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Financial woes force Tuff Village assisted living to close

By Lori Sorenson

The Tuff Memorial Home Board last week made the difficult decision this month to close the failing Tuff Village assisted living facility in Hills.

"We've tried everything," said board chair Greg Spath. "People have asked what they can do, but it comes down to staffing."

In order to formally close the facility, the Village administration has applied to the state, and the process could take several weeks.

How did we get to this point?

Meanwhile, the Tuff Home Board is assessing how it got to this point when just three years ago the 18 assisted living residential units had a waiting list of 40 people.

Today there are just nine occupied units — not enough to cover the salaries of skilled staff required for assisted living licensure.

With tighter budgets, it's been harder to compete with rising wages, resulting in more resignations, resulting in even greater difficulty operating the facility.

Four months ago, one of two Village care providers left and a nurse announced an end-of-August departure.

After four months of advertising the first



Mavis Fodness photo/0825 tuff village apartments

The Tuff Village assisted living apartments in Hills have 18 units and only nine are currently leased, contributing to cash flow problems. Three years ago there was a waiting list of 40 people.

open position, there have been no qualified applicants for that position or two other full-time positions that are now open.

Tuff administrator Eli Ripley had been filling shifts where needed ... until Aug. 19, which

was his last day. Ripley declined to comment for the story, deferring to the board.

"It's difficult," Spath said. "I've been in

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Rock County terminates mental health agreement with SWMH

Counties work on new plan to use local counselors

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County will end a decades-old exclusive service agreement with Southwest Mental Health Center in Luverne at the end of the year.

Commissioners unanimously voted Aug. 16 to seek additional third-party counseling services after the agency requested \$500,000 more from Rock County to cover budget shortfalls.

"We can't afford a half million dollars," said Stan Williamson, who serves on the County Board's mental health committee with commissioner Greg Burger.

Southwest Mental Health Center Inc. is a private, non-profit agency, (an Avera affiliate) licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. It was established in 1959 by Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, Pipestone and Rock counties and now has office locations in each of those counties.

Burger, Williamson and representatives from the other four county boards met this summer with SWMH director Luke Comeau who proposed the five counties contribute a collective \$3 million to the agency's 2023 budget.

Rock County's portion of that would require an 8-percent levy increase for taxes payable in 2023, and Williamson said that is too much to ask of local taxpayers.

Together Rock and Pipestone counties already contribute just over \$400,000 annually to the mental health center for services.

The money goes through Southwest Health and Human Services, whose personnel refer the counties' eligible individuals and families for private counseling services through an agreement that's been in place since the mental health service began in 1959.

With Rock County's contract ending Dec. 31, commissioners and Health and Human Services will develop a network of local third-party counseling services.

These services will need to accept payment through state and federal medical assistance programs. Southwest Mental Health Services may be included in the network.

Per the agreement, Rock County should get back its initial investment in SWMH of about \$30,000. However, the organization has \$4 million in reserves, and it's unclear if member counties have rights to those funds.

Commissioners urged Comeau at a July 19 information session to consider using some of the mental health agency's reserves to bolster the 2023 budget instead of asking for more money from counties.

At the most recent mental health meeting attended by Burger and Williamson, agency officials agreed to use \$600,000

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DeBates is new Child Guide at Luverne Elementary School

By Jason Berghorst

Zoe DeBates recently began her new position as Child Guide at Luverne Elementary School.

"I'm really excited to be involved and helping the community in this new role," DeBates said.

The 2019 Luverne High School graduate replaced Lisa Dinger, who retired Aug. 1 after being in the position for 20 years.

DeBates, daughter of Mike and Sam De-



Bates of Luverne, graduated from the University of Minnesota, Morris, in May with a bachelor's degree in communications, media and rhetoric after only three years on campus.

"I was able to really

focus on academics and had a lot of opportunities (at UMM) that I wouldn't have had at a

larger university," she said. "I gained a lot of valuable experiences at Morris that I'm already using in this position."

As a community adviser at UMM for two years, DeBates designed programs to help students with a variety of problems.

Those experiences prepared her for her new role in Luverne.

"The primary role of the Child Guide is to

DeBates is new Child Guide/see page 3

Eighteen candidates file for five board seats

Contested races in Hills, Beaver Creek, Luverne and Vienna

By Lori Sorenson

Fifteen candidates have filed for four open seats on the Luverne School Board, and three more filed for one unexpired term.

Several of those threw their hats in the ring just before the 5 p.m. filing deadline Tuesday after the Star Herald went to press.

The four-year terms of Katie Baustian, Reva Sehr, Jodi Bosch and Eric Hartman for up for election, and only Hartman filed.

In addition, Michael DeBates, Heather Johnson, Jason Schear, Amber Lais, Matt Goembel, Amber Nath, Jacob Hartz, Austin Kurtz, Brett Hood, Zach Nolz, Randy Saker, Maggie Siebenahler, Josh Gangestad and Scott Wessels have filed for the three 4-year positions.

Three others filed for the two-year term vacated by Jeff Stratton when he resigned from the school board to become the school resource officer. Seeking election to that seat are Ryan DeBates, Maggie Vanderburg and Matthew Van Grootheest.

Baustian, who was first elected to the School Board in 2010, said she's not aware of a single major issue driving so many can-

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Mavis Fodness photo/0825 New Playground

New equipment at elementary playground

Minnesota-Wisconsin Playground of Golden Valley is installing new playground equipment on both the north and south sides of Luverne Elementary School. Students will have new basketball hoops (with help from the Luverne Basketball Association). A new cement pad was poured for the basketball area, removing the former play area from school's parking lot. New equipment also includes various climbing areas and places of interest, such as a sign language board, showing the alphabet using hand gestures. The same company will also install several pieces of playground equipment at the city pocket park behind the Luverne Post Office and another system near the beach shelter house at The Lake.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the township hall.

Pears ready at Prairie Ally

Harvest alert! Pears are ready for picking at the Prairie Ally food forest on N. Blue Mound Avenue. The flavor on this variety is best when there is a bit of red coloring and they are crunchy. All produce in the public food forest is free for the public to harvest from and enjoy. Bring a bag. Donations welcome at projectfoodforest.org

Airport pancake event is Aug. 27

The Luverne Municipal Airport will host fly-in or drive-in pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 27. The event will feature inflatables for kids, Skydive Adventures and aircraft and air ambulance on display. Pilots and classic car drivers and owners get free breakfast.

Back-to-school meal Aug. 31

A barbecue sandwich meal will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (or until gone) Wednesday, Aug. 31, at a food truck in the south elementary school parking lot during Luverne's back-to-school open house. The meal, open to the community, includes a barbecue sandwich, chips, cookie and water for \$5. Ben Franklin Lodge #114 is hosting the event to benefit Luverne Community Education and Summer Rec programs.

Lunch break at Plaza is Sept. 1

Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow Plaza Committee will host another Musical Lunch Break Concert at the new Plaza on Main Thursday, Sept. 1.

Wildflowers mobile coffee boutique will serve from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Ron and Jane Cote will provide music from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the plaza lot east of the History Center on East Main Street.

SAIL class starts Sept. 2

Another Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) will begin Friday, Sept. 2, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. The strength, balance and fitness program is offered at no cost through A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota.

The 24 classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 to 11 a.m. through Oct. 28. Sheila Stegenga is the volunteer class leader. For more information or to register, contact Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

'Out of the Darkness' walk takes place Sept. 10 at city park

Luverne will host the second annual "Out of the Darkness" suicide prevention walk on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Luverne City Park. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the walk will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

This event raises money for research to end and prevent suicide and to show community support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide or have struggled personally with suicide. To pre-register for the walk and to learn more, visit afsp.org/luverne

Optimist Club derby is Sept. 11

The Luverne Optimist Club Kids Fishing Derby will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Veterans Pond in Luverne for ages 15 and younger accompanied by an adult. There will be food and prizes. Contact Travis Pierce, 507-220-5191, or Stan Steensma, 507-227-0681.

Prairie Ally seeks workers

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.

#TellUsTuesday Results

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What Fall Sport are you most looking forward to watching?

Football	65%
Volleyball	16%
Tennis	3%
Cross Country	16%

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from the reserves, while still asking the counties to contribute \$3 million to the 2023 budget.

'A perfect storm' led to budget shortfall

Comeau outlined the organization's revenues and expenditures for the past 10 years and showed positive budget balances until 2017.

Revenues ranged from \$5.3 million in 2010 to a high of \$7.8 million in 2020. Expenses ranged from \$4.9 million in 2010 to a high of \$8 million in 2020.

"We could see a problem coming," said Comeau, who became executive director of the Luverne center in February 2020.

"My predecessor was trying to put some ideas together to lessen expenses against the agency. So even with that we were not keeping up where the agency should be — whether that was marketing, different expenses within the agency — we tried to throttle back as much as we could."

Expenses dropped to \$7 million in 2021 when revenue also fell to \$6.7 million.

Client numbers using the local mental health service also dropped.

As of June, the agency was serving 257 Rock County clients, and a total of 3,127 clients were served within the five counties.

Rock County's clients received (when combined with Pipestone County's 197 clients) 5,378 hours of service in 2021, down from 7,273 hours in 2020 and 8,745 hours in 2019.

Comeau said three things contributed to the agency's revenues lagging behind expenses.

In 2017 legislators reduced reimbursement



Lori Sorenson photo/0825 southwestern mental health

Southwestern Mental Health Center Inc. is a private, non-profit agency, (an Avera affiliate) licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. It was established in 1959 by Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, Pipestone and Rock counties and now has office locations in each of those counties. In recent years it moved into the former Lewis building

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— Greg Burger, Rock County Board

rates for medical assistance insurance, resulting in payments being less than actual billed expenses. Sixty-percent of the Luverne center's clients are on medical assistance.

Comeau also said the agency lost 30 employees due to what he said was "job burn-out" and to leave for other career opportunities within the Avera Behavioral Health Network, which Luverne became an affiliate in 1999.

Another reason for budget woes, Comeau said, is that attempts to receive coronavirus aid were unsuccessful due to the lack

of legislative action.

Considering Comeau's explanation for budget woes, Burger said, "In my perspective, it ended up being a perfect storm."

Use of reserves encouraged

For the future, the Luverne agency is looking to change its designation status with the state while increasing starting salaries to entice potential employees to work locally.

Comeau said he applied for a federal grant to transition the agency from a Rule 29-designated organization to a certified

community behavioral health clinic (CCBHS).

The new distinction would allow the local agency to receive higher medical insurance reimbursement rates. The grant awards occur this fall.

Rock County commissioners, at the July 19 meeting, encouraged Comeau to look at using the agency's reserves to move forward with the CCBHS designation and fill empty positions before asking counties for \$3 million in program money for 2023.

"You have that \$4 million fallback position to get to where you want to be and — when you get to a better revenue position — you may not need as much money to hold the budget together," Commissioner Burger said.

"The reserve was put away for a 'rainy day.' Well, it has been raining for a couple of years here."

Tuff Village assisted living apartments to close/from page 1

a lot of interesting discussions in the past few months, and the biggest thing we keep coming back to is, "How do we protect our staff and our residents?"

Facility needs to close, but how?

The income and expense sheet suggests the Village should cease operating, but Spath said it's not a matter of just closing the doors.

For example, there are tenants with current leases, and eight dedicated Tuff Village employees (full and part-time) relying on income.

"We want to make sure we take care of the staff and residents," said Spath, who's been on the Tuff Board for 11 years.

He resigned from the board earlier this summer but returned to his post three days later after Ripley announced his resignation.

"I've been an educator all my life," said Spath, who was the high school principal in Hills from 1973 to 1993. "As an administrator I have some experience with hiring and interviewing."

Also, he leads the Tuff Board from the heart — both of his parents, his

"People are living longer and choosing to stay in their homes longer. The Tuff Village used to be the farm system for the Tuff Home; people would live in assisted living until they moved into the nursing home. Now, some of the residents moving into assisted living are hardly settled in before they need nursing home care."

— Greg Spath, Tuff Home board

mother-in-law and an aunt were Tuff Home residents, and his children and grandchildren have worked there.

But he admits the problems facing Tuff Home Board seem bigger than he and the board are qualified to handle.

"We're just a bunch of John Q Publics," Spath said.

"We keep talking about what we can do to keep the staff at the Village and keep the Village open."

Quelling rumors

A special Tuff Board meeting on Aug. 15 gathered input from five Tuff Home department heads, who shared that the nursing home staff is helping to cover shifts at the Tuff Village, some of them working long stretches without days

off to provide services.

The board also heard about rumors that all three Tuff entities were closing — the nursing home, the assisted living and the three-plex apartments.

That, at least, isn't the case. Only the Village is affected.

The three-plexes (three, three-unit apartment buildings) are full and the Tuff Memorial Nursing Home is operating on track with 38 residents. (Capacity is 48, but it's not staffed for that many.)

But the Village, operating at only half capacity, is the one in trouble.

To bring in revenue, five of the assisted living units were recently opened to the public (some of them wind farm construction

workers) without the assisted living care options.

While this rental income helps, it doesn't address the heart of the problem: The Tuff Village carries an Assisted Living Home Care Providers License, which requires registered nurse supervision, 24-hour supervision of residents, three meals a day plus snacks, socialization programs and transportation.

All of which require paid staff, which the Village can't afford due to low occupancy and due to the tight labor market.

Statewide problem

The Tuff Village isn't alone in its struggles.

Almost 20 percent of assisted living providers — roughly 400 statewide — report that they may be forced to close or sell facilities due to "dire financial conditions."

That's according to a survey in April by the Long-Term Care Imperative, working in collaboration with LeadingAge Minnesota and Care Providers of Minnesota.

Altogether, nearly 30 percent of assisted living

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Fly-in returns Aug. 27 with airplane rides, pancakes, drive-in

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Municipal Airport will host a “fly-in or drive-in” pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 27.

In addition to inflatables for kids and Skydive Adventures demonstrations, there will be aircraft and an air ambulance on display.

Luverne City Administrator John Call said the airport hasn’t hosted a fly-in breakfast since 2019 when the event attracted a record 437 people.

“So we’re going to try to break 500 or 600 this year,” Call said at the Tuesday, Aug. 16, council meeting.

Airport Board Chairman Jim Juhl has arranged for the Young Eagles out of South Dakota to give airplane rides to children Saturday.

The Young Eagles is a program created by the U.S. Experimental Aircraft Association to give youth between the ages of 8 and 17 an opportunity to experience flight in a general aviation airplane while educating them about aviation.

The program is offered free of charge with costs covered by the volunteers.

Rides will be offered from 8 to 11 a.m., weather permitting, to children whose parents or legal guardian give signed approval.

“I know the kids really get excited about that,” Call said. “It’s going to be fun

to see and it’s going to be great to get back to our fly-in this year.”

Building improvements

The fly-in discussion was part of Tuesday’s city budget meeting when the council discussed the airport budget increase due to expenses of repairing the arrival and departure building after the 2020 fire.

Out of the \$1 million in damages, insurance funds covered roughly \$800,000, and the city covered expenses related to upgraded windows, wiring and other planned improvements.

The new building with its upgraded pilot’s lounge and office area, will be open to the public during Saturday’s event.

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 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 number last year.

Other airport projects include the recently installed fuel depot and construction of a 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.



Flexible seating grant covers white board tables, wobble chairs and standing desks in H-BC classroom

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members toured the elementary school in Beaver Creek and the secondary school in Hills prior to their Monday night board meeting. Pictured here, District Superintendent Todd Holthaus (center) explains new flexible seating

options in Renee Edmundson’s second-grade classroom where she used a \$24,000 flexible seating grant. Among the seating options were white board table tops, wobble chairs and standing desks. Pictured are (from left) board member Aryln Gehrke, superintendent Holthaus and board members Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack, Renee Knobloch and Tami Rauk.



Mavis Fodness photo/
0825 H-BC School Tour 2022

Federal, state funds approved for local disaster declarations

By Mavis Fodness

Two local utilities and three units of government will share in nearly \$4 million in disaster aid from May 31 and July 5 weather events in Rock County.

“It’s not a huge amount to the county but it is to the townships,” said Kyle Oldre, emergency management director.

Oldre received notification Tuesday that the State of Minnesota approved the preliminary assessment amount of \$84,350 in road damage from the July 5 weather event.

The state will reimburse 75 percent of the damage with the Rock County Highway Department, Magnolia and Springwater townships fronting 25 percent of the repair costs.

The excessive rain event in early July caused \$30,740 in damages to county roads and \$30,900 and \$22,710 to Magnolia and Springwater township

roads respectively.

Earlier this month, a federal declaration was approved for \$300,000 to repair overhead electric lines after the May 31 weather event.

Winds in excess of 100 miles per hour caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage to powerlines owned by the L&O Power Cooperative and \$200,000 to Sioux Valley Energy lines.

The federal disaster reimbursements to the electric cooperatives were approved Aug. 9 and included 22 other counties in southern Minnesota.

The cooperatives will be responsible for 25 percent of repair costs, and the federal government will pay 75 percent.

A separate May 12 weather event with winds up to 90 mph did not cause enough local damage to meet state or federal thresholds for disaster aid.

Increasing participation expands PEAC program at H-BC

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School District’s after-school enrichment program is expanding a year after the program began.

At their Monday night meeting, H-BC School Board members approved hiring an assistant to the Patriot Enrichment Afterschool Care.

The position will be paid \$16 per hour and will be open to high-school aged students to apply. The center operates from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The new assistant will join coordinator Tedra Voss.

Eleven kindergarten-through fifth-grade students

are currently enrolled, with more students expected prior to school starting Sept. 6.

With an assistant, the aftercare program can expand to 20 students.

The district’s personnel and finance committee met prior to the school board’s evening meeting.

“This is a program we wanted to expand,” said board member Harley Fransman. “Now is a good time to expand.”

Other personnel action

Board members also agreed with the committee’s recommendation to add an assistant volleyball coach for

one year to work with the 34 students involved in the activity.

Pay range is \$3,600 to \$4,282 depending on qualifications.

The board also: approved Samantha McGaffee for the newly created concessions manager position. The yearlong job will pay \$1,000.

hired Katie Angelo as special needs paraprofessional for the 2022-23 school year at \$16.10 per hour.

accepted resignations of Tyler Bush as assistant girls’ basketball coach and Mark Top as paraprofessional.

DeBates hired as new Child Guide in Luverne/from page 1

meet the needs of children and their families, both in school and in the community,” said Molly Carbonneau, who serves on the six-member board that coordinates the Child Guild program.

“Zoe has a real passion for children,” Carbonneau said. “She’s also able to look through a lens of students who may be at risk. That’s not easy to do if you haven’t been in those shoes.”

DeBates said the program, which is not funded or operated by the school district, connects students with a wide variety of people and programs in the community.

“Our goal is all about connections with caring adults and activities that help students succeed,” Carbonneau said.

DeBates said specific programs include Bookin’ Buddies, Kids in the Commons, and a homework club at school along with scholarships to programs outside of school in the community.

“We work to fill the gaps that kids and families have,” DeBates said. “It’s all about finding needs that students have and then meeting those needs.”

According to Carbonneau, a fourth-grade teacher at LES, she and other school staff often identify student needs and refer them to the Child Guide.

“We might see that a child needs socks or school supplies or maybe an alarm clock at home,” Carbonneau said. “We’ll let Zoe know and she’ll help fill that need, which helps the student succeed in the classroom.”

The Backpack Program that provides meals for students in need on weekends and during the summer is one of the primary programs that Child Guide partners with to help students and families.

“There has been a dramatic increase in utilization of the Backpack Program this summer,” DeBates said.

“And we know that school lunch will not be free this year like it was

the last two years. So, it will be more important than ever that our families in need fill out the paperwork for free or reduced lunches and also for the Backpack program.”

According to DeBates, volunteers are vital to all that the Child Guide program does.

“We are really excited to be able to welcome people back into the school for programs like Bookin’ Buddies this year,” DeBates said.

“There are a lot of opportunities for volunteers. I would love to

hear from anyone who would like to help or if I can be of help to them.”

DeBates can be reached via email at z.debates@isd2184.net

Dinger said she is excited about the transition and the future of the program that she led for two decades.

“I have loved working as the Child Guide and look forward to Zoe using her talents to grow the program,” Dinger said.

“The program works because our school and community are progressive and are always willing to help and support where needed.”

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

Register now for **Discovery Time Preschool** starting in September for your child ages 3-5. There are openings in all sections. Early Learning Scholarships may be available to those who qualify.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes for children ages 0-5 is a Community Education program for parents and their children from birth to kindergarten age. It offers information and support to parents and provides activities for parents and children to explore together through classes that meet once a week throughout the school year.

New residents: Census information is needed for preschool children. If you are new to the community, please call Community Education at 283-4724 with your family information for all children ages 0 up to kindergarten. If your child is 4 years old and has not been screened, please call 283-4724. The screening should be completed prior to kindergarten.

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Who knew a 'bucket list' item would involve ... a donkey?

Riding a donkey was not on my "bucket list."

But my recent experience of doing just

that was a topic of conversation days after the Celebrity Donkey Races during Rock County Fair last month.

I hope fair organizers bring the event back for 2023, for I have some unfinished business with a donkey named Amos.

You see, the little gray-and-white donkey developed a special bond with me.

Prior to the race, I cleaned dirt off his back and untangled his front foot from the lead rope as he stood with his other nine donkey "brothers" at the trailer.

I hoped my tender care would lead him to calmly trot around the race course without bucking, kicking and otherwise trying to dislodge me from his back.

Talks with the owner revealed that Amos was new to the racing string, and he was uncertain how the seemingly mild-mannered animal would act.

Leading Amos (whose racing name was "Simply Stupid") to the start line, I just prayed he would allow me on his back.

As it turns out, he did. And that was it.

I don't tell people I rode a donkey during that first heat of the Celebrity Donkey Race — I sat on one. Because as hard as I tried to get Amos moving around the track, he just stood, managing to walk only 20 feet from the start line.

I felt defeated.

During the second heat, I stood on the opposite side of the trailer to take pictures.

The position offered a great view of the start line where my son, Andrew, was riding lined up with the



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

others for the second heat. Andrew's mount was called "Earthquake."

Earthquake didn't disappoint.

I have pictures of Andrew mounted, then bucked off, dragged along the ground, remounted, then bucked off again, and finally mounted to win his heat.

During Andrew's race, I felt a familiar presence at my elbow — Amos had pulled away from his rider and stood calmly next to me as I took pictures. It appeared Amos wanted to watch the race, too.

After patting the little donkey and giving the lead rope back to the rider, I slapped Amos on the haunches and sent him back into the race. The encouragement must have worked, because in subsequent races Amos brought his riders to the finish line in second and fourth places.

I saw pictures of Amos the week following the Rock County Fair. He was at the fair in Pipestone and he looked like he could be ridden by a rider. I hope I had a hand in "breaking" him for racing.

He certainly made me a celebrity to my family and in the neighborhood for actually riding (sitting on) a donkey.

Thanks, Amos, for living up to your racing name, "Simply Stupid," and for not leaving me with aches and pains as your brother "Earthquake" and the other more spirited donkeys did to my son and the other riders.

Riding a donkey was not on my Bucket List, but the experience was one that left me with bragging rights for the chance to be in the race.

There's never been a better time to join the team leading Luverne School District

Voters have unprecedented opportunity to choose school leaders

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Eighteen candidates seeking election to five open seats on the Luverne School Board is a testament to the spirit of local leadership and interest in the future of the district and its students.

With this many candidates on the ballot, the heightened interest in voting will also shine a spotlight on the quality of education in our district.

Luverne boasts a talented staff that rivals any in the state and has better staff retention than most districts in the region.

As such, students have significant opportunities in early post-secondary learning with dozens of college credits and AP courses. And Luverne's Dollars for Scholars chapter is the most generous in the nation, granting thousands of dollars to LHS seniors each year.

These are all reasons families choose to move into the district and make Rock County their home, which further strengthens the local economy and community vibrancy.

From a leadership perspective, there's never been a better time to serve on the Luverne School Board.

The new construction and remodeling is completed with a solid payment plan in place to cover the debt. We've had amicable contract negotiations and our current superintendent Craig Oftedahl is a proven leader who thrives on accomplishing goals for the district and its families.

Ask anyone on the current Luverne School Board, including the three board members not seeking re-election, and they'll tell you there's never been a better time to lead the district.

Maybe that's why we have 18 candidates who want the job.

We don't know what each of their personal motivations are, but we believe they want what's best

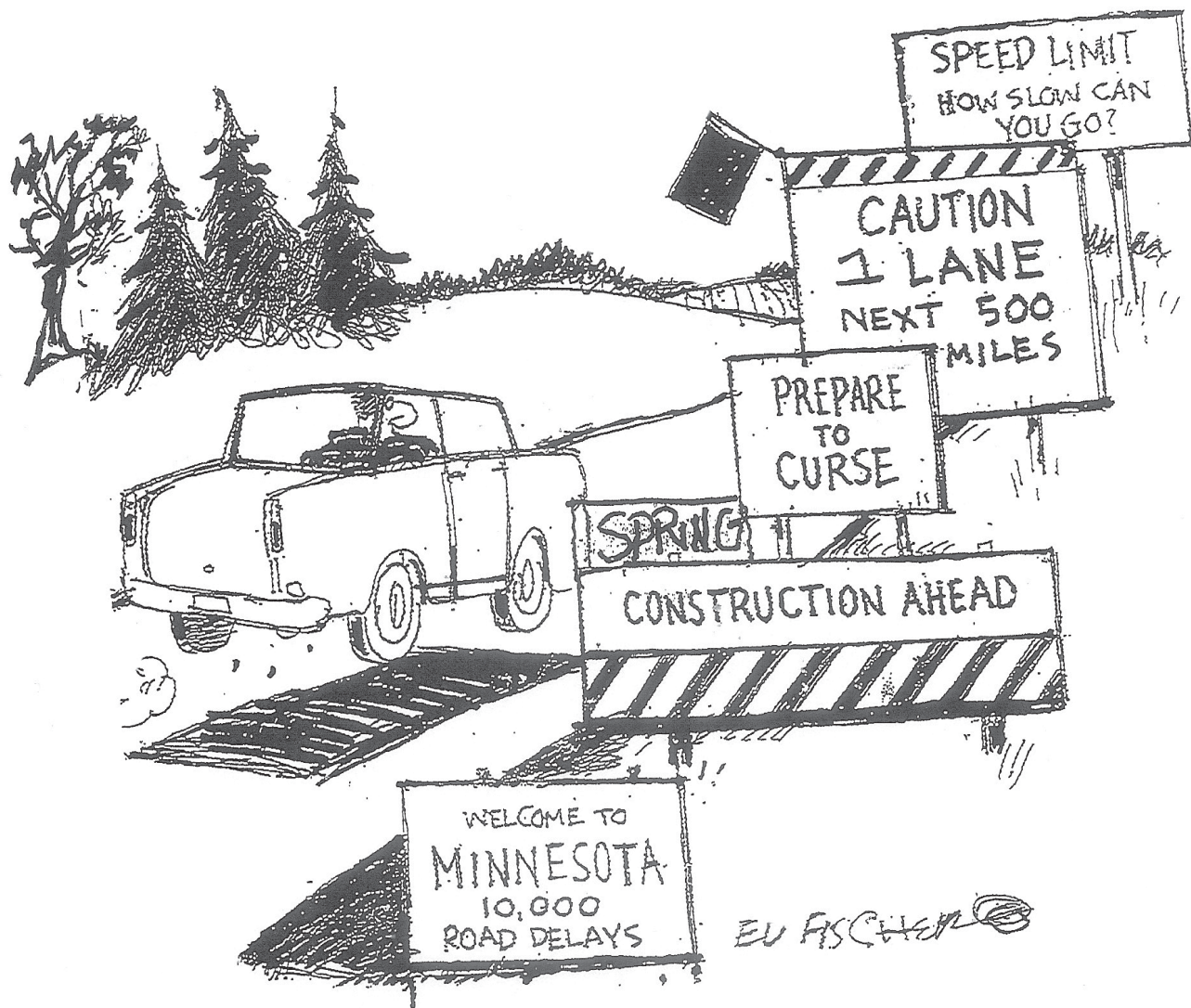
for the students.

After completing their Minnesota School Boards Association training for new school board members, they'll learn their job is about policies that affect the district as a whole.

Armed with perspective, veteran board members say that their personal reasons for seeking election become a smaller focus in their overall school board work for the greater good of the district.

We look forward to robust dialogue among the 18 candidates and the voters this fall as we move toward Election Day on Nov. 8.

This is a great moment in history to be a student, a leader, a candidate, a voter and a resident in the Luverne School District. We are truly blessed.



Back to school signals favorite time of year is coming

Mary and I have grandkids who live in three different states — Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa.

As you are probably well aware, it's back-to-school shopping season.

The parents of our grandkids are in various stages of their back-to-school shopping, depending on when their school starts. It's fair to say all are nearing the panic stage of the back-to-school shopping season.

Simply put, I am glad it's them and not me.

The ages of our grandkids range from the youngest who is starting kindergarten to the oldest who is headed off to his first year of college.

The parents of the youngest are quick to point out the expense



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

of back-to-school shopping for the kindergartner is more than offset by saving day care expenses.

Parents of the college-bound student are happy the home food budget may stretch a little farther, but the college tuition is a budget buster.

All in all, the parents know

even with the stress of back-to-school shopping, that will mostly be offset by the peace and quiet the start of school brings, if only for a short time.

For me, back-to-school means fall sports and hunting season are just around the corner, and this is my favorite time of the year.

Kraayenhof: 'I am running for Hills City Council'

Letter to the Editor:

I see in the latest Star Herald that the only people running for the Hills city council positions are the two up for reelection.

I filed on the first day that you could file to get your name on the ballot, and it's my understanding that two others filed as well. Why were they or myself not listed? Do they not want people to know

that there are others interested in getting on the city council?

I am Brian Kraayenhof, and I am running for Hills City Council.

Brian Kraayenhof,
Hills

Editor's note: The Star Herald published candidate filing information that was available on the Secretary of State website as of noon on press day.

Ehlers: '...liked the glass blowing.'

To the Editor:

I really liked the glass blowing. I hope they come back next year to the Rock County Fair.

Anna Ehlers, Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 12

- Complainant on 111th Street and Rock River Drive reported a person sleeping on the bike path.
- Complainant in Primghar reported a stolen vehicle.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported road blockage due to train car switching.

- Theft was reported at location on W. Main Street.

- Complainant on E. Main Street reported car vs. pedestrian accident.

- Complainant in Rock County reported an ARMER radio outage.

- Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported found ammunition.

- Complainant on Main Street, Sturgis, South Dakota, reported a found wallet.

- Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported an event selling alcohol.

- Complainant on Main Street and Kniss Avenue reported reckless driving.

- Complainant in Manley reported an intoxicated driver.

Aug. 13

- Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported tires thrown in back of his pickup.

- Complainant on 101st Street, Beaver Creek, reported trespassing.

- Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported domestic assault.

- Complainant on Oak Drive reported a resident upsetting tenants.

- Complainant reported a runaway at location on E. Lincoln Street.

- Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a stolen dirt bike.

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a man behaving suspiciously on side of road.

- Complainant on County Highway 4, Luverne, reported a runaway juvenile.

- Complainant on Edgehill Street reported a runaway juvenile.

Aug. 14

- Complainant on N. Donaldson Street reported a vehicle speeding.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a large fuel spill.

- Complainant on Highway 75, mile marker 6, Luverne, reported a pedestrian walking along-side road.

Aug. 15

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a crosswalk light outage.

- Complainant on W. Veterans Drive reported a client runaway.

- Complainant on W. Main Street, Magnolia, reported a gunshot wound.

- Complainant on 200th Avenue, Luverne, reported a vehicle parked in cornfield.

Aug. 16

- Complainant reported a possible identity theft.

- Complainant on 150th Avenue, Luverne reported vandalism/attempted break-in.

- Complainant on E.

Main Street reported a biking accident.

- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

- Deputy on County Road 4, Luverne, assisted a motorist.

Aug. 17

- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90 on Magnolia exit, reported a possible camper fire.

- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90 on Magnolia exit, requested deputy assistance with vehicle search.

- Complainant on W. Gabrielson reported a large amount of trash dumped on property.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an abandoned vehicle at location for a month.

- Complainant on E. Main Street reported illegal trash dump.

- Complainant on Oakley and Barck reported a squad car damaged in a hit and run at location.

- Complainant on N. Estey Street and W. Dodge Street reported a parking complaint.

- Complainant on 90th Avenue, Luverne, reported a controlled fire.

- Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported theft.

Aug. 18

- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90 from Adrian, reported a vehicle swerving at location.

- Complainant on County Road 4, Magnolia, reported vehicle speeding at location.

- Report that fender had fallen off semitrailer, blocking traffic at location on County Road 6 and County Road 4, Beaver Creek.

- Complainant on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported possibly intoxicated driver at location.

- Complainant on N. Cedar reported vehicle doing burnouts at location.

- Complainant on Bishop Street requested to speak with deputy.

- Complainant on S. Josephine Avenue, Hills, reported vehicle vandalized at location.

- Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported a vehicle speeding at location.

- Complainant in Hardwick requested extra patrol for speeding vehicles at location.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 3 transports, 3 escorts, 17 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 9 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 1 background check, 2 driver's license checks, 4 gas drive-offs, 7 drug court tests, 1 purchase and carry permit, 3 stalled vehicles, 11 traffic stops, 14 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 5 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 2 OFPs, 2 curfew checks and 6 follow-ups.

Fareway construction progresses at former W-2 Quality Meats building

By Lori Sorenson

Fareway Stores Inc. is remodeling the former W-2's Quality Meats store at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 75 in Luverne to open a meat market this fall.

According to company project manager Mark DeYoung, the store may be ready to open in mid-September. "We're very excited about what this market will do in Luverne," he said.

In the company's first venture of this kind in Minnesota, Luverne's Fareway Meat Market will be a full-service butcher shop that will also offer ancillary grocery items.

"It's Fareway 'Meat and Grocery,' not Fareway 'Grocery and Meat,'" Fareway real estate director Koby Pritchard said when plans were announced in May. "It's the backbone of what we do."

He said the company was looking for a community to test this kind of market.

"With W-2 meats having already been here, a group of people from Fareway came and looked at Luverne, and we were all just blown away by the community," he said.

"It's just a wonderful town of 5,000 people that is growing, but still has that small-town feel. It has a great downtown and it checked all the boxes of a community we look for. It's phenomenal."

Fareway will lease the building from Luverne Properties for at least two years with the option to purchase it if all goes well.

The company is investing \$69,000 in renovating the façade of the building, and the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved a \$21,000 grant to



Lori Sorenson photo/0825 fareway meat construction

Fareway is investing \$69,000 in renovating the façade of the building, and the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved a \$21,000 grant to support it. The scope of work includes new siding and paint, new signage, LED lighting on the south and west, blackout glass and a new door. A 10-by-14-foot walk-in cooler will be added on the north side.

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The scope of work includes new siding and paint, new signage, LED lighting on the south and west, blackout glass and a new door.

A 10-by-14-foot walk-in cooler will be added on the north side, and excavation work around the exterior includes a "grease interceptor," to catch solids from butcher shop cleanup.

Part of a larger plan

Pritchard told the LEDA board that the meat market is only part of the company's long-range plans in Luverne.

"What we're talking about today is a very small portion of the project in general because our investment will be a lot bigger than the \$69,000 in just requesting the façade grant," Pritchard said in May.

"We're looking to make sure we have a chance to re-develop and build new if we want. The beauty of that is if we're operating well out of this footprint and we decide we want to put our standard meat market in Luverne, then the doors never close, which is a really big deal, too, for us."

The 2,300-square-foot building is smaller than Fareway's typical meat market, and the only one of its kind in Minnesota.

"As our meat market concept has grown, we have a few different versions and types of markets, and we felt this concept fit Luverne," Pritchard said.

If the business goes well with the small meat market, the company has an option to acquire property across the intersection to build a stand-alone meat market store.

The city owns three parcels on the corner of Main and Highway 75 (102 S. Kniss Ave., formerly known as Remmedez, 108 S. Kniss Ave. and 309 W. Main St.).

The city signed an option and right of first refusal with Fareway to purchase the property for \$125,000. The option gives Fareway the exclusive right to purchase the property until January 1, 2024.

If the option is not exercised by then, Fareway still has a right of first refusal to purchase the property by Jan. 1, 2025, in the event that the city has a legitimate offer from a third party.

If Fareway purchases the property, a development agreement would stipulate that the property be developed within two years of acquisition.

Tuff Village apartments to close/continued from page 2

respondents said they reduced capacity to maintain financial solvency, while increasing wages by 10 to 15 percent in the past two years despite a lack of permanent funding.

In many cases, reserves were used to cover those and other cost increases.

More than 23,000 positions in Minnesota long term care positions are unfilled, and almost a third of assisted living providers reported that they were limiting census due to limited staffing.

Senior organizations pressed for legislative support for providers, first by adjusting the state Medicaid rates to support competitive wages, and it appeared a bipartisan bill was on its way to address staffing issues.

However, the session ended with no action on the matter, and care options for seniors continue to dwindle.

"I'm not very happy with our legislator in the House," Spath said about Rep. Joe Schomacker, R-Luverne.

"When he was campaigning, he promised he'd work for our seniors, and so far, he's done nothing."

When asked what Schomacker should do, Spath said, "Work across the aisle and figure out how to solve these problems."

How did we get to this point?

The Tuff Village Assisted Living center was built in 2001 with help from local donations, and until three years ago, it operated at capacity with waiting lists.

The apartments first opened with eight one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units. Later, in response to demand, seven more units opened in the lower level, bringing the total number of apartments to 19.

Since then, one unit was converted to a conference room, bringing the capacity to 18 units.

A Hills Crescent story about the Nov. 17, 2001, dedication read, "Besides beautiful surroundings,

Tuff Village offers residents Bible study, crafts, puzzles, card games, musical programs and outings, usually to Luverne, once a week for shopping."

The assisted living apartments were attractive for those who no longer wanted to or were able to maintain their own homes, those needing support services and those who wanted companionship and fellowship for meals and daily activities.

In recent years, however, as more home care options have become available, the demand for assisted senior housing has steadily declined.

"People are living longer and choosing to stay in their homes longer," Spath said.

"The Tuff Village used to be the farm system for the Tuff Home; people would live in assisted living until they moved into the nursing home. Now, some of

the residents moving into assisted living are hardly settled in before they need nursing home care."

Then Covid 19 exacerbated the trend. "We lost 10 residents in one month," Spath said. "Seven were due to Covid."

The pandemic brought into sharp focus exactly what options existed for seniors to age in their homes. In addition to expanded home care services, families stepped up.

"Kids are getting more involved with their parents' care," Spath said. "There is a tremendous change in what's happening in the care of our elderly. ... People are building homes with extra rooms for their parents."

While there's no way to reverse trends, Tuff Board members will continue to seek options for the Village in a way that protects residents and staff. "That's our main concern," he said.



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Mavis Fodness photo/0825 Prayer Breakfast Trenton Bass

The annual Rock the Edge prayer breakfast featured Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduates (from left) Luke LaRock, Easton Harnack and Trenton Bass. Moderator Dan LaRock (far right) asked the young men questions about how faith in God helped each of them after Bass was paralyzed in a 2017 football game.

Bass encourages youth at annual prayer breakfast to grow in faith

By Mavis Fodness

Trenton Bass broke his neck in a 2017 high school football game, leaving him a quadriplegic, but the 2018 Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduate said he's mentally stronger today than he was before the injury.

The 22-year-old said he focuses mental energies to inspire others to move forward with their lives as he has done.

Bass, along with friends Luke LaRock and Easton Harnack, spoke with 275 students and adults at the annual Rock the Edge prayer breakfast at Luverne High School. Forty student athletes from H-BC were among those attending the event.

Dan LaRock, Luke's father, also of Hills, who facilitated the event, directed the three young men to share their faith journeys since Bass' injury five years ago.

Their message — take life one day at a time and live with faith in God — has led them to happier and more productive lives, they said.

Luke LaRock said the weeks after Bass' injury had the most impact on his faith.

'I was blessed to have a positive attitude through all of this and God really spoke to me — that is not the case for a lot of people.'

— Trenton Bass, reflecting on the five years since his football injury

"Trenton was on my mind a lot, especially when he flew out to Craig (a rehabilitation hospital in Englewood, Colorado)," said LaRock, who was a junior in 2017.

"I was just trying to imagine myself going into my senior year of high school and instead going to Colorado for three months to learn 'to do my life.' I just remember that

I was so proud of him."

Both LaRock and Harnack visited Bass in the hospital, even making a trip to Colorado.

Harnack's faith grew as he watched his friend take the small steps to relearn how to eat, brush his teeth and dress himself, which progressed to Bass returning to high school in the spring of 2018 and receiving his high school diploma with his classmates.

"His mindset from Day 1 has been, day by day, to have a good day that day, because tomorrow will take care of itself," Harnack said.

"You're not going to have a great day every day. There are times when life is going to get tough."

Bass said during the last five years it was easy to get frustrated at the small things he couldn't do, like pick a pizza box up off the floor. Instead, he thinks more positively, especially for the little things.

"I was blessed to have a positive attitude through all of this and God really spoke to me — that is not the case for a lot of people," he said. "I

Bass, continued on page 7

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Jake and Marilyn Aning will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a party from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at The Lake in Luverne. They request no gifts.

Papik Motors is hosting a retirement celebration for **Marv Gonnerman** from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, to thank him for his many years of service.

Card showers

Karen Miller celebrated her 75th birthday on Monday, Aug. 22. Greetings may be sent to her at 1156 Rowe Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Karen Huisman will celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 27. Greetings may be sent to her at 1609 Blue Ridge Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Aug. 29:

Cubed turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll with margarine, warm fruit crisp.

Tuesday, Aug. 30: Tater tot casserole, green beans, warm peaches, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Christian Reformed Church.

Wednesday, Aug. 31: Ham pasta salad, creamy cucumbers, cantaloupe, dessert.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, Italian blend, dessert.

Friday, Sept. 2: Seasonal baked fish, rice pilaf, Oriental blend, warm apple slices.

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.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Schacht named news reporter of year

Spencer Schacht, a 2015 Luverne High School graduate, recently earned two awards through the New Mexico Broadcasters Association.

He won best breaking news coverage for his report about a group of people stranded overnight on the Sandia Peak tram on New Year's Eve. Schacht was also named the 2021 New Mexico News Reporter of the Year.

The association's annual Excellence in Broadcasting recognizes outstanding achievements during 2021.

Winning entries dem-

onstrate the exceptional, wide-ranging news coverage and public information, as well as entertaining content, creative production and new programming ideas for a fluid audience.

Schacht works Hubbard Broadcasting's KOB-TV Channel 4 in Albuquerque. He has been at the station since July 2021. Previously he worked as a reporter with KTMF Channel 23 in Missoula, Montana.

The St. Cloud State University graduate is the son of Mike and Heidi Schacht, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

1943: Story continues for David Payne, Pioneer Club member and Luverne president

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 David E. Payne, one of Luverne's pioneer presidents. The article appeared in the April 15, 1943, edition of The Rock County Star Herald.

While in North Dakota,



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

he (David Payne) helped break the prairie with oxen. He would leave them on the field and would haul water to them with a team. Many a time, he said, he would arrive

there in the morning to see antelope drinking out of the watering tank.

In 1890, he landed in Adrian. He had friends from Wisconsin living in that com-

munity, so he decided he'd pay them a visit. He liked the country and obtained work, so he stayed. About 1903, he began farming for himself in Magnolia township on section 11. Later he farmed in sections 12, one and two, in Magnolia township and moved to the north half of section 36 in Vienna township, where he lived for five years. He farmed also in Springwater township one year on what was known as the Crawford place, but

at that time, there were no roads, and being so far from town, he moved back to the Luverne community.

He sold out shortly after the last war, and he put his profits in a "good safe place like a bank." That, he states, was one of the most foolish things he ever did in his life, because he lost it well soon after.

He continued to farm around Luverne until five years ago when he was going to help a neighbor cut

some wood. He took his rifle with him, and it accidentally discharged, the shot going through his right hand. Since then, he has been unable to use his hand but little.

He moved to Luverne, and built himself a small home on a lot on W. Lincoln street and still lives there. He raises a garden but otherwise does not do a great deal of work "because of doctor's orders."

"I claim work never hurt

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

The Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne hosted its third annual classic car show Thursday, Aug. 16.

The event, organized by Luverne's Keith Schmuck, attracted 22 vehicles and dozens of visitors.

According to Shirley Connor in MVH activities, the event included root beer floats served from a keg of 1919 root beer. "Our residents and families love the car show," she said.

"Lots of memories are revisited. ... People are talking about their first cars. ... Many residents learned how to drive on a Model A similar to the one Dick Herman had here." She thanked Schmuck for his efforts and said another car show is planned for next year.

25 years ago (1997)

Baseball fan Dave Smith and BMX supporter Ken Petersen tried to explain to City Council members Monday how baseball and BMX racing could co-exist in the same area. ...

With the construction of the new elementary school, the

high school baseball diamonds have been eliminated. Baseball fans are eyeing a softball field located near the BMX track. But if it's redeveloped into a baseball diamond, the BMX track will need to either be rerouted closer to the river or relocated to another site.

Smith said he and former high school coach Mark Lundgren had roughed out a possible diamond near the BMX track.

50 years ago (1972)

A Country Kitchen restaurant is scheduled to be built in Luverne, according to an announcement received from Country Kitchen International, Inc., Minneapolis based restaurant chain. It is one of two slated for construction along I-90 in Minnesota, but no date for beginning of construction was announced.

75 years ago (1947)

Rock county's rural schools will open on September 2, County Superintendent Barrett announced this week.

Indications are that 29 rural schools will be closed and transporting, and this figure may increase as there are still three rural districts which do not have teachers.

District No. 44, closed last year, has voted to re-open this year if a teacher can be obtained.

100 years ago (1922)

Rock county's 14th annual county fair will open two weeks from next Tuesday, and continue for four days. According to present expectations it will be at least a little the most creditable showing of Rock county products ever made in the history of the county.

This expectation is based on the interest being shown by prospective exhibitors and those who desire display space in the buildings and on the grounds, and the high character of the entertainment features to be provided.

The exhibits of live stock and poultry, and especially that of cattle and hogs, will be particularly extensive, and competition in these departments will undoubtedly be very keen.

Book sale slated for Rock County Library in September

The Friends of the Rock County Library annual book sale is Thursday, Sept. 15, through Saturday, Sept. 17. Times are from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15; from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16; and from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 (bag sale).

Book donations must be dropped off at the library before Sept. 14. A members-only night will be from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. For more information, contact the library at 507-449-5040.

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me, but the doctor says it maybe hasn't before but it might now, so I suppose I'd better listen to him," Payne says.

Mr. Payne was never married, and says it's a good thing that he never was. "I'm lucky I didn't have a big wife and small family," he states.

After working at many different jobs for 67 years, Mr. Payne should be a pretty fair authority on what hard work is. He believes that the hardest work he ever did was threshing from stacks in the days of dawn-til-dusk threshing with big rigs. On a number of occasions, he together with three other men pitched 16 stacks averaging seven loads of bundles each into a threshing machine in one day. That is an average of 28 loads each and any thresher will agree that pitching 28 loads of bundles is no snap.

Mr. Payne follows with considerable interest the war news of the day. He has a personal interest in it in that a nephew, his namesake,

went down with the "Reuben James" at the time it was sunk. Although he never served in the United States army, it wasn't because he didn't want to, he states. He tried to enlist at the time of the Spanish-American war, "but they told me I didn't weigh enough for my height."

Of a family of eight children, Mr. Payne is one of three still living. He has one brother, John, who lives in Vancouver, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Baird, who lives at Neenah-Menasha, Wis.

He attributes his long life to hard work and to regular habits. "I have always gone to bed on time and have gotten up on time," he declares, "and I always eat regularly."

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

COLLEGE NEWS

Wolfe graduates from Morningside

Ashlea Wolfe, Luverne, graduated on Saturday, May 14, with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa.



Mavis Fodness photo/0825 Prayer Breakfast Trenton Bass

Among the 275 students and adults who attended the annual Rock the Edge prayer breakfast were the Hills-Beaver Creek High School athletes who were elementary-aged students when 2018 H-BC graduate Trenton Bass was paralyzed in a 2017 football game. Bass, two of his high school teammates and moderator Dan LaRock shared their thoughts and feelings about how their faith in God assisted them to become stronger as a result of Bass' Sept. 8, 2017, accident.

Bass guest speaker at prayer breakfast/from page 6

would encourage them to take a step with their faith and take it one day at a time, kind of like I did."

Bass' parents, Missy and Jeff, along with Heather and Aaron Erickson, also of Hills, began Game Plan 4 Hope shortly after Trenton's injury. The Team E's Fieldhouse of Hope recently opened in Hills with a 24-hour fitness center. Strength training helped Bass gain his independence.

Bass also volunteers with Game Plan 4 Hope as the organization reaches families going through life-altering events and offers support and comfort.

"I've helped out a handful of times by reaching out to people who have had very similar injury and are dealing with the whole 'hospital

life,'" Bass said. "The daunting task of hospital visits, rehab and what it's like."

Bass' hard work has paid off in that he leads a productive life, much like he planned as a high school senior.

He recently graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings with a degree in mechanical engineering. He's learned to drive and works for Raven Industries in Sioux Falls.

Bass lives at home with his parents in Hills due to the tight housing market, while LaRock and Harnack, who graduated from H-BC in 2019 and 2020 respectively, are still college students.

Their friendship and open discussion of faith is encouraged by Rock the Edge organizations.

Adult leader Jessica Blocker, Director of Christian Education at St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne, provided the closing words for the Thursday morning prayer breakfast and Trenton's faith story.

"The strengthening of your faith and sharing the faith with your friends with you — doesn't have to take a tragedy to do so."

About Rock the Edge

Rock the Edge is a group of youth leaders and teenagers from Rock County that strive to bring Christian youth together for service and fellowship.

Several Rock the Edge events are scheduled this fall. Reach out to organizers at rocktheedgemn@gmail.com for more information.

OBITUARIES

Susan Deutsch

Susan Marie Deutsch, Luverne for over four years as a certified nursing assistant. She then worked as a Title 1 teacher at Magnolia Elementary School. Sue also worked at the Magnolia Café as a waitress. Frank died in 1985.



Sue married Fabian Deutsch on March 8, 1992, in Pipestone. The couple later moved to Magnolia. In September of 2019, they moved to the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth. Fabian died on April 26, 2022.

Susan was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ellsworth until the church closed. She then became a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

In her free time Sue enjoyed making rugs for over 20 years. She also enjoyed polka dancing with Fabian until just a couple of years ago.

Sue survived by her four children, Richard (Robyn) Berghorst, Larry Berghorst, Julie (Rob) Rickenbaugh

and Teresa Berghorst; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gary (Jane) Brehm and Paul (Barb) Brehm; a sister, Ann (Jim) Brehm-Moline; seven stepchildren, Randy (Carla) Deutsch, Cathy Deutsch, Jeffrey (Laurie) Deutsch, Danny Deutsch, Gary (Brenda) Deutsch, Mary (Daryl) Kramer and Sally Lloyd; many stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, William "Bill" Deutsch and John (Trudy) Deutsch; and three sisters-in-law, Loretta Henning Donna Deutsch and Betty Deutsch.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Frank Berghorst and Fabian Deutsch; four brothers-in-law, Lawrence, Eddie and Walter Deutsch and Frank Henning; and two sisters-in-law, Jean and Virginia Deutsch.

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

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Ramona Vlastuin

Ramona Margaret Vlastuin, 93, Luverne, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. followed by burial at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Ramona Simons was born to Henry and Ann (Clercx) Simons on July 27, 1929, in Larchwood, Iowa. She attended St. Mary's school and graduated in 1947. While working at Brugmann's Pharmacy in Rock Rapids, Iowa, she met Gerrit Vlastuin.

On April 10, 1950, Ramona and Gerrit were married at St. Mary Catholic

Church in Larchwood. The couple made their home on a farm near Doon, Iowa, where they were blessed with three children. In 1965 they moved to a farm near Beaver Creek. In 1988 they moved from their farm to Luverne.

Gerrit passed away in 2002. Ramona moved to the Prince of Peace Retirement Community in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in Jan 2020.

Ramona worked in the Beaver Creek Elementary School, followed by many years volunteering at the Sanford Gift Shop in Luverne.

She was a lifelong member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, where she often volunteered.

In her lifetime, Ramona gained a great love of travel, coffee with friends, crafts,

card games, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ramona is survived by her children Linda (Chuck) Wattier and Lorae (Eugene) Lodes; daughter-in-law Lynette Vlastuin; six grandchildren, Jordan (Nollee) Vlastuin, Jared (Abby) Vlastuin, Madysen Vlastuin, Melissa (Eric) Bauder, Ashley (Ryan) DeMent, and Chris (Sheri) Lodes; nine great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Jeanette "Nettie" (John) Van Surksun, Emma Vlastuin, Till Blom, and Ann Vlastuin; and brother-in-law Elmer Vlastuin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gerrit; and a son, Leland Vlastuin, in November 2021.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

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Rayann Remme prepares a back swing Saturday during the home meet against the Benson Braves at No. 1 singles. Remme and the Luverne Cardinals won the match 4-3 and are currently undefeated in the first contests of the new tennis season.

Luverne girls' tennis team starts season off with two wins

By Susan Beers
For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' tennis team had a successful start to the 2022 season with a pair of victories at home on Saturday.

The Cardinals defeated the Morris Area Tigers 4-3 and Benson Braves 5-2.

LHS No. 1 doubles team of Sarah Stegenga and Katharine Kelm and the No. 2 doubles team of Cassi Chesley and Roselynn Hartshorn were both undefeated with 2-0 records.

Priscilla Muehr and Morgan Hadler each won 1 singles and 1 doubles match to finish the day

'We have many girls who don't have much varsity experience playing, and this was a nice way for them to start the season.'

— Coach Jon Beers

2-0.

"It was great to get the season started with two wins," said

Luverne head coach Jon Beers.

"We have many girls who don't have much varsity experience playing, and this was a nice way for them to start the season."

Luverne returned to action Tuesday on the road with matches against Yellow Medicine East and MACCRAY and will play at home Thursday against Lac Qui Parle Valley and Montevideo.

Luverne 4, Morris Area 3

Hadler was the lone singles player to get a win against Morris Area, defeating Liz Pillard 6-3, 6-2.

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Redbirds to play Buckman team Saturday in state tournament play

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds will open play in the Minnesota Baseball Association Class C State Tournament Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Faribault.

The Redbirds will face the Buckman Billygoats, the third seed from Region 8C.

As the champions and top seed from Region 13C, the Redbirds enjoyed a first-round tournament bye last weekend.

The Billygoats (15-8 on the season) defeated the Cannon Falls Bears 7-1 in the first round of the state tournament Saturday night in Faribault.

Buckman pitcher Matt Tautges, who plays college baseball at St. Scholastica, pitched a complete game, giving up only three hits and one run.

The Billygoats collected ten hits and scored seven runs in the win over Cannon Falls.

Centerfielder Andrew Rueckert led the Buckman offense going three for four at the plate with one run and two RBIs.

Aaron Weber (two runs and two RBIs) and Jack Suska (one run) had two hits each for the Billygoats.

Suska and Weber lead the season batting averages for the Billygoats who play in the Victory League north of St. Cloud.

"Buckman finished fourth in state in 2019 and is traditionally a very



good team," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer.

"It will be a tough matchup," he said. "Hopefully we can pitch and hit like we've been doing all season."

The Redbirds, 29-4 on the year, are playing in their fourth consecutive state tournament.

A win over Buckman on Saturday will advance Luverne to play the Waconia Lakers or Fergus Falls Hurricanes Saturday, Sept. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in Dundas.

The other two Region 13C teams playing in the state tournament fell in round one games played in Dundas Saturday.

The Webster Sox defeated the Milroy Irish 10-3 and the Fairmont Martins lost a close 4-3 contest to the Avon Lakers.

Thirty-two teams remain alive in the Class C state tournament entering this weekend's play.

The state championship game will be played on Labor Day, Sept. 5, at noon in Faribault.

Throw the map out the window

This is the time of year when every pheasant hunter in the state awaits the release of Minnesota DNR's roadside count.

I have been lucky enough to be able to do the roadside counts in my southwest Minnesota county. I have been driving the same three routes during the first 15 days of August for about the past 10 years.

These are the same 25-mile-long routes that are repeated since the roadside counts started almost 60 years ago.

Prospective pheasant hunters use these density maps to determine where they might travel for their hunting trips.

I have some differing views from almost all of the other hunters that use these maps. What they attempt to do is map out the varying pheasant population numbers across the primary pheasant range in Minnesota.

These populations can vary greatly depending on how severe the winter in that part of the state was and how much rain they got during the peak of the hatch in mid-June.

Heavy rains can decimate young pheasant chicks, especially if these rain events had large total accumulations or there was any hail that accompanied them.

It is so sad that some on-the-fence hunters will actually use the pheasant roadside count data in deciding whether to even buy a license that year. If I shoot lots of birds or only a few, I would always buy a license and take my dogs for long walks in the tall grass. If you go hunting and don't get one, I call those wildlife or nature walks and they are pretty cool by themselves.

There is no doubt that pheasant populations in Minnesota are far below both their 10-year and long-term averages. This is completely evident by the number of pheasant licenses sold each year.

It was about the year 2000 that Minnesota sold over 100,000 pheasant stamps. This is a stamp you attach to your license in order to hunt pheasants. Last

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Nath, Hansen win country club championships

Ben Nath is first-ever three-peat men's winner

The Luverne Country Club staged its annual men's club tournaments in recent weeks.

The Senior Men's Tournament was played Aug. 13 and the Men's Club Tournament was staged last weekend, Aug. 20-21.

Adam Hansen, Luverne, won the Senior Men's title while Ben Nath, Luverne, became the first member to win three consecutive men's championships in club history.

Senior men's tournament

Adam Hansen came out on top of the Senior Men's Club Tournament at LCC Aug. 13 with a low gross score of 71.

"It was a fun day and I played well," Hansen said. "Most of all it was a beautiful day and I was able to play golf with a great bunch of guys."

The Senior Men's Tournament crowned an overall club champion (low gross score), a low net winner (gross minus handicap), and age group flight winners.

The low net overall winner was Scott Adams with a 67.

Mike Gonnerman won the pre-seniors 40-49 age group with a net score of 71.

Hansen placed first in the 50-59 division with a score of 71, while Adams' 67 was the low net overall winner for the 50s flight.

Dar Elbers won the 60-69 division with a score of 77 and was the low net winner of that flight with a 72.

Dave Gangestad came



Submitted Photo

The Luverne Country Club men's championship tournaments were played in recent weeks. Pictured are tournament and flight winners. From left, Adam Hansen, Mike Smith, Nathan Nekali, Ben Nath, Scott Remme, Matt Goembel, Dar Elbers and Mike Wenninger.

out on top of the 70-79 flight with a score of 83. Spencer Sells' 69 was the low net score for that division.

Senior Men's Tournament Results:

Age group net winners: 40-49:

1 Mike Gonnerman 71

50-59:

1 Adam Hansen 71

2 Greg Carroll 75

3 Cory Norman 76

60-69:

1 Dar Elbers 77

2 Tim Knoll 79

3 Jack Bennett 83

70-79:

1 Dave Gangestad 83

2 Spencer Sells 84

3 Dave Iverson 89

Low Net Winner

Scott Adams 67

Senior Men's Champion

Adam Hansen 71

Men's Tournament

Ben Nath won his third consecutive championship at the LCC Men's Club Tournament Aug. 20-21 with a score of 146.

Nath's feat was the first three-peat in men's club tournament history. His score of 146 tied Tim Connell's 1994 score as the lowest since at least 1980 when current records began.

Pete Connell placed second with a score of 152 and Mike Gonnerman fin-

ished third with a 154.

The Men's Club Tournament is a two-day, 36-hole tournament.

Fifty-two golfers competed in this year's club championship.

Players in the Championship flight are divided into Championship, President, and Vice-President flights after the first day of play.

The Fourth Flight winner was determined by net (score minus handicap) score.

All other flight winners were determined by low gross score.

"Thanks to the clubhouse workers and to the

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Rops to join South Dakota Basketball Hall of Fame

Induction ceremony takes place Saturday in Sioux Falls

By Jason Berghorst

Tom Rops, Luverne, will officially join the South Dakota Basketball Hall of Fame during the 12th annual Induction Ceremony Saturday at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls.

Rops will be one of 14 former South Dakota basketball players to be enshrined into the Hall, which is located at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls, as members of the Class of 2022.

"It really is an honor to be inducted," Rops said. "Joining the list of great players that were inducted before me means a lot to me."

Rops, who was head coach of the Luverne High School boys' basketball team from 2001-2013, played his high school basketball at Lennox, South Dakota, and his college ball at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

A 1992 Lennox High graduate, Rops was a three-year starter for the Orioles.

During his sophomore year, Lennox placed third in the state tournament and Rops was named All-Conference and All-State Tournament in 1990.

Lennox won the state title during Rops' junior season. "1991 ended up being Lennox's year," Rops said.

The Orioles entered the state title game against Custer undefeated and with a 25-game winning streak.

"Lennox came out hot and never looked back. We won by double digits," Rops said about the 1991 state title game.

"We only had one game that year that we didn't win by double digits. Most people believe that that 1991 Lennox team is the best team ever that came out of Lennox."

Rops was named all-conference, all-state tournament and second team all-state that season.



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— Tom Rops, about the 1991 state title game



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Tom Rops, Luverne, will be inducted into the South Dakota Basketball Hall of Fame Saturday in Sioux Falls. Rops was a starter on the Lennox High School team that won the South Dakota state championship in 1991 and was an all-conference player at South Dakota State University before coaching the Luverne Cardinals to state tournament appearances in 2005 and 2007.

'Basketball has given me a lot. I really am honored to be the first boys' basketball player from Lennox to make it into the Hall of Fame.'

— Tom Rops

His LHS team qualified for the 2005 state tournament for the first time since 1983. Two years later, Rops' Cardinals returned to the state tournament.

"Those state tournament seasons were the most memorable and a lot of fun," Rops said.

After retiring from his head coaching duties, Rops has coached middle school basketball teams over the years and plans to continue to do so into the future.

"I just enjoy being around basketball and helping kids learn the game," Rops said.

Rops is starting his 26th year teaching at LHS and has three children. Trenton, 26, lives and works in Sioux Falls, Jayson, 19, is a sophomore at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, and Maria is a sophomore at Luverne High School.

Rops also continues to farm with his parents south of Lennox, where his love for basketball first began.

Rops' family and friends are hosting a celebration of his Hall of Fame induction this Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the American Legion in Lennox.

"Everyone is welcome to join us; I'm really looking forward to it," he said.

"Basketball has given me a lot," Rops said. "I really am honored to be the first boys' basketball player from Lennox to make it into the Hall of Fame."

During his senior campaign, the Orioles finished second in the state and Rops earned all-state tournament, all-conference and first team all-state.

"I started getting recruited by most NCC (North Central Conference) teams after my sophomore year of high school," Rops said, "I had full scholarship offers at the end of my junior year."

All three South Dakota universities in the NCC (USD, SDSU and Augustana) were the front-runners. "I finally chose SDSU

after visiting all three campuses," Rops said.

"I knew getting a full athletic scholarship was a heck of a deal then, but after trying to help my kids pay for their college expenses, I now realize what a blessing it really was."

As a Jackrabbit, Rops played for three different coaches in four seasons.

"It was a challenge because each time a coach left, you had to prove yourself all over again as the competition for playing time was fierce," Rops said.

Rops' first coach at

SDSU was Jim Thorson. After Thorson departed, Brad Soderberg led the Jacks for two seasons before he left to become a top assistant and eventual head coach of the Wisconsin Badgers.

Scott Nagy became head coach during Rops' senior season.

The Jackrabbits won the conference that season and came up one game short of making the Elite Eight, losing to eventual Division II national champion Fort Hays State University in a close game.

As a Jackrabbit, Rops

was named all-conference his junior and senior seasons.

He totaled 1,147 points, collected over 700 rebounds and is still the all-time leader in offensive rebounds in a single season at SDSU.

In the summer of 1997, Rops was hired as a social studies teacher and assistant boys' basketball coach at Luverne High School.

After three seasons as an assistant to Gordie Hansen, Rops was named head coach and led the Cardinals for 13 seasons.

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grounds crew; the course looked great and played even better," Nath said.

"It was another great weekend with good friends and great golf. I can't wait for next year."

Men's Tournament Results

Fourth Flight

1	Matt Goembel	142
2	Brent Schepel	143
3	Mike Buss	145

Third Flight

1	Mike Wenninger	180
2	Connor Hoffman	183
	Don Klosterbuer	183

Second Flight

1	Nathan Nekali	171
2	Jason Phelps	179
3	Jared Pick	183

First Flight

1	Scott Remme	170
2	Dan Kern	175
3	Tim Diedrich	178

Vice-President's Flight

1	Dar Elbers	168
2	Greg Stratton	171
3	Ryan Fick	171

President's Flight

1	Mike Smith	166
2	Joe Dorhout	169
3	Michael Strassburg	171

Championship Flight

1	Ben Nath	146
2	Pete Connell	152
3	Mike Gonnerman	154

Rall thinks pheasant density map is useful/from page 8

year I think at the end of the pandemic those numbers were about 70,000.

I hear people complain that there are too many people hunting on the limited public lands that exist in the farmland zone. Less than 2 percent of the land base in the 12 counties of southwest Minnesota are in permanent grassland cover.

I counter that with the fact that they are adding about 5,000 acres of new habitat per year across the state and there are still fewer hunters than in 2000. Hunting pressure is far less now than it was 20 years ago.

When pheasant numbers look bad, hunters are less motivated. Pheasant numbers in South Dakota are so bad that they stopped doing their population counts. As the counts continued to decline, the hunter numbers (licenses purchased) sank like the Edmund Fitzgerald in deep Lake Superior water.

When it comes to a pheasant density map, I think they are a useful tool, but only one of the tools hunters should use. Let's take this year, for example. I drove three 25-mile routes and saw very few pheasants. This will make my county look like a pheasant desert on the pheasant density

map.

On a different morning six days later, I drove only five miles and saw over 25 birds. Four hens with four different broods of young. This is a great sign of things to come.

If I were traveling from a distance, I would go to the spots on the map that show very few pheasants. In actuality, there may be fewer pheasants in those locations, but that will equate to a much smaller percentage of hunters that will travel to that spot as well.

If the pheasant pie is smaller but you have share that pie with fewer hunters, it results in more birds per hunter than in areas with higher populations.

Hunting is not all about killing something, but I do agree that if I go fishing, it is more fun when I catch some than when I get skunked.

Harvest is part of the experience, but a limit of birds does not mean fabulous, just as no birds does not mean failure.

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All Walk-In Access sites are shown in the DNR Recreation Compass (mndnr.gov/Maps/Compass).

Digital maps for individual Walk-In Access sites, along with more information for hunters, can be found on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/WalkIn).

Contact: Greg Hoch, DNR prairie habitat supervisor, 651-259-5230.



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Chloe Schoneman, playing No. 3 doubles, returns a serve Saturday in a match against the Benson Braves. Schoneman and her partner, Morgan Hadler, won their match propelling the Luverne Cardinals to a 4-3 team win.

Tennis team opens season undefeated/from page 8

At No. 1 singles, Luverne's Rayann Remme lost 6-1, 6-2 to Claire Stark. No. 2 singles Chloe Schoeneman lost to Chloe Zimme 6-4, 6-1.

Luverne's Ella Lanoue lost 6-3, 6-2 to Izzy Hoffman at No. 4 singles.

Stegenga and Kelm defeated Karlie Bruns and Ashley Koehl 6-0, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles.

Luverne's Chesley and Hartshorn defeated Nora Meek and Lydia Fynbon 6-1, 6-2 in No. 2 doubles. At No. 3 doubles, Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr from Luverne defeated Ellen Reed and Grace Hauglie 6-1, 6-1.

Luverne 4, Benson 3

In the Benson match, Luverne was again undefeated in doubles play.

"All of the doubles teams played great in both matches," Beers said.

"We will be using different teams to start the season, and I was really happy with how all the doubles teams played on Saturday."

Stegenga and Kelm won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles over Kya Oakes and Milgo Abdi, and the No. 2 team of Chesley and Hartshorn beat Megan Anders and Alana Hettver 6-2, 6-2. The No. 3 team of Chloe

Schoeneman and Hadler defeated Arianna Nagler and Ella McGinty 6-3, 6-2.

Luverne won two of the four singles matches against Benson.

At No. 3 singles, Muehr defeated Molly Jones 6-0, 6-1. Caitlin Kindt, who was playing in her first varsity match, defeated Addie Detoy 4-6, 6-1, 10-8.

"Caitlin played a great match," Beers said. "She lost the first set but was able to win the second set and force a third set tie-breaker, which she won 10-8 for her first varsity victory."

At No. 1 singles, Remme lost to Elle Kletscher 6-3, 6-2, and Hemme was defeated by Elise Duncan 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Reminder: Deer lottery application deadline Sept. 8

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds firearm and muzzleloader hunters who want to harvest antlerless deer in a deer permit area designated as antlerless permit lottery this hunting season to purchase their license by Thursday, Sept. 8.

Hunters who purchase their license on or before this date are automatically entered into the lottery for the deer permit area or special hunt area they declare.

Successful applicants will receive a postcard in the mail authorizing them to take an antlerless deer using their regular license in that antlerless permit lottery area. No application is needed to take antlerless deer in permit areas with either sex, two-deer limit, three-deer limit or five-deer limit designations.

Hunters who want to participate in special firearm or muzzleloader deer hunts have until Sept. 8 to apply also.

More information, as well as details about special hunt opportunities, are available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/Hunting/Deer) and in the 2022 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook.

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Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 25: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 5 p.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 30: 7:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle meets. 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 31: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. 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, Aug. 25: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, Aug. 26: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 30: 12 p.m. Staff Meeting. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
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, Aug. 24: 5:30 p.m. Free Community Meal. Saturday, Aug. 27: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Aug. 29: 6 p.m. Worship and music meeting; bring your own meal. Tuesday, Aug. 30: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, Aug. 31: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Aug. 18: Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sunday, Aug. 28: 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

Saturday, Aug. 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, Aug. 31: 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
Josh Hayden, 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, Aug. 28: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 28: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 28: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: 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

Nita Parker, Pastor

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

God's word has power

It is human nature to share the good things we experience in our life with others. If you go on a trip, you write on the postcard, "Wish you were here!" If you go out to a restaurant and you find your meal delicious, you don't keep it to yourself. You say to the person with you, "Here, try this." You want to share with them how wonderful it is.

So, for our relationship with Jesus Christ, why does the issue often become a personal and private affair? Why are people so hesitant to share their faith?

In John 1:43-51, Jesus called Philip to be his disciple. There wasn't much to Philip's conversion. The Bible tells us, "Jesus found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'" What happened? Philip followed him! Amazing, isn't it?

This is the same way Jesus called Matthew, too. He walked up to the tax collector's booth and said, "Follow me," and Matthew did. He left everything and immediately followed Jesus.

Jesus also approached Peter and his brother Andrew fishing on the Sea of Galilee, and he said to them, "Follow me, and I'll make you fishers of men," and they did! After them, James and John, also fishermen, followed Jesus! It's amazing!

So how is Jesus able to achieve immediate results? I'll give you a hint. It's not about what he is saying, it's about who is saying it. When Jesus calls a person into faith, his words are powerful. They are performative; they accomplish something in the person by virtue of God's power alone. God commands us to call others to faith using his word. But this is good news! It means it's not our persuasiveness that offers faith to a sinner's heart, but the authoritative word of God.

Do you know what Philip did after Jesus called

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Dr.
Phil Booe,
St. John Lutheran
Church, Luverne

him into the kingdom? He didn't keep it to himself. Instead, he went and found Nathanael and told him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph!"

What evangelism! Jesus calls Philip to be a disciple, then Philip goes and finds someone else and calls him to follow Jesus, too.

Nathanael didn't exactly pack up and follow immediately, like the others. He had his own beliefs about the Messiah. Nathanael questioned, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" What he believed didn't mesh with what Philip was saying. But instead of giving up on Nathanael, Philip challenged him. He told him, "Come and see."

Nathanael took him up on his invitation and encountered Jesus and his powerful word firsthand. He was skeptical at first, but he would see Jesus heal the sick, raise the dead, and do many miracles. He would even see Jesus go to the cross on behalf of all people to bring us all into a right relationship with God; to gift you with forgiveness, faith, and everlasting life.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone you knew was there on that last day with you? Of course it would. So, use what God has given you to spread the gospel: his powerful word. Speak with boldness about the hope you have in Jesus and leave the rest to the Holy Spirit.

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale Under Judgment and Decree

REAL PROPERTY

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COUNTY OF ROCK)

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Minnwest Bank, f/k/a Minnwest
Luverne, a Minnesota banking
corporation,

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE UNDER JUDGMENT
AND DECREE

vs.

Court File No.: 67-CV-20-54

Heath C. Petersen and Keri K. Petersen,
jointly and severally,

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, under and by virtue of Judgement made and entered in the above entitled action on the 20th day of July, 2020, by the District Court of Rock County, Minnesota, Fifth Judicial District, a certified copy which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due plaintiff in the above entitled action from co-defendants Heath C. Petersen and Keri K. Petersen, jointly and severally, as prescribed in the Judgement, the undersigned Sheriff of Rock County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 1st day of September 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lobby of the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne Minnesota 56156, the premises and real estate, lying and being in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described inset Judgement, to wit:

TRACT 1:
THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 104 NORTH, RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 13, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST (GEODETIC BEARING) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 516.96 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 149.99 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 516.96 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 149.99 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID TRACT IS SUBJECT TO ROADWAY EASEMENT AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

TRACT 2:
A TRACT COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST (SW) CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4), THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY TWO (742) FEET, THENCE EASTERLY A DISTANCE OF ONE THOUSAND THREE

HUNDRED TWENTY (1320) FEET TO A POINT SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, THENCE SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) FEET SOUTHERLY TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (1320) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 104 NORTH, RANGE 45 WEST, OF THE 5TH P.M., ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

TRACT 3:
THE EAST SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (E 667) FEET OF THE SOUTH THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT (S 358) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION TWELVE (12) TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104) NORTH, RANGE FORTY-FIVE (45) WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. (the "Premises").

Defendant(s) shall have the right to redeem from the Sheriff's Sale Under Judgment and Decree (foreclosure sale) as provided by statute, which shall expire twelve (12) months after the date of the order confirming said sale. Property Address: 2313 150th Avenue, Edgerton, Minnesota 56128

Dated this 14th day of July, 2022

EVAN VERBRUGGE
Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota
By: /s/ Evan Verbrugge,
Sheriff

Greg J. Bucher
STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP P.A.
300 South O'Connell Street
Marshall, MN 56258
507-537-0591
Attorney Reg. No. 299601

(07-21, 07-28, 08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-25)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 29

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: April 21, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Bradley G Moss and Dawn M Moss, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 26, 2010, Rock County Recorder, Document No. 173571.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Central Mortgage Company. Dated April 21, 2010, Recorded April 26, 2010, as Document No. 173572. And thereafter assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Dated October 19, 2015, Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. 187187. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 29, 2019, Recorded August 30, 2019, as Document No. 195483. And thereafter assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Dated June 30, 2022, Recorded June 30, 2022, as Document No. 202762.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank N.A.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a RightPath Servicing

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 103 North, Range 46 West

of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:
Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the NW 1/4, then east along the North Line of said Section a distance of 2,345 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing east along the North Line of said NW 1/4 a distance of 295 feet; thence south and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet; thence west and parallel to the North Line of said Section a distance of 295 feet; thence north and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$180,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$204,309.90

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 29, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on March 29, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: July 26, 2022

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-25, 09-01, 09-08)

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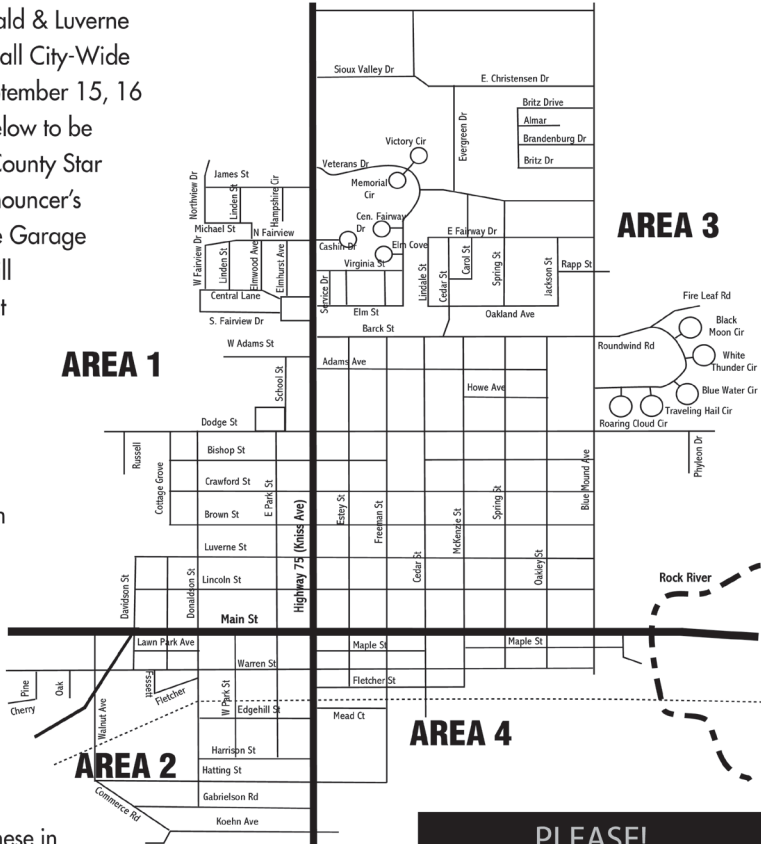


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**Love you all,
Patsy Cragoe**
(8.20-8.25)

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts for helping us celebrate our birthdays - anniversary - retirement. Thanks to our kids who planned and made the celebration a fun and relaxing day. We are grateful for the wishes, cards and gifts. You were all very thoughtful - more than we deserve. We have been blessed in our lives to have a loving and caring community of friends and family, where we can raise a family, work and play. Our lives have been full. Thanks again and may God bless!
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didates to seek election.
"I don't know why any of these people are running but we truly are a very fortunate district," she said.
"Our teaching staff is in place for the coming year, we have a new building and new technology."
She said she ran for office in 2010 out of concern for the music program after middle school music educator Mary Goheen retired and wasn't replaced.
"We saw that as a cut and thought the sky was

falling," Baustian recalled.
"But when Seana (Graber) was moved to 6-12 choir, it turned out to actually be a good thing, because she could start training students earlier."
Baustian said she quickly learned what board members actually do.
"We're policy makers, not micromanagers," she said. "We're the administration's boss, and we have to trust their judgment."
She added that she's been grateful for Superintendent Craig Oftedahl's leadership.

"We have an amazing superintendent who thrives on getting things done," Baustian said. "The way things are right now, there are no big issues for the board."
The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board has four candidates seeking election to four open seats currently held by Harley Fransman, Renee Knobloch, Ethan Rozeboom and Arlyn Gehrke.
Gehrke and Rozeboom filed for re-election, and they'll be joined on the ballot by Travis Helgeson and Eric Uitenbogaard.

Cities and townships
The Hills City Council election has five candidates vying for two open seats. Incumbents Vickie Buswitz and Alan Leenderts filed for re-election, and they'll face challengers Brian Kraayenhof, Cory Metzger and Dusty Seachris in the November election.

The Hills council changed its mayor term to four years, so Mayor Keith Elbers is not up for election this year.

Beaver Creek Mayor Josh Teune filed for re-election unopposed, but four people are seeking election to two open seats on the council. Council members

Jeff Dysthe and Pat Bender did not file for re-election, and Heidi Freese, Joe Conger, Jacob Conger and Madison Conger filed for their open seats.
Hardwick Mayor Willy Baker did not file for re-election, and council member Tom Haas (who has been acting mayor) is seeking election to the formal title.

Two candidates, Gordon (Sam) Hansen and Don Bryan filed for two open council seats on the Hardwick City Council.
Kenneth Mayor Keith Hoven and council members Sheri Vyskocil and Laurie Gangestad are seeking re-election unopposed.

Magnolia Mayor Dennis Madison and council members Melanie Madison and Jeff DeGroot are up for election, but the Secretary of State Website shows that no one has filed.

Steen Mayor Lynette Woelber and council members Jazmine Dagle and Brad Bosch are up for election, but only Woelber and Dagle have filed, according to the state website.

Battle Plain Township Supervisors Eric Sas and Aaron Sandbulte are seeking re-election unopposed.

Denver Township Treasurer Lloyd Hemme and supervisors Tony Roos and Donald Arends are seeking re-election unopposed.

Martin Township Supervisor Nathan Fick filed for re-election.

Rose Dell Township Treasurer Jerry Purdin and supervisors Larry Fjellanger and Joe Buysse are seeking re-election unopposed.

Vienna Township Treasurer Albert Rust and supervisors David Severtson and Brad Skattum filed for relection, and Craig Rust

is challenging Skattum for the Supervisor C seat on the board.

Rock County, Luverne and other elections ...

The filing period was in May for federal, state, county, city of Luverne and judicial offices.

There is a race for the Luverne council seat held by incumbent Kevin Aaker, who filed for re-election along with challenger Mert Kracht. Incumbent Caroline Thorson will run unopposed for re-election to her seat on the council.

Because of redistricting, all county commission seats are up for election, and all five incumbents will be on the ballot this fall unopposed. They are Gary Overgaard, Stan Williamson, Greg Burger, Sherri Thompson and Jody Reisch.

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge and Rock County Attorney Jeff Haubrich are also seeking re-election unopposed.

Baustian challenges Schomacker for House

Minnesota District 21A State House seat is up for election this fall, and incumbent Joe Schomacker (R-Luverne) will face current Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian as the DFL candidate on the ballot for that two-year term.

Baustian would need to relinquish his mayoral duties if he accepts the House seat.

The Minnesota District 21 State Senate seat is open for election, and incumbent Bill Weber, R-Luverne, will face Republican challenger Brad Hutchinson this fall.

Rock County voters will also choose between DFLer Jeff Ettinger and GOP candidate Brad Finstad to fill the unexpired term of Dist. 1 Congressman Jim Hagedorn who died of cancer in February.

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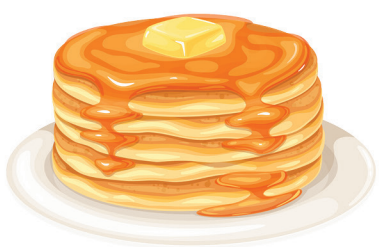
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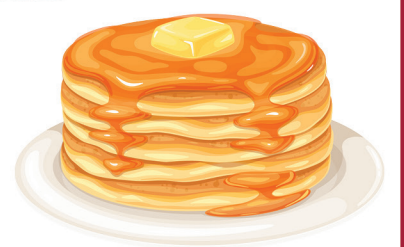


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