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District may hire resource officer; wage paid by city, county, school

Discussion also includes closing high school noon hour

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members will reconsider hiring a school resource officer with the estimated \$100,000 cost split three ways by school, city and county.

They will also consider closing the lunch hour at the high school — meaning students would not be able to leave campus for lunch.

The topics were discussed at a board workshop Thursday night, June 10. Formal action may be on the agenda of the next regular board meeting June 24.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian and Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge met with school officials earlier this month about hiring a full-time school resource officer.

Area schools, most recently Jackson County Central, have hired law enforcement officers to work in districts.

Details on what the officer would do in Luverne schools would be determined by the entities involved. School officials are open to having an officer assist with risky behaviors such as drug use and increasing truancy.

Middle school principal Jason Phelps said resources were stretched thin during the 2020-21 school year with attendance issues. He said there may be value in having a person visit students' homes and connect with students at school.

"There were some things at the middle school level this year, and parents called and said, 'Hey,

School resource officer/3A



Above, the oversized suspended bucket slowly fills with water and then dumps with a dramatic splash. Below left, Skylar Mann, Luverne, supervises little water canon shooters. Below right, on the teetor-totter, squirts are Karston Haas, Easton Staeffler, Connor Mann and Kaylyn Morris.



Beaver Creek splash pad now open and cooling the community

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

The Beaver Creek splash pad opened this spring just ahead of a long heat wave of 90-degree temperatures.

Nearly every day children and families — many of them visiting from other communities — have enjoyed the water entertainment located between the elementary school and ball diamond.

A ribbon-cutting to celebrate the splash pad completion will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 24, with Luverne Area Chamber members, local businesses, donors and the community invited.



'Ride the Rock' to benefit food shelf

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Chamber will host the 2021 Ride the Rock event as a fundraiser for the Rock County Food Shelf.

The June 19 countywide cruise will feature ATVs, side-by-

sides, motorcycles and classic cars with stops at 15 locations in Rock County. "Enjoy the day cruising," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"Go when you want, and stop when and where you want."

There will be drawings for two \$25 gift certificates at each location. "Make a charitable, tax-deductible donation to the Food Shelf and you will receive tickets

'Ride the Rock'/see page 5A

County increases funding for ambulance service

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved an additional \$35,000 to two of the three ambulance services serving Rock County.

The increases will be effective this year.

The additional money for 2021 will be paid through reserves, auditor-treasurer Ashley Kurtz confirmed at the commissioners' June 8 meeting.

Jasper Ambulance will receive an allocation of \$5,000, up from \$1,300.

Edgerton Ambulance will receive \$2,500, up from \$500.

Rock County Ambulance, based in Luverne, continues to receive \$24,746.

The increases to Jasper and Edgerton were the result of a committee meeting between county officials and representatives from the three ambulance services.

The group agreed to meet annually and will later draft a

Jasper, Edgerton receive additional money for 2021

formal financial agreement going forward.

Commissioner Greg Burger served on the committee.

"We looked at the situation and we've been at \$500 and \$1,300 for way too long (since 2005). —Everything just flew under the radar," he said. "This is our recommendation, in an effort to pick back up and get things where it belongs."

The increased allocation means minimally an ambulance service will receive \$2,500. The per section rate is currently \$63.90.

Jasper Ambulance serves 79 sections in Rock County and Edgerton 34. The largest area, 391 sections, is covered by Rock County Ambulance.

Ambulance funding/see 5A

Loop Phase 3A complete, trailhead sign up

By Lori Sorenson

Work on Phase 3A of the Luverne Loop path is completed.

Phase 3A started at the trailhead building on East Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue and ended at the Rock River to the east of the wastewater treatment plant.

Luverne City Council members recently approved final payment of \$206,000 to Henning Construction, the general contractor for the work.

The total project cost was just over \$496,000, with \$150,000 paid for by a state of Minnesota DNR local trails grant.

The city recently published a map drawn to scale of the entire Luverne

Loop Phase 3A/continued on 8A



The city recently erected a \$24,600 sign marking the "trailhead" corner that was once Casey's on East Main Street. (Lori Sorenson photo)



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County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,287	0	+0.0%
Pipestone	1,166	<1	+0.0%
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Minnehaha (SD)	31,748	4	+0.0%
Lyon (IA)	1,588	0	+0.0%



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● People with at least one dose: 3,801

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Data as of 06-13-2021

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

Current data as of June 15, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the cemetery. In case of rain, meeting will be at Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at Poplar Creek on Oak Drive. Masks are required in the building.

Tour of historic homes June 24

A pulled pork feed fundraiser is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Hinkly House. A pulled pork sandwich, chips and a rootbeer float will be served for a freewill offering. The Hinkly House will be open for tours from 2 to 7 p.m. Golf cart tours of historic homes are from 2 to 3:30 and from 5 to 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Chamber. Suggested donation for the tour is \$5, and reservations may be made in advance at 507-283-4061.

Senior food distribution June 17

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 17, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Free food offered June 17

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.

Free community meal

The United Methodist Church will offer a free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 23. A pick-up option is available.

Eden Church annual service June 27

The Eden Lutheran Church of rural Jasper will host its annual service at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 27. Pastor Sue Grinde will officiate from the black Lutheran hymnal, followed by a potluck noon meal under a tent.

At the 1 p.m. tolling of the bell, the congregation will gather for an af-ternoon meeting of history and singing favorite hymns. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Church cleaning will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, with coffee and sweets served. Call Bev at 507-348-4126 with questions.

Southwest Crisis Center offers trauma-informed yoga

The Southwest Crisis Center yoga support group is expanding this summer to weekly sessions from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays through July 13 at the Luverne City Park. Bring a yoga mat as limited qualities will be available.

Sessions are directed by Rock County advocate Jennifer Lindsey and is free and open to the public. Contact Lindsey at 507-283-9917 or Jen-nifer@mnsbcc.org with questions.

Mr. Dooyema retires from Luverne

By Jason Berghorst

“Stand up if you ever had Mr. Dooyema as a teacher.”

Luverne art teacher Chris Nowatzki made this request during the district’s employee recognition program on the last day of school Friday, May 28.

In response, over 30 of the teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, food service and other district staff gathered in the Cardinal gym stood up as the rest applauded.

“This just shows the legacy that Mr. Dooyema leaves after 41 years,” Nowatzki told the group.

Doug Dooyema started in Luverne in the fall of 1980, spending his first 12 years teaching fourth grade in the old elementary school building on Luverne Street.

He then moved to teaching sixth-grade science at the middle school, a position he held for almost 30 years.

Dooyema grew up near Kenneth and graduated from Edgerton Public High School before earning degrees from Minnesota West in Worthington and Minnesota State University in Mankato.

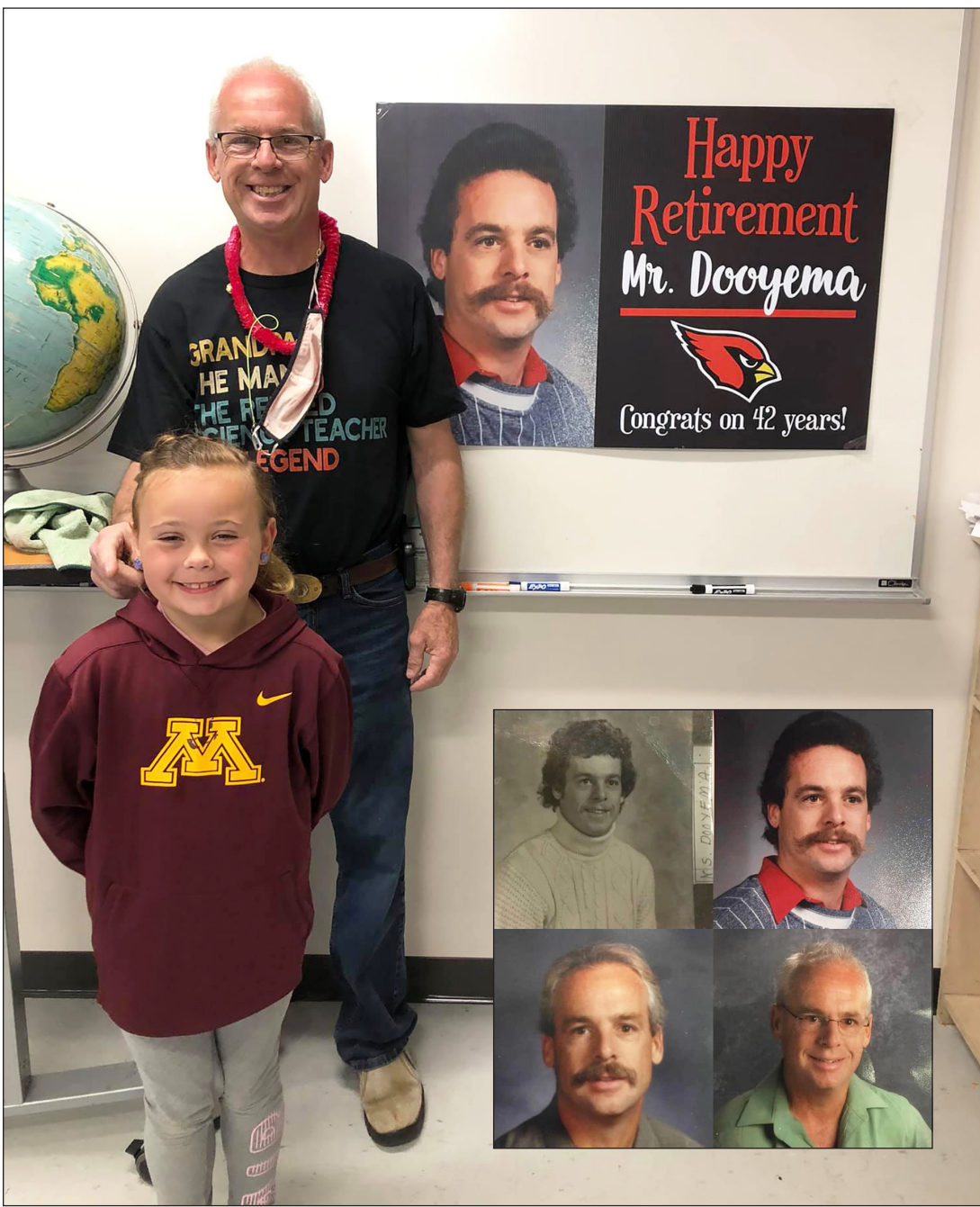
He taught one year in Salem, South Dakota, before returning closer to home to teach in Luverne.

“I’m now just about on my third generation of students in the same family,” Dooyema said.

“You make a lot of connections with the students and families when you teach in the same town for this many years, and I’ve really enjoyed that the most.”

He said he thought about being a veterinarian after high school, but quickly realized he didn’t want the hours required with that profession.

“I really kind of fell into teaching by default,” Dooyema said.



Submitted photo

Luverne Middle School science teacher Doug Dooyema retired after 42 years of teaching, 41 of them in Luverne Public Schools, on May 28. He is pictured on his last day of teaching with his granddaughter, Ellie Kopp, on her last day of kindergarten. In the inset is a collage of Dooyema photographs from yearbooks since he started with the district.

“I knew I’d be able to keep farming some back then if I was a teacher. It was a great choice.”

It’s a life lesson he shares with his students.

“I always try to impress on the kids that school will take you somewhere,” Dooyema said. “No one can ever take your education away from you.”

Early in his career, Dooyema also coached multiple sports, including varsity assistant for baseball and middle school football and basketball before his own children began participating in sports.

He’s also been involved with the teachers’ union since he started with district and has been a negotiator for the Luverne Education Association for 38 years.

According to Dooyema, the end of his four decades career may not be immediately felt.

“It probably won’t really hit me until this fall when I don’t go back to school,” he said, adding that he’ll spend more time with his wife, Pam, their nine children and six grandchildren.

“That will keep me busy,” he added.

Dooyema also plans to continue working with his backhoe construction business.

“I like that, because I can kind of set my hours. It’s perfect.”

Fransman rejoins H-BC School Board

By Mavis Fodness

Former board member Harley Fransman rejoined the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board Monday night replacing Dan LaRock who resigned in April.

Fransman was appointed to the vacant position in May and after a 30-day comment period he was formally sworn into the position by School Board Chairman Arlyn Gehrke. Gehrke was vice chairman when then Board Chairman Fransman retired in 2018. Fransman served on the board for 13 years.

He said he was happy to serve on the board again, this time as a grandfather of two students in the H-BC district. Fransman



Mavis Fodness photo

Harley Fransman officially rejoined the H-BC School Board Monday night.

is also happy that the district is on solid financial footings, a different position from when the district operated in statutory debt almost 10 years

ago.

Fransman saw the H-BC district out of debt.

“That was the biggest feel-good moment,” he said.

In his first action as a board member, Fransman and the rest of the board unanimously accepted the hiring of replacement staff at Monday night’s meeting. The board also accepted another teacher resignation.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus said the candidate pool has been strong.

“We had some real good candidates,” he said. “Sadly, we only need one person per position.”

A few of the new hires, who begin the 2021-22 school year, are familiar with the district including:

- Steve Wiertzema was rehired as secondary business/accounting teacher and athletic director. Wiertzema retired from the same positions at the end of last school year.
- (A story about Wiertzema’s retirement as long-time basketball coach appears in this issue.)
- Kale Wiertzema replaces his father, Steve Wiertzema, as head basketball coach.
- Tyler Johnson was rehired as the K-12 art teacher. Johnson had tenured his resignation at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- Kerri Baker, secondary math teacher.
- Erika Bierman, K-12

Fransman/see page 8A

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Schools turn attention to cybersecurity

Local business knows firsthand the reality of cyber threats

By Mavis Fodness
Recent news accounts of hackers holding data “hostage” has local school officials beefing up cybersecurity in efforts to protect personal student data and sensitive accounting information.

The cost for the added protection (not yet known) will add to the 2021-22 school budget.

School board members were informed of the budget increase during their May 13 work session and special meeting.

Wade Hiller, Luverne Public School’s technology coordinator, told board members and administrators of his cyber security concerns.

“The world we live in today, everything is online,” Hiller said. “With highly trained, large businesses being hacked, what can we (a small school district) do?”

As more reports of businesses’ systems being hacked come forward, stories of how data is encrypted and how disruption is caused when computer systems are compromised is causing area school boards to look at options for protection.

Often the hackers demand millions of dollars for the codes to return the encrypted information back to useable form.

Hiller said conversations with other school technology coordinators and advisers with the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative have pointed toward the purchase of cybersecurity insurance.

As a stipulation for coverage, schools must implement a multi-factor authentication process for internal access to the sensitive data. Essentially staff would need to successfully sign into the computer system twice before access is granted.

As a Google school district, Hiller said the software for the MFA is already available and ready for implementation this summer.

July 1 is the district’s

insurance renewal deadline. The exact premium cost was unknown at the time of the workshop.

Hills-Beaver Creek School District is also investigating similar authentication process and cybersecurity insurance.

Local business knows cyberattack firsthand

Four years ago the computer system at the Luverne Farm Store experienced a cyberattack, according to business owner Nate Golla.

The encrypting of the feed store’s accounting and inventory systems took six months to rebuild and the cost took the business years to recoup.

Golla found his current cybersecurity insurance didn’t cover the type of ransomware attack the farm store experienced.

Because the attack happened during the day, Farm Store personnel unplugged the computer system during the encryption process. No information was actually stolen by the overseas hackers.

“They take nothing from you,” Golla said, “but encrypt the information on our server. Insurance only covered if whoever was in there took something.”

Because the hackers were stopped as the attack took place, the Farm Store didn’t receive any demands for money to receive the codes to undo the encryption.

Instead, Golla and his staff spent six months recreating the accounting data from daily reports and spreadsheets not harmed in the cyberattack.

The process was finished in April 2019 and the financial records are now considered clear.

However, the effects from the hacking were felt financially for several years.

From his experience, Golla recommends and encourages business and organization leaders to read through their cybersecurity insurance to be sure they are protected against cyber threats.

Resource officer/from page 1

what are we going to do about that?” Part of the answer could be a resource officer,” Phelps said.

Closing the noon hour would force the ninth through 12th-grade students to either bring their own lunches or eat school lunch in the new commons area that will be open this fall.

Board members previously considered hiring a resource officer in 2017. A middle school principal was hired instead.

The current proposal would have the city, county and school share the costs, estimated at \$33,000.

Timeframe would have a potential officer in the school’s next year.

Discussions between

board members — Katie Baustian was not in attendance — included possible graduated approach to keeping students on campus to leaving the privilege open to seniors, who can leave the campus over the lunch hour.

Because potentially 200 to 300 more meals would need to be prepared by kitchen staff in the event of a closed noon hour, a decision needs to be made soon.

The June 24 school board meeting begins at 7 p.m., with community input available at 6:30 p.m.

The public may contact the superintendent’s office, 507-283-8088, to address the board.



Celebrating Friendship Days

The community of Hills celebrated its 2021 Friendship Days over the weekend with ballgames, water activities, vendor fair, fishing derby and more. Pictured above, the 2020 AP 9-Man State Champions were among a long lineup of parade entries Saturday morning during Friendship Days (Lexi Moore photo). Below left, Mabrie Bush enjoys a cup of ice cream in Jacobson Park. Below, Drake Meyer (left) and Kai Wiertzema take a turn on the inflatable water slide.



Photos by Lori Sorenson



Above left, Annette Elbers (from left) Kala Bush and Mabrie Bush shop at the vendor fair in Jacobson Park. Above, Stephanie Klemm paints Jonah Dinger’s cheek. Above right are Dawn Leenderts and Mae Fagerness at the Saturday morning parade (Lexi Moore photo). Below, Pucky Sandager and his restored covered wagon offer a history lesson in the park.



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Bleacher build brings memories of ‘blue ribbon’ project leaders

Monday night, a dedicated group of 4-H horse project leaders assembled new



portable bleachers for the horse arena at the Rock County Fairgrounds.

It's no small undertaking.

The bleachers arrived last week in a tidy box filled with hundreds of bolts, rivets and aluminum pieces. When assembled, they become a safe and secure public seating area.

The old wood and steel bleachers can hopefully benefit another organization.

They remind me of the two longtime, dedicated 4-H horse project supervisors, Stan and Ginny Soutar.

More than 40 years ago, these horse enthusiasts helped me fulfill a young girl's dream of owning and caring for a horse. Without them, I wouldn't have received that initial gray pony and the subsequent larger quarter horse raised on their farm on the outskirts of Luverne.

I joined 4-H to learn how to ride and show those horses under the Soutars' tutelage.

Decades later, I am still riding and showing a horse with my own riding abilities improving considerably over that time period.

I recently returned as an active volunteer to the 4-H horse project, instructing youth on what it takes to earn a blue ribbon at the fair.

However, the number of 4-H horse project riders is dwindling.

Only five 4-H'ers out of a possible 30 attended the session. No longer is it mandatory for youth to attend these sessions in order

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

to participate at the Rock County Fair.

I don't agree with that rule.

In my previous work with the horse project, youth needed to attend five summer sessions over a three-month period. The sessions allowed both the horses and young riders to get used to one another and learn the riding and showing skills.

I see many horses grazing in the pastures of Rock County. I often wonder if their owners ride them regularly, and if they have children who could benefit from what the 4-H horse project has to offer.

Six other adults join me at the Wednesday night sessions. I am hoping more kids will also join us in the coming weeks. After all, learning the requirements it takes to earn a blue ribbon takes time and practice.

As of today, the Rock County Fair is six weeks away.

Both Stan and Ginny Soutar are gone, as will be the old bleachers that contain that wooden plaque thanking them for the donated seating.

The Soutars helped me become a blue-ribbon rider. I am fortunate and proud that I and the six other adult volunteers can continue the tradition and standards they set for decades.

Going forward, we'll soon see what our hard work generates as we volunteers watch from those new bleachers.

Congratulations on a COVID-19 milestone, Rock County

It may not be the finish line, but we're seeing an end to the journey

One day last week something remarkable happened.

Quietly, almost imperceptibly, Rock County hit a milestone with its COVID-19 data.

While our masks were getting lost in glove boxes and purse pockets, and while we crowded together at Buffalo Days and began planning for the Fourth of July, and while we ramped up our social schedules after a pandemic year of isolation ...

... Rock County reached 20 straight days of no new coronavirus cases.

It didn't make headlines in the way that our first coronavirus cases did, and the way our first coronavirus losses did.

It's not like the news media to report on what didn't happen, but perhaps we should.

Considering the journey from those first cases to today, and considering what it took to reach "no new cases," it's certainly worth some reflection.

It was perhaps the single most challenging public health crisis to burden our local leaders and health professionals since polio in the 1950s.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

It required perhaps the most personal responsibility and sacrifice since World War II rations.

And the toll it took on business and commerce was unlike any other economic hardship in recent history.

If the pandemic were a marathon, we paced ourselves at the start, took off like a shot at Mile 10, and somewhere around Mile 20 we feared there may not be a finish line.

We geared up for overwhelmed hospital rooms, made arrangements for medical staff reinforcements, and stocked up on hand sanitizer and PPE. There's the 2020 Acronym of the Year if there were to be one. (Personal Protective Equipment, for those who weren't paying attention.)

There is no race so difficult as one with no end in sight –

and it did feel that way at times – when we buried loved ones, closed beloved restaurants and businesses and eclipsed school pastimes like prom, spring sports and graduation.

The list of losses goes on.

But as we rounded the new year with our COVID-19 numbers leveling off, we began to see the finish line: a vaccine.

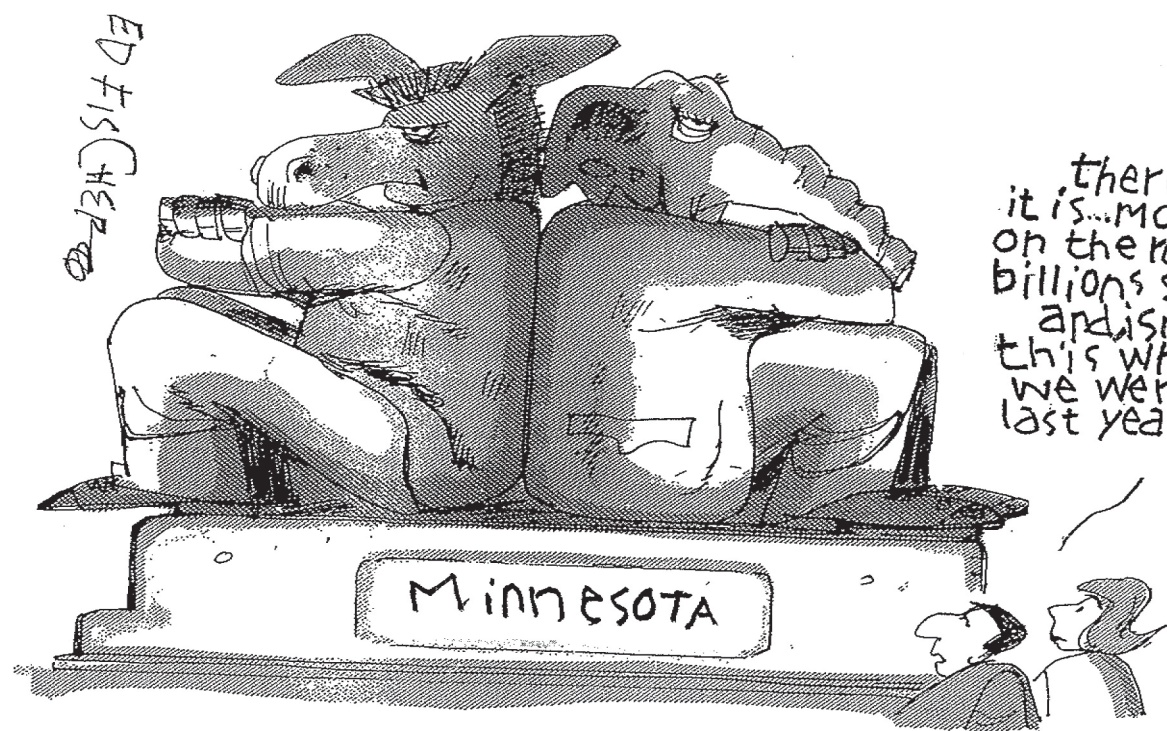
Just as we lined up for community testing clinics, we did the same for vaccines.

One shot at a time, one age group at a time, protection built. And the Covid cases dropped.

Until one day, we realized 20 days in a row had passed with no new reported cases.

Have we crossed the finish line? It's hard to know. Perhaps after a year of no new cases we'll declare the journey over.

Meanwhile, Rock County, we can appreciate today.



Father's Day is about more than just me

Sunday celebrates great-grandpas, sons and sons-in-law

Sunday is Father's Day and the funny thing about Father's Day for me is I don't consider it a day set aside for me as a father.

I know that sounds rather confusing, but what I am trying to say is Father's Day for me is more about three other very important fathers in my life.

First is my father, or Dad, as I called him. He died of cancer at the age of 47 some 40 years ago. I think about him often and I always think about him on Father's Day, Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

When I think about my dad, my thoughts are not so much what I miss about him, but more about what he missed by dying so young.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

He missed watching his three sons grow up and have families of their own. He missed watching his grandchildren grow up and have families of their own. He would have no doubt enjoyed that very much.

The other two fathers I think about often, and especially on Father's Day, are my son, Nate, and son-in-law, Blair. I am very proud of both of them for being great fathers. Nate is father of three boys and Blair is the father

of two daughters.

Of course those three boys and two girls are Mary's and my grandchildren, and once again I think about my dad and what he missed.

I must say watching your kids grow up and start families of their own and see them become great parents is about the best Father's Day gift this dad could ask for.

Happy Father's Day to all of you dads.

Norberg: '... hope is on the horizon'

To the Editor:

After a challenging year, hope is on the horizon. Independent pharmacies across the state are playing a crucial role in helping vaccinate Minnesotans and provided critical care throughout the pandemic.

For many independent pharmacies, such as the two I own, joining a Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization (PSAOs), offers independent pharmacies the administrative services needed to run a small business. PSAOs help independent pharmacies prioritize patient needs.

PSAOs also play a key role in consulting with pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) on behalf of independent pharmacies. PBMs are organizations within the pharmaceutical supply chain that play a key role in determining drug prices – often taking in big chunks of the profits they negotiate at the expense of patients and independent pharmacies. Predatory practices

by PBMs result in huge profits for them, while patients pay more for prescriptions and many small pharmacies are forced to close their doors.

Without proper government oversight, PBMs will continue to go unchecked and threaten the vitality of Minnesota's independent pharmacies. I am hopeful that the current bipartisan legislation that will help lower drug costs and better regulate PBMs becomes law this year. SF 2178 is included in both the House and Senate State Government Finance Omnibus bills and is an important step forward – but there is definitely a lot more work to be done.

Minnesota must check these behemoth PBMs to protect patients and ensure independent pharmacists can continue to provide top quality care, vaccinations and health services in our communities.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatchreport June 4

•Report of a sudden death on W. Main Street.
•Complainant on County Highway 4, Luverne, reported excessive noise.

•An outage was reported.

•Complainant on E. Church Avenue, Steen, requested to speak with a deputy about harassment.

•Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant.

June 5

•Complainant on Main Street and Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 32, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on E. Hatting Street reported trespassing on his property.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported phone line outages.

June 6

•Complainant on Barge Channel, St. Paul, reported subject with Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported intoxicated person causing problems.

•Complainant on N. Garfield Street, Magnolia, reported damage/vandalism.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, west of mile marker 11, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported assault at location.

June 7

•Complainant at Maplewood Cemetery reported a possible abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant reported recreational vehicle was stolen.

•Complainant on 141st Street reported a stolen and recovered vehicle.

•Complainant on County Road 6 and 61st Street, Beaver Creek, reported a flat tire.

•Complainant reported a scam.

•Complainant on 111th Street and 140th Avenue, Luverne, reported a tractor fire.

•Complainant on Interstate 90 and Highway 75 reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported found property.

•Deputy was out with vehicle at location on County Road 11 and County Road 5, Luverne.

June 8

•Complainant reported lost items.

•Complainant requested to speak with deputy about property exchange.

•Complainant on 71st Street and 134th Ave., Luverne, reported kids recreationally jumping from bridge at location.

•Complainant on W. Harrison Street reported item stolen from vehicle.

June 9

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a speeding semi truck.

•Complainant on 20th Avenue, Valley Springs, reported abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant on Oak Drive, Luverne, reported property damage/attempted break-in.

•Dispatch confirmed warrant.

•Complainant on 10th Avenue and 81st Street, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported some kind of liquid leaked onto roadway.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported vehicles at high rate of speed.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported a probation check.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about a call.

•Complainant on County Road 4 and County Road 11, Luverne, reported speeding and erratic driving.

•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue and W. Hatting Street, reported a pedestrian walking in the ditch.

June 10

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported possible hacking or scam.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

•Deputy on State Highway 23 and 201st Street, Jasper, assisted motorist.

•Deputy on State Highway 23 and 141st Street, Beaver Creek, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported vandalism/property damage.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported assault at location.

•Complainant on 10th Avenue, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a driving complaint.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 8 escorts, 12 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 3 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 4 burn permits, 2 vehicle impounds, 1 gas drive-off, 1 alarm, 3 drug court tests, 3 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 15 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 report of cattle out and 1 curfew check.

Beaver Creek asked to match \$10,000 for historic Spring Brook Bridge repairs

By Lori Sorenson

Beaver Creek City Council members discussed the Spring Brook Bridge at their meeting Wednesday, June 9, after they were asked to provide \$10,000 in matching funds to repair it.

For several years, the bridge at the northeast edge of Beaver Creek has been showing signs of wear — cracking, pitting and some erosion underneath.

However, the concrete structure is on the list of historic bridges with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, which means repairs are planned with an eye toward historic preservation.

A 2014 Historical Bridge Study of the Spring Brook Bridge found it to be “in fair condition overall,” but pointed out several deficiencies.

“The most significant defects include cracking and spalling of the wingwalls and headwalls, deterioration and undermining of the abutments, and erosion/exposure of the east bridge slopes,” the report stated.

At their June 9 meeting, Beaver Creek Council members learned the bridge repairs were estimated at \$167,000.

Some of the costs would be covered by grants and by the county and state, but the city was asked to provide \$10,000 in matching funds to complete the work.

Council members voted to table action on the request until they could review the plans.

In the spring of 2017, Beaver Creek received a \$40,000 engineering grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, because the bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1989.

The council expressed frustration that the engineering money had been spent, but it took a year and a half to get it



The Spring Brook Bridge is a single-span, reinforced concrete, filled-spandrel, barrel-vaulted, arch bridge, with slightly flared wingwall abutments. It was constructed in 1911 by Perley N. Gillham, who designed and constructed reinforced-concrete arch bridges. (Lori Sorenson photo)



done.

Spring Brook Road, which becomes First Avenue as it enters town, was at one time a primary thoroughfare into Beaver Creek’s bustling downtown, which boasted several gas stations, a motel and other businesses.

Spring Brook Bridge was added to the National Register of Historical Places in 1989. Its builder, Perley Gillham, built dozens of bridges throughout various townships in southwest Minnesota.

Gillham was known for his unique concrete arch bridge designs.

According to MnDOT’s

summary of the historical structure, the Spring Brook Bridge is a single-span, reinforced concrete, filled-spandrel, barrel-vaulted, arch bridge, with slightly flared wingwall abutments.

It was constructed in 1911 by Perley N. Gillham, who designed and constructed reinforced-concrete arch bridges.

“Design and construction of reinforced-concrete arch span exemplifies Gillham’s style and construction method, such as the scribed line in the arch-ring edge, distinctive slab railing

and decorative concrete molding along the lower edge of all coping,” the MnDOT site reads.

Rehabilitation won’t change Spring Brook Bridge’s current one-lane design.

When compared to today’s bridge standards, it would continue to be classified as “functionally obsolete,” a distinction it received in 1991.

Fewer than 100 vehicles travel the gravel road over the Spring Brook Bridge on a daily basis.

The bridge continues to be safe for use.

Ride the Rock to benefit Food Shelf/continued from page 1

to enter the drawing at all locations,” Lanphere said.

“One hundred percent of the proceeds from the day go to the Food Shelf.”

Participants can pre-register through June 18 at the Chamber office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Or register on cruise day, June 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Chamber (located at 213 E. Luverne Street on the Courthouse Square).

“Basically, people can stop by the Chamber and make any size donation (\$5 to \$500 or more) with 100 percent going to the Food Shelf,” Lanphere said.

“For their donation they get 15 entry tickets – one per location to drop in the entry box.”

At the end of the day on Saturday, June 19, each bar/restaurant will draw

IN BEAVER CREEK—Up the Dam Creek (12noon–1am) & SpringBrooke Events 12noon-10pm)		
IN HARDWICK—Green Lantern Bar & Grill (11:30am-2am)		
IN HILLS—Hidden Hills Café & Hideaway Tavern (11am-10pm) & Willie's Bar (3pm-1am)		
IN KENNETH—Kenneth Bar (12noon-11pm)		
IN MAGNOLIA—Magnolia Café (anytime, outside dropbox)		
IN LUVERNE—75 Diner (7am-9pm) Eagles Club (4pm-9pm) Howling Dog Saloon (10am-2am)		
Pizza Ranch (9am-9pm) Sterling's Café & Grille (11am-11pm) Take 16 (12noon-10pm)		
Vinnie's Dang Fine Dine (9am-2pm) Wildflower's Coffee Boutique (8am-12noon)		

for two \$25 gift certificates.

A total of \$750 in \$25 gift certificates will be given away.

Mary Gehrke will be with Lanphere on Saturday on the terrace of the chamber building taking donations.

The money will be used to support the Food Shelf’s move from its current location in the basement of the Methodist Church to its new location on West Maple Street.

Gehrke said she’s grateful for donations and for the new, larger space to operate in.

“It was wonderful to be where we were for so many years, but to be in our own place with windows in the front and a bright and airy building will be so nice,” said Gehrke, who has headed up the Food Shelf for more than 10 years.

“We’ll have room to expand our services, with cooler space that will allow

us to offer fresh foods, which is really exciting.”

See the Chamber’s website, www.luverne-chamber.com for the list of stops during Saturday’s Ride the Rock.

People can drop off donations at the Chamber terrace Saturday morning or stop in the Chamber any time during business hours prior to Saturday.

The Chamber can be reached at 507-283-4061 with questions.

Ambulance fund allocation/ continued from page 1

Jasper Ambulance representative Jim Veldkamp and Jasper Mayor Mike Baustian talked with commissioners at their May 18 meeting.

eldkamp detailed the training each of Jasper’s 13 full-time ambulance volunteers and three in-coming volunteers undergo each year.

Veldkamp requested an allocation of \$4,836, indicating the allocations would be placed in a capital expenditures fund for a replacement ambulance. This year Jasper replaced the current 15-year-old

ambulance from allocations from Rock, Pipestone and Minnehaha counties, individual townships, community fundraisers and grants. Costs for a new ambulance average \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Annually commissioners allocate more than \$113,000 to various organizations in Rock County. At the June 8 meeting, Oldre informed commissioners that the Rock County Veterans of Foreign Wars organization dissolved and would no longer receive the \$300 allocation.



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The beautiful lot includes updated no-maintenance landscaping, and cement curbing for low-maintenance lawn care. Location perfect for small-town living with quick access to the interstate.



Mavis Fodness photos/0617 Night At Zoo

The first of several Luverne Area Chamber and LIFT Plaza Committee-sponsored events took place Thursday night, June 10, at the Luverne City Park. Night at the Zoo featured pets, the Great Plains Zoomobile, family pets and several fun activities.

Night at the Zoo kicks off events at Luverne City Park

Chamber, Plaza Committee host trio of free entertainment events, another one scheduled for Saturday



Jon Kurtz (center) brought ducks to the Night at the Zoo event, including Jayden DeKam (left) and Alerick Stanley.



Night at the Zoo participants Sara Mason (left) and her sons, Cylus and Lucas, earned about Ellie, the Indian star turtle from Zoomobile specialist Madison Stahl.

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Area Chamber partnered with the LIFT Plaza Committee to host several events last week in Luverne.

First was Night at the Zoo on Thursday night at the city park.

The free activities allowed children and adults to view creatures from the Great Plains Zoomobile, have faces painted or tattoos applied from Fantasy Face Painting and view dogs available for adoption for the Tracy Area Animal Rescue.

Friday featured a Brown Bag Concert, also at the city park, featuring music by Ron and Jane Cote. The public was invited to bring a lunch and enjoy the music.

Saturday the park hosted Yoga in the Park with Stephanie Hoven to end a busy week of activities.

Saturday, June 19, a Walk, Run and Roll event will take place from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning at the Luverne Trailhead, located at East Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue. Participants are encouraged to walk, run or bike the Luverne Loop.

For more information contact the Luverne Area Chamber at 507-283-4041, or visit luvernechamber.com.



Owen Lysne, 7, shows off his tattoo of a kitten. Lysne is wearing one of several hats given away at the Night at the Zoo.



Lewis, the bearded dragon, sits on the arm of Zoomobile specialist Madison Stahl.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Marybeth Binford celebrated her 80th birthday on Thursday, June 10. Greetings may be sent to 1296 170th Avenue; Luverne, MN 56156.

Mark and Brigitte Wieneke will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 24. Greetings may be sent to them at 1018 N. Lindale; Luverne, MN 56156.

Open house

An open house bridal shower for **Emilee Johnson**, bride-to-be of **Nate Haraldson**, will be from 9:30-11:30 Saturday, June 26, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

MENU

Monday, June 21: Chicken and noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie.

Tuesday, June 22: Meatloaf, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, brownie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

Wednesday, June 23: Chicken a la king, biscuits, carrots, pears.

Thursday, June 24: Tater tot casserole, green beans, bread, peaches.

Friday, June 25: Turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy, squash, dinner roll, cake with frosting.

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

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

EVENTS

The Rock County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For additional questions, contact library personnel at 507-449-5040 or rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com.

Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors Your World," registration is now open to all ages. Pick up a reading log at the library.

Monthly **trivia nights** with locally written questions are the first Thursdays of the month at Take 16 on East Main Street in Luverne for teams of one or more individuals. No pre-registration is necessary. Library personnel conduct the event.

Story Time at the Park will feature songs and stories with children's library Bronwyn Wenzel each Tuesday through June and July at a different park in Luverne. The events begin at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket. The schedule will be:

•June 22, Veterans Park, 1211 N. Elm St.

•June 29, Hawkinson Park, East Adams Avenue.

•July 6, Evergreen Park, North Blue Mound Avenue.

•July 13, Kolbert Park, 801 W. Warren St.

•July 20, Veterans Park, 1211 N. Elm St.

•July 27, Hawkinson Park, East Adams Avenue.

1949: Certified brome grass seed only found in Rock County

The following appeared in The Rock County Star-Herald on March 17, 1949.

County Pioneer Growth of Certified Southern Type Brome Seed in State

Rock county has gained distinction as being one of the pioneer counties in raising certified Fischer and Lincoln brome grass, a plant of vital importance to soil conservation.

Soil Conservationist Jerry Simpson said this week that Luverne was the only place in the state where certified Fischer brome could be bought over the counter. The Luverne Farm Store had been selling certified Rock county grown Fischer brome, but was now sold out. They purchased their seed from Roger Pengra, Mound township farmer, who raised the first plot of Fischer brome in the state to be certified outside of nursery plantings.

Fischer and Lincoln brome are in great demand.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

As a matter of fact a Faribault seed firm is planning to sow 130 acres of it for seed this year—if it can get the seed. Dealers throughout the state have been able only to get about 1,000 pounds each from the seed sources throughout the country, and little, if any, of this certified.

Fischer and Lincoln are both "southern bromes." They are more quickly established upon planting, start growing earlier in the spring, and yield about 20 per cent more seed in southern Minnesota. Brome is valuable as hay and feed, and for its root system which is of great importance in soil conserva-

tion work.

Planted with alfalfa, red clover or alsike clover, it has a feed value almost equal to legumes, and at the same time it increases the hay yield close to a ton per acre.

It has a vast root system, producing 5 to 6 tons of dry roots per acre on a two-year-old stand. These roots add organic and building erosion, and the water intake and the water holding capacity of the soil is increased.

Livestock raisers like it because when planted half and half with some legume such as alfalfa, it makes a safe pasture for livestock, where pure alfalfa does not.

When sown on crop land, it can be cut as hay, and then pastured. It is ideal for use in building waterways, turn rows at the end of fields, for seeding weedy fence lines, and is the most drought resistant grass available for pasture improvement. It requires considerable nitrogen, and for that reason, thrives best when planted with a legume such as clover or alfalfa.

Rock county has perhaps more acres sown to brome than any other county in the state. The first bag of certified Fischer and the first bag of certified Lincoln brome was brought into the county three years ago when the soil conservation supervisors managed to secure 100 pounds of seed. J. E. Sells, Beaver Creek township, planted a five acre tract of Fischer, and L. J. Hofelmann planted a five acre tract of Lincoln. Seed was produced the second year, and sold locally.

Mr. Pengra purchased his first seed in 1946, and

planted it that fall. Last year, he harvested 2,800 pounds, and the seed qualified for state certification.

There were eight other seed plots in the county last year, which in all produced about 10,000 pounds, all sold locally. Farmers growing the seed were John Shurr, Kanaranzi township; James Dunn, J. E. Sells, and Crawford Bros., Beaver Creek township; and Paul Iverson Vienna township.

Thus through the efforts of the soil conservation district supervisors, who obtained the first seed, Rock county has a good start in raising new crop which is steadily increasing in importance in the vast program of soil conservation.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

OBITUARY

Marian Frahm

Marian Frances Frahm, 88, Breezy Point, died on Monday, June 7, 2021.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Journey Church in Nisswa. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday. Interment will be in Luverne at a later date.

Marian Crosby was born on July 22, 1932, to James and Annie (Kestner) Crosby in Long Prairie. She grew up on a farm west of Randall. She then moved to Luverne, where she married Fred Frahm Jr. in 1951, and together they had six children. Fred died in 1970.

In 1979 Marian moved to Breezy Point, where she and Bud Reynolds made their home together. She worked in health care and was involved in the Americorp for Seniors Program, where she spent many hours volunteering as a caregiver. She took great pride in being able to work into her eighties. Marian was a member of The



Journey Church in Nisswa. She will be remembered for her love of family, friends and great sense of humor.

Marian is survived by her children, Susan Frahm, Sallie (Chris) Frahm-Smith, Sharon (Paul) Frahm-Schmuck and John Frahm; her grandchildren, Cole Norton, Carmen Norton Pullido, Natalie (Jake) Jirak, Teighlor Schmuck, Lucas and William Smith and Chad (Mayumi) Heyen and Craig Heyen; five great-grandchildren; her brother, Bing (Pat) Crosby; and many nieces and nephews.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Frahm Jr.; Bud Reynolds; daughter Sandra Frahm; son James Frahm; son-in-law Neal Norton; sister Joyce (Hank) Bartylla; and brothers Irvin and Calvin Crosby.

Arrangements are provided by Koop Funeral Home Inc. in Crosby, koopfuneral-home.com.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Luverne Community Education will offer the following activities and classes in coming weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to sign up. See comed.isd2184.net to view the brochure and list of offerings.

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

Create three wooden games at **Beginning Wood Working** on July 6 and 8 and then enjoy playing the games at class. Open to anyone grade 2 (completed) through adult. Fee is \$25.

Reclaimed Wood Art class on July 13 offers an opportunity to make a unique "string art deco" piece to enjoy at home or give as a gift. Open to anyone grade 2 (completed) through adult.

Science fun!

First of three 4-H day summer day camps at the fairgrounds

By Mavis Fodness

Nine local youth and five 4-H ambassadors joined 4-H program intern Anna Rose June 4 at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Luverne for a morning of "Science Fun!"

Creating hovercrafts and measuring someone's pulse using a marshmallow and a toothpick were among the activities participants enjoyed at the first of three 4-H summer day camps.

"Two other day camps will take place this summer," Rose said. "Campers don't have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend summer day camps."

An Olympic-themed, "Go for the Gold" day camp is planned for July 9.

The last day camp, "Summer Fun," is set for Aug. 13. Both camps are from 9 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds.

Camp registration is through Luverne Community Education at 507-283-4724. Sign-up deadline is a week before each event.



Submitted photos

Colors mixed on coffee filters offer lessons in chromatography as shown by Anna Rose (standing right) and Krista Burkeman with campers (from left) Harper Hulstein, Kenzi Petersen, Bridget Sandager, Jenae Zeutenhorst and Ayla Nelson.



Holding their "Science Fun!" projects are (front, left) Cooper Thone, Rhett Kobernusz, Harper Hulstein, Kenzi Petersen, Bridget Sandager, Jenae Zeutenhorst, Ayla Nelson, Tucker Thone, Logan Wrigg, (back) 4-H ambassadors Krista Burkeman, Leah Kruse, Lanae Elbers, Whitney Elbers, Karly Kruse and 4-H program summer intern Anna Rose.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Corn prices surged to nearly \$8 per bushel last week in response to news that global corn inventories will drop.

On the Chicago Board of Trade, corn closed at more than \$7.99 per bushel Friday.

In Luverne, corn prices at Eastern Farmers Coop Elevator closed at \$7.59 per bushel, more than twice what it was a year ago.

That compares with the past three-year average high-cash corn price of roughly \$5.50 per bushel, and the May estimates for the 2011-12 season at roughly \$6 per bushel.

25 years ago (1996)

•When Red Arndt came home one night last week, his children told him someone had been in their home to read the water meter in the basement.

As a city employee, Arndt knew Kathy Gyberg is the only person authorized to read water meters for the city, and he also knew she did this only during the business hours on scheduled routes.

When he reported the incident to City Hall, finance officer Barb Berghorst said she'd also received phone calls from city residents asking how often the city would need to read the meter, since theirs had already been checked once this summer.

No one could provide a clear description of the supposed

unauthorized meter reader, but Berghorst and Gyberg decided to report it to police. ...

Police Chief Keith Aanenson is cautioning every city resident not to allow strangers into their homes. "No one besides Kathy should be going into homes," he said. "Apparently the (meter reader impersonators) have entered the homes, gone down into the basements and looked around."

While no stolen property has been reported to law enforcement, Aanenson said the person could be simply "casing" homes for later entry.

50 years ago (1971)

•In spite of inflation, milk is still your best buy at the supermarket. In fact, the real price of milk and dairy products has been declining steadily for 20 years. The real price is what a man can buy with an hour's labor. Statistics show that the average manufacturing wage continues to far outstrip retail dairy price increases.

The real prices of butter and milk are half of the 1940 real prices.

75 years ago (1946)

•Opening for business this week in Luverne is "Jim's Shoe Service." Proprietor of the shoe repair business is J. W. King who came here from Adrian to establish the new business. Mr.

King had been in the shoe repair business there for 12 years. When he went to the navy, in which he served 2 1/2 years in the Pacific, he sold his business there.

"Jim's Shoe Service" is located in the new building recently completely by A. P. Fitzer, a half block south of Nelson Bros. store on South McKenzie street. When Mr. Fitzer builds the second new building Mr. King will move in there as his permanent location.

100 years ago (1921)

•Comedy possessing genuine elements of gripping drama and delicate sentiment without the sacrifice of mirth-producing qualities is promised in Douglas Mac Lean's latest Paramount picture. "The Home Stretch," which will be shown at the Palace theatre Sunday. ...

As Johnny Hardwick, the juvenile turfman, MacLean is said to give a performance which surpasses his "Sergeant Grey" in "Twenty-three and a Half Hours' Leave." His vigorous personality and clever comedy "business" are the outstanding features of the production. Beatrice Burnham as Margaret Warren, a winsome small-town girl, heads the supporting cast which included Margaret Livingston, Wade Boetler, Charles Mailes and Molly McConnell. "The Home Stretch" was adapted to the screen by Louis Stevens from the original story by Charles Belmont Davis.

Fungus is among us so spray now; be kind to bees, spray early

The lilacs have finished blooming so if you need to prune them, this is the time to get that done. Remember to cut them back far enough to give them room to grow to the size you will want them to be. If there are no leaves on the stems when you have finished the task, that's OK. They will develop new leaves on the stems that have been cut back.

I noticed black spots showing up on Goldsrum Rudbeckia (common name is black-eyed susan). That is evidence of septora leaf spot, a fungus that will destroy the beauty of the plant in a matter of days with the heat and humidity common for us.

This fungus is easily controlled with a spray application of Daconil. Thorough leave coverage is necessary, meaning both top and bottom



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema,
Luverne Horticulturalist

of the leaf. An application now will stop the infection but will not make the existing black spots go away. The fungicide prevents the disease from spreading. Often, if caught early enough, new growth will cover up the diseased leaves to make the damage less visible.

And then another insect pest that has appeared in mass is psyllid. This is a sap-sucking insect and one of its favorite "juice bars" is purple dome aster.

This year the stress of drought coupled by the vora-

cious feeding of these insects is doing serious damage to the aster foliage with the potential of actually killing the plant.

Eight is a Bonide brand insecticide that does an excellent job of eradicating these pests. Again, application to all leaf surfaces for thorough coverage and one spray is normally all you need for the season.

Eight insecticide and Daconil fungicide are two valuable tools to have in your arsenal for pest control. Both are broad spectrum and are

safe to use.

That being said, I try not to use them on blooming plants when bees are present because they can be toxic to our pollinator friends. So that means if the plants are blooming, you need to spray early, like really early in the morning before the bees become active. Generally, we hope the spray has dried before the bees start working. An application of Daconil to tomato plants now will give a head start to preventing blights later in the season.

The plants might not be blooming yet, so protecting the bees isn't an issue. Also, remember that preventing a disease is much easier than trying to cure it when the symptoms appear.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner.

HINKLY HOUSE Special Event



Thursday - June 24 Pulled Pork Feed & Historic Homes Tour

HINKLY HOUSE OPEN FOR TOURS: 2 pm to 6:30 pm

PULLED PORK SANDWICH FEED
Supporting Rock County Historical Society
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Free Will Donation
Serving: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chips & Root Beer Float

GOLF CART TOURS OF HISTORIC HOMES
2 pm - 3:30 pm - 5 pm - 6:30 pm
Suggested Donation: \$5/person
Sponsored by Luverne Area Chamber
Tour Advance Reservations at 507-283-4061

Loop Phase 3A ready for walkers, bikers/continued from page 1A

Loop, including the portion that connects with the Blue Mounds State Park.

Map brochures are available in city offices, at the trailhead, chamber and other locations. They are also on the city’s website at cityofluverne.org.

The map marks locations for restrooms, water fountains, bike repairs, scenic overlooks, parking and the city’s bike loan and e-bike rentals.

Bicycles are available to use for free 24/7 at the GrandStay Hotel and Suites on South Highway 75. There are eight adult and four youth coaster bikes and two adult trikes available.

The e-bikes can be rented for \$5 per hour from the trailhead on East Main Street. They are self-checked out through a smartphone app.

There are two small, two medium and two large electric bikes that provide pedal assistance along with self-powered pedaling.

The Luverne Loop will be finished next year, with the help of more state funding.

The work next year will continue the trail from the Rock River to the area behind the Econo Lodge hotel on South Highway 75.

This connects the already completed trail that loops around the west side of Luverne along the school campus and around the hospital on the north end.

The next planned construction will be a 10-foot-wide section of the trail on the west and north

sides of Sanford Luverne.

In related Luverne Loop news, the city recently erected signage at the “trail head” corner that was once Casey’s on East Main Street.

The sign cost roughly \$24,600 and city public works employees provided in-kind labor for the project.

The trailhead corner and Living Rock Church boulevard are in line for the city’s “Four Corners” aesthetic improvements.

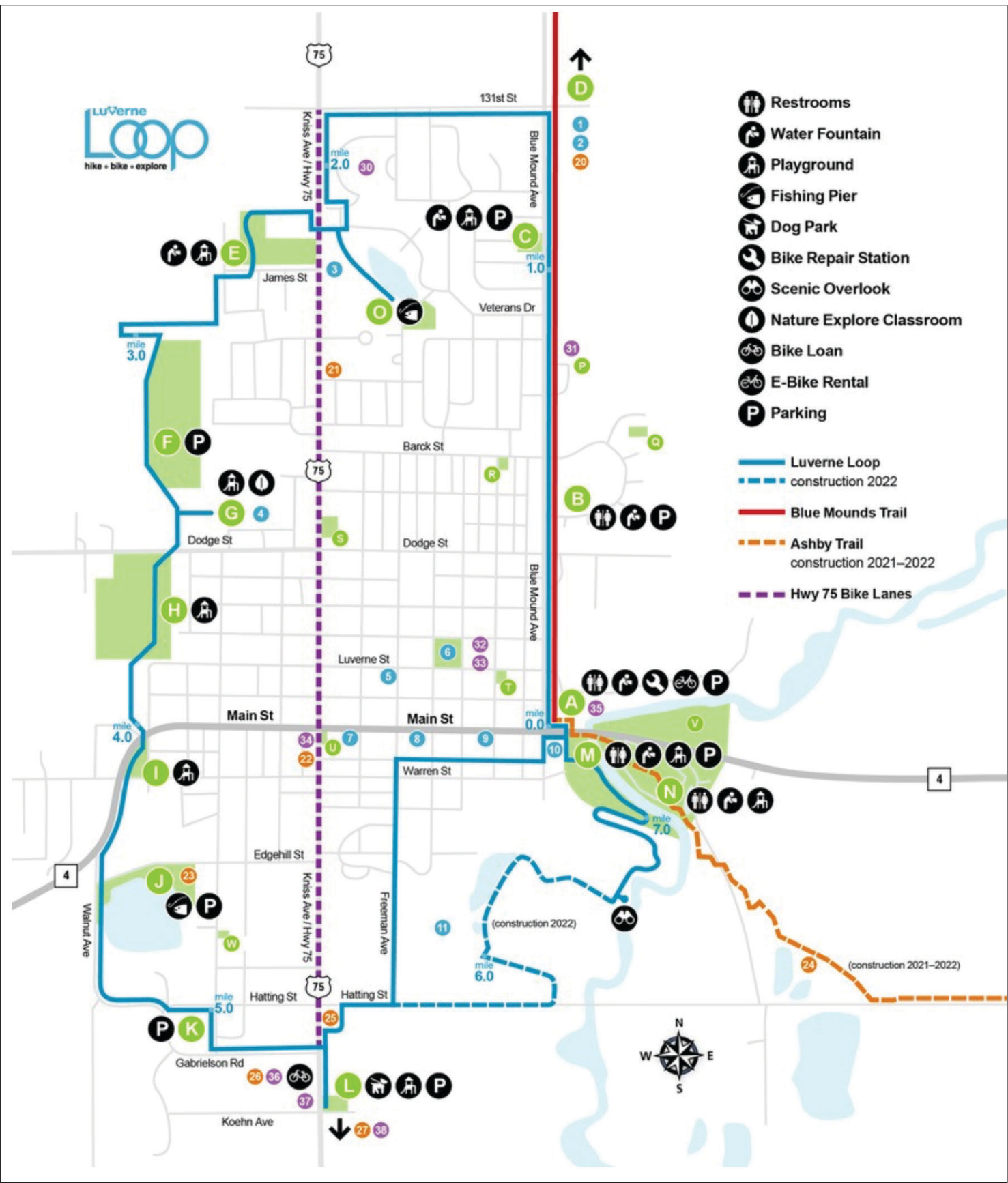
They’ll be similar to those on West Main Street at Highway 75 and the already completed Take 16 corner on East Main Street.

The city of Luverne recently published a map (pictured right) drawn to scale of the entire Luverne Loop. The map includes the portion that connects the Blue Mounds State Park.

Map brochures are available at the Luverne City Offices, at the trailhead, Luverne Area Chamber office and other locations.

The map marks locations for restrooms, water fountains, bike repair stations, scenic overlooks, parking and city bike loan rentals.

Bicycles are available for free use at GrandStay Hotel and Suites on South Highway 75. E-bikes are available at the trailhead (located at the corner of West Main Street and North Blue Mound Avenue) with rent at \$5 per hour.



COLLEGE NEWS

Ridgewater names dean’s list students

Kaylie Ossefoort, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2021 dean’s list at Ridgewater College in Willmar. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Students graduate from St. Ben’s

Bergin Flom and Courtney Siebenahler, both of Luverne, graduated Saturday, May 15, from the College of Saint Benedict at St. Joseph. The ceremony took place at St. John’s University campus in Collegeville.

Bergin, daughter of Michael and Phoebe Flom of Luverne, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biochemistry.

Courtney, daughter of John and Awanda Siebenahler of Luverne, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in integrative science.

MSU Moorhead releases dean’s list

Three area students were named to the Spring 2021 dean’s list at Minnesota State University Moorhead with a 3.25 GPA or higher.

Named to the dean’s list were Grace Holthaus and Bailey Swan, both of Hills and both majoring in speech/language/hearing science; and Wyatt Vansteenbergh, Luverne, majoring in business administration.

Hansen named to St. Cloud dean’s list

Molly Hansen, Magnolia, was named to the Spring 2021 dean’s list at St. Cloud State University. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Molly is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in health and human services, athletic training.

Dalton receives ag scholarship

Dalton Popkes, Ellsworth, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by Bayer Fund.

Popkes will study at Northwest Iowa Community College.

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Slither Critters

On Friday, June 18, join the park naturalist from 7 to 8 p.m. to learn about all that slithers at Blue Mounds State Park. You’ll hear about the species you can find at the park, how they keep the park healthy, and how you can help keep snakes safe!

Preregistration is required by June 17. To register for this program send an email to amber.brooks@state.mn.us with the subject line “Slither Critters.”

We want all visitors to feel safe and welcome. If you are not vaccinated, please stay 6 feet from others.

Artdoors

The great outdoors has inspired artists for generations. From the smallest flower to the tallest tree, nature is full of beauty just waiting for you to discover it!

In this socially distanced program from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, you and your family mem-

bers are invited to join the Park Naturalist to work on any form of art you prefer in the park. Sketch some florals, snap some pics; whatever your medium, let Blue Mounds State Park be the subject.

Bring your own materials. Blue Mounds State Park will not be supplying art materials. Any artistic pursuit is welcome.

Pre-Registration for the program is required. To register for this program send an email to amber.brooks@state.mn.us with the subject line “Artdoors Registration” by June 18.

Ask a naturalist

Have questions about Blue Mounds State Park? Our park naturalist will be available at the Bison Viewing Platform from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 20, to answer your questions! While we can’t promise the bison will make an appearance, our naturalist is sure to be there!

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Scavenger hunt

Stop and smell the wildflowers or maybe find a cactus!

This nature scavenger hunt from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 25, will have you and your family scouring the park for the details that make Blue Mounds State Park unique. Take some time to explore the park and learn more about your findings with the Park Naturalist. Scavenger hunts for the whole family are available. Bring a pen, marker, or pencil to mark your board.

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The thunderous beast of the plains, our national mammal – the North American Bison – once roamed

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Ask a naturalist

Have questions about Blue Mounds State Park? Our park naturalist will be available at the Bison Viewing Platform from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 27, to answer your questions! While we can’t promise the bison will make an appearance, our naturalist is sure to be there!

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vocal music teacher.

•Max Wolgen, secondary science teacher.

•Amy Comp, grades 5-12 band teacher. Comp previously taught K-12 vo-

cal music.

The board also made advisory assignments to existing staff including:

•Dan Ellingson as knowledge bowl coach.

•Steph Bass and Caitlin Slaba as co-secondary student council advisers.

•Samantha McGaffee and Alison Ceynowa-Breuer as secondary advisory co-

leaders.

At Monday’s meeting, the board also accepted the resignation from secondary social studies/Spanish teacher Teri Richards.

Rock County will send seven relay teams and 10 individuals to Minnesota Class A State Track Meet in St. Michael

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals and Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots track teams competed at the Section 3A meet in Redwood Falls on Thursday, June 10.

The Luverne boys and girls both took home first place overall, with the girls finishing with 102 points and the boys ending up with 58.

“They have put together an awesome season as a team,” Luverne track coach Pete Janiszkeski said. “It’s been very rewarding to watch.”

The Cardinals will send five relay teams to the state meet, and qualifying individuals are Gracie Zewiske (400 meters), Regan Feit (300-meter hurdles), Tenley Nelson (3,200), Jenna DeBates (3,200), Jocelyn Hart (shot put), Ashton Sandbulte (100), Eli Radtke (pole vault) and Camden Janiszkeski (1,600) all qualified as individuals.

“It’s a tribute to the athletes and all of the hard work they have put in,” Janiszkeski said.

“They take a lot of pride in their program and the tradition they and those before them have established.”

The H-BC track team had two relay teams and two individuals that qualified for the state meet.

“We had a great night,” H-BC track coach Rex Metzger said. “To see our two 4-by-100 relays advance to the state meet is a big accomplishment. It’s been a long time since we’ve had both a boys’ and a girls’ relay team advance. In the sprint relays, the handoffs are pretty key. I was pleased how they went and the kids ran fast.”

H-BC seniors Tyson Bork and Taryn Rauk both qualified for the state meet in the 200.

“Both advanced and they both set personal bests,” Metzger said. “To end the night with that was pretty awesome.”

Luverne
Sandbulte crossed the



Jason Berghorst photo/0617 LHS State Track Qualifiers 2021

Twenty-one track and field athletes from Luverne High School qualified for the 2021 Minnesota Class A State Track and Field Competition at St. Michael-Albertville High School. Qualifiers and alternates included (front row from left) Isabella Oye, Sarah Stegenga, Jenna DeBates, Tenley Nelson, Tiana Lais, (second row) Kendra Thorson, Maria Rops, Mia Wenzel, Regan Feit, Gracie Zewiske, Elizabeth Wagner, Christina Wagner, (back) Ethan Rahm, Camden Janiszkeski, Arekel McLaughlin, LaShad Smith, Owen Janiszkeski, Eli Radtke, Ashton Sandbulte and Lucky Dara. Missing is Jocelyn Hart.

“It’s a tribute to the athletes and all of the hard work they have put in. They take a lot of pride in their program and the tradition they and those before them have established.”

*- LHS track coach
Pete Janiszkeski*

finish line first in the 100 with a time of 11 seconds and 17 milliseconds.

Zewiske finished first in the 400 with a time of 58.73.

Elizabeth Wagner placed third in the 800 with a time of 2:29.38. Cassi Chesley



Denise Wysong photo/0617 HBC Track

Eight H-BC athletes qualified for the Class A State Track meet. They are (front row from left) Taryn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Ashlee Kelderman, Abigail Harris, (back) Tyson Bork, Gavin Wysong, Cole Baker and Dewell Rauk.

finished seventh with a time of 2:37.84.

Grace Ingebretson finished sixth in the 1,600 with a time of 5:50.69. Maria Rops placed 10th with a time of 6:02.32.

Camden Janiszkeski took home first place in the 1,600 with a time of 4:33.33. Owen Janiszkeski finished fourth with a time of 4:46.41.

Nelson placed second in the 3,200 with a time of 11:06.38. DeBates finished third with a time of 11:06.52.

Elise Jarchow finished 10th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.29.

Feit finished first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.51.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Sarah Stegenga, Isabella Oye, Christina Wagner and Zewiske placed first with a time of 1:48.35.

Luverne’s 4-by-200 relay team of Arekel McLaughlin, Radtke, LaShad Smith and Sandbulte placed first with a time of 1:32.79.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Feit, Tiana Lais, Nelson and Zewiske placed first with a time of 4:06.88.

The 4-by-400 relay team of McLaughlin, Camden Janiszkeski, Smith and Sandbulte placed first with a time of 3:32.77.

The 4-by-800 relay team of Feit, Lais, DeBates and Nelson placed first with a time of 9:51.24.

Elizabeth Wagner placed fifth in the high jump with a leap of 4-10.00.

Jarchow finished fourth in the pole vault with a mark of 8-02.00.

Radtke tied for first in the pole vault with BOLD’s Austin Frank. Both athletes finished with a mark of 13-01.00 to qualify for the state meet.

Jadyn Hart placed third in the discus with a throw of 105-09.00. Jocelyn Hart finished fifth with a throw of 98-08-00.

Jocelyn Hart placed second in the shot put with a throw of 39-01.00. Jadyn

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LHS baseball’s bid for state tournament comes up short

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals’ quest for a state tournament bid came to a grinding halt on Tuesday, June 8, in Marshall at the hands of Paynesville.

The Cardinals committed eight costly errors and fell to the Bulldogs 14-5.

Luverne opened the game by scoring two runs in the top of the first inning to take an early 2-0 lead.

Paynesville put up eight runs in the bottom of the second inning to claim an 8-2 lead.

The Bulldogs scored one more run in the bottom of the third inning to build a 9-2 lead. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Paynesville pushed across two more runs to build an 11-2 lead.

Luverne scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning to trim Paynesville’s lead to 11-5. Unfortunately for the Cardinals, those would be the final runs they scored in the 2021 season.

The Bulldogs answered back by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fifth



Brennen Rupp photo/0617 baseball

Luverne’s Cade Wenninger takes a pitch during a section tournament game in Marshall. The Cardinals fell to Paynesville 15-4 on Tuesday, June 8.

inning to push their lead back to nine runs at 14-5.

Cade Wenninger led the Cardinals with two hits, including a triple.

Wenninger also drove in one run.

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Luverne tennis team drops out of state tournament in first round

By Brennen Rupp

For the 11th-straight season the Luverne tennis team competed in the Class A State Tournament.

This year’s state tournament had a different feel to it than previous years because of a change in venue.

This year’s tournament marked the first time in 20 years that the Minnesota State High School League boys’ state tournament was outside.

Instead of playing indoors, the state meet was played at St. Cloud Tech High School where the Cardinals squared off against Mounds Park Academy, the defending state champions.

The Cardinals fell to Mounds Park Academy 5-2 on Tuesday, June 8.

Luverne’s Pierce Cunningham lost to Evan Fraser 6-3 and 6-1.

Griffen Jarchow picked up a point for the Cardinals by defeating Mario Larsen 6-0 and 6-2.

John Miller and Jayson Rops defeated Sean Parker



Submitted photo/0617 track

The Luverne tennis team poses for a photo prior to the Class A State Tournament. They are (front from left up) Ethan Nath, Logan Ommen, Ben Jarchow, Kyle Ferguson, Griffen Jarchow, Blake Frahm, Pierce Cunningham, Chance Tunnissen, Jayson Rops and Spencer Kracht. The Cardinals lost in the first round of the state tournament to Mounds Park Academy 5-2 on Tuesday, June 8.

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End of an Era: Hills-Beaver Creek’s Steve Wiertzema retires from coaching

By Brennen Rupp
Thirty years is a long time. That’s 15,768,000 minutes.
In a world that seems to change by the minute, there was one constant that people could count on in Rock County: Steve Wiertzema coaching the Hills-Beaver Creek boys’ basketball team.
After serving as the head coach for 30 years, Wiertzema is turning in his clipboard to retire from coaching.
“His passion for the game and love for the game was something else,” said Dylan Gehrke, a former H-BC basketball player and current boys’ basketball assistant coach. “He truly loved his players and being there for them.”

During those three decades on the bench, Wiertzema racked up countless victories. He guided his teams through the section tournament, where they endured heartbreaking losses and celebrated thrilling victories.

The total wins can be tallied and counted to show just how much of an impact he had on building a successful program at H-BC.

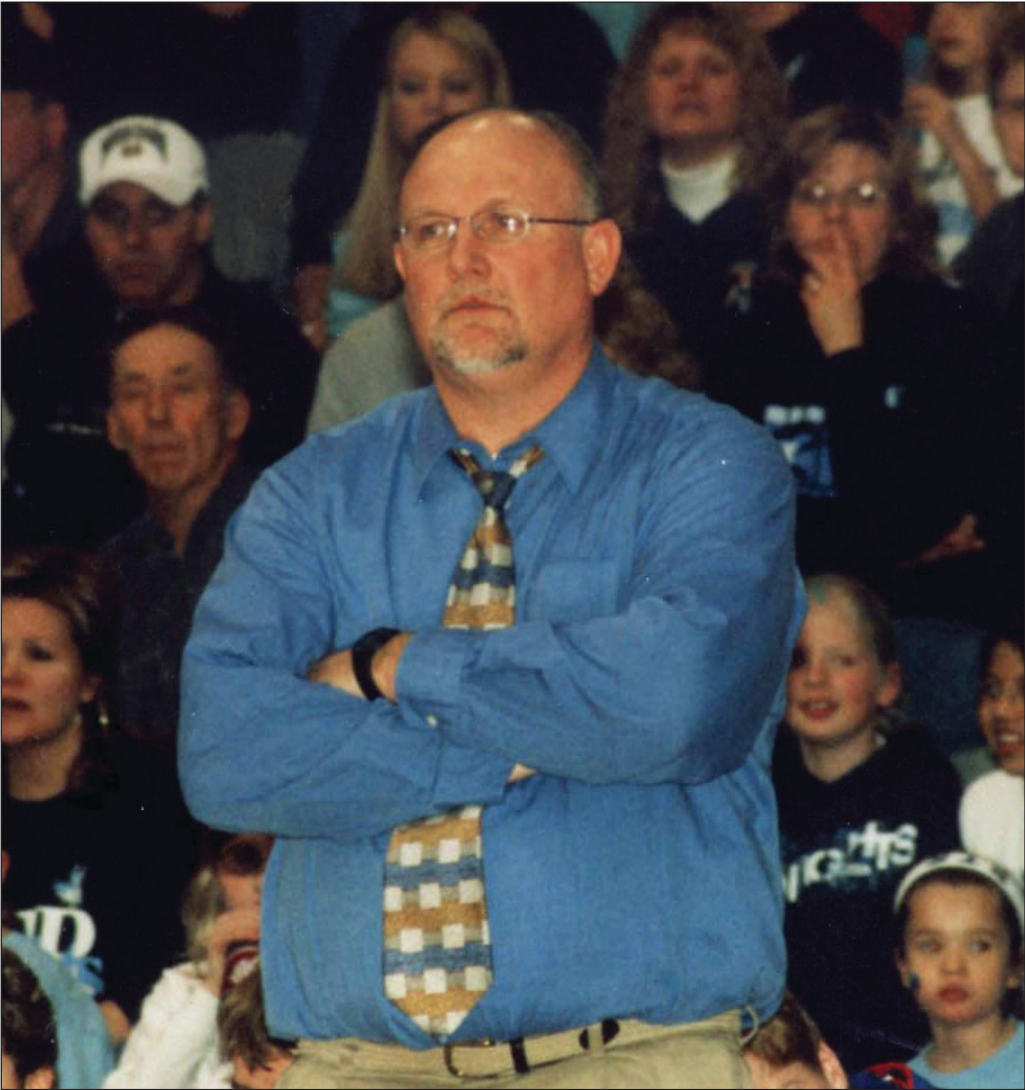
What can’t be put into numbers is the lives he impacted during his time as the head coach.

“He’s caring,” said Kale Wiertzema, current H-BC girls’ basketball coach and son of Steve Wiertzema. “His athletes know that he wants what’s best for them.”

Kale played for his dad from 2001 to 2005. The younger Wiertzema said that his dad helped pave the road for him to become a head basketball coach.

“It was amazing,” Wiertzema said. “He taught me everything I know about the game of basketball. The game of basketball has given me many opportunities. I know I wouldn’t have been the player or coach I am without playing for him.”

Gehrke played for coach Steve Wiertzema from 2010 to 2014. He just finished his first year as the head coach of the H-BC volleyball program and has assisted Wiertzema on the boys’



Star Herald file photo/0617 basketball
Steve Wiertzema looks on from the bench during a section tournament game in 2005 against Russell-Tyler-Ruthon at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Wiertzema served as the H-BC boys’ head basketball coach for 30 years.

“His passion for the game and love for the game was something else. He truly loved his players and being there for them.”

- H-BC boys’ basketball assistant coach Dylan Gehrke

coaching staff for four years.
“Growing up, my time at H-BC was awesome,” Gehrke said. “Mr. Wiertzema was a big influence on why I wanted to become a coach.”
A coach doesn’t keep a job for 30 years by accident.
Wiertzema always had his team playing its best basketball at the end of the season. When the Patriots got into the section tournament, Wiertzema was like a mad

scientist drawing up game plans to slow down the opponent.
“He’s a great game manager,” Wiertzema said. “Especially when he gets into the postseason or in close games. He does a nice job of managing close game situations in the tournament.”
Gehrke noted that one thing he always heard during his time as a player and now as an assistant is that no team wanted to face H-BC in the section tournament due to Wiertzema’s ability to adjust a game plan on the fly during competition.
“He was always about the team,” Kale Wiertzema said.
“It was always about hard work. We didn’t always have the most talent, but we were going to go out there and give it our all. We were going to scrape and claw. We beat teams that we shouldn’t have been close to beating.”
He recalled one year as eighth seed playing No. 1 Southwest Minnesota Christian.

“We had them on the ropes with two minutes left,” he said. “We ended up losing by three. They got second in state that year, and the year after, they won the state tournament. He always had us prepared for the section tournament. He always had us prepared.”
Wiertzema’s game success was due in part to watching film to help his team be prepared for their opponents. That’s one thing that Gehrke has tried to emulate with his own coaching style.
“The preparedness is one thing I take away from him,” Gehrke said. “When that tournament rolled around, he always had a good game plan. That preparedness is something I really pride myself on. The film watching is something I really like to do and break things down. I think he does a great job of that. He’s an encourager. He truly loved his players. He’ll still talk to you outside of school

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Luverne will send 10 individuals to trap shooting state qualifier

By Brennen Rupp
The Minnesota State High School League trap shooting state tournament will be Friday, June 25, at the Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria.
The Luverne trap shooting team will send 10 individuals to Alexandria on Friday, June 18, to see if any of the Luverne shooters can qualify for the state meet.
“This is just a championship shoot,” Luverne trap shooting coach Scott Loosbrock said.
“We have 10 kids that are going to shoot. If somebody shoots the lights out, they’ll move on to the state tournament.”
The 10 individuals that will represent Luverne at the state qualifier will be Hunter Ahrendt, Morgan Ahrendt, Peter Baustian, Justin Dohlmann, Austin Henning, Jacob Henning, Camron Kopp, Chase Overgaard, Holden Overgaard and

Grant Wieneke.
“Holden was our top male for the season,” Loosbrock said.
“He has a possibility. I shouldn’t ever underestimate somebody. He shot a 21.8 average on the regular season. With that there is the possibility if all the things fall into place that he could go on. We’re going to shoot 100 targets. He’s going to have to hit 98 or 99 of them to have a shot.”
By comparison, the top individual heading into the state tournament is KayLynn Sieber out of Marshall who has a season average of 24.80.
The state tournament offers an opportunity for the highest achievers in the state to compete and be recognized in a state tournament by the MSHSL.
The MSHSL is the only state high school athletic association in the U.S. to recognize a trap shooting state tournament event.

Redbirds push winning streak to seven games, improve to 8-1

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne Redbirds improved to 8-1 overall with a 15-4 victory over Worthington on Wednesday, June 9.
With the win the Redbirds extended their winning streak to seven games.
Luverne struck first by scoring two runs in the top of the first inning.
The Redbirds tacked on three more runs in the top of the third inning to push their lead to 5-0.
In the top of the fifth inning the Redbirds scored six runs to take a commanding 11-0 lead.
Luverne scored one run in the top of the sixth inning to make it a 12-0 ballgame.
Worthington got on the board with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to make it a 12-3 Luverne lead.
The Redbirds added three more runs in the top of the seventh inning to make it a 15-3 game.
The Redbirds recorded

six extra-base hits, including five doubles en route to their double-digit victory over Worthington.
Ben Serie collected three hits, including a triple. Serie also scored three runs.
Skyler Wenninger went 2-4 at the plate with a double. Wenninger also scored three runs and drove in one run.
Derek Lundgren drove in a team-leading four RBIs.
Jake Haugen went 2-5 at the plate, including a double.
The Redbirds will be back in action on Wednesday, June 23, when they play Hadley at Redbird Field.

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Batting: Meyer 1-5; Serie 3-4; Johnson 2-5; S. Wenninger 2-4; Lundgren 2-4; Norman 1-3; Beyer 1-2; Haugen 2-5; Reisch 1-4; C. Wenninger 1-3
Doubles: Johnson; S. Wenninger; Lundgren; Haugen; Reisch
Triples: Serie

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Braydon Ripka drove in a team-leading two RBIs.
With the loss the Cardinals finished the season with a 19-5 record.
It marked the third straight season that Paynesville ended Luverne’s season in the

section playoffs.
The Cardinals will lose five seniors to graduation. It’s a group that includes Bailey Cowell, Wenninger, Ethan Beyer, Trevor Halverson and Riley Anderson.

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Hitting: Cowell 1-3; Wenninger 2-3; Sehr 1-2; Overgaard 1-2; Ripka 1-3
Triples: Wenninger
RBI: Wenninger; Beyer; Overgaard; Ripka 2



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Submitted photo/0617 track
Eli Radtke competes in the pole vault event at the section tournament in Redwood Falls on Thursday, June 10. Radtke qualified for the state tournament in the event.

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Hart placed 10th with a heave of 31-03.00.
Ethan Teunissen placed eighth in the discus with a toss of 112-07.00.
Zach Ahrendt placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 45-05.00.

H-BC

Rauk placed first in the 200 with a time of 27.25.
Bork finished second in the 200 with a time of 23.17. Dewell Rauk placed fourth in the 200 with a time of 23.37.
Liam Raymon placed eighth in the 800 with a time of 2:08.62.
Kenadie Fick finished seventh in the 1,600 with a time of 5:53.63.
Brandon Taubert finished 10th in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.10.
The 4-by-100 relay team of Abigail Harris, Ashlee Kelderman, Layla Deelstra and Rauk placed second with a time of 51.74. The same four athletes placed first

in the 4-by-200 relay event with a time of 1:51.09.
The 4-by-100 relay team of Rauk, Cole Baker, Gavin Wysong and Bork placed first and set a program record in the event with a time of 44.52.
Taryn Rauk placed ninth in the long jump with a leap of 15-00.00.
Baker finished third in the long jump with a leap of 20-04.75. Baker placed sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 41-01.75.
Raymon placed eighth in the triple jump with a recorded jump of 40-04.00.
Max Scholten placed 10th in the discus with a throw of 112-04.00.
Casey Kueter placed seventh in the shot put with a throw of 44-00.00.
The state meet takes place from June 17-19, at St. Michael-Albertville High School in St. Michael.

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and Akshay Somayajula in a thrilling three-set match.
Miller and Rops dropped the first set of the match 6-3. The Luverne duo then bounced back to win the second set 6-3 to force a third set. In the third set it was Miller and Rops coming out on the winning end with a 4-0 victory.
The Luverne doubles team of Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow fell to Alex Vue and Henry Earl Fisher in both sets by a score of 6-2.
The Mounds Park duo of Diego Valverde and Tanner Gastazoro defeated Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen by the scores of 6-2 and 6-3.
Luverne's Kyle Ferguson lost to Garrett Webb in straight sets. Webb won the

first set 6-1 and the second set 6-0.
Michael Mairs defeated Luverne's Chance Tunnissen in straight sets. Mairs defeated Tunnissen in the first set 6-1 and in the second set 6-0.
In the state championship, Breck defeated Mound-Westonka 6-1 to win the Class A State Tournament.
In the individual state tournament on Thursday, June 10, Cunningham lost a hard-fought match to Minnehaha Academy's Lincoln Reichenau.
Reichenau won a back and forth first set 7-5.
Cunningham bounced back to win the second set by the same score to force a third set.
In the third set Reichenau bested Cunn-

ham 6-1.
Breck's Clayton Haberman defeated Mound-Westonka's Jack Lnider in the individual's state championship.
In the doubles state tournament, the Luverne duo of Jarchow and Frahm fell in the first round to Hermantown's team of Zam Plante and Aaron Evjen in straight sets.
The Hermantown duo won the first set 6-1 and then knocked the Luverne duo out of the tournament by defeating them in the second set 6-2.
Breck's duo of Ishan Nadkarni and Zach Pielh defeated St. Paul Academy's Liam Lynch and Luka Shaker-Check to win the doubles championship.

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and see how you're doing."
A father and son are most likely naturally going to have the same quirks and traits. That's evident by the way both Wiertzemas talk and move during the middle of a basketball game.
"Our mannerisms are probably pretty similar," Kale Wiertzema said. "He's a bit louder than I am. So that sticks out."
Gehrke echoed Wiertzema's thoughts about how loud his dad could be on the bench. However, Gehrke noted that he had dialed it back over the years.
"He'd get after you," Gehrke said. "He's a players' coach, but he wouldn't be afraid to get after you. He's gotten a lot softer over the years. We give him crap because of that. He coached my mom when she was in high school and she said he

was just relentless. He gave it to you. He always said, 'If I'm not getting after you, that means I'm not noticing you.' That's something that I tell the athletes I coach now."
When the 2021-22 basketball season kicks off, there will be a different feel inside the H-BC gym when the Patriots open their season.
"That's going to be different," Wiertzema said. "I'm going to miss it. These past few years my brother and I were trying to go to as many games as possible, especially tournament games. We never knew which one was going to be the last. It's been a huge part of our lives. It's definitely going to be different. Playing for him was great, but coaching alongside him these past

few years has been a blast. It's going to be different, that's for sure."
Wiertzema may not be sitting in the captain's chair when the 2021 season tips off, but his handprints and presence will be felt within the program for years to come.
That's due to the impact that he had on countless people he encountered during his time as the head coach at H-BC. It's the kind of impact that goes beyond the win, loss column.
"It's going to be different," Gehrke said. "He's been doing it for 40-some years when you count in his time as the girls' coach. It's going to be different. He's given us all the tools we need to take the program to the next level and continue to grow it."

Kale Wiertzema named head coach of Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team

By Brennen Rupp
Kale Wiertzema is following in his dad's foot-steps. Literally.
Steve Wiertzema started his coaching career at Hills-Beaver Creek as the head coach of the girls' basketball team. Then in 1991, the elder Wiertzema made the transition over to the boys' side of things.
The younger Wiertzema started his head coaching career at his alma mater as the head coach of the girls' basketball team.
Kale held that position for one year and then was the head coach at West Central High School for three years before returning to H-BC as the girls head coach for the past eight years.
Steve recently retired as head coach of the boys' basketball team for 30 years, and he's turning over the playbook to his son.

On Tuesday, June 15, Kale officially accepted an offer to become the next boys' basketball coach at H-BC.
"It means a lot," he said Tuesday.
"It's always kind of been a dream of mine to take over for him. I grew up in the gym. Everybody wants to be like their dad, and I've had that opportunity."
Under Kale's guidance, the H-BC girls' basketball team accumulated a record of 137-55 over the past eight seasons, including a 23-1 season in 2018-2019.
He said the decision to take the boys' head coaching position was difficult.



Star Herald file photo/0617 basketball
Steve Wiertzema (left) puts his arm around his son Kale Wiertzema following a section tournament game. Kale Wiertzema was recently named head coach of the H-BC boys' basketball team, following the retirement of his father Steve.

"It's always kind of been a dream of mine to take over for him. I grew up in the gym. Everybody wants to be like their dad."

- Kale Wiertzema

"My dad started with the girls' program as well," Wiertzema said.
"It was a tough decision for him to leave and take over for the boys. He

and I have had some conversations over the last few years. There is always one more group that you want to coach. You want to coach them. Then there is always one more group coming. Once he retired, I thought it was time to make the switch."
Kale grew up in the H-BC basketball program and played for his dad from 2001-2005.
Now, 16 years later, he'll begin to write the next chapter in his H-BC novel.
"The game of basketball has always been a big part of my life," Wiertzema said.
"Taking over for him means a lot."

COVID-19 vaccines provide tremendous defense against virus: Addressing common myths

Half of all adults in the United States have received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, paving the way towards regaining a new sense of "normal."
At Sanford Health, safety remains a top priority as the health care organization administers thousands of COVID-19 vaccines each day. While there is a great deal of misinformation circulating about COVID-19 vaccines, it's important to understand the facts.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines were rushed and aren't safe

Before any vaccine receives approval for widespread use, it must be supported by research data that shows it is safe and effective. All vaccines approved for emergency use have undergone rigorous testing as directed by the FDA.
While the vaccine is extremely effective, some people may still get COVID-19 after they receive the vaccination. However, people should know that this is completely normal. Much like the influenza vaccine, the COVID vaccine helps reduce serious complications from the virus and does a tremendous job of keeping people out of the hospital.
"Based on clinical trials, the Pfizer vaccine is 95% effective at preventing COVID-19 illness after two doses and the Moderna vaccine is 94.1% effective," said Dr. Nicole Woodley, a physician at Sanford Health in Luverne. "The Janssen (J&J) vaccine, a single-dose vaccine, is 66.3% effective at preventing COVID-19 illness."

Myth: If a person has already had COVID-19, they don't need the vaccine

Even if a person has already had COVID, they should still make an appointment to receive the vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Sanford Health experts encourage vaccination for those who have already had the virus. Some people don't develop a durable immune response when they get the virus, and their immunity may decrease over time.
"For some, the vaccine may cause mild side effects," said Dr. Woodley. "This isn't a bad thing. Side effects show the vaccine is working and your body is building an immune response. The most common side effects are injection site pain, soreness and swelling, similar to other vaccines like the flu shot. These side effects typically go away in one to two days."

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines change a person's DNA

All current COVID-19 vaccines are extremely safe and effective at building immunity against COVID-19. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use messenger RNA to trigger an immune response. This does nothing to alter a person's DNA. The newest vaccine, Janssen (J&J) uses a harmless viral vector to trigger an immune response.

Sanford Health is currently vaccinating all residents age 12 and older. Walk-ins are welcome at Sanford Luverne Clinic during regular clinic hours, or you can schedule an appointment by calling (507) 283-4476.

A canine lover’s guide for traveling with man’s best friend

For those of you who have a hunting dog or just have a dog around as a pet, you know how much time and energy that can take.

Multiply that times four and you can live in my world. For most folks it is not all that hard to find someone to watch the pooch when you want to be gone. Others will pay a boarding outfit the \$35 a day to be sure that they get some attention and get let out to do their business.

I have come to the conclusion that boarding my dogs is kind of a last resort. Not to say these places are not great, but when boarding four dogs you can actually run into some pretty real money for the service.

I have had hunting Labradors in my life for about the last 25 years and have made a life choice to do what needs to be done to keep them with me.

This entails buying dog food by the pallet and making great friends with my preferred veterinarian. Taking a dog or dogs along is easy, as long as the temperatures are between

THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoor columnist



45-70 degrees.

What do you do with a dog when it’s 5 degrees below zero or if it’s 95 degrees in the shade?

There are ways to deal with these extremes, but in most cases the security of the dog is severely impaired as a result.

Leaving a dog in a kennel in the pickup box with the tail gate down and the door open might be enough to keep the dog cool, but if you’re sitting at a wedding for an hour, the dog can easily be missing upon your return.

Leaving them on a rope or a chain is just asking for

a disaster to happen.

I sacrificed my current model GMC truck and the four that have come before that to being nothing much more than dog haulers.

Purchasing the necessary structures to carry four dogs safe, sound and protected, no matter the temperature, does not leave much room for tents, coolers, fishing rods and Yogi’s favorite picnic basket.

A company called Ainley Fabrication in Dubuque, Iowa, makes specialty trailers, toppers and pickup box kennels designed solely for dog transport and safety.

I utilize a stainless steel and aluminum topper box on the back of my truck. I purchased my first one in 2003. Mine weighs 600 pounds. These can have two, four, six, or even eight individual dog kennels built in, depending on the length of your pickup box. Their



Scott Rall photo/0617 pickup

A look at Scott Rall’s pickup that he uses to travel with his dogs on hunting trips.

stature is just taller than the normal pickup topper.

They are insulated all around and have cooling fans built right in. My hunting champions can be in this unit parked in the sun at over 90 degrees and still be safe and comfortable.

Because of the insulation properties of this unit, when occupied by four dogs their body heat can keep the temperature about freezing even when outside temperature reaches the 10-degree mark or lower. When it is bitter cold, I add an electric heater that I plug in at the motel to keep the boys comfortable.

This unit also has an insulated 12-gallon water tank, so carrying enough water is never an issue. I added big LED lights on the back so when I let them out at night, I can light up the area and keep them in sight.

The fans and lights run off of a separate battery under the hood of the truck that is charged when the truck is running but cuts out when the ignition is off so the truck starting battery cannot be run down. The lights and fans can run for over 96 hours on one charge.

All of the dog supplies fit in a small breezeway in the very back. Dog collars, leashes, shells, bird cleaning stuff, flashlights and a whole host of other necessary items fills it up quickly. My truck dog box

has four doors, but due to its design can carry six dogs.

A decade ago I ran across a six-hole dog trailer manufactured by the same company and ended up buying it. It was a good deal and figured I could sell it later for a sizable profit. Sold it never was.

When I load up a hunting enthusiast or two and we head to parts unknown, we often travel with 8-10 dogs, and the trailer really comes in handy for that.

Other hunters in the group that transport their dogs in the cab or back of the car will overnight their dogs in the topper box or the trailer for all of the reasons mentioned earlier: security, comfort and peace of mind.

Very few folks will make this kind of dog transportation monetary investment, but those who do never look back.

My Labradors are more than just dogs; having them with me is important. I can’t see my life any other way. The only thing better than one dog to love is having four.



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A look at Scott Rall’s trailer that he uses to travel with his dogs on hunting trips or other vacations.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, June 17: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, June 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Sunday, June 20: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion and baptism. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee and treats. Monday, June 21: Grace Notes deadline. Service Over Self week begins. Tuesday, June 22: 9 a.m. staff meeting. Wednesday, June 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible study at Wildflowers. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.gracluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. – NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at 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. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, June 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Power Connection. Sunday, June 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Tuesday, June 22: Noon Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, June 17: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. 4-6 p.m. Food Shelf open house—208 W. Maple Street. Saturday, June 19: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, June 20: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, June 21: Service over Self Mission Week begins and goes thru June 25. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, June 22: 6:30 p.m. Endowment Fund meeting. UMC Annual Conference begins and goes thru June 24. Wednesday, June 23: 5:30 p.m. **Free Community Meal with pickup option available.** 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, June 24: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. New location 208 W. Maple Street.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, June 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Monday, June 21: 9 a.m. Quilting group.

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

Saturday, June 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 20 : 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school and Adult Bible study. 7 p.m. Online Bible study. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

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

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

Sunday, June 20: 10 a.m. Joint worship at First Lutheran Church. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Facebook live. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

Sunday, June 20: 10 a.m. Joint worship at First Lutheran Church. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, June 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem with Holy Communion. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, June 22: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, June 23: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Hope comes with a second chance

Life can be difficult and wear us out.

Perhaps unlike any other stretch, the last 12 months have taken their toll on us, not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually.

The uncertainty of COVID, the unrest in our country and the divisiveness of elections challenge even the strongest. This year, 2021, has been different, but similar issues still exist. COVID still haunts us. Racial unrest persists and political divide widens.

We look for an escape ... or at least a reprieve. Something to refresh our soul, to clear our mind, and give rest to our bodies.

Nothing wrong with a much-needed vacation, a glass of wine or a movie to escape.

But it's temporary, and the challenges of the day face us in the morning. They aren't going away (this side of heaven).

But there is a place to turn to find rest, inner peace and lasting serenity. Where is it? With our Savior Jesus.

Jesus said it this way: Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

A yoke tied two oxen together to pull at greater strength than each one could individually. Jesus is inviting us to yoke up with him and allow him to pull the weight with us.

What can wear us down is if we try to pull the weight of life alone. We try to figure everything out. We have to have every answer.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Mike Geiger
Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Georgetown, Texas

We carry the regret of the past and the worry of the future. We feel responsible for all the world's issues. We let Satan burden us with guilt of our past ... and the list goes on.

Peter put in this way: Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

The only place to find refreshment is to bring all that wearies you and burdens you and put it on Jesus' shoulders. Let him carry it for you or with you.

Does that mean all the problems will go away and we will never have another challenge? No, but it means you have the power of God, the presence of God and the peace of God all on your side. So when the next issue, challenge or stressor comes, take a moment to take it to the Lord in prayer. Ask for what you need (his power, wisdom, peace, etc.) and then move forward with your heart at peace and your soul refreshed.

Perhaps copy and print this to look at every day:

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Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Rock County Commissioners meet April 20

Herreid Board Room **9:00 A.M.**
Rock County Courthouse **April 20, 2021**
The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and County Attorney Jeff Haubrich.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the April 20, 2021 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the April 06, 2021 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Resolution No. 11-21, 2020 EMPG Grant - \$17,737.00
Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented (6) conditional use permits (CUP); the CUPs were presented a Public Hearing on April 12, 2021 of which there was no opposition. The following CUPs were approved as follows:

1. Reker Construction, for gravel extraction, stockpiling, and associated processing located in the NE 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 26 of Clinton Township; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve as per conditions listed on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

2. Central Specialties, for placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in NW 1/4 of Section 13 of Vienna Township; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve as per conditions listed on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

3. Central Specialties, for placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve as per conditions listed on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

4. Central Specialties for placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Denver Township; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve as per conditions listed on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

5. Duinink, Inc. for placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14 and the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 11 of Denver Township; to approve as per conditions listed on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

6. Duinink Inc. for placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in SW 1/4 Section 21 of Battle Plain Township; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve as per conditions listed on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that there is a vacancy for a township official on the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and that Peter Bakken is submitting an application. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Rock County Board of Commissioners, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$2,000; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

APRIL 20, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000		
CHS		\$6,851.78
CMRS-FP		2,000.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY		6,709.00
ERICKSON ENGINEERING		3,830.00
FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC		2,671.20
KETTERLING SERVICES INC		10,222.03
LUVERNE/CITY OF		7,643.94
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL		14,616.36
PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP		17,957.40
ROCK MOTOR SPORTS LLC		14,699.00
SANFORD HEALTH		3,519.00
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC		2,355.73
WEX BANK		3,167.67
72 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000		30,405.52
TOTAL		\$126,648.63

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

The Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer led a discussion regarding updating the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with the potential of long term funding for some of those projects. After discussion, it was the consensus of the County Board to continue with the development of a county CIP document.

The Administrator requested authorization to move forward with a fiber install project at the Law Enforcement Center and the Land Management Office locations totaling \$31,700. The project creates a fiber redundancy between the State of Minnesota network and the Alliance/SDN network; the Administrator also stated that the project is eligible expenditure for the Federal American Rescue/Recovery Act funding. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the fiber install project for \$31,700.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board briefly discussed the Next Era Open House scheduled for April 27th from 9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. at SpringBrooke Events in Beaver Creek, Minnesota.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the status of COVID-19 vaccinations for county employees stating that all employees have had the opportunity to get their vaccination; it was determined that all county functions and services will resume to pre-COVID effective May 1, 2021.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwestern MN Opportunities Council.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: no meetings to report, stated that Mark Sehr, Rock County Engineer will be presenting the RCHD 5-yr Construction Plan to the Rotary organization.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Planning & Zoning, Land Use and Hardwick City Council.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Luverne Township and Sharing Hand Nursing Partnership.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Rural Water and One Water On Plan.

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

(06-17)

Slaa probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA **PROBATE COURT**
COUNTY OF ROCK **DISTRICT COURT**
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 67-PR-21-122

In Re: Estate of **ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR**
Gertrude J. Te Slaa, **FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT**
OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ANCILLARY PROCEEDING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of June, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated December 31, 2001, and for the appointment of Harwin Te Slaa and Darwin Te Slaa, whose addresses are 3411 US Hwy. 75, Hull, Iowa 51239, and 3121 320th Street, Hull, Iowa 51239, as co-personal representatives of the estate of the above named decedent in a supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said co-personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the co-personal representatives shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said co-personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date: June 1, 2021

Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Attorney for Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #389457

/s/ Terry Vajrnt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(06-10, 06-17)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 4

Herreid Board Room **9:00 A.M.**
Rock County Courthouse **May 4, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness and County Attorney Jeff Haubrich. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the May 04, 2021, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the April 20, 2021, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Resolution No. 14-21, Authorizing EMPG Supplemental Grant Agreement - \$9,256.00

Michelle Baumhoefner, A.C.E. Executive Director and Linda Wenzel, Local A.C.E. Director together presented a 2020 activity recap and program updates. A.C.E. of Southwest MN has 2,205 volunteers who have recorded 193,659 hours of service at 357 active volunteer stations. This is the equivalent to just over 93 full-time employees. The cumulative cost per hour of volunteer service of all A.C.E. volunteers was \$2.26. Locally, Wenzel stated that Rock County has 494 volunteers that donated 33,810 hours of service at 60 active volunteer stations. Both Baumhoefner and Wenzel thanked the County Board for the continued support.

Calla Jarvie, Rock County Community Library Director informed the County Board that she has completed the 12-week Leadership Training through NACO. Training expenses were waived as Jarvie was Rock County's first participant. Jarvie the acknowledged the program had an aggressive syllabus, but all participants gained a valuable network of cohorts that will continue well into the future. The County Board congratulated Jarvie in completing the leadership program.

Jarvie also informed the County Board of a Small Cities/Rural Libraries grant award of \$3,000 from the American Library Association. Jarvie intends to utilize the funds to initiate a community conversation to explore a library endeavor that offers a resource beyond the walls and service hours at the library.

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

MAY 4, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000		
A & B BUSINESS INC		\$2,647.47
FIALA/ERNEST G		3,000.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR		6,613.10
HEIMAN INC		2,573.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC		2,564.08
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING LLC		2,360.30
LUVERNE/CITY OF		2,880.00
MVTL LABORATORIES INC		2,091.30
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER		5,620.00
STREICHER'S		12,758.40
SUBSURFACE INC		10,340.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING		2,500.00
53 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000		13,781.11
TOTAL		\$69,728.76

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

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the bid results for SAP 067-604-032, a curb and gutter/sidewalk repair project on Luverne's Main Street from TH75 to Blue Mound Ave:

•Musch Construction	\$274,597.89
•Ideal Landscape	284,621.00

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to accept the low bid from Musch Construction for \$274,597.89, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested approval of Resolution No. 12-21 MnDOT/Rock County Detour Agreement 1046604 to utilize CSAH 4 and CSAH 3 as detour routes for I-90; motion by Burger, seconded Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented another resolution for approval, Resolution No. 13-21, a MnDOT/Rock County Detour Agreement 1046611 to utilize CSAH 4 and CSAH 3 as detour routes for I-90; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison, Budget Committee.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: SWHHS, A.C.E. Public Utilities Commission Public Hearing Walleye Wind.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison, Public Utilities Commission Public Hearing Walleye Wind. Walleye Wind informational meeting. Commissioner Overgaard posed the question of reinstating the County Employee Appreciation picnic; no action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services, Public Utilities Commission Public Hearing Walleye Wind, Budget Committee, Supporting Hands Nursing Family Partnership.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Prairie Rose Community Fund and Public Utilities Commission Public Hearing Walleye Wind.

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

(06-17)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 1

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 29, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$33,781.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Linda S. Jordan, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: January 06, 2017 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 189906
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Quicken Loans, LLC
Dated: November 02, 2020
Recorded: November 09, 2020 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 198487
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100039033650596798
Lender or Broker: Quicken Loans Inc.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Quicken Loans, LLC

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 821 N McKenzie St, Luverne, MN 56156-1336
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0242-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Fifty-five (N.55) feet of Lot One (1), in Block Two (2), in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, except the West Twenty-five (W.25) feet thereof

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$35,469.91

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 01, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on January 03, 2022, or the next business day if January 03, 2022, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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

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

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

DATED: May 13, 2021

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Quicken Loans, LLC

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd, Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 044889F01

(05-13, 05-20, 05-27, 06-03, 06-10, 06-17)

Arndt probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA **DISTRICT COURT**
COUNTY OF ROCK **FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
INFORMAL PROBATE

In Re: Estate of **Court File No. 67-PR-21-28**
Lennis "Red" Frank Arndt, **NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND**
Deceased **APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above named Decedent's, last will dated September 22, 2020, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Justin Eugene Arndt, whose address is 504 Main Street E., Richmond, MN 56368, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections, to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 30, 2021

/s/ Terry S. Vajrnt
District Court Judge

/s/ Jennifer Thode
Court Administrator
(06-10, 06-17)

County public hearing for Freese request June 22

Public Hearing

Rock Home Initiative Abatement Request

A public hearing is hereby scheduled at 06:05 P.M. on June 22, 2021, at the Herreid Board meeting room, located at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to be held on a proposed property tax abatement request from Tom and Heidi Freese, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction with following location:

Lots 1 & 2 of Block 1 in the Spring Brook Addition, City of Beaver Creek.
It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rock grant a Property Tax Abatement on this property in an amount not to exceed 100 percent (%) of the County's portion of the real estate taxes related to new residential home construction on the subject properties for a period not to exceed five (5) years. The estimated value of abatement is approximately:

\$732.23 annually
\$3,662.00 total abatement for five years.
This Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Property Tax Abatement as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1813, subdivision 5. The proposed abatement percentage and terms may be modified at the public hearing.

Kyle Oldre,
County Administrator
(06-17)

HELP WANTED Plant Operator- Full-time/Benefits

Job Duties:

- Manufacture /blend liquid and dry materials
- Complies with all regulations when loading and unloading trucks
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- Maintains equipment per company standards, OSHA and any other state agency reg's
- Complies with all applicable environmental policies and regulations
- Maintain safe and clean work environment

Job Requirements:

- High School diploma/GED
- Able to run a forklift and lift up to 50lbs.
- Basic computer knowledge
- Valid driver's license
- Must pass pre-employment drug screen
- Able to work additional hours to meet business needs

Apply in person or call to set up an interview.
Nutrien Ag Solutions
Attn: Tom Kellen
507-449-7679 (office) | 507-360-5621 (cell)

**DEADLINE FOR
LEGALS
is MONDAY
@ 10 a.m.**

Walleye Wind, LLC conditional use hearing June 21

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Bluemound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2021. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant:	Walleye Wind, LLC
Property Owner:	Dach, Inc.
Location:	38.2 acres in the SW portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 17 of Beaver Creek Township, T102N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement of a temporary laydown yard for the Walleye Wind, LLC wind turbine project
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture

By order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(06-10, 06-17)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 18

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 18, FOURTH SERIES
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRIC SERVICE REPEALING AND
REPLACING CITY CODE CHAPTER 55 IN ITS ENTIRETY

On June 8, 2021, the City of Luverne, Minnesota ("City") adopted an Ordinance repealing and replacing City Code Chapter 55 in its entirety. The Ordinance is intended to provide for and specify the means to attain the best possible electric service for the public by providing requirements for electric service with respect to technical standards and related matters.

It is hereby determined that publication of this title and summary will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance No. 18, Fourth Series. A copy of the entire Ordinance shall be posted at the Luverne City Offices.

It is hereby directed that only the above title and summary of Ordinance No. 18, Fourth Series be published, conforming to Minn. Stat. §331A.01, with the following:

NOTICE

Persons interested in reviewing a complete copy of the Ordinance may do so at the Luverne City Offices at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN 56156 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(06-17)

County hearing for Vanderburg request June 22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNTY OF ROCK FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR
Trudy Vanderburg/Manley Tire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on at 06:10 P.M. on June 22, 2021, at Herreid Board meeting room in the Annex of the Rock County Courthouse located at 204 E. Brown Street; Luverne, Minnesota, to consider the request from Trudy Vanderburg dba Manley Tire for the abatement of certain real property located in Beaver Creek Township and described as follows, to wit:

A 86'x60'x14" mechanic shop building extension located in the southwest corner of Lot lying north and east of Highway less .06 a CSAH #17 in Section 36, Township 102 Range 47

For abatement of real estate taxes for a period of up to ten years pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §469.1813. That the estimated amount of the abatement, on annual basis, for the County of Rock is:

\$923.54/year
Total abatement at 100% for ten years: \$9,236.00

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at the hearing or present written comments to be presented at the hearing by delivering the same to the Rock County Administrator at 204 E. Brown Street; Luverne, Minnesota.

Kyle J. Oldre,
Rock County Administrator
(06-17)

Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for a Preschool Teacher/Title I Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. To apply email letter of application, resume & credentials to: darcey.groen@ellsworth.mntm.org Or you can mail these documents to: Ellsworth Public School, P.O. Box 8, Ellsworth, MN 56129 (6.10-6.26)

Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for a High School Science/Chemistry/Physics Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. To apply email letter of application, resume, & credentials to: darcey.groen@ellsworth.mntm.org Or you can mail these documents to: Ellsworth Public School, P.O. Box 8, Ellsworth, MN 56129 (6.10-6.26)

Help Wanted: Reliable, honest person for housekeeping at Hillcrest Motel. Hours and days will vary. Possible opportunity of additional responsibility. Stop at Hillcrest Motel. (6.17-7.3)

REAL ESTATE

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EMPLOYMENT

Hsi
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EMPLOYMENT

Nobles County Community Services is seeking a Public Health Nurse and Registered Nurse
If you have a passion for public health and serving the community this could be the career for you! Join our public health service unit and you'll be part of a skilled, caring, and knowledgeable professional team whose talents and contributions promote, strengthen and protect the health of individuals, families, and communities in Nobles County every single day! Check out the full job descriptions on our website www.co.nobles.mn.us and click on Jobs & Careers. Weekends and Holidays off! **Public Health Nurse:** provides direct care needs assessment, education, and recommendations for services based upon the needs identified when working with individuals and families in the community. **Registered Nurse:** under general supervision performs professional nursing duties to ensure proper administration and coordination of established public health programs. APPLY TO: Merit application required, visit: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem/default.cfm>. Closing Date for Merit Applications: June 15, 2021, 4:30 p.m. (6.10-6.17)

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MISCELLANEOUS

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GARAGE SALES

Rummage Sale—502 Phyleon Drive, Luverne; Friday, June 18, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, June 19, 8-11 a.m. Antiques, furniture, decor, girls XS-S, ladies petite 4P-6P, women's 1x-2x; lots of miscellaneous. (6.12-6.17)

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted

CITY OF HILLS
Taking applications for
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT
for the operations and maintenance of streets, parks, buildings, grounds, water/wastewater. Starting salary \$20 per hour with salary increase incentives. Apply at Hills City Office, P.O. Box 172, 301 S. Main Ave., Hills, MN 56138 or call 507-962-3290. Applications accepted until position is filled.



The Tuff Memorial Home is currently hiring:
Weekend-only Day Shift CNA
Full-time Day CNA
Part-time Evening Cook
Village Caregiver
Village Part-time/On-Call RN/LPN
If interested, contact Eli Ripley at 507-962-3275 or email eripley@tuffmemorialhome.com
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Join the CARDINAL PRIDE TEAM

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for
PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPING
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• Send letter of application, resume and completed district application (http://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/) to Craig Oftedahl, Supt. of Schools
c.oftedahl@isd2184.net
Luverne High School
709 N. Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156
EOE

Help Wanted

Lakefield Administrative Coordinator (FT/Benefits)

Job Duties:

- Processing invoices correctly
- Entering customers checks daily
- Helping customers understand monthly invoices
- Performing general office work including filing
- Preparing product receivers for incoming inventory
- Answering the phone in a polite and courteous manner
- Taking care of truck scale as loads come in
- Will perform various other duties as assigned

Job Requirements:

- High School Diploma/GED
- 1+years related experience
- Computer literate/Microsoft Office Products
- Pass pre-employment drug screen
- Able to work additional hours to meet business needs

Apply in person or call to set up an interview:
Nutrien Ag Solutions Lakefield |
Attn: Dana Luebben
Contact: 507-662-5442 (office)| Dana.Luebben@nutrien.com

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Looking for a full-time truck driver to run local. Home every day, hours vary, pay based on experience. Must have Class A CDL. Call 507-920-5469 or 507-227-0607. (tc)

RECYCLE!

HELP WANTED

Age 55+ workers
needed for
**part-time
custodial work**
at the Adrian & Beaver Creek
rest areas on I-90
**Contact Green View
651-639-1913**



HELP WANTED

- Full-time CNA
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STUDENT WORKER/Custodial to assist with Housekeeping services. Duties include sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, soiled linen and trash removal, cleaning bathrooms, and other related assigned tasks. Applicants must be enrolled in secondary, post-secondary or graduate study programs. Must be able to work independently with limited direction. This position will be scheduled every other weekend, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm and additional hours as needed. Hourly wage: \$15.00

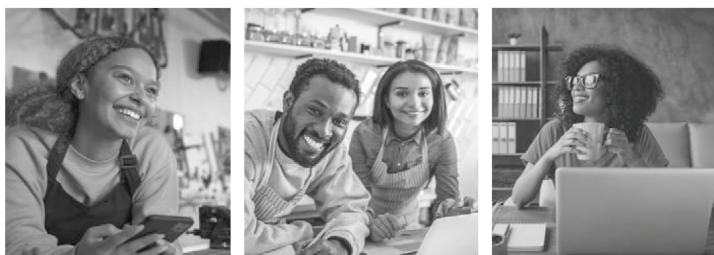
HOUSEKEEPER (General Maintenance Worker) to substitute as needed for regular staff absences. Duties include cleaning resident rooms, bathrooms & offices; shampooing carpets; stripping and waxing floors; cleaning wheelchairs and other miscellaneous housekeeping and light maintenance duties. Starting hourly wage: \$15.24 + .65/hr shift differential for evening hours.

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Preparing to launch are soap box derby racers Gibson Engelkes (left) and Kaelyn Baker.



Cheering on the soap box derby racers are (from left) Jody Fransman with Blakely Baker, Kerri Baker with Brooks Heimerman, Kelley Heimerman, Kinsley Heimerman and Tegan Heimerman.

Soap box derby puts Friendship Days in motion

The soap box derby was a main attraction at the Hills Friendship Days Saturday afternoon. The event was moved from the former high school because of seal coating work on the street in that neighborhood. The derby took place at the former elevator, now Game Plan For Hope.



Above left, Bill Kroon operates the flag at the finish line. Above right, Madden Van Veldhuisen in the tractor and Dalis Van Veldhuisen in the watermelon car are neck-and-neck toward the finish. Above inset is Kaelyn Baker. At left Ethan Van Engen pushes Gibson Engelkes back up the hill to the starting line.

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS

Do you have questions about:

- LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
- WARTIME SERVICE VS PEACE TIME
- DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE CONNECTED INJURY OR ILLNESS
- ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED VETERANS
- PENSION
- SPOUSE OF A VETERAN WHO DIED FROM SERVICE CONNECTED CONDITION
- DEATH PENSIONS TO SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILDREN
- BURIAL BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- DENTAL BENEFITS
- CHAMPVA
- TRICARE AND TRICARE FOR LIFE
- VOCATIONAL REHAB AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- VET CENTERS
- EDUCATION BENEFITS
- LIFE INSURANCE
- HOME LOAN GUARANTIES
- AGENT ORANGE (Vietnam and Blue Water Navy)
- POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
- BENEFITS FOR FEMALE VETERANS
- STATE BENEFITS
- OBTAINING MILITARY RECORDS AND AWARDS
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Arts & ACADEMICS

June 17, 2021

CELEBRATING LOCAL ARTISTIC & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Bravo!

Despite pandemic, Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek students shine

By Mavis Fodness

More than a year ago, the coronavirus pandemic forced the end to the annual performing, communications and visual arts activities at Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek schools.

Academically, education switched to distance learning with education taking place from home.

COVID-19 left a permanent mark stretching back 15 months on how our schools taught, competed and performed in the arts realm.

This month, Luverne's drama department came full circle in the pandemic journey — performing the musical "Grease" in six performances during a two-week period at the Palace Theatre. There were no audience restrictions and no face coverings.

The close-to-normal production was a far cry from the fall semester, where students had their

Luverne High School student presented their spring musical production of "Grease" last week under no pandemic restrictions.

spring and fall play performances cancelled. Instead they worked on creating videos, primarily from home.

"I get the feeling that everyone just wants to leave that (pandemic) behind them," said director Shawn Kinsinger.

"One older gentleman I spoke with after a performance told me that his wife would have loved this performance of 'Grease,' but he lost her last year to covid. He made me realize that normal is something we can strive for, but will never really return to completely."

Zoom became a lifeline to many activities succeeding during the pandemic. Mock trial and speech completed the entire season through the electronic platform.

"Due to restrictions of social distancing, mock trial students were not allowed to have competitions in the courthouse like previous years," said H-BC mock trial adviser Megan Klumper. "This year, thanks to Zoom, the mock trial season was not canceled like so many other events. Instead,

the competitions were held from right here at school."

However, some activities didn't transition well to a virtual format.

Luverne robotics attempted to compete virtually but soon turned their attentions to a different path. Adviser Aaron Perkins said his 30 robotic students tried two virtual leagues this season.

"They were suppose to mimic the actual competition but it wasn't the same in any way," he said. "The kids really tried to make it a good, fun season even with all the obstacles of participation."

Students turned their attention to building robots to complete specific tasks in preparation for next season.

"It is nice to see them self-sufficient and building on their own," Perkins said. "We have started recruiting for next year and hope to have many new faces that want to learn great skills that can help with the rest of their lives."

Other activities simply couldn't take place, such as

Arts, continued on 8B



Spring Musical - LHS

Luverne High School drama department presented the musical "Grease" as a spring production. Cast members include (front row from left) Zoey Berghorst, Zoe Perkins, Egypt Forrest, (second row) Myles Trimble, Hannah Vaudrin, Joelia Lopez-Bomstad, Anna Boltjes, Sophie Holmberg, Griffen Jarchow, Parker Carbonneau, Simon Boyenga, Chance Tunnissen, Destiny Matthiesen, (back) Elise Jarchow, Mia Wenzel, Rylee Gee, Pierce Cunningham, Like Thorson, Xavier Carbonneau, Josie Golla, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Grace Ingebretsen, Camden Hoven, Grace Sandbulte and Creedence Petroff.

Mavis Fodness photo



Valedictorian
Lauren Tatge

Top Students - HBC

Salutatorian
Allison LaRock



Secrets to becoming top academic students

Time management, attitude important factors say valedictorian Tatge, salutatorian LaRock

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School's top senior students recognize as learn-

ing environments change, their approach toward studying did not.

When H-BC transformed to distance learning in March 2020 and completed the 2019-20 school year with students learning at home, valedictorian Lauren Tatge and salutatorian Allison LaRock didn't vary their study routines they started as freshmen. They maintained their 4.0 grade point averages even as the school completed the 2020-21 school year using an in-person hybrid model.

Both had good advice for younger students who want

to be the top students in their graduating classes.

"Even though it seems cliché, don't procrastinate getting things done because you'll feel so much better once it's done," said Tatge. "My secret to getting good grades is studying with others because it's so much more fun and effective to study with classmates."

Tatge's dedication to study time was noticed by her fellow classmate.

"She (Tatge) is one of the hardest working academic achievers I know, and I couldn't think of anyone

more worthy of the title," LaRock said.

Each of the students is busy with in-school activities as well as jobs.

"My enrollment in outside activities helps teach me the importance of balance, communication, dedication, teamwork and compassion," she said. "All of the skills help in the classroom."

Tatge agreed time management is a learned skill.

"My involvement in extracurricular activities helped me learn to manage my time better since I had less free time and had to allot time to

get studying and homework in," she said.

Attitude is another asset to high academic standing.

"I would suggest that underclassmen recognize the beauty of learning and view it as an opportunity instead of a chore," LaRock said. "Studying becomes easier when you take time to care about the material."

Her secret to maintaining good grades: Take the information given, be willing to ask questions, and be willing to receive help.

The H-BC Class of 2021 consisted of 32 graduates.



Members of the 2020 Luverne Marching Band include: Color Guard: (front to back) Morgan Hadler, Anna Boltjes, Hannah Baker, Sadie Kessler, Kristin Rud, (not pictured: Brenn Siebenahler and Rayann Remme); Drum Majors: (front row, left to right) Josie Golla, Griffen Jarchow; Band members: (second row, left to right) Jady Hart, Genna Rolfs, Solveig Tofteland, Julia Hoogland, Zoey Berghorst, Brynn Boyenga, Xavier Carbonneau; (third row, left to right) Grace Ingebretsen, Egypt Forrest, Anya Jarchow, Phoebe DeBates, Hope Thorson, Lauren Ver Steeg, Ava Loosbrock, Uriel Hernandez; (fourth row, left to right) Jocelyn Hart, Simon Boyenga, Emma Lusty, Ethan Rahm, Logan Ommen, Pierce Cunningham, Sophie Holmberg; (fifth row, left to right) Ainslie Robinson, Justin Dohlmann, William Johnson, Coulter Thone, Hunter Gaffaney, Eduardo Godines; (sixth row, left to right) Peter Baustian, Nathan Kinsinger, Ethan Nath, Hunter Cope, Xavier Carbonneau, Isaac Eidem, Travis Schempp; (back row, left to right) Cassi Chesley, Katia Jarchow, Katherine Pizel, Burke Johnson, Eric Somnis, John Miller, Brendan Eidem, Riley Sneller and Luke Bosch (Not pictured: Tori Hemme and Jordyn Cleaveland). Mavis Fodness photo

Instrumental Music Highlights - LHS

•The coronavirus pandemic changed the format or cancelled many of competitions the Luverne High School marching band normally participates including the local Tri-State Band Festival. Festival organizers arranged for a clinician to work with the band on the last Saturday in September event before the band participated in the field competition in Brandon. The Brandon event was not judged or ranked.

•The marching band received an excellent rating at the Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls field competition and a fifth-place finish in Class A at the Dutchmen Field Competition in Orange City. The band was also a “Triple S” award recipient.

•The large group/concert band contest was cancelled but the solo and ensemble competition took place for only LHS students at was completed at LHS. Results included:
Josie Golla (marimba solo) received a perfect score/superior.

Receiving superior ratings were earned by clarinet ensemble of Xavier Carbonneau, Lauren VerSteeg, Grace Ingebretsen, Ava Loosbrock, Anja Jarchow, Hope Thorson, Uriel Hernandez and Rayann Remme; Genna Rolfs, flute solo; saxophone ensemble of Griffen Jarchow, Emma Lusty, Simon Boyenga, Ethan Rahm and Logan Ommen; Simon Boyenga, saxophone solo; Pierce Cunningham, French horn solo; senior ensemble of Genna Rolfs, Solveig Tofteland, Xavier Carbonneau, Lauren VerSteeg, Simon Boyenga, Sophie Holmberg, Ainslie Robinson, Eduardo Godines, Anna Boltjes, Justin Dohlmann, Peter Baustian, Isaac Eidem, John Miller and Eric Somnis; Jocelyn Hart, trumpet solo.

Excellent ratings were earned by flute ensemble of Brynn Boyenga, Genna Rolfs, Jady Hart, Zoey Berghorst, Tori Hemme, Kristin Run, Solveig Tofteland, Julia Hoogland and Brenn Siebenahler; Zoey Berghorst, flute solo; trio ensemble of Ethan

Nath, Parker Carbonneau and Travis Schempp.

Trio ensemble of Uriel Hernandez, Nathan Kinsinger and Hunter Cope received a good rating.

•Grace Ingebretsen, playing bass clarinet, was selected for the All-State band. Parker Carbonneau (euphonium) is alternate.

•Parker Carbonneau, Grace Ingebretsen and Logan Ommen were awarded the David A. Buffington award for outstanding underclassmen.

•Eduardo Godines, Ainslie Robinson and Solveig Tofteland were selected for the Tony J. Maiello Award for outstanding marching band student).

•Griffen Jarchow and Hope Thorson were presented the Carl Nash Memorial Award for outstanding juniors.

•Peter Baustian earned the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award.

•Josie Golla was selected for the John Philip Sousa Award.

FFA Chapter Highlights - HBC

•Regional and state convention events were conducted online.

•Hannah Fick (pictured below) achieved the State FFA Degree, the highest degree a member can achieve.



•Four teams competed at the state FFA convention virtually. Results included:
Best Informed Greenhand team placed 18th out of 27 teams.

Fish and wildlife team (Austin Allen, Tyson Bork, Calvin Erickson and Cole Baker) placed 46th.

Livestock judging team (Tory Knobloch, Lanae Elbers, Samantha Moser and Sean Elbers) placed 55th.

Soils team (Donavon Leenderts, Max Scholten, Zander Wysong and Casey Kueter) placed 16th. Donavon Leenderts placed 37th individually.

•Raised \$10,000 in the chapter's annual corn drive. The money was donated to Game Plan 4 Hope in Hills.



Members of the 2020-21 H-BC High School FFA Chapter included officers (front row from left) Chase Bosch (sentinel), Tory Knobloch (president), Hannah Fick (vice president), Samantha Moser (secretary), Danette Leenderts (treasurer), Donavon Leenderts (parliamentarian), Austin Allen (historian), Carter Hartz (reporter), adviser Cloey Anderson, (second row) Oliver Deelstra, Cole Baker, Zander Wysong, Casey Kueter, Sean Elbers, Taylor Dolphin, Nathan Kruid, Brayden Metzger, Andrew Harris, (third row) Luke Fuerstenburg, Drew Leenderts, Devon Dysthe, Brock Harnack, Max Scholten, Calvin Erickson, Tryce Bennett, Austin Ripperda, Ethan Kruger, Ty Bundesen, (fourth row) Cody Moser, Joshua Wiersema, Riley Tatge, Journey Dwire, Avery Vis, Kenadie Fick, Lanae Elbers, Taryn Birger, Olivia Bork, Sophia Vansurksun, Robbie Drake, (fifth row) Elly Klosterbuer, Megan Vis, Taylor Huisman, Amallia Ternus, Layla Deelstra, Larissa Steinhoff, Brynn Rauk, Sylvia Fick, Alexis Gardner-Swenson, Tyrae Goodface, (back) Conner Vande Voort, Collin Schoneman, Damion Meinerts, Alex Harris, Carter Vande Voort and Cooper Gehrke. Not pictured: Tyson Bork. Submitted photo



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At left: One act play director Joe Stearns (center) works with Xavier Carbonneau (far right) for the 2021 one act play competition. In back are students (from left) Griffen Jarchow, Grace Ingebretsen, Josie Golla and Pierce Cunningham.

Below: Loki (portrayed by Zoe Perkins) and Thor (Xavier Carbonneau) realize Thor's powerful hammer is the only way to escape safely from their entrapment. Mavis Fodness photos

One Act Play Highlights - LHS

- Performed "Hammered: A Thor and Loki Play."
- Placed 5th out of seven school participating in the regional One Act Play competition. This year's competition submitting a recording.
- Cast of 12 included Xavier Carbonneau as Thor; Zoe Perkins, Loki; Luke Thorson, adult Thor Odinson and Thor's father, Odin; Josie Golla, Thor's mother, Freyja; Griffen Jarchow, Master Cul and ghost Alt; Chance Tunnissen, Master Heimdall and ghost Ellis; Parker Carbonneau, Ghost Frigg and student Volstagg; Pierce Cunningham, Master Forseti and student Fandrai; Mia Wenzel, student Sif; Grace Ingebretsen, student Hogun; Myles Trimble, Master Hoenir; Destiny Matthiesen, the Herald.



Luverne High School Business Professionals of America team consisted of first-year members (from left) Crystal Sayavong, Eric Somnis, Jayson Rops and Isabella Lanoue. Submitted photo

Business Professionals of America Highlights - LHS

- Three state qualifiers —Jayson Rops, Crystal Sayavong and Isabella Lanoue.
- Lanoue placed in the Top 9 in fundamental spreadsheet applications in the state contest, and participated in the National BPA event.
- Regional results: Rops, second, fundamental accounting; fourth, fundamental spreadsheet applications. Lanoue, second, fundamental spreadsheet applications; fourth, fundamental word processing. Sayavong, first, fundamental word processing; second, entrepreneurship.

Mock Trial Highlights - LHS

- Team competed in the state Mock Trial tournament for the seventh consecutive year.
- The 2021 season was completed under a virtual tournament format and organized into super regions.
- Ended the 2021 season 5-0 earning wins against Albert Lea, Owatonna, Fairmont, Rochester Century and Waseca.
- Juniors Chance Tunnissen and Luke Thorson were named All-State attorney and witness respectively for Luverne.
- At the state virtual tournament, team compiled a 1-2 record and finished 12th out of 16 teams.

At left: This year's Luverne High School mock trial team members include (front, left) John Miller, Kaitlyn Anderson, Jadyn Hart, Lauren VerSteeg, Ainslie Robinson, Ella Lanoue, Luke Thorson, (back) Ross Bergman, Chance Tunnissen, Xavier Carbonneau, Simon Boyenga, Parker Carbonneau and Griffen Jarchow. Not pictured Cedar Viessman and Solveig Tofteland. Mavis Fodness photo



Vocal Music Highlights - HBC

- Many events were cancelled or changed. No large group contests were conducted this year.
- The solo and ensemble contests were conducted in individual schools.
- Superior ratings were earned by Malli Ternus, mezzo-soprano solo; Lexi Drake, soprano solo; Lexi Drake and Malli Ternus, vocal duet.
- Excellent ratings: Tahliya Kruger and Madison Gaugler, vocal duet; Britton McKenzie and Leif Tollefson, vocal duet; Jessica Jones, Katie Zavola-Soto, Regina Afkas and Holly Harron, SSA ensemble.
- Comments only: Sanaa Morris and Lexi Drake, vocal duet; Britton McKenzie, Leif Tollefson and Ty Leuthold, TTB ensemble; Jessica Jones, Katie Zavola-Soto, Regina Afkas, Holly Harron, Leif Tollefson, Britton McKenzie, Ty Leuthold, Tahliya Kruger, Madison Gaugler, Lexi Drake, Sanaa Morris and Malli Ternus, mixed ensemble.
- Performed with the rock group, Foreigner, on stage at a

Vocal music students include (front row from left) Regina Afkas, Sanaa Morris, Katie Zavala-Soto, Tahliya Kruger, Malli Ternus (back) Ty Leuthold, Britton McKenzie, Leif Tollefson, Holly Barron, Jessica Jones, Madison Gaugler and Lexi Drake. Submitted photo





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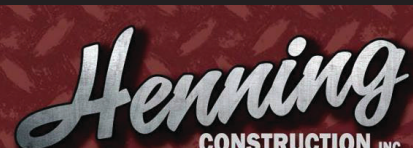
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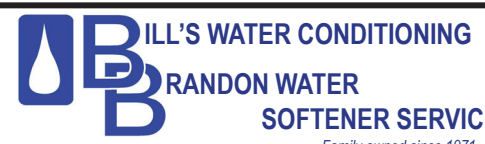


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The Luverne High School Treble Choir members include (front row from left) Isabella Oye, Sarah Stegenga, Jocelyn Hart, Alyia Renken, Chloe Schoeneman, Elle Halverson, Belle Smidt, Priscilla Muehr, Julia Hoogland, Bonita Tiesler, (second row) Lily Ehlers, Zoe Perkins, Joelia Lopez, Kayla Bloemendaal (hidden), Reese Louwagie, Addison Huiskes, Grace Ingebretsen, Morgan Hadler, Sadie Kessler, (third row) Tiana Lais, Lauren Hansen, Mariam Alinzi, Myles Trimble, Emma Beyer, Tori Serie, Josie Anderson, Ava Vortherms, Mallory Von Tersch, Jadyn Hart, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Lacey Morseman, Ella Lanoue, (back) Jenna DeBates, Kenedee Franken, Makena Nelson, Kamryn Van Batavia, Rayann Remme, Christina Wagner, Kiesli Smith, Anika Boll, Tori Hemme, Elizabeth Wagner, Abby Anderson, Zoe Wek and Mallory Nelson. Not pictured is Jocelynn Mann.



The Luverne High School Concert Choir under the direction of Seana Graber (pictured second row, far right) includes (front row from left) Mary Opitz, Lauren Buss, Ann Dara, Alenya Sayavong, Mia Wenzel, Sophie Holmberg, Brenn Siebenahler, Silvia Recuero (second row) Ainslie Robinson, Leslie Van Englenhoven, Macie Swenson, Brooklynn VerSteeg, Josie Golla, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Sadie Reisdorfer, Rylee Anderson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Director Graber (third row) Rylee Gee, Emely Montes, Paige Bruhn, Tim Eisma, Luke Thorson, Camden Hoven, Jonathan Dolo, Tanner Terrio, Michael Halsne, Tucker Banck, Gracie Zewiske, Kayetlin Huiskes (fourth row) Tyrcia Davis, Sophia Eisma, Gavin DeBeer, Luke Bosch, Ethan Rahm, Ross Bergman, Ethan Nath, Patrick Kroski, Kaleb Hein, Elise Ferrell, Crystal Sayavong (back) Trista Baustian, Olivia Wieneke, Grace Sandbulte, Casey Sehr, Ashton Sandbulte, Pierce Cunningham, Parker Carbonneau, Zachary Terrio, Jacob Madison, Sawyer Saker, Roz Oye, Jacey Smith and Mia Halverson. Missing are Katarina Horn, Hans Hoven, Matthew McClure and Xander Walgrave. Submitted photos

Vocal Music Highlights - LHS

•Two All-State choir students: Josie Golla and Rylee Gee participated virtually in the mixed choir.

•The large group contests were cancelled with solo and ensemble competitions taking place at home with only LHS students. Receiving superior ratings: Zoe Perkins, Ross Bergman, Camden Hoven, Ethan Nath, Pierce Cunningham, Ethan Rahm, Sophie Holmberg, Josie Golla, Julia Hoogland, Lily Ehlers, Parker Carbonneau, Averill Sehr, Rylee Gee and Kayla Bloemendaal. Excellent ratings were received by Grace Ingebretsen, Ann Dara, Grace Sandbulte and Tori Hemme.

Student Council - LHS

Members of the Luverne High School 2020-21 student council includes (front row from left) Griffen Jarchow, Brooklynn VerSteeg, Ainslee Robinson, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren VerSteeg, Regan Feit, Ross Bergman, Patrick Kroski, (second row) Tyson Cowel, Anja Jarchow, Morgan Ahrendt, Trygve Gangestad, Luke Bosch, Luke Thorson, Trista Baustian, Roz Oye, Madee Schmuck (third row) Camden Hoven, Peter Baustian, Hunter Ahrendt, Zach Ahrendt, Cade Wenninger, Casey Sehr, Jacob Stroeh, Henry Hartquist, Parker Carbonneau, Xavier Carbonneau (back) Mary Opitz, Averill Sehr, Kayla Bloemendaal, Carly Olson, Rylee Gee, Sarah Stegenga, Kaitlyn Anderson and Elise Jarchow. Missing is Phoebe DeBates.





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FFA Chapter Highlights - LHS

Two career development teams competed at the virtual state FFA convention.

The ag mechanics team of J.T. Remme, Hunter Sandbulte, A.J. Ossefort and Peter Baustian placed fourth overall as a team. Individually, Remme placed third, Sandbulte 12th, Remme 33rd and Baustian 38th out of 120 participants.

Julia Hoogland, Morgan Bonnett and Destiny Matthiesen competed in the virtual horse judging contest and placed 36th out of 55 teams. Hoogland placed 41st individually out of 187 participants.



Students from Luverne High School who are members of Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter for the 2020-21 school year include (front row from left) president Cassie Flanagan, secretary Gretchen Jacobsma, parliamentarian Chase Overgaard, officer-at-large Eric Somnis, treasurer Camron Kopp, sentinel Justin Dohlmann, reporter Hunter Ahrendt, (second row) adviser Dennis Moritz, Ross Bergman, D.J. Swenson, Peter Baustian, Ayden Bonnett, Trista Baustian, (third row) Chris Aning, Hunter Baker, Connor Overgaard, Carlton Oftedahl, Jacob Hansen, (fourth row) Nick Hansen, Cole Mann, Leah Wynia, Hunter Sandbulte, Morgan Ahrendt, Morgan Bonnett, Macie Swenson, (back) Harrison Uithoven, Lucas Hansen, reporter Shelby Kracht, Tori Hemme, A.J. Ossefort and J.T. Remme. Not pictured is vice president Destiny Matthiesen. Mavis Fodness photo

National Honor Society - LHS

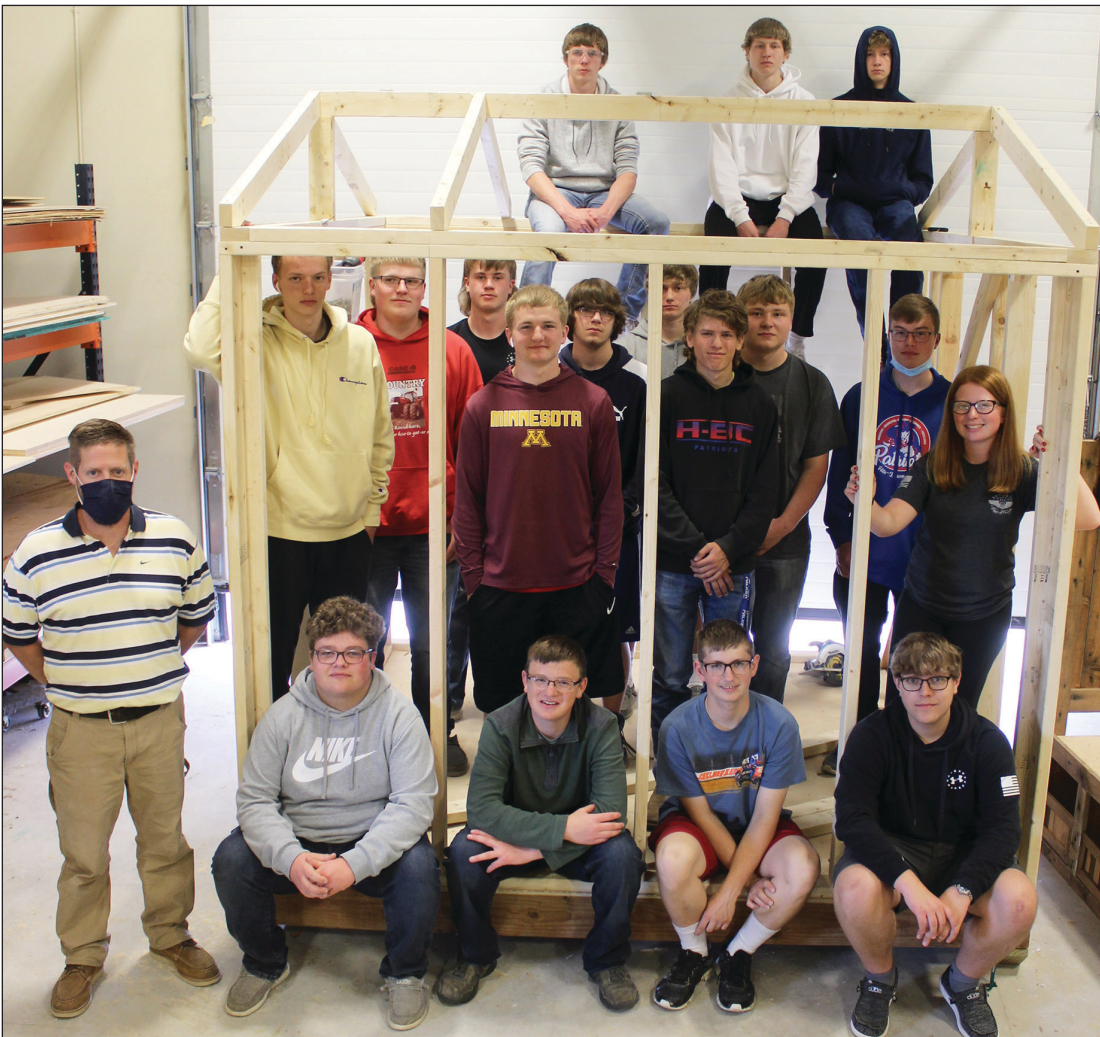
Twenty-one Luverne High School students comprise the 2020-21 Luverne High School National Honor society and include (front row from left) McKenzie VanGrootheest, Xavier Carbonneau, Casey Sehr, Luke Thorson, Griffen Jarchow, Cade Wenninger, Ainslee Robinson, (second row) Brooklynn VerSteeg, Elise Jarchow, Olivia Huisman, Regan Feit, Olivia Wieneke, Trista Baustian, Grace Zewiske, Rozilyn Oye, Lauren VerSteeg, Rylee Gee, (back) Peter Baustian, Zach Ahrendt, Simon Boyenga and Ethan Beyer. Senior members received medals (below) to wear at graduation. Mavis Fodness photos



Millworks - HBC

At right: Millworks students include (front from left) adviser Chris Louwagie, Austin Ripperda, Weston Kellenberger, Jacob Axness, Taylor Dolphin (second row) Oliver Deelstra, Andrew Harris, Carter Hartz, Hannah Fick (third row) Nathan Kruid, Mason Willhelmi, Donavon Leenderts, Ethan Kruger, Casey Kueter, Ty Bundesen (on top) Cole Baker, Drew Leenderts and Sean Elbers.

Below: (front from left) Cole Rozeboom, Alex Harris, Taylor Fredrickson, Joshua Wiersema (second row) Cody Moser, Luke FuerstenBerg, Collin Schoneman and Brock Harnack. Missing are Devon Dysthe, Noah Swenson and Chase Bosch.



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FCCLA Chapter Highlights - LHS



•Luverne chapter had two students serve as state officers: Rylee Anderson, treasurer (pictured below, left), and Ella Lanoue, vice president of resource and development.

•All regional and state FCCLA activities were conducted virtually.

•Due to LHS' hybrid and distance learning schedule last fall, no students completed STAR events this year. 24 students members.

•Three students will serve as state officers for 2021-22: Ella Lanoue, vice president of partnerships, Hannah Baker, board of directors representative, and Rylee Anderson, vice president of outreach.



At left: Luverne High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members include (front) Elizabeth Mulder (standing from left) Jessica Tunnissen, Tori Hemme, Brook Vos, Priscilla Muehr, Lily Ehlers, Zander Carbonneau, Hannah Baker Brianna Kinsinger and Lacy Saker.

At right: Juniors Rylee Anderson (left) and Ella Lanoue serve on the state FCCLA board. Submitted photos

Robotics Highlights - LHS

•30 students participated in the team's second season.

•Competed in two virtual competitions. "The kids really tried to make it a good fund season even with the all obstacles of participation," adviser Aaron Perkins said. "We has only virtual competitions this year, they were suppose to mimic the actual competition, but it wasn't the same in any way."

•As a result of the virtual season, the team built two smaller robots to meet additional competition skills.



Thirty students comprise the Luverne High School robotics team including (front row from left) Lane Saker, Lacey Saker, Burke Johnson, Dyllon Gehrke, John Miller, Ethan Curtiss (back) Rylee Gee, Hunter Sandbulte, Ethan Teunissen, Tanner Terrio, Matthaus Dobbe, Pierce Cunningham and Xavier Carbonneau. Mavis Fodness photo

Instrumental Music Highlights - HBC

•Junior Tess Van Maanen (trumpet) participated in the virtual All-State Symphonic band.

•Junior Tara Paulsen was selected as an All-State Band alternate.

•Solo and ensemble contest was conducted with only H-BC locally. Earning ratings were:

Tess Van Maanen, trumpet solo, earned a perfect score/superior.

Superior ratings: Lauren Tatge, flute solo; Allie LaRock and Tara Paulsen, snare drum duet; Abby Knobloch, Allie LaRock and Lauren Tatge (mixed trio), LeeAnna Gaugler and Aliyah Stoltenberg, mixed duet; Tara Paulsen, snare drum solo; Danette Leenderts and Tess Van Maanen, mixed duet; Britton McKenzie, snare drum solo; Dallas Page, trombone solo.

Excellent ratings: Carter Ables, saxophone solo; Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt and Brandon Taubert, trumpet duet; Leif Tollefson and Eli Taubert, trombone duet.

•Allie LaRock earned the John Philip Sousa award.



Students in the 2020-21 instrumental music program include (front row from left) Leif Tollefson, Allie LaRock, Lauren Tatge, Abby Knobloch, Tess Van Maanen, Danette Leenderts (second row) Jessica Jones, Lexi Drake, Tara Paulsen, Aliyah Stoltenberg, LeeAnna Gaugler, Dallas Page (back) director Steve Olson, Kyler Hartz, Britton McKenzie, Eli Taubert, Carter Abels, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt and Brandon Taubert. Submitted photo

Mock Trial Highlights - HBC

•The entire season was completed via Zoom with students competing in a classroom together at home. Students were able to be together due to the school using a hybrid learning, in-person model.

•This season's case was "Payton Knox vs. Nixon Lodge Catering Inc."

•Earned one victory in the 1-3 season. The defense earned a seven-point advantage over Fairmont High School White team, 228-221.



Team members for the Hills-Beaver Creek include (front row, from left) Hannah Fick, Lauren Tatge, Tahliya Kruger, Madison Gaugler, (back) Taylor Durst, Abby Knobloch, Allie LaRock, Kyler Hartz and Jacob Sheppard. Submitted photo

Student Council Highlights - HBC

•Each grade selects members. No officers are elected.

•Representatives include seniors Allie LaRock, Abby Knobloch, Lauren Tague; juniors Liam Raymon, Tara Paulsen, Austin Allen; sophomores Deven Dysthe, Jenifer Martinyuk, Olivia Bork; freshmen Sylvia Fick, Riley Tatge, Layla Deelstra; eighth graders Cameron Allen, Emma Deelstra; seventh graders Micah Bush, Austyn Pap; sixth-graders Riggins Rheault and Tatyana Williams.

•"Because of the pandemic, we did not do as much as we normally do," said adviser Jeanette Vande Hoek.

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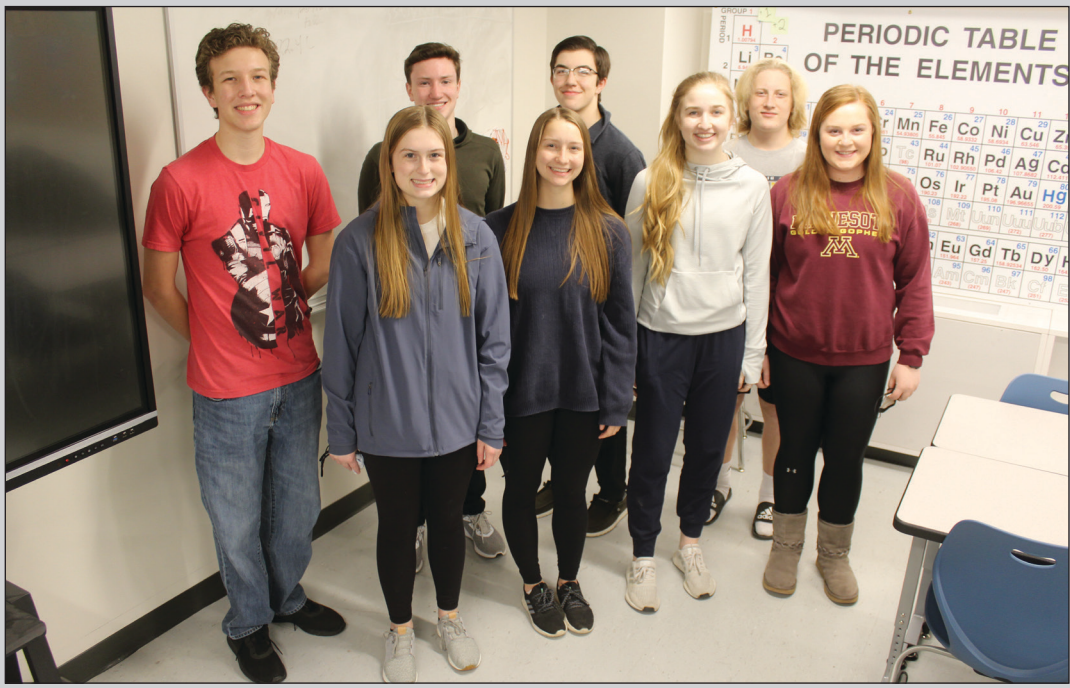
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Speech Highlights - LHS



- Named Section 3A speech team champions for the first time in a decade under coaches Gavin Folkestad's and Caroline Thorson's tenures.
- Seventeen students comprised the championship team with 13 entering the final rounds and adding to the team's winning effort. They were also 3A sub-sections champions (pictured left).
- The entire season, including the state tournament, was completed under a virtual format.
- Six students (the largest number to represent Luverne) competed at the state tournament. Three of the students were brothers.
- State qualifiers included Josie Golla, Xavier Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Zander Carbonneau, Luke Thorson and Chance Tunnissen.
- Junior Chance Tunnissen placed seventh at the state tournament in extemporaneous speaking; 2021 was his third state tournament.
- Josie Golla and Xavier Carbonneau earned All-State honors.

The Luverne High School won the Region 3A speech championship and include students (front, from left) Bethany Behr, Brianna Kinsinger, Destiny Matthiesen, Josie Golla, Maddy Schepel, Mia Wenzel, Roselynn Hartshorn, Grace Engebretsen (back) Jessika Tunnissen, Rylee Anderson, Zander Carbonneau, Burke Johnson, Xavier Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen and Zoe Perkins. Submitted photo



Math League Highlights - LHS

- Team returned to the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League Tournament for the first time in 10 years. The last time a Luverne team earned a berth to the state tournament was in 2009.
- Finished the season ranked seventh out of 52 schools in Class A.
- Earned division and regional championships.
- Senior Xavier Carbonneau competed in the virtual state individual Math League tournament. He placed 67th out of 73.
- Out of 40 teams at the state tournament, Luverne finished 38.

Luverne High School returned to the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League tournament with students (front, from left) Kaitlyn Anderson, Solveig Tofeland, Trista Baus-tian, Olivia Huisman, (back) Xavier Carbonneau, John Miller, Parker Carbonneau and Burke Johnson. Mavis Fodness photo

Math League - HBC

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School boosts a large math league team and includes (front row from left) Danette Leenderts, Kenedie Fick, Luke Fuerstenberg, Brayden Metzger, Cooper Gehrke, Devon Dysthe, Jenifer Martinyuk, (second row) Samantha Moser, Taylor Durst, Sylvia Fick, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deels-tra, Olivia Bork, Layla Deekstra, Olivia Bork, Amalia Ternus, Taylor Huisman, (back) Max Scholten, Liam Raymon, Troy Durst, MacKenzie Voss, Alex Harris, Joshua Wiersema, Andrew Harris, Cody Moser and Collin Schoneman. Not pictured: Calvin Erickson, Zander Wysong, Jacob Shep-pard, Gavin Wysong, Thomas Dysthe, Lauren Tatge, Taryn Rauk, Abby Knobloch, Jacey Vanden Hoek and Annie Bos.



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those instigated by student councils that promote school pride.

Due to social distancing and distance learning, many activities were not completed. If they were, students and staff had to wear masks.

The pandemic did present new opportunities to the students.

Lauren VerSteeg is the LHS Class of 2021 president.

“The student council tried to make the school year feel as normal as possible by continuing our

homecoming and March Mayhem traditions,” she said. “I’m proud to say this year’s council was able to continue our school’s traditions and introduce new ideas, accomplishing much more than I think was expected, even with being in the middle of a pandemic.”

VerSteeg served on the school’s COVID incident command team.

“I was given the opportunity to be a student’s perspective on how we felt about everything that was going on and what we thought about the school

year,” VerSteeg said.

The pandemic also allowed the Hills-Beaver Creek Millworks group a more public presence as they experienced real world ramifications from demand and scarcity of building materials. The group constructs a storage shed in the spring of each year. The pandemic pushed completion of the shed project from spring 2020 to the spring of 2021.

“Due to the pandemic, the price of lumber and materials has more than doubled, making it difficult

to justify building another shed,” said Millworks adviser Chris Louwagie.

The extra time allowed students to complete more individual projects including a bench, livestock shed, platform bed frame, a chicken coop and Adirondack chairs.

Unfortunately, one activity — the Luverne visual arts program — couldn’t overcome the virus challenges that limited in-person instruction.

Luverne students didn’t compete in the annual Minnesota State High School

League juried art show.

Instructor Chris Nowatzki didn’t see his students progress as fast to the juried level as in past years. While the disrupted school year helped prevent the spread of the COVID-19, the switches between distant and hybrid learning plans didn’t allow students to invest the time. the artworks normally regional art contest. With that, Luverne did participate in this year’s show.

“With only half the year for production and it falling in the busiest time of

the year, there just wasn’t enough artwork,” he said.

Weeks after the March art show, however, Luverne students began producing contest-worthy art.

“We’re looking forward to a more normal year next year,” Nowatzki said.

As the pandemic continues, the arts and academic programs at Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek Schools will continue to find meaningful ways for our students to excel academically as well as creatively. To that we at the Star Herald say “Bravo!”



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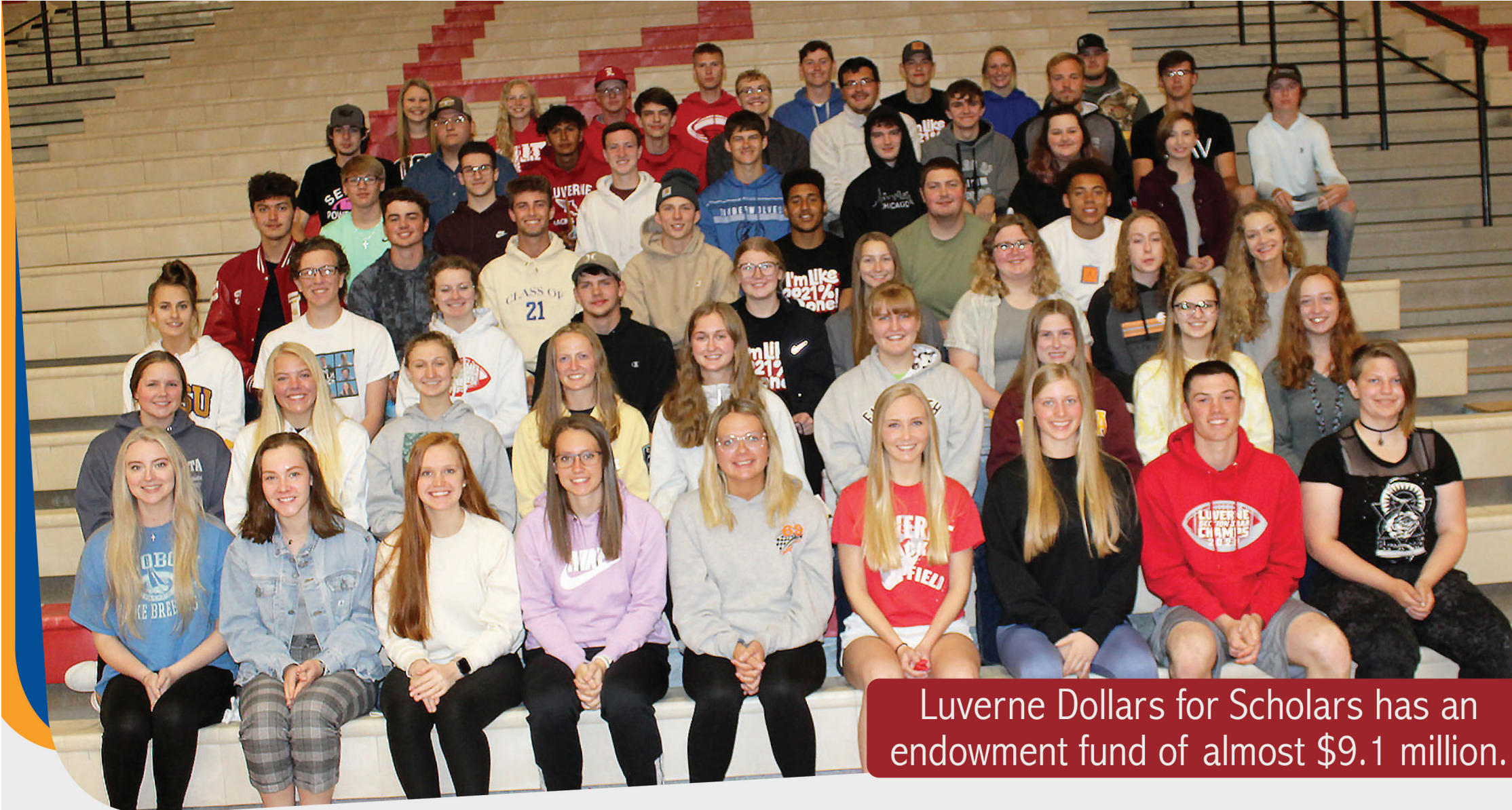


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