a traditional firearm. It can also be fitted with the compound bow equivalent of a rifle scope. This bow hunting option/equipment is very advanced.

In the past, shooting a traditional recurve bow or a modern compound bowtook lots of practice and to some extent a higher level



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist of physical strength. Archers would practice for hours in order to be proficient in making clean kill shots out to about 40 yards.

Because there are fewer archery hunters than gun hunters, they get a very long season, and in many places archers will receive an automatic permit to shoot a doe.

In many deer units the

In many deer units the firearms hunters have to enter a lottery for the chance to shoot a doe. In my area, bow hunters get to hunt from Sept. 1 until Dec. 31. Firearms hunters, on the other hand, get a 9-day season.

Hunting with traditional bow hunting equipment is by

no means a sure thing. You need to get closer to the animal and be able to make good shots.

In many cases the archer may have to bring the bow to full draw, like the ready-to-shoot position and then be able to hold it there for extended periods of time, allowing the deer to get within range without spotting the hunter's movements. Most bow hunters I know also sit in an elevated stand in the open. There is no shooting out of a cozy, heated box stand if you use a bow.

The addition of cross bows to the archery season will change this sport a lot. The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association membership just had a vote, and the majority decided to support the addition of cross bows for the archery season.

Watching and waiting/see p.2B

H-BC announces Red Rock Conference All-Conference Girls' Basketball Team

Four girls' basketball players from Hills-Beaver Creek High School were named to the 2022-23 Red Rock Conference All-Conference Team.

Junior Lanae Elbers and eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra were named to the Red Rock All-Conference Team.

Junior Layla Deelstra and freshman Abbie Harris were named to the 2022-23 Red Rock Conference All-Conference Honorable Mention Team.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 HBC gbb ac Four H-BC girls' basketball players were named to the 2022-23 Red Rock All-Conference team. They are (from left) junior Lanae Elbers and eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra – All-Conference, and junior Layla Deelstra and freshman Abbie Harris – All-Conference Honorable Mention.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 ahrendt shotput Sophomore Keaton Ahrendt concentrates on his technique in the shot put at the Ruth Marske Invitational March 27. Ahrendt placed sixteenth out of 82 competitors with a throw of 42 feet, 6 1/4 inches.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 400meterdash Junior Kayla Bloemendaal ran a 1:08:39 time in the 400 meter dash for Luverne. It placed her 26 out of 70 competitors in the event at the Ruth Marske Invitational held at SDSU March 27.

Track and field/from page 1B _____

Pole Vault - 26 athletes Corynn Oye J6-06 placed 15 Brynn Boyenga did not place Josie Anderson did not place

Triple Jump - 29 athletes Kendra Thorson 29-011/4 placed 15 Abby Boltjes 24-10½ placed 26

4X800 Meter Relay - 18 teams Tiana Lais, Reinha John, Roselynn Hartshorn, Cassi Chesley 10:55.25 placed 7 Kayla Bloemendaal, Grace Ingebretsen, Josie Anderson, Brynn Boyenga 12:01.42 placed

100 Meter Hurdles - 52 athletes Augusta Papik 19.41 placed 22

100 Meter Dash - 97 athletes Morgan Hadler 15.076 placed 68 Kendra Thorson 15.080 placed 69 Abby Boltjes 16.11 placed 83 Skylar VanderSteen 16.12 placed 84 Valeria Cazares 16.16 placed 85

1600 Meter Dash - 55 athletes Jenna DeBates 5:28.60 placed 5 Grace Ingebretsen 6:04.71 placed 24 Ella Schmuck 6:19.43 placed 33

4X100 Meter Run - 34 teams Makena Nelson, Isabella Oye, Anna Banck, Sarah Stegenga 54.33 placed 18 Morgan Hadler, Skylar VanderSteen, Corynn Oye, Hailey Como 58.21 placed 31

400 Meter Dash - 70 athletes Tiana Lais 1:05.01 placed 13 Kayla Bloemendaal 1:08.39 placed 26

Roselynn Hartshorn 1:10.73 placed 36 300 Meter Hurdles - 35 athletes Reinha John 55.38 placed 16

800 Meter Run - 74 athletes Elizabeth Wagner 2:31.37 placed 6 Maria Rops 2:46.67 placed 28 Olivia Lund 3:12.06 placed 57

200 Meter Dash - 95 athletes Isabella Oye 28.57 placed 26 Sarah Stegenga 29.35 placed 41 Anna Banck 29.85 placed 51 Hailey Como 30.75 placed 62 Valeria Cazares 33.71 placed 80

4X400 Meter Relay - 24 teams Elizabeth Wagner, Cassi Chesley, Jenna DeBates, Ella Schmuck 4:30.78 placed 13

Fundraiser/from page 1B _____

on in the bracket.

Five total games were played Tuesday night, with the champion winning bragging rights and JJ's gift

With ticket sales and concessions Berghorst said March Mayhem raised around \$900 this year.

He also reiterated that (March Mayhem) brings students from different teams, activities and friend groups together in a positive way.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 MM ballers Team "Air Ballers" coaches Jayden Hart and Emma Beyer draw up plans for play during the annual March Mayhem fundraiser tournament at LHS Tuesday, March 21.

(At left) Kaleb Hein and Kai Buss flex on each other during the March Mavhem fundraiser basketball tournament March 21 in the Classic gym. (Right) Elliot Domagala sneaks past Hannah Vaudrin and Jacie Graham in a March Mayhem tournament game March 21 in the Classic Gym. Amira Cowell photos/ 0330 facetoface **Air Ballers** 23 **Air Ballers 27 Blazers Air Ballers** 20 **White Warriors** Champions! 20 **Beautiful in Blue The Predators** 6 **Bricklayers Beautiful in Blue** 13 ?? **Beautiful in Blue** 13 **March Mayhem Bracket Beautiful in Blue**

Big South Conference All-Conference Team selection announced for LHS wrestling and boys' hockey

20



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 LHS wres ac LHS Junior Sam Rock (left) and senior DJ Rock were named to the 2022-23 Big South All-Conference Wrestling Team.

Two wrestlers from Luverne High School were named to the 2022-23 Big South Conference All-Conference Team.

Senior DJ Rock and junior Sam Rock were named to the Big South Conference All-Conference Team.



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Greg Hoogeveen photo/0330 LHS bhoc ac Six LHS boys' hockey players made the 2022-23 Big South All-Conference Team. They are (front left) junior Elliot Domagala -Honorable Mention, junior Tyler Arends - All-Conference, (back) junior Patrick Kroski - All-Conference, sophomore Blaik Bork - Honorable Mention, junior Owen Sudenga - All-Conference, and senior Brock Behrend – All-Conference.

Six boys' hockey players from Luverne High School were named to the 2022-23 Big South Conference All-Conference Team.

Senior Brock Behrend and juniors Tyler Arends, Patrick Kroski and Owen Sudenga were named to the Big South Conference All-Con-

Junior Elliot Domagala and sophomore Blaik Bork were named to the Big South Conference All-Conference Honorable Mention Team.

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watch/from page 1B _____

A cross bow is no rudimentary piece of equipment. I won a very inexpensive cross bow at a fire department raffle in Hayward, Wisconsin, a few years back. I gave it to my brother. He mounted the included scope, a very cheap one I might add, and within 30 minutes he was consistently smoking a target at 55 yards.

Cross bows certainly do extend the distances that good shots can be made by people of lower skill levels. You should still practice, but the inclusion of cross bows during the entire archery season will result in a much higher level of success with far less effort and energy required.

Their inclusion will do several things. One, it will allow older hunters or those with some level of physical impairment to hunt longer into their older years. Hunter numbers have been on a steady decline so anything that can boost hunter numbers can be seen as a positive thing.

It should also reduce the number of lost animals due to poor shot placement. Cross bows can make any archer better regardless of experience and will result in an archery hunter becoming a more lethal predator.

I do believe that if this becomes law, you will have to see some changes in season lengths and possibly some antlerless permit reductions. If archers using cross bows harvest a much higher number of deer, then that additional harvest will have to be considered in management decisions into the future.

I don't bow hunt, but I do let bow hunters hunt on my private properties.

I really don't have a dog in this fight so I won't say whether I am pro or con on the cross-bow issue. The one thing I do know is that over the past 20 years I have seen lots of changes in the way deer and other game is harvested.

At one time the muzzle loader season had few participants, and almost all the hunters used some pretty rudimentary equipment. Muzzle loaders today use 209 drop in primers, have rifled slug barrels and some of the best scope optics you can find. What started out as way to challenge the hunter and their skills seems to have moved in the "how can we make all things easier" direction.

I am not saying this is good or bad. You could have the same conversation about modern fishing electronics.

I spend my days behind a hunting dog that hasn't changed much over the past 100 years and can shoot my dad's 75-year-old single shot shotgun and still have a great time. How much technology you want to employ is up to each of you to decide as individuals. How much I choose and the level you choose is really nobody else's business

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

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

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Saturday, April 1: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, April 2: 9:30 a.m. FUEL; Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service at First Presbyterian Church. MN hotdish luncheon and Sunday School Auction. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, April 3: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, April 4: 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, April 5: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. 6:15 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and radio

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: fpcemilie@gmail.com Wednesday, March 29: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 6 p.m. Chancel Choir. 6:30-8

p.m. Senior Highs. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at United Methodist Church. Sunday, April 2: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays), Confirmation, Youth Sunday School during Worship. 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt. Monday, March April 3: 1 p.m.

Caring Friends. Wednesday, April 5: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir. 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir. 7:15 p.m. Committee meetings. Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service at United Methodist Church. 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: stiohn@iw.net www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, April 2: 9 a.m. Palm Sunday worship service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, April 5: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Holy Week game night. No Class-Kids for Christ. 7-8 p.m. Choir practice. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Senior High youth group. Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, April 2: 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service with Holy Communion at First Lutheran Church. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisade-LutheranParish.

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

Sunday, April 2: 9 a.m. Palm Sunday service with Holy Communion at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

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

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

Sundays: 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Face-

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

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

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

Nita Parker, Pastor Sunday, April 2: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel with Holy Communion. 9:15 a.m. Sunday school with students singing for worship. 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion. Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

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

What did you give up for Lent?

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

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

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

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

Listen to this verse as if for the very first time: "For God so loved the world ..." that he's silent at this

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, **Bethany Lutheran** Church, Luverne

Take time to consider what a wonderful Savior we have.

moment when his Son appeals for an alternative.

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

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

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

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

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

Take time to consider what a wonderful Savior we have.

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Public Notices

ISD #671 will perform test of optical voting system

NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 671
(HILLS-BEAVER CREEK)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School District No.671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) shall perform a public accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used in the School District's April 11, 2023, special election. The test shall be conducted at: Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota on April 5, 2023, at 3 o'clock p.m. Interested individuals are authorized to attend and observe. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Kurtz at 507-283-5060. Dated: January 23, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

School District Clerk Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) State of Minnesota (03-30)

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks bids for bituminous crack sealing by April 17

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

BITUMINOUS CRACK SEALING / S.A.P. 067-030-016 BIDS CLOSE @ 10:00 A.M. APRIL 17, 2023 LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, **APRIL 17, 2023.**

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

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in this Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at II20 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, April 18TH, 2023 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

The project consists of a Bituminous Crack Seal Treatment. The project is located on various roads in Rock County

The major items of work are: 63,287 pounds Bituminous Sealant for Crack-filling Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www. questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock. mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0808 / 507-283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. S.A.P. 067-030-016"

The Board of Book County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer (03-23, 03-30, 04-06)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 27, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAĞE: February 9, 2012 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$240,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Justin Birger, Her Husband and Laressa Birger, His Wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Dacotah Bank, its successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: February 21, 2012 Rock Coun

Recorded: February 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder Document Number: 178607

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Colonial Savings.

And assigned to: Colonial Savings, F.A. Dated: January 19, 2017

Recorded: February 13, 2017 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 190119 Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100793500000021541

Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Dacotah Bank Residential Mortgage Servicer: Colonial Savings FA

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Colonial Savings, FA COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 302 E 7th St, Hills, MN 56138 Tax Parcel ID Number: 15-0316-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Two (2) of Parkview Second Addition to the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$196,278.85

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that this is registered property;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 27, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the lobby of the Rock County Law

Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises

and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgago is not rejected under Minn, Stat. 8590, 30 or the property is not

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 27, 2023, or the next business day if October 27, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of delinquent taxes

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Rock County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Rock County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus interest and costs, or file a written objection with the district court administrator. The objection must be filed by April 19, 2023, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 8, 2023. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Rock County Courthouse, 2

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown St, PO Box 509, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0509. You may also contact the Auditor-Treasurer at (507) 283-5060 or ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us.

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

District Court Seal

District Court Seal			
	DELINQUENT TAX LIST		
5	al property located in Rock County on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of real property to be re		
NAME OF OWNERS, TAXPAYERS &			TOTAL TAX
INTERESTED PARTIES	PARCEL NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	AND PENALTY
	TOWN OF BATTLE PLAIN		
KARI M LEWIS-MATHEWS &	01-0093-000 SEC-22 TWP-104 RNG-44 5.76 A TR IN N 760' OF W 330' OF NW 1/4	2022	648.83
CHRISTOPHER W MATHEWS	EXC 0.29 A TR #75 & EXC 0.11 A CSAH #2		
	TOWN OF BEAVER CREEK		
LESTER K ROLLAG TRUSTEE OF	02-0232-000 SEC-13 TWP-102 RNG-47 SE 1/4 160.00 ACRES	2022	2,841.30
LESTER K ROLLAG TRUST			
	TOWN OF CLINTON		
MARILYN LOUISE SHEEHAN	03-0216-000 VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 4	2022	252.00
	TOWN OF DENVER		
DOUGLAS DEAN LAFRENZ	04-0052-000 SEC-04 TWP-104 RNG-45 A 4.44 A TR IN S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 COM AT + OF	2022	661.85
	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		
	TOWN OF KANARANZI		
NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS LLC	05-0027-300 SEC-15 TWP-101 RNG-44 CELLULAR TOWER SITE IN E 376' OF	2022	443.25
	S 1056' OF SE 1/4		
	TOWN OF LUVERNE		
PAT BOSER	06-0279-000 SEC-16 TWP-102 RNG-45 1.10 A TR BEG AT + OF N LN OF NE 1/4 & N LN	2022	51.75
	OF US HWY 16 R/W; W 460' ON N SEC LN; SLY 225.17' TO N LN OF R/W; NELY ALG SD		
	N HWY R/W 516' TO POB 1.10 ACRES		
	TOWN OF ROSE DELI		

WARRETTY LOOISE STILLTARY	03 0210 000 VILLAGE OF ASTICILER E013 3 & 0 DEOCK 4	2022	232.00
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	TOWN OF ROSE DELL		
AARON J OLUND &	10-0191-000 SEC-11 TWP-104 RNG-47 20.05 A TR IN E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 BEG AT NE	2022	1,599.29
ASHLEY D FACILE	COR OF NW 1/4; SLY 632' TO PT 6.06' WLY OF E LN OF SD NW 1/4; WLY 457'; SWLY		
	84.24'; WLY 141.4'; NLY 35.51'; WLY 715.93'; NLY 664.5' TO NW COR OF SD E 1/2		
	OF NW 1/4; ELY 1325.22' TO POB		
	TOWN OF SPRINGWATER		
CHAD WILLIAMSON &	11-0102-000 SEC-23 TWP-103 RNG-47 THAT PART OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC	2022	572.40
TROY WILLIAMSON &	23 & LOT 1 IN SEC 22 DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 23; WLY ALG N LN OF SD LOT		
TRAVIS WILLIAMSON	1 IN SEC 22 263.59' TO NW COR OF SD LOT 1 IN SEC 22; S ALG W LN OF LOT 1		
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	NW 1/4 1335.19' TO POB LESS 0.52 A HWY #20 71.54 ACRES		
LEO SWENSON	11-0183-000 SEC-35 TWP-103 RNG-46 THAT PART OF NE 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NE	2022	1,193.92
C/O ANDY SWENSON PERS REP	COR OF SEC 35; SLY ALG E LN OF NE 1/4 2636.57' TO E QTR COR; WLY ALG S LN OF		
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	CITY OF BEAVER CREEK		
THOMAS B & LINDA SWANSON	13-0058-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 11	2022	482.57
STEVE SOLDWISCH	13-0078-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 3 & S 15' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 14	2022	564.75
	CITY OF HARDWICK		
MISTY J BAKER	14-0040-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION S 1.5' OF E 40' OF OUTLOT 2 & S 1/5' OF	2022	328.49
	W 60' OF OUTLOT 3 & N 98.5' OF W 100' OF E 140' OF OUTLOT 4		
STEVE SOLDWISCH	14-0095-000 ROSS'S ADDITION S 75' OF LOT 32	2022	479.25
TRAVIS SCHOOLMEESTER	14-0099-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION LOTS 9 & 10 & E 1/2 OF LOT 11 BLOCK 1	2022	1,239.75
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	THRU 14 BLOCK 1		2,000.70	
JONNA DULL	14-0104-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION LOTS 8 & 9 BLOCK 2	2022	102.72	
JAMES PETERSEN		2022	153.00	
AMES PETERSEN 14-0110-100 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION S 40' OF LOT 17 & ALL OF LOT 18 BLK 2 AMES A HOLLOWAY & 14-0125-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 1		2022	1,048.50	
NICOLE HALVERSON	14-0125-000 HALVERSON S ADDITION LOT S BLOCK 1	2022	1,048.30	
	14-0130-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 1 BLOCK 2	2022	210.90	
JONNA DULL	CITY OF HILLS	2022	210.90	
KEITH & CHRISTIE MOUNCE	15-0037-000 COUNTY AUDITOR'S HILLS OUTLOTS E 163.7' OF N 225' OF OUTLOT 14	2022	761.35	
MILDRED KESTERSON	15-0047-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 5 & N 1/2 OF LOT 6 BLOCK 2	2022	1,982.25	
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	15-0092-000 ORIGINAL PLAT N 38' OF LOT 11; ALL OF LOTS 12, 13 & 14 BLOCK 10	2022	2,000.25	
ROGER C RUSSELL &	15-0201-000 HELGESON'S & QUALLEY'S ADDITION S 32' OF LOT 4 & S 56' OF LOTS	2022	733.46	
CHARLOTTE R RUSSELL	5 & 6 BLOCK 25			
JERRY & SHIRLEY J JOHNSON	15-0212-000 HELGESON'S & QUALLEY'S ADDITION N 92' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 28	2022	1,649.20	
JUD DUNN	15-0234-000 QUALLEY ADDITION N 34' OF LOT 11 & S 38' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 2	2022	3,575.25	
	CITY OF JASPER			
PEGGY GULBRANDSON	16-0042-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 16	2022	169.06	
DENNIS & RHONDA GALLOP	16-0047-000 ROSE DELL ADDTION LOT 4 BLOCK 17	2022	347.20	
O - BERNICE HONKEN ET AL				
MARTINEZ CONCRETE LLC	16-0051-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION COM AT PT 155' N OF NE COR OF BLK 14 IN ROSE	2022	704.25	
	DELL ADDITION & BNG POB; N 75'; W 150'; S 75'; E 150' TO POB			
MAURICIO MARTINEZ	16-0053-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION W 75' OF E 225' OF LOWER PARK	2022	2,160.00	
	CITY OF KENNETH			
STEVE SOLDWISCH	17-0023-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 4 BLOCK 1	2022	126.00	
GENE MCCLAIN	17-0030-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 1 & N 15' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 2	2022	229.50	
GENE MCCLAIN	17-0038-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 17 BLOCK 2	2022	11.25	
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS	17-0039-000 ORIGNIAL PLAT LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 3	2022	225.00	
0 - MICHAEL JOHN CONKLIN				
	CITY OF MAGNOLIA			
JAMES C & LISA M FISCHENICH	18-0035-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 6 BLOCK 1	2022	216.00	
JENNIFER RAE PETERS	18-0055-000 ORIGINAL PLAT S 1/2 OF LOTS 4 THRU 6 BLOCK 3	2022	22.50	
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DYLAN FITZPATRICK 18-0118-000 GUTZLER'S ADDITION LOT 1 & 2 BLOCK 6 2022 527.31 CITY OF STEEN RICHARD E SCHOLTEN 2,434.74 19-0007-700 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N 2022 LN OF NW 1/4 1116.38' TO POB; SLY 532.38'; ELY 147.88'; SLY 85.75'; ELY 177.5'; SLY 340.85'; NWLY 378.27'; NLY 128.84'; THENCE ALG A NON-TANGENTIAL CRV 94.25'; CONT ALG NON-TANGENTIAL CRV 62.83'; NLY 68.04'; WLY 152.12'; NLY 60'; NLY 462.30' TO N LN OF NW 1/4 ELY ALG SD N LN 61.16' TO POB TANNER SCHOLTEN 19-0007-701 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N 2022 155.25 LN OF NW 1/4 1116.38'; SLY 164.97' TO POB; SLY 120'; ELY 149.16'; NLY 118.61'; WLY 150' TO POB TANNER SCHOLTEN 19-0007-702 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN 2022 155.25

OF NW 1/4 1116.38'; SLY 164.97'; SLY 120' TO POB; CONT SLY 120'; ELY 148.33';

OF NW 1/4 1116.38'; SLY 164.97'; SLY 240' TO POB; SLY 127.41'; ELY 147.88'; NLY

64.06'; NLY 63.36'; WLY 148.33' TO POB

19-0007-703 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN

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PUBLIC NOTICES

continued from previou JOE D GENTRY	19-0019-100 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT 48 RDS W	2022	78.75
	OF C OF S LN OF SEC 29; N 20 RDS; W 12 RDS; S 20 RDS; E 12 RDS ON SEC LN TO POB		
	EXC TR DESC AS: BEG AT PT 60 RDS W OF S QTR COR OF SEC 29; N 119'; E 93.41';		
	S 119' & W 93.41' TO POB & EXC THAT PART OF SW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT S QTR COR		
	OF SEC 29; WLG ALG S LN OF SW 1/4 792' TO POB; CONTN WLY ALG S LN OF SW 1/4		
	104.59'; NLY 152'; WLY 45.82'; NLY 177.50; ELY 150.41'; SLY 330' TO POB 0.26 ACRES		
JOE D GENTRY	19-0020-000 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 0.26 A TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT 60	2022	679.21
	RDS W OF S QTR COR OF SEC 29; NLY 119'; ELY 93.41'; SLY 119'; WLY 93.41' TO POB		
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0031-000 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 THAT PORTION OF UNPLATTED PORTION OF	2022	2,163.49
	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		
DURANT KRUGER	19-0036-000 ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 4	2022	162.00
TOMMY R & TRISHA M BEANER	19-0057-000 ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 7	2022	67.50
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0059-000 ORIGINAL LOTS 4 & 5 BLOCK 7	2022	20.25
RANDY & KATHY MARSHALL	19-0073-000 ORIGINAL BLOCK 10	2022	271.25
RANDY & KATHY MARSHALL	19-0102-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45	2022	15.19
	DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE1/4; S 1036.5' TO POB; S 134.25'; E 96';		
	N 134.25'; W 96' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 10		
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0103-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45	2022	800.73
	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		
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0104-100 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION 2 PRCLS IN NE 1/4 OF	2022	6.51
	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		
	CITY OF LUVERNE		
THE ROLAND M GOFF TRUST	20-0125-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 E 85' OF W 105' OF N 139'	2022	263.07
	OF OUTLOT 2 EXC N 30' THEREOF		
MATTHEW HALSTROM	20-0134-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 E 67.5' OF W 135' OF	2022	930.03
	S 118' OF OUTLOT 5		
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0148-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 N 95' OF W 137.5' OF	2022	27.00
DEALINA DVDED GOV FLULED	OUTLOT 13	2022	20.20
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0149-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 OUTLOT 13 EXC 137.5' &		30.38
DEANINA DVDEDOCK FULLED	EXC E 161' OF N 95' OF W 492.5'	2022	24.72
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0150-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 14 DESC 2023		34.72
	AS: COM AT SW COR OF OUTLOT 13; SELY ALG S LN OF SD O L 13 80' TO POB; CONTN		
DEANINA DVDEDOCK FULLED	SELY ALG SD S LN 422.50'; SWLY 240.90'; NWLY 422.50'; NELY 240.90' TO POB	2022	CO 44
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0151-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 13 DESC	2022	69.44
	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		
DEANINA DVDEDOCK FULLED	SD O L 145.89' TO POB	2022	20.20
DEANNA DYBEDOCK FULLER	20-0152-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 TR IN OUTLOT 13 DESC AS:	2022	30.38
	COM AT PT ON N LN OF SD O L 13 331.5' E OF NW COR; S = CEDAR ST 95'; E = N LN		
LADICCA DETERCON	OF SD O L 161'; N = CEDAR ST 95'; W ON N LN OF SD O L 161' TO POB	2022	200.60
LARISSA PETERSON	20-0241-000 BARCK, ADAMS & HOWE'S ADDITION S 86.5' OF LOT 1 BLOCK 2	2022	399.60
BONNIE JEAN GYBERG	20-0389-700 BARCK AVENUE ESTATES CIC #14 UNIT #8	2022	3,402.56
CORRINE COLVIN	20-0979-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 152' OF LOT 4 BLOCK 4	2022	2,888.27 1,837.99
SARA MISTEREK	20-1000-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 93' OF W 1/2 OF 9 & W 74' OF LOT 14 BLOCK 5		
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	2022	698.74
HIDV KULICED	E 1/2 OF LOT 9 BLOCK 5	2022	2 707 01
JUDY KRUGER	20-1219-000 PLEASANT VIEW ADDITION LOT 1 & N 60' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 2	2022	2,787.01
ELVIRA HUMANZOR MEJIA &	20-1261-000 RANDALL & HOLBERT'S ADDITION LOT 10 BLOCK 1	2022	345.03
EULISES HUMANZOR MEJIA			
O - HARLAN R SIPMA	20 1460 000 VAN EDS AND VARVIS ADDITION S 1/2 OF LOT 4 DLOCK 25	2022	72 70
JESSICA BEHR-LIMING	20-1469-000 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION S 1/2 OF LOT 4 BLOCK 26	2022	73.78
JENNIFER K BUTLER	20-1487-200 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION N 10' & S 60' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 28	2022	8.68
LEO SWENSON	20-1582-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION W 22' OF LOT 17, ALL LOT 18 & E 18'	2022	552.57
C/O ANDY SWENSON PERS REP	OF LOT 19 BLOCK 7 20-1633-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 4 & W 10' OF LOT 5 BLOCK 11	2022	417.36
YVETTE YAN JIANG		2022	
IANNA & CHRISTODHED THIELSEN	20-1660-000 WARREN AND KNICC' ADDITION LOT 2 BLOCK 12	2022	5∩1 つフ
JANNA & CHRISTOPHER THIELSEN DEVIN D MC GUIRE	20-1660-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 13 20-1663-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION N 86' OF LOT 6 BLOCK 13	2022	501.27 349.37

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ROCK

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

(Official Seal)

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

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

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks bids for paint striping by April 17

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS C.P. 067-401-026

Sealed Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 9:00 A.M. on Monday, APRIL 17, 2023 READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED

IN THE PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the Special

Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions as contained in this Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Quantities of Work are: 3,565 gals of 4" Reflectorized Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint - White & 1,895 gals of 4" Reflectorized Centerline Pavement Marking Paint - Yellow.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www. questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, https://www.co.rock. mn.us/department_directory/highway_department/index.php

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$50.00 Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn

in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-401-026".

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all

bids and to waive any defects therein

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer Mark R. Sehr, P.E.

Rock County Highway Engineer (03-30, 04-06)

Read the Public Notices online www.star-herald.com

DEADLINE FOR LEGALS is MONDAY @ 10 a.m.

City of Steen Board of Appeal and Equalization meets April 13

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The OPEN BOOK meeting of the Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Steen will meet between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., on Thursday, the 13th day of April, 2023, at the Rock County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please first contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. You may also come to this meeting to personally discuss your value or classification with county personnel. Given under my hand this 22nd day of March, 2023.

> /s/ Jazmine Dagel, Steen City Clerk (03-30)

(03-30)

D & J Housing Associates assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE **CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333**

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: D & J Housing Associates PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

309 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S)

Name: Leon Pick Living Trust

Address: 309 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ Daniel Pick, Trustee MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: director@stfrancishouse.com (03-30, 04-06) **Rock County Highway Dept.** seeks sealed proposals by April 3

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-599-185 ETC. BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. APRIL 3, 2023 LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed *Bid Packets* will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday April 3, 2023. READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

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

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

April 4, 2023, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting. Construction of Bridges 67K56 & 67K57 / PCST. Box Culverts.

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

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

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-599-185, Etc.". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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

Rock County Commissioners meet Feb. 21

Herreid Board Room Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M. Feb. 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson with Commissioners Overgaard, Williamson, Burger and Reisch present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Mavis Fodness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the February 21, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the February 07, 2023,

County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote. Mark Sehr, Engineer, discussed the bid results for SAP 067-597-005, a rehabilitation for Bridge L4646 on Spring Brook Road in the City of Beaver Creek; one bid was received from Praham Construction, Inc for \$367,873.04. Due to the higher bid price, the Engineer consulted with MnDOT due to the financial assistance on the project and MnDOT agreed to fund the additional costs for the project. On a recommendation by the Engineer, motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to accept the bid from Prahm Construction for \$367,763.04, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 04-23, MnDOT Grant Agreement #1050778 for SAP 067-597-005, a bridge rehabilitation of Bridge L4646, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding water access to the Rock River (Informational 4.5), the County Board and Engineer reviewed the potential access on County Road 8 by Ruddy's Bridge. The three acre parcel will potentially be donated and DNR would pay for development and maintenance of the water access; after project completion, the DNR will transfer the property to the county. After discussion, it was the consensus of the County Board to move forward with the project and will take formal action when the land acquisition from the DNR takes place.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, requested approval of a letter of support for the Nobles County Certificate of Need to continue Rock County's MSW disposal needs. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch to approve the letter of support, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the claims; motion Burger, seconded by Reisch, 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 21, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

ASSN OF MN COUNTIES \$2,975.00 BUSSE PLUMBING, HEATING, & A-C INC 5,859.16 **CHS INC** 28,491.93 **COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY** 7,005.00 DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC 2,368.34 **ERICKSON ENGINEERING** 3,880.00 KETTERLING SERVICES INC 11,550.61 LUVERNE/CITY OF 9,037.15 LYON COUNTY LANDFILL 16,124.05 MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC. 2,717.56 PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM 18,104.00 **ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES** 2,433.31 SANFORD HEALTH 2,632.00 SHORT-ELLIOT-HENDRICKSON, INC. 4,453.37 SW MN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD 5,000.00 TOWMASTER 6,316.00

55 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch to re-place the following lost warrants, declared carried on a voice vote.

28,139.16

\$157,086.64

1. #10212, payable to Gopher State One Call for the amount of \$586.85

2. #10215 payable to Luverne ACE Hardware for the amount of \$176.06

The County Board was in receipt of a thank you letter from the City of Luverne Mayor Baustian, thanking Rock County for their contribution and pledge for the proposed Daycare project in the City of Luverne.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding Legislative updates:

•The County Board was in receipt of a proposed new CPA distribution formula; Rock County's CPA would potentially increase by 57.2% or \$320,001 of additional dollars

•The Rural Water bonding request is moving forward; Martin Township request for road improvement funding is not likely to pass •Paid Family Leave tax of .7% is likely to pass, currently it is uncertain if this new payroll tax can be split between the employer and the employee •Clean Energy legislation has passed

•Juneteenth has been approved as a state holiday, effective 2024.

The Administrator discussed potential hazards with the upcoming winter blizzard; no action was taken.

The Administrator also stated that mediation is scheduled this week for the Sergeants Union Contract.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Community Transit

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following

meetings/events: Rural Water Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events:

Community Transit, Vienna Township, Battle Plain Township. Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: n/a

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: Plum Creek Library.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Public Notices

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 18

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 20, 2012

MORTGAGOR: Travis Dammann, a single man.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for

Plains Commerce Bank its successors and assign. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 21, 2012 Rock County

Recorder, Document No. 180873.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated September 27, 2016 Recorded October 3, 2016, as Document No. 189217. And thereafter assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated June 14, 2019, Recorded June 21, 2019, as Document No. 194971.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORT-GAGE: 1005210-0808005333-4

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORT-GAGE: Plains Commerce Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 413 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN

56156 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 201448000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 5 in Block 23 in Van Eps and Vary's Addition to the City of Luverne. Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,070,00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUD-ING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$63,959.06

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 18, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 20, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE RE-DUCED 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 DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: March 17, 2023

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 37 - 23-002091 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(03-30, 04-06, 04-13, 04-20, 04-27, 05-04)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Feb. 27 MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184.

ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on February 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Michael DeBates, Ryan DeBates, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Zach Nolz, Randy Sasker, and David Wrigg. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Tyler Reisch, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Becky Rahm, Cory Schmuck, Zoe DeBates, Lance Ripka, April Wallace, Averill Sehr, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Tim Jarchow opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by David Wrigg, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Child Guide Zoe DeBates reviewed this program with the School Board.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Ryan DeBates to approve the January 26, 2023, school board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Eric Hartman, to accept the following donations:

\$200 - Grace Lutheran Church Women for Angel Fund

\$2,000 - Grant from Luverne Area Community Foundation for field painter

\$200 each from the following businesses for Community Ed Shirts: First Farmers and Merchants, Manley Tire, Land & Home Realty, Connell Car Care, Franken Construction, Papik Motors, Sterlings Cafe and Grill, McClure Plumbing and Heating, Wayne's Body Shop, and Luverne Building Center

\$2,500 - Grant from Gene Haas Foundation for Robotics

Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the District and Student Activity bills with the School Board. Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Zach Nolz, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$615,965.73 with payroll in the amount of \$1,042,287.46 for a grand total of \$1,658,253.19. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Ryan DeBates, to accept the Student Activity report showing the balances as of January 31, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

The following Parking Lot Improvements bids were received on February 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.: Alternate R

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Diamond Concrete	\$888,351.00	\$280,515.40	\$312,889.07	\$1,481.991.97
Spirit Lake, IA				
Duininck, Inc.	\$852,351.00	\$229,351.70	\$253,741.20	\$1,335,443.90
Prinsburg, MN				
Henning Construction	\$1,049,497.02	\$235,758.90	\$261,485.45	\$1,546,741.37
Adrian, MN				
Hulstein Excavating Inc.	\$786,091.55	\$209,728.35	\$233,921.85	\$1,229,741.75
Edgerton MN				

The recommendation from Matthew Knips with DGR Engineering was to accept the bid from Hulstein Excavating, Inc. Business Manager Tyler Reisch presented a preliminary statement of probable cost for the Luverne School 1997 Roof

Replacement for the Elementary School. This estimated amount was \$819,418.00. Tyler indicated to the School Board that he had \$1,200,000.00 in the budget for this summer for capital outlay projects. The decision for the school board is on which project or projects they would like to spend those monies. It was noted that the parking lot improvement bids came in significantly under the projected cost. School Board members questioned if pushing the roofing project off for another year would result in any structural damage. Buildings and Ground Supervisor Cory Schmuck noted that we have had a couple of small leaks but nothing that is going to cause structural damage. His suggestion is to wait one year for the roofing project. He noted that doing the complete south parking lot area improvement this summer would be most cost effective for the school district.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Eric Hartman, to accept the bid from Hulstein Excavation in the amount of \$1,229,741.75 for the total parking lot improvement project with all alternates to be completed in the timeframe from June 1 through August 12. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Michael DeBates, to table the Luverne Elementary School 1997 Roof Replacement project until 2024. Motion unanimously carried. Superintendent Craig Oftedahl requested the School Board adjust the school calendar for this school year to add May 25 and May 26 as student contact days to make up for the two snow days held at the beginning of January. Motion made by

David Wrigg, second by Randy Sasker, to adjust the 2022-2023 calendar to show May 25 and May 26 as student contact days Motion unanimously carried. Discussion was held regarding the 2023-2024 school year calendar. Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Zach Nolz,

to accept calendar option 1 which allows for two snow days before Memorial Day if needed. Motion unanimously carried. The Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence or Noncurrence - American Indian Parent Advisory Committee was presented to the School Board with the Parent Advisory Board having a vote of concurrence for this school year. Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Eric Hartman, to recognize this vote of concurrence and authorize submission to the Minnesota Department

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Zach Nolz, to cancel the March 9 School Board work session due to Superintendent Oftedahl being

out of the district at a conference. Motion unanimously carried.

of Education. Motion unanimously carried

A letter from Superintendent Todd Holthaus of the Hills-Beaver Creek School District was presented to the school board. The letter was requesting a meeting to discuss the possibility of a sports pairing agreement between the Luverne School District and the Hills-Beaver Creek School District in the following sports: wrestling, baseball, softball, gymnastics, cross country, tennis and hockey. Discussion was held. Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Eric Hartman, to not entertain any discussion for a sports pairing agreement with the Hills-Beaver Creek School District at this time. Further discussion by the Board members was held. A roll call vote was taken as follows: David Wrigg - aye, Zach Nolz - nay, Ryan DeBates - aye, Tim Jarchow - aye, Michael DeBates - nay, Randy Sasker - nay, and Eric Hartman - aye. The motion passed.

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by David Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Corey Wynia as Elementary Administrative Assistant to begin March 13, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Ryan DeBates, to approve the hiring of Debra Remme as Paraprofessional beginning March 1, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports given. Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Eric Hartman, to adjourn the meeting Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: February 27, 2023 David Wrigg, Clerk

(03-30)

Notice of special election for ISD #671 on April 11

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 671** (HILLS-BEAVER CREEK) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

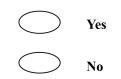
School District Question 1 Approval of School District Bond Issue

Yes

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,500,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new Pre-K-5 elementary school; and the decommissioning of the existing elementary school?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

School District Question 2 Approval of School District Bond Issue



If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,475,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including including the decommissioning of a portion of the former Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School; the construction of upgrades and improvements to the gymnasium, locker rooms, and parking lots at that site; the construction of a parking lot expansion at the current High School/Middle School site; and remodeling and upgrades to the bus garage facility?

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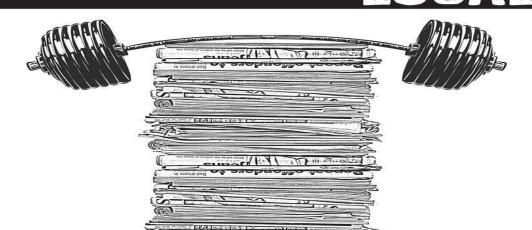
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'Mat Makers' find new ways to use old plastic

A group of local volunteers is taking plastic bags destined for the landfill and crocheting them into sleeping mats. They continue to make more as they research possible uses both locally and globally.

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Hungry deer and bunnies have damaged trees and shrubs

It's been a long winter, and the wild critters are hungrier than ever. It's too late to undo the damage they've done to shrubs and trees, but it's important to take the right steps this spring. George Bonnema offers tips.

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It's been an unusual winter; your lawn will need special care this spring

Last summer was hot and dry, and this winter was long and snowy. Lawns will need special attention as the snow finally melts to reveal the effects of the rough seasons.

... Page 6C

Teenagers start 'Cardinal Moving' to help locals move household items

Four Luverne High School sophomores were encouraged in their new business by those who see a need in the community for a local moving service. Mostly, they just want to help out.

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Need someone to help with a home repair project?

Hardwick couple starts 'M & Em Handyman'

By Mavis Fodness

Matthew Sterrett and Emily Bassett want to elevate the ordinary handyman image.

"Oftentimes, handymen have a stigma as a 'Jack in a truck," Sterrett said. "We want to eliminate that stigma locally and show everyone that the handyman industry is right up there with other industries."

The couple is just launching their business.

Sterrett, a 2013 graduate of Luverne High School, works full time as a maintenance technician for Lloyd Management, caring for residential properties in Luverne and Pipestone.

Bassett, who grew up in Faribault, is a marketer for ItWorks! and cares for the couple's newborn daughter, Hazel.

Together they're developing "M & Em Handyman LLC."

"We realized the need is there for this service in southwest Minnesota," Sterrett said. "We have both always had an entrepreneurial mindset and like to come up with solutions to present problems."

Their business would fill the need for smaller projects that contractors don't want or have time to complete.

Ideally, they'd like to develop M & Em Handyman into a full-time business.

The business' name is a play on their first names.

"The reason why both of our names.

"The reason why both of our names are in the business name is because we both play a huge role to make this whole business possible," Bassett said. "I am not as handy as Matthew, but I am much more artsy than he is.

"You can say we go together like peanut butter and jelly."

While Sterrett completes the handyman work, Bassett completes the sched-



Emily Bassett and Matthew Sterrett, along with daughter Hazel, are starting a new business, M & Em Handyman, to help local residents complete those never-ending maintenance, repair and home improvement projects. (Submitted photo)

uling, customer service, invoicing and other assistance as needed.

"I will help out on projects where there need to be two sets of hands or if there is a need for an artsy twist," Bassett said. Through their membership with the Luverne Area Chamber, they worked with the logo design program through Luverne Economic Development to

M & Em Handyman/see page 4C

'Rethinking Beekeeping' local workshop focuses on pest management, biosecurity

By Mavis Fodness

The NW Iowa Beekeepers Association will host two workshops focused on replacing dead beehives.

The first workshop, "Next Steps for Rethinking Beekeeping: New Ideas, New Techniques, New Equipment," is Saturday, April 1, at the Central Lyon High School agriculture room.

The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Too many bee colonies are dying during the winters in northwest Iowa, southwest Minnesota and east central South Dakota," said workshop presenter Tim Olsen of Luverne.

"The costs of replacing dead hives and the loss of the investment into the care of colonies that will eventually die isn't sustainable for many beekeepers."

The goal of the workshop is to change that.

Through new ideas, techniques and equipment, beekeepers are able to keep their colonies alive and thriving through the use of integrated pest management and biosecurity management practices.

Workshop topics include:
using the damaree and snelgrovemethods to control swarms in requeen-



Tim Olsen, Luverne, is an instructor for two upcoming workshops offered through the NW lowa Beekeepers Association. They focus on rebuilding hives after winterkill and using integrated pest and biosecurity measures to keep hives healthy year-round.

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Beekeeping/continued on page 5C

Enjoying the outdoor wildlife? Careful what you wish for

George Bonnema, Luverne horticulturalist

In garden magazines and seminars, I see topics about planting perennials and shrubs in your landscape to welcome "wildlife" to your property.

Well, I must be doing it right because I get the whole gamut of every four-legged critter in the book appreciating the buffet of vegetation and produce in my gardens.

I'm here to tell you to be careful what you wish for!

Poplar Creek runs through my property, and that being a source of running water is an open invitation for an ongoing battle of who is going to harvest what and when.

When I asked a friend about borrowing his trail cam to see who was visiting at night, his reply was, "Are you sure you want to know?"

Having a winter with continuous and deep snow cover results in very limited food sources for most wildlife, so they eat what is palatable even if it's not their preferred lunch.

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I have observed severe rabbit damage to a lot of different trees and shrubs. As the snow depth increased, the damage moved higher. So what is done is done, and I will try to coach you as to how to salvage what is left.





The bark of a tree or shrub is the channel for food stream of that tree. If half of the bark of the circumference of the tree is gone, half of the growth potential is gone as well. If the bark has been gnawed all the way around, (girdled) everything above the damage is ruined. The plant may attempt to leaf out because of the stored sap, but the new growth will wilt and dry up because there is no sap flow to sustain it.

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Depending on how much of the main stem is left below the damage and the type of tree we're dealing with, it might be possible to train a new sprout to become the leader, although for trees this is a limited option.

Most of our trees are grafted to produce a "clone" that will give the exact characteristics of its parent. If the sprout comes from below the graft union, you will end up with whatever the rootstock variety was, which is not what you want.

Additionally, the loss of bark results in loss of the strength of the tree to withstand the wind, and ultimately many of these trees snap at the damage site.

Most often, my advice would be to just replace the tree.

I noticed a 6-foot cotoneaster hedge where the bark on every stem was gone at snow level.

In this case, I would cut the entire hedge back to just below the damage and let it grow back out.

This is my advice for most shrubs, and here is where renewal pruning becomes important.

Cutting out the oldest, thickest stems forces that shrub to produce new growth from the base, and that is when the "renewal" happens.

This type of pruning has always been my preference, but for many people the task seems to take too long so they just whack the plant off, and eventually it ends up declining because the new growth can't compete with the old.

As to the wildlife in my garden, I'd like to eliminate the fourlegged kind and have a "select" list of two-legged feathered characters to keep my wife entertained!



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April 12 seminar focuses on winter tree and shrub damage

"Animal & Winter Tree and Shrub Damage" seminar will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Rock County Courthouse commissioners' room.

Gary Wyatt, Extension agroforestry educator, will lead the seminar on tree and shrub damage caused by animals and winter weather.

It is free and geared for both municipal and rural residents.

Emphasis will be on tree and shrub damage caused by rabbits and deer. Attendees will be shown how to assess severity of the damage and whether the shrub or tree can be salvaged by pruning or if it needs to be replaced.

Wyatt will also discuss locally adopted tree and shrub replacement species and varieties for southwest Minnesota, northwest Iowa and east central South Dakota.

The seminar will include a field trip to the Project Food Forest site at 308 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne.

Attendees will see damaged trees and shrubs and see the process of assessing "What Should I Do?"

Registration is encouraged by April 10.

The U of M Extension Master Gardeners of Rock County and the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District are hosting the event.

Contact the Rock County Extension Service, 507-283-1302, or email sstein-ho@umn.edu.





'Mat Makers' repurpose discarded plastic bags

By Mavis Fodness

A group of local volunteers is taking items destined for the landfill and crocheting the plastic bags into sleeping mats.

They call themselves the Mat Makers. "We've all worked together volunteering for various groups," said volunteer Linda Brady. "This is something new for us to do together."

Each Monday morning, the group of up to 10 volunteers, representing five different churches, meets in the basement of the American

"It keeps

thousands of

volunteer

Reformed Church in Luverne.

The missionminded volunteers each have a role in preparing the plastic bags for reuse.

Someone flattens the crumpled bags gathered from the public into tidy piles.

bags out of the landfill." — Rhonda Wynia,

Another person cuts the handles and bottoms off each bag before 12 bags are looped together in long chains called "plarn," a play on the words "yarn" and "plastic."

Others then use their fingers to crochet the plarns into 32- by 64-inch mats.

Work by the Mat Makers began in October.

The group has finished about two dozen mats and continues to make more as they research possible uses both locally and globally.

"Hopefully the mats will help those who find themselves sleeping on the ground rest easier."

> - Karen Bosch. volunteer

They've distributed a half dozen mats to the Center for Hope in Sioux Falls.

Next week they'll deliver almost two dozen mats to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska, for distribution to people who find themselves without

"Hopefully the mats will help those who find themselves

sleeping on the ground rest easier," said volunteer Karen Bosch.

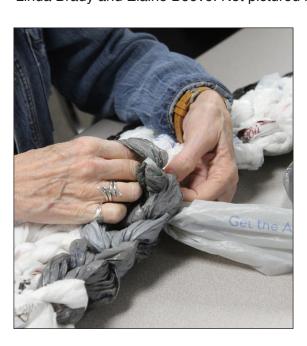
When finished, the plastic bag mats are soft to the touch and can easily be rinsed clean. The woven plastic also provides a warm mattress-like layer between the ground and the user.

The finished mats can easily be rolled up and clasped together with a braided chain the group also fashions out of plastic bags. The mats are light-weight and easily

Mat Makers/continued on page 9C



Ten volunteers have come together to form another volunteer group called the "Mat Makers." The group crochets plastic bags into usable mats. They began their project in October and posed recently with their completed projects. Pictured are (front, from left) Terri Arends, Nan Walgrave, Karen Bosch, (back) Loreen Sankey, Sharon Bonnema, Rhonda Wynia, Corinne Niessink, Linda Brady and Elaine Boeve. Not pictured is Deb Boomgaarden. (Submitted photo)

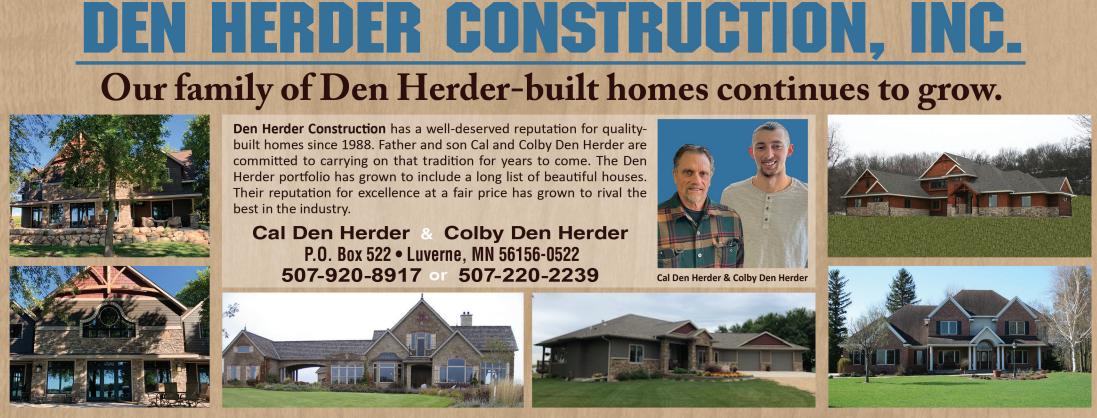






Mavis Fodness photos/0323 Mat Makers

At left, Rhonda Wynia crochets a string of plastic bags into a mat. Above left, tags are attached to the completed Mat Makers projects that read, "When you lie down, you will not be afraid. When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet." Proverbs 3:24. (Above right) the back of the tag attached to a completed Mat Maker mat reads, "Made with love from Luverne, Minnesota."



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Accidents happen, and M & Em Handyman is able to make repairs (above left and center) and improvements. (Above, right) Matthew Sterrett began improving his own rural Hardwick home to include an upgraded laundry area and remodeled bathroom (pictured below, right). The two improvements are examples of projects he and his fiancée Emily Bassett are willing to complete for other homeowners as part of their new business, M & Em Handyman.

M & Em Handyman offers help with projects big and small/continued from page 1C

brand their business.

They developed a social media page, M & Em Handyman LLC, and through a fellow local entrepreneur created an accompanying website, www.mandemhandyman.com.

The site includes a "Get a Quote" option.

"When you fill out the 'Get a Quote,' it emails us all the information including your photos so that we can take a look at your needs and develop a solution," Sterrett said.

Services include, but are not limited to, installations, assemblies, repairs, maintenance and possible projects that need problem solving.

"I am more of the handyman," Sterrett said. "But Emily is a great helper when needed. There will be multiple projects in the future that we will be teaming up on to make dreams come to reality."

One dream is already a reality for the couple when they decided to move to the Luverne area from Spearfish, South Dakota.

'We didn't know exactly where we

wanted to live other than it had to be on a farm," Sterrett said. "Neither one of us grew up on a farm, but we would like to raise our kids out here."

The couple settled on an acreage east of Hardwick on 150th Street in 2020.

They've already put their handyman

skills to work in their own home.

A dilapidated shed was made useful again, the bathroom remodeled and heated floors installed.

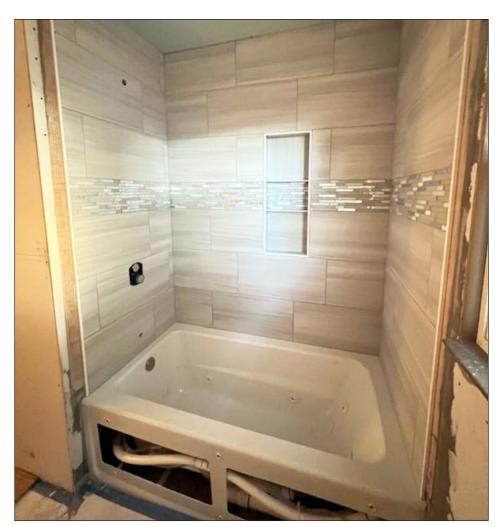
"Having someone as passionate, hardworking, caring and handy as Matthew is the ultimate prize," Bassett said. "He is always willing to help and learn something new."

Sterrett said being a handyman comes naturally.

"I've always enjoyed working with my hands but also like interacting with people," he said. "After many types of jobs, I have found the niche that I love to work in.

"It is my goal to help you keep your most prized possession, your property, in tip-top shape."

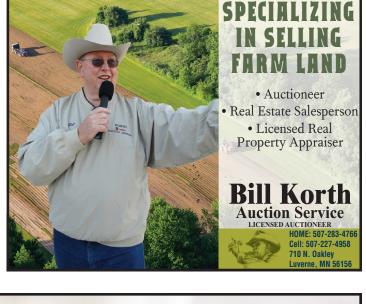
Phone number for M & Em Handyman LLC is 507-920-4455.













Beekeeping/continued from page 1C

ing commercial bee packages.

•requeening colonies with northern-raised varroa sensitive hygienic queens.

•demonstration of summer split options that over winter become replacement colonies.

use of brood breaks,
drone brood trapping.
methods to reduce
hive robbing.

resistant bee stock to control the varroa mite.
review ways to diminish colony diseases.

The April 1 workshop fees are \$50 for adults, \$75 for a family of two, and \$100 for a family of three or more, and youth (ages 18 years and younger) \$25.

Youth scholarships are available.

Fees include snacks and lunch, all printed materials, two drone bee combs and one push-in cage for requeening.

At the workshop, attendees can receive

discounts on scalvini and mozzato queen cages for brood breaks, varroa mite alcohol test bottles and other supplies.

Email dmvanbroek@ gmail.com by March 30 (today) to register for the April 1 workshop.

May 20 workshop on queen grafting

The second NWI-ABKA workshop focuses on queen grafting and rearing beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, also in Rock Rapids.

Attendees will learn the basics of raising queens from their best colonies. An option to receive up to three ripe queen cells is also available.

The queen cells will arrive on Memorial Day for installation in splits or for use in requeening established colonies.

For more information about either workshop, contact Tim Olsen at 507-227-5919.

(At right) Maintaining live bees has become a challenge for local beekeepers. Two upcoming workshops through the NW lowa Beekeepers Association will introduce new ideas, techniques and equipment to keep bees healthy.

(**Below**) "Too many bee colonies are dying during the winters," said beekeeper Tim Olsen. Keeping beehives thriving is the focus of two upcoming workshops hosted by the NW Iowa Beekeepers Association. The workshops will take place in Rock Rapids.





Rainfall monitoring network seeks volunteers

Participants have opportunities to provide important data about rainfall amounts, climate trends

The Minnesota State Climatology Office is looking for volunteer rainfall monitors for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS).

The network includes more than 20,000 volunteers nationwide who measure precipitation in their backyards using a standard 4-inch-diameter rain gauge.

These rainfall monitoring activities are performed by individuals at home who submit their reports online.

Climatologist Luigi Romolo said the data from backyard rain gauges are helpful and important in many ways.

"These volunteers help the DNR verify high rain and snow totals after big events, monitor drought and flooding, make our precipitation maps more accurate, and provide needed guidance on Minnesota's changing climate," Romolo said.

"This is also a great educational activity for families with kids and a rewarding hobby for anyone interested in weather or climate."

Volunteers are particularly needed outside the immediate Twin Cities metro area.

Volunteers receive training on how to observe weather trends and how to submit their precipitation and weather event reports.

All training material is available online.

They must purchase or provide a standard 4-inch-diameter rain gauge (available at discount through CoCo-RaHS) and have internet access to submit reports.

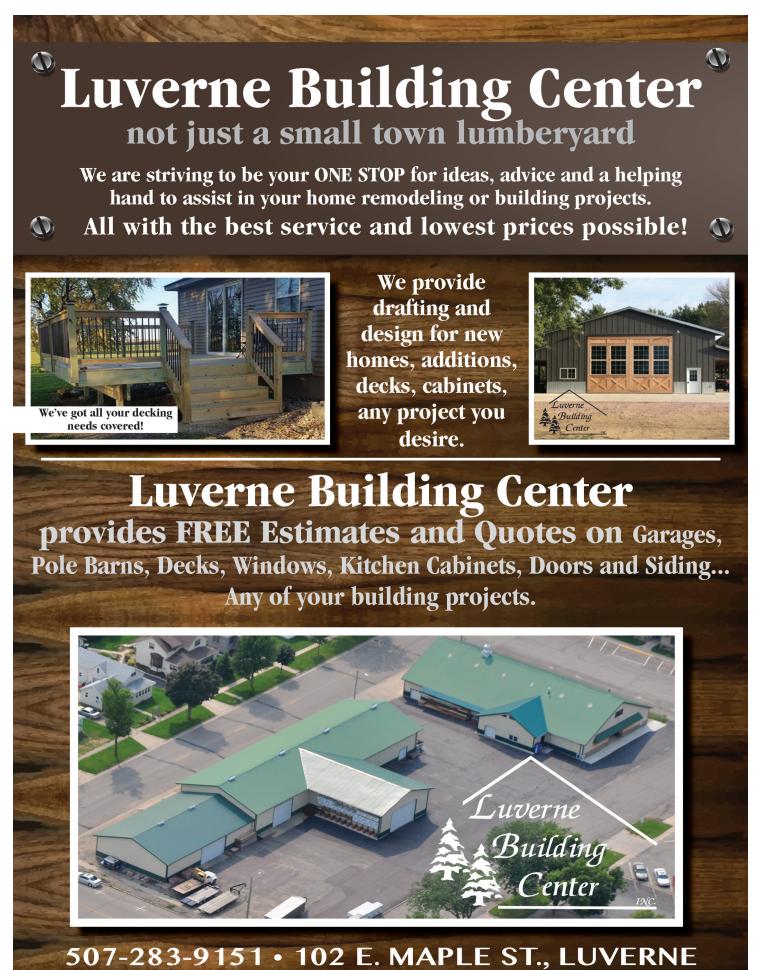
For the past three years, Minnesota has won the "CoCoRaHS Cup" for recruiting the most new volunteers of any state.

"We're hoping Minnesotans will again come through in 2023, to keep the Cup in Minnesota and, more important of course, to improve our state's precipitation recording," Romolo said.

To sign up or for more information, visit CoCoRaHS.org or contact Luigi Romolo at luigi. romolo@state.mn.us.

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Here's how to care for your lawn this spring

Last summer was hot and dry, this winter was long and snowy; lawns will need special attention

By the Luverne Lawn Care team

We are officially in our second year of business at Luverne Lawn Care, and we're gearing up for the 2023 season.

The 2022 season was hard on lawns. The heat and drought conditions created multiple lawn diseases, funguses, weeds and overall poor turf health and growth.

On the other hand, this winter season has brought excessive amounts of snow and traffic on yards, which can lead to turf damage and diseases that come with melting snow.

Moving into the 2023 season, you may see snow mold and significant soil and grass compaction due to our rough winter.

It is hard to know exactly what the spring will bring, but we do know there are lawn care practices that will help your overall lawn health.

After the snow melts, you want your lawn to be able to stand up freely.

Think about **de- thatching or raking**away the clippings, matte
and leaves from fall.
Dethatching and raking
helps with circulating air
deep into the roots. It
will help stimulate existing roots while encourag-

ing new growth.

Secondly, a good

fertilizer in the spring
will help stimulate new
lawn growth. Fertilizing
will help keep your lawn
healthy, green and lush.
It will also help promote
root growth.

Did the dry conditions in 2022 leave your lawn looking thin? Is your grass aged? Did a

Lawn care/See 7C



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Dethatching and raking helps with circulating air deep into the roots. It will help stimulate existing roots while encouraging new growth. Before mowing, make sure your mower blades are sharp, so that you don't damage the grass.





Luverne Lawn Care offers advice for spring lawn care/continued from page 6C

fungus or other lawn disease create dead spots in your lawn?

Interseeding may be the answer to creating that lush grass you are wanting.

It helps create a thicker look and helps recover grass that was lost over the course of a hot, dry summer. This is a new service we are excited to offer for our customers.

After a good fertilization comes a strong weed prevention (herbicide) and insecticide program.

There are many reasons it is important to protect your grass from weeds and insects.

Weeds are not pretty to look at, they take away vital nutrients from the grass, and they interfere with the overall health of your lawn.

Weeds also host damaging insects. These treatments will save you time and money from having to pull weeds or replant grass.

Overall, herbicide and insecticide treatments protect your lawn and keep it healthy and growing actively.

Last, but not least, let's discuss **mowing**. One of the easiest ways to maintain a healthy lawn is not mowing your grass too short.

There are only two reasons why a lawn should ever be mowed under 3 inches. Those reasons are preparing for interseeding or completing the final mow of the fall season.

Keep in mind that your grass roots are only as long



as the grass is above ground.

We want our lawns to have a deep root system that can pull moisture and nutrients.

When is the last time you sharpened your mower blades?

Dull mower blades damage grass and create a brown look at the tip. Start every season with **sharp mower blades** and don't forget

to inspect and sharpen throughout the year as needed. Your grass will thank you.

This winter season has been long, but spring will be here before we know it, and the sound of lawn mowers will be everywhere.

We are here to answer any of your lawn care questions, and we have products for lawn care issues. That includes our own fertilizer blend and Millborn Seed products (grass seeds, alfalfa, hay and pasture, cover crops, grains and more).

We also provide a fourstep lawn care treatment program every season, plus interseeding, thatching, aerating and more.

Bring on spring! We are looking forward to serving you in 2023.

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Homebuying 101

Buying a home is complicated; there are resources to help

The homebuying process can be complicated, but there are plenty of resources available to make sure you stay on the right path, no matter where you are in the process.

For expert advice and guidance, check out the Minnesota Homeownership Center, a nonprofit that provides unbiased information about all things homeownership.

Minnesota Housing approved lenders are another great resource and can help you understand the mortgage process and which loan is right for you.

Use this checklist to determine what you're looking for in a home.

•What part of town (or country) do you want to live in?

•What price range would you consider? No less than ____ but no more than ____.

•Are schools a factor? And if so, what do you need to take into consideration (e.g., want specific school system, want kids to be able to walk to school, etc.)?

•Do you want an older home or a newer home (less than 5 years old)?

•What kind of houses would you be willing to see? One story, two story, bi-level, tri-level, split foyer, townhouse or condo, mobile home?

•What style of house appeals to you most? Contemporary, traditional, southwestern?

southwestern? •How much renova-



tion would you be willing to do? A lot?

•Do you have to be close to public transportation? Do you have any physical needs that must be met, such as wheelchair access?

•What kind of lot? Large yard (1 acre or more), small yard (less than 1 acre), fenced yard, garage, patio/ deck, pool, outdoor spa, extra parking, other buildings (barn, shed, etc.), special view?

•The interior: How many bedrooms must you have? How many bathrooms do you

•How big would you like your house to be (square feet)? No less than ___ but no more than ___.

•What features do you want to have in your house? Air conditioning, wall-to-wall carpet, ceramic tile, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, formal living room, family room, great room, separate den or library, basement, separate laundry room, fireplace, workshop, lots of windows (light)?

What is Minnesota Housing?

Minnesota Housing is a trusted state agency that works with local lenders to ensure all Minnesotans have access to safe and affordable housing. In addition to helping homebuyers and homeowners, we also finance rental housing and work to prevent and end homelessness.

How do I apply for a Minnesota Housing loan?

Contact a Minnesota Housing participating lender to discuss your needs, learn more about which program is right for you, and start the pre-qualifying process.

Who should I talk to first, a real estate agent or a lender?

Typically it's most helpful to work with a lender to get pre-approved for a mortgage loan first, and then work with a real estate agent to help shop for a home in your price range.

Do I need to be a first-time homebuyer?

No, our Step Up program for repeat buyers can help you buy your next home or refinance the one you're in. Note that Minnesota Housing defines a first-time homebuyer as someone who has not owned and occupied their principal residence for the past three years. Consult a lender for more information.

Can I just get a down payment loan from Minnesota Housing?

No, down payment and closing cost loans are only available when you get a Minnesota Housing first mortgage loan. Additional eligibility requirements may apply, including income limits.

What if I have bad credit?

You can get free, confidential, and non-biased advice from a Homeownership Adviser. Additionally, a lender may help you review your credit and determine if there are any quick and effective steps to take to improve your credit.

Can I build a home?

Minnesota Housing does not provide temporary construction loans, but we can provide the permanent financing for a new construction property.

Home buying/See 10C

Legislative budget targets for housing to improve lives of Minnesotans

Lack of future investment in ongoing housing crisis illustrates need for constitutional amendment

The Minnesota Housing Partnership applauds the legislative budget targets announced March 21 that identify a much needed \$1 billion in housing investment this biennium.

"We are grateful to legislative housing champions who are working hard for Minnesota families with this major investment," said MHP Director Anne Mavity.

She said a home serves as a foundation upon which other aspects of life and wellbeing are balanced.

"A stable home leads to healthier families, quality education, and generational wealth opportunities – our future truly starts at home," she said.

"This legislative target for housing recognizes the scale at which we need to increase our housing investments for Minnesota. And we still don't have a plan for our future needs for housing Minnesotans can afford."

Acknowledging this important milestone, she said it's also imperative to secure sustainable, predict"A stable home leads to healthier families, quality education, and generational wealth opportunities — our future truly starts at home."

— Anne Mavity MHP director

able and ongoing funding for the basic human need of housing.

"Our decades-long underinvestment in housing will not be solved in just one biennium," Mavity said.

"A clear solution is through a constitutional amendment for housing, which would guarantee ongoing funding regardless of who sits in lawmaker seats in the future or changing priorities for the state budget."

She said no child in Minnesota should worry about where they will sleep.

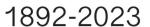
"In order to secure our future, we need bold investments both now and for years to come," Mavity said



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(**Above**, **left**) Loreen Sankey cuts the bottom and top off plastic bags. (**Above**) Members of the Mat Makers busily prepare discarded plastic bags into mats that could have a variety of uses including use as sleep mats. Completing the various tasks are (counterclockwise from far right) Loreen Sankey, Corinne Niessink, Sharon Bonnema, Linda Brady, Elaine Boeve, Karen Bosch (on floor), new volunteer Teresa Hup and Rhonda Wynia. (Mavis Fodness photos/0323 Mat Makers)

Mat Makers find new purpose for discarded plastic bags/continued from page 3C

carried.

"It keeps thousands of bags out of the landfill," said volunteer Rhonda Wynia.

The group uses 250 large garbage bags or 500 small plastic bags to complete each mat.

The Mat Makers group was organized after Bosch saw a mat in use at a Rock Valley, Iowa, mission.

Bosch said she was volunteering at Justice for All in Rock Valley, emptying large plastic garbage bags stuffed with used clothing.

The plastic bags were collected and saved for a Rock Valley resident who crocheted the discarded bags into a plastic mat.

"We decided to form a Monday group to do this," Bosch said. The Rock Valley resident was invited to show the Mat Makers how to finger-crochet a mat out of plastic bags.

A tag is attached to each of the mats going to the Orphan Grain Train Monday that includes a Bible verse from Proverbs.

"When you lie down, you will not be afraid. When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet."

On the back, written in a cursive handwritten script, is "Made with Love from Luverne, Minnesota."





The finger-crocheted mat made from plastic bags is soft and water resistant. It can easily be rolled up and carried using a braided strap created by the Mat Makers. (At right) Linda Brady (far left), Sharon Bonnema and Corinne Niessink each complete a different task in







USDA accepting applications to help low-income individuals and families build or repair homes

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing.

No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy.

Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability.

The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is

\$40,000 at a 1-percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area to see if you qualify:

Visit or write to: USDA Rural Development, 1424 E. College Drive, Suite 500; Marshall, MN 56258-2090. Or call 507-537-1401 ext. 4

For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

Home buying 101/from page 8C

How much can the house cost?

Your purchase limit will depend on your income, debt and program you are using. Consult your lender to determine the amount you are approved to borrow.

What is the required down payment?

Required down payments range from 0.0 to 3.5 percent, depending on the underlying loan product (conventional, FHA, RD, VA). If you use one of our down payment loans, you typically must contribute at least \$1,000 of your own funds toward the transaction.

Is a co-signer required?

Minnesota Housing permits co-signers when allowable with the underlying loan product. Consult with a lender to determine if this is an option for you.

Can I finance improvements or repairs?

If you are a homeowner, we offer affordable Fix Up, Rehabilitation and Emergency/Accessibility loans to finance home improvements after you own the home. Consult a home improvement lender for more info.

Are the income limits based on gross or net income?

Gross household income. Consult with a lender to review Minnesota Housing's income eligibility guidelines.

Can I finance a manufactured or mobile home?

Manufactured and mobile homes are eligible under some mortgage products. Homes must be double-wide, permanently attached to a foundation, and taxed as real estate (not personal property).

Consult your lender for more information.

What's the difference between FHA, VA, RD, and Conventional?

These are the underlying loan products that you can choose from when you're buying a home.

A conventional loan is any type of mortgage that is *not* secured by a government-sponsored entity such as the FHA, VA or RD.

We offer FHA, VA, RD, and Conventional loans, and each has its own requirements.

Talk to your lender about which products you qualify for, and your lender can explain the advantages and disadvantages of each.

What is mortgage insurance?

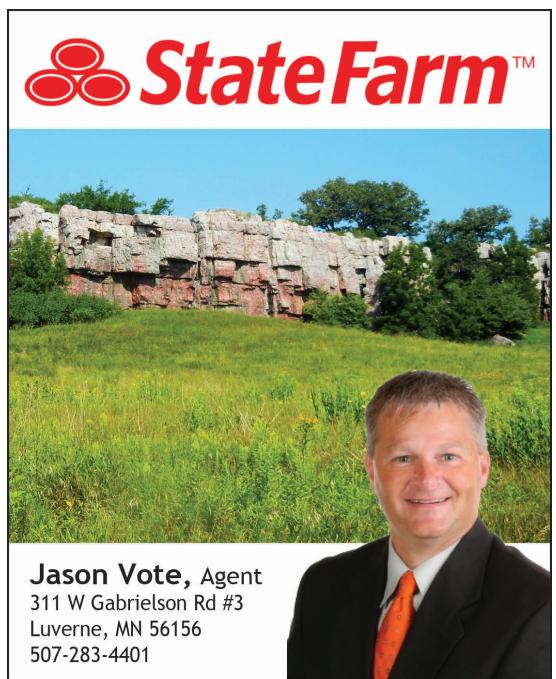
Check out the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau website explaining mortgage insurance. (www.consumerfinance. gov)

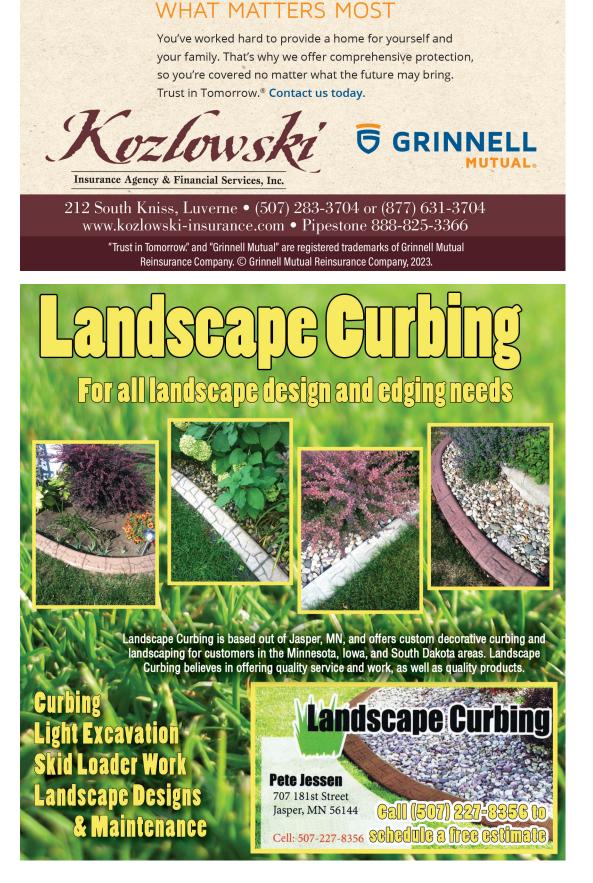
What is a Targeted Area Home?

A targeted area is an economically distressed area designated by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Minnesota Housing loan products help restore federally designated targeted census tracts by making our affordable first-time homebuyer loan products and competitive interest rates available to eligible buyers purchasing a home in these areas. (www.mnhousing.gov)







LOOKING FORWARD TO

Prairie Ally Outdoor Center offers community classes

Prairie Ally Outdoor Center on North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne is offering a special "Homestead Series" of classes.

Gardening 101

GARDENING 101 on April 11 is a beginner class for those who are just starting out, or don't have a clue where to start with a garden.

It will cover a written plan, preparing the space (pots, raised beds, tilling, etc.) seed selection, soil considerations, end of year procedures and basic vegetable and fruit recommendations that will give you the confidence to do it again year after year!

Seed Saving

SEED SAVING on May 9:

Before you plant that garden you may want to consider saving seed!

This will impact how many varieties of a single crop you grow and the amount of space needed.

The class will include creating a written garden plan and learning about cross pollination.

Propagating Edible Perennials

Learn how to propagate your own edible perennials at the Prairie Ally Fruit Propagation Workshop. It's hands-on workshop to equip you in propagating fruit and nut plants by dividing, cutting, or grafting.

The cost is \$20; take home a berry, nut, or grape plant.

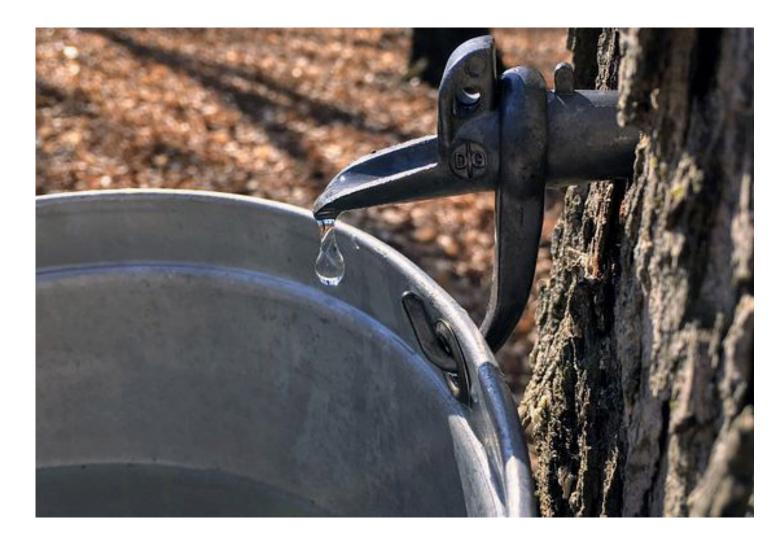
Date: Saturday April 29, 2023

Time: 1-2:30 p.m.

Location: Prairie Ally Outdoor Center, 308 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN 56156

Instructor: Sean McFarland

Sign up: info@projectfoodforest.org or 605-951-0227



Have maple trees? Like maple syrup? Consider tapping those trees for some sweet results

Project Food Forest is offering a Community Maple Tapping for those interested learning how.

Sign up if you have a maple tree(s) on your property you'd like to have us help you tap and turn into syrup together in community.

Tapping is a simple process that would take place beginning around mid-

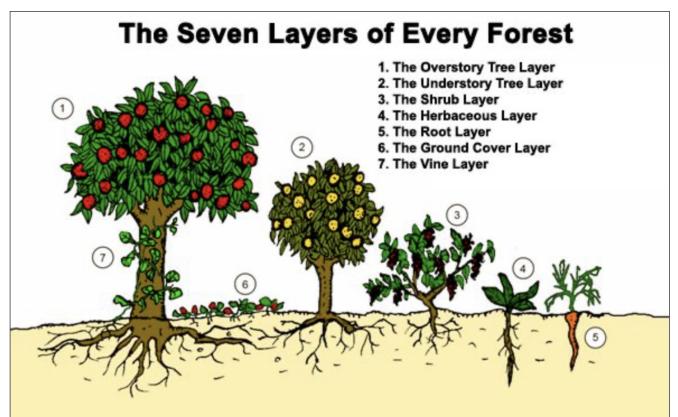
March and continuing through mid April.

Maple syrup can be made from any species of maple tree. Trees that can be tapped include: sugar, black, red and silver maple and box elder trees.

Our Project Food Forest staff will assist people citywide in Luverne. It costs \$12 to participate

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What is Prairie Ally in Luverne, and what is a food forest?



As Project Food Forest's demonstration site, Prairie Ally provides experiential learning and recreation.

Located at 308 N Blue Mound Ave in Luverne, the food

forest is free to explore and harvest from; open dawn to dusk daily.

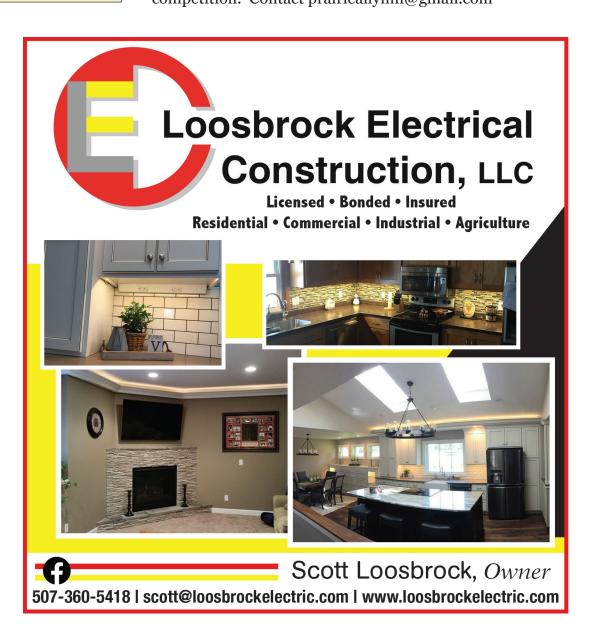
A food forest, also called a forest garden, is a diverse planting of edible plants that attempts to mimic the ecosystems and patterns found in nature.

Food forests are three dimensional designs, with life extending in all directions – up, down, and out.



Generally, we recognize seven layers of a forest garden – the overstory, the understory, the shrub layer, the herbaceous layer, the root layer, the ground cover layer, and the vine layer. Some also like to recognize the mycelial layer, layer eight (mushrooms). Using these layers, we can fit more plants in an area without causing failure due to competition. Contact prairieallymn@gmail.com





Four guys and their trucks

'Cardinal Moving' provides muscle to load, move and unload household items

By Mavis Fodness

A business is developing for four high school sophomores, and they have their grandparents to thank.

The four — Marcus Vortherms, Marcos Diaz, Zach Overgaard and Adam Ask — are good friends, having attended Luverne Public Schools together since they were preschoolers.

"It is easier working with guys you know and like to work with," Vortherms said.

"Cardinal Moving" is the business' formal name, in which the four students help people load, move and unload the household items from one place to another.

With three pickups and a trailer, they focus on serving the Rock County area.

And they are just getting started.

Their first "gig" was Saturday when they unloaded items for a family moving from out of state.

And they have several gigs lined up for the next several weekends.

The "know-how" of moving items using moving straps, dollies



Mavis Fodness photo/0330 HLG 2023 Cardinal Moving

Four Luverne High School sophomores are flexing their entrepreneurial skills in starting their own business called "Cardinal Moving," where they help anyone move household items in the Rock County area. Pictured from left are Marcos Diaz, Adam Ask, Zach Overgaard and Marcus Vortherms.

"We all have grandparents so we've all moved stuff around for them."

- Zach Overgaard, Cardinal Moving

or just plain arm muscles comes from family members.

"We all have grandparents so we've all moved stuff around for them," Overgaard said.

From the grandmas and grandpas, they learned that not everyone can physically move large items.

With the elders watching, the sophomores learned how to be careful with items, to handle objects with respect and to get large objects through doorways. "It's a way to help people and also a good way to make money on the side."

— Adam Ask, Cardinal Moving

The sophomores were encouraged in their new business by those who see a need in the community for a local moving service.

"It's a way to help people and also a good way to make money on the side," Ask said.

Payment is based on hours worked, how many of the sophomores were needed for the job, and mileage.

Customers sign a waiver with Cardinal Moving, indicating that the sophomores are not responsible for damages before, during and after moving. Payment is due immediately after completing the job.

Contact Cardinal Movers through the sophomores' social media site, email at Cardinal-movingLUV@gmail.com or contact Ask at 507-920-7897.

