

# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Housing development planned for southwest Luverne neighborhood

By Jason Berghorst

A new 30-unit multifamily housing project is being considered for southwest Luverne.

The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) is exploring the potential of the new development in the Sybesma subdivision.

The organization is hosting an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the Trailhead building at 601 E. Main Street to share the proposal and gather feedback from community members.

Luverne Economic Development Director Holly Sammons

said the open house will be a casual, come-and-go style event.

"The proposed housing development will be presented in static exhibits with no formal presentation," said Sammons.

"SWMHP staff will be present for questions, comments and conversations related to the

development and housing needs in general in Luverne."

The housing partnership has been working with the city to conceptualize a housing project similar to the Luverne Family Housing development that was completed on the neighboring property years ago.

The current proposal includes 30 mixed-income rental town-home units on a 3.4-acre site just to the west of the current similar development. The address is 1101 County Road 4. Access to the site would be via County Road 4 and

Housing development/see 2A

## Hardwick buys 9 acres of Scott land for growth

By Mavis Fodness

The city of Hardwick is growing in size — nine acres to be exact.

An agreement was signed Tuesday by the Hardwick City Council to purchase the nine-acre property from the Scott family for \$88,000.

The new area is referred to as the Scott Addition.

The addition will allow the city to offer seven acres for commercial and residential development, with two acres set aside for a possible new fire hall.

The nine-acre parcel is located on the city's western edge, south of County Road 7, and wraps around the south end of Buckingham Street.

The additional land is a welcome solution to inquiries received by the city.

"We have people ask if there are lots in Hardwick to build on or move in a home," said Mayor Tom Haas. "We do, but they are small."

Three years ago, Denver Township inquired about constructing a multi-purpose building in or near the Hardwick city limits. Both the city of Hardwick and Denver Township supported a new, shared township/fire hall structure.

However, the joint project stalled due to the lack of a suitable location.

Surrounded by farmland, Hardwick at that time had no property owners interested in selling a portion of their farmland to the city until late last year.

Six months ago, city officials began working with the Scott family, who have been the only land

Hardwick buys land/see 5A



## Hills community hosts Friendship Days

Above, Delwyn Walraven pilots the float Saturday morning pulling his brother, Robert Walraven, through the Friendship Days parade in Hills. The two served as the 2023 parade marshals. They operate Wally's Nursery and were honored for more than 30 years of business in the Hills area. Scattered showers in the area held off until the parade, which had 87 entries and lasted just over an hour, was finished. (Mavis Fodness photos)

Above right, El Riad Clown "Gadget" (aka Josh Shepperd) shows his no-handed motorcycle skills to parade watchers.

At right, on the community church service float are (from left) Glenda McGaffee, Rebecca Spykerboer, Amanda Wiersema and Hailey Spykerboer.

Below, the Hills American Legion colorguard (from left) Nick Sandager, Jacob Conger, Brad VanderBerg and Ian Sandager.

Below right, semi-trucks travel the Hills Friendship Days parade route.



## County leaves mail ballots in place, rural precincts to help out

By Mavis Fodness

Mail ballot voting will continue to be an option in Rock County after commissioners at their June 6 meeting opted to leave it in place.

For the past six months they have been considering the county

auditor's request to have all precincts return to in-person voting.

That would mean the 17 precincts that currently use the option would have to arrange for voting machines and polling places.

Election official Ashley Kurtz

requested the change because she said she was concerned about her personal safety and the safety of those who work in the auditor-treasurer's office.

In the weeks leading up to the November 2022 general election, Kurtz said she and her staff were

subjected to harassing phone calls and in-person accusations that the election process and mail ballots were fraudulent.

Many callers did not identify themselves nor fully listen to an explanation of the state's election validation process.

"In 2022 we didn't expect that anything like this would happen," Kurtz told commissioners last week.

"We have been doing mail ballots forever and now people were

Mail ballots remain/see 2A

## 'Flower Shop' buys Vinnie's, to remove blighted building

By Lori Sorenson

The former Vinnie's property on South Highway 75 in Luverne is changing hands, and the blighted white building to the north of the restaurant will be demolished.

At Monday morning's meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority, a \$5,000 demolition grant was approved for Peter Dikun, who purchased the proper-

'Flower Shop'/continued on 5A



Peter Dikun purchased the former Vinnie's property and will remove the blighted building next to it. Dikun owns The Flower Shop, a medical marijuana dispensary in Sioux Falls, but said his Luverne plans are not set.

## Culligan buys Stroeh's lot

By Lori Sorenson

Culligan is moving into the former Stroeh's Auto building on East Main Street, and the Luverne Economic Development Authority is helping with some exterior improvements.

At Monday morning's meeting, the LEDA approved a façade improvement application for Prairie Water Solutions, LLC for the project

at 321 E. Main Street.

The scope of work includes:

- replacing exterior glass storefront with framed-in walls with metal finished panels.
- painting exterior block walls.
- replacing windows.
- replacing the garage door and installing an exterior vented water machine.
- adding a new awning and

Culligan move/see page 2A



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Meetings

**Grand Prairie Cemetery Association** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain the meeting will be held in the office room of Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

### Rock The Edge service projects

Rock The Edge will host the local Service Over Self mission week June 26-29. If you have a project you need assistance with (painting, cleaning, yardwork, small construction, etc.) call 605-261-4000 or 507-227-1978. To volunteer as an adult, call 401-500-3427. Childcare provided upon request.

### Common Ground at Plaza June 22

#Luv1LuvAll will host a free concert by "Common Ground" with musicians Brady and Katie Wrede from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Plaza. Enjoy complimentary gourmet popcorn during the event. Open to the public. Bring a lawn chair.

### Mobile dental clinic June 22

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Thursday, June 22, at ATLAS of Rock County (note the new location, use Community Room entrance). This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0 to over 100. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All insurance accepted. Organized by #Luv-1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

### Senior Nutrition July 6

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 & older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SWMN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 6, as a drive thru distribution in parking lot off Maple Street on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration required call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

### SAIL starts in Luverne July 11

New SAIL classes meet from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 11 through Sept. 28 at Generations Event Center in Luverne. The free classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life improve strength and balance. Call Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064 or A.C.E. volunteer Corey Ziegler, 507-920-0587.

### Library announces activities

For more information about library happenings, call 507-449-5040 or rockcountystaff@gmail.com.

**Story Time in the Park** is at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays through July at the following locations.

- June 15, Kolbert Park
- June 29, Veterans Memorial Park.
- July 6, Evergreen Park
- July 13, Kolbert Park
- July 20, Veterans Memorial Park
- July 27, Hawkinson Park

**Traveling Story Time** continues in city or county parks in all the communities outside of Luverne in July.

•Monday, July 10, 10 a.m., Hardwick; 10:45 a.m., Kenneth

•Wednesday, July 12, 10 a.m., Beaver Creek, 10:45 a.m., Hills; 11:30 a.m., Steen.

•Monday, July 17, 10 a.m. Magnolia; 10:45 a.m., Kanaranzi.

•Wednesday, July 19: 10 a.m., Hardwick; 10:45 a.m., Kenneth.

•Monday, July 24, 10 a.m., Beaver Creek, 10:45 a.m., Hills, 11:30 a.m., Steen.

•Wednesday, July 26, 10 a.m., Magnolia, 10:45 a.m., Kanaranzi.

**Plaza Story Time** with children's librarian is at 10 a.m. at the History Center Plaza on Tuesdays, June 27 and July 18.

**Afternoon Movie** is at 3 p.m. Tuesdays for participants to enjoy popcorn and drinks beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesdays: Sing 2, June 27, and How to Train your Dragon, July 18

**Arts & Crafts** provides an hour of fun for kindergartners through fifth-graders. The event begins at 3 p.m. each Wednesday through July.

**Teens in Action** provides a time for children ages 12 to 18 to meet and discuss books, music and movies. Meets each Thursday at 3 p.m. through July.

**All Day Scavenger Hunts** challenges library visitors to find various items. Successful hunters can earn a prize. Hunts take place June 20 and July 25.

**Ralph Covert concert**, 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, in the library basement.

**Mobile Sign Shop** at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 22, features artist Peter Harken Thompson helping 60 participants make their own personal signs from word. Call the library to reserve a spot.

**The Oz Brothers** visit the library at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 11.

**Books on Tap** takes place at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Take 16 in Luverne.

## Housing development planned in southwest Luverne/from page 1A

not through the neighborhoods of Pine Drive or Cherry Drive.

The proposed two-story townhomes can include two-, three- and four-bedroom units with in-unit laundry and private garages.

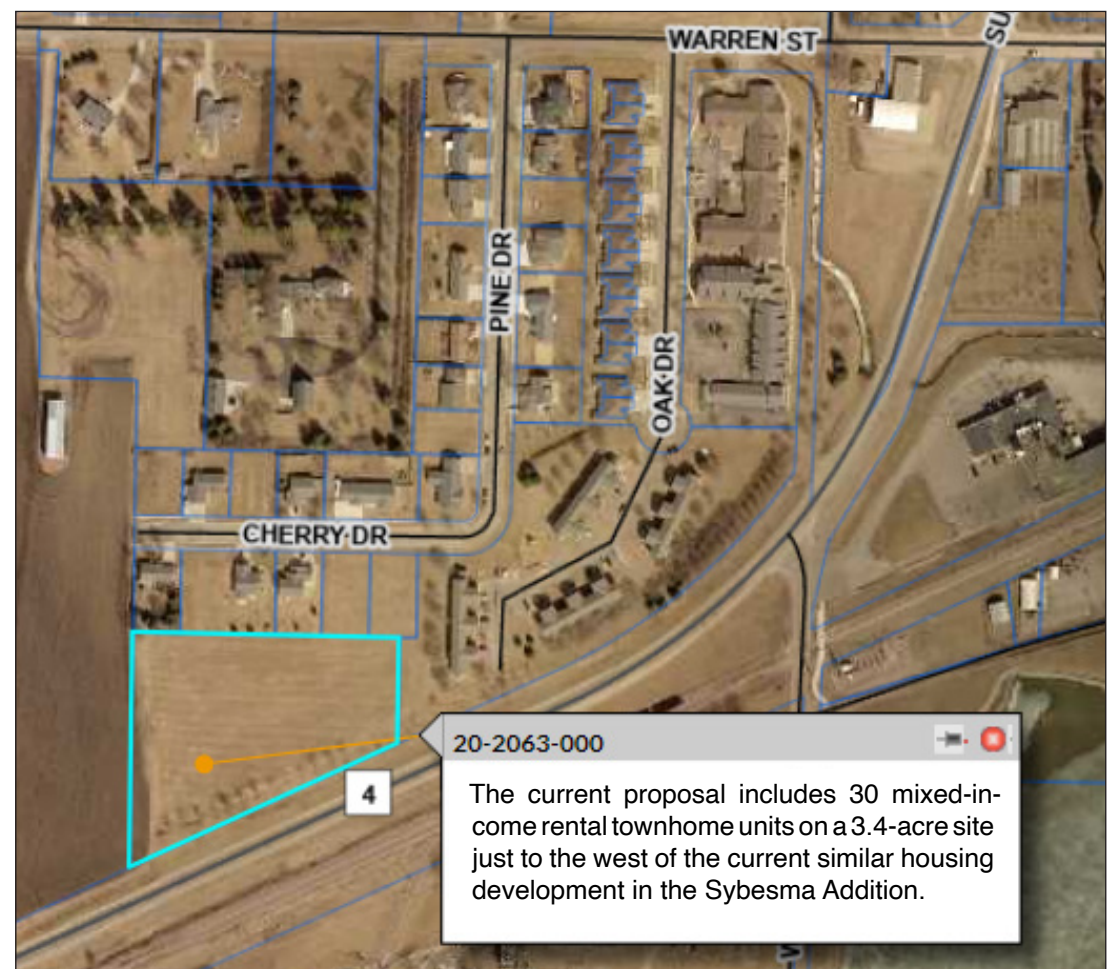
According to Sammons, this housing type appeals to multiple demographics including families, young professionals and aging adults looking to downsize.

"The Luverne Family Housing project has been a very successful development, and there's always a waiting list for those homes," Sammons said.

The SWMHP has expressed interest in developing the site as developer, owner and operator of the project.

According to Sammons, the exact unit rents for the proposed development are yet to be finalized and will be based on local needs and the unique financial supports available for the development which will help determine the project's rental mix.

One potential funding source is Minnesota Housing's competitive consolidated RFP. The SWMHP will use feedback from the open house in their application process. If funding is not secured this year, the partnership could apply again next year and into the



The address of the proposed development is 1101 County Road 4. Access to the site would be via County Road 4 and not through the neighborhoods of Pine Drive or Cherry Drive.

future.

"Many communities are facing housing shortages across the entire income spectrum, and many housing projects take years to secure funding since the gaps are wide and the resources are scarce," Sammons said.

"We're in this for the long haul. It's never too

early to start the discussion on the next potential housing project."

The city is partnering with SWMHP on the project through planning efforts, site selection, and possibly establishing a tax-increment financing (TIF) district, which could help lower the funding gaps considerably.

"Luverne is fortunate that 54 market-rate apartments were recently constructed, but there has been no affordable new construction housing built in Luverne in recent years," Sammons said.

"The addition of these townhome units would help support that future need for Luverne's growth."



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## Culligan buys Stroeh's building/continued from page 1A

business signage.

•improving the sidewalk entrance with a handicap-accessible ramp.

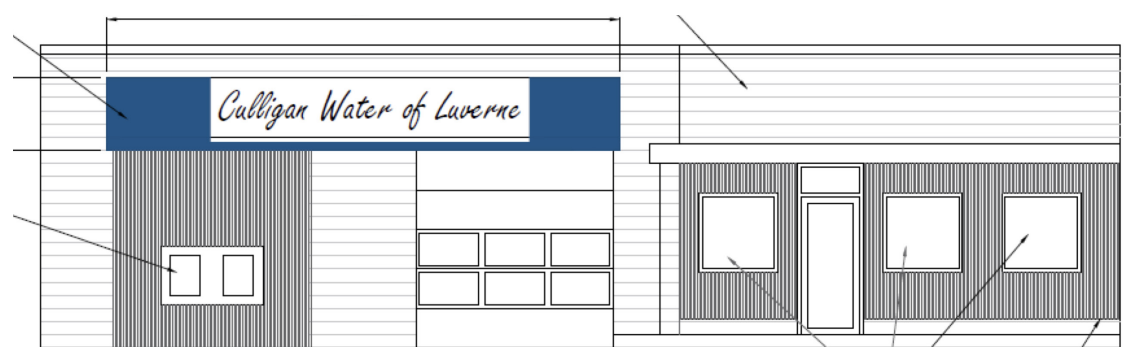
The total project cost is \$66,405, not including additional interior updates and remodeling that aren't part of the application, according to EDA director Holly Sammons.

"So, they are making a very large investment into the exterior and interior of the building, so it's exciting to see," she said.

The EDA approved a grant for Prairie Water Solutions in the amount of \$21,000 and a loan in the amount of \$21,000 at a rate of 4 percent for seven years.

Culligan is currently renting space in the brick building on West Main Street that formerly housed Palace Video.

Culligan now owns the former Stroeh's space on East Main Street.



The scope of work planned for the Stroeh building includes:

- replacing exterior glass storefront with framed-in walls with metal finished panels.
- painting exterior block walls.
- replacing windows.
- replacing the garage door and installing an exterior vended water machine (pictured at left).
- adding a new awning and business signage.
- improving the sidewalk entrance with a handicap-accessible ramp.

The total investment in the Stroeh's building is \$66,405.



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## County opts to continue mail ballots/ from page 1A

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— Kyle Hemme, Denver Township

questioning the process.” In response to Kurtz’s concerns, commissioners met with the township and city officials (whose precincts use the mail ballot process) to consider returning to in-person voting.

The majority of the officials who attended the meeting said they wanted to keep using the mail ballot option.

Kyle Hemme, a supervisor with Denver Township, for example, told commissioners the majority of his township residents like the convenience of the mail ballot process with only one expressing concern.

“As long as we can have a discussion and be civilized about it, I think we will be good. Nothing should ever be directed toward Ashley personally,” Hemme said.

“I think she put it in pretty good terms that she checks and doublechecks all the equipment and how the votes are sent back up to the state. I think our elections are very well run down here.”

While voting options remain unchanged in Rock County, procedures may change in the auditor-treasurer’s office.

“If your office needs help, we are here to make sure you guys are comfortable doing your job safely,” said Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

“We want it to be known that we won’t put up with someone coming into your office and giving you hassle. That’s not called for — you’re just doing your job.”

One suggestion is a dedicated phone line to answer election questions. Other safeguards may be brought forth by office staff.

“When the (dedicated) phone is ringing and they are calling about elections, you can kind of be prepared and not caught off guard,” Kurtz said.

“I feel we are at least going into this (coming) election prepared.”

Mail ballot districts in Rock County include the cities of Hardwick, Kenneth, Magnolia, Steen, Jasper and Beaver Creek as well as the townships of Kanaranzi, Magnolia, Clinton, Beaver Creek, Luverne, Mound, Rose Dell, Springwater, Vienna, Denver and Battle Plain.

In-person voting is conducted in the cities of Luverne and Hills and in Martin Township.



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 Big Trucks 2023

The popular “Touch a Truck Night” featured 25 vehicles in the north parking lot of Luverne Public Schools Monday evening. The event was organized by the Luverne Area Chamber, which distributed 200 children’s safety vests and 19 hard hats to the 250 kids and an estimated 500 parents and volunteers who touched, sat and enjoyed the large vehicles that keep Luverne and Rock County safe and running.

## Touch a Truck among dozens of free events

By Jason Berghorst

The Plaza on Main in downtown Luverne hosted its first of many events this summer last week.

The LIFT Plaza Committee, with the support of other local organizations and business sponsors, has organized dozens of free events throughout the summer.

Most of them will take place at the plaza on the corner of Main Street and McKenzie Street.

According to Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Lanphere, the goal of the events is to build community by offering activities that are free of charge.

“We encourage everyone to take part in these events and help us grow and develop our community through family-friendly events,” Lanphere said.

Already this month the LIFT Plaza Committee has hosted live music on the Plaza, a “Touch a Truck Night,” a dance exercise event for seniors and a Dairy Appreciation Day with free ice cream given away over the lunch hour.

“We thank all the businesses and organizations who have joined together to create a wonderful summer of events that our friends, neighbors, families and visitors can enjoy,” Lanphere said.

Upcoming events include:

**Bingo on the Plaza June 15:** Play bingo for free from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Plaza on Main, hosted by Rock County Opportunities.

**Stick Fitness June 16:** Stick Fitness is a free exercise class hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, June 16.

**Luverne Loop golf cart tours Friday, June 16:** The community is invited to take free golf cart tours of The Loop, hosted by the Luverne Chamber. Tours will depart from the Plaza on Main at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, June 16. Call 507-283-4061 to reserve a seat.

Free community events/see 6A



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 Big Trucks 2023

Jayce and Katelyn VanAartsen pose for a picture in the back of the early model fire truck at the Monday’s “Touch a Truck Night” event at the Luverne Schools parking lot.

**Pictured at left,** John Aukes of Luverne smiles as his dad, Ben (right), encourages him to pull and push the various levers in the excavator.



A rainbow appears in the mist from the Luverne Fire Department ladder truck Monday night during the Luverne Area Chamber-sponsored Touch a Truck Night. Children (and adults) were encouraged to run or stand in the fine mist. The Luverne Fire Department set its ladder hose to mist for everyone to enjoy a cool shower during the upper 70-degree weather. **At right,** Landyn Bos of Hardwick, held by his father, Tim, marvels at the fine spray of water.

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## Child's Remembrance Garden visitors encouraged to '... say their names'

A chain link fence separates my backyard from the new Child's Remembrance Garden



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

in the northwest corner of Luverne.

The formerly neglected space in Tonto – now Firefly Park – has been transformed into a stunning collection of brick paths, a stone wall, a labyrinth, a fountain, a pergola and lots of greenscape.

The purpose of the garden is, "To provide a non-denominational safe area for people who have lost a child to grieve, remember and heal."

Dozens of people meander through the garden every day. Some come alone to sit on one of the benches and stare quietly at nothing.

Others come with a spouse or a friend and stare together.

Kids charge directly up the rock wall and balance precariously on its highest edge. A sign proclaiming, "Do not climb" would be completely pointless.

Riders from the bike path park their bikes and wander through the garden, helmets in hand, reading the names on the bricks.

Occasionally a group will take a seat at the table under the pergola and rest awhile.

Young lovers on long walks, believing they are alone, use the space to pro-

cess their issues. They are not alone. I am watering my shrubs and am right there with them.

I interviewed the members of the committee whose efforts built the garden. One desire they expressed is that the garden would be a place where their loved ones would be remembered. "We want people to say their names."

Lots of sounds fill the garden. The ring of my wind chimes drifts across the fence.

A family of crows screeched and cawed its way through spring.

Squeaking chains on the park swings sometimes provide an odd background rhythm.

Kids yell.  
Dogs bark.  
A lawn mower.

A weed eater.  
A truck braking on the highway.

A pheasant in the bean field honks his authority over the territory.

Blended with it all is the sound of water splashing from the garden's rock fountain.

And sometimes, people walking through the garden begin to read aloud the names on the bricks.

From my side of the chain link fence I listen and cherish the sound.

"It's working."

## Accidental 911 calls are taxing emergency responders

Make sure your phone doesn't contribute to the problem

Dispatch centers across the state and across the country are experiencing a significant uptick in pocket dials and hang-ups – with some 911 call centers seeing these calls go up 300 percent.

These misdials often require dispatchers and law enforcement officers to follow up with the caller to see if there is an emergency, which prevents them from answering other legitimate calls for emergency help.

In Rock County, our dispatchers have reported similar dropped 911 calls.

For example, there were 411 abandon 911 calls in 2022, according to Margaret Pettit, lead dispatcher in the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

This year she said there have been 347 abandon 911 calls since Jan. 1, 2023. In May there were

84 and so far since June 1 there have been 55.

"Accidental 911s have always been and continue to be an issue for our agency," Pettit said. "The update with Android uses has certainly increased this."

While public safety leaders investigate what may be causing this spike in accidental calls, there are steps the public can take now to help ease the strain.

The public is asked to be aware that devices, such as cell phones or smart watches, can make emergency calls. Knowing how to activate the "Emergency SOS" feature can reduce instances of ac-

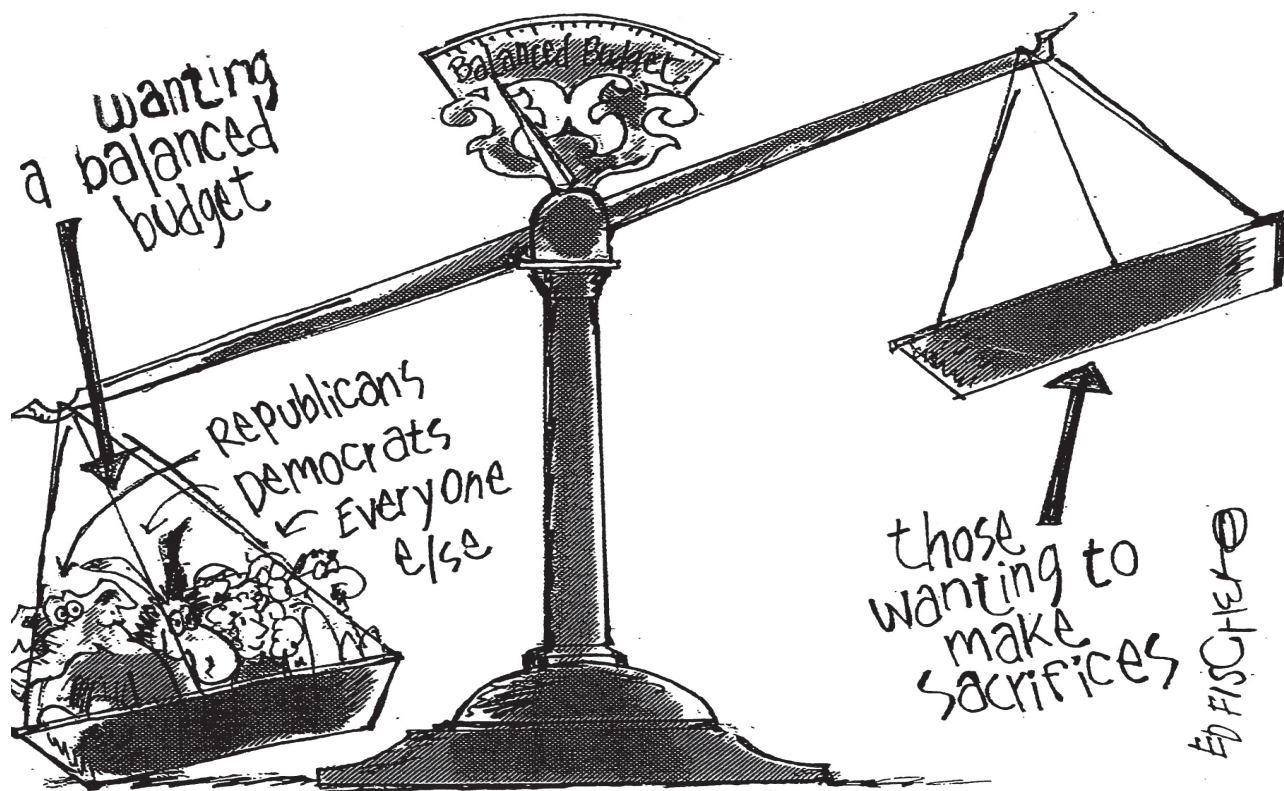
cidental triggering a device – especially during high-movement activities.

• Sometimes it's just an instance of lint or grease jamming the trigger, so cleaning and maintaining the device may be another solution.

• Locking keypads using the keypad lock feature prevents a phone from responding to keystrokes until the user unlocks the keypad to intentionally make phone calls.

Finally, anyone who calls 911 by mistake should not hang up. The public is asked to let the dispatcher know the call was a mistake so they can end the call and move on to the next caller.

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL



## Well-planned trip goes awry thanks to computer input error

My last column was about my fishing trip, and this one is about Mary's and my recent trip to Las Vegas.

To give you an idea of how the overall trip went, the file I created for all the flight, hotel and other information was called "the trip from hell" file.

We were one of four couples going to Vegas to celebrate the 65th birthday of the "baby" of the group. He was the first of the group to book the flight for himself and his wife, and he did so on Frontier Airlines through Expedia. He shared with us the unbelievable low price and great departure time, albeit out of Minneapolis. We had never before used Expedia or flown on Frontier Airlines but went ahead and booked our tickets.

One day after the flights were booked and hotel reservations were made, our flights were canceled and a couple of other Frontier flight options were available. Option one took 13 hours to get there, and option two was



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

on completely different days than when we wanted to go. Needless to say, we cancelled everything and started the process over. We ended up flying Delta to and from, and I can't say enough good things about Delta ... highly recommend them.

That's not to say our experience with the TSA was delightful.

After zigzagging our way through the line to get to Mr. TSA and present our driver's license, which we did, upon his inspection of said license, he said the words you never want to hear from Mr. TSA: "We have a problem here."

It seems while I was booking our tickets, I put my date of birth on Mary's ticket and her date of birth on my ticket. Mr. TSA seemed to be

taking great pleasure in telling me I had to go back to the Delta ticketing area and have them change the dates of birth.

As you can imagine, I handled this with great calmness and control of any verbal outburst.

Mr. TSA told us that once we had the corrections made, we could come back through the priority line directly to the front of the line.

Lucky for me, Delta had a "Delta help agent" line for stupid people like me that need help fixing their mistakes. It was no surprise that the Delta help agent ... and now Mary ... seemed to take great pleasure in my blunder.

Another reason to recommend Delta is this little booking error

on my part was fixed in as little as three minutes and the Petersons were headed back to Mr. TSA in the priority line right to the front of the line. Mr. TSA greeted us with "That didn't take long." He wasn't sure if the change would be in the system that quickly. He checked and thankfully the dates had been corrected and the problem solved.

That was until Mr. TSA said we have another problem: The genders are wrong. I had Mary listed as male and me as female. So much for calmness, and the verbal outburst was just about to be unleashed when I had a thought. I asked Mr. TSA, "When you consider the world we live in today, do you think our gender really matters?" He looked at me and said, "Enjoy your flight."

All in all, if you disregard the ticket mess and the fact that we got lost trying to find our room, not to mention getting charged (wrongfully, I might add) \$36 for a box of intimate pleasure items that were in a display case in our room, we had a great trip.

## Olson: Water on earth is about 4.5 billion years old

Letter to the Editor:

Re: article in current Star Herald about Rock County Water System receiving a grant to determine nitrates and also the age of water in Rock County.

If you google "How old is drinking water," you find that all water on earth is about 4.5 billion years old. It was formed during the formation of the solar system and just cycles and changes form (as rain, snow, sleet, etc.) No new water has been added since that time.

Perhaps the grant is designed to determine how long nitrates have been in the county's water?

I like to tell people I only drink fresh water; it's 4 1/2 billion years old!

Ken Olson,  
Luverne native now in  
Pinedale, Wyoming

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**June 2**  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.  
 •Complainant on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick, reported theft.  
 •Complainant reported an outage.  
 •Complainant on County Road 4, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported a parking issue.

**June 3**  
 •Complainant at Redbird Field reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a civil issue.  
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker, 14, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant requested assistance from another department west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia.

•Complainant on Sioux Valley Drive reported suspicious activity.

**June 4**  
 •Complainant reported a vulnerable adult.  
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported an assault.  
 •Complainant on N. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported an outage.  
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.

**June 5**  
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported debris.  
 •Complainant on State Highway 23, Garretson, reported road and drive law issues.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported abandoned vehicle.  
 •Complainant on S. West Park Street reported property damage.  
 •Complainant on 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.  
 •A warrant was issued on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport, Iowa.

**June 6**  
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 40, Worthington, reported fleeing.  
 •Complainant reported an outage.  
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.  
 •A warrant was issued on S. Cedar Street.  
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90 near Magnolia and rest area, reported a transient.  
 •Complainant on Park Avenue, Kenneth, reported a civil issue.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on 191<sup>st</sup> Street, Jasper, reported a fire.  
 •Complainant on W. Park Avenue, Kenneth, reported a civil issue.  
 •An unlock was requested/reported on E. Dodge Street.  
 •Complainant north-bound on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Interstate 90, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Assistance from another department was requested on Highway 75 and 171<sup>st</sup> Street, Luverne.  
 •Complainant on N. Estey reported suspicious activity.

**June 7**  
 •Complainant on Dodge and Donaldson requested assistance from another department.  
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

**June 8**  
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne reported debris.  
 •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and State Highway 270, Steen, reported an abandoned vehicle.  
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a civil issue.  
 •Complainant on County Road 4 and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported debris.  
 •Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported a fire alarm.

**June 9**  
 •Complainant on S. Fairview Drive reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported road and drive law issues.  
 •Complainant on Roundwind Road reported a disorderly.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported road and drive law issues.  
 •Complainant on W. Lawn Park Avenue reported suspicious activity.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 2 escorts, 10 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 10 burn permits, 1 alarm, 1 drug court test, 12 purchase and carry permits, 13 traffic stops, 40 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks, 5 reports of cattle out, 1 OFP and 3 follow-ups.

## Hardwick buys land for growth and new firehall/from page 1A



The city of Hardwick agreed to purchase nine acres of land to the west and south of the current city limits from the Scott family. City council members plan to construct a new fire hall along with offering commercial and residential properties the city plans to offer for sale to finance the \$88,000 sale price. Graphic shows the general area of the purchased property.

owners interested in selling a portion of their land to Hardwick to expand the city limits.

Community pride prompted the Scott family to consider selling a portion of the family's property.

JR Scott and Brandee (Scott) Bullerman grew up on a farm just outside of Hardwick.

They represent the third generation of the Scott family to call Hardwick home.

Scott said for decades he or his family attended church, patronized local businesses, played fastpitch softball in the park, and/or gathered for the annual town celebrations.

Their grandfather, BJ Scott, farmed and served on the Hardwick volunteer fire department along with their dad, Randy Scott, who also served as the department's fire chief.

"It's just a pretty neat little town," Scott said. "I had a lot of fun growing up in that town."

Although Scott himself no longer lives in the area, he wants his nieces and nephews to have the experience of growing up in a small town.

"He told us he wants to make 56134 a great place to live again and hopefully we'll be able to attract new businesses to town," said Mayor Haas.

Currently city officials are working with engineers at DGR of Rock Rapids to finalize lot sizes and access points in and out of the new addition.

A direct connection to County Road 7 is preferred for emergency vehicle access.

Haas said the city intends to recoup costs through future lot sales.

## 'Flower Shop' buys former Vinnie's property/from page 1A

ty from restaurateur Leroy Austin of Garretson.

Dikun owns The Flower Shop, LLC, a medical marijuana dispensary in Sioux Falls, and also Dent Force auto body repair in Dell Rapids, where he lives.

Vince Gacke opened Vinnie's in 2006 and in 2021 sold it to Austin who continued to run it as Vinnie's until last year. Now the wooden storage building will be demolished under new ownership.

According to EDA notes, it is deteriorating and the cost of repairs outweighs the value of the building.

Meanwhile, Dikun will prepare the location for his

own business venture. The dilapidated building will be demolished this summer, and new construction may begin next spring. It's unclear if the former Vinnie's building will remain.

Dikun said he's aware of speculation that he'll open a Luverne location of the Flower Shop dispensary, but he said those plans aren't certain.

"I bought it as investment property. Maybe I'll find a tenant to lease it until plans fall into place in the next year and a half," he said Monday.

"It could be many things. It could be a dispensary. It could be a bar

... or maybe office space.

Sometimes you shoot from the hip and in this case the price was right."

According to his website, The Flower Shop in Sioux Falls is a medical marijuana dispensary that offers five different strains of cannabis flower buds, a limited selection of edibles and some CBD products.

Whether the Luverne location is a dispensary or some other business, Dikun said he looks forward to being part of Luverne's growth.

"I'm excited about the buzz around this," he said. "And I'm super excited to part of the community."

### Cannabis law

Gov. Tim Walz signed into law June 6 a bill that legalizes marijuana in Minnesota. It legalizes the possession and use of marijuana for Minnesotans 21 and older.

Many elements of the law, such as personal possession, use and home cultivation, go into effect July 1. However, legal retail sales may not begin until early 2025.

The law authorizes the production and retail sale of marijuana flower, concentrates, topicals and edible products, such as candy and beverages. It also permits the sale of immature cannabis plants and seeds, as well as hemp-derived THC products.

## Community Education announces classes

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

Defensive Driving next refresher four-hour class is July 10.

Grades K-4 during the 2022-23 school year will have fun at Paint and Snack Classes on July 17 and Aug. 14. Sign up for one class or for all

three. Fee is \$33/class.

Grade 5 through adult can work on a clay project with assistance from an instructor during Open Studio. Reserve two hour blocks of time on July 8 or August 12. Fee is \$25 and covers all materials, glaze and firing.

Grades 9 through adult will get an introduction to

the pottery wheel at Throwing on the Potter's Wheel on June 17. Fee is \$30 plus a \$10 material fee paid at class.

Sanford Luverne Summer Speed, Agility and Quickness (formerly Sanford Power) for grades 7-12 in the Luverne area starts June 21. Fee is \$80 if paid by June 9.

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| <b>CHAMPIONS</b>         | Afternoon Escape: Champions                                                                             | PG-13    |
|                          | Thursday, June 15                                                                                       | 2:00 pm  |
|                          | \$5 Admission                                                                                           |          |
| <b>RALLY ROAD RACERS</b> | Kids Summer Cinema: Rally Road Racers                                                                   |          |
|                          | Friday, June 16                                                                                         | 10:00 am |
|                          | Sponsored by: Security Savings Bank, Connell Car Care, American Family Insurance - Nick Domagala, Agent |          |
|                          | \$5 Admission                                                                                           |          |
| <b>LITTLE MERMAID</b>    | The Little Mermaid                                                                                      | PG       |
|                          | Friday, June 16                                                                                         | 7:00 pm  |
|                          | Saturday, June 17                                                                                       | 7:00 pm  |
|                          | Sunday, June 18                                                                                         | 7:00 pm  |
|                          | Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, \$7 for adults                                    |          |

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## Free community events scheduled for entire summer at The Plaza in Luverne

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**Fourth of July concert:** A Fourth of July concert with Ron and Jane Cote will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at the Rock County Courthouse Square. Bring a chair.

**Live music on the Plaza July 10:** Live music on the Plaza is hosted by Luverne Street Music to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 10. Attendees are asked to bring a chair.

**Summer crafts and activities July 13:** Summer crafts and activities, hosted by Rock County Opportunities, provides free activities and fun for all ages from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 13.

**Touch the Sky Prairie Nature Walk July 15:** Jim Brandenburg's Touch the Sky Prairie Nature Walk with naturalist Pat Doyscher will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Prairie Waterfall Trail.

**Zumba Fitness & Fun July 17:** Zumba Fitness & Fun is a free exercise class hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 17.

**Fun at the Beach books:** Fun at the Beach books, a child reading outreach program, is hosted by Rock County Community Library at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18.

**A Fun Day for Kids July 19:** A Fun Day for Kids, hosted by Quality Printing, will have activities and games at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 19.

**Treats & Treasures:** Treats and Treasures is hosted by Luverne All from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. A free snack and program info will be provided.

**Live music on the Plaza:** Luverne Street Music is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will provide live music on the Plaza on Main at 5:30 Monday, July 24. Participants are asked to bring a chair.



**Luverne guitarists and vocalists**  
Ron and Jane Cote entertain a lunch crowd gathered at the plaza on East Main Street over the noon hour Monday. The live concert, accompanied by the Wildflowers mobile lunch trailer, is among dozens of free events offered this summer by the Luverne Area Chamber and supporting businesses and volunteers.  
Lori Sorenson photos/0615 plaza cotes

**Senior dance:** Luverne Aquatics & Fitness will host a senior dance class at the Plaza on Main from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, to promote free exercise thru dance class

**Life on the Prairie:** The Rock County Historical Society will host a hands-on prairie experience for kids from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Fitzer Barn on the Rock County Fairgrounds. The event is free.

**Live music on the Plaza:** Ron and Jane Cote will provide live music at the Plaza on Main from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday, July 27. Enjoy lunch from Wildflower's Lunch Trailer. Attendees are asked to bring a chair.

**Seniors in motion:** Seniors in Motion is a free mobility and fitness class hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2.

**Furs and Fossils:** Furs and Fossils is a free "feel and learn" event for kids hosted by the Rock County Historical Society at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3.

**Free root beer floats and historic downtown tours:** To celebrate National Root Beer Float Day, Take 16 Brewing and the Luverne Chamber will host golf cart tours of the historic Luverne

downtown at 2 and 4 p.m. and serve root beer floats at the Plaza. Call 507-283-4061 to reserve a seat.

**Super Summer Books:** "Super Summer Books," a child reading outreach, is hosted by the Rock County Community Library at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15.

**Yard Games & Fellowship:** Free fun activities will be available at the Plaza on Main from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, hosted by Rock County Opportunities. Wildflowers Food Truck will be available for lunch.

**Crazy Summer Fun for Kids:** This event is hosted by Luverne Chamber at the Plaza on Main from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 18. Free lunch will be served for kids. Reservations are requested by Aug. 16. Call the Chamber at 507-283-4061

**Sip & Ride Golf Cart Coffee Tour:** This event is hosted by Luverne Chamber at the Plaza on Main. Rides depart at 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, for the Tales of the Graves golf cart tour. Reserve your seat by calling the Chamber at 507-283-4061.

**Stick Fitness:** This is a free exercise class hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Open Houses

A 90<sup>th</sup> birthday open house for **Carolyn Krapf** will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in the community room in the lower level of the Jasper Memorial Hall. Greetings can be sent to 6<sup>th</sup> St. West No. 115, Jasper, Minnesota 56144.

An open house bridal shower for **Kaitlyn Roberts**, bride-to-be of **Thomas Vagirt**, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18, at Take 16 Brewing Co. at 501 E. Main Street, Luverne.

## MENU

**Monday, June 19:** Salisbury steak with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, peas and carrots, bread, fruit.

**Tuesday, June 20:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, peaches, dinner roll, bar.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

**Wednesday, June 21:** Chicken wild rice soup, carrots, fruit cocktail, breadstick, gelatin with whipped topping.

**Thursday, June 22:** Pulled pork on a bun, butternut squash, romaine salad with dressing, pineapple chunks, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

**Friday, June 23:** Turkey Alfredo with pasta, broccoli, pears, garlic breadstick, dessert.

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

*Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at [www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).*

## 1943: Diamond Club member Anna Varah continues her life story

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

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on October 14, 1943.

(Hardwick resident Mrs. Anna Varah continues her story from last week.)

The Ostreich family lived in Clayton county nine years and from there moved to Delaware county, Iowa, where



they lived until 1885 when they came to Rock county, settling in Clinton township, just north of the Iowa line.

On September 28, 1887, she was married to James E. Varah, by a justice of the peace in Lyon county, Iowa. According to Mrs. Varah, Mr.

Varah at that time was not permitted to be married in Minnesota because an Iowa law at that time forbade its residents from marrying outside the state.

They lived in Lyon county the first winter, and there experienced the famous bliz-

zard of 1888. They had plenty of snow, Mrs. Varah declared, and it was extremely cold.

The next spring, they moved to a farm east of Ash-creek, where they lived for five years. From there, they moved to Murray county where they farmed until 1898 when they moved to a farm in Battle Plain township, five miles east of Hardwick. While operating a corn picker one day in the fall of 1914, Mr. Varah lost his hand and the following spring they moved to Hardwick.

They had no children

of their own, but they took Truby De Vinney as a boy, and reared him.

One remarkable fact about her family, Mrs. Varah stated, is that there are still nine children living out of a family of 12. Her brothers and sisters include Mrs. E. S. Barker, Willmar; Mrs. Charles Mc Gowan, Pipestone; Mrs. Martha Raymond, Delaware county, Ia.; Mrs. Howard Adams, Suffolk, Mont.; Herman Ostreich, Leboth, S.D.; Paul Ostreich, Cromwell, Minn., and Henry Ostreich, Pennock, Minn.

Mrs. Varah is still very active. She kept a big garden this summer, and did considerable canning. She also raises a few chickens. One of her favorite pastimes is crocheting dish towels for her friends, and she also pieces quilts for others. During the last war, she did considerable sewing and knitting for the Red Cross, but thus far, she has not done any of that type of work during this war, she stated.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [mannmade@iw.net](mailto:mannmade@iw.net).

## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
Rock County Historian

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2013)

Workers removed the 1970s-era paneling covering the Power Fitness and Print Express buildings on Luverne's Main Street Monday.

Luverne Economic Development Director Holly Sammons said part of establishing a historic district includes determining the historical status of various buildings.

Because these two buildings, along with the Creeger building, were covered up in the 1960s and 1970s it was impossible to determine their historical significance.

If the buildings are designed as historically significant, Sammons said improvements made to the facades by their owners will qualify for state and federal tax credits.

Until then, Sammons said the building owners are spending their own money for the visual improvement of Main Street.

### 25 years ago (1998)

It's a race against time for construction crews at the new Luverne Elementary School, with more than 80 people working at the site on a daily basis.

By all estimates, students will be able to attend classes in their new classrooms this fall, but construction manager Ron Domino isn't making any promises. "We're still on track," is all he keeps saying.

At the Thursday, June 11, Luverne School Board meeting, Domino updated board members on construction progress. ...

The link between the elementary and high school is now underway, and crews have started roof work on the gym.

### 50 years ago (1973)

Mrs. Art Boeve of Steen is the 1973 Rock County Rural Homemaker. She represented the annual Rural Homemaker Day in Sioux City, Iowa, June 5.

Selection of the Rural Homemaker is based on her activities within the home and community — and this is where Mrs. Boeve really excels, according to her Extension Club members.

The Boeves are the parents of two daughters and a son — Anita (Mrs. Gregg Bosch) of Little Rock, Iowa, and Glen and Michelle at home. They moved to a farm near Steen 12 years ago from Iowa.

Mrs. Boeve is the president of her local Extension group — the Opportunity Club. She has been president of the Women's Guild in the Reformed Church in Steen and has taught Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School.

### 75 years ago (1948)

If all the people in the world were as honest as Mrs. Ella Hoffman, Luverne, there would be little need for police officers, said Officer Harry Schneekloth this week.

When Mrs. Hoffman was returning home from work at 6 a.m. Monday, she chanced to see a billfold lying in the street. She picked it up and carried it a few steps to where Officer

Schneekloth happened to be standing, and handed it to him, telling him she'd just found it and didn't know what was in it.

Officer Schneekloth opened it, and his hunch was right. It belonged to Clarence Thode, of near Luverne, who had reported it lost about 1 a.m. It contained not only valuable papers but also \$69 in cash. It had been pressed flat, the police officer said, because it had been run over so much with automobile tires while lying in the street.

Thode rewarded Mrs. Hoffman with a \$10 bill for her honesty.

### 100 years ago (1923)

A deal for the purchase of the Luverne hospital property, which has been pending for some time, was consummated this week, when Mrs. Alma Spalding and the other beneficiaries of the Dr. A. E. Spalding estate, sold the property to Drs. C. L. Sherman and C. O. Wright, each one purchasing a half interest.

Since April, 1921, the hospital has been conducted under a joint lease held by Drs. Wright, Sherman and Thorson, and the sale of property will therefore not occasion any pronounced change in the policies of the institution.

The new owners, however, will make a number of substantial improvements, including the refinishing of the interior of the building, and the installation of new furnishings and equipment, that will add greatly to the appearance and conveniences of the hospital.

## OBITUARIES

### George Heronimus

George Paul Heronimus, age 90, of Ellsworth, died Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington.

He was born September 13, 1932, on a farm in Hanson County, South Dakota, to Paul and Jennie (Buss) Heronimus. George attended School District #1 Rock County through the eighth grade and completed his education at Luverne High School in 1950.

George entered the United States Army on February 15, 1953. He spent two years in the Armed Services during the Korean Conflict. He served his country until his discharge on February 7, 1955.

George and Phyllis married on February 22, 1955, at the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Reading. The couple was blessed with three children, Paul, Pam and Patty. George's whole life centered around the farm, and he truly enjoyed all aspects of his dairy, swine and grain farm. He enjoyed the challenge of building, welding and fixing equipment.

His favorite times were spent watching his children participate in church, school and 4-H activities. He always enjoyed the Rock County Fair, watching his children exhibit



and show livestock.

In 1980 they bought a motorhome and for 33 years they camped their way across America, traveling to all 50 states and all provinces of Canada. They also wintered in Arizona and Texas.

He was a member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. He served as elder, deacon, trustee and sang in the choir and rarely missed a Sunday service.

George is survived by his wife, Phyllis Heronimus, Worthington; son, Paul (Lisa) Heronimus, Ellsworth; two daughters, Pam (Mike) Hansen, Tyler, and Patty (Eric) Lindner, Worthington; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth, officiated by Pastor Randall Knuth. Burial with full military honors provided by the Ellsworth American Legion was in the Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth.

Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian is in charge of arrangements.

### Dolly Talbert

Dolly A. (Oaks) Talbert, age 85, of Luverne, Minnesota, died Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the Essentia Health Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota, following complications from a stroke.

Visitation was Sunday, June 11, from 3-6 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Funeral service was Monday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Arrangements were under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home. To view Dolly's Life Tribute video or sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

Dolly A. (Oaks) Talbert was born on February 6, 1938, to Lewis Sr. and Alice (Menike) Oaks in Aitkin, Minnesota. She grew up on a farm in West Libby Township, north of Palisade, Minnesota, where she attended country school until attending and graduating from Aitkin High School. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade.

She furthered her education at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota, graduating with a degree in vocal and instrumental music. Her passion for music became a career with her first teaching position in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. Later, she taught in Rush City, Pine City, and Belgrade, all in Minnesota prior to teaching her last 23 years in the Luverne Public Schools.

On September 4, 1970, Dolly was united in marriage to Donald Talbert in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after an earlier divorce. Together they raised an amazing son, Stewart. The couple settled in Luverne where she taught and officially retired in 1993, though she never ceased

her dedication to music and the education of others.

She continued to forge new relationships with other musicians through various musical collaborations. Her husband, Don, passed away in August, 2008, and music became her "life," as she continued to reside in their home. Here, she privately gave piano lessons for many years.

She also maintained contact with students by serving as an accompanist for choirs and vocal and instrumental soloists at Luverne and Hills Beaver Creek public schools. Another joy for her was reading to classes in the elementary school in Luverne.

During her teaching career Dolly was a member of several professional organizations: LEA, MEA, NEA, MMEA, MENC, and ACDA. In 1989 Dolly received the "Teacher of the Year Award" from LEA; the "Minnesota Choral Director of the Year Award" from Minnesota Music Educators Association in 1992; "Friend of Education Award" from LEA in 2000; and most recently, in 2019, she was awarded the "ACE Award" from ACDA.

She served as chairperson of the Music Department in Luverne for many years; served as section leader for the Minnesota All State Women's Choir for two years; and served as adjudicator for large-group and solo-ensemble contests throughout the state for a number of years.

Dolly rang in the Community Handbell Choir, under the direction of Sue Feltman; accompanied the Opland Singers in Pipestone, Minnesota, for several years; directed a Luverne Community Choir

for a Christmas Cantata performance for two years; directed the choir for the Luverne All-School Reunion for two different years and the choir for the Luverne Quasquicentennial Celebration. She also had fun directing and

accompanying a group of male colleagues, "The Has Beens," for several years until her retirement.

Dolly was a member of the Pink Ladies and served on the Medical Home Patient Advisory Committee at Luverne Sanford Hospital.

She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. There, she served as director of the Folk and Chancel Choirs, and two handbell choirs, Deacon, and on the Call Committee, member of the Music/Worship Committee, helped with planning of worship services and was Chairperson for Grace's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. She has served as pianist for Saturday evening worship services for many years, and has directed and accompanied the Exaltation Worship Team for a number of years. She has written several hymns, composing the music for lyrics written by Rev. Norman P. Olsen, Rev. Dell Sanderson, and Rev. Maurice Hagen.

Dolly and Don enjoyed traveling. So while they were teaching and Stewart was a youngster, they would hitch up their travel trailer and visit many places throughout the United States, each summer taking them to a different area of the country. In the fall of 1977 they purchased a lot on Lake Shetek and began the task of preparing the lot for a building. Together, with Don's expertise and good directions, the

three of them built a cabin, starting in the summer of 1978. Thus, summer travel ceased while they worked diligently on construction, outside and inside.

By 1984 the cabin was pretty much completed, just in time for them to host an exchange student from Switzerland during the 1983-84 school year.

After Dolly's retirement in 1993, the couple took many bus tours, always to places they hadn't been. This became a pleasure for them and Dolly continued to go on bus tours after Don's passing. She especially liked the "Mystery Tours", having no idea where she would be going and enjoying every part of the mystery!

Family was very important to Dolly and her grandchildren, Ariana and Hayden, were her pride and joy. She had lots of fun making up new games for them, reading to them, and taking them on treasure hunts as she watched them grow.

On Wednesday, June 7, 2023, Dolly passed away at Essentia Health in Fargo, North Dakota, at the age of 85 years, four months and one day.

Dolly will be lovingly remembered by her son, Stewart, and his wife, Jennifer, of Lake City, Minnesota; two grandchildren, Ariana and Hayden; a sister, Diane Lande of Wheaton, Minnesota; a brother, Robert Oaks of Palisade; many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Talbert; a sister, Norma Jean LeRoy; a brother, Lewis Oaks Jr.; and her parents, Lewis and Alice Oaks.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Grace Lutheran Church or Sanford Luverne Hospice.

### Claribel Grussing

Claribel Helen Grussing, age 85, of Rushmore, died Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the Sunrise View Assisted Living in Adrian.

She was born November 12, 1937, in Dewald Township, rural Rushmore, to Bert and Agnes (Osbon) Groenewold. She attended school in Rushmore before graduating from Worthington High School in 1955.

Claribel married Myron Grussing on June 21, 1959, at the First Presbyterian Church in Rushmore. After their marriage, the couple lived in various cities including, Allan, Nebraska, Whiting, Iowa and Cottonwood, Minnesota. In 1963 they moved to the farm southwest of Rushmore.

Claribel was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Worthington and a faithful Christian. She was the seamstress of the family, sewing or fixing many outfits for both her children and grandchildren. She loved to cook, and she made sure everyone had enough to eat. Her buns, rolls, cookies, and French toast were legendary and often fought over by everyone. She was also an avid pinocle player and enjoyed besting everyone but was not a gracious loser. Above all, she loved working with Myron on the farm through supplying the meals, walking beans, helping with the harvest, gardening, and pitching in wherever she could.

Claribel is survived by her husband, Myron Grussing, Rush-

more; three children, Deborah (Lorenzo) Perez, Highland, California, Mark (Paula) Grussing, Bijou Hills, South Dakota, and Kathryn (Chad) Duwenhoegger, Alexandria; daughter-in-law Kim Grussing, Rushmore; 14 grandchildren, Alex (Nani) Perez, Nicolas Perez, Aric (Chelsea) Perez, Matthew (Kaci) Grussing, Tyler (Taylor) Grussing, Randi Grussing, Ryan Grussing, Chase (Jazmin) Duwenhoegger, Levi (Jordan) Duwenhoegger, Nicole Duwenhoegger, McKenzie Duwenhoegger, Bailey Grussing, Brooke Grussing and Autumn Grussing; four great-grandchildren, Banks, Sutton, Cru and Madsen; and two brothers, Harlan (Vicki) Groenewold, Rushmore, and Wayne (Neva) Groenewold, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Richard in 2017; two brothers, Robert and Lee Roy Groenewold; and two sisters, Darleen White and Ann Mae Johnson.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian; visitation also one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Funeral was at 11 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church, in Worthington, officiated by Pastor Daren Flinck. Burial was in the Sunset Rest Cemetery in Rushmore.



### Doris Essman

Doris Lorraine Essman was born to Ole and Mary (Anderson) Hegstad on March 29, 1925, in Slayton, Minnesota. She was raised and educated through eighth grade in Slayton before moving to Ellsworth, Minnesota. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1943 and then attended Mankato State Teachers' College in Mankato, Minnesota, graduating in 1944. She taught school in Adrian, Minnesota, and Ellsworth.

On August 9, 1946 Doris was united in marriage to Melvin Essman. The couple lived on his parents' farm for two years and then moved throughout the Rock and Nobles County area before settling on a farm near Kanaranzi, Minnesota. Dur-

ing this time Doris worked at the Kanaranzi store and post office for a few years.

In 1989 Doris and Melvin moved from their home of 29 years into Luverne, Minnesota. Melvin passed away on October 30, 2008. Doris continued to reside in their home until March 2009, when she moved to the Poplar Creek assisted living facility in Luverne. She later transitioned to the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home. On Sunday, June 4, 2023, Doris died peacefully at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at the age of 98 years, two months

and six days.

Doris was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. She was a ruling elder, belonged to "Anchor Group," and was involved in circle and quilting. She also belonged to Kanaranzi Ladies Aid. She was a member of the Luverne Lions 92 and belonged to a bowling league. She enjoyed playing cards with her card club, knitting, crocheting, reading and fishing.

Doris is survived by her two children, David (Claudia) Essman of Deerwood, Minnesota, and Deanna (Robert) Wieme of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; four



grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin; daughter, Lori Essman; grandson, Steven Essman; parents, Ole and Mary; two siblings, Nona Walter and Minver Hegstad; and a step-sister, Juanita.

Funeral service will be Saturday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m., with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

### Evelyn Ray

Evelyn G. Ray, 89, Luverne, Minnesota, formerly of Windom, Minnesota, died peacefully Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 16, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Windom, Minnesota. Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Memorials may be given in Evelyn's memory to the family or sent to MN VA-Luverne; P.O. Box 539; Luverne, MN 56156 to be donated toward our country's veterans. To sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

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# June is Men's Health MONTH

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to raise awareness about preventative health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. Take steps now to ensure a long and healthy life!



## EAT HEALTHY

Start by taking small steps at each meal:

- Say no to super-sizing.
- Eat a variety of foods.
- Make a goal to eat fruits AND vegetables every day.
  - Avoid snacking.
  - Avoid processed foods.



## GET MOVING

- Play with your kids or grandkids.
- Take the stairs.
- Do yard work.
- Choose activities that you enjoy to stay motivated.
- Move as much as you are able.
- Join a gym or just simply walk around your neighborhood.



## MAKE PREVENTION A PRIORITY

- Many conditions can be detected with regular health checkups.
- Quitting smoking and drinking less may prevent chronic conditions.



## HEAVY ALCOHOL USE

Men are 2X more likely than females to be heavy alcohol users.



## SMOKING

13.1% of men are smokers.



## ILLCIT DRUG USE

Men are 1.5x more likely than females to use illicit drugs.



## DOCTOR VISITS

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## OBESITY

34% of men are overweight.  
43% of men are obese and 6.9% of men are severely obese.

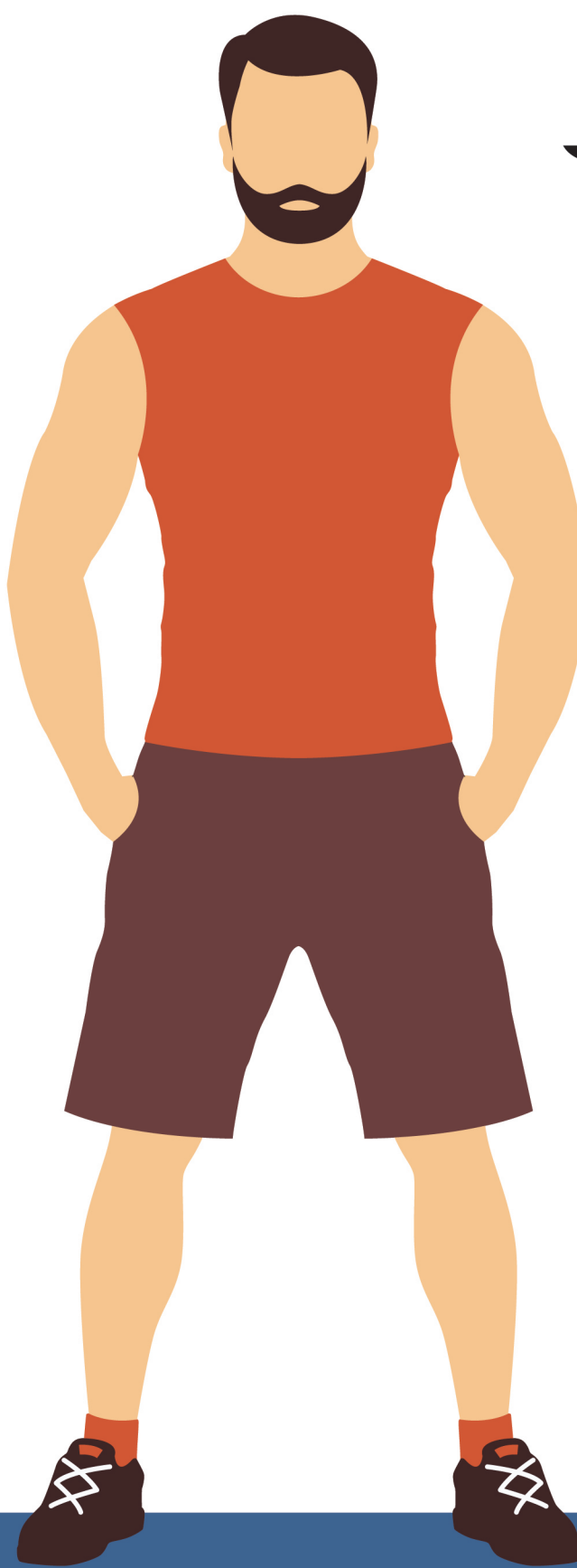


## HYPERTENSION

51.9% of men aged 20 and over have hypertension (measured high blood pressure and/or taking antihypertensive medication).



For more health resources, visit Mayo Clinic: Men's Health Center online at [menshealth.mayoclinic.org](https://menshealth.mayoclinic.org)



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## LHS and H-BC bring home 2023 Minnesota State High School Track and Field Class A hardware

By Greg Hoogveen

Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek traveled to the 2023 Minnesota State High School Track & Field Class A Championships in Albertville Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9.

Twenty-one Cardinals qualified for state competition, and H-BC eighth-grader Brynn Bakken represented the Patriots at the state meet.

Bakken qualified in three events and took home three medals at the end of competition.

She took third place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.52 seconds, and she achieved a personal record time in the prelims at 12.44.

In the 200-meter dash Bakken placed sixth with a time of 25.88 and registered personal best time in the prelims of 25.72.

In her third event, the triple jump, Bakken placed ninth with a jump of 34-10 1/4.

"It was great to see Brynn come away with three medals at the state meet," H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said. "She had two PRs, and to get under 26 seconds in the 200, she was pretty excited."

The Luverne Cardinals walked away with 13 Top 12 finishes at the state track and field competition.

"I thought we had an outstanding meet as a whole," LHS head coach Pete Janiszewski said.

"We had several season-best and personal-record performances, including the boys' 4-by-800 who smashed their school record by 12.83 seconds, and the girls' 4-by-800 medaled for the seventh straight year," Janiszewski said.

Senior DJ Rock took first place in the pole vault with a winning height of 14 feet.

Senior Jady Hart placed first in the discus throw with a toss of 131 feet even, and she placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 39-7 1/4.

Jocelyn Hart finished



The Luverne track and field team took 21 athletes to the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships in Albertville. Pictured are (front, from left) Jady Hart, Isabella Oye, Jenna DeBates, Elizabeth Wagner, (middle) Jocelyn Hart, Sarah Stegenga, Cassi Chesley, Tiana Lais, Augusta Papik, Ella Schmuck, Reinhart John, (back) Owen Janiszewski, DJ Rock, Dylan Ommen, Carsen Totteland, Zach Terrio, Darius Dolo, Lucky Dara, Ryan Fick, Camden Janiszewski and Sage Viessman.

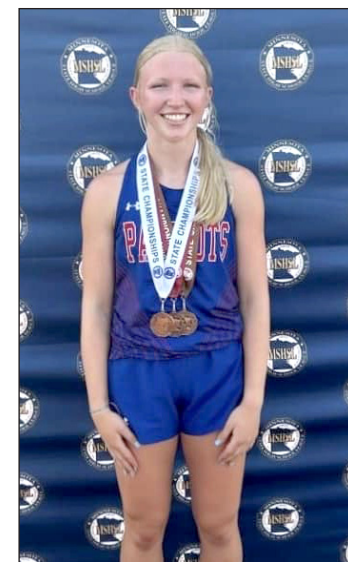
*Just getting to the state meet is very difficult and a tremendous achievement, and to have 13 kids walk away with medals, and 12 All-State performances, that is just unbelievable.*

— LHS head coach Pete Janiszewski



Greg Hoogveen photo/0615 harts  
LHS senior sisters Jady and Jocelyn Hart made the podium in the discus throw at the State Championships. Jady took first with a toss of 131 feet, and Jocelyn placed fourth at 121-11.

Greg Hoogveen photo/0615 rock  
LHS senior DJ Rock finished in first place with a height of 14 feet June 8 at the 2023 MSHSL State Championships.



H-BC eighth-grader Brynn Bakken placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.52, sixth in the 200-meter dash with 25.88 and ninth in the triple jump with a leap of 34-10 1/4 at the 2023 Minnesota State High School Track & Field Class A Championships.

second in the shot put with a distance of 40-9 3/4, and she placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 121-11.

Junior Jenna DeBates placed fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:11.51.

The Luverne boys' 4-by-400-meter relay, run by senior Camden Janiszewski, sophomore Owen Janiszewski, senior Carsen Totteland and junior Ryan Fick, placed fourth with a time of 8:04.13.

The girls' 4-by-400-meter relay team of junior Jenna DeBates, senior Tiana Lais, junior Cassi Chesley and senior Elizabeth Wagner placed seventh with a time of 9:52.56.

Sophomore Owen Janiszewski placed seventh in the boys' 3200-meter run with a time of 9:45.49.

Senior Elizabeth Wagner placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.06.

Sophomore Lucky Dara finished ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.03.

Senior Camden Janiszewski took 10th place in the

LHS/H-BC track /see page 6B

## Luverne High School baseball team ends season with loss to Fairmont in Section 3AA Championship finals

By Greg Hoogveen

The Luverne baseball team came up short in the state tournament run, losing to Fairmont in the Section Championship Thursday, June 8, in Windom.

Fairmont beat Luverne 6-4 in the first game, forcing a second game to determine the section champion.

In the section playoffs, Luverne and Fairmont each won one game against each other, forcing another game June 8 to break the 1-1 tie.

In the second game, Fairmont handed the Cardinals a disappointing 3-2 loss to advance to state competition.

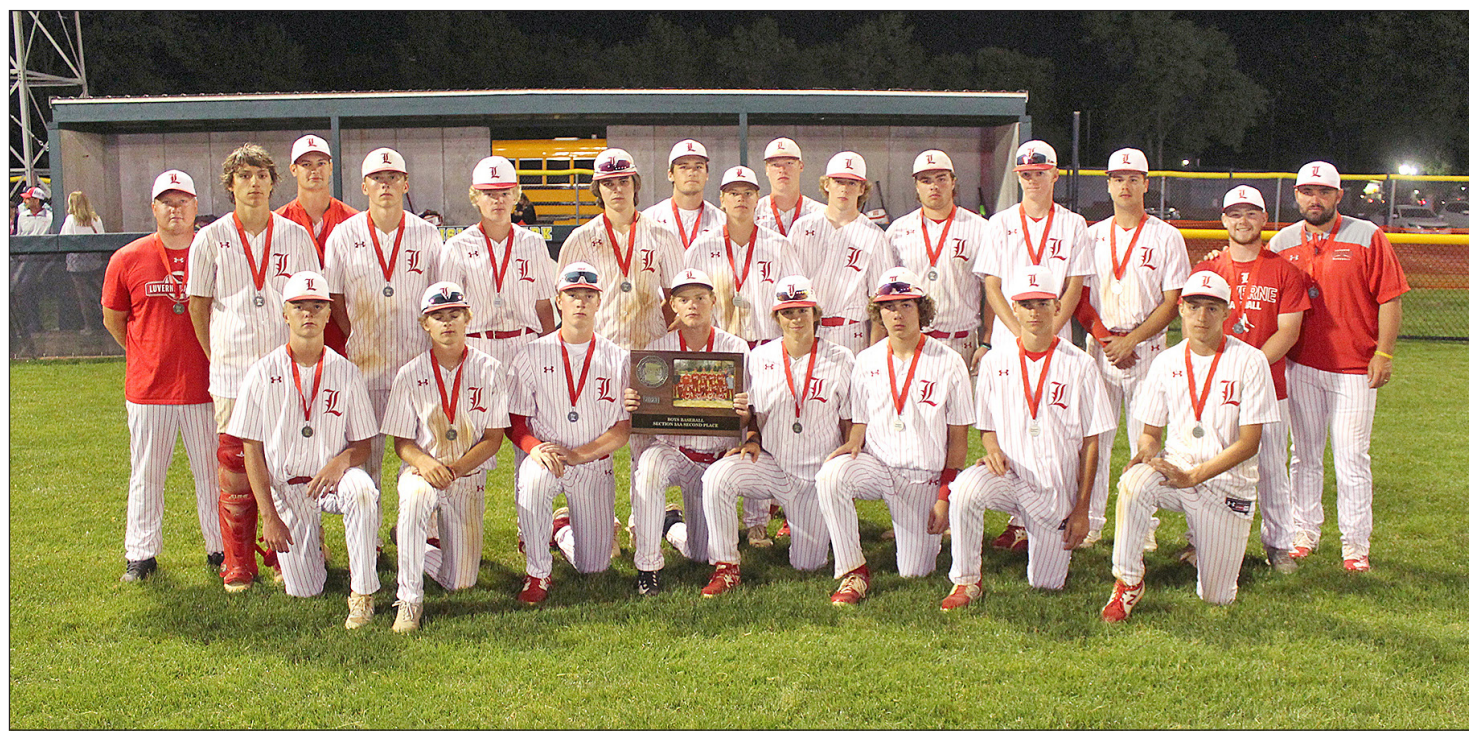
The Cardinals finished the year with a record of 20-6 and an 11-1 record in the Big South Conference.

### Fairmont 6, LHS 4

Luverne traveled to Windom Thursday, June 8, for the Section 3A Championship against Fairmont, falling 6-4 in extra innings.

The Cardinals closed the first inning scoring four runs and taking the lead 4-0 over Fairmont.

Junior Will Serie



The Luverne High School baseball team finished its 2023 season Thursday night, June 8, in Windom as Section 3AA runner-up. Team members include (front row, from left) Josh Hansen, Marcus Vortherms, Jaydon Johnson, Kai Buss, Blake Sauer, Landyn Lais, Jaxon Lais, Carter Sehr, (back) assistant coach Derek Elbers, Landon Ahrendt, assistant coach Jake Haugen, Zach DeBoer, Elliot Domagala, Jacob Stroh, Conner Connell, Alex Schlosser, Layke Miller, Patrick Kroski, Will Serie, Trevor DeBates, Riley Sneller, assistant coach Mark Sterrett and head coach Phil Paquette.

doubled on a fly ball, scoring sophomore Carter Sehr, senior Riley Sneller and junior Jacob Stroh.

Junior Elliot Domagala followed with a double to drive in Serie.

And that is where Luverne's scoring ended.

Fairmont scored one run in the top of the second and tied the game at four in the seventh inning, scoring three runs on one error, a

single and a groundout.

In the top of the 10th inning Fairmont added two more runs, taking a 6-4 lead.

LHS was unable to produce any runs in the

bottom of the inning and took a 6-4 loss.

Senior Zach DeBoer opened the game pitching for Luverne, going 2 1/3 innings, allowing one run on one hit, striking out two

batters.

Junior Conner Connell came in to relieve DeBoer, pitching 6 1/3 innings, allowing three runs on five hits, striking out 10 batters.

Sehr then came into the game, pitching 1 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on two hits, striking out one batter.

### BOX Score

FRMN 0 1 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 2  
LHS 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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### Batting

| Luverne   | AB | R | H | RBI |
|-----------|----|---|---|-----|
| Sehr      | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0   |
| Sneller   | 2  | 1 | 0 | 0   |
| Stroh     | 4  | 1 | 0 | 0   |
| Connell   | 5  | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| Serie     | 5  | 1 | 3 | 3   |
| Domagala  | 5  | 0 | 1 | 1   |
| Schlosser | 4  | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| DeBoer    | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Buss      | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Miller    | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   |

Left On Base: 8

2B: Domagala, Serie

TB: Connell, Domagala 2, Schlosser, Sehr, Serie 4

### Pitching

| Luverne | IP  | H | R | ER | SO |
|---------|-----|---|---|----|----|
| DeBoer  | 2.1 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 2  |
| Connell | 6.1 | 5 | 3 | 1  | 10 |
| Sehr    | 1.1 | 2 | 2 | 2  | 1  |

Loss: DeBoer

Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 50-29, Connell 116-72, Sehr 22-9

LHS baseball /see page 2B

# Redbirds swoop on three opponents for wins, season record now at 8-0

**By Greg Hoogveen**

The Redbirds scooped up three wins on the road in the past week to improve their record to 8-0 for the season, outscoring their opponents 103-9 in the first eight games.

The Redbirds beat Worthington 11-2 on June 7 and won two games on June 11, beating Hadley 4-2 and Heron Lake 17-0.

The Redbirds will take on Windom at home Wednesday, June 14, and they'll travel to Jackson Sunday, June 18.

## Redbirds 11, Worthington 2

The Redbirds took down the Cubs 11-2 in Worthington Wednesday, June 7.

Worthington managed to get two runs in the game but could not stop the Redbirds' bats.

Luverne had 15 hits in the game led by Skyler Wenninger with four, Nick Smith added three, and Casey Sehr, Jake Haugen and Ethan Beyer all had two hits each.

Smith and Ben Serie both had three RBIs and Newt Johnson and Haugen added one RBI each.

Smith belted a line drive over the center field fence in the fourth inning, scoring Derek Lundgren and Skyler Wenninger.

Haugen started on the mound for the Redbirds, going six innings, allowing one run on five hits with five strikeouts.

Cade Wenninger came from the bullpen to throw three innings, allowing one run and striking out eight batters.

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| <b>BOX Score</b>            |
| RBirds 1 1 2 3 0 0 1 3 0 11 |
| WRTH 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 2    |

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| <b>BATTING</b> |    |   |   |     |
| Luverne        | AB | R | H | RBI |
| Lundgren       | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0   |
| Sterrett       | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| S. Wenninger   | 5  | 3 | 4 | 0   |
| Ahrens         | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Smith          | 3  | 3 | 3 | 3   |
| Overgaard      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Serie          | 5  | 0 | 1 | 3   |
| Johnson        | 5  | 1 | 1 | 1   |
| C. Wenninger   | 5  | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| Sehr           | 5  | 2 | 2 | 0   |
| Haugen         | 4  | 1 | 2 | 1   |
| Beyer          | 5  | 0 | 2 | 0   |

**2B:** C. Wenninger, Johnson, S. Wenninger, Haugen, Serie  
**HR:** Smith  
**Total Bases:** Smith 3, S. Wenninger 5, Haugen 3, C. Wenninger 2, Johnson 2, Serie 2, Sehr 2, Beyer 2

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|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|
| <b>PITCHING</b> |    |   |   |    |    |
| Luverne         | IP | H | R | ER | SO |
| Haugen          | 6  | 5 | 1 | 0  | 5  |
| C. Wenninger    | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 8  |

**Pitches-Strikes:** Haugen 85-71, C. Wenninger 52-30  
**Batters Faced:** Haugen 26, C. Wenninger 11

## Redbirds 4, Hadley 2

Luverne traveled to Hadley Sunday, June 11, to play the first of two games for the day.

The Redbirds beat the Hadley Buttermakers 4-2 for the win.

In a back-and-forth, low-scoring game, Luverne pulled out a two-run seventh inning win.

In the top of the second, Johnson singled a line drive to score Cade Wenninger and Haugen.

In the bottom of the sixth, Hadley tied the game, scoring two of their own.

In the top of the seventh inning the Redbirds shut the door on the game, scoring Sehr and Phil Paquette and holding Hadley to no runs in the bottom of the inning.

Sehr pitched a complete game, going seven innings, allowing two runs on six hits, and striking out 12 batters.

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| <b>BOX Score</b>       |
| RBirds 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 4 |
| HDLY 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2   |

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| <b>BATTING</b> |    |   |   |     |
| Luverne        | AB | R | H | RBI |
| Johnson        | 3  | 0 | 1 | 2   |
| Paquette       | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0   |
| S. Wenninger   | 3  | 0 | 2 | 0   |
| Serie          | 4  | 0 | 0 | 1   |
| Beers          | 4  | 0 | 0 | 1   |
| C. Wenninger   | 4  | 1 | 2 | 0   |
| Haugen         | 1  | 1 | 1 | 0   |
| Smith          | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Lundgren       | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Sehr           | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0   |

**Total Bases:** C. Wenninger 2, S. Wenninger 2, Paquette, Haugen, Johnson

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|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|
| <b>PITCHING</b> |    |   |   |    |    |
| Luverne         | IP | H | R | ER | SO |
| Serie           | 7  | 6 | 2 | 2  | 12 |

**Pitches-Strikes:** Serie 128-85  
**Batters Faced:** Serie 30

## Redbirds 17, Heron Lake 0

In the Redbirds' second game Sunday, June 11, Luverne traveled to take on the Heron Lake Lakers.

Luverne sank the Lakers 17-0 in five innings as two pitchers, Beyer and Paquette, combined to throw a shutout.

Beyer took the mound for four innings, allowing two hits while striking out eight batters.

Paquette came in to relieve Beyer in the fifth inning, not allowing a hit and striking out one batter.

Luverne allowed the Lakers only two total hits and three covered bases in the game.

Smith had a good game with four RBIs, three runs, and covered five bases in the game.

Serie compiled three hits, three runs and two RBIs and four bases.

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| <b>BOX Score</b>        |
| RBirds 5 3 4 3 2 x x 17 |
| HRNL 0 0 0 0 0 x x 0    |

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|----------------|----|---|---|-----|
| <b>BATTING</b> |    |   |   |     |
| Luverne        | AB | R | H | RBI |
| S. Wenninger   | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0   |
| Maurer         | 2  | 1 | 1 | 1   |
| Paquette       | 3  | 2 | 2 | 2   |
| Smith          | 4  | 3 | 2 | 4   |
| Serie          | 4  | 3 | 3 | 2   |
| Johnson        | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Ahrens         | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0   |
| C. Wenninger   | 3  | 2 | 3 | 1   |
| Haugen         | 3  | 2 | 1 | 1   |
| Lundgren       | 1  | 1 | 1 | 2   |
| Beers          | 2  | 0 | 1 | 1   |
| Sehr           | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0   |

**2B:** Smith, S. Wenninger, Serie  
**3B:** Smith, C. Wenninger  
**Total Bases:** Smith 5, C. Wenninger 5, Serie 4, S. Wenninger 2, Paquette 2, Ahrens, Haugen, Serie, Beers, Maurer, Lundgren

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|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|
| <b>PITCHING</b> |    |   |   |    |    |
| Luverne         | IP | H | R | ER | SO |
| Beyer           | 4  | 2 | 0 | 0  | 8  |
| Paquette        | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1  |

**Pitches-Strikes:** Beyer 56-36, Paquette 19-13  
**Batters Faced:** Beyer 16, Paquette 3

# LHS baseball championship/from 1B

## Fairmont 3, LHS 2

In a forced second game, Fairmont was able to walk off Luverne in a 3-2 win to advance to the Section 3A State Tournament.

The Cardinals scored their two runs in the top of the first inning.

Serie singled to right field, driving in Sehr from third base, and Domagala singled to left field, scoring Connell.

Fairmont cut the lead to one in the fifth inning and one run in the seventh inning to tie the Cardinals 2-2.

In the eighth inning, Fairmont reached first base on an error, bunted for an

out, advancing a runner to second.

With one out and a runner on third base, Fairmont was able to score on an error and win the game 3-2.

Jacob Stroh started on the mound for Luverne, pitching six innings, allowing two runs on three hits, striking out three batters.

DeBoer came in to relieve Stroh in the seventh inning, pitching 1 1/3 innings, allowing one run on two hits, striking out one batter.

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| <b>BOX Score</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| LHS              | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRMN             | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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|----------------|----|---|---|-----|
| <b>BATTING</b> |    |   |   |     |
| Luverne        | AB | R | H | RBI |
| Sehr           | 3  | 1 | 1 | 0   |
| Sneller        | 4  | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| Stroh          | 4  | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| Connell        | 3  | 1 | 1 | 0   |
| Serie          | 3  | 0 | 1 | 1   |
| Domagala       | 4  | 0 | 1 | 1   |
| Schlosser      | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| DeBoer         | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Ahrendt        | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Miller         | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   |

**Left On Base:** 7  
**TB:** Connell, Domagala, Schlosser, Sehr, Serie, Stroh

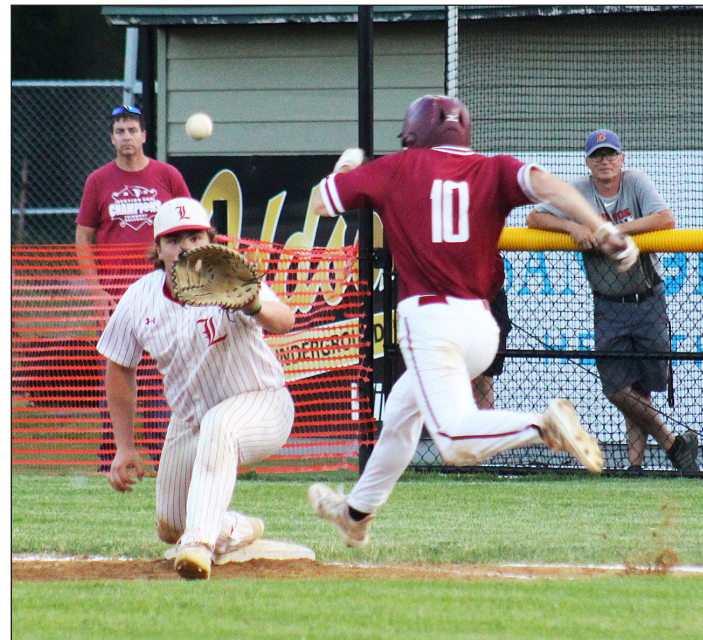
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| <b>PITCHING</b> |     |   |   |    |    |
| Luverne         | IP  | H | R | ER | SO |
| Stroh           | 6   | 3 | 2 | 1  | 3  |
| DeBoer          | 1.1 | 2 | 1 | 0  | 1  |

**Loss:** DeBoer  
**Pitches-Strikes:** Stroh 96-56, DeBoer 24-17



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 LHS Baseball

LHS Marcus Vortherms successfully steals second base in the ninth inning during the first game of the Section 3AA championship Thursday, June 8, against the Fairmont Cardinals. The teams were tied 4-4.



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 LHS Baseball

First baseman Will Serie watches the ball as a Fairmont runner reaches base during the first game of the Section 3AA baseball championship Thursday afternoon, June 8, in Windom.



Mavis Fodness photo/0615 LHS Baseball

Zach DeBoer pitches during the second inning of the Section 3AA baseball championship Thursday afternoon, June 8, in Windom.

# Dip your toes in recreational shooting

**By Scott Rall**

Some people just love to shoot at cans with a .22 rifle. It has been a recreational pastime for generations.

When I was very young, I lived in Redfield, South Dakota. I was probably about 6 years old at the time. The .22 rounds were less than 99 cents for a box of 100 back then.

My dad would take me out in the countryside, and we would sit in the truck and do our best to shoot the blooms off of thistle plants. Needless to say, we were not very good and very few blossoms actually hit the ground. But when they did, was I one proud 6-year-old!

Fast-forward to 62 years old and I still like shooting inanimate objects. Today they consist of clay pigeons or a hardened steel plate. I am far better with a shotgun than a bigger caliber rifle, but shooting is shooting



## THE OUTDOORS

**By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist**

and it is a pastime you don't need a football quarterback physique to enjoy.

A few years back, I joined my son to try my luck at long range shooting. This was and still is a new sport for me but one I think is about as challenging as anything you can do outside. As with everything, it took a little initial investment for the targets and plates and the holders that position them on the top of a standard T-post. My wildlife property is an east-west 80-acre parcel, and if you have the right topography, you can shoot corner to corner and reach out to about 1,000 yards.

Hunters of big game have never really attempted shoots out past 200 yards, and this is a good thing. The hunter's first and foremost obligation is to make a clean kill shot, but without the right equipment and enough practice shooting an animal past those distances, it's out of reach for the average deer hunter.

Many people think you need some really fancy guns to shoot at a long-range target. This is just not true. Almost any gun in the cabinet can make a long shot with the right information and an average shooter.

I own a .270, 308, 204, .17, and several 6.5 Creedmoor rifles. I have seen novice shooters with a \$350 gun/scope combo and some instruction shoot a target at 800 yards.

What it takes is a little patience and the right data. There is a phone app called strellokpro. It costs about \$12 and there are no renewal fees. This program allows you to enter all of the relevant data about the gun you are using and the cartridge specifications, things like the weight and velocity of the bullet. Gun specs are entered along with some scope data as well. All of this information is available on the gun and scope company's website and is not hard to

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Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednes-  
days and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we  
joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of  
heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

**First Baptist Church**

103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4091; email: [fbcluv@iw.net](mailto:fbcluv@iw.net) — [www.fbcluverne.org](http://www.fbcluverne.org)  
**Walt Moser, Pastor**  
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Ph. 507-283-4431; [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)

**Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor**

Thursday, June 15: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, June 18:  
9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, June 19:  
Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, June 20: 9 a.m. Staff meeting.  
Wednesday, June 21: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and  
Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays  
9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab; or Facebook  
page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mon-  
days at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio  
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**Bethany Lutheran Church**

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
**Andrew Palmquist, Pastor**  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Wor-  
ship service; worship online as well (at [els.org](http://els.org)). Tuesdays, 6:30  
p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran  
Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

**American Reformed Church**

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)  
Friday, June 16: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday,  
June 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, June 20: 12 p.m.  
Staff meeting. Wednesday, June 21: 6:30 p.m. Apologetics study.  
CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays  
at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request.  
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Instagram @arcluverne.

**Rock River Community Church**

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: [info@rockrivercommunity.church](mailto:info@rockrivercommunity.church)  
**Bob Junak, Pastor**  
Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church  
age 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Ser-  
vice—Kids age 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**United Methodist Church**

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529  
Wednesday, June 14: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting.  
Saturday, June 17: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, June 18: 9:30 a.m.  
FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship  
service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, June 19:  
6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Messenger deadline.  
Tuesday, June 20: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. Wednesday, June 21: 9  
a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on  
Facebook and radio.

**First Presbyterian Church**

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: [fpcemilie@gmail.com](mailto:fpcemilie@gmail.com)  
Wednesday, June 14: 7 p.m. Session meeting. Friday, June 17: 11  
a.m. Evelyn Ray funeral. Sunday, June 18: Happy Father's Day!  
9:30 a.m. In-person Worship service. (View on Facebook under  
First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV  
or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on  
Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays). 10:30 a.m. Fellowship cof-  
fee hour. Tuesday, June 20: Visitor deadline. Wednesday, June 21:

9 a.m. Morning circle. 1:30 p.m. Afternoon circle. 4 p.m. Music  
staff meeting.

**St. John Lutheran Church**

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316; email: [stjohn@iw.net](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)  
[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)  
Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Wor-  
ship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday  
School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible  
Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ.  
7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast  
Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org). Holy Communion is offered on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends and  
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**Living Rock Church**

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; [www.livingrockswmn.org](http://www.livingrockswmn.org)  
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**New Life Celebration Church**

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: [newlifecelation@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelation@gmail.com)

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. (507) 669-2855; [zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)  
**Jesse Baker, Pastor**  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.  
10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30  
p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church**

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
[igtwlb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwlb@WOW.net)  
**Bill Bates, Pastor**

**First Lutheran Church**

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
**Mark Eliason, Pastor**  
Sunday, June 18: 10 a.m. JOINT worship service at First  
Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook:  
@FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLuther-  
anParish. Tuesday, June 20: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Council  
meeting.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [palisadchurch@alliancecom.net](mailto:palisadchurch@alliancecom.net)  
[www.palisadelutheran.org](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)  
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201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025  
email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:magnoliannumc@gmail.com)  
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available on the church's Facebook site.

**Steen Reformed Church**

112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
**Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor**  
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**Nita Parker, Pastor**  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school.  
10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to  
Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our  
website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org).

**Hills United Reformed Church**

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**Praveen Muthasamy, Pastor**  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 5 p.m. Evening worship  
service.

## Don't run on 'E'

Who remembers the days, maybe back in high school, when we would all chip in money for gas? Man, it seemed like \$5 would get you around all weekend. Not so much anymore.

This one time a group of us were on our way to the gas station for a weekend excursion. I don't remember what we had planned, but I'm certain it wasn't good. Anyway, the station was in our sights, the car chugged, and we ran out of gas. My buddy put it in neutral and started coasting. I remember thinking, if only this were the "Flintstones" we could drop our feet thru the floor and run like crazy! But, no ... we stopped, got out and pushed the car the rest of the way. We learned a lesson to keep the tank full or at least keep the needle from bouncing on "E."

I think the same thing happens to us spiritually. We need to be aware of the level of our spiritual tank. We want to avoid running low causing unnecessary wear and tear on our hearts and souls. Think about it. Our cars need fuel to keep running as do our spirits. It's very important not to let your spiritual tank bounce on "E." When we get down to mere vapors in our tank, we get tired and in our exhaustion is when the enemy attacks. He is waiting there, doing everything he can do just to keep us from filling up. Be vigilant to keep your spirit full, because we can't step thru the floor like Fred and Barney to keep going.

Spend time with God through prayer, reading his word, and worship. Get out of the house and go to church, in your car ... full of gas! Hang out with other believers. Do what you can to stay full. Pay attention to your personal spiritual gauge; don't be comfortable with just glancing at it occasionally, assuming it has enough to get you through.

I had a truck with a broken gas gauge. I relied on how many miles I could go between fill-ups. Of course, I miscalculated one time and ran out of gas. Maybe

## BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Bob Junak**  
**Rock River**  
**Community Church,**  
**Luverne**

this is how you have been spiritually; you've miscalculated how much is left in your spiritual tank and you're not totally ready when the enemy attacks.

Isn't this like the story of the ten virgins? Five virgins brought extra oil for their lamps and five did not. It would appear the five that didn't have enough oil seemed to have it together spiritually. Their lamps were burning. But they didn't burn long.

"The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them." (Matthew 25:3)

They kept only enough oil to keep their lamps burning for a little while. But the wise girls were ready.

"The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps." (Matthew 25:4)

They brought extra oil along so when their tank ran low, they filled it back up again. Which is why we need to be filled spiritually so we are ready, no matter what happens.

In Jesus' parable, the bridegroom didn't come right away as was expected. The five who were unprepared ran out of oil and had to go out to buy some more. While they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. When the five girls got back, the door was closed, and they couldn't participate in the celebration.

God doesn't always arrive when we expect him to either. Like the five wise virgins, we need to have enough fuel for today and for tomorrow and the day after that.

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## City of Luverne seeks proposals for Child Care Center

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ISG NO. 22-26330

Proposals for Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) for City of Luverne Child Care Center will be received by the City of Luverne, 305 E. Luverne St., Luverne, MN 56156 by mail or personal delivery until 2:00 p.m. June 29, 2023.

Proposal format, scope of work, drawings, and other proposal documents may be obtained online at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). If you do not already have a free membership, you may sign up for one to gain access to the documents. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 8534083. There will be a \$50.00 non-refundable downloading fee to access a pdf copy of the documents online.

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All proposals shall be sealed in an opaque envelope upon which shall be plainly marked "PROPOSAL FOR CITY OF LUVERNE CHILD CARE CENTER – LUVERNE, MINNESOTA" and the name of the proposer. If a proposal is to be mailed, the proposal envelope shall be sealed in a regular mailing envelope. FAX and E-mail proposals will not be accepted. The Owner reserves the right to hold and consider the proposals for 30 days after the date of the proposal opening.

The right to waive any informality in any bid and reject any or all bids is reserved to the Owner.

DATED THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023

END OF SECTION

(06-08, 06-15, 06-22)

## Rock County Commissioners meet April 18

Herreid Board Room

9:00 A.M.

Rock County Courthouse

April 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Burger with Commissioners Overgaard, Williamson, and Reisch present; Commissioner Thompson was absent. Also in attendance were County Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness, City of Luverne Representatives Mayor Pat Baustian, City Administrator Jill Wolf, Building Official Chad McClure and Councilman Scott Viessman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the County Board agenda of April 18, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the County Board minutes of April 04, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Eventide-Nex Log 740 Subscription Renewal - \$10,500

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, DNR Representatives Jeff Weiss and Gary Kurth and FEMA Representative Munib Ahmad were all present via Zoom to discuss the status of the updated maps of the Rock County floodplains. The floodplain mapping project has been stalled as Rock County has indicated we would not accept the inaccurate map documents. Weiss stated that after additional discussion and investigation, FEMA has determined that the preliminary maps for Rock County will not be finalized until updated modeling and mapping for Poplar Creek and the Rock River are complete. He further stated that FEMA has committed to fund the work along with Minnesota DNR committing to complete the project. Project timelines are still to be determined as additional detail is needed to define the scope of work. City of Luverne Representative along with the Rock County Board thanked Mr. Weiss for the update and his efforts in correcting the issues missing from the preliminary maps and bringing the maps up to date.

Hartman requested to approve (5) Conditional Use Permits (CUP); he reported that all permits had a public hearing and there was no public comment.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve a CUP for Duinick Inc. to place a temporary hot mix asphalt plant in a gravel pit owned by Ron Fick, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 15 of Luverne township as per the conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve a CUP for Duinick Inc. for rock quarry mining, stockpiling, washing and processing located in Section 14 and 11 of Denver Township, as per the conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve a CUP for Duinick Inc. for the placement of a temporary asphalt plant located in Section 14 and 11 of Denver Township, as per the conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve a CUP for Duinick Inc., for aggregate mining, stockpiling, washing, and processing, and stockpiling and recycling of concrete and asphalt, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve a CUP for Duinick Inc. for the placement of a temporary asphalt plant located in the SW 1/4 of Section 21 Battle Plain township, as per the conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, the bid results for SAP 067-030-016, the Bituminous Crack Saw/Seal Project:

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| MP Asphalt Maintenance          | \$161,381.85 |
| Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance | \$227,434.59 |

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to accept the low compliant bid of \$161,381.85 from MP Asphalt Maintenance, declared carried on a voice vote.

Sehr presented the bid results for SAP 067-401-026, 2023, Pavement Marking project:

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Sir Lines-A-Lot | \$126,973.55 |
|-----------------|--------------|

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to accept the bid of \$161,381.85 from Sir Lines-A-Lot, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the claims and per diem of \$1,200.00; after review, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

APRIL 18, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| ASHBY/STEVE                            | \$2,884.20   |
| BECK & HOFFER CONSTRUCTION             | 26,651.30    |
| BREMIK MATERIALS, INC                  | 2,210.51     |
| CHS INC                                | 31,392.14    |
| CLEARGOV INC                           | 12,120.00    |
| COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO                  | 2,708.00     |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY          | 6,925.00     |
| FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR      | 7,158.28     |
| GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON                | 2,091.04     |
| KETTERLING SERVICES INC                | 10,682.77    |
| KIMBALL MIDWEST                        | 3,209.60     |
| LUVERNE/CITY OF                        | 7,694.34     |
| LYON COUNTY LANDFILL                   | 15,753.99    |
| POWERPLAN                              | 2,912.89     |
| REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA | 19,670.25    |
| ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES              | 2,379.20     |
| SANITATION PRODUCTS                    | 4,630.83     |
| SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES      | 34,570.50    |
| STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC                | 4,926.25     |
| STLEPP MFG.                            | 8,207.50     |
| TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING                   | 5,762.00     |
| TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC       | 4,121.49     |
| 65 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000          | 27,416.96    |
| TOTAL                                  | \$246,079.04 |

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the replacement of a lost warrant #104155 for the amount of \$435.00 payable to Northland Securities, Inc., declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a tax abatement request on parcel 20-0377-000 for \$84.00 due to a classification error. On a recommendation of the LRO Director and Auditor/Treasurer, motion by Reisch,

seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a membership request of \$1,000.00 from the Highway 23 Coalition; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to deny the request, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a membership request from the National Center of Public Lands Counties, established by NACo and Western Interstate Region (WIR). The request identifies utilizing \$1,000 of each county's Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) to demonstrate how prosperous public lands counties create a prosperous America. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to deny the request, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator discussed a number of legislative updates to include Omnibus Transportation Finance Bills, Paid Family Leave and the legalization of Cannabis. Commissioner Overgaard stated that he was invited to testify (via Zoom) regarding SF3215, Transportation Truck Highway 75 deterioration.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence stating that Elk Creek Solar is moving forward with the project of a 80mega watt solar project and is expanding the project to a 160 mega watt power generation. Elk Creek will seek approval from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for the expansion and anticipate construction to begin in 2024 with the completion by the end of 2025.

The County Board was in receipt of a first quarter budget review; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of a Rock Strong/EDA event hosted by Sioux Valley Energy on April 27, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Generations location. Guest speakers include, Robin Weis, Deputy Director of the Southwest Rural Development Commission and George Eilertson, Managing Director Public Finance Department of Northland Securities.

The Administrator stated that other activities of the office include: Sergeant interviews, job announcement process for vacancy at the Sheriff's Office, the Rock County EDA meeting went well and was well attended; also fielded a request from Commissioner Overgaard to coordinate a joint meeting with the City of Luverne Council and coordinate a Meals on Wheels delivery date for the County Board. Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Economic Development Authority.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Springwater Township, One Water One Plan and Beaver Creek Township.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Mound, Magnolia, Kanaranz townships, Magnolia and Kenneth City Councils, Fair Board, Land Use, Economic Development Authority, Senate testimony and Planning & Zoning.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Clinton and Luverne Townships, and Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: none due to absence.

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

(06-15)

## Rock County Commissioners meet April 4

Herreid Board Room

9:00 A.M.

Rock County Courthouse

April 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson with Commissioners Overgaard, Williamson, Burger and Reisch present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the April 04, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the County Board minutes of March 21, 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Judicial Ditch Advisory Appointment – Terry Hoogland

Beth Wilms, Southwest Health & Human Services Director and Lisa De-Boer, SWHHS Director of Business Management together presented the results of the most recent audit along with the current fund balances. Currently the organization has a 4-month reserve and received a clean audit. Wilms stated that the organization currently has (9) open positions. Wilms also went on to state that mental health services are currently being provided through Southwest Mental Health and that they will continue to review that delivery model.

The County Board was also in receipt of the SWHHS Annual report for 2021, the report is available for public review as well.

Wilms stated that staff is preparing for the move from the current building location to the temporary location (across the street/TCI building), due to HVAC repairs that are scheduled to begin April 10.

Wilms requested that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 06-23, an amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, which increases the participation in the number of opioid settlement; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 06-23, declared carried on a voice vote.

Doug Bos, Assistant Land Management Office Director and Brandon Bosch, Land Management Engineering Technician presented the 2022 Feedlot Report stating that Rock County has 551 feedlots of which 46 were inspected in 2022 to maintain compliance with the state feedlot delegation agreement. Activity in 2022 included (4) new hog barns, (1) new cattle barn and (2) cattle barn expansions. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the 2022 MPCA Feedlot Annual Report, declared carried on a voice vote.

While the Bos and Bosch were present, Commissioner Reisch provided an update on his recent trip to Denmark to review the Natures Energy business operation, he informed the County Board of his observations regarding processes as well as their research activities.

Andy Haakenson, Assistant Highway Engineer, presented the bid results for SAP 067-559-185 and SAP 067-599-185, (2) Township Bridge replacements: Henning Construction, Inc. \$509,831.00  
Midwest Contracting, LLC \$517,981.00  
A&C Excavating LLC \$519,916.00

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the bid from Henning Construction for \$509,831.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

Haakenson requested authorization to bid let for C.P. 067-501-026, the 2023 Paint Striping project; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, declared carried on a voice vote.

Haakenson provided an update regarding the spring road conditions and the work the county is doing to maintain roads against a very challenging spring.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for approval; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

APRIL 4, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| A & B BUSINESS INC              | \$2,849.60  |
| BUTLER MACHINERY CO             | 2,586.03    |
| CENTERPOINT ENERGY              | 3,277.98    |
| EQUIPMENT BLADES INC            | 3,670.56    |
| FIFTH ASSET INC DBA DEBTBOOK    | 6,500.00    |
| HOWES OIL CO                    | 2,959.55    |
| KIMBALL MIDWEST                 | 3,244.45    |
| MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP       | 6,750.00    |
| NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER | 4,860.00    |
| ROCK COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER   | 3,228.12    |
| SEACHANGE                       | 7,276.99    |
| THOMAS SCIENTIFIC               | 3,254.37    |
| WAUSAU EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC   | 5,306.67    |
| ZIEGLER INC                     | 3,388.08    |
| 62 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000   | 24,328.81   |
| TOTAL                           | \$83,481.21 |

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board, Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer discussed the past meeting with city and township officials regarding elections and the use of mail-in ballots. Following the discussion, the Chair ordered that the mail-in ballot discussion be placed on the May 02, 2023, County Board agenda for possible action.

The County Board was in receipt of the schedule for the Board of Appeal and Equalization; the County Board of Appeal and Equalization is scheduled for June 20, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the Herreid Board meeting room at

the Rock County Courthouse.

The County Board was informed that Senator Smith is in Luverne on April 4th touring the City of Luverne proposed Day Care Center; the County Board was invited to attend, however it conflicted with the County Board meeting.

The County Board was informed of Sioux Valley Energy Economic Development meeting scheduled for April 27th at 6:00 P.M. at Generations, the emphasis for the meeting will be on grant writing and bonding.

The Administrator presented a number legislative updates that could potentially impact Rock County; no action was taken.

The Administrator presented a brief update regarding activities of the Administrator's office; no action was taken.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Nature Energy tour.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Elections/Mail-Ballot process and Prairie Rose Community Fund.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Road site visit in Magnolia Township, Solid Waste, Rural Energy, Elections/Mail-In Ballot process, and Planning & Zoning.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Elections/Mail-In Ballot process.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: Elections/Mail-In Ballot process.

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

(06-15)

## Luverne School District seeks quotes for vehicle fuels

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

David Wrigg, Clerk

(06-15, 06-22, 06-29, 07-06)

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(06-08, 06-15)

## Fick estate

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COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of

Court File No. 67-PR-23-118

Donald Fick, a/k/a Donald W. Fick,

Deceased

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 3, 2023, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court, at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated February 1, 2013, and for the appointment of Daniel D. Fick, whose address is 808 N. Blauvelt Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103, and Rebecca A. Buske, whose address is PO Box 783, Wyoming, Minnesota 55092, as Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives will be appointed with power to administer the Estate in Minnesota, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives of to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Date Filed: June 1, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt

District Court Judge

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recreational shooting/from 2B

find. Cartridge and bullet info is on the outside of most ammo boxes. You zero the scope and gun at a distance of 100 yards. Once this is complete, all you do is make adjustments for longer ranges as indicated in the app. It might say at 300 yards you need to move the scope up two inches to compensate for the bullet drop out to that range. There are some spots on the app to enter wind speed and direction and this you can use a wind meter for or just estimate. I had a friend who had never shot at targets beyond 250 yards. He zeroed his gun at 100 yards. He

One of the coolest parts of long-range shooting is the chime you hear when a bullet hits steel.

— Scott Rall, outdoor columnist

then made the recommended adjustments and shot at an individual 12x16-inch target at distances of 199, 410, 500, 600, 670 and 808 yards, making the indicated adjustment for each longer range. With this app he was able to hit each and every one of these targets consecutively without a single miss. He took his gun and

returned it to the gun case, as he wanted to finish his day on a very high note. In another instance, my son fine-tuned his Bergara rifle into the 808-yard target and then had one of my friends shoot his gun. He hit the same long distance target three times in a row. My turn was next and I was certain that I would break this success string. With a gun I had never

shot before, I hit the 808-yard target three times in a row before I missed. Long range shooting success is getting the gun tuned in for the distance and then just making a reasonably good shot. Long-range shooting is really like a math computation. Figure out the variables and everyone can make an 808-yard shot. Many good shooters

can shoot at much longer ranges, but my property is limited to an 808-yard maximum. One of the coolest parts of long-range shooting is the chime you hear when a bullet hits steel. When I am watching other shooters, I can see the steel plate move upon bullet impact and call "impact" long before the sound of that impact is heard by the person who

pulled the trigger. It is different from watching a thistle bloom fall to the ground, and 6.5 Creedmoor rounds cost far more than a penny each. But the satisfaction is just as if I was 6 years old again. Next week I will share with you a way for you to dip your toe into the world of long-range shooting and do so in a manner with a much shorter learning curve. Stay tuned. Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com.

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CARDS OF THANKS

The children of Norma Ganges-tad wish to thank everyone who sent cards to celebrate Mom's 100th birthday. She loved them and it was so appreciated. **Thanks again!** (6.10-6.15)

The American Legion Auxiliary of Luverne would like to say a big THANK YOU for the wonderful support received from our local businesses and neighbors on Poppy Day. Everything received goes to our veterans. **Thank You Again!** (6.10-6.15)

The family of Margaret Kuiken would like to thank you for your expressions of love and caring during her time in hospice and her passing. Thank you to Dr. Spronk for his care over the years, and to Pastor Mike and George for their faithful visits, and to Hartquist for their caring and attention to details. **Les & Linda Kuiken Virginia & Henry Sandblute Verla Kuiken & families** (6.10-6.15)

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EMPLOYMENT

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**Questions:** Questions may be directed to Ann Rigney, Food Service Director, at 507-283-8088 or a.rigney@isd2184.net  
**Application Deadline:** Position open until filled  
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**District Application:** District application form can be found at the following link: https://www.isd2184.net/about\_lps/open\_employment  
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## LHS/H-BC state track championship/from 1B

3200-meter run with a time of 9:47.53.

Sophomore Augusta Papik finished in 12th place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.88.

“Just getting to the state meet is very difficult and a tremendous achievement, and to have 13 kids walk away with medals, and 12 All-State performances, that is just unbelievable.”

The Cardinal girls took fourth place in Class A with 45 total team points, out of 67 teams, just behind third-place Perham with 46, second-place Minnehaha Academy with 49 and first-place Eden Valley Watkins/Kimball with 70 total team points.

The boys’ team tied for 15th place out of 68 teams with 24 team points.

“Words cannot describe how proud we are of everybody,” Janiszkeski said.

“The amount of dedication, leadership, selflessness and hard work that they poured into the season is incredible, and it showed in their performances this week and throughout the entire season, for that matter.”

Individual event results for the meet are as follows:

### Girls’ 100-meter Hurdles

LHS Sophomore Augusta Papik Prelims - **12th place**, 16.88 Top nine went to finals.

### Girls’ 100-meter Dash

H-BC Eighth-Grader Brynn Bakken **Third Place** in State Finals with a time of 12.52 Prelims - Third place with a personal record of 12.44

### Boys’ 400-meter Dash

LHS Sophomore Lucky Dara **Ninth Place** in State Finals with a time of 52.03 Prelims - seventh place with a personal record of 50.98

### Girls’ 300-meter Hurdles

Senior Elizabeth Wagner **Eighth Place** in State Finals with a time of 47.06 Prelims - seventh place with a personal record of 46.87

### Girls’ 200-meter Dash

H-BC Eighth-Grader Brynn Bakken **Sixth Place** in State Finals with a time of 25.88 Prelims - Eighth place with a personal record of 25.72

### Girls’ 3200-meter Run

LHS Junior Jenna DeBates **Fourth Place** in State Finals with a time of 11:11.51

### Boys’ 3200-meter Run

Sophomore Owen Janiszkeski **Seventh Place** in State Finals



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0615 boys 4x400

LHS eighth-grader Darius Dolo hands off the baton to sophomore Lucky Dara in the boys’ 4-by-400-meter relay prelims. LHS finished the race with a time of 3:30.66 June 8 at the State High School Class A Championships.

with a time of 9:45.49  
**Senior Camden Janiszkeski**  
**10th Place** in State Finals with a time of 9:47.53

**Girls’ 4x400-meter Relay**  
LHS Senior Tiana Lais, Junior Sarah Stegenga, Freshman Ella Schmuck, Senior Elizabeth Wagner Prelims - **13th Place**, 4:12.04 Top nine went to finals.

### Boys’ 4x400-meter Relay

LHS Junior Zachary Terrio, Junior Ryan Fick, Eighth-Grader Darius Dolo, Sophomore Lucky Dara **Eighth Place** in State Finals with a time of 3:31.72 Prelims - eighth place with a time of 3:30.66



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0615 debates

LHS junior Jenna DeBates placed fourth in the state finals in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:11.51 June 8 at the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0615 papik

LHS sophomore Augusta Papik hurdles her way to 12th place with a time of 16.88 in the girls’ 100-meter hurdles Thursday, June 8 at the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships in Albertville. Papik failed to make the finals as the Top 9 moved on.



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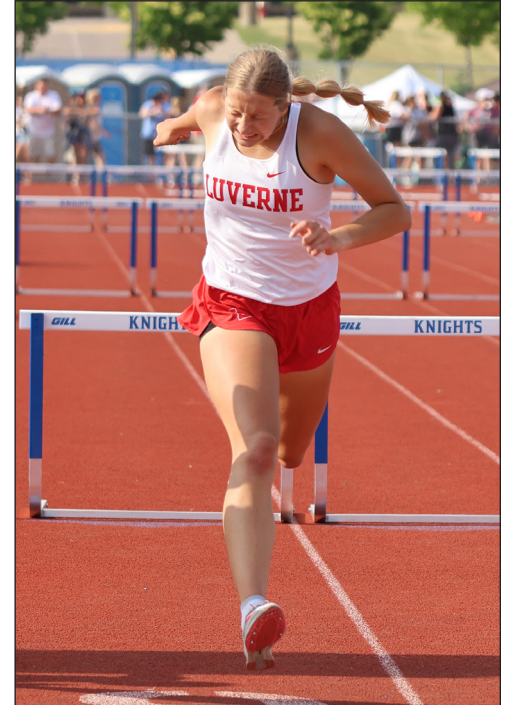
H-BC eighth-grader Brynn Bakken takes third place in the 100-meter dash prelims with a time of 12.44 June 8 at the 2023 Minnesota State High School Class A Championships in Albertville. Bakken placed third in the finals with a time of 12.52.

## 2023 Minnesota State High School Track & Field Class A Championship



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0615 girls 4x400

LHS junior Sarah Stegenga makes the handoff to freshman Ella Schmuck in the girls’ 4-by-400-meter relay prelims. LHS finished the race with a time of 4:12.04, placing them 13th in the prelims Thursday, June 8, at the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships in Albertville.



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LHS Senior Elizabeth Wagner places seventh in the girls’ 300-meter hurdle prelims with a time of 46.87 June 8, at the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships in Albertville. Wagner took eighth place in the finals with a time of 47.06.



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The LHS Janiszkeski brothers, senior Camden and sophomore Owen, line up for the boys’ 400-meter run Thursday, June 8, at the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships in Albertville. Owen took seventh place with a time of 9:45.49 and Camden finished in 10th place with a time of 9:47.53.

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**Boys’ 4x800-meter Relay**  
LHS Senior Camden Janiszkeski, Sophomore Owen Janiszkeski, Senior Carsen Totteland, Junior Ryan Fick **Fourth Place** in State Finals with a time of 8:04.13

**Boys’ Pole Vault**  
LHS Senior DJ Rock **First Place** in State Finals with a vault of 14-00

**Girls’ Discus Throw**  
LHS Senior Jacyln Hart **First Place** in State Finals with a throw of 131-00  
LHS Senior Jocelyn Hart **Fourth Place** in State Finals with a throw of 121-11

**Girls’ Triple Jump**  
H-BC Eighth-Grader Brynn Bakken **Ninth Place** in State Finals with a jump of 34-10.25

**Girls’ Shot Put**  
LHS Senior Jocelyn Hart **Second Place** in State Finals with a throw of 40-09.75  
LHS Senior Jacyln Hart **Fourth Place** in State Finals with a throw of 39.07.25