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Redbirds claim three big wins in past week ... See page 2B



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Luverne celebrates July Fourth at The Lake

By Lori Sorenson

"Free and fun" is on tap for the Fourth of July celebration at The Lake in Luverne Monday, according to Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"The committee has put together a fun day, and most all of the events are free, except Bingo, which has a 100-percent payout," she said.

"The fireworks show will be spectacular, and we'll have bleachers this time."

The day starts with the Davis Lake Triathlon (see wienermanevents.com) at 8:30 a.m. and ends with the 10 p.m. fireworks.

Activities and attractions in between include:

•Food court and beer garden (open at 11 a.m.).

•Face painting, hair coloring, tattoos.

•Inflatables (noon to 6 p.m.).

•Bean bag tournament (registration at 11 a.m. $20/team).

•Log rolling contest (registration at noon, starts at 1 p.m).

•Hula hoop contest (registration at noon, starts at 1 p.m.).

•Bingo under the tent at 6:30 p.m. ($25/person, 10 games – six cards per game).

"Come down and enjoy the day," Lanphere said. "It's free and fun."

The beach will be open for swimming and water activities, but no lifeguards will be on duty.

More information can be found in this week's Luverne Announcer or at the Chamber, 507-283-4061 and luvernechamber.com.



Mavis Fodness photos/0630 Walleye Groundbreaking

A ceremonial groundbreaking Wednesday morning, June 22, in Section 3 of Beaver Creek Township marked the start of construction on 40 planned wind turbines for the Walleye Wind Energy Center. Pictured are (from left) Minnesota Municipal Power Association vice president David Niles, MMPA general manager Keith Mykleseth, MMPA board member Eric Skogquist, NextEra Energy development vice president Kevin Gildea, NextEra project director Mark Lennox, state representative Joe Schomacker, Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Lanphere, Luverne City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Thorson and Rock County Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

Ceremonial groundbreaking marks start of Walleye Wind construction

By Mavis Fodness

A ceremonial groundbreaking Wednesday morning, June 22, signified the official start of construction on the Walleye Wind Energy Center in western Rock County.

The ceremony took place in the middle of a soybean field in Section 3 of Beaver Creek Township where one of 40 wind turbines will be built.

About 50 landowners, city, state and county officials, representatives from NextEra Energy and the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency attended the event.

NextEra Energy of Juno Beach, Florida, is the energy center's project developer and hosted the event.

"While we celebrate today — the beginning of construction on the Walleye Wind Energy Center — this is hardly the beginning," said NextEra's Mark Lennox. "This project has been years in the making."



Mark Lennox (left) of NextEra Energy presents an $8,000 donation to Luverne Area Chamber Executive Director Jane Lanphere. The donation from the owners of the Walleye Wind Energy Center will be used for the July 14-17 Cardinal Pride Weekend activities and fireworks.

NextEra purchased the planned wind farm from the original developer, RES, in 2019.

"When you begin a new project, you never know how you'll be perceived, what you'll encounter along the way and sometimes you wonder if you will even enjoy a day like today where we celebrate new beginnings," he added.

Local officials praised NextEra for pursuing green renewable energy in Rock County, allowing the state to be less dependent on fossil fuel energy sources.

Among the speakers were State Representative Joe Schomacker, Rock County Commissioner Gary Overgaard, Luverne Area Chamber Executive Director Jane

Walleye Wind groundbreaking/see 5A



Luverne City Council members toured the airport building Tuesday, June 21. Pictured in the new airport lobby are (from left) Council members Dan Nath, Caroline Thorson, Scott Viessman, Kevin Aaker, City Administrator John Call, Fixed Base Operator Ben Baum (behind counter) and city attorney Ben Vander Kooi. (Lori Sorenson photos)

Airport rebuild nearly complete after November 2020 fire damage

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members toured the new arrival and departure building at the municipal airport Tuesday night, June 21.

The previous structure was damaged by a fire in the fall of 2020 and was rebuilt using most of the steel girders of the existing structure, which includes the fixed base operation shop.

Because of the building's age (about 30 years) much of the electrical wiring and utilities needed to be updated to current code. Also, a floor drain was required as well as a water and oil separator.

In addition, the council approved upgrades not required by code in order to update the building's efficiency and aesthetics.

For example, higher-efficiency windows replaced older, drafty ones, and a larger overhead door on the east side allows FBO



Ben and Lori Baum have been fixed base operators in Luverne for 11 years.

Airport tour/see page 3A

Stratton resigns from Luverne School Board effective July 31

By Mavis Fodness

A resignation request by Luverne School Board member Jeff Stratton was accepted Thursday night, June 23, during the board's regular monthly meeting.

Stratton, who joined the school board in 2021, is set to become the district's first school resource officer this fall.

He said that working for the district and serving on its board would be a conflict of interest.

Board members are expected to appoint a person to fill Stratton's position through December at their July 28 board meeting, said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the district boardroom.

The top vote-getter in a special election this November will fill the final two years of Stratton's term.

Also on the fall's general election ballot are four four-year school board positions

Those positions are currently filled by Eric Hartman, Katie Baustian, Reva Sehr and Jodi Bosch. Baustian, Sehr and Bosch have indicated they will not seek re-election.

Filing for the special election and for the four four-year positions begins Aug. 2 and closes at 5 p.m. Aug. 16. Filing is completed at the school's district office. Cost is $2.

Stratton joined the Rock County Sheriff's Office in January 2020 after serving with the Carver County Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1998.

Stratton was selected earlier this year to become the school resource officer. He will begin working in the resource position this fall in an agreement with Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek public schools.

The school districts, sheriff's office and city of Luverne are currently defining the officer's role. At the forefront is to build a law enforcement relationship within the schools.

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Community calendar

Meetings

The **Springwater Township board** will conduct its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, at the township hall.

Prairie Ally looking for workers to help out on Tuesday evenings

Volunteer workers are needed from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Prairie Ally public food forest for a variety of maintenance tasks. No RSVP necessary. Other work opportunities are available by appointment by contacting info@projectfoodforest.org. Donations are also welcome for Prairie Ally, which is located along Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne.

'Service Over Self' is July 20 at Inspiration Hills Camp

Rock the Edge is coordinating a Service-Over-Self-inspired work day on July 20 at Inspiration Hills Camp in Inwood, Iowa. Youth who have completed grades 8 through 12 are welcome to register, with adult volunteers also needed. Deadline to register is July 14. Email rocktheedgemn@gmail.com for more information and/or to request a registration form or call 507-283-2316 with questions.

Rock County Library Happenings

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

The Adult Summer Reading Program is currently underway at the Rock County Library. For every five books read between now and Aug. 15, an entry may be placed in the drawing to win one of four gift baskets. The program is open to ages 18 and older and includes e-books and e-audiobooks.

Storytime @ the Park will be 10:30 a.m. Thursdays in various parks in Luverne. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Dates and parks are:

- July 7, Luverne City.
- July 14, Kolbert.
- July 21, Veterans Memorial.
- July 28, Hawkinson.

Teens in Action (grades 5-12) will meet from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. A different activity will be featured each week.

Michael Albert and POP ART program will be Friday, July 15. Registration is required.

Movie and Snacks for The Lorax begins 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 19. The movie is 1 hr. 35 min., rated G. All ages are welcome.

A naturalist from Prairie Ecology Bus Center will present the program "Animals Can Do What?" from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, for grades K-4.

The summer reading program, "Camp iRead: Read Beyond the Beaten Path," continues to Aug. 1.

Readers in grades K-4 who completed all eight weeks of the summer program will be invited to an End of Summer Pizza Party at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4.

Teens (grades 5-12) who complete a bingo card will be invited to a pizza/prize party at 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 5.

Seed library is open and available to anyone in the public who wants to plant a garden. Flowers, fruit and vegetable seeds are available for free.

Trivia Night is at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Take 16 in Luverne. Team registration begins at 6 p.m.

Reminiscence Kits are available featuring various topics such as gardening, pets, baking, sewing, farming and hunting. The kits are designed to use with a loved one experiencing memory loss, encouraging the loved one to open up about activities they once loved in the past.

Luverne Community Ed classes

Community Education office will be closed for two weeks, from July 15-29. Please watch registration deadlines carefully.

Register now for Discovery Time preschool starting in September for children 3-5 years of age. Early Learning Scholarships may be available to those who qualify.

Friday morning Adventure Day Camps are at the fairgrounds for students who completed grades 1-4. July 8 is "Cows, Pigs, Pets, Oh My!" August 5 is "Blast Off!" Fee is $15/day.

Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Luverne on August 15-20! There are openings yet for participants ages Kdg (as attended during 21-22 school year) through age 7 and ages 12 - 18 to take part in the live production of Hansel & Gretel. Fee is $35 paid by July 14.

Participants who attended grade 5 this past school year through adult are welcome to reserve Open Studio two-hour blocks of time on July 9 or August 6. Fee is $25 and covers all materials, glaze and firing.



Coming together for a cause

The Luverne community members gathered Friday night at Take 16 on Main Street Luverne to share a picnic box meal, comradery, music and fundraising for Relay for Life, a Rock County event to fight cancer. The evening also featured a fun zone (pictured), trivia contest and a glow run. According to chairman and cancer survivor Lisa Ehlers, the annual event raised $6,500.

At right: Relay for Life Committee member Amy Chapa (right) paints art on Rhys Nath, who also requested Chapa paint a bee on the back of his head



Below: John Holst, 2, colors his grandfather, Spencer Sell's, luminary ribbon in honor of Sell's successful battle against cancer. With Holst is his mother, Lindsy (center) and grandmother, Pam Sells.



People in the News

Hardwick native earns 3M corporate award

Hardwick native Christopher Bryan won a 2021 corporate-level Circle of Technical Excellence and Innovation award at 3M where he works in the company's Environment, Health and Safety Division.

Bryan was recognized with the CTE&I award for leading the development and installation of several new technologies at 3M's Cottage Grove, Cordova and Decatur facilities. His work is critical in helping the company meet sustainability goals.

The CTE&I award honors exceptional individuals and teams for their outstanding contributions to 3M and for setting the standard for 3M technical excellence and innovation worldwide.

Bryan is the son of Don and Lorna Bryan, Hardwick, and is a 1992 graduate of Luverne High School.

Luverne grad member of third-place U.S. cyber games team

Logan Stratton, a 2017 graduate of Luverne High School, is one of 20 U.S. competitors who were invited to compete in the International Cybersecurity Challenge in Athens, Greece.

Stratton's team placed third in the inaugural ICC event.

Stratton joined three other graduates from Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota, selected for the team, the largest representation from any one school on the U.S. team.

Joshua Klosterman, Austen King, Eric Leslie and Stratton have been members of the DSU cyber competition teams.

Stratton works at the DSU applied research lab as a research engineer.

He has a bachelor's degree in cyber security and a master's degree in computer science from DSU.

Get your fishing questions answered on DNR fishing webpage

Anglers with fishing questions can find answers on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fishing page (mndnr.gov/Fishing).

The page answers questions like: For which species can I fish? What kind of bait is legal? What kind of fish can I keep?

It also is a mobile-friendly destination for information on when, where and how to fish.

Users will find links to LakeFinder, which provides maps and detailed information on lakes, and the new StreamFinder tool that provides a description, species list, regulations and access information for trout streams throughout Minnesota.



Lions donate blankets to Sanford Castle

Lions of 5M3 members delivered 219 edge tie blankets to the Sanford Castle on Tuesday, May 10. Pictured (from left) are Sanford staff Paula Erck, Carrie Kindrop, Cassidy Pollema, Taylor Muller, Pat Glaubitz, 5M3 District Governor Gordon Mulder, Lion Lois Mulder (both of Luverne), and 5M3 Childhood Cancer Blanket Chair Lion Diana Kuehl. At the February Lions midwinter convention in Marshall about 150 blankets were tied by the convention attendees, including members from the Luverne Lions Club. "This was a district project so all members of 5M3 had a chance to help out," Mulder said. (submitted photo)

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USDA funds to help low-income people buy or repair homes

USDA Rural Development has funding availabile for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants who are unable to qualify for traditional financing.

No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy.

Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is $40,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs.

Grants of up to $10,000 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing or replacing a furnace.

Time is limited to receive funds for the current fiscal year.

Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today to see if you qualify:

USDA Rural Development, 1424 E. College Drive, Suite 500, Marshall, MN 56158-2090 Phone:507-537-1401.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.

Visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

USDA reminds Minnesota producers to file crop acreage reports

Ag producers in Minnesota who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after planting should make an appointment with their U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center before the applicable deadline.

"Many USDA programs require producers to file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said Whitney Place, state executive director in Minnesota.

"Once planting is complete, call your local FSA office to make an appointment to report your acreage. Our FSA staff can assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

How to file a report

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Minnesota:

July 15 – Spring-seeded crops including hemp and wild rice

July 15 – Conservation Reserve Program acres

Aug. 15 – Beans other than dry edibles

Sept. 30 – Turfgrass Sod and Floriculture (1-NAP)

•Nov. 15 – Apiculture and fall-seeded small grains

Acreage reporting

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

•If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

•If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease.

•If crops are covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, acreage reports should be submitted by the applicable state, county, or crop-specific reporting deadline or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but were unable to because of a natural disaster.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Contacting a USDA Service Center. Visit www.usda.gov.



Luverne City Council members toured construction work at the airport building Tuesday, June 21. Pictured in the shop area are (clockwise, from left) city attorney Ben Vander Kooi, City Administrator John Call, council member Dan Nath, co-FBO Lori Baum and council members Kevin Aaker, Scott Viessman and Caroline Thorson. (Lori Sorenson photos/0630)

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A pilots' lounge is open 24/7 with restrooms and areas for work and sleep.

Ben Baum to work on helicopters.

Most of the cost of the new building was covered by the city's insurance company, but the city paid for upgrades not related to the fire. "We got a nicer building in the end," City Administrator John Call said Tuesday during the tour.

He reminded the council of the airport's Fly In Breakfast in August.

The only bidder, Empire Building Construction, bid $881,000 and alternates in the amount of $143,730.

New hangar construction

Construction is also underway on a new four-unit hangar to meet demand for rental space. The airport has had 100-percent hangar occupancy for many years, with waiting lists and frequent active inquiries for hangar space.

NuAge Builders of Sioux Falls was the low bidder at $729,960 with all the alternates included. Construction will wrap up this fall.



Fixed base operator Ben Baum and his wife, Lori, repair and service airplanes at the Luverne airport in addition to keeping up with fueling planes and maintaining the property. They were working on five planes at the time of the tour. They said traffic through the Luverne airport has decreased due to fuel prices. They average 10 to 20 planes per week now compared with twice that amount last year. The city of Luverne and the Baums are offering fuel at cost right now to help the flying public.







TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL NOTICE:
WESTSIDE TOWNSHIP, NOBLES COUNTY

To all landlords or tenants: Brush, trees and debris must be removed from ditches and stumps be removed or sprayed so they don't return. All removal needs to be completed by September 1st. The township will take action to address these issues and will charge the landowner for any costs incurred.

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OPINION

Deadlines and other funny things



The Northview

By Brenda Winter, columnist

As you know, when I write these columns, I usually take a humorous look at an everyday situation. I start with the premise, "The column must be about something funny."

Sometimes, what's funny is that I wait until the very last minute to write my column and turn it in to the dear editor at Tollefson Publishing. She has an obsessive focus on something she calls "deadlines."

After waiting too long to write my column about something funny, it's hard to be funny. One can't just generate "funny" out of thin air.

So here I am, two hours from the deadline trying to think of something funny to write about.

(OK, actually, it's 5 a.m. Tuesday morning. Columns are due Friday at 5 p.m., but whatever.)

My granddaughters are funny. At ages seven and four, just being around them is funny.

They built a tree fort at the base of an evergreen in our backyard. One of their concerns was that the tree was in the way of their fort and they wanted to cut it down.

That's funny.

Chickens are funny. The way chickens walk is even funnier. One of my chickens has a limp. I don't know how she hurt her leg (which is NOT funny), but a limping chicken is a funny thing to observe.

I'm wondering if there has ever been a rock band called The Limping Chickens. If not, there should be.

The fact that our house has been half painted for over a month is funny. (Well, maybe not to the neighbors.)

I'm wondering if there has ever been a rock band called The Limping Chickens. If not, there should be.

In mid May I decided our house was the wrong color and marched down to Ace for the annual paint sale.

Twice, I bought two gallons of what turned out to be the wrong color.

I'm not that great at math but that's like buying three or five gallons of paint I didn't need just to save a little money.

After painting so much of the wrong color, I ran out of steam when it came to finishing the right color. The week of 100-degree heat and the fact that I was tired of painting didn't help either, but I'm not one to make excuses.

Speaking of excuses, I wonder if the editor will believe my column is late because I've been painting my house, building tree forts and caring for a limping chicken?

Wouldn't it be funny if she did?

Cherish democracy and commitment to 'life, liberty and pursuit of happiness'

Guest Editorial

By Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar

On this Fourth of July, we celebrate the birth of our country — the great American experiment in democracy that began in 1776, when our founding fathers adopted the principles penned in the Declaration of Independence.

Those principles became the bedrock of our nation, a roadmap of America's purpose, and the foundation for a new way of governing rooted in the importance of working together.

Throughout our history, brave Americans have fought and given what Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion" for our unalienable rights. These rights — and our constant drive to do better — are what define our democracy.

Today we see the struggle for democracy in Ukraine as Vladimir Putin continues his unprovoked invasion.

Our country has stood with the people of Ukraine because we know what's at stake. We know how precious democracy is. And we know there is nothing more sacred.

This Fourth of July, let us take the time to cherish our democracy and commitment to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

For centuries, our ongoing desire to create a more perfect union has made us stronger, helping us move forward as one nation despite our differences.

Today and every day we will continue to channel that spirit of unity and purpose as we reflect on the past and work toward a bright future for the next generation of Americans.

Happy Independence Day.



Make memories this Fourth of July (and remember to catch the fireworks)



For What It's Worth

By Rick Peterson, general manager

July 4th, the Fourth of July, or Independence Day – however you refer to the day, it's generally a day that brings back memories of past July 4 celebrations.

As a kid growing up in Heron Lake, my memories of the Fourth of July centered around spending the day celebrating our nation's independence in Okabena.

The memories of those bygone years are pretty much the same year after year after year.

The main action was in the city park with food stands and cans of pop in a stock tank full of ice and water.

There were games for the kids. The one that comes to mind is the fish tank game.

It wasn't really a tank; it was more like a 6-foot-square by 6-foot-high enclosure covered with a canvas tarp.

The fishing pole was the bamboo variety with an attached string and a clothespins tied on the end. You cast the line over the top of the canvas, and sure enough, it wasn't long and you had a nibble. You yanked the line back out and checked out your catch of the day.

There was always a big crowd around the dunk tank. You got three throws for 50 cents, and if you missed all three times, you ran up and hit the target with your hand, sending the poor guy on the seat into the cold water.

The parade started at 1 o'clock. It was like most small-town parades – a couple of local school bands, clowns, homemade floats, and lots and lots of candy thrown from the floats along the way.

There was always this old car with 2-by-10 board probably 20 feet long running through the car sticking out the back windows with three guys sitting on the board on each side of the car playing musical instruments.

Why I remember that I am not sure. Of course all the local towns were represented by their hometown American Legion post proudly marching the colors through the parade.

I am not really sure if the colors were always at the beginning of the parade out of respect for the flag and the veterans (my dad being one of them) carrying the flags, or if it was so those veterans could be the first to quench their thirst at the local watering hole after the parade. Either way, they have earned our respect.

Throughout the day there were Mites and Midgets baseball tournaments going on next to the city park. The real draw to town was the fireworks. Back in the day, Okabena – the town, not the lake in Worthington – was the place to watch fireworks.

I hope you have good memories of past Fourth of July holidays and certainly hope this year provides you with lasting new memories as well.

Happy Fourth of July!

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On the record

Dispatch report

June 17

•Complainant reported runaway is in Luverne.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported a reckless driver.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 2-3, Beaver Creek, reported construction barrel in roadway.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a two-year-old wandering around alone.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported transient in a tent under railroad bridge.

•Complainant on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported a drunk driver.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Beaver Creek, reported a possible drunk driver.

June 18

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported a vehicle parked at location after hours.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported they locked themselves out.

•Complainant on County Road 4, east of 70th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported there is a person kneeling in the roadway.

June 19

•Complainant reported disorderly subject at location on S. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, assisted a motorist.

•Complainant on 40th Avenue, Hills, reported a stolen vehicle.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

June 20

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disgruntled ex-employee caused damage to property.

•Complainant reported a camera outage.

•A hit response is requested for a warrant in Bemidji.

•A thunderstorm warning was issued for Rock County.

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•Complainant west of Jasper reported a downed tree in driveway.

•Complainant north of Hardwick reported a tornado at location.

•Complainant on County Road 12 and Highway 75, Hardwick, reported a power line snapped at location.

June 21

•Subject at NCSO, Worthington, turned himself in on warrant.

•Complainant reported a scam/harassment.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant reported camera outage.

•Complainant on S. West Park Street reported fraud situation.

June 22

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 7, Luverne, reported erratic driving.

•Complainant on E. 3rd Street, Hills, reported theft of a catalytic converter.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported repossession of a motor vehicle.

•Deputies on N. Estey Street executed a search warrant.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant on 241st Street, Jasper, reported a male subject wandering around the property.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported a vehicle in the park after hours.

June 23

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported suspicious activity in her home.

•Complainant on S. Josephine Avenue, Hills, reported a deceased subject.

•Complainant on 11th Street, Hills, reported someone knocking on her window.

•Complainant requested a copy of her driver's license.

•Deputy reported equipment malfunction.

June 24

•Complainant on 161st Street reported a vehicle in grove does not belong to him.

•Complainant on S. Cornelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, reported a subject with a warrant.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 escorts, 18 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 8 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 5 burn permits, 1 background check, 4 gas drive-offs, 3 alarms, 6 drug court tests, 1 background check, 6 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 13 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 3 welfare checks, 2 reports of cattle out and 2 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photo/0526 Hardwick Lagoon Improvements

Reker Construction and Aggregate is the contractor working at the sanitary sewer lagoons east of the city of Hardwick. The upgrades on the lagoons, constructed in 1972, were paid, in part, by American Rescue Plan (Covid) funds.

City of Hardwick invests in overdue upgrades for aging lagoons

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick's sanitary sewer lagoons received long-overdue maintenance last week, thanks to a combination of funding resources to pay the $68,000 bill.

Workers with Reker Construction and Aggregate of Adrian spent last week adding riprap on the north and east dikes, primarily on the second of two lagoons located east of Hardwick.

Reker workers also extended tiling around a section of the lagoons' perimeters, raised the walls in the transfer and discharge structure, and replaced culverts under the access driveway.

The Hardwick lagoons, constructed in 1972, were expected to last 35 years, according to DGR Engineer Mike Carr.

For several years, Carr has worked with Hardwick city officials to lessen water entry into the sanitary system, as well as map out an affordable plan to extend the life of the existing ponds.





These 50-year-old culverts (at left) were removed from the drive access to the city of Hardwick sanitary sewer lagoons and replaced by two new culverts (at right).

In the past, funding was an issue to complete the extensive projects.

Hardwick is using American Rescue Plan (Covid) funds, sewer reserves and a grant from the Prairie Rose Community Fund to pay for the work and engineering costs.

Reker Construction provided the lowest bid of $34,615.

"Lagoons are not seen and are often taken for granted," said city clerk Tammy Johnson. "They are vital to Hardwick's infrastructure."

Hardwick contracts with Verlyn Van Batavia as sewer superintendent.

"Due to his great maintenance and supervision, we have remained MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) compliant," Johnson added.

"The upgrades and maintenance we are investing in now will extend their lives for years to come."

Walleye Wind groundbreaking/continued from page 1A

Lanphere, and Luverne City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Thorson.

"It is great for our region to be able to contribute in a way many regions throughout the state and around the country just can't," Schomacker said.

The wind energy center is expected to boost the economy for the next 30 years through land use payments and tax revenue, he said.

A more immediate economic boost is expected from the 185 construction workers who will make Rock County their temporary homes as the Walleye Wind is built.

Once finished, the project will require three to four permanent employees.

Thorson, who spoke on the behalf of the city of Luverne, noted the positive impact for the city.

"As Luverne is an agri-business community like the other cities in our county, our Main Street and community businesses are stronger when our agricultural community is thriving and successful," she said.

A partner in the groundbreaking ceremony was Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, who agreed to purchase the electricity generated by the 110-megawatt Walleye Wind for the next 30 years.

The MMPA consists of the cities of Anoka, Arlington, Brownton, Buffalo, Chaska, East Grand Folks, Elk River, LeSueur, North St. Paul, Olivia, Shakopee and Winthrop.

The locally used power will be a positive environmental impact in the area.

"Thanks to this project we will be able to reduce emissions equivalent of taking 40,000 cars off the road each year," said NextEra's Kevin Gildea.

The Walleye Wind Energy Center encompasses more than 31,000 acres in Rock County in the townships of Beaver Creek, Springwater and Luverne.

Construction is expected to be finished by the end of the year, with the energy center functional in 2023.







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Luverne fireman Tyson Facile, outfitted with a harness, rappelled down the narrow opening Sunday afternoon between rock walls and gently pulled the black Lab, Finn, to safety as the rescue crew hoisted them above ground.

Rescuing man's best friend

Luverne fireman rappels down 30-foot rock crevasse and pulls family's black Labrador to safety

By Lori Sorenson

A black Lab named Finn is now known as "Lucky" after surviving a 30-foot fall into a rock crevasse at the Blue Mounds State Park quarry Sunday afternoon.

Finn and his 17-year-old companion, Jaxon Bliss, were hiking atop the quarry around 3 p.m. Sunday when the black Labrador slipped and fell in a gap between Sioux quartzite boulders.

"When I knew I wouldn't be able to get to him, I called 911," Bliss said.

"They (the firemen) figured out pretty quickly how to get him out, and they handled it really well."

The Luverne Fire Department accessed the scene via the interpretive center parking lot and the upper cliff line trail with the mobile grass rig and the new four-door Ranger, which was packed with climbing gear and rescue personnel.

Fireman Tyson Facile, outfitted with a harness, rappelled down the narrow opening between rock walls and gently pulled Finn to safety as the rescue crew hoisted them above ground.

Fire Chief David Van Batavia deemed it a successful mission.

"We train for this," he said. "Obviously we're trained to rescue humans, but this was a bit more challenging in that we couldn't tell the dog what to do."

He said up to 10 men on the 31-member fire department train for technical rescues like this one, and Sunday's event was a good way to put that training to use.

"It was great timing, because a lot of the guys who do this were around to help," Van Batavia said. "I've been at this for four years, and it's the first one I've been part of."

Bliss was encouraged to talk to the dog to reassure him through the process that lasted roughly 15 minutes.

For the most part, Finn remained calm for the rescue and appeared mostly unharmed, except for an abrasion on the front of one shoulder.

"He was a good boy," Bliss said.

He and Finn hitched a ride on the Ranger back to their car that was parked about a mile away.

The boy and the dog are in the process of moving with their family from Sioux Falls to Rock Rapids, Iowa.



Luverne volunteer firemen secure the climbing ropes atop the quarry Sunday afternoon at the Blue Mounds State Park as they attempt to rescue a black Labrador who had fallen 30 feet into a rock crevasse. The dog was lifted from the crevasse and reunited with its own after about 15 minutes.

Celebrations

Card showers

Carol Van Maanen will celebrate her 80th birthday on Thursday, June 30. Greetings may be sent to her at PO Box 135, Hills, MN 56138.

Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Mindy Nieuwboer**, bride-to-be of **Edward Gryener**, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at the Kenneth Community Center in Kenneth.

An open house baby shower for **Stephanie and Derek Van Wettering's baby girl** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 9, at The Lake in Luverne.

Menu at Generations

New Location: 105 S. Estey, Luverne

Monday, July 4:Happy 4th of July! Closed.

Tuesday, July 5: Ham and turkey chef salad, bread stick, fresh orange, dessert.

Activities: 12:30 p.m. Pinochle/Favorite games.

Wednesday, July 6: Goulash, corn, tropical fruit, bread.

Thursday, July 7: Brat, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, bread, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Sanford Luverne.

Friday, July 8: Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, pudding.

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

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

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

1943: Feature continues with William Everett

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

This article is continued from last week about William Everett.



Survives "La Grippe" Siege

It was in about 1878 when there was a siege of "la grippe," then a very rare disease. He recalls that he was helping to haul some corn from a farm when he became ill. The day was warm, and the men with whom he was working were not wearing their coats. About 2:30 p.m. they hitched their teams, and started for their destination. It seemed that her disease struck all of them all of a sudden, for all put on row. When his father and mother finished their garden they had two wagon loads of dead hoppers but they still didn't save the garden.

Movement of the settlers was a pitiful sight after that. The farmers, who had nothing to begin with lost all their crops, and began moving to other places. Sometimes a settler would come along with one cow and one horse teamed together pulling a wagon. Others would have a cow hitched to the cart, a mother, her baby and a few personal belongings on the cart, and the other members of the family walking behind.

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Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

Remember When

10 years ago (2012)

•Blue Mound Liquor Store manager Rich DeSchepper is retiring this summer, but he said he has mixed feelings about leaving the job.

"I'm thoroughly enjoying it," he said about his work.

He said one of his favorite quotes is by Confucius, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

DeSchepper said this was the case for nearly every day he worked at the liquor store. "It's really true."

25 years ago (1997)

•Evelyn Rogness and Erma Schubbe, both of Hills, have restored a 1948 edition of the *Hills Crescent* newspaper that records the historic Main Street fire. ...

The paper details the $75,000 fire loss in the business district of the town. The women assembled a puzzle-like series of photocopied papers which were laminated so that visitors to the museum will be able to read the articles without damaging the actual pages. According to Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann, volunteers have made a sizeable dent in organizing clippings. Almost every Friday since the first of February, at least six helpers have worked to sort and save articles.

50 years ago (1972)

•Summer theatre, something that's been discussed here for several years, will become reality in Luverne Friday night with the opening of the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." ...

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" is based on the popular newspaper comic strip, "Peanuts," and features the comic strip's main characters, Charlie Brown, played by Steve Rinder; Lucy, portrayed by Terry Souba; Schroeder, played by Erik Folkers; little Linus, played by David Beyer; Patty, played by Cyndi Schmidt; and Snoopy, played by Scott Jorgenson.

75 years ago (1947)

•Bob Wildung won the handicap tournament Sunday at the Luverne Country Club by shooting 77 with an 11 handicap, giving a net 66 for the 18 holes. Runner-up was Nor Manion with a 79-9-70. John W. Reimer was third with a 92-20-72. Handicaps are revised after each Sunday's play so that all members have an equal chance of winning the following week's tournament.

100 years ago (1922)

•Luverne will celebrate July 4th next Tuesday and in doing so desires the privilege of entertaining the people of Rock county and of surrounding counties that day.

Extensive preparations have been made for the celebration of this great day, and the program of entertainment that will be presented is designed to appeal to all, both young and old, and leave not a dull period from early in the morning until late at night.

The Luverne band will open the day's exercises at 9:30 a.m., with a short concert, after which an interesting program will be given, consisting of several selections by a community chorus, the reading of Declaration of Independence by Judge N. R. Reynolds, and the address of the day, by Rev. M. K. Hartman, of St. James. This will be followed by a mammoth commercial and industrial parade.



Submitted photo

Three organizations benefit from foundation grants

Three Rock County organizations recently benefited from mini grants donated by the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation. Betty Mann of the Historical Society (left), Chamber Director Jane Lanphere and Generations President George Bonnema each received a grant from the foundation for use at the Rock County Historical Society, Luverne Area Chamber, and Generations, respectively. The $2,000 for the History Center will be used to purchase archival supplies. The Chamber will use $4,000 for summer golf cart rides and Fourth of July fireworks, and Generations used its $2,000 grant for kitchen upgrades at its new Luverne location.

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They traveled at the rate of about six or eight miles a day.

At that time, his father was helping build the Sioux City hotel, and was paid 75 cents a day. He walked 22 miles every Saturday night and Sunday.

He was working on a farm in South Dakota when the blizzard of 1880 struck in October of that year. He was herding over 180 head of cattle, and because the day was unusually warm, he was wearing only a straw hat, a "hicory" shirt, a pair of overalls and a pair of "holey" shoes. Although he tried to guide the cattle toward the barns, they would not go against the wind but kept drifting away from the farm. The wind kept getting colder and the snow deeper, and he became lost.

"God Guiding Me"

"I knew God was guiding me then, because I managed to drift to a road between two springs." Mr. Everett reminisced, "then I could go no farther. Then above the roar of the wind, I heard a sound, one of the sweetest I'd ever heard, before or since. It was rattling of the overland stage which was headed for Elk Point.

"Both the stage driver and I owe our lives to his lead team. Those horses sensed that I was ahead of them in the road, virtually covered with snow, and they stopped. I couldn't talk, but I still had my sense of hearing, and I could hear the driver urge the horses to go on, but they wouldn't move. He then got out of the stage and walked ahead of them, and there much to his surprise he found me up to my chest in snow. He lifted me into the stage, and although it was impossible to see the road or know which direction we were going, the horses had sense enough to lead us to our destination. He knew who I was and managed to find my father's home in town. My face, ears, and the lower half of my body were badly frozen. A couple of days later, after the skin had blistered, I was unable to wear any clothing except a big baggy nightgown my mother had made for me. It was four months before I was well enough to get out of doors.

80 Cattle Frozen

"Meanwhile, the man for whom I was herding cattle thought surely I had been lost in the storm. It was two weeks before he knew that I was safe at home. Of the 180 head of cattle that I was herding, 80 four year old steers froze to death. The others made it to the wooded area near the river and were saved."

The ice break-up in the Missouri river in 1881, the spring following the blizzard is one that Mr. Everett will never forget. Their home was on the lowland, and they were evacuated to the courthouse of higher ground. He recalls that his father and a couple of others swam three blocks from the courthouse to the lumber yard to get lumber to build a boat. They floated the lumber back, brought it up on the second floor of the courthouse and built it there. By the time it was finished, the water was so high that it more than half filled the first story. "We had to bend down to avoid hitting our heads when we shoved off and out the front door," Everett declared.

Church Bell Tolls

"There was an ice gorge a short distance above town, and I've never seen such a lot of different things come down a river as I did that spring. There was a team of mules hitched to a wagon which floated down atop a hay stack. Chickens came floating down the river on buildings and straw stacks, and you could hear roosters crowing out in the middle of the stream, one of the funniest sounds I've heard. I'll never forget, though, the church from Mecklin that came floating down. You could hear that bell ringing long before you could see the church. When it finally did come into view, we could see two people inside the tower. It seemed funny, but in some way, the church floated around toward the edge and the people managed to get off. Then it floated back into the fast water and just seemed to be swallowed up in the gorge."

The next two or three years, Mr. Everett just "knocked" around, doing any kind of work he could find to do. He went to LeMars, and there he learned that they were hiring men to help build the combination bridge at Sioux City. He had a lot of fun while was there, and earned good money — $7.50 a day, helping sink the piers. Although he had trouble getting a job because of his size and age, he persuaded a foreman to try him out and he got the job, one that he kept until the bridge was entirely complete

This article will continue in next week's edition of the Star Herald.

Obituaries

Winnie Scholten



Winnie Scholten, 98, Hills, died Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Thursday, June 23, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial followed in the Eastside Cemetery in rural Steen.

Winnie Feekes was born on Aug. 29, 1923, at Sioux Center, Iowa, the daughter of Gradus and Rena (Vanden Hull) Feekes. She grew up on the family farm and attended country school. She graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1941.

She continued her education at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and received her teaching certificate. Winnie taught country school for four years and taught elementary school in Steen for eight years. After retirement she served as a substitute teacher in Ash Creek, Hills and Beaver Creek, elementary schools.

Winnie married Dennis Scholten on Aug. 17, 1948, in Carmel, Iowa. They were blessed with a son, Richard in 1956. Along with being a full-time mom, she also helped with the day-to-day operation of their farming and trucking businesses. After retirement Winnie and Dennis drove senior citizens to appointments in surrounding communities, as well as working for Home Health for a time. Her husband, Dennis, died June 3, 1997.

Winnie was a member of the Steen Reformed Church in Steen and was active with the Ladies Study Circle for many years. She enjoyed trips to Montana with her family. She loved flowers, gardening and sewing. She also loved going fishing with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Richard (Lori) Scholten of Steen; grandchildren Cody Scholten of Steen, Tanner Scholten of Steen, Derek Ehde of Harrisburg, South Dakota, and Tara Churchill of Luverne; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dennis; five siblings, Ted Feekes, Gerrit Feekes, George Feekes, Robert Feekes and Matilda Moss.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(0630 F)

James Vander Lugt



James "Jim" Vander Lugt, 84, Edgerton, died peacefully on Friday, June 17, 2022, at the Pipestone County Hospice House in Pipestone.

A funeral service was Saturday, June 25, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton.

James Vander Lugt was born on June 3, 1938, to Hubert and Grace Vander Lugt on a farm near Leota. When he was three years old, his family moved to a farm near Edgerton. Jim attended the Christian schools in Edgerton. He graduated from Southwest Christian High School in 1956.

Jim joined the United States Air Force in 1957. Part of his service was in Turkey. He received an honorable discharge in 1960. Jim then moved to Denver, Colorado to work for the McKesson and Robinson Pharmaceutical Company.

Jim married Nathalee Nelson on Nov. 30, 1963. They moved to Edgerton and farmed on his parents' farm. In 2002 Jim retired but continued to help his sons on their farms.

Jim was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Edgerton. He served on the school board, bank board, nursing home board and 4-H board.

Jim loved farming, reading, gardening and coin collecting. He took much pride in watching his grandchildren in their activities.

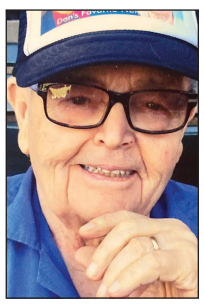
Jim is survived by his wife, Nathalee, of Edgerton; three sons, Alan (JoLynn) Vander Lugt of rural Edgerton, Stan (Sara) Vander Lugt of Shakopee, and Kent (Kim) Vander Lugt of rural Edgerton; six grandchildren, Alan and JoLynn's children Megan, Marcus, and Philip, Stan and Sara's children Isabella and Abigail, and Kent and Kim's child Kylie; two siblings, John (Joanne) Vander Lugt and Dorothy (Daryl) Baar; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Pete (Lauretta) Vander Lugt; and sisters Marie (Henry) Dyk, Johanna (Willis) Wieberdink and Alma (Don) DeVries.

Arrangements were provided by the Colonial Funeral Chapel in Edgerton, www.edgertonburialassociation.com

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Raymond Rozeboom



Raymond John Rozeboom died on June 17, 2022, at the Wellstead of Rogers, Minnesota, at the age of 95.

Born on August 2, 1926, to Charles and Margaret (De Noble) in Rock Township, Iowa, he spent his childhood on farms near Steen, Minnesota. He graduated from Hills High School and attended Hope College in Pella, Iowa. In 1945 he was drafted into the Army and spent two years in Korea as a soldier and civilian employee.

On March 5, 1948, he married Henrietta Spronk. Together they farmed and raised a family at Murdock, Minnesota, until moving to Clara City. During retirement Ray enjoyed working in his woodshop, fishing, and riding his motorcycle with his dog Cricket in a milk crate.

Following Henrietta's death in 1994, he married Mona Bosch. They resided in Hills, Minnesota, and wintered at Seal Beach, California, until moving to Rogers in 2011.

Ray was a member of Bethany Reformed Church all of his adult life, serving as elder and attending adult Sunday School. He served on the Murdock School Board and Ditch Assessment Board. A lifelong learner, he read several newspapers cover-to-cover daily and was intrigued by technology even into his 90s. He was a man of integrity and advocated for the underdog. He never tired of conversation and had a way of making anyone feel important and treasured. He leaves an amazing legacy of love for family and deep Christian faith, despite great hardship throughout life.

He is survived by three daughters, Charlene (John) Laughlin, Roxinne Matthews, and Renee (Wayne) Brenengen; six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; siblings Darlene Bosch and Conrad (Vera); Mona's children Judy (David) McCarthy and Donley (Janette) Bosch.

Reunited in heaven, Ray joins his three sons, Merle, Gary, and Eugene; wives Henrietta and Mona; and his parents.

A memorial service will be held in his honor on July 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Bethany Reformed Church, Clara City, Minnesota. His service will be live-streamed on Bethany Reformed Church's Facebook page.

(0630 V)

Myrna Spease



Myrna Spease, 89, Luverne, died peacefully Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Benedictine Living Community in St. Peter.

A memorial service will take place at a later date at First Baptist Church in Luverne. A private family burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Myrna Berta Maria Funck was born Jan. 20, 1933, to Fred and Catharina (von Glahn) Funck in Pipestone County. Her early childhood was spent on farms in Rock County.

The family moved to the Kenneth area in 1948. She attended rural schools until 1944 when she became a student at Ellsworth Public School. She attended Nettleton Commercial College in Sioux Falls prior to working at the First National Bank in Luverne.

Myrna married Donald Spease on July 13, 1956, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. They made their home and raised their children in Luverne. Four children were born to this union: Kimberly, Randall, Mark and Jana. Amy joined the family in 1974. Myrna cared for her family and her home until all the children were in high school. She then worked for J.C. Penney Co., Culligan, and did geriatric care until her retirement in 2007.

Myrna was an active member of First Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, assisted with Vacation Bible School and was a Bible Study Leader for 14 years. She also was a former member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Extension Club, A.C.E. and Pink Ladies. She enjoyed all her family, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and it was a special joy to attend their school functions, dance, sports, drama and music.

Myrna is survived by her two sons, Randy (Becky) Spease, Pine River, and Mark (Stephanie) Spease, Spooner, Wisconsin; three daughters, Kim (Greg) Eisenhuth, Embarrass, Jana (Russ) Brix, Madison Lake, and Amy (Tim) Schuchard, Sartell; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Gordon (Mary) Funck, Asheville, North Carolina; a sister, Linda (Stan) Halverson, Alexandria; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Don, brother Rudolf Funck, and sisters Alma Kitchenmaster and Luella Enger.

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

(0630 F)

Faye (Gilbertson) Sahr



Faye Ellen Sahr, 91, died peacefully on June 23, 2022, at her home in Minneapolis.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, at Sts. Luke & James Episcopal Church in Minneapolis. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7, at Point of France in Edina and at 9:30 a.m. Friday prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church or to the Nature Conservancy.

Faye Gilbertson was born on July 8, 1930, to Louis and Dena Gilbertson in Luverne. She lived in Luverne until she left for college at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis with a vocal scholarship.

In 1950 she left the university to marry Roger Sahr. She returned to the university in 1971 to continue her studies in history. Faye volunteered for 20 years for Radio Talking Book and hosted her own show. President of the English Speaking Union and volunteer for Minneapolis Institute of Arts, hospitals, her church and her children's schools.

At 60 she re-entered the job market for 10 years, working with entrepreneurs.

She will be remembered for her devotion to her family; her passion for music, art, history, books and language; her love of the forest and Lake Superior; her abiding interest in politics and current affairs; and her fierce independence and strength as she was losing her vision and hearing.

Faye is survived by a son David (Arpi) and daughters Laura (Joe Schmit) and Emily (Andrew Winter); six grandchildren, Daniele Sahr; Natalie (Dustin Thomas), Gaby and Matthew Schmit and Dena and Evan Winter; and two great-grandchildren, Remy and Maddie Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 60 years, Roger; and siblings Hope, Bryce and Donna.

(0630 F)



College News

Frakes earns doctoral degree in pharmacy



Travis Frakes, Pharm.D., of Luverne graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree at the College of Pharmacy, Glendale Campus (CPG) of Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona, on June 2, 2022.

Frakes graduated from Luverne High School in 2014 and received a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree from St. Cloud State University in 2018.

While at Midwestern, he served as the president of Rho Chi, the Pharmacy Honor Society; the vice president and director of National Engagement for IPhO, the Industry Pharmacists Organization; and was a member of Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society.

Dr. Frakes has accepted a position as a Post-Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Pharmacy Practice resident at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. He will work as a clinical staff pharmacist and plans to become involved in acute care and infectious disease.

Area students receive degrees from USF

The following students graduated from University of Sioux Falls following the Spring 2022 semester:

Angela Boyenga, Ellsworth, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Cade Ver Steeg, Luverne, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

Baily Vis, Luverne, graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in social media marketing.

SMSU releases Spring 2022 dean's list

Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall has released the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester.

Named to the honors list with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99 were Brayden Tofteland of Beaver Creek, Rozilyn Oye of Luverne, and Meagan Hansen of Magnolia.

Anderson on dean's list at Herberger

Jadyn Anderson was named to the Dean's List at Arizona State University Herberger Institute for Design for the Spring 2022 semester. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher with 12 credits or more.

Minnesota West names honor students

Eduardo Carrillo, Sara Kozak, Tenley Nelson and Amanda Ripka, all of Luverne, and Brookelynn Brust of Beaver Creek were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum of a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded credits.

PR employee receives scholarship

Katarina Polzine, an employee at Luverne Pizza Ranch, is one of 10 receiving a $2,000 "From the Heart" scholarship.

The 2022 graduate of Adrian High School was selected based on her community activities, academic achievements, and upholding the Pizza Ranch mission and vision of providing a legendary experience.

Polzine has worked at the Luverne location for three years and plans to attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

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A beautiful night for a parade

Mavis Fodness photo/0630 Hardwick Jubilee 2022

Temperatures were in the high 77s with low humidity, making conditions for the outdoor celebration comfortable. Twenty-six entries registered for the half-hour parade as part of the annual Hardwick Jubilee Days Saturday night.

Above: Nate Haraldson drives a 1952 Super H Farmall..

At right: John Mahony waves from his 2020 Kenworth.

Below: Patti Pierson throws a kiss to the crowd as she and her husband, Wes, are celebrated as the parade marshals for Hardwick's Jubilee Days. Hardwick Community Club members selected the rural Hardwick residents for the honor due to their continual involvement and support of the Hardwick community. The convertible is driven by Keith Staeffler of Valley Springs, South Dakota.

Below, right: Landon Jessen, a member of the Denver Go-Getters 4-H Club, throws cheese sticks to the crowd.









The Hardwick Jubilee Days parade starts with the traditional fly-over Saturday night by Rick Wenzel of R & R Spraying.

"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all!
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall."
-John Dickinson


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Seven retirements represent 233 years of teaching experience leaving Luverne Public Schools

District bids farewell to retirees Lundgren, Graff, Moritz, Ward, Brinkman, Engesser and Klosterbuer

By Mavis Fodness

When Luverne Public Schools' 2021-22 school year ended in late May, seven seasoned educators decided it was time to retire.

Altogether, they spent 233 years in Luverne classrooms.



Retirees Dennis Moritz (front, left), Jennifer Engesser, Deb Ward, (back) Al Brinkman, Sandy Klosterbuer and Theresa Graff gather on May 27, their last day as teachers at Luverne Public Schools. Lisa Lundgren (inset) announced recently she will also retire from the district. Together the local educators spent 233 years in the classroom.

Deb Ward, 45 years

Deb Ward was Luverne's most senior educator, having been hired in the district in 1977 as a K-12 special education teacher.

She's never worked anywhere else.

The Pipestone High School graduate found her career path while a freshman at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. She later transferred to St. Cloud State University, where she received her degrees and her passion.

"I started off as a double major in elementary education and special education," Ward recalled. "I decided I really enjoyed working with students with special needs — they have taught me so much."

After so many years, she found it hard to retire.

"It was a really hard decision to make, as I do love my job," she said. "I just decided that I didn't want to miss out on doing things with my family or miss my grandkids' activities."

But she won't miss the paperwork and scheduling required for each student. And she's appreciative of how her last year in education has ended.

"I had a great group of students and an awesome team inclusive of special education teachers, paraprofessionals, general education teachers, administrators and parents," she said.

Ward and her husband, Rick, have four grandchildren — Skyler, Bryton, Tanner and Taylor — and their four children, Tiffany, Amanda, Allison and Tommy.

Her recommendation to future educators is to "be flexible, be patient, but push your students to do their best — remember to breathe!"

Sandy Klosterbuer, 38 years

Sandy Klosterbuer never made it out of the first grade.

The Luverne High School graduate knew she wanted to be a teacher, thanks to the local 4-H program and her late mother, Florence Helle.

"The 4-H program helped me gain leadership and experience working with kids," she said.

"My mother was an elementary teacher in Magnolia and Worthington before she was married (to Oscar Helle). Then Mom stayed home and raised four kids and helped on the farm."

After graduating from LHS in 1979, Klosterbuer attended Bemidji State University, where she received an elementary education degree.

She came back to Luverne in 1984 starting as a half-time first-grade reading teacher in the mornings and a special needs preschool teacher in the afternoons. The following year and every year since then, Klosterbuer has been a full-time first-grade teacher.

"Thirty-eight years sounds like a long time to teach, but to me it has gone so fast," she said.

Her co-workers' support helped Klosterbuer with her longevity in the classroom.

"In my early years of teaching, I was blessed to be training by veteran first-grade teachers in Luverne's old elementary school. Those years were so fun and I learned so much from them.

"The new elementary school is a great facility, but it's the people and kids that make it a great career. As education continues to improve and change over the years, one thing stays the same — kids need teachers."

She's educated hundreds of 6-year-olds who have entered her classroom and they've left with a good foundation to learning.

"It is so rewarding to see the academic progress the kids make in a year," she said.

In addition to the love of teaching, 4-H also introduced Klosterbuer to her husband, Steve.

Together they operated a dairy farm near Kanaranzi for more than 40 years. There they raised two children — Katie and Casey — both of whom are teachers and former 4-H members.

"I'm especially proud to say that my mother, my daughter, my son, my niece and I are all graduates of Luverne Public Schools and became teachers," she said.

Theresa Graff, 37 years

Theresa Schallenkamp came to Luverne in 1985 before meeting and marrying fellow teacher Roger Graff two years later.

The Bridgewater, South Dakota, native knew at an early age what her career choice would be.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I fell in love with my first- and second-grade teachers," she said. "I really wanted my own classroom someday."

Graff received her elementary education degree from Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota. A family member suggested she also achieve a communications disorders degree.

In Luverne she first split her time teaching preschool special needs while also serving as a speech therapist for Luverne and Magnolia schools.

Her career came to a halt when a bout with cancer prompted Graff to take a five-year medical leave. When she returned to work, she finally achieved her childhood dream.

"They asked if I would teach sixth-grade English. I loved it," she said.

Graff was exclusively in the classroom for five years when one of the elementary speech therapists left. She was asked to fill the position and she's been an elementary speech therapist ever since.

"The most rewarding part of my job — and probably any teacher's job — is the moment you see/hear your students' attain their goals," she said.

"Graduating from speech or graduating from high school is such an accomplishment. Both make me so proud of my students."

Retirement means she will spend more time with her husband, their three children (Megan Ruesink, Michael Graff and Thomas Graff) and grandchildren.

"I can still play tag, get on the floor and wrestle," she said. "I can't wait to meet my friends for coffee in the morning, be a grandma who can go to Grandparents Day, spend more time with my parents and go on trips with my hubby (who is also a retired educator)," she said.

"Who knows what tomorrow will bring?"

Lisa Lundgren, 33 years

Lisa Lundgren's journey to the classroom began early in her life growing up in South Dakota.

"My aunt taught at a country school between Hudson and Alcester," she said. "My siblings and I would go and visit her at her country school. I remember sitting at the old desks and reading Clifford books. It brings back fond memories."

Lundgren graduated from Augustana University in 1984 with degrees in elementary and special education. She taught in Edgerton before coming to Luverne in 1989 as a first-grade teacher.

Since then, the previous Miss Paulson has split her days at Luverne between the classroom half the day, and implementing the Reading Recovery or Response to Intervention programs the rest of the day.

"I loved the variety that sharing a classroom brought to my day, and I was so fortunate to be able to share that classroom with wonderful teachers," she said. "We were always on the same page."

She met fellow teacher, Mark Lundgren, and the two married in 1995. They have four children: Leah, Brooke, Brett and Derek.

She'll miss teaching but said "the time was right" to retire.

Lundgren plans to return to Luverne Elementary as a volunteer.

"I really enjoy working with students who find learning to read challenging," she said.

"I love to see their eyes light up when the process of reading finally makes sense to them. As a teacher, you get tears in your eyes and a big smile on your face when it finally clicks. You are so proud of them."

Al Brinkman, 31 years

Al Brinkman was busy working various jobs in the late 1980s when he decided to go back to school as a non-traditional student.

"I thought I would try signing up for some night classes to see if I could be a better student than I was in high school," he said. "At that point (I was in my mid-30s) it was in the back of my mind to get into education. I enjoyed helping people."

The Rock Valley, Iowa, high school graduate started at Worthington Community and Technical College and finished at Southwest State University, Marshall, with a degree in language arts and licensure in 7-12 education.

Brinkman began as a substitute teacher in Luverne in 1991, when he made the decision to become a licensed English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor.

"At that time immigration by refugees from various parts of the world was in an upswing," he said. "It was a somewhat new area of education.

"It interested me because it dealt with the communication parts of our language in combination with culture and helping children and their families fit into the American dream."

In addition to teaching ESL classes, Brinkman also taught high school speech, seventh- and eighth-grade English and fundamentals of writing through the years.

As an ESL teacher, he often taught the same students for several years, watching their progress and acclimation into the American culture."

Because of the years spent with students, they often sought Brinkman out after graduating.

"(They'd) share how they are doing and how their lives have progressed," Brinkman said. "It is nice to know I played a small part."

In retirement, Brinkman will spend his time with his wife, Mary, and their children, Heather and Mitchell, and grandchildren.

He also will devote more time to all things fishing: ice and

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Bug attacks are still underway … continue to be vigilant with sprays



Know it and grow it

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

The battle with the bugs continues. …

I am seeing damage on the lower leaves of purple dome asters. The leaves are getting a speckled yellow color, and if you look on the underside of the leaf, you will notice very small gray-colored spots that look like little bits of ash dust. Those are the critters causing the damage. The bug is called a psyllid, and they suck the sap out of the leaf, causing the discoloration and soon the death of the leaf.

The dry, hot weather we have had is perfect for this bug to multiply and do its damage. A Bonide brand product called Eight is my go-to for this pest. The active ingredient is permethrin and is a broad spectrum insecticide that is a good one for your arsenal. The bug is mostly on the underside of the leaf, so that is where the spray has to be applied to knock them out.

I also am seeing septora leaf spot on Goldstrum Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan). If left untreated, it will totally kill the foliage on the plant.

The fungus starts out as small irregular brown spots on the leaves that eventually kill the entire leaf. This loss of foliage doesn't kill the plant, but it will definitely weaken it to the point of not surviving the winter.

It also makes the plant look disgusting.

An application of Daconil will stop the spread but will not remove the spots from already damaged foliage.

Speaking of Daconil, I have just sprayed the lower leaves of my tomato plants with Daconil to prevent the blights that attack tomato foliage. Most blights start on the lower leaves and progress upward.

Our extreme humidity creates moisture on the leaves at sunset, and that leaf remains wet until the sun dries it off the next morning … perfect scenario for the fungus to attack and spread.

Prevention is much easier than a cure!

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

Ahrendt shoots 75-straight at state meet; finishes 16th

By Mavis Fodness

Hunter Ahrendt shot three perfect rounds Friday at the Minnesota State High School League Clay Target Tournament at the Minneapolis Gun Club in Prior Lake.

He shot a 23-25-25-25 for a total of 98 out of possible 100.

"It was amazing to watch," said Luverne trap coach Scott Loosbrock.

Ahrendt finished the spring trap shooting season as one of the top 100 shooters in the state, earning an invitation to Friday's event.

"That's the top 100 out of 8,000 shooters in the state," Loosbrock said. "That's a very elite group of kids."

Ahrendt's season shooting average was 23.6, making him the first Luverne High School athlete in the team's history to qualify for the state tournament.

Ahrendt's two missed shots came back-to-back in the first round of 25. Loosbrock estimated that the misses came at shots No. 13 and 14 in the first round.

"I had to get myself calmed down and try not to be mad about it," Ahrendt said.

After the first round Ahrendt talked with his coach. "Scott said, 'Just go out there and have fun,'" he said.

Ahrendt then shot the next 86 clay targets perfectly. "My goal was to shoot a 98 or better and I achieved that goal," he said Sunday.

Ahrendt likened the quiet atmosphere at the gun club to that of a golf tournament except with consistent pops from the shotguns being fired.

Participants and spectators talked in hushed tones while shooters focused on their targets. The pace between shots was quick.

"As soon as you grabbed a box (of shells), you were grabbing another one," Ahrendt said.

Five champions were crowned at the state tournament, tying a record set in 2018.

All five shooters finished with perfect scores of 100. Medals were awarded to the top eight shooters.

Organizers praised the high schoolers for their performances in the growing the sport.

"What an incredible thing for Minnesota to be the only state association in the country to offer this great activity for students," said John Nelson, president of the Minnesota Clay Target League.

"Our numbers continue to grow and provide another co-educational opportunity, which is a wonderful thing."

Ahrendt is a 2022 Luverne High School graduate.



Contributed photo

Hunter Ahrendt is the first Luverne High School athlete invited to participate in the Minnesota State High School League Clay Target Tournament. He shot 98 clays out of 100 at the Minneapolis Gun Club in Prior Lake.

Redbirds claim three big wins

Birds sweep doubleheader Sunday, shut out Pipestone last week to up season record to 14-2

The Luverne Redbirds upped their season record to 14-2 after three big wins over the past week.

The Birds swept a doubleheader in games with Fox Lake 10-1 and Fairmont 7-0 on Sunday after shutting out Pipestone Wednesday, June 22.

Luverne was scheduled to play the league-leading Milroy Irish at the Irish Yard Wednesday night and will host Ruthton at Redbird Field July 6.

Luverne 16, Pipestone 0

The Luverne Redbirds earned their fifth shutout of the season when they defeated the Pipestone A's 16-0 in seven innings June 22 at Redbird Field.

Luverne's Jake Haugen and Codie Zeutenhorst combined to pitch the shutout, allowing just seven total hits and walking one Pipestone batter while striking out 11 total.

The Redbirds, who had scored 49 runs in their previous three games, continued their offensive ways by scoring three runs in the first inning and five more in each of the second and third innings.

Phil Paquette blasted a three-run homerun to left field and Newt Johnson added a two-run homer, both in the second inning.

Gaige Nath led off the third inning with a triple to center field before the next batter, Derek Lundgren, hit a homerun that also scored Nath.

Luverne held a 13-0 lead through the fourth and fifth innings.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Birds tallied three more runs that were the result of four walks and some wild pitches that Luverne baserunners took advantage of.

The Wenninger brothers led the Redbirds at the plate.



Mavis Fodness photo/0630 Redbirds

Redbirds teammate Phil Paquette congratulates Derek Lundgren for his two-run homer in the third inning against the Pipestone A's Wednesday night, June 22.

Skyler was three for three and scored three runs. Cade was three for four, scored a run and added three RBIs.

Lundgren scored four runs and totaled two RBIs.

Paquette and Nath also scored three times each for the victors.

Pipestone	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	0
Luverne	3	5	5	0	0	3	x	x	16

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	3	4	2	2
P Paquette	3	3	2	3
C Reisch	1	0	0	0
S Wenninger	3	1	1	3
N Johnson	2	3	1	0
B Maurer	2	0	0	0
J Haugen	3	0	0	1
C Zeutenhorst	0	0	0	0
C Wenninger	4	1	3	3
E Beyer	3	0	1	1
M Sterrett	0	1	0	0
C Crabtree	4	0	0	0
G Nath	3	3	2	0

Luverne 10, Fox Lake 1

The Luverne Redbirds took on Fox Lake in Truman Saturday as part of an on-the-road doubleheader at 2 p.m.

Luverne got on the scoreboard in the first inning when Newt

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What's it worth to you?

Natural resources are priceless and should be protected



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

How much are Minnesota's natural resources worth to you?

To me they are priceless, but when it comes to those who steal or abuse those resources, the laws in Minnesota must not think so.

I have followed many different prosecutions regarding gross violations of Minnesota's game and fish laws, and in every case I've researched, the penalties for violators are not even high enough to be a measurable deterrent.

Recently there was a big bust at Upper Red Lake where two or three anglers were 67 fish over their limit.

There is no way to make a mistake like this one by accident.

The sum total of the restitution and fines was only about $2,000 per person.

When someone catches and kills 10 times the normal legal limit, should the fine only be $30 per fish? If they get their feet held to the fire, they might lose their fishing licenses for a short time as well.

Another much bigger investigation about three to four years ago, which was also in the Upper Red Lake area, rounded up about 30 individuals and businesses that were taking illegally caught fish and selling them to different restaurants and such.

This was prosecuted under the federal Lacy Act which prohibits the sale of wild game and fish.

There were both tribal and non-tribal individuals involved, and in the end no serious prosecution or charges were successful even though the violations were well-documented.

The tangle of Minnesota law and tribal rights doomed that to the history books.

Yet another big bust for a guy that had illegally harvested many trophy deer over a three- to five-year period was unsuccessful because the DNR got a warrant for a tracking device on the lawbreaker's car and the judge deemed they should have used a full-blown search warrant.

That guy walked scot-free as well. This really makes me angry.

You have to use the baseline foundation that a DNR conservation officer can only write citations for violations on the books, and county attorneys make the ultimate decision as to what the violator should be charged with.

I hold no ill will toward the DNR Enforcement Division, but there is certainly a breakdown somewhere in this system.

I visited with a politician who was campaigning door-to-door a long while back, and I asked him about increasing the penalties for gross over-limits and such.

He responded that he was not willing to make every constituent in his district into a felon for breaking game and fish violations. I then replied, "What should they be then?"

If it was the world according to Scott Rall, the cost for violating game and fish rules would remain about the same for the small stuff but would skyrocket on the big items.

Have you ever tried to count the fish in the live well? When there are mixed bag catches, even a conscientious angler can make a mistake on one or two fish.

It should not happen, but it does. These people should not suffer to a point where they give up on hunting and fishing altogether.

Poaching a deer out of season, keeping 50 fish over your limit, destroying public land or property, and a long list of other gross violations should result in that person never hunting or fishing in the state again.

They can take up knitting or golf.

Some people think that shooting before or after the legal shooting time or stepping over a fence onto private property for that one last pheasant are no big deal.

In fact, each of these acts and hundreds of other apparently minor infractions to some folks is still POACHING!

Taking game and fish in an illegal manner is poaching. Nobody can tell me that it is not. Any person that breaks game and fish laws is not to be included in the category of "sportsman" or "sportswoman."

I told a conservation officer one time a long time ago, "Thank you for checking me today." He asked why I would thank him. I responded that I know if he is checking me, he is also checking everyone else.

We all need to place high value on our natural resources. They need to be protected, and we need to be the ones to do that protecting. One conservation officer covering 1-2 counties cannot do it alone.

The natural world provides a quality of life that nothing else can compare to. I for one want it to be around for my grandchildren and their kids as well. High quality natural resources, like freedom, if not viciously protected, will sooner or later cease to exist.

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Johnson drove in two runs on an RBI single to left.

The Redbirds would go on to score one in the third, one in the fourth and two in the sixth before putting up a four spot in the top of the seventh.

The four-run inning was led by sacrifice flies by Skyler Wenninger and Mark Sterrett, and an RBI double by Declan Beers.

The Rebirds tallied 10 hits in the game, led by Beers, Johnson and Crabtree, all with multiple hits.

Cade Wenninger got the win on the mound, throwing six innings, allowing only four hits and striking out five batters.

Batting:
D Lundgren: 0-3, 2 R, 2BB
G Nath: 1-4, 1R, 1RBI, 1BB
S Wenninger: 1-3, 2R, 1RBI, 1BB
D Beers: 2-2, 3R, 2RBI, 3BB
N Johnson: 2-5, 3RBI
J Haugen: 1-3, 1RBI, 1BB
C Wenninger: 1-3, 1R, 1BB
C Crabtree: 2-4, 1R
M Sterrett: 0-2, 1RBI, 1BB

Pitching:
C Wenninger: 6.0 IP, 3 hits, 1R, 0ER, 4BB, 5Ks
B Maurer: 1.0 IP, 0 hits, 0R, 0ER, 0BB, 1Ks

Luverne 7, Fairmont 0

The Redbirds took down the Fairmont Martins behind the pitching of Derek Lundgren during the 5 p.m. game in Fairmont Sunday.

Lundgren went all seven innings, striking out six, walking one, and only giving up two earned runs.

Luverne took an early lead when Declan Beers hit a triple to score Skyler Wenninger from first base.

Newt Johnson followed up the triple with an RBI double over the left fielder.

Derek Lundgren led off the top of the third with a triple, but the Redbirds were unable to drive him in. The Martins got on the board in the bottom of the third after hitting a two-RBI double.

The Redbirds answered right away in the top of the fourth when Johnson hit a solo homerun over the scoreboard.

The Redbirds extended the lead to 4-2 in the top of the fifth when Declan Beers hit an RBI single to score Mark Sterrett from second.

Fairmont tied that game at four in the bottom of the fifth inning after an error and two doubles.

The Redbirds regained the lead in the top of the seventh.

Gaige Nath led off the inning with a double, followed by a Skyler Wenninger walk. Declan Beers got the Redbirds lead back when he hit an RBI double.

Wenninger, on third base, then scored on a wild pitch, and Johnson drove in Beers on a fielder's choice.

Batting:
D Lundgren: 1-4
G Nath: 1-4, 1R
S Wenninger: 1-3, 2R, 1BB
D Beers: 3-4, 2R, 3RBI
N Johnson: 2-3, 1R, 3RBI
J Haugen: 0-4
C Wenninger: 1-4
C Crabtree: 0-3
M Sterrett: 1-2, 1R, 1BB

Pitching:
D Lundgren: 7.0IP, 5 hits, 4R, 2ER, 1BB, 6Ks



Photo courtesy of Luverne Schools

Twelve Luverne High Sschool Cardinals plan to compete in college sports next year. They include Griffen Jarchow (from left), Tenley Nelson, Pierce Cunningham, Mia Wenzel, Connor Overgaard, Reghan Bork, Billi Connell, Eli Radtke, Macy Stratton, Casey Sehr, Kendall Buss and Ashton Sandbulte.

LHS Class of 2022 athletes plan to compete at college level

By Jason Berghorst

Twelve members of the Luverne High School Class of 2022 have signed letters of intent to compete in athletics at the college level next year.

Griffen Jarchow will play tennis at the University of Northwestern, St. Paul, in Roseville.

Tenley Nelson will compete in cross country and track at Augustana University in Sioux Falls.

Pierce Cunningham will be a member of the tennis team at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Mia Wenzel also plans to play tennis, but at Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa.

Connor Overgaard will be a member of the football team at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

Reghan Bork plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead to play hockey.

Billi Connell will play softball for the Golden Gophers at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Eli Radtke plans to compete in track at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Macy Stratton will attend Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa, to play volleyball.

Casey Sehr will join the baseball team at the University of Sioux Falls.

Kendall Buss plans to play softball at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud.

Ashton Sandbulte intends to compete in both football and track at Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota.

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open water rod construction, pouring and painting fishing jigs, constructing buck tail jigs and fishing in general.

Dennis Moritz, 29 years

Education was not Dennis Moritz' first choice of a profession.

The Humboldt, Nebraska, native decided after graduating from high school in 1974 that he would work for area farmers.

He helped others farm for nine years before enrolling in Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Nebraska. He later finished his four-year ag education degree at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

He immediately found the teaching career rewarding three times over.

"One of the most rewarding parts of this job is when the 'light bulb' comes on, whether it is in the classroom, the lab, or the shop for students," he said. "The second one is to see past students come back to school or stop by my home in Beaver Creek to visit.

"The third one is the friendships that have developed with the custodians, secretaries, cooks, bus drivers, teaching staff and administration, both past and current. I relied on all of these folks at one time or another."

His first teaching job had him teaching for three years in Pender, Nebraska.

In 1992 he married his wife, Deb, and the couple moved to Sioux Falls.

He spent a year as substitute teacher in South Dakota before he was hired as Luverne's ag instructor and FFA chapter adviser in 1993.

During his 29 years of teaching, agriculture has undergone many transformations, and the ag education has had to keep pace.

"Technology has been a huge driving force in agriculture in the last ten years," he said. "You have to adapt to it."

Assisting Moritz with adapting to the changes in agriculture was his membership to the Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators as well as the partnerships with local businesses and farmers.

Moritz said he will miss the relationships he developed over the years, but he is looking forward to returning to the farm jobs he did before entering college.

"I have family in Nebraska that would like me to help with planting in the spring and harvest in the fall," he said. "I am a member of the Granite (Iowa) Thresherman Association. I would like to be more involved with that organization."

Jennifer Engesser, 20 years

Jennifer Engesser decided when her own children were ages 8 and 12 that she would become a teacher.

At the time, she was working as a paraprofessional at Luverne Elementary. She was primarily working with fifth- and sixth-graders when she embarked on an education and master's degree from Southwest State University in Marshall.

Prior to being a paraprofessional, Engesser worked for Tri-State Insurance (now Continental Western Group) for 16 years.

"My first degree was at Mankato State University for political science," she said. "I was going to be a paralegal."

She was hired at Luverne Elementary in 2002, moving between grade levels before spending more than a decade in the fourth grade.

She said learning from her students has been the most rewarding aspect of her career change.

"They're so creative and imaginative — they surprise me every year," Engesser said. "They remind me that all they really want is love and to be seen, and they want to feel important and special."

The late career change showed Engesser the importance of co-worker support, as she worked through curriculum standards and learned to place a focus on her students.

"These people will get you through the tough days — follow your instincts, but listen to the veteran teachers," she said.

"Then focus on your students — who are they? What do they like to do outside of school? What is their family life like? What do they need from you? Then just love them."

Engesser said in retirement she will now spend more time with her husband, Mike, and their children, Christopher and Matt, plus focus on a few other activities.

"I hope to read some of those books I never got to read. I want to take care of my plants and flowers," she said. "I also want to do more walking and really do some serious bird watching."

Minnesota Twins offer free logo hats to fishing, hunting license holders

Anyone with a 2022 Minnesota fishing or hunting license can receive a free camouflage Minnesota Twins logo cap thanks to a special Twins ticket offer.

The Minnesota DNR Days are back at Twins games this season through a partnership between the Twins and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The upcoming Minnesota DNR Days partnership games at Target Field in Minneapolis are:

•Sunday, July 3, vs. the Baltimore Orioles at 1:10 p.m.

•Tuesday, Aug. 16, vs. the Kansas City Royals at 6:40 p.m.

•Friday, Sept. 9 vs. the Cleveland Guardians at 7:10 p.m.

License holders can purchase a reserved game ticket online and receive a special Twins cap at the game. Ticket prices vary by game.

All ticket holders under this partnership will pick up their cap at the game.

Instructions for purchasing tickets are on the Minnesota DNR Days page (mndnr.gov/Twins).

People may buy fishing and hunting licenses at any DNR license agent, online with a mobile or desktop device (mndnr.gov/BuyALicense), or by phone at 888-665-4236.

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**By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church, Luverne**

When wondering what is next in life, what is around the next corner of life, what is over the next ridge in life, we can be reassured that God knows.

As you read this, Beryl, my wife, and I are riding our bicycles across the United States. We started in Portland, Oregon, in the end of May and will end our trip in Washington, D.C., in August.

As we pedal our bicycles, there is always an unknown before us. What is over the next mountain top? What is around the next corner?

Currently we are riding through Yellowstone National Park, and there are a lot of mountain tops and corners that make us wonder what is next.

We wonder if we have the strength to make it up one more mountain. We wonder how many more mountains we will climb. We even wonder at times if there is any flat ground in the USA.

When wondering what is next in life, what is around the next corner of life, what is over the next ridge in life, we can be reassured that God knows.

Jesus, talking to a crowd of people that are worried about what tomorrow holds, told them not to worry, it is all under control. He points to a sparrow fluttering through the sky and explains that the sparrow, the hawk, the crow, or whatever bird, does not plant a wheat field to harvest it in the fall. They don't build grain bins to hold their crop for the chilly winter days when a blizzard howls through. And yet God makes sure they are fed.

Then Jesus points to the lily by the side of the creek and tells them to see how beautiful the lily is. Do you see the beauty of the grass in the field? Today it is growing, it finds nutrition in the soil, and gets water from the rain. They stay in one place, not working, just showing their beauty. Yet God cares for it.

Jesus then looks them in the eyes and tells them that they have far greater value than any bird, or any plant. If your heavenly father watches out for the birds of the air and the grass of the field, you can trust he will take care you.

Isaiah said, "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." (Is 41:10).

You may not know what tomorrow holds, but you can know that God will take care of you. Trust him today. He has proven he is trustworthy.

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

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Mass. Public Mass will be celebrated at FULL capacity in the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes – check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pg/stcluverne/videos/. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

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

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on YouTube 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
103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor**

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

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

Thursday, June 30: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Bible Study at Wildflowers. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, July 1: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. Sunday, July 3: **No worship service – moved to July 6.** Monday, July 4: Office closed. Tuesday, July 5: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, July 6: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle meets. 6:15 p.m. Meat outside. 7 p.m. Make-up worship service. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

**Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834
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. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org**

Thursday, June 30: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, July 1: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, July 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Wednesday, July 6: 7 p.m. Senior High Youth Group. 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
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor**

Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

**United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529**

Wednesday, June 29: 7-8:15 p.m. VBS. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, July 2: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, July 3: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Wednesday, July 6: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

**First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net**

Sunday, July 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Saturday, July 2: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, July 3: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, July 6: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 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. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com**

Food mission every third Thursday.

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

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

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

Sunday, July 3: Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4. There will not be on-site worship at First or Palisade Lutheran on July 3.

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

Sunday, July 3: Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4. There will not be on-site worship at First or Palisade Lutheran on July 3.

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

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

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

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 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com**

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesdays: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Social/dessert time. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship service.

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

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Luverne School District seeks quotes for vehicle fuels

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

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

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

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(06-16, 06-23, 06-30, 07-07)

Luverne ISD #2184 request bids for dairy products

REQUEST FOR BIDS
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

A. Dairy Products

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

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

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(06-30, 07-07)

Luverne ISD #2184 requests quotes for bakery products

REQUESTS FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for bakery products will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

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

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

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(06-30, 07-07)

Christensen probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Janice Christensen,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-130

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of July, 2022, 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 June 2, 1983, and for the appointment of Michael J. Christensen whose address is 5209 53rd Ave. N., Crystal, Minnesota 55429, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: June 20, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

Damon T. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #249269

(06-30, 07-07)

Leuthold probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Estelle R. Leuthold a/k/a Estelle Leuthold,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-128

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of July, 2022, 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 January 6, 1998 and for the appointment of Alan J. Leuthold whose address is 149 60th Avenue, Hills, Minnesota 56138, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Dated: June 20, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

Paul A. Vis
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #297550

(06-30, 07-07)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 3

Herreid Board Room **9:00 A.M.**
Rock County Courthouse **May 3, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with Commissioners Williamson, Thompson and Overgaard present and Commissioner Burger absent. Also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the May 3, 2022 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the April 29, 2022, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Tim Gust, Vice President of the Rock County Economic Development Authority requested funding of $50,000 from the County Board to allow the organization pursue endeavors benefiting the county's economic status; Gust stated that the organization will move forward to conduct a comprehensive Housing Needs Analysis for a cost of $20,000. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve a $50,000 payment to the Rock County Economic Development Authority and to pay the expenditure from Reserves (formerly ARPA), declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding a $70 million expansion project for Premium Iowa Pork located in Luverne and their request from the County Board for a letter of support for USDA grant application. The Administrator stated if the project moves forward, it would have a substantial impact to the area. Motion by Overgaard, seconded Williamson, to approve a letter of support for the USDA grant application for Premium Iowa Pork, declared carried on 3-0 vote with Commissioner Thompson abstaining.

Ashely Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of $2,000.00; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

MAY 3, 2022 CLAIMS OVER $2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	$2,795.74
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO	7,500.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	2,440.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	3,776.54
CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES	27,473.17
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,091.68
LUVERNE/CITY OF	6,621.57
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	9,220.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	4,000.00
ROCK COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	3,380.58
SANFORD HEALTH	2,100.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	34,510.00
TAFT STETTINIUS & HOLLISTER LLP	14,000.00
ZIEGLER INC	26,330.14
59 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	22,247.22
TOTAL	$173,486.64

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

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve a 63-month lease for print management services from A & B Business, Inc. for $2,910.96 per month, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 19-22, adding Bridge 67K50 to the Prioritized Bridge Replacement list; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. Bridge 67K50 is located in Rose Dell Township.

Ryan Holtz, Rock County Rural Water Systems Director, presented a $100,000 funding request from Reserves (formerly ARPA) to drill a new well. Holtz stated that the new well will be deeper than the current wells and are free of containments and will be beneficial in drought conditions. The cost of the new well is $225,000. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the $100,000 request to Rural Water and to pay the expenditure from Reserves (formerly ARPA), declared carried on a voice vote.

Holtz briefly discussed current activities on the rural water system to include their pursuit of federal and state funding for the construction of a new water tower on the northwest part of the system.

The County Board was in receipt of information regarding Minnesota Frontline Worker compensation that was recently approved Minnesota Legislature, which is bonus pay for eligible COVID-19 frontline workers. The Administrator's office is tracking the requirements and application process; more information to follow.

The Administrator stated that he has been tracking a couple of legislative issues involving potential property valuation freezes and levy freezes and Emergency Management federal and state funding.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rural Water and Southwestern Mental Health.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services and Plum Creek Library.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Economic Development Authority, History Center, Hardwick City Council, SWMN Energy Board.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Southwest MN Opportunity Council and Economic Development Authority.

Jay Buckholtz with Sioux Valley Electric presented a follow up to the Community Input Session sponsored by Sioux Valley Electric; the session produced and great listing of data for the southwest area of the state along with the need to additional staff. He also confirmed that solar and wind project are stymied due to delays in the supply chain and the inability to export the energy produced.

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

(06-30)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 17

Herreid Board Room **9:00 A.M.**
Rock County Courthouse **May 17, 2022**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the May 17, 2022, County Board Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the May 03, 2022, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Williamson seconded by Burger, to pay the claims, declared carried on a voice vote.

MAY 17, 2022 CLAIMS OVER $2,000

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	$3,500.00
BREMIK MATERIALS, INC	6,797.02
CHS INC	5,603.32
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC	20,732.60
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,880.00
DLT SOLUTIONS	4,072.65
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	4,236.00
HOWES OIL CO	2,385.83
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	15,834.94
LUVERNE BODY SHOP INC	5,368.01
LUVERNE/CITY OF	5,173.26
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	18,817.44
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	5,391.22
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,306.12
SEACHANGE	6,328.00
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	3,117.57
TRUENORTH STEEL	9,234.00
WEX BANK	3,602.80
68 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	22,466.80
TOTAL	$151,847.58

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

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board that she needs (2) Commissioners to serve on the Canvassing Board following the May 24th Special Election; by order of the Chair, to appoint Commissioners Overgaard and Williamson with Commissioner Thompson as an alternate.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter from the City of Hills requesting conveyance of tax forfeited property identified as parcel #15-0118-000. The Auditor/Treasurer stated that conveyance is free as long as the property/building is used for a public purpose; the Auditor/Treasurer presented Resolution No. 22-22, authorizing government conveyance of the property. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 22-22, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested approval of Resolution No. 21-22, approving the application to the Secretary of State for funding from the 2022 Drop Box Grant program; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 20-22, the renewal of an existing Master Partnership Agreement with MnDOT; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

There was a brief discussion regarding signage at Schoeneman Park and Sehr stated that one of the picnic shelter structures needs to be demolished. Sehr requested authorization to move forward with purchasing building materials to construct a new picnic shelter and that highway staff would build it; motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that he had requested the Chair to approve a resolution for a Disaster Declaration from the May 12, 2022 high wind event. Preliminary assessments indicated that Rock County did not meet the minimum dollar amount threshold, and therefore, withdrew the declaration.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve an expenditure of $19,896.92 for E911 software installation and support, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator gave a brief legislative update and encouraged the Commissioners to register for the AMC Legislative Wrap scheduled for May 23.

The Administrator also stated that Iowa Premium Pork had completed and submitted their grant application, A. C. E. has moved to their new location, the Extension Office will remain open 5/days per week and that the Economic Development Authority will pursue the housing study.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rural Water, Southwest Mental Health.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Library and Southwest Regional Development Commission.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Economic Development Authority, Transit, Hardwick City Council and City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Southwest Mental Health and Community Corrections.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Economic Development Authority, Community Corrections, Southwestern MN Opportunity Council and City/County Liaison.

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

(06-30)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 28

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: June 24, 2021
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $78,780.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Noah D. Meyer, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1005210-0808093166-7
(05-13, 05-20, 05-27, 06-03, 06-10, 06-17)
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank
SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 30, 2021, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 200387
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The South Sixty (S 60) feet of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in Barck, Adams, and Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 703 N Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0258-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $80,311.75

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 28, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2023, or the next business day if January 28, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"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 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 27, 2022

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP

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CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Luverne to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN, 56156. Questions about this report should be directed to Robyn Wessels at (507) 449-9908.

Summary Financial Report
Revenues and Expenditures for General Operations
Governmental Funds
For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	Total 2021	Total 2020	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Revenues			
Taxes	$ 2,944,477	$ 2,754,455	6.90 %
Special assessments	176	164	7.32
Licenses and permits	45,718	70,398	(35.06)
Intergovernmental	2,719,416	2,504,865	8.57
Charges for services	768,048	719,930	6.68
Fines and forfeits	9,252	9,362	(1.17)
Investment earnings (loss)	(27,666)	138,212	(120.02)
Miscellaneous	1,196,071	292,566	308.82
Total Revenues	$ 7,655,492	$ 6,489,952	17.96 %
Per Capita	$ 1,548	$ 1,367	13.19 %
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	$ 892,315	$ 793,283	12.48 %
Public safety	1,420,015	1,398,600	1.53
Public works	989,496	1,105,960	(10.53)
Culture and recreation	1,250,472	1,179,896	5.98
Conservation and development	2,004,546	581,007	245.01
Capital outlay			
General government	130,688	42,074	210.61
Public safety	81,695	209,063	(60.92)
Public works	1,918,794	472,588	306.02
Culture and recreation	5,160,456	880,437	486.12
Conservation and development	303,237	367,655	(17.52)
Debt service			
Principal	515,000	305,225	68.73
Interest and other costs	52,528	53,818	(2.40)
Bond issuance costs	95,223	-	N/A
Total Expenditures	$ 14,814,465	$ 7,389,606	100.48 %
Per Capita	$ 2,995	$ 1,557	92.37 %
Total Long-term Indebtedness	$ 5,455,000	$ 585,000	832.48 %
Per Capita	1,103	123	794.78
General Fund Balance - December 31	$ 3,247,957	$ 2,861,652	13.50 %
Per Capita	657	603	8.91

Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2021

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	**602** Sewer	**604** Electric	Other Proprietary Funds	Total	
Assets						
Current Assets						
Cash and temporary investments	$ 2,310,071	$ -	$ 6,876,787	$ 1,691,604	$ 10,878,462	$ 1,563,480
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)						
Accrued interest	2,130	1,376	7,799	1,699	13,004	1,553
Delinquent taxes	-	300	-	-	300	-
Accounts, net	126,632	120,558	319,153	68,567	634,910	511
Loans	2,752	4,821	2,752	5,927	16,252	4,234
Delinquent special assessments	265	-	-	-	265	-
Intergovernmental	-	756	-	-	756	-
Due from other funds	-	-	1,044,000	-	1,044,000	51,915
Inventories	64,494	64,494	389,326	269,587	787,901	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-	-	14,036
Total Current Assets	2,506,344	192,305	8,639,817	2,037,384	13,375,850	1,635,729
Noncurrent Assets						
Restricted assets						
Cash and temporary investments	308,518	956,195	229,746	6,665	1,501,124	-
Special assessments receivable						
Noncurrent	-	-	-	258	258	-
Loans receivable - noncurrent	22,553	23,814	572,553	48,575	667,495	34,696
Notes receivable - noncurrent	-	1,950,000	-	-	1,950,000	-
Capital assets						
Land	102,967	218,528	369,325	178,828	869,648	-
Construction in progress	220,900	16,783,282	1,093,440	93,971	18,191,593	-
Buildings	973,702	559,156	1,565,539	199,845	3,298,242	280,609
Improvements and infrastructure	13,441,064	10,312,582	21,746,838	2,681,611	48,182,095	79,763
Machinery and equipment	463,293	628,550	1,075,464	891,593	3,058,900	565,354
Total capital assets	15,201,926	28,502,098	25,850,606	4,045,848	73,600,478	925,726
Less accumulated depreciation	(7,375,829)	(7,060,557)	(14,862,299)	(1,930,477)	(31,229,162)	(772,167)
Total Capital Assets (Net Of Accumulated Depreciation)	7,826,097	21,441,541	10,988,307	2,115,371	42,371,316	153,559
Total Noncurrent Assets	8,157,168	24,371,550	11,790,606	2,170,869	46,490,193	188,255
Total Assets	10,663,512	24,563,855	20,430,423	4,208,253	59,866,043	1,823,984

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Deferred Outflows of Resources						
Deferred pension resources	88,771	138,226	83,528	115,020	425,545	122,676
Deferred other postemployment benefits	618	896	541	499	2,554	692
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	89,389	139,122	84,069	115,519	428,099	123,368
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts payable	$ 56,788	$ 18,736	$ 506,912	$ 47,640	$ 630,076	$ 17,731
Contracts payable	-	-	292,370	-	292,370	-
Retainage payable	-	-	15,388	-	15,388	-
Due to other funds	-	120,692	-	-	120,692	-
Due to other governments	3,927	-	24,214	21,742	49,883	-
Accrued interest payable	16,163	20,992	13,318	-	50,473	-
Wages and related benefits payable	8,006	11,753	9,240	10,486	39,485	9,929
Customer deposits payable	6,605	5,953	26,428	6,665	45,651	-
Unearned revenue	-	247,579	-	-	247,579	-
Compensated absences payable - current	20,756	35,150	21,080	9,125	86,111	96,828
Bonds payable - current	285,750	929,250	190,000	-	1,405,000	-
Total Current Liabilities	397,995	1,390,105	1,098,950	95,658	2,982,708	124,488
Noncurrent Liabilities						
Compensated absences payable - noncurrent	48,262	101,491	57,673	34,956	242,382	371,194
Bonds payable - noncurrent	2,343,801	8,964,658	4,278,826	-	15,587,285	-
Net pension liability	119,385	185,893	112,333	154,685	572,296	164,981
Other postemployment benefits liability	7,818	11,361	6,845	6,307	32,331	8,760
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2,519,266	9,263,403	4,455,677	195,948	16,434,294	544,935
Total Liabilities	2,917,261	10,653,508	5,554,627	291,606	19,417,002	669,423
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Deferred pension resources	110,433	171,950	103,907	143,083	529,373	152,607
Net Position						
Net investment in capital assets	5,286,546	11,547,633	6,519,481	2,115,371	25,469,031	153,559
Restricted for debt service	945,750	269,250	-	-	1,215,000	-
Unrestricted	1,492,911	2,060,636	8,336,477	1,773,712	13,663,736	971,763
Total Net Position	$ 7,725,207	$ 13,877,519	$ 14,855,958	$ 3,889,083	40,347,767	$ 1,125,322
			Adjustments to Reflect the Consolidation of Internal Service Fund Activities Related to Enterprise Funds		513,769	
			Net Position of Business-type Activities		$ 40,861,536	

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	**602** Sewer	**604** Electric	Other Proprietary Funds	Total	
Operating Revenues						
Charges for services/sales	$ 2,020,829	$ 1,854,803	$ 7,158,983	$ 2,640,288	$ 13,674,903	$ 891,120
Cost of sales	-	-	-	(1,273,475)	(1,273,475)	-
Service income	12,786	25,361	162,251	6,636	207,034	-
Other income	17,722	10,881	119,041	10,825	158,469	195,885
Total Operating Revenues	2,051,337	1,891,045	7,440,275	1,384,274	12,766,931	1,087,005
Operating Expenses						
Personal services	305,745	476,710	365,719	368,660	1,516,834	393,065
Supplies	113,596	79,563	528,994	90,782	812,935	63,333
Other services and charges	514,321	319,950	1,716,734	362,350	2,913,355	401,029
Power purchased/delivered	-	-	3,693,403	-	3,693,403	-
Depreciation	407,585	387,290	978,700	163,167	1,936,742	30,020
(Negative) pension expense	5,325	1,101	(58,603)	(2,883)	(55,060)	(29,074)
Total Operating Expenses	1,346,572	1,264,614	7,224,947	982,076	10,818,209	858,373
Operating Income (Loss)	704,765	626,431	215,328	402,198	1,948,722	228,632
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)						
Property taxes	-	25	-	-	25	-
Investment income (loss)	(24,039)	(15,338)	(89,389)	(18,485)	(147,251)	(14,364)
Refunds and reimbursements	-	-	326,922	-	326,922	-
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	12,148	13,648	37,647	-	63,443	-
Interest and other costs	(40,487)	(245,705)	(155,751)	(1)	(441,944)	-
Interest on customer deposits	(2)	(2)	(97)	-	(101)	-
Amortization revenue (expense)	44,786	7,776	7,427	-	59,989	-
Bond issuance costs	(9,429)	(9,579)	-	-	(19,008)	-
Contributions to component unit	(40,000)	(65,000)	(240,000)	(30,000)	(375,000)	-
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(57,023)	(314,175)	(113,241)	(48,486)	(532,925)	(14,364)
Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions and Transfers	647,742	312,256	102,087	353,712	1,415,797	214,268
Transfers Out	(85,000)	(115,000)	(890,000)	(240,000)	(1,330,000)	(100,000)
Change in Net Position	562,742	197,256	(787,913)	113,712	85,797	114,268
Net Position, January 1	7,162,465	13,680,263	15,643,871	3,775,371	40,261,970	1,011,054
Net Position, December 31	$ 7,725,207	$ 13,877,519	$ 14,855,958	$ 3,889,083	$ 40,347,767	$ 1,125,322
			Changes in Net Position as Shown Above		$ 85,797	
			Adjustment to Reflect the Consolidation of Internal Service Fund Activities Related to Enterprise Funds		45,819	
			Changes in Net Position and Business-type Activities		$ 131,616	

Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	**602** Sewer	**604** Electric	Other Proprietary Funds	Total	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities						
Cash receipts from customers	$ 2,005,089	$ 1,853,879	$ 7,362,584	$ 2,643,929	$ 13,865,481	$ 911,902
Cash paid to suppliers	(629,059)	(405,258)	(5,602,800)	(1,800,977)	(8,438,094)	(446,851)
Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	(293,227)	(456,411)	(492,995)	(393,380)	(1,636,013)	(409,305)
Other receipts	17,428	10,424	118,764	10,445	157,061	195,479
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	1,100,231	1,002,634	1,385,553	460,017	3,948,435	251,225

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Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities						
Transfers to other funds	(85,000)	(115,000)	(890,000)	(240,000)	(1,330,000)	(100,000)
Payment to component unit	(40,000)	(65,000)	(240,000)	(30,000)	(375,000)	-
Loans made	-	-	(550,000)	-	(550,000)	-
Loan payments received	2,725	4,567	3,469	5,869	16,630	-
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	-	-	(30,000)	-	(30,000)	6,357
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	-	120,692	-	-	120,692	-
Federal aids received	-	247,291	-	-	247,291	-
Refunds and reimbursements	-	-	326,922	-	326,922	-
Property taxes received	-	98	-	-	98	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	(122,275)	192,648	(1,379,609)	(264,131)	(1,573,367)	(93,643)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities						
Proceeds from bonds issued	557,139	566,019	-	-	1,123,158	-
Acquisition of capital assets	(233,135)	(2,662,865)	(979,979)	(241,308)	(4,117,287)	-
Payment from developers	-	650,000	-	-	650,000	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	12,148	13,648	37,647	-	63,443	-
Principal paid on long-term borrowings	(2,820,250)	(1,479,750)	(190,000)	-	(4,490,000)	-
Interest and fiscal charges paid on long-term borrowings	(71,647)	(249,110)	(164,083)	-	(484,840)	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(2,555,745)	(3,162,058)	(1,296,415)	(241,308)	(7,255,526)	-
Cash Flows from Investing Activities						
Interest received	(22,190)	(4,386)	(82,185)	(17,395)	(126,156)	(13,212)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,599,979)	(1,971,162)	(1,372,656)	(62,817)	(5,006,614)	144,370
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1	4,218,568	2,927,357	8,479,189	1,761,086	17,386,200	1,419,110
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31	$ 2,618,589	$ 956,195	$ 7,106,533	$ 1,698,269	$ 12,379,586	$ 1,563,480
Cash and Cash Equivalents are Comprised of						
Cash and temporary investments	$ 2,310,071	$ -	$ 6,876,787	$ 1,691,604	$ 10,878,462	$ 1,563,480
Restricted assets						
Cash and temporary investments	308,518	956,195	229,746	6,665	1,501,124	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 2,618,589	$ 956,195	$ 7,106,533	$ 1,698,269	$ 12,379,586	$ 1,563,480
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities						
Operating income (loss)	$ 704,765	$ 626,431	$ 215,328	$ 402,198	$ 1,948,722	$ 228,632
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities						
Depreciation	407,585	387,290	978,700	163,167	1,936,742	30,020
Interest paid on customer deposits	(2)	(2)	(97)	(1)	(102)	-
(Increase) decrease in assets						
Accounts receivable	(28,762)	(26,288)	49,084	(3,870)	(9,836)	3,681
Special assessments receivable	1,466	1,067	-	1,039	3,572	-
Inventories	7,143	7,143	164,480	(87,625)	91,141	-
Prepaid items	-	-	353	-	353	(6,083)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources						
Deferred pension resources	(72,166)	(111,493)	(60,138)	(92,310)	(336,107)	(95,282)
Deferred other postemployment benefit resources	(471)	(676)	(338)	(365)	(1,850)	(515)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities						
Accounts payable	(3,889)	(11,785)	114,431	9,648	108,405	(5,480)
Due to other governments	931	-	(1,439)	725	217	-
Wages and related benefits payable	1,664	1,842	364	1,016	4,886	1,612
Deposits payable	(1,230)	(1,064)	(7,734)	(164)	(10,192)	-
Compensated absences payable	4,259	15,747	(67,144)	(23,255)	(70,393)	27,351
Other postemployment benefits liability	1,741	2,285	(1,555)	767	3,238	1,487
Net pension liability	(25,656)	(47,617)	(91,978)	(43,675)	(208,926)	(74,307)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources						
Deferred pension resources	102,853	159,754	93,236	132,722	488,565	140,109
Total Adjustments	395,466	376,203	1,170,225	57,819	1,999,713	22,593
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	$ 1,100,231	$ 1,002,634	$ 1,385,553	$ 460,017	$ 3,948,435	$ 251,225
Schedule of Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities						
Book value of disposed/traded of capital assets	$ 9,650	$ 9,650	$ 61,136	$ -	$ 80,436	$ -
Capital assets acquired on account	$ -	$ -	$ 307,758	$ -	$ 307,758	$ -
Amortization of bond (premium) discount	$ (44,786)	$ (7,776)	$ (7,426)	$ -	$ (59,988)	$ -

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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ISD #2184 School Board meets May 26

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on May 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, Jeff Stratton, and David Wrigg. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Tyler Reisch, Griffin Jarchow, Averill Sehr, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Elementary School Counselor, reviewed the programs and lessons she taught this past school year. She also reviewed her goals.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Baustian, to approve the April 28, 2022, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the following donations:

Sanford Health	$250.00 for the Robotics Team
Hardwick American Legion	$3,056.00 for flag pole for East side of school (Cardinal Flag)
Hardwick American Legion	$2,746.95 for athletic equipment (volleyball nets)
Hardwick American Legion	$1,475.00 for picnic tables for the East side of school

Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the district bills with the School Board. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to approve payment of the District and Student Activity Fund bills as presented in the amount of $353,334.05 with payroll in the amount of $1,024,064.66 for a grand total of $1,377,398.71. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to receive the student activity report showing the balances as of April 30, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Elementary Principal Stacy Gillette reviewed the 2022-2023 Local Literacy Plan for grades K-3. Motion by Bosch, second by Wrigg, to approve the plan as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to set the date for fuel quotations to be received as July 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. We are required by law to post the request for quotations for at least 30 days. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Bosch, to approve an additional summer contract for Traci Davis for Elementary reading and math program for 32 hours. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Sehr, to approve Student Assurance Services for the 2022-2023 student accident insurance. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Baustian, to approve the 2022-2023 School Board meeting schedule as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to approve the following summer curriculum work:

Elementary reading curriculum - 20 teachers - 6 hours @ $25/hour
Elementary math curriculum - 20 teachers - 4 hours @ $25/hour
Junior Kindergarten curriculum - 1 teacher - 30 hours @ $25/hour

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the Triennial Assessment and Review of Policy 533 - Wellness Policy as submitted by the Policy Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to accept the resignation of Eric Arnold as MS Technology Teacher and Assistant Girls Tennis coach effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Dana Hoogendoorn as Community Education Administrative Assistant effective June 13, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to approve the hiring of Cade Wenninger as C-squad baseball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Joe Stearns as Assistant Speech coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Baustian, to approve the hiring of Sandee (Sam) Goldsmith as Social Studies teacher for a salary of $64,477.00 beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Lindsey Schomacker as Special Education teacher for a salary of $55,042.00 beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Traci Davis as Special Education teacher for a salary of $43,727.00 beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Samantha Steensma as Paraprofessional and MS Volleyball Coach effective May 27, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Janine Debates as Custodian beginning June 6, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The Policy Committee met to review the Wellness Policy and also the Advertising Policy. The Personnel Committee met with the Custodial team for negotiation of a new contract. They will meet again in June.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: May 26, 2022

RevaSehr,Clerk

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GARAGE SALES

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- Be able to lead a team to a common goal for a common purpose

Benefits:
- Medical, Dental and Vision insurance
- Pension plan with employer match
- Generous Paid Time Off

The major area of responsibility of the Director of Nursing is to direct day-to-day nursing functions of the facility in accordance with current federal, state, and local standards, guidelines, and regulations to assure that the residents of the Tuff Memorial Home receive a high degree of quality care.

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The University of Minnesota Extension is looking for qualified individuals to fill part-time, temporary positions as surveyors at State of Minnesota Beaver Creek Welcome Center:
- June - early August: Temporarily located at Adrian Rest Area Eastbound
- Early August - October: Valley Springs (SD)

Job Information:
Surveying: You will ask visitors to complete a short survey using a tablet.
Counting: You will observe interactions of on-site travel counselors have with visitors.
- Work will begin as soon as possible and end by October 31, 2022
- Data collection will take place mornings and afternoons, weekends and weekdays, holidays and non-holidays (flexible schedule)
- Scheduling will be; average 6 -9 hours/week; each shift 3 hours
- Extension will provide paid training, a tablet for surveying, and a people counter for counting

Qualifications:
- Available to work weekends and holidays (4th of July, Labor Day)
- At least one year of customer-facing work experience OR a combination of post high school education and related work experience
- Must have a dependable car, valid Driver's License, and proof of current auto insurance
- Must have a mobile phone AND email
- Must be able to submit proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit a completed religious/medical exemption and agree to comply with the University's testing requirement.

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- Paid Training
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