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As Walleye Wind nears approval, local businesses plan for opportunities

By Lori Sorenson

NextEra Energy Resources is planning construction of 40 wind turbines over 49 square miles (31,000 acres) in the townships of Beaver Creek, Luverne, Martin and Springwater.

If the Walleye Wind Farm, as it's called, clears final approval with the Public Utilities Commis-

sion, more than 200 workers will converge on western Rock County starting as early as September.

A meeting at the Luverne Chamber office last week addressed challenges and opportunities for local businesses during that construction period. For example, workers will need food and lodging, in addition to other

basic services.

"We've seen some really unique economic business propositions in communities where we've built these projects," said project developer Mike Weich at the April 28 meeting.

"It could be something as simple as 200 construction workers will probably need a place to do

their laundry."

If the project gets PUC approval, a construction meeting will be scheduled for later this summer to prepare local leaders and businesses for what to expect when wind farm construction begins.

"If you have a business or you have something locally that you

know will help these construction workers as they come through, if there are things, that's when we kick off those coordinations."

He said he will work with Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere to connect the community with the construction manag-

Walleye Wind/see page 5

Board splits vote to end full-time substitutes

By Mavis Fodness

In a 5 -1 vote, Luverne School Board members decided not have two full-time substitute teachers on staff for the 2021-22 school year.

Cost savings is estimated at \$100,000.

Board member Jeff Stratton cast the dissenting vote to the resolution to discontinue and reduce the educational positions.

Stratton said after the meeting he wanted to keep the positions for another year due to the uncertainty of the coronavirus.

He said after the meeting that the substitutes — one in the elementary and one in the middle-high school — primarily spent each day filling in for faculty absences this year, according to discussions at the April 8 board workshop.

In previous years substitute teachers have primarily been retired educators and, due to the senior citizens being more susceptible to the coronavirus, they have chosen not to work in the schools this year as a result.

As the pandemic continues, Stratton thought the full-time substitute teachers would be just as busy in the upcoming school year.

"If it was a benefit this year ... it could be a benefit next year," he said. "The benefit outweighed the costs."

Board member Katie Baustian was not at the April 22 meeting.

School substitutes/see page 5



Mavis Fodness photo/0506 LHS Prom 2021

Riley Spartz (left) and Sophia Eisma travel the red carpet for Saturday's outdoor prom grand march under the Luverne High School canopy.

'Mask-erade' takes LHS prom-goers outside

By Mavis Fodness

For the first time in Luverne High School history, a prom grand march was staged outdoors.

Saturday's grand march for the 2021 Luverne High School prom, dubbed "Mask-erade," took place outside under the high school canopy on a beautiful warm evening.

The public was invited to sit on the portable bleachers brought in especially for the event to watch safely from a distance.

The 150 elegantly dressed students removed their masks as they exited the school doors and walked in front of the school.

Temperatures reached into the 90s

prior to the event, a rarity considering rain and/or snow is more the norm.

After the grand march, students gathered in the elementary school to enjoy various activity stations until 11:30 p.m.

Last year Luverne's prom was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

See page 3 for more photos of the event.

Luverne district budget shows deficits, especially in food service

By Mavis Fodness

With two months left in the fiscal year, Luverne school board members are prepared to over-spend the 2020-21 budget.

With all revenues now included in the report, Luverne is on track to spend \$20.2 million

or \$2.4 million over the \$17.8 million in this year's revenues, according to the revised budget adopted at the board's April 22 meeting.

Business manager Marlene Mann outlined each of the district's five budget funds.

The anticipated budget over-age is based on spending 100 percent of all five allocations.

Current spending percentages ranges from food service (the lowest at 31 percent spent) to the general fund (the highest at 63 percent spent).

The food service fund shows the largest disparity in expenditures versus revenue, \$822,000 and \$286,000, or a negative budget of more than \$536,000.

"With this much of a differ-

School budget/see page 5



Lori Sorenson photo/0506 corn planting

Warm weather spurs spring planting

Robert Carlson makes a final round planting corn under a setting sun Thursday, April 29, for his father-in-law, Pete Jessen, in western Rock County. Warmer weather in the last week of April prompted a flurry of spring planting in Rock County and the region. USDA's latest crop report says more than 40 percent of Minnesota's intended corn acres were planted, pushing overall progress to 60 percent. That's 10 days ahead of normal, but two days behind last year. In Rock County, where it's been drier than other parts of the state, many producers, including Jessen, are finishing with corn and moving on to soybean planting.

Local entrepreneurs earn national recognition

By Mavis Fodness

Two local high school students received recognition in the annual CEO National Pitch Competition.

Allison LaRock, a Hills-Beaver Creek senior, was named to the Top 18 and earned \$100.

Mia Wenzel, a junior at Luverne High School, earned \$50 for honorable mention, one of 12 submissions so honored.

Both submitted videos promoting their individual businesses created in the yearlong Southwest Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program.

The CEO program introduces participating high school juniors and seniors to various business development processes. A final project is to develop individual businesses.



H-BC senior Allison LaRock earned national recognition for pitching her song-writing business called "Hillel."

LaRock created a custom song-writing business named "Hillel," a Hebrew word for "Praise."

Her pitch in the 30-second submission included "Have you been seeking the perfect love song? By answering a few simple

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County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,267	3	+1.5%
Pipestone	1,136	3	+1.5%
Nobles	4,064	5	+0.8%
Minnehaha (SD)	31,361	28	+0.7%
Lyon (IA)	1,569	1	+0.8%

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

Date Range	3/14-3/27	3/21-4/3	3/28-4/10	4/4-4/17
Rate	15.94	18.06	23.37	32.93





People with at least one dose: 3,483

People with completed series: 3,028

Data as of 05-02-2021

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

School Status

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | Middle/High School: In-person

HBC - Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of May 4, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Kenneth Cemetery Association will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Kenneth Community Center.

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

National Day of Prayer May 6

Several area churches will host the 70th annual National Day of Prayer on May 6 by virtual viewing online at www.nationaldayofprayer.org. The national theme is, “Lord, pour out your love, life and liberty,” and verse is 2 Corinthians 3:17, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

‘Take a Mom’ fishing is May 8-9

Take a Mom Fishing Weekend — when Minnesota-resident moms can fish without purchasing a license — is Saturday, May 8, to Sunday, May 9.

This special weekend is defined in Minnesota statutes as the weekend that coincides with Mother’s Day.

Most years, under Minnesota law, the fishing opener and Take a Mom Fishing weekend fall on the same weekend, but not this year. The 2021 fishing opener is Saturday, May 15.

Bike Rodeo May 15

The Luverne Optimist Club will host the 2021 Bike Rodeo at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at ice arena in Luverne. There will be many valuable prizes, including new bikes, and an obstacle course for bicycling. Ken Peterson of Ken’s Bike Shop will be on hand to inspect and fix bikes for those who attend. This is a combined event for both the Luverne and H-BC communities.

Free food offered May 20

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.

Sanford Health virtual 5K

Sanford Health Luverne will host a virtual 5K run June 1-8 in conjunction with Buffalo Days in Luverne. Registration deadline is May 17 to receive a T-shirt. Participants may register online at <https://www.Allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=78003>. Call 507-449-1243 after completing the 5K in order to be eligible for prizes.

Oversized Adirondack chairs unveiled

By Lori Sorenson

A pair of oversized, brightly-painted Adirondack chairs are the latest tool in the Luverne Chamber’s efforts to make visitors feel welcome in the community.

They were officially unveiled in the community Monday afternoon at the downtown “mini plaza” near the history center and at the beach near The Lake.

They were funded in part by a \$2,000 grant from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation with support by the LIFT Plaza Committee and Nick Mead with Luverne Building Center.

“The chairs look amazing,” said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. “It truly takes a ‘village’ to make a project like this possible.”

She said Mead used a pattern to build the heavy wooden chairs, that measure roughly 4 feet wide by 9 feet tall.

Volunteers Corrine Bonnema, Brian Sterling, LaDonna and Darrel Van Aartsen and Faye Bremer painted them, and Quality Printing provided the graphics.

Lanphere also thanked city of Luverne Public Works employees for storing and moving the chairs — first to Luverne High School for prom photos and then to their final display locations downtown and at The Lake.

The Main Street Adirondack chair (**at right**) is painted solid red

Lori Sorenson photo/0506 chamber chairs

During Monday’s unveiling of the oversized chairs, builder Nick Mead posed with his family and local volunteers at The Lake where one of the two chairs will remain on display. Volunteers are (back, left) Corrine Bonnema and in front of her, Faye Bremer. Mead’s family include his wife, Jessica (front) and children Oliver, 11, Gavin, 9, Henry, 4, and Lydia, 4.

with Luverne’s logo, “Love the Life” across the top of the chair.

The lake chair is painted with festive “beach ball” basic colors and also has the Luverne logo on the top front of the back rest.

Minnesota Housing launches online ‘RentHelpMN’ application to provide COVID rental assistance

Minnesota Housing launched the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance online applications through RentHelpMN.org. for Minnesotans who have been impacted by COVID-19 and have struggled to pay their rent and utility bills.

“We know renters with low incomes in particular have struggled to pay their rent and utility payments throughout the pandemic,” said Angela Larson, Family Services director at United Community Action Partnership (UCAP).

“This program alone will not solve our housing crisis here in Minnesota, but it is a critical step in the right direction.”

About 30 local community-based organizations are working with Minnesota Housing to assist people with their applications, including United Community Action

Partnership (UCAP).

UCAP’s role in this program is to spread the word in their communities and to provide application assistance to those who may have trouble applying on their own.

“We have hired several bilingual staff to make this program more accessible,” said Larson, “but we also know that even those without language barriers may need extra help with the online application system.”

This program is open to all Minnesota households at 80 percent of area median income or below (more information about income limits available at <https://www.renthelpmn.org/learn-more>).

Some eligibility details include:

- This rental and utility assistance program is currently open to renters who are past due, going

back as far as March 13, 2020.

- Past-due utilities that are eligible include electric, natural gas, delivered fuels, trash/ recycling, water and sewage.
- Past-due rent includes rent for house, apartment, manufactured home/lot rent, etc.

Homeowners are not eligible for mortgage or utility assistance through this rental assistance program.

To apply for the program, call 211 or visit www.renthelpmn.org

If you have questions or need help applying, please call United Community Action Partnership at 507-537-1416.

United Community Action Partnership is a non-profit organization that strives to help low and moderate income families improve their lives and move out of poverty.

Community Ed announcements

The summer **Community Ed brochure** was published May 1 and delivered to local homes with the Luverne Announcer.

Many of the classes have an **early registration deadline of May 14**. Take advantage of the lower fees and register by **May 14 for volleyball, tennis, golf, morning rec, arts & crafts, basketball, track and gymnastics**.

Kids currently in grades 1-3 can sign up for **Paint and Snack Classes** on May 27, June 24 and July 22. Sign up for one class or for all 3. Fee is \$33 per class.

Defensive Driving Classes allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. The **Beginning Class** – June 10 and 17 (4 hours each evening). **Refresher 4-Hour Classes** are May 27, Aug. 19.

Sign up for **Get Fit, Stay Fit on May 26** with tips and advice from Physical Therapist, Michelle Schuman. Fee \$5.

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City considers vacating street for Hills business

By Mavis Fodness
A public hearing Tuesday will determine if the city of Hills vacates a portion of East 5th Street for a proposed storage shed.

The hearing begins at 6 p.m. during the Hills City Council's monthly meeting at the city hall.

Earlier this year, owners of Hills Storage Center requested a building permit to construct a 40-by-187-foot storage facility.

That permit was rescinded at the council's April 13 meeting at the request of storage owners Ross Metzger and Kelly Leuthold. Metzger, a city council member, did not vote.

Leuthold said at the April 13 meeting that when finalizing the storage building's placement, the leveled elevation placed the 14-foot-tall building too close to an existing power line.

The highline pole, located south of the storage building's location, could not be moved or raised.

Shifting the building to the north, while meeting setback requirements from the power line, meant it would be

'Nobody knew there was a street there.'
— Hills Mayor Keith Elbers

located on what city founders intended to be a portion East 5th Street, according to plat documents.

"Nobody knew there was a street there," said Hills Mayor Keith Elbers.

When rescinding the original building permit, council members decided against selling the property to Metzger and Leuthold.

After considering options, the council decided that vacating a street that was never built was the best option.

Metzger and Leuthold agreed to pay for any fees associated with vacating and re-platting the area.

Elbers estimated that the area to be vacated stretched about a half block in length.

City and district approve bids for joint street project at school campus

By Mavis Fodness
The city of Luverne and Luverne School District have been working on a "joint project" to address streets around the school that have been torn up because of the school construction project.

Both entities will pay separate contracts for their own work, on their own properties, but they were able to get a better price for the work by bidding the project jointly.

The district will pay:

- \$51,900 to patch and overlay portions of the street located south of the middle-high school building to Dodge Street.
- \$14,000 for an improved sidewalk from Dodge Street to the school.
- \$113,000 to develop a slated parking lot for additional public parking in front of the middle-high school facing Kniss Avenue.

Superintendent

Craig Oftedahl said the Luverne Education Legacy Foundation is planning to develop a garden adjacent to the school building's front canopy.

The parking would enhance public access. "I have a strong feeling someone would step in and take care of it (the \$113,000 cost)," he said.

The city's portion will cost \$366,174, and Luverne City Council members approved the bid at their April 13 meeting.

City work consists of a mill off and overlay of West Adams, and North-east Park Street will be a completely rebuilt asphalt road because of the age and draining issues of the road.

The city also approved an alternate bid of \$58,727 to pour a trail connector from the bus barn area to the Luverne Loop to the west.

Road construction will start in June and be complete in August.



Mavis Fodness photos/0506 LHS Prom 2021

Paige Sandbulte (left) and Jamie McCarthy finish the outdoor grand march Saturday night at the doors of the former band room, which is now the weight room at Luverne Middle-High School. The weather cooperated with temps reaching into the 90s.



Above: Anna Huisman (left) and Carleton Oftedahl pause in the grand march after exiting the middle-high school doors opened by Carter Sehr and Zach Overgaard.

Left: Layla Larsen (left) and Jamie Palmquist smile to the audience.



Above: Senior Jayson Rops escorts Chandra Javner, pausing to view spectators.

Far right: Posing after the grand march are Blake Frahm (left), Lauren VerSteeg and her grandmother, Twila VerSteeg.

Right: Using the oversized Adirondack chair Saturday, mom Katie Baustian takes pictures of her son Peter Baustian and Mallory Nelson.



School substitutes eliminated by board members in 5-1 vote/continued from page 1

Social studies position moves to full time
While cutting the two full-time substitute teacher positions, board members agreed to expand the part-time social studies position at the middle-high school. The vote was 5 to 1, with Stratton casting the sole "no" vote.

Stratton had asked if the district would advertise

the full-time social studies position or would the current part-time teacher move into the expanded position.

Consensus among administrators was the current teacher would receive the expanded role due to positive performance evaluations.

The expansion to full time would offer more class

electives at the middle-high school level, Principal Ryan Johnson said at the April 8 board workshop.

The extra cost is estimated at about \$20,000.

When a resignation occurred in the social studies department at the end of the 2019-20 school year, board members chose to advertise for a part-time replacement.

Stratton, who joined the board in January, wanted to re-advertise the social studies position now as a full-time position to encourage someone who didn't apply previously but needs a full-time position to consider applying now because the status has changed.

"I think it is a benefit for another full-time

teacher," Stratton said. "I just wanted a bigger pool."

In other personnel business, the board:

- accepted the resignation of Liza Winkler, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- accepted the retirement of Doug Dooyema, sixth-grade social studies

teacher, effective June 2.

- accepted the retirement of ECFE and Discovery Time teacher Debbie Mitchell, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- approved Ellen Weninger as volunteer softball coach.

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‘Don’t Bring Me Down’
Future music therapy
will take me back to
childhood summer of 1979

There’s a reason music therapy is popular in nursing homes. Songs have a way of



stirring memories that carry us back in time, often to happy moments of our youth.

Today’s 85-year-olds still enjoy the “big band” sounds that they once danced to, and 75-year-olds may smile to hear Elvis Presley or Johnny Cash.

I’ve thought about which songs would stir happy memories when I’m older and needing some therapy.

Then last week, a classic rock tune played over the Star Herald online radio that illustrated how music therapy works.

I was tapping my feet under my desk, secretly smiling and singing along in my head with the lyrics, as best as I could remember them.

The artist was Electric Light Orchestra and the song (one of their only hits) was “Don’t Bring Me Down.”

It hit the radio airwaves in the summer of 1979 when I was 10.

I first remember hearing it from a battery-powered transistor radio that my sister and I were singing along to in our homemade clothesline tent

It was a steamy 90 degrees in our little fort with the hot afternoon sun filtering through the floral-patterned bed sheets. But lounging on stacked pillows, popping Bazooka bubble gum, we were the “it girls.”

And we were accomplished vocalists, managing to find the chorus line harmony.

“I’ll tell you once more before I get off the floor. Don’t bring me down ...”

The only problem was we had no idea what words we were supposed to be singing.

Or what the words even meant.

“You’re looking good, just like a snake in the grass.” (We had never seen a good-looking snake, even on a good day).

ON SECOND
THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

*The only
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to be singing.*

“One of these days, you’re gonna break your glass.” Wait ... what?

These were the words we could decipher between the radio static and fast-moving music.

Then there were the words we tried to guess, randomly substituting words that rhymed, whether they made sense or not.

This was long before we could ask Siri to show us the song lyrics.

Last week, after hearing the tune online, I looked up the lyrics and discovered our confusion was warranted.

According to Wiki, the artist himself made the word “groos” to fill in where words were missing.

“Don’t bring me dow-on, groos. ... Don’t bring me dow-on, groos.” “Don’t bring me dow-ah-ow-own.”

And the song-writer also confessed it was a B-side add-on song to finish out the album, and he had quickly thrown it together, using a prerecorded percussion background.

At this point, I don’t even care.

Someday (maybe next week) when I need music therapy, I’ll request this song.

And I’ll close my eyes and drift back to the summer of 1979.

... when we were younger, times were simpler (for us anyway) and we were blissfully unaware of a troubled world beyond the fabric walls of our backyard clothesline tent.

Thank an educator
today and every day

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-8, 2021, and if there were ever a time to thank a teacher, the time is now.

Teaching can be difficult, demanding and emotionally and physically exhausting work in a non-pandemic environment.

But teachers will also tell you the rewards are often worth the challenges in ways they’re not able to share, due to student privacy protection.

These past two years have placed unprecedented strain on educators in ways they couldn’t have imagined or prepared for.

It’s been inspiring to see classroom teachers reach outside the classroom and into students’ homes to bring their passion for teaching into distance learning models.

And while everyone longs for a return to normal, our teachers and parents have learned valuable lessons that will no doubt benefit in-person learning long-term.

Have there been breakdowns?

Sure. Have students fallen behind? Unfortunately many have, and some may have difficulty catching up. Have our teachers had bad days? For sure. Just ask them.

But day after day, they rise to meet new challenges, and through the pandemic chaos, have discovered cracks in learning models that they can now address.

We are immeasurably blessed in Rock County to have a strong school system that values quality teachers and communities that invest in education.

Likewise, our teachers no doubt appreciate this environment.

But work often seems thankless, and they often hear only from disappointed parents whose students are struggling.

They need to know they’re

appreciated.

So, this week, during National Teacher Appreciation Week, let’s tell them “thank you.”

The National Education Association has launched hashtag promotions and text message campaigns to help the public thank teachers.

But in Rock County, we’d encourage our readers to bring that message to a local level.

It costs nothing to send a message to a teacher expressing gratitude. Or, for the price of a postage stamp, we can send something personal and tangible.

Just say “thank you” ... to a friend who’s a teacher or to a teacher of our children or to a teacher from our past who has made an impact in our lives.

Sometimes life’s experiences come from
unexpected places (like an Iowa gas station)

Mary and I spent a couple of days in Des Moines recently for a family gathering, and from there we drove to Redwood Falls for our grandson’s confirmation.

We were a couple of hours into our trip when we pulled into a Kwik Star gas station. For whatever reason, what we know as Kwik Trips in Minnesota they call Kwik Stars in Iowa.

On our way out the door headed to our car, I noticed this girl digging through the trash receptacle. At first I thought she was looking for recyclables or maybe she had dropped something in there by mistake. She wasn’t wearing shoes or socks – she maybe was about 25 years old and looked a little disheveled.

Once we reached our car, I started to eat my breakfast sandwich while leaning on the hood of the car. I watched the girl pick out a bucket of popcorn that someone had tossed away. Next she pulled out a clear plastic container filled with chicken bones.

I thought, “Oh my word; she’s looking for something to eat.”

I watched as she went to the other side of the entryway and started digging through that trash container.

She never asked any of the



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson,
Tollefson Publishing General Manager,

customers that were coming and going for any money; in fact, she never bothered a soul.

I felt so sorry for her and a little guilty for enjoying my breakfast sandwich while she was rummaging through the garbage for something to eat. I had to offer her some help.

I started walking toward her as she made her way around the corner of the building. I hustled around the corner to catch up to her, and as I turned the corner, I almost ran into her while she was seated at a concrete picnic table enjoying a meal of other people’s garbage.

I had a \$20 bill in hand ready to give to her so she could go buy herself something to eat.

Much to my surprise, she turned down my offer. I tried again to give her the money and again she refused.

She told me she was thirsty,

and if I wanted to get her something to drink, that would be great.

I returned with some vitamin water and a third offer of the twenty. This time she told me she was trying to kick her drug addiction, and if she had cash, she would only try to buy drugs with it. She told me that she had been clean for a short while and was trying to stay that way.

Just a few minutes earlier I was feeling sorry for this person, and now I was admiring her. No matter what I thought of her current situation, she felt it was better than her life on drugs.

It’s been a couple of weeks since I met this person, but I can’t stop thinking about her. I didn’t get her name, I know nothing about her other than what you just read.

Yet, in a crazy kind of way, the person I tried to help has helped me more than she’ll ever know.

Harnack: ‘Wearing a mask doesn’t take away your freedom’

To the Editor:

I work at a retail store that requires mask-wearing for anyone within the store. Because of that, we have been called everything from a communist, a loser, stupid, dumb, and other names that I cannot print.

Wearing a mask does not take away your freedom. You wear a mask to protect your family, loved

ones, and those around you from you, just like they wear a mask to protect you from them. It’s a matter of respect. It does not take

away your freedom.

Does wearing a seat belt take away your freedom? Not being able to enter a restaurant without

shoes or shirt, does that take away your freedom? Not allowed to yell “fire” in a crowded movie theater, does that take away your freedom? Having a speed limit or stop signs on a highway, does that take away your freedom?

I wore a steel helmet for 14 months in Vietnam as a ground infantry soldier, not unlike many other soldiers who have done the

same thing over history. That did not take away my freedom – it probably saved my life, just like wearing a mask has maybe saved my life.

So, if not wearing a mask is more important to you than your family, friends, or those around you, then that is the least of your worries.

Alan Harnack, Beaver Creek

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VOICE OF OUR READERS

Dispatch report

April 23
•Complainant on 150th Avenue, Luverne, requested a deputy for a disorderly.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle.
•Complainant reported a disorderly party.
•Complainant on 121st Street, Luverne, reported a grass fire.
•Complainant requested assistance with a traffic investigation.
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•Complainant requested assistance with a traffic investigation.
•Complainant on N. Elm Street reported kids in the roadway were swearing.
April 24
•Complainant on 40th Avenue, Hills, reported property damage.
•Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported harassing communications.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported an assault.
•Deputy assisted state patrol on Interstate 90, mile marker 16, Luverne.
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested assistance for patient.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported an erratic driver.
•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported threatening voice mails.
•Deputy assisted MSP with traffic control west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3 and 4, Beaver Creek.
•A passport was found at the location of Adams and Estey streets.
•Dispatch received 911 calls on E. Veterans Drive.
•Complainant on S. Donaldson reported someone hit an electrical box.
April 26
•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street requested to speak to a deputy about harassing phone calls.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, Worthington, reported he is being followed.
•Complainant on N. Donaldson reported vehicle driving around without headlights.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a scam caller.
•Complainant on W. Hatting street reported theft of vehicle parts.
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported vehicle circling hospital and honking.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested deputy for discrepancy at front desk.
•Complainant on S. Main Street, Hills, reported bad checks used at business.
•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported threats received.
•Complainant on 70th Avenue, Jasper, reported a scam phone call.
•Complainant in city of Hardwick reported suspicious behavior.
•Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported loud music playing at location.
April 27
•Complainant reported

subject with Rock County warrant.
•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen, reported a subject with an active Rock County warrant.
•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen, reported a possible stolen vehicle.
•Complainant on County Road 4, Luverne, requested a deputy for employee trespassing.
•Complainant on 110th Avenue and 115th Street, Luverne, reported a sofa left on roadside.
•Complainant on N. Donaldson Street reported a parking complaint.
•Complainant requested release of property.
•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported theft and damage to property.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a license plate issue.
•Complainant on Pine Drive requested personal property.
•Complainant reported a camera outage.
•Complainant reported threats.
April 28
•Complainant on E. Veterans Drive requested to speak to sheriff.
•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a runaway.
•Subject turned himself in on a warrant.
•Complainant reported a missing juvenile.
April 29
•Complainant on 241st Street, Edgerton, reported a bale fire.
•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported property damage.
•Complainant on N. Water Avenue, Hills, reported theft.
•Complainant on E. State Street, Magnolia, reported a dispute and speeding.
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported possible threats.
April 30
•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and Luverne Street, Luverne, found a key and remote.
•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported cap off fire hydrant.
•Complainant in Rock County requested to speak to deputy.
•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported a threatened assault.
•Motorist was assisted on 161st Street and 150th Avenue, Luverne.
•Complainant requested identity theft information packet.
•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5-7, Beaver Creek, reported debris on road.
•Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported a ditch fire.
•Complainant reported drinking and driving.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 8 escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 18 paper services, 12 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 27 burn permits, 3 alarms, 3 drug court tests, 14 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 15 traffic stops, 17 abandoned 911 calls, 1 welfare check, 2 OFPs and 2 follow-ups.

CEO national pitch competition/continued from page 1

questions, we would be able to formulate a song that is perfect for you and the one you love.”

LaRock finishes her submission by strumming a ukulele and singing, “Do you have a love story to tell? Hear your love with Hillel.”

Included in the pitch were ways to contact LaRock for her unique service geared toward weddings, funerals, anniversaries or other milestones where a personalized song would add a special significance to an event.

Since launching her social media site in March, LaRock received eight inquiries with four undergoing the song-writing process. The process takes 30 to 60 days to complete at a cost of \$250 per song.

She applies her lifelong enjoyment of singing and writing to her new business.

“I LOVE love,” LaRock said. “The reaction I get when people hear their story written and hear it for the first time is pretty emotional.”

This feeling of love has intensified over the



Selected as one of 12 honorable mentions in the CEO National Pitch Competition was Luverne High School junior Mia Wenzel and her pitch for her business, “Mia’s Legacy Tennis.”

past few years at Embrace Church, where LaRock first began as volunteer worship leader and now is an associate.

LaRock said she’s been singing for a long time.

“I always sang as a little girl,” she said.

Often songs were sung with her dad, Dan, who sang to her mom, Marie, at their wedding.

Her lifelong goal is to keep singing as she

pursues degrees in mission ministries and communications.

The pitch contest allowed LaRock to place her business front and center.

More than 160 students across the U.S. entered the contest, sponsored through the Midland Institute program. The Midland program partners with local businesses and

adult mentors for a personalized, hands-on learning experience.

Wenzel’s business, which was awarded honorable mention, pairs tennis experts with those who want to learn the healthy lifestyle activity.

She calls her business, “Mia’s Legacy Tennis.”

“It’s a sport you can play forever,” she pitched.

This is the third year for the local Southwest CEO program, which is open to students in H-BC, Luverne, Adrian, Ellsworth, Pipestone and Edgerton.

Thirteen of the local CEO students submitted entries to the pitch contest, according to adviser Katie Baustian.

A tradeshow is planned for Wednesday, May 19, from 5 to 8 p.m., when each of the 14 CEO students, including LaRock and Wenzel, will unveil their individual businesses to the public.

The come-and-go event takes place at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. A coronavirus plan is in place, and masks are encouraged.

Walleye Wind economic opportunities/continued from page 1

ers in order to prepare for their needs.

After Wednesday’s meeting, Lanphere said her office has done as much as possible to prepare local businesses for the influx of wind turbine workers.

But until that meeting is scheduled, she said it’s difficult to focus particular resources.

“It’s really hard to do that because they have to first get approval to move forward,” Lanphere said.

“My plan is to use the visitor pass and do a better job marketing that to all the businesses, and not create something

“We’ve seen some really unique economic business propositions in communities where we’ve built these projects. It could be something as simple as 200 construction workers will probably need a place to do their laundry.”

— Mike Weich,
Walleye Wind project developer

new.”

As part of construction, the existing MinnWind turbines will be decommissioned and removed, with foundations removed down to 4

feet below grade.

NextEra Energy Resources, based in June Beach, Florida, is the developer of the Walleye Wind Farm project.

NextEra filed for the

site permit and certificate of need in July 2020. An environmental impact hearing was conducted in December 2020 with the final report completed in March 2021.

The report is available on the PUC website, mn.gov/puc.

The deadline for submitting written comments is 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 14.

Long-term, there will be four to six full-time wind technicians hired to manage the site; also there will be support-type jobs related to roads and maintenance that will be sourced locally.

Luverne district in deficit spending/continued from page 1

ence, it will be something you will want to be mindful of as we go forward, because, yes, we have a fund balance, and yes, we planned on some funds overspent,” Mann said.

“But the rest of the budget is something that needs to be watched.”

Board members questioned where savings could be found, focusing on food service.

Reva Sehr asked if any purchases can be put off until next year.

“If we can be as frugal as possible, I think that would be advantageous to our financial situation,” Sehr said. “I have a hard time seeing such a difference without fully understanding (meal planning).”

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, school breakfasts

District funds and their projected revenues, expenditures (differences) and percentage paid:

- General, \$13.889 million, \$15.8 million (-\$1.923 million), 63 percent;
- Food service, \$286,000, \$822,000 (-\$536,000), 31 percent;
- Transportation, \$793,000, \$801,000 (-\$8,000), 76 percent;
- Community Services, \$435,000, \$545,000 (-\$110,000), 51 percent;
- Capital expenditures, \$315,000, \$216,000 (-\$99,000), 45 percent;
- Debt payment, \$2.12 million, \$2.06 million (+\$60,000), 100 percent.

and lunches are free of charge.

Food service prepares for 1,200 students each day, but reimbursement is based on the actual number of students who go through the food service lines.

The number served varies greatly each day, Mann

said — primarily due to the USDA nutritional guidelines and incorporation of commodities the district receives, some meals to be more popular than others.

“If people don’t come down, we still have the overhead costs to pay,” Mann said.

For the next two months, the district will continue to receive free USDA commodities and, with increased student usage, this year’s food service fund coverage will be lower, Mann said.

In previous years, the food service fund primarily broke even or ended the fiscal year slightly over.

“If we can get those numbers closer together, we’ll certainly work at it,” Mann said.

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During Month of May

City of Beaver Creek residents are reminded that dog licenses are due during month of May. Cost is \$4 per dog, however, residents age 65 and over are exempt from the license fee. Copy of current rabies vaccination required. A \$20 late fee will be added if license not renewed by 6-1-21. Clerk office hours are Monday 7am to 11am & Tuesday 5:30pm to 9pm. You can also leave payment and vaccination certificate copy in the clerk’s drop box and license and tag will be mailed to you. If you no longer have your pet, please notify clerk’s office at 673-2266.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0506 LHS Seniors 2021

LHS seniors are ‘like 2021% done’



On Friday morning 91 students of the Luverne High School Class of 2021 posed for the annual senior group picture. In a tradition that started more than two decades ago, senior student council members determine a unique and memorable location as a backdrop for the photograph. This year’s picture was taken by Jim Juhl of Myhre Studio, who used a lift to position himself above the students for the best angle. This year’s location was close to home as students walked over to the performing arts center currently under construction on the school campus. Construction on the center began in the students’ sophomore year and will be finished this summer.



MENU

Monday, May 10:
Pork loin, sweet potato, broccoli, bread, bar.

Half-Price Day sponsored by First Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday, May 11:
Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, dessert.

Wednesday, May 12: Taco salad with salsa, sour cream, corn chips; fresh fruit, dessert.

Thursday, May 13:
Spaghetti, lettuce salad with dressing, fruit dessert.

Friday, May 14:
Baked fish, brown rice, green beans, peaches.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

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

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Area health enthusiasts are paying attention to the latest business news on Luverne’s Main Street.

A 24-hour fitness center is opening in the former Final Touch building, and it promises top-of-the-line equipment and programs.

Branagen Powers, rural Luverne, and Brian Beuning, Luverne, signed papers this week to purchase the 5,000-square-foot building from Mike and Lori Ketterling.

Construction will start next week to convert the space to a full-service, 24-7 fitness center known as Power Fitness.

Structural changes to the main floor will include adding and removing walls, primarily for two handicap-accessible bathrooms with showers.

Also, there will be two tanning rooms with 32-lamp beds that produce deeper tans in fewer minutes than the standard 24-hour beds more commonly used in the area.

25 years ago (1996)

•“A successful manager must exhibit a profound and abiding faith, trust and respect in and for the working men and women.”

This was Don Rust’s motto for the 39 successful years he spent with General Motors. He recently retired from the company after 20 years as manager of the Tonawanda engine plant in western New York.

Rust, Orchard Park, N.Y., (a suburb of Buffalo) grew up near Adrian and is a 1950 graduate of Magnolia High School. He recently returned to Rock County for a visit after his retirement banquet, staying with his brother, Bud, near Kenneth.

While here, Rust shared with the *Star Herald* the highlights of his career. He shared several newspaper clippings from the

Buffalo, N.Y., area in which his industry peers credit him with bringing about a “revolution” in quality, morale and teamwork in floundering Tonawanda engine plant.

50 years ago (1971)

•A downtown beautification project has been launched here as a joint project of the City of Luverne, the Chamber of Commerce, the County Extension Service and various other community groups.

Large flower pots were being unloaded Wednesday in the downtown district. Sixteen in all will be located on strategic points on Main street, and will be planted with low growing trees and other plantings. Plantings for each pot will cost about \$15 or \$20, it was announced. Money for the plantings has been furnished by various clubs and groups. The city itself purchased the concrete pots or containers, which are 3x4 feet in size, and are finished with an aggregate finish.

75 years ago (1946)

•Two Main Street business properties, and several residence properties changed hands this week, as the local real estate market hit a faster pace.

Largest single transaction of the week was the sale of the three-story brick structure which houses the Luverne liquor store, Cooney Cleaners and three apartments, by Percy Eberlein to B. E. Leas, Mr. Eberlein had owned the building for the past nine years.

Another transaction involving a business location was the sale by Carl Knutson of his building to Russell Tower. This structure, located on the north side of Main Street, is now occupied by Mr.

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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Cathryn Hartz**, bride-to-be of **Nate Mitten-dorf**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Card showers

Anna Schouwenburg will celebrate her 95th birthday on Friday, May 7. Greetings may be sent to 505 E. 4th Street, Room 24; Hills, MN 56138.

Albert “Sonny” Mat-thiesen will celebrate his 80th birthday on Thursday, May 13. Greetings may be sent to South Shore Care Center, c/o Social Service, 1307 South Shore Drive, Worthington, MN 56187.

Norman and Darlene Gyberg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, May 14. Greetings may be sent to 2012 101st Street; Magnolia, MN 56158.

1950: ‘Generous hearted’ Rock County residents double this year’s fund drive quota

The following appeared in The Rock County Star-Herald on Jan. 19, 1950.

Contributions To Sister Kenny Fund Doubled The Quota Set for County

Elmer Piepgras, Fund Chairman, Reports Contributions of \$3,505

“Generous hearted Rock countians came through in grand style for the annual Sister Kenny Fund Drive,” said Elmer Piepgras, Rock county drive chairman.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

When the campaign for funds closed last Thursday, donations totaling \$3,505.51 had been turned in. This is more than double the quota assigned to Rock county, \$1,705.

“We certainly want to express our most sincere appreciation to all the good folks of Rock county,” said Piepgras.

“We know that they will have a glow of satisfaction

in their hearts because this campaign was a success. They know that the money they gave went for a cause that will mean so much to alleviating pain, suffering and to saving life. They know that the time they gave to this campaign will pay greater dividends in health and happiness than anything else they could do.

“To all donors, to all campaign workers on behalf of the polio sufferers, the ones who benefit by your kind generosity, we want to say thank

you as sincerely as we can.”

Tabulation of the contributions showed the following amount by sections of the county.

Battle Plain Township - \$193.00; Beaver Creek Township - \$291.50; Clinton Township - \$264.50; Denver Township - \$184.25; Kanaranzi Township - \$206; Luverne Township - \$229; Magnolia Township - \$175; Martin Township - \$140.50; Mound Township - \$172.50; Rosedell Township - \$143.50; Springwater Township -

\$321.50; Vienna Township - \$66.50; Beaver Creek - \$48.20; Hardwick - \$59.50; Hills - \$84.25; Kenneth - \$35.50; Luverne - \$819.51; Magnolia - \$70.80; Total \$3,505.51.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Frosty forecast making you crabby? Control your crab grass now

Seems that our weather has kept us guessing, and that includes the weather forecasters.

We go from no frost in the 15-day outlook to a pretty definite light frost sneaking in the mix.

Our average last frost date is May 15. To get an average, some years that last date is earlier and some years it is later. My advice is if you can't move it and you can't cover it, don't plant it until after May 15.

Now is the time to put down pre-emergence crab grass control. After a 94-degree day on Saturday, the ground temperature rapidly increased, enabling that weed seed to germinate, so if you're going to do it, don't put off getting it done.

If you have had trouble with scab infecting the leaves of your flowering crab tree, petal fall is the time to do a first application of fungicide to prevent the problem.

First evidence of scab is a small yellow spot on the leaf. That spot gradually enlarges, turns brown, and the leaf dries up and falls. Scab will not kill the tree, but you will have the mess of dead leaves falling on your lawn from the end of July until



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

killing frost. Severity of the infection is determined by weather conditions.

Prevention is much easier than a cure. Captan or Daconil are both effective fungicides to control scab. Daconil is often my "go-to" fungicide because it controls many other blight and fungus problems. It is also my choice for preventing the common blights that plague our tomatoes in mid to late summer.

To prevent scab, three applications two weeks apart should keep your tree clean for the summer.

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

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Underwood receives Patriot of Year nomination from Purple Heart U.S.A.

Buck Underwood (pictured right), Luverne, was nominated for the Patriot of the Year from the Heart of the Plains Chapter 5355 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart U.S.A.

Region III Commander Ken Teunissen said patriot members recently honored Underwood for his devotion and tireless leadership both to the chapter and to the Purple Heart Trial program.

Underwood was also nominated for the Patriot of the Year from the Department of the Dakotas, which consists of members from North and South Dakota.

Underwood assisted with projects such as:

- distribution of Purple Heart signs to the American Indian reservations, counties, cities and businesses;
- distribution of desk flag sets to legislators in Pierre;
- presentation of information about the Purple Heart to combat wounded veterans, seeking their membership in the Order;
- assembly and distribution of care packages to hospitalized



veterans at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne and the veterans hospital in Sioux Falls.

Underwood participated in the South Dakota Veterans Council and assisted in lobbying for the new South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the cemetery will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 31.

"It is a benefit to have dependable leaders that lead by example and set high goals for themselves," Teunissen said.

"With Patriot Underwood's leadership and patriotism, Chapter 5355 has been active in the community and the state."

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100 years ago (1921)

A change in the ownership and management of the Legion café took place the first of the week, when W. D. Harding, who opened the restaurant about a year ago and had since conducted it, disposed of the business to Gilbert Johnson.

Mr. Johnson has been connected with the café for a number of months and is familiar with the requirements of the trade. He has had several years' experience in the restaurant business and it is his intention to give his personal attention to the business.

Beatrice Rogness

Beatrice Muriel Rogness, 84, Luverne, died Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at her home, surrounded by family.

A funeral service was Tuesday, May 4, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Beatrice Rousu was born March 24, 1937, to Melvin and Ilmi (Pesola) Rousu in Leaf Lake Township, Ottertail County, Minnesota. When she was very young, her family moved to a farm near New York Mills. She was raised there and attended school, graduating from high school in 1955. Following graduation, Bea moved to Minneapolis and took a job at Honeywell in the job costing department where she worked for the next ten years.

In August of 1958 she married Michael Eiter. The couple lived the next number of years in the Twin Cities area and was blessed with four children. In the fall of 1965, the family moved to Luverne. Bea worked as a homemaker to their four children until 1968, when she began working for Tri-State Insurance as a statistician in their accounting department. She worked there for 34 years until her retirement. Bea and Mike divorced while in Luverne.

Bea married Darwin Rogness in November 1975. The couple enjoyed motorcycling along with camping. Darwin preceded Bea

in death on Nov. 7, 2010.

Bea continued to reside in her home in Luverne.

Bea was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She enjoyed puzzles, bingo and playing all kinds of cards with her friends. She always

took an interest in anything with numbers. She was an avid reader and had an extensive collection of Danielle Steele books. She also enjoyed taking trips to the Royal River Casino and Grand Falls Casino. Bea loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved animals, especially her dog, Daisy.

Bea is survived by her three children, Teresa (Tim) Perisic of Savage, Craig (Mary Beth) Eiter of Prior Lake and Sheila (Jay) Steensma of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; four stepchildren, David (Louise) Rogness of Luverne, Steve (Robin) Rogness of Stow, Ohio, Rick (Tali) Rogness of Mesa, Arizona, and Linda (Steve) DeSplinter of Jasper; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Berend of Perham; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Darwin Rogness; a son, Michael Eiter; and a sister, Alice Patton.

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

(0506 F)



John Remme

John S. Remme, age 82, passed away on Friday, April 30, 2021, at 1:18 p.m., at his home in Worthington, Minnesota, surrounded by his family.

John was born on September 12, 1938, in Luverne, Minnesota, the son of Stan and Edith (Nesguth) Remme. He grew up and graduated from Luverne High School, from Worthington Community College, and was a 1961 graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

He was united in marriage to Lavonne Padilla in Luverne and to this union three children were born. They were later divorced.

John married Patricia Linder on July 3, 1992, in Luverne.

Upon graduation from Augustana College, John accepted a position with Industrial Credit in Austin, Minnesota. Two years later in May of 1963 he moved to Worthington where he accepted a position as the real estate loan officer at Worthington Federal Savings Bank. In 1977, he was elected president and chief executive officer, and was also elected to the Board of Directors in the fall of the same year. He served as president and CEO for 23 years until his retirement on December 31, 2000. He remained on the Board of Directors as its chairman until December 31, 2019.

John has been a faithful member of the American Lutheran Church since 1963. He served as the president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1981, served two terms as a director of the Savings League of Minnesota, was a 1985-86 recipient of Worthington Community College Community Service Award, was a member of the noon Kiwanis Club from 1969-2000, served

26 years from 1972-1998 as the secretary/treasurer of the Blue Jay Booster Club at the Community College, a Chamber of Commerce ambassador for 10 years, a charter member of the Elks Lodge and served as its treasurer for 10 1/2 years.

John is survived by his wife, Patricia; three children, Michael (Debra) of Indian Land, South Carolina, Kami (Steve) of Stewartville, Minnesota, and Jeffrey (Constance) of Chatfield, Minnesota; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Linda (Reed) of Keweenaw Key, South Carolina; brother, Mark (Nan) of Seneca, South Carolina; stepson, Jeffrey (Jen) Linder of Worthington; stepdaughter Julie (Craig) Runksmeyer of Ledyard, Iowa; ten step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the American Lutheran Church in Worthington and also one hour prior to the service. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at the American Lutheran Church in Worthington, with Pastor Anne Hokenstad officiating. Casket bearers will be John's grandsons, Dustin Remme, Nathan. Remme, Derek Remme, Tyler Rogers, Alex Remme, and stepson Jeff Linder. Honorary bearers will be Arlo Mogck, Bruce Duba, Bruce Lease, Russel Rickers, Larry Rogers, Jeff Meier, Lynn Brunk, Richard Hedrick, Paul Woll, Craig Runksmeyer, and Tim Young. Private family burial will be held in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Benson Funeral Home in Worthington is in charge of the arrangements.

(0506 V)



Debra Tilberg

Debra Kay (Meyer) Tilberg died March 12, 2021, from COVID-19.

No memorial service was held due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Debra was living and working in Jordan. She enjoyed being involved with the lives of her children and six grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Travis Tilberg, of Jordan; her son, Charles Johnson of Jordan; her daughter, Milda Knapp of Appleton; and three stepchildren, Timothy, Amy and Allison.

She is also survived by her sister, Gloria Meyer of Howard Lake.

(0506 F)

DEATH NOTICES

William Preuss

William L. Preuss, 78, Luverne, died Monday, May 3, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A time of fellowship will be from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Dingmann Funeral Home. A private family committal of cremains will be at a later date.

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

(0506 DN)

Douglas Kuper

Douglas Dean Kuper, 75, Beaver Creek, died Saturday, May 1, 2021, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A private family funeral service will take place at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne at a later date.

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

(0506 DN)

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Hills-Beaver Creek 4-by-100 relay team breaks school record at Luverne meet

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track teams were two of five teams that competed at the Cardinal Relays event in Luverne on Thursday, April 29.

The highlight of the event was H-BC's 4-by-100-meter relay team finishing with a time of 44 seconds and 64 milliseconds to break the H-BC school record.

The team consisted of Tyson Bork, Cole Baker, Dewell Rauk and Gavin Wysong.

"I knew these guys had a great chance at breaking the school record," H-BC track coach Rex Metzger said.

"I just wasn't thinking it would be this soon. We had a great day to compete and the guys ran really well. It has been a lot of fun seeing these guys develop their speed throughout the



Submitted photo/0506 HBC Track

Hills-Beaver Creek's 4-by-100 relay team of (from left), Cole Baker, Gavin Wysong, Dewell Rauk and Tyson Bork broke the H-BC school record with a time of 44.64.

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H-BC golf opens conference play

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team got its final tune-up before conference play on Tuesday, April 27, in Adrian.

The Patriot boys fell to Adrian 185-195. On the girls' side of things, it was Adrian besting H-BC 201-229.

"The golfers played through a downpour on holes No. 2 and No. 3," H-BC head coach Dan Ellingson said. "It finally quit raining by their fifth hole. However, the scores came back very good. It was a good effort by both teams."

Adrian's Brock Henning was the top individual performer on the boys' side with a score of 39.

Dallas Page led the Patriots with a score of 47 and came in third place overall. Jacob Axness finished fourth overall for the Patriots with a score

of 48.

Thomas Dysthe tied with Adrian's Landyn Loosbrock for fifth place. Both golfers finished with a score of 49.

On the girls' side, it was Adrian's Grace Elias and Josi Altman tying for first place with a score of 46.

H-BC's Tess Van Maanen finished in second place with a score of 48.

Red Rock Conference

The Patriots were back in Adrian for the Red Rock Conference meet on Thursday, April 29.

H-BC was one of eight teams competing at the meet.

On the girls' side, it was Adrian finishing first overall with a team score of 400. H-BC finished

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Luverne baseball goes 4-0, expands to 10-game winning streak

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals baseball team remained unbeaten by going 4-0 this past week. With the four wins the Cardinals continued their hot start to the season and improved to 10-0.

In the four victories the Cardinals outscored their opponents 40-9.

Luverne started the week off by defeating Pipestone Area 7-2 on Tuesday, April 27, in Pipestone.

The Cardinals then swept Jackson County Central on Thursday, April 29, in Luverne. The surging Cardinals took the first game of the doubleheader 10-0. Luverne then completed the sweep with a 11-5 victory in the second game.

Luverne wrapped up the week with a 12-2 victory over Windom on Monday, May 3, in Windom.



Lori Sorenson photo/0506 Baseball

Luverne's Bailey Cowell takes a swing against Jackson County Central on Thursday, April 29.

LHS 7, PAS 2

The Cardinals jumped all over the Arrows by scoring three runs in the opening inning.

Luverne added two more runs to push their lead to 5-0

Cardinals tennis goes 2-0 to remain perfect

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne tennis team continued its early season dominance last week.

The Cardinals opened the week with a convincing 7-0 win over Redwood Valley on Thursday, April 29, in Redwood Falls.

The Cardinals wrapped up the week by defeating Dawson-Boyd 6-1 in Luverne on Saturday, May 1.

With the pair of wins, the Cardinals improved to 8-0 on the season.

LHS 7, RV 0

In singles competition, Pierce Cunningham defeated Andrew Muetzel in straight sets. Cunningham won the first set of the match 6-1 and took the second set 6-2.

Griffen Jarchow also won his match in straight sets for the Cardinals. Jarchow won the first set in solid fashion, 6-0. He then won the second set 6-1.

Chance Tunnissen won a competitive match 2-0. Tunnissen defeated Laiten Goodthunder 6-2 in the first set and 7-5 in the second set.

Kyle Ferguson won the first set of his match over Cole Johnson, 6-4. Ferguson then won the second set 6-2 to pick up the match victory for the Cardinals.

The only doubles match that wasn't a forfeit was between Luverne's Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow and Redwood Valley's Levi Stoneberg and Noah U'Ren. Luverne's duo defeated Redwood's 6-0 and 6-2.

LHS 6, DB 1

It was all Cunningham, all the time in his match against Dawson Boyd's Gavin Stulz on Saturday, May 1.

Luverne's No. 1 singles competitor defeated Stulz 6-0, 6-0 to pick up the

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Luverne boys' golfers off to hot start

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals' golf team competed in two meets this past week.

The Cardinals kicked off the week by hosting Worthington on Thursday, April 29.

Luverne then hit the road for a meet in Pipestone on Monday, May 3, while the girls' golf team competed in Worthington.

The boys defeated Worthington 175-189.

Luverne freshman Henry Hartquist was the top individual performer with a score of 40.

"Henry has had an awesome start to the year," Luverne golf coach John Sichmeller said.

"He has been the medalist at every meet that we have had so far this season. We have had a lot of good golfers here over the years and I don't know if I have had someone win every meet this far into the season. He has done a good job of not getting down on himself after a bad hole. With his length he has the ability to make a lot of birdies, so staying with it after a bad hole has been the biggest improvement of his scoring this year."



Lori Sorenson photo/0506 golf

Cooper Arends tees off during Luverne's golf meet in Luverne against Worthington on Thursday, April 29. The Cardinal boys defeated Worthington 175-189.

Fellow freshman Owen Sudengatied for second with three Worthington golfers by finishing with a round of 44.

Sophomore Brady Bork

shot a 45 for the Cardinals and freshman Tyler Arends shot a 46.

The girls defeated the Trojans 196-207.

Worthington's Lilly

Mahlberg was the top individual performer with a score of 46.

Luverne's Cheyenne Schutz finished one stroke behind the leader with a score of 47.

Luverne's Lauren Hansen finished third with a round of 49.

Morgan Gonnerman and Paige Sandbulte both tied for fourth place with a score of 50.

The Luverne boys' team was one of six Big South Conference teams to compete in Pipestone on Monday, May 3.

The Marshall Tigers came in first place with a team score of 337.

Luverne came in second place with a round of 347.

Hartquist edged Redwood Valley's Connor Josephson and Marshall's Luke Ehlers for the top individual performance. Hartquist shot a 76, while Josephson finished with a 77.

"I have been happy with the team overall," Sichmeller said. "We have used all six kids' scores at some point in the year and having that depth is big in golf. We have had some excellent rounds

Luverne golf/page 9

LHS softball goes 2-1 to snap losing skid

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals softball team snapped a four-game losing streak on Tuesday, April 27, by defeating the Adrian/Ellsworth Dragons 6-4 in Luverne.

"It felt good to get back to winning," Luverne head coach Brooks Maurer said. "The girls played extremely well."

Adrian struck first in the second inning to take a 1-0 lead.

The Cardinals quickly got that run back by scoring a run of their own in the bottom of the second.

The Dragons took a one-run lead after scoring in the top of the fourth inning.

Luverne's bats woke up in the bottom half of the inning.

The Cardinals pushed across five runs to claim a 6-2 lead.

Adrian/Ellsworth got two runs back in the top of the fifth inning but were unable to inch any closer.

Shelby Kracht picked up two hits, including a double, for the Cardinals and also drove in a pair of runs.

Emma Beyer collected two hits, including a double,

for the Cardinals.

Ainsley Robinson and Reghan Bork both recorded two hits.

Roz Oye hit a double and scored a run.

Oye picked up the win for the Cardinals.

Luverne's starting pitcher went the distance, pitching all seven innings and recording three strikeouts.

To wrap up the week, the Cardinals split a double-header against Jackson County Central on Thursday, April 29, in Jackson.

The Cardinals won the first game, 6-5.

Luverne was then shut out in the second game of the doubleheader, 10-0.

By going 2-1 this past week, the Cardinals now own an overall record of 4-5.

"The girls played extremely well against JCC," Maurer said.

"We were able to get girls on base early and put some pressure on their defense. Both pitchers threw well and made some nice defensive plays."

Luverne will be back in action on Tuesday, May 4, when they play host to the Windom Eagles.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0506 golf

Luverne’s Paige Sandbulte tees off during the Cardinals’ meet in Luverne against Worthington. The Cardinals defeated the Trojans 196-207. Sandbulte shot a 50 for the Cardinals.

from a few different kids, but now we are just working on making those really good rounds more consistent.”

With the boys in Pipestone, the girls headed to Worthington for a Big South Conference meet.

It was the home team taking home first place overall with a round of 429. Redwood Valley finished second with a score of 440. The Cardinals finished third overall with a round of 441.

Pipestone’s Emma Bud-den was the top individual performer with a score of 99.

Luverne’s Lauren Han-sen finished sixth overall with a score of 104.

Gonnerman finished tied for eighth overall with three other golfers. Gonnerman finished with a score of 107.

The boys’ and girls’ golf teams will be back in action on Thursday, May 6, when they head to Pipestone.



Lori Sorenson photo/0506 Baseball

Trygve Gangestaad crosses home plate during Luverne’s matchup against Jackson County Central on Thursday, April 29. The Cardinals won both contests against JCC.

Luverne baseball/from page 8

In the top of the seventh inning the Cardinals added one more insurance run to make it a 7-2 ballgame.

The Arrows were unable to mount a seventh inning rally and the Cardinals picked up their seventh win of the season with a 7-2 victory over their Big South foe.

Connor Connell collected two hits for the Cardinals and drove in a team-leading three runs.

LHS 10, JCC 0

Cade Wenninger pitched a five-inning shutout against JCC in the first game of the doubleheader. Wenninger gave up one hit and recorded six strikeouts in the winning effort.

The Cardinals scored a run in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead.

In the second inning Luverne tacked on two more runs to push their lead to 3-0. Luverne scored three

more runs in the third to make it a 6-0 ballgame.

In the bottom of the fourth inning Luverne pushed across four runs to make it a 10-0 ballgame.

One of Luke Bosch’s two hits was a double. Bosch also drove in a pair of runs.

Wenninger recorded two hits and drove in a pair of runs.

Sehr also picked up two hits and drove in a pair of runs for the Cardinals.

LHS 11, JCC 5

The Cardinals scored one run in each of the first three innings to take a 3-0 lead into the bottom half of the third inning.

JCC managed to get two runs back in the bottom of the third inning to trim Luverne’s lead to 3-2.

The Huskies tied the game in the bottom of the fourth inning.

With the game tied at 3-3,

the Cardinals scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning to build a 6-3 lead.

The Cardinals added five more runs in the top of the seventh inning to make it an 11-3 ballgame.

JCC was able to score two runs in the bottom half of the final inning, but were unable to overcome the eight-run deficit.

Anderson hit a pair of doubles for the Cardinals and scored three runs.

Sehr hit a double and drove in two runs.

Wenninger drove in three runs for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals will look to remain undefeated when they welcome Blue Earth to Luverne on Thursday, May 6.

As of press time Blue Earth owned an overall record of 8-3. In their last game they lost to Pipestone 2-0.

Luverne tennis/from page 8

match victory for the Cardinals.

It was the same result in the No. 2 singles matchup. Griffen Jarchow defeated his counterpart 6-0 and 6-0.

Ferguson also made quick work of Jordon Perkins in singles competition. Ferguson won both sets 6-0.

Ben Jarchow and Blake Frahm were pushed to the brink against Wylie Wiebe

and Jackson Buer.

The Cardinals duo dropped the first set 6-4. They bounced back to win the second set 6-4 to force a third and final set.

In the final set it was Ben Jarchow and Frahm coming out on top with a 10-7 set victory.

Jayson Rops and John Miller defeated Dawson-Boyd’s team of Matthew

Martinson and Wyatt Wiebe 6-0 in the first set and 6-0 in the second set.

Luverne’s Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen defeated Dawson-Boyd’s Justin Perkins and Nate Gruwell 6-0 and 6-0

The Cardinals will look to remain perfect when they travel to Pipestone to take on the Arrows on Thursday, May 6.

Luverne Redbirds open 2021 season with 13-1 victory over Lakefield

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team opened the season on Sunday, May 2, with a 13-1 victory over Lakefield in Lakefield.

The Cardinals being their quest for a third straight state tournament appearance off on the right foot with a season-opening victory.

The Redbirds got started by scoring three runs in the opening inning of the season.

Lakefield got one of the runs back in the bottom of the first to make it a 3-1 game.

Luverne added five more runs in the third inning to make it an 8-1 game.

After scoring one in the fourth inning, the Redbirds scored four more runs in the fifth inning to make it a 13-1 ballgame.

Ben Serie pitched six innings for the Redbirds.

In his six innings of work, Serie recorded eight strikeouts and scattered three hits, while giving up just one run.

At the plate, Serie drove



Submitted photo/0506 Redbirds

Skyler Wenninger takes his turn in the batter’s box for the Redbirds on Sunday in Lakefield. The Redbirds opened the season with a 13-1 victory over Lakefield.

in a pair of runs. Serie also recorded one hit and scored a pair of runs.

Kendall Meyer recorded two hits and drove in two

runs. Meyer also scored two runs.

On the mound, Meyer pitched one inning and recorded one strikeout.

Connor Crabtree picked up two hits and drove in two runs. Crabtree also crossed the plate twice for the Redbirds.

Colby Crabtree collected

two hits and drove in a pair of runs. Crabtree also scored one run.

Newt Johnson picked up two hits and scored two runs for the Redbirds.

Gaige Nath scored two runs and drove in a run for the Redbirds. Nath also recorded one hit.

Brooks Maurer went one-for-one at the plate.

Skyler Wenninger drove in one run for the Redbirds.

Charlie Reisch scored one run for the Redbirds.

It was the first game in a Redbirds’ uniform for Johnson and Meyer.

The Redbirds will play their home opener on Sunday, May 9, when they welcome the Milroy Irish to Redbird Field.

The Irish opened their season on May 2, with a 7-6 victory over Stark.

First pitch between the two teams is scheduled for 2 p.m.

H-BC Golf/ from page 8

fifth with a score of 473.

For the boys, it was Adrian taking home first place with a team score of 351. The H-BC boys finished fifth overall with a score of 413.

Adrian’s Brock Henning was the top individual performer with a final score of 80.

Axness was H-BC’s top shooter, finishing with a score of 96.

Page was second for H-BC with a score of 105.

Adrian’s Josie Altman was the top individual performer, finishing with a final score of 93.

H-BC’s Hannah Fick tied for fourth with Southwest Minnesota Christian’s Brielle Vis. Both golfers finished with a score of 99.

Van Maanen shot a 103 for the Patriots.

The Patriots will be back on the links on Tuesday, May 4, in Fulda.

Food plots excellent food source for wildlife, enhance survival rate

THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoor columnist



What time is it? It is food plot time. On average, food plots make a measurable difference in wildlife survival about once every seven years. The difficult dilemma is that we don’t know when that seventh year will happen. This requires planting one every year to be sure there is one available during that seventh-year difficult winter.

Most food plots are corn or beans and are planted during the normal spring planting season when all of the other acres of corn or beans are planted. In my opinion, corn is the most commonly planted food plot; and my favorite bird, the pheasant, prefers corn over other options.

What you plant and where you plant it is of great importance.

For example, it should be near prime winter wildlife cover, so that birds don’t need

to expend too much energy moving from suitable cover to the food source and then back. They are susceptible to predation during those long trips to and from.

Pheasants feed in the early morning and again in late afternoon. A pheasant needs to fill its crop twice a day in order to take in enough calories to survive until spring in good condition.

The crop is a cellophane pouch-like sack in a pheasant’s throat. They feed as fast as they can to fill this crop, returning to the safety of roosting cover and then

process the contents of that crop over the next few hours. When I harvest a rooster, I always check the contents of their crop to indicate to me what they are feeding on. This allows me to better target my hunting efforts in that area.

In normal years there is enough waste grain that is sprinkled across the farm fields that is not collected by the combine to provide pheasants and other wildlife enough to eat, but deep snow over extended periods of time can make it difficult to access.

Food plots don’t have to contend with snow cover

unless the wind fills them in and makes the grain unreachable. This also makes food plot location important. Six rows of corn in the middle of a section will blow full of snow and have little to no food value to wildlife.

In many cases I plan and plant my food plots for the primary benefit of birds. Deer rarely suffer in the farmland zones of Minnesota. Birds, on the other hand, sometimes do. If I plant a corn food plot in southwest Minnesota, the deer will completely clean it out by Jan. 1. This is when snow depths start to get

deeper.

I opt for sorghum or other grain species with tons of much smaller seeds. This is not the total, but it is harder for deer to eat the seeds that fall to the ground.

Considering food plots are a live-or-die matter only once in every seven years, I still plant one every year. I often include buck wheat and other flowering food type plants. Broadleaves create insects and pheasant chicks feed almost exclusively on insects for the first three to four weeks of their life.

My food plots include

not only a food source in the winter but also a food source in June when most of the pheasants hatch. Consider a pheasant chick food plot as part of your efforts.

The last reason I plant a food plot every year is that it concentrates birds on my property so I can hunt them. Shooting roosters has no impact on overall pheasant numbers so harvesting them is actually good for the balance of the population.

Roosters can and do out-compete hens for food when it becomes scarce. Harvesting roosters allows hens to enter the spring in much better overall shape. This results in bigger clutches and better chick survival.

The next time you see a food plot on private land, thank the landowner for giving back a little to our wildlife friends.

Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne track/continued from page 8

years. Hopefully we can keep it rolling and keep getting faster throughout the season.”

The Luverne 4-by-100 relay team of Ashton Sandbulte, Eduardo Godines, LaShad Smith and Arekel McLaughlin finished second with a time of 45.71.

Bork also sprinted to first place in the 100-meter with a time of 11.59. Rauk finished right behind him in second place with a time of 11.80. Fellow Patriot Ty Bundesen finished fifth with a time of 12.10.

Bork finished in first place in the 200 with a time of 23.46. Bundesen was third with a time of 23.35.

Godines finished fourth in the 200 for the Cardinals with a time of 25.73. Fellow Luverne sprinter Lucky Dara finished in fifth place with a time of 25.98.

In the 400, H-BC’s Liam Raymon finished second with a time of 56.17.

Luverne’s Camden Janiszkeski finished second in the 800 with a time of 2:04.85.

Owen Janiszkeski finished fourth with a time of 2:20.57.

In the 1,600 Owen Janiszkeski finished second with a pace of 4:57.38.

H-BC’s Brandon Taubert finished second in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18.33. Taubert also finished second in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 45.50.

Luverne’s 4-by-200-meter relay team of Sandbulte, Eli Radtke, Smith and McLaughlin finished first with a time of 1:35.90.

H-BC’s team of Rauk, Baker, Bundesen and Raymon placed second with a time of 1:38.16.

Luverne’s 4-by-400 relay team of Sandbulte, Camden Janiszkeski, McLaughlin and Smith finished first with a time of 3:43.64.

In the shot put, Luverne’s Jordan



Luverne’s Elizabeth Wagner competes in the high jump during the Cardinal Relays on Thursday, April 29. Wagner took home first place in the event with a jump of 4-10.

Friedrichsen finished second with a throw of 43-02.50.

H-BC’s Casey Kueter finished third with a toss of 42-11.50.

Luverne’s Zach Ahrendt finished fourth with a throw of 42-10.50.

Ethan Teunissen finished fifth with a heave of 39-03.50.

Teunissen finished first in the discus with a toss of 125-01.

H-BC’s Max Scholten finished fourth in the event with a throw of 110-10.

Luverne’s Peter Baustian finished fifth with a throw of 109-03.

Taubert took home fifth place in the high jump for the Patriots with a leap of 5-00.00.

Radtke finished first in the pole vault.

His teammate Noah Mehlhaff placed third. Godines finished fifth to give the Cardinals three athletes in the Top Five.

Bork took home first place in the long jump for the Patriots with a leap of 19-10.25.

Baker finished right behind him with a jump of 19-07.50 to place second.

Bundesen was the third Patriot athlete in the Top 5 by recording a jump of 17-06.75 to place fourth.

The Patriots had three athletes finish in the Top 5 in the triple jump.

Baker took home first place in the triple jump with a leap of 41-04.00.

Raymon finished second with a jump of 38-06.50.

Brock Harnack placed fifth with a jump of 35-10.50.

Girls’ Cardinal Relay

Luverne’s Gracie Zewiske finished first in the 100-meter with a time of 13.23.

The Cardinal Relays marked the fourth event that the LHS track team has competed in and Zewiske has come in first place in the 100 at all four events.

H-BC’s Abigail Harris finished fifth with a time of

14.25.

Luverne’s Tiana Lais finished third in the 200 with a time of 29.29.

Lais also finished third in the 400 with a time of 1:03.32. H-BC’s Taylor Durst finished fifth with a time of 1:10.14.

Luverne’s Jenna DeBates finished third in the 800 with a time of 2:29.36.

Fellow Cardinal Elizabeth Wagner finished fourth with a time of 2:38.84.

DeBates placed first in the 1,600 with a pace of 5:24.68.

Maria Rops finished fourth with a time of 6:03.83.

Tenley Nelson finished



Dewell Rauk hands off the baton to Cole Baker during H-BC’s 4-by-100 relay event in Luverne on Thursday, April 29.

first in the 3,200 for the Cardinals with a time of 11:47.06. Fellow Cardinal Grace Ingebretson took home fourth place with a time of 13:09.22.

Elise Jarchow finished third in the 100-meter hurdles for the Cardinals with a time of 18:08.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Kendra Thorson placed third for the Cardinals with a time of 54.21. Jarchow finished fourth with a time of 56.97.

H-BC’s 4-by-100 relay team of Harris, Ashlee Kelderman, Brynn Rauk and Taryn Rauk placed first with a time of 53.99.

Luverne’s relay team of Mia Wenzel, Anna Banck, Hailey Como and Sarah Stegenga finished third with a time of 54.26.

Luverne’s 4-by-200 relay team of Stegenga, Thorson, Christina Wagner and Zewiske finished first with a time of 1:52.48.

H-BC’s relay team of Harris, Kelderman, Brynn Rauk and Taryn Rauk placed second with a time of 1:54.96.

Luverne’s 4-by-400 relay team of Zewiske, Lais, Christina Wagner and Nelson placed first with a time of 4:18.67.

The relay team of Cassi Chesley, Kayla Bloemendaal, Ella Schmuck and Ingebretson finished second for the Cardinals with a time of 11:19.04.

Jocelyn Hart took home first place in the shot

put for the Cardinals with a throw of 36-00.00.

Jadyn Hart finished second with a toss of a 32-08.50.

H-BC’s Abby Knobloch finished third with a throw of 30-00.00.

Jocelyn Hart finished second in the discus with a throw of 92-00.

Jadyn Hart finished third with a throw of 88-05.

Luverne’s Elizabeth Wagner took home first place in the high jump with a leap of 4-10.00.

Jarchow finished first in the pole vault for the Cardinals.

Alexis Hultgren finished third in the event.

Lais took home first place in the long jump for the Cardinals with a leap of 15-03.00. Stengenga finished third with a jump of 14-06.00.

Brynn Rauk finished fifth in the long jump for the Patriots with a leap of 13-09.50.

Thorson finished second in the triple jump for Luverne with a leap of 30-10.50.

Kelderman finished fifth in the same event for the Patriots with a jump of 28-10.00.

The Luverne girls’ team placed first overall, while the H-BC girls placed fourth.

The H-BC boys placed second overall and the Luverne boys placed third overall.

“I knew these guys had a great chance at breaking the school record. I just wasn’t thinking it would be this soon. We had a great day to compete and the guys ran really well. It has been a lot of fun seeing these guys develop their speed throughout the years. Hopefully we can keep it rolling and keep getting faster throughout the season.”

- H-BC track coach Rex Metzger

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Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. Wednesday, May 12: 6:30 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Time. We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

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

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

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

Thursday, May 6: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, May 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, May 9: 9 a.m. Worship service; all children will sing. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Adult study via Zoom. Tuesday, May 11: 9 a.m. staff meeting. Wednesday, April May 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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

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

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

Friday, May 7: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, May 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. VBS Registration opens. Tuesday, May 11: Noon Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, May 12: 6:30 p.m. Sr. High youth group. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
(formerly First Assembly of God)
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Ph. 612-800-1255; email info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Janak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10 a.m. Worship service. Children's church for ages 3-6th grade and nursery for ages 0-3 provided during our services. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Worship service. All services are in-person and all are welcome.

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

Thursday, May 6: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, May 8: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, May 9: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, May 10: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Wednesday, May 12: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, May 13: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

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

Sunday, May 9: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Monday, May 10: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Saturday, May 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 9: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study. 11 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal. 7 p.m. No Bible study. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, May 9: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. Masks are highly recommended. Facebook live. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

Sunday, May 9: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are required. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

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: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

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

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

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

Sunday, May 9: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, May 11: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 2:45 p.m. Village Bible study. Wednesday, May 12: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Deacon meeting; Trustee meeting. 7 p.m. Council meeting. 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

‘Love IS what it’s all about’

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ann Zastrow
Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

This love that God shows is unconditional, undeserved. It is a way of life, not an emotion or a human type of love.

in order that the world might be saved through him."

This love that God shows is unconditional, undeserved. It is a way of life, not an emotion or a human type of love.

God has given us examples of how God's love works and encourages us to engage in the same love toward each other.

It is hard to do that, though — sometimes people get under our skin, or do things that make it hard to love them. We wonder how in the world God can love them, or why God would love them!

We live in a divided world, where it is easy to love those who are like us — look like us, think like us, act like us, believe like us. It is easy to not like the "them" people, those who are not like us, but God commands us to love our neighbors, ALL of them.

We sometimes don't understand how or why, but God loves them — and us. Love IS what it's all about!

"Love, love, love, that's what it's all about. 'Cause God loves us, we love each other — mother, father, sister, brother. Everybody sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all about—it's about love, love, love."

These are the words to a song I learned as a youth. And love IS what it's all about!

The lessons my congregation has been hearing the past few weeks are all about love — God's love for Jesus, the love Jesus had for both God and the disciples, and the love that Jesus hoped the disciples would have for God.

What does this love look like? In the Old Testament, it looked like God loving creation and putting humans in charge of tending and stewarding it. It looked like God inviting Abram to go to a new place, and be the father of many peoples. It looked like Moses listening to God, and leading the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt, and into a relationship with God, through a 40-year training period of wilderness wandering. It looked like Israel confessing: Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Deut 6:4-5)

Jesus added to this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:31)

And of course, there is the love of God shown for the world in John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but

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H-BC School Board meets April 12

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
April 12, 2021

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

Board members present were Gehrke, Harnack, Rauk, and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger, and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board members Bosch, Knobloch and LaRock were absent. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-H-BC Historians: Regional Contest for National History Day Winners--Mazzi Moore- Individual Website, Brooklynnne Hubbard- Individual Exhibit Category, Hailey Moser & Olivia Deelstra -Group Exhibit Category

-Taryn Rauk selected as a member of the Worthington Daily Globe's girls basketball all area team.

-Elly Klosterbuer, Kenzie Voss and Sam Moser accepted into SW MN CEO program. CEO is an entrepreneurship educational program which seeks to prepare students to be responsible, enterprising individuals who become entrepreneurs or entrepreneurial thinkers and contribute to economic development for their communities.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Staff Development/TAB-4/07, Personnel/Finance-4/08

Motion by Harnack, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Consent Agenda: -Minutes—03/24/2021

-Bills and Imprest

-Tyler Johnson's resignation as K-12 Art Teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year

-Assigning Brianna Leuthold as Part-Time Long Term Substitute for first grade beginning on or around May 10, 2021 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

-Set out of state tuition at \$5,629 for the 20-21 school year

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Resolution Declaring School Board Vacancy by Resignation.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report

•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

•Legislative Update

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

-Regular Board Meeting, April 26, 2021

-Regular Board Meeting, May 10, 2021

-Regular Board Meeting, May 24, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(05-06)

City of Hills sets street vacation hearing for May 11

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hills, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, on May 11, 2021, to be held in the Council Chambers located at 301 South Main Avenue, Hills, Minnesota, relating to the proposal and the consideration for the vacation of that portion of West 5th Street described as follows:

The portion of West 5th Street bounded on the East by a line running from the Southeast corner of Lot 8 in Block 13 thence south to the Northeast corner of Lot 8 in Block 13 thence south to the Northwest corner of Lot 8 in Block 16, all in the Original Plat of the City of Hills.

All citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing, ask questions, and/or present their views orally or in writing. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the meeting by addressing them to the City Clerk at City Hall.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's office, PO Box 172, Hills, Minnesota 56138.

Connie Wiertzema, City Clerk
(04-29, 05-06)

Petition of probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Gertrude Bruynes,
Deceased

The Petition of Debra Ann Fick, dated the 16th day of March, 2021, for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative having come before the Court; IT IS ORDERED, that Monday, the 17th day of May, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, Minnesota, be, and the same is hereby, appointed the time and place for the hearing of said petition. Any person interested may appear and object to the appointment of petitioner as personal representative. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petitioner gives notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204.

Dated: April 22, 2021

DISTRICT COURT
Fifth Judicial District
Probate Court Division
Court File No. 67-PR-21-79

ORDER FIXING TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING UPON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge
(04-29, 05-06)

Bruynes probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is hereby Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of May, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated February 10, 2006 and for the appointment of Debra Ann Fick whose address is 2586 Copper Cliff Trl., Woodbury, MN 55125, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Dated: April 22, 2021

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge
Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
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ones and Heavenly Father are
there. So take my hand, I'll
show you the way to peace and
joy through Heaven's gate."*
We wish to express our gratitude to the Luverne and surrounding communities for your kindness and support during the loss of our husband, father and grandfather, Keith Aanenson. We deeply appreciate all of your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness in our time of sorrow and need. Our appreciation list is too extensive to thank everyone individually! But a special thank you to Pastor Booe, Pastor Klatt, Dingmann Funeral Home and all the healthcare workers. We are thankful and grateful to live in such a supportive and loving community and we humbly appreciate all the support and acts of kindness.
**Audrey Aanenson,
Rick and Carrie Van Santen
and family,
Ron and Sheila Johannes
and family,
Corey and Kyle Aanenson
and family** (5.1-5.6)

CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers and memorials given after the passing of Danie DeBeer. Also, special thanks to all the truck drivers for honoring Daniel. Thank you to Dan Dingmann, Zion Presbyterian Church Pastor Dave and Brenda. No words can express how we feel.
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For Sale: Wide loveseat; two years old. Good condition, dark brown, very comfortable, lays way back. \$500. Call 605-759-0995 or 449-0488. (4.24-5.13)

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Help Wanted

CITY OF HILLS
Taking applications for
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT
for the operations and maintenance of streets, parks, buildings, grounds, water/wastewater system and facilities. Salary based on experience. Apply at Hills City Office, P.O. Box 172, 301 S. Main Ave., Hills, MN 56138 or call 507-962-3290. Applications accepted until position is filled.

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Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for
FULL-TIME CUSTODIANS
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CITY OF LUVERNE
SEASONAL LAWN AND PARK CREW MEMBERS
The City of Luverne is seeking applicants for the 2021 summer season in the Public Works Department. Job duties include various types of physical labor and operation of light equipment in the maintenance of City streets, parks, and landscaping. These are seasonal positions and not intended to last beyond late summer or early fall. Desirable qualifications: Valid Class D driver's license, building or grounds maintenance experience and good driving record. Pay will be based on experience and qualifications; \$12.11-\$16.59/hr. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled, first review date May 14, 2021. Application packets are available online at www.cityofluverne.org or from City Clerk Jessica Mead at City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 449-9898. EOE.
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Now Hiring General Assemblers

Midwest Fire is seeking individuals to work in our manufacturing environment located in Luverne, MN where we produce emergency fire apparatus.

Thursday, May 6
Walk-In Interviews from 2-7 pm
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WWW.PIPESTONE.COM
Apply online at www.pipestone.com or call Human Resources at 507-825-2532
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Applications available on our 'Careers' page at MidwestFire.com.
Questions-Contact Office Manager Darcie Johnson at 507-690-2993 or darcie@midwestfire.com

SOUTHWEST MN



TRADE SHOW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

5:00 - 8:00 PM

GRAND PRAIRIE EVENTS

LUVERNE, MN



Thank you for joining us in celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of the 2020-21 SWMN CEO class. The individual businesses are:

Cutting Edge - Kaden Anderson

Regwicks - Reghan Bork

Kendall Nikole & Co. - Kendall Buss

Decker Designs - Wyatt Decker

Stick It Grafix - Keegan Fey

Poplar Creek Boutique - Elli Kracht

Porch Pirate Protector - Shelby Kracht

Hillel - Allison LaRock

Bumbelina - Elsie O'Neil

Rop's Gutter Cleaning - Jayson Rops

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Jennie Grace - Cybil Vander Top

Mia's Legacy Tennis - Mia Wenzel

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SOME BUSINESSES WILL BE ACCEPTING VENMO PAYMENTS, CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS.

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Paid-on-Call Firefighters

Everyday Heroes Wanted!



Date Posted:
April 28, 2021

Department:
Luverne Fire Department

Compensation:
\$12.08/hr

Hours:
On-Call as Needed

Deadline:
Open until filled; first review date is May 28, 2021

Position Objectives

This position performs skilled work in the performance of fire suppression and first aid; respond to fire alarms and other emergency calls; extinguish and control fires.

Minimum Requirements

High school diploma or GED; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the work.

Must be 18 years of age. Possession of and ability to maintain a valid Minnesota driver's license. Seven minute emergency call response time is required to be met within six months of hire. Must pass a thorough background investigation, pre-employment physical examination including drug screen and physical agility test. May require 240 hours of paid training within first 18 months of hire.

Apply online at www.cityofluverne.org/employment. For questions, please call City Clerk Jessica Mead at (507)449-9898.

A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian

We're All in This Together



As you can see below we are making progress thanks to your efforts to stem the tide of Covid-19. It's the high school prom season, our local farmers are busy with the spring planting season and hopefully we have moved on from winter. It has no doubt been a very long year for all of us but as Spring brings signs of new life and better and brighter days ahead; let's keep in mind where we have been, where we are at and where we are headed. Please continue to mask up, social distance and keep washing those hands.

There is a light at the end of the COVID TUNNEL

COVID-19 THEN

COVID-19 NOW

 In-Person Learning

YES

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NO

 Spring Sports

YES

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NO

 Attending Church

YES

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NO

 Indoor Dining

YES

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NO

 Toilet Paper

YES

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 Vaccine

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 Social Distancing

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 Masking

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 Hand Washing

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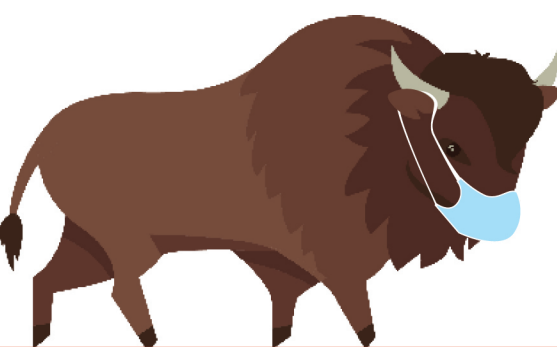
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STAY SAFE MN



We are making progress!



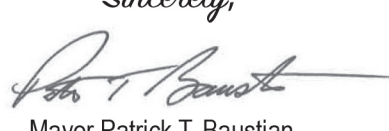
I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.

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Sincerely,



Mayor Patrick T. Baustian

