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## Emergency meeting addresses worsening child care shortage

**By Lori Sorenson**  
Local leaders and child care professionals gathered for an emergency meeting last week after a number of in-home providers closed and announced closures.  
Ten Rock County providers left the profession in the past year, leaving roughly 120 children needing care elsewhere.

That’s in addition to nearly 200 slots already needed locally.  
Luverne provider Nikki McLendon addressed the group Tuesday evening, Aug. 17, in Luverne City Hall. She described calls from three women expecting their first babies and seeking child care.  
“They were looking ahead, but I can’t help them,” she said

about closures earlier this year. “I don’t know where to send them. Nobody has openings for years.”  
Shortly after that, two more providers gave notice that they were closing.  
“My phone blew up,” McLendon said. “I had seven more families call me looking for day care, and again I didn’t know where to send them. ... Two weeks later

I had four more newly expecting moms call.”  
The providers recently leaving the profession are doing so for many reasons — some are retiring, some are moving on because their own children are older, some found opportunities in other professions or are continuing their education.  
McLendon said it’s not un-

usual for providers to come and go, but more are quitting than starting, and she’s trying to recruit newcomers on social media and among child care families.  
“It’s not one of those things where you can put out a job application to fill out,” she said. “And it’s such a trying job with

**Child care crisis/**see page 5A

## Cost of law enforcement to increase for small towns

*Increases range from \$1,095 in Kenneth to \$14,770 for Hills in 2022*

**By Mavis Fodness**  
Rock County’s small cities will see significant increases in law enforcement expenses beginning in 2022, after years of little to no wage and equipment increases.  
Increases for wages and equipment range from \$1,095 for the city of Kenneth to \$14,770 for Hills.  
The mayors of Hills, Beaver Creek, Magnolia, Hardwick, Steen and Kenneth met with Rock County Commissioners and the Rock County Sheriff on Aug. 17.  
The increase amounts (based on population) were revealed and discussed.  
•Hills (pop. 686) increased by \$14,770 from \$24,256 to \$39,026.  
•Beaver Creek (pop. 280) increased by \$4,841 to \$15,929 from \$11,088.  
•Magnolia (pop. 196) increased \$1,970 to \$11,150 from \$9,180.  
•Hardwick (pop. 189) increased \$1,618 to \$10,752 from \$9,134.  
•Steen (pop. 171) increased \$2,184 to \$9,728 from \$7,544.  
•Kenneth (pop. 60) increased \$1,095 to \$3,413 from \$2,318.  
Historically the small cities collectively paid the salary and equipment costs (including a vehicle) for the equivalent of one officer, which is currently estimated at \$90,000.  
“What the intent was with all the small cities — going back I believe to the early ’90s or late ’80s — was that together they would pay for one officer,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.  
“There would be enough money together that they would generate one officer in the county.”

However, he said contract increases have not kept up with actual expenses.  
In 2021 the small cities paid \$63,520 toward one officer. The shortfall was covered in the county budget.  
Rock County has 9,704 residents according to the 2020 U.S. Census. Of that number, 4,946 live in Luverne and 1,582 in the

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Coaches Jon Schomacker (left) and Mike Wenninger (far right) work with Luverne football players during an Aug. 18 practice.

## Fall sports athletes, coaches return to normal

Rock County high school fall athletes are in their second week of practice. Players and coaches from Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek high schools are enjoying a more normal start to the season compared to last year’s COVID pandemic-impacted fall season.  
Luverne football players in grades 9-12 have been practicing twice a day since Aug. 16. See next week’s Rock County Star Herald for the fall sports preview special section.

Pictured at right, freshman players (from left) Layne Saker, Keaton Ahrendt, Eli Woodley, Landon Ahrendt, Layke Miller, Ryker Johnson and Jack Gangestad take a break during practice Wednesday morning Aug. 18.



At left, head coach Todd Oye and Ashton Sandbulte observe a play. Below, Braydon Ripka and his teammates get a drink of water.



Star Herald photos by Lori Sorenson

## Smithfield nurse shares pandemic experience

**By Lori Sorenson**  
Becky Gonnerman, Luverne, describes her job during the pandemic as “a nightmare.”  
Gonnerman, a nurse in health services at Smithfield Foods in Sioux Falls, spoke to a gathering at Take 16 Tuesday, Aug. 17, for the Rock County Farm Bureau annual meeting.  
“We care for a lot of people,” she said about the packing plant where 3,700 employees process 19,500 hogs per day.  
That was before February 2020 when COVID-19 began sickening people at the plant.  
Pre-covid, Gonnerman tended to workers’ overall health — conducting hearing, vision and pulmonary function tests, along with drug tests



and dressing the occasional wound from sharp equipment on line.  
She works with a small team of health and safety professionals who navigate a diverse workforce that speaks 70 different dialects.  
“So, communication barriers are huge,” Gonnerman said, adding that she’s had the privilege of knowing workers with families all over the globe.  
Unfamiliar language and culture, as it turns out, became the hardest part of controlling COVID-19 once it entered the plant.  
“Some are in one- or two-bedroom houses with multiple families,” she said. “It’s very difficult for

**Smithfield nurse in pandemic/**see page 3A

## Luverne students attend home activities at no charge

**By Mavis Fodness**  
To encourage more Luverne students to attend games and activities at home, the Luverne Board of Education voted unanimously to waive the \$4 student ticket fees.  
The decision was made at a special Thursday night, Aug. 19, meeting, and the waiver of fees is effective immediately.  
Adult single tickets remain at \$6 and an adult season pass is still \$85.  
Board members discussed ticket prices and activity fees at an Aug. 12 workshop.

Board members were open to increasing school pride and students gathering at supervised events with friends and classmates.  
“I want as many kids at every event as possible and not pay for it,” said board member Jeff Stratton.  
Elementary students (K-5) must attend the home events with an adult.  
All Luverne students will be issued an activity pass and are to keep a picture of it in their phones.

**Free activities/**see page 3A





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

People First meets

Rock County People First will meet Monday, Sept. 13, in Luverne Pizza Ranch for a 5:30 p.m. meal and 6:30 p.m. meeting.

Fishing derby Aug. 29

The Luverne Optimist Club Fishing Derby will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Minnesota Veterans Home pond for ages 5 to 15. Food and prizes will be available.

Community Ed fall offerings

The Fall Community Education brochure — covering the months of September, October, November and December, will be available Sept. 5 on the school website at [www.isd2184.net](http://www.isd2184.net) under the Community Education link.

School office open for registration

Families interested in registering their students for the 2021-22 school year are encouraged to call Luverne School District to set up an appointment. The Luverne Middle School-High School office is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the phone number is 507-283-4491. The Luverne Elementary School office will open Aug. 2 and the phone number is 507-283-4497.

Friends of Library book sale starts Sept.16

The Rock County Community Library will offer a fall book sale from Thursday, Sept. 16, through Saturday, Sept. 18, in the library basement. Hours on Thursday and Friday are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the Saturday bag sale is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A special time of 4-7:30 p.m. Wednesday is open for Friends of the Library to shop. Anyone wanting to join Friends of the Library may do so at the door Wednesday evening and take advantage of early shopping. Books may be donated to the library any day the library is open. Not accepted are encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest books and VHS or cassette tapes.

Relay for Life Aug. 27

Rock County Relay for Life will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Take 16 Brewery on East Main Street in Luverne. The meal, catered by Sunshine, is from 5:30 to 7. Kids Zone, with bubbles, chalk, face paint, temporary tattoos and bean bags. At 7 p.m. the Bottoms Up Pink Ladies will make a presentation. The Glow Run events are as follows: The half-mile fun run/walk is at 8 p.m., one-mile fun run/walk is at 8:20 and the 5K run/walk is at 8:45 p.m. Call Faye Bremer, 507-920-2715 for info, or see Rock County Relay for Life on Facebook.

Explore Prairie Ally

Free guided tours at Prairie Ally Outdoor Center (308 N. Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne) are Thursdays at 6, 6:30, and 7 p.m. through August or by appointment. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays from 10a.m. to noon and Thursdays at 5:30 June through September. Contact: [prairiellymn@gmail.com](mailto:prairiellymn@gmail.com), 605-951-0227. Also, visit [projectfoodforest.org/events](http://projectfoodforest.org/events).

Nominations sought for Rock County Hall of Fame

The Rock County Historical Society's Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2022 induction of current and former residents. Nominees must have a significant identity with Rock County and have made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, and brought honor and prestige beyond the borders of Minnesota. Nominees should also exhibit quality in character and action as to be outstanding role models for the county's citizens. Nominations are accepted now through Feb. 28, 2022. Forms are available at The History Center, Luverne Area Chamber or online at [www.rockcountyhistorical.com](http://www.rockcountyhistorical.com) or [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com). An awards presentation is scheduled for July 17, 2022.

Take and Make bird treat kits

Stop by the Luverne Area Chamber at 213 East Luverne Street to pick up one or more Take and Make bird treat kits. Kits are free, but a \$5 to \$10 donation is welcome to benefit Project Food Forest in Rock County. (Or donate online at <https://donorbox.org/support-pff>)

Title changes to ‘survivor’ for former Relay for Life organizer

By Mavis Fodness

Since 2007 Lisa Ehlers actively participated on the First Farmers & Merchants National Bank's Relay for Life team, raising funds for cancer research.

For many of those years, she was the annual event's organizer.

This year, however, Ehlers is sitting out, unsure if her own cancer treatments would leave her enough energy to complete the necessary event tasks.

Cancer wasn't something the mother of two thought would affect her. Raising money to improve treatment was something she did for others, due to the honorary chairpersons who were asked to share their stories during the Relay for Life event.

"It's kind of ironic," Ehlers said last week. "I just always admired their stories. When they were asked to speak, they said they didn't know what they were to say."

The speakers typically talked about how cancer changed their normal life routines, about their symptoms, their support network and coping mechanisms that helped in the toughest days.

"After being around it (Rock County Relay for Life) and the many, many stories of people going through cancer, she now has her own story," said her husband, Mark.

Lisa's story started late last year when yearly mammogram results showed a shadow that required more investigation. With no history of cancer in her family,



Mavis Fodness photo/0826 Relay for Life 2021 Ehlers

Former Rock County Relay for Life organizer Lisa Ehlers was diagnosed with breast cancer after a routine mammogram late last year. Ehlers will be honored Friday night by the Bottoms Up Pink Ladies at the 2021 Relay for Life event at Take 16.

she was optimistic that nothing would be found.

In January her diagnosis was Stage 1 breast cancer.

Doctors outlined a course of chemotherapy, a lumpectomy, and a series of 30 radiation treatments. She just finished the 13th round.

Modern medicine allowed her to continue her usual life routine, including working daily at FF&M as a loan assistant.

She said side effects from treatments have been minimal.

"My experience wasn't as disruptive," Ehlers said.

"I also wasn't so scared. With all the advances in cancer treatment, they (researchers) have come a long way. I'm appreciative of the community who's given to the Relay to help with that treatment research."

Rock County Relay is Friday, Aug. 27

This is the third year the Rock County Relay for Life will take place at Take 16 in Luverne and the first time the event is staged on a Friday night.

"We are making it as simple as possible," said Relay chairman Faye Bremer. "We are a very small committee — a committee of three actually."

The Relay will join Take 16's Friday Night Block Party's live bands and includes a box lunch fundraiser and kids' activities beginning at 5:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m. the Bottoms Up Pink Ladies will make a presentation to Lisa Ehlers and her fight with cancer. The Pink Ladies will honor Dee Scott of Luverne at a later date. Scott is undergoing cancer treatments for the second time.

The Glow Run/Walk of

a half mile begins at 8 p.m. followed by the one mile (8:20 p.m. start) and 3.1 mile (8:45 p.m.) to end the Relay for Life activities.

Registration for the run/walks can be completed at <https://www.allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=79098>.

Instead of luminaries, the committee is selling card stock ribbons in honor or in memory of loved ones. The ribbons will be strung on a rope and hung in the Take 16 patio area.

Bremer will remember her sister-in-law, Mercie Domagala, who died from cancer in 2017. "Mercie made me promise to keep (the Relay) running," Bremer said.

Assisting Bremer with this year's Relay are Cris Oeltjenbruns, Amy Chapa and Patti Olson. The group has a Facebook page, Relay For Life of Rock County.

County proposes leveraging COVID-19 recovery funds to water and sewer projects, day care

By Mavis Fodness

Additional stimulus aid will pump more than \$2 million into infrastructure projects within Rock County.

The federal government's American Rescue Plan (ARP) will deliver \$350 billion across the U.S. in response to the COVID-19 emergency and stimulate job development.

Rock County will receive \$1.8 million over two years. Deadline to commit the dollars to approved projects is 2024.

Rock County commissioners met in an Aug. 17 afternoon work session to discuss where the dollars should be spent.

In 2020 the commissioners distributed \$1.1 million in coronavirus recovery dollars over a six-month period. Commissioners focused on distributing money to small businesses affected by the pandemic.

ARP dollars can be spent for:

- supporting public health response.
- replacing public sector revenue loss.
- water and sewer infrastructure.
- negative economic im-

pacts.

- premium pay for essential workers.
- broadband infrastructure.

Commissioners identified a need in three areas: invest in water and sewer infrastructure, support public health response, and address negative economic impacts.

They gauged interest in where the county could spend the ARP money with the small city mayors of Hills, Beaver Creek, Magnolia, Hardwick, Steen and Kenneth.

The city of Luverne had a council representative at the Aug. 17 evening meeting.

Commissioners took no formal action as the federal dollars would be spent.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre told the mayors that the commissioners are interested in partnering with another entity or entities to fund a community day care center.

"The board is interested in doing something with bricks and mortar," he said.

"If we're going to grow the workforce long term, we are going to need that day care piece."

Currently commissioners earmarked 10 percent (or

\$180,000) toward addressing the negative economic impact the shortage of day care options creates.

Another 10 percent (or \$180,000) of the county's \$1.8 million is earmarked toward ambulance equipment, with the largest amount \$1.2 million (70 percent) going toward water and sewer infrastructure.

Because the county owns the Rock County Rural Water System, commissioners are looking to dedicate \$540,000 for improvements.

They would place \$720,000 in a matching grant program (up to \$100,000) for water and sewer improvements in area cities.

City leaders could leverage their own ARP dollars with the county's.

"The goal is to make those dollars available to all the communities ... get some money out there to do infrastructure items that are necessary but not popular because they're expensive," Oldre said.

Cities cannot spend ARP money on street improvements, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which administers the program.

In addition to the county's \$1.8 million, cities and townships are also receiving money under ARP, which includes:

- Battle Plain Township: \$20,370.
- Beaver Creek Township: \$39,480.
- Clinton Township: \$28,350.
- Denver Township: \$17,745.
- Kanaranzi Township: \$25,410.
- Luverne Township: \$50,400.
- Magnolia Township: \$21,840.
- Martin Township: \$39,480.
- Mound Township: \$26,355.
- Rose Dell Township: \$21,105.
- Springwater Township: \$25,830.
- Vienna Township: \$15,855.
- Beaver Creek: \$29,400.
- Hardwick: \$19,215.
- Hills: \$68,355.
- Kenneth: \$6,930.
- Luverne: \$475,755.
- Magnolia: \$21,945.
- Steen: \$17,325.

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some of these people.”

First signs and symptoms

“Covid started for us like everyone else,” Gonnerman said. “In late February people were starting to get symptoms.”

To breach the language divide, she said they put posters on the wall with illustrations of people coughing, and they marked big X’s on the floor to keep people apart.

“We trained managers to ‘please instruct your people to go home if they have symptoms.’ Anybody who’s coughing and anybody who’s not feeling well, get them out of here,” Gonnerman said, adding that employees were paid to go home if they were sick.

But the urgency of the situation was hard to convey.

“We have three cafeterias with round tables. We put barriers between them so only four could sit at a table, but we found them doubling up, hugging each other, not understanding,” Gonnerman said.

“We tried, we really tried, but the communication just wasn’t there. ... And how were we supposed to tell them their culture has to change? They didn’t understand this was a pandemic. And that made it very difficult.”

Protective measures

Gonnerman said she and her colleagues implemented measures to stay safe.

“It’s not a locked facility, but you have to ring a bell to get into health services,” she said.

“We put a telephone in the entryway so everyone had to call us. We could see them, and if they had symptoms, we were doing their intakes and telling them to get out.”

This prevented her and the other staff from coming into direct contact with sick workers, but they struggled to keep up with ever-changing CDC recommendations.

“There were times when we were assessing someone in the entryway, and then quickly cleaning it, fogging it, washing our hands,” Gonnerman said.

“And that’s all you did. One nurse was on the phone, and the other was cleaning.”

Their work, at times, seemed futile. “We’d get the call that someone was positive, and we’d have to call the plant to ask the manager ‘Who do they work beside? Who called safety? Who was their locker beside?’” she said.

“We’d have to go out and clean their locker and try to get these people in there at the same time people were coming down sick.”

‘We just couldn’t manage’

Gonnerman described the situation as a vicious cycle. It was 12 hours a day for weeks and months until we shut down. We just couldn’t manage it.”

She said it was frustrating to not be able to help people despite her efforts.

“The most difficult part of it was the phones,” Gonnerman said. “I would go to bed just exhausted from 12 hours of listening to the phone ... listening to sick people coughing at you and all kinds of people in the background because you know they live in a tiny little house or apartment with kids running around.”

She said she’d tell them to quarantine in a room by themselves, but they didn’t have that kind of space in their homes.

“I think the worst part of it was my mom called one time and said people were really worried about me. I told her I’m fine. It’s the people I’m talking to every day, and they can’t quarantine because they don’t have a choice. They’re stuck in a one-bedroom apartment,” she said.

“I’m traumatized by listening to it. ... Like any other nurse, it wasn’t fun. It was very, very difficult.”

Then, at the end of her workday, she’d return home where people feared she might be contagious.

“There was a time when I was a walking virus in Luverne,” Gonnerman said. “That is a nightmare I don’t want to go back to.”

‘It was eerie, very eerie’

The Smithfield office staff, too, were leaving — either because they had symptoms or had to quarantine due to exposure to someone with the virus.

“It was eerie, very eerie,” Gonnerman said. “I went over to HR one day and not a soul was there. ... When I was the only one left sitting in health services answering the phone, and the benefits lady was the only one left, we had temp agencies coming in

helping us.”

The situation in the plant was just as eerie.

“I don’t know much about the hogs or the business side of things, but I do know when I came into the plant to check my AEDs and I saw no hogs hanging in the hog kill, I saw no workers on the line, I saw maintenance painting and cleaning .... This wasn’t right, not right at all.”

Yet, Gonnerman didn’t contract the virus.

“I never got sick one time,” she said. “Never had one day off.”

Of the 3,700 workers employed at Smithfield, 1,294 were infected and four died, according to figures supplied by OSHA. In April 2020 the plant accounted for a large majority of total coronavirus infections in the state of South Dakota.

Paperwork, paperwork

Returning everyone back to work when the Smithfield plant reopened was also challenging.

“Every single person that was positive had to have an envelope of all these things: Who they had lunch with, what cafeteria they ate at, where they bought their groceries, where they went to the Laundromat, who was beside them in the locker room. ... it was trying. It was very trying.”

She said she’d go through piles of releases from the department of health to see who could return to the plant after they’d quarantined.

“We wouldn’t let anybody come back to work unless we got a release from the department of health,” Gonnerman said.

Now, she said, she’s busy administering tests for people with symptoms. If they’re positive, they need two negative tests before they can return.

Also, health services staff at Smithfield have begun administering the COVID-19 vaccine. That, too, has required education and communicating over language barriers, but Gonnerman said about 200 had received the vaccine so far.

New normal

“It was a long time before I could do a hearing test again,” she said, referring to her pre-pandemic responsibilities.

Slowly, the Smithfield processing plant has geared back up, but not to pre-covid production.

“Pre-covid we would harvest 19,500 hogs daily. We were off for about three or four weeks,” Gonnerman said. “When we came back, we were harvesting 14,000. Now we’re at about 18,000, so we’re getting there.”

She said many of the 60-year-olds and older didn’t come back, and the same was true for some employees with compromised health.

And some of the pandemic barriers will likely remain.

“Now there are dividers between all workers on the production line. I don’t know if that will ever go away,” she said. “I don’t know that it should go away. It’s just going to help during cold and flu season.”

Gonnerman concluded by saying she finds her work rewarding, despite the pandemic experience.

“I tell you what. I love my job,” she said. “Those people —they love anything you do for them. For the most part, I try to tell them I appreciate them.”



Pavement goes down at school

Duininck Inc. crews pave North East Park Street in front of the Luverne Middle-High School Thursday morning, Aug. 19, before work stopped for rain showers Friday and Monday. Work resumed Tuesday morning during another round of showers with the paving around the school expected to be finished by the end of the day. Since Friday, the area has received over an inch of rain.



Hot asphalt is loaded into the paver Thursday morning, Aug. 19, as the Duininck Inc. crew replaces the surface of Alumni Avenue (formerly North East Park Street) in front of the Luverne Middle-High School. The final asphalt surface is expected to be finished Tuesday.

Masks are recommended, not mandated at H-BC

By Mavis Fodness

Under Monday’s newly adopted return-to-school plan, Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members recommended face coverings in all the buildings but didn’t mandate mask use.

Due to a federal mandate, masks are required to be worn by students and staff in school buses and other district vehicles.

The unanimous decision came at the suggestion of Superintendent Todd Holthaus, who indicated if coronavirus conditions worsen, the plan could change.

He said if the Minnesota Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control calls for any changes, he as superintendent could make immediate changes.

Long-term changes would be determined at an emergency school board meeting.

“It’s a fluid situation to a degree,” Holthaus said.

The plan details respiratory etiquette, prevention measures, self-screening, social distancing, ventilation and training.

The “Safe Return” plan is available on the district’s

website.

In other business, H-BC Board Members:

- accepted the resignation of Rachel Wipf as paraprofessional.
- approved hiring Tedra Voss as paraprofessional at \$16 per hour.
- added a “C” team coaching position to the 2021-22 volleyball season. Cost is \$1,600.
- were notified that school board appointee Harley Fransman filed for the open school board position on the ballot this fall.

Students attend activities for free/

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Luverne joins a growing list of Big South schools who waive entrance fees to home activities.

Worthington, Blue Earth, Waseca, Win-dom, New Ulm, Jackson, Fairmont, St. Peter and Pipestone already allow their students to attend home events at no charge.

While admittance to home activities is free, Luverne reinstated activity fees after waiving all fees last year due to the coronavirus.

High school students must pay \$75 per sport and \$45 for each fine arts

activity. Middle school student fees are \$45 per sport and fine arts activity. The maximum payment per family is \$250.

School board approves hiring more personnel

In other business at the Aug. 19 special meeting, Luverne School Board members hired:

- Tyler Reisch as business manager effective Aug. 30 at a salary of \$83,500.
- Krista Ahrendt as B-squad volleyball coach.
- Brandi Johnson, Rebecca Dunn and Tonya Honermann as food service

workers effective Aug. 16.

•Meegan Ross as Early Childhood Family Education and Discovery Time paraprofessional effective Aug. 30.

•Eric Arnold as middle school girls’ tennis coach.

•Epiphany Knedler as long-term substitute for Nowatzki, who was approved for a four-week medical leave of absence beginning Sept. 1.

The board also accepted resignations of Wes Jansen, custodian, effective Aug. 13, and Lacey Sik, paraprofessional, effective Aug. 6.



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## Significant or not ... birthdays need to be faced with a little humor

Well, I had another birthday last week ... not a significant one, though.



### LUV MY JOB

By Esther Frakes, columnist

The birthday cards were delightful ... mildly insulting, kind of edgy, poking fun at all the body parts that have gone south ... and don't plan to return.

I have a stock of cards like that, too. I still haven't been brave enough to gift them ... but I keep them anyway, still hoping. ...

One such card that I think is funny has a likeness of Granny of "The Beverly Hillbillies" on the front, and the inside caption reads, "They can't say we haven't held our looks."

Another shows a woman client with a tattoo artist inside of a tattoo parlor, and the caption reads, "Well, if you want me to tattoo all of your age spots, I'll have to order more ink."

One of my very favorites shows a very old woman in a swing, and this is the verse: "Jesus loves us, this I'm told, even though we're really old ... In spite of wrinkles and false teeth, He sees the young soul underneath."

So my attitude about birthdays is to try to keep my young soul and to rejoice that I am celebrating another year ... and laugh about it.

How about you? Maybe it's time we reclaim our sense of humor and debate something nonsensical in our letters to the editor – and discuss the pros and cons of insulting birthday cards versus kind, loving sentiments.

Happy August Birthday to Linda Limesand, Cheryl Roberts and Elaine Harms ... and to our own Rick Peterson!

## Our differing opinions on facial coverings does not make us enemies

*The enemies are the reactions to our choices*

In 1 Peter 5:8 the Good Book says, "The enemy prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." This image suggests the enemy is not always obvious. The enemy slinks and hides in the bushes as it looks for lunch.

The verse also says, "Be alert and of sober mind," suggesting that awareness of the enemy requires paying attention to the true source of attack.

So who is my enemy?

School board members are not my enemy. Parents who want their children to attend school mask-free are not my enemy, and neither are those who want the children to wear masks.

People who chose to receive the COVID shot are not my enemy. People who do not choose the COVID shot are not my enemy.

Your different opinion does not make you my enemy.

If I spent time in careful reflection (and I don't), I might conclude

the most dangerous enemy to my physical wellbeing is the 30 pounds I need to lose.

Every day, the extra weight attacks my heart, lungs, arteries and joints and makes me more susceptible to a severe case of COVID.

I often consider this as I open bags of chips.

The most dangerous enemy to my mental wellbeing is the headline news I consume on a daily basis.

The Bible has a recommendation on that, too. Philippians 4:8 says, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about

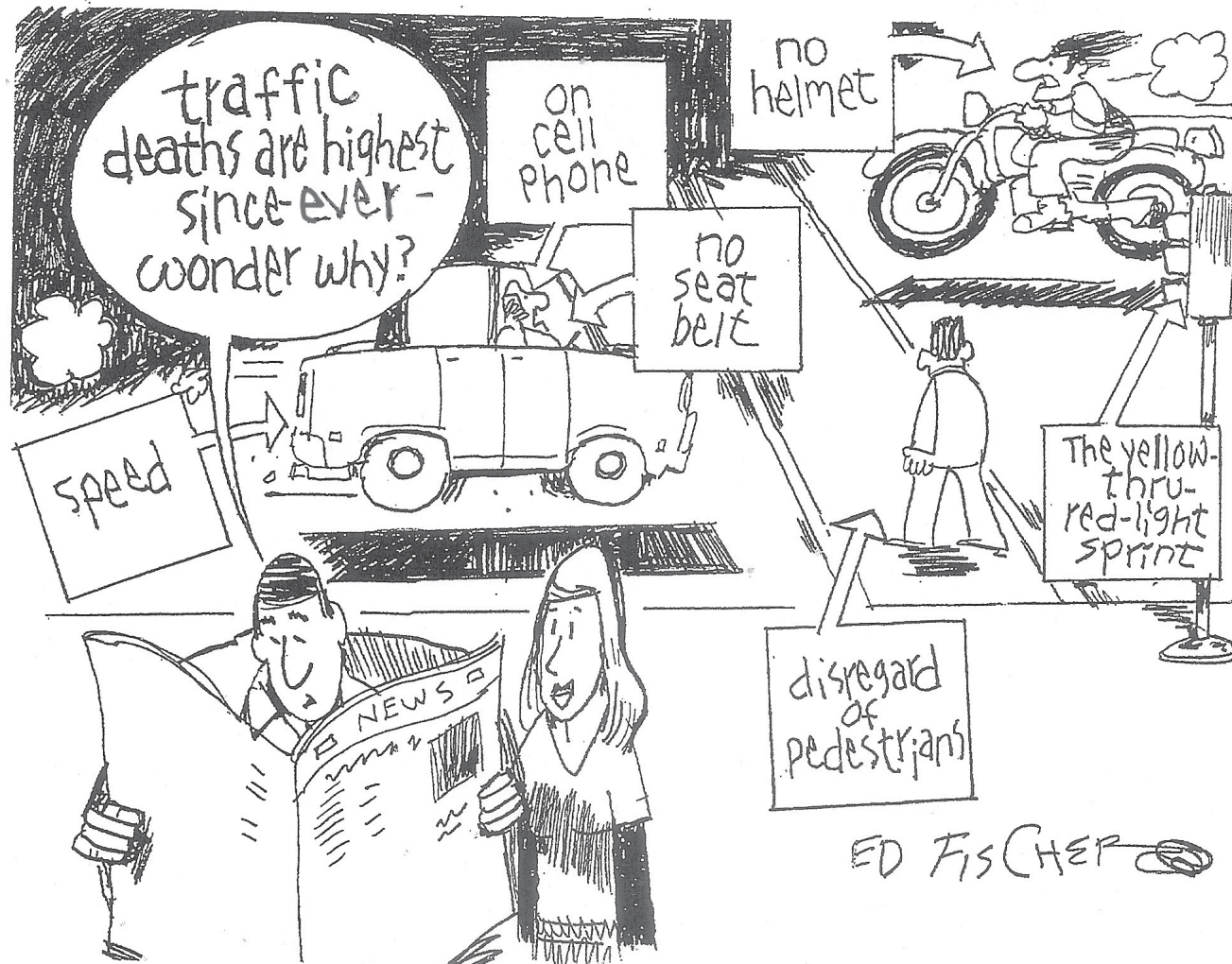
such things." I often consider this as I click on another depressing news headline.

The "enemies" in our lives are not people with different opinions. The enemies are the choices we make – how we treat our bodies, what we put into our heads and how we react to the world around us.

School board members face a difficult choice. Parents sending (or not sending) their kids to school with (or without) masks face a difficult choice.

We are groups of people with differing opinions. We are not enemies.

Don't let The Enemy cause us to believe that we are.



## 'Louder than normal conversation' becomes new norm in 44-year marriage

Earlier this month Mary and I celebrated our 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. A couple of weeks after that, I added another year to my age.

I bring up both of those milestones because with our aging we have noticed some not-so-subtle changes that are starting to creep into our daily lives.

Body aches and pains are more frequent, and I can handle that. But the hard part about those aches and pains is that they hang around a lot longer than they used to.

Stronger prescription glasses or bi/trifocals are no doubt on the horizon. Having had some sort of corrective eyewear for the better part of our lives, a visit to the eye doctor for a stronger prescription



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

doesn't really heighten my aging denial way of thinking.

Admitting hearing aids may be in our future, on the other hand, would be like throwing in the towel on the anti-aging fight.

During our 44 years of marital bliss, Mary and I have had our share of, let's say, minor disagreements

along the way. Those disagreements, like many married folks usually have, deal with parenting issues, money matters, home décor decisions or how many hunting outings I go on, and so forth.

Recently our disagreements have been focusing on whose hearing is worse.

Lately our recent conversations have been going something like this: It doesn't really matter who starts the conversation, but for this column let's say I start the conversation with "Hi Honey, I'm home. How was your day?" Mary responds with "What?" I come back with "What?" She says in a much louder tone, "What did you say?" After shaking my head, I say even louder, "I said, 'Hi Honey, I'm home. How was your day?'" Then she would say something like, "Why do you need money and a comb for the hay?"

Then I would say, "Oh, (insert bad word of your choice) just forget it." She then closes out the conversation with, "OK, Honey. You have

a nice day."

The problem with those conversations – and I am not throwing Mary under the bus here because I am just as much at fault as she is – but they are more the norm than they used to be.

We are working on what I call our hearing aid denial plan.

When Mary starts to talk to me, I lean in toward her with my right ear (the better of the two). She tries to help by facing toward me and begins to talk. This has helped but only if we are sitting next to each other.

So, until one or both of us get hearing aids, the "What did you say?" will continue and the louder than normal conversation will be just the new norm.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Aug. 13**  
•Complainant reported driver not returning his truck.  
•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported property damage.  
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy.  
•Driving complaint was reported westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs, South Dakota.  
**Aug. 14**  
•Complainant on E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.  
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy about landlord-tenant issue.  
•Complainant on 201<sup>st</sup> Street reported a driving complaint.  
•Complainant on County Road 4 and 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported an erratic driver.  
•Complainant on N. Linden Street reported someone disturbing the peace.  
**Aug. 15**  
•Deputy assisted motorist on S. Kniss Avenue.  
•Deputy on E. Veterans Drive stood by for property exchange.  
•Complainant at The Lake reported kids behaving badly.  
•Deputy assisted a citizen on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Jasper.  
•Complainant on railroad bridge near Redbird Field reported a bike was found.  
•Complainant on Luverne Street and Donaldson Street reported a traffic complaint.  
•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.  
•Complainant on W. Luverne Street in Magnolia reported an assault at location.  
•Complainant on S. Steen Street reported suspicious activity.  
**Aug. 16**  
•Complainant in Woodstock reported a personal injury at location.  
•Police department requested information.  
•Complainant on Dakota Street and Iowa Avenue, Steen, reported a large fire.  
•Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported an open door at location.  
•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported a possible theft.  
•Complainant on State Highway 23, Jasper, reported erratic driving.  
•Complainant on Crawford Street reported construction signs being posted at location.  
•Complainant on E. Adams reported a driving complaint.  
**Aug. 17**  
•Report of party need-

ing assistance with fuel on Walnut Avenue and Sunshine Avenue.  
•Deputy checked on tent at Redbird Field.  
•Jackson County arrested subject on Rock County warrant.  
•Complainant on S. Ross Street, Hardwick, reported garbage dumped at the tree dump.  
•Complainant reported theft.  
•Property was found at location on S. Kniss Avenue.  
**Aug. 18**  
•Complainant on W. Barck Avenue reported harassing communications at location.  
•Complainant on County Road 4 and 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a property dispute.  
•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported suspicious activity.  
•Complainant on Donaldson Street and W. Hatting Street reported a parking issue.  
•Complainant on Interstate 90 reported debris on roadway.  
•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported harassment through Snapchat.  
**Aug. 19**  
•Complainant on County Road 4 and 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported debris on roadway.  
•Deputy assisted stranded motorist on County Road 4 and 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne.  
•Complainant on W. Barck Avenue requested a deputy to stand by for property exchange.  
•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a garage door open.  
**Aug. 20**  
•Complainant on McKenzie and Lincoln reported kids disturbing the peace at location.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.  
•Complainant on W. Virginia Street and N. Lindale Street reported a flat tire and vehicles speeding by her.  
•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue and County Road 4 reported a semitrailer blocking traffic.  
In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 transports, 8 escorts, 6 ambulance runs, 7 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 1 fingerprint request, 4 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 5 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 2 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 5 tests, 3 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out and 1 OFP.



Mavis Fodness photos/0826 HBC Walk Thru 2021

## H-BC School Board completes yearly building tour

Monday night the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board took their yearly building tour of the elementary school in Beaver Creek and the Hugo Goehle gymnasium and secondary school, both in Hills.

At the elementary school, a new retaining wall was installed around the basketball court in preparation for moving an electrical service box away from the building. The gymnasium doors were replaced and a new sidewalk was installed on the north side of the school.

The lighting was improved at the Hugo Goehle gymnasium (pictured above) with the more energy-efficient LED bulbs.

The 2021-22 school year begins Sept. 7 in H-BC for middle and high school students and Sept. 8 for elementary students.



## Child care/continued from page 1A

long hours, and you have to open up your home.”  
The meeting included Mayor Pat Baustian, Rock County licensing director Jessica Schmit, Chamber director Jane Lanphere, Sen. Bill Weber and LEDA director Holly Sammons.

**Trending numbers**  
They reviewed trending numbers in the past five years since the city’s child care study.  
There were 56 licensed child care providers in Rock County in 2016 compared with 37 in 2019 and 28 today, creating a rapidly widening gap between working families who need child care and the available slots with licensed providers.  
Sammons said child care has been a prior-

ity for the city, especially from an economic perspective, because if there aren’t places for workers’ children, it’s harder for businesses to find workers and it’s harder for the community to recruit businesses and industry.  
The group reviewed incentives through the Southwest Initiative Foundation for child care businesses, but those are long-term opportunities.  
They also discussed the fact that regulations have eased some in recent years and grants are available for home improvements, playground equipment and other capital investments.  
Some discussion focused on potential after-school care, so that providers could fill those two-hours-per-day slots with a

full-time toddler or baby. The Family-U program at school fills quickly.  
At the end of the meeting, the group agreed to set a September meeting designed to recruit more

providers in Rock County.  
“Behind all this strife, there might be another opportunity for someone,” Baustian said.

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CELEBRATIONS

Birth

A boy, Emmett Mark, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces, 19 inches long, was born to **Andrew and Laura Fodness**, Adrian, on July 30, 2021. Grandparents are Bryan and Mavis Fodness, Hardwick, and Mark and Janine Lorang, Lismore. Great-grandparents are Betty Olson, Luverne, and Charles and Kathy Fodness, Rushmore.

MENU

**Monday, Aug. 30:** Chicken and noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie.

**Tuesday, Aug. 31:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, bread, cinnamon apples.

**Wednesday, Sept. 1:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, brownie. Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

**Thursday, Sept. 2:** Chicken pasta salad, marinated vegetables, fruit, dessert.

**Friday, Sept. 3:** Chicken-fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, dessert.

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Nominations sought for county Hall of Fame

The Rock County Historical Society's Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2022 induction of current and former residents.

Nominees must have a significant identity with Rock County and have made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, and brought honor and prestige beyond the borders of Minnesota. Nominees should also exhibit quality in character and action as to be outstanding role models for the county's citizens.

Nominations are accepted now through Feb. 28, 2022. Forms are available at The History Center, Luverne Area Chamber or online at [www.rock-countyhistorical.com](http://www.rock-countyhistorical.com) or [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com). An awards presentation is scheduled for July 17, 2022.



Mavis Fodness photos/0826 Anyone Can Paint

Luverne Community Education instructor Cheryl Nath (in front, standing) shows one of her pour paintings to a group of students Wednesday morning, Aug. 18, in the high school art room. Nath's "Anyone Can Paint" class demonstrates participants don't need to consider themselves artistic in order to enjoy painting.

'Anyone Can Paint' encourages young artists to try pouring technique

By Mavis Fodness

Instructor Cheryl Nath told her Luverne Community Education students to choose color wisely and not worry about making mistakes.

After all, the risk of pouring colors in and out

of former yogurt containers is that they could mix together.

"If you put the wrong colors together, they turn sort of gray or brown," she said.

Not to worry, though. "If you don't like it,

you can change it."

Changing meant painting the canvas one color — such as black or white — and starting the pouring technique again.

Gravity does most of the "painting" as the young artists tip the canvases to allow the paint to cover every square inch.

Pour painting can also be completed by pouring paint over another container or even through a strainer for different color effects.

Nath encouraged stu-



Aleigha Beaner tips the canvas for colors to "pour" off the canvas.

dents to be bold.

"Art can be fun," she said. "You don't have to be artistic — use your creativity, use the colors you want."

The exercise was part of the "Anyone Can Paint" Community Education class Wednesday, Aug. 19, in the LHS art room.



Instructor Cheryl Nath (left) tells Allison Lysne to pour more paint over the blank areas of her canvas. At left: A drain strainer works for Harper DeWispelaere in creating a pour paint pattern.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•A powerful storm swept through Rock County in the overnight hours of Tuesday morning.

Nearly 60-mph winds uprooted trees, tore rooftops off buildings and collapsed grain bins, among other reported damage. ...

The most concentrated area of damage, and perhaps the most visible, was in the center of Luverne, primarily in a two-block area of Estey and Brown streets.

There, decade-old trees were uprooted, and towering maple and cottonwood trees downed, leaving gaping holes in the sky where there were once wide canopies of shade.

25 years ago (1996)

•Plum Creek Library System will no longer bring the Roadrunner Bookmobile to rural Rock County communities. In fact, if no other organization steps forward to operate it by next spring, the bookmobile will cease to exist altogether.

The Bookmobile was established in 1975 to make books and educational materials available to residents of rural communities who didn't have access to libraries.

It was started by the Plum Creek Library Board, which is governed by representatives from nine southwestern Minnesota counties that utilize the bookmobile.

50 years ago (1971)

•About 20 students living in the city of Luverne will be eligible to receive bus transportation to their respective schools, under the provisions of a new law enacted by the Minnesota Legislature.

Meeting in a special session Monday night, the school board adopted the policy providing transportation under Chapter 890, which permits the school board to transport students living one mile or more from the school.

According to Supt. Harvey G. Eitheim, the distance a child lives from school is defined as the shortest route from the child's residence by public walkway, street or highway to the assigned school. Here, the distance will be determined by engineer's map or actual measurement.

75 years ago (1946)

•Luverne's newest retail store, Leuthold and Bauer, will be

opened to the public Friday (tomorrow) at 8:30 a.m.

A complete line of men's and boys' wearing apparel and footwear will be featured, according to Bill Bauer, co-partner and manager of the firm. This includes not only what might be termed "dress" clothing, but work clothing and sportswear will also be carried.

100 years ago (1921)

•Luverne will have a foot ball team this fall and about 15 games will be scheduled. This was decided upon at a meeting in the city hall Friday night, when a representative crowd of foot ball enthusiasts convened for the purpose of organizing a Luverne team and electing officers.

O. H. Mosby was unanimously selected as secretary and treasurer and will take care of the arrangements of games. Millard Mosby was chosen captain of the team and will handle the work outs of the men.

The team at present has enough foot ball togs to outfit about sixteen men, and it is particularly desired that all young men who have played foot ball or want to try for positions on the team report to Captain Mosby.





# BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County Historical Society

## 1935: Four elected to burial association

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on March 29, 1935.

### Rock County Burial Assn. Re-Elects Four Directors

#### Encouraging Reports on Past Year's Business Submitted at Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Four directors were each re-elected for two years at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Rock County Co-Operative Burial association, held Saturday afternoon at the Luverne Commercial club rooms. They are Wm. J. Vander Haar, of Clinton township; Thos. Vandezan, of Luverne township; Wm. Heckt, of this city, and J. N. Jacobson, of Hills.

The directing board will meet at a later date to name officers for the coming year. At present Mr. Vander Haar is president; Mr. Vandezan, secretary, and Mr. Heckt, treasurer.

Encouraging reports were submitted by the secretary and treasurer and by Manager Lloyd Johnson, disclosing that during the past year the association had not only handled a larger volume of business than usual, but it was also in very good financial condition. Improved collections were shown to have placed the finances of the organization on a firmer and more substantial footing.

The burial association maintains an undertaking parlor and funeral chapel on West Main street, and in the same building there are maintained home accommodations for the undertaker and his family.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.



# Thank you, Farmers!



## First-time event draws crowd

By Lori Sorenson

The Aug. 21 ag appreciation event at Take 16 attracted roughly 650 people, according to organizer Don Dinger.

“Ag/Farmer Appreciation Day was huge,” he said. “We were so blessed with rain the day before, and then great weather.”

Dinger said the event was planned simply to thank farmers for their “dedication to food production.”

The event included a free meal and full bar followed by live music with the Sioux Falls band Goodroad (pictured center).

Main Street in front of Take 16 was closed off for the party, and Mayor Pat Baustian proclaimed Aug. 21 “Ag Day,” recognizing agriculture’s impact on the community.

Dinger said volunteers served 425 hamburgers and 150 pounds of pulled pork.

“A lot of farmers and farm kids attended,” Dinger said. “And the band was really, really good.”

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Graber graduates from Marine Corps

Private First Class Mitchell Graber graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, on Friday, Aug. 20.

PFC Graber is continuing his training at the School of Infantry which will be followed by schooling for his Military Occupational Specialty.

PFC Graber is a member of the Minnesota Marine Reserves.

He is the son of Keith and Seana Graber, Luverne, and the grandson of Marlyn and Karen Roberts, Luverne.

### Walgrave accepting patients at Sanford Luverne Clinic

Luverne native Suzie Walgrave (pictured right), CNP, has started accepting patients by appointment at Sanford Luverne Clinic.

“My goal is to provide compassionate, safe and effective care to every patient, every time,” Walgrave indicated in her idea of care.

She recently received her Master of Nursing Practice from Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan. She is a specialist in family medicine.

Walgrave is board certified with the Ameri-



can Academy of Nursing Practitioners and has a Doctor of Nurse Practice degree from Mount Marty

University in Yankton, South Dakota, where she is also an adjunct professor for nurse anesthesia. Walgrave is also pursuing a doctorate degree in nursing leadership and education at Mount Marty.

She trained and competed as a martial arts athlete with Team USA for several years. She continues to train and coach high-level athletes when not at the clinic.

Walgrave lives in Luverne with her two mini-Aussies named Ludo and Leela.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Mavis Grage

Mavis Grage, 99, Jasper, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service at the church. Burial will be in the Jasper City Cemetery in Jasper.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, Jasper Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com (0826 DN)

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# Concrete bridge at city park to be removed

By Lori Sorenson

The old concrete bridge near the Luverne City Park entrance will soon be removed, and River Road will have its own entrance to County Road 4 farther east.

The project consists of the demolition of an old bridge and replacing it with a road that will be extended to County Road 4.

This will leave Luverne's main city park with one main entrance and exit, and River Road traffic will enter and exit directly at the highway.

Luverne City Council members recently approved the project, which is in city limits, and discussed its merits.

"It will probably be better to get it a little farther away from the city park entrance," said City Administrator John Call.

"Many of us take it for granted because we've been down there so many times, but sometimes people pull in there and get confused about which direction to go."

The River Road extension will curve a bit before it reaches the highway in order to preserve a row of nearby evergreens.

"I really think our Rock County engineer put a lot of thought in this project, and I think having two entrances down there, a separate one for River Road, is the best plan," Call said.

"The main thing is that the bridge is beyond its useful years."

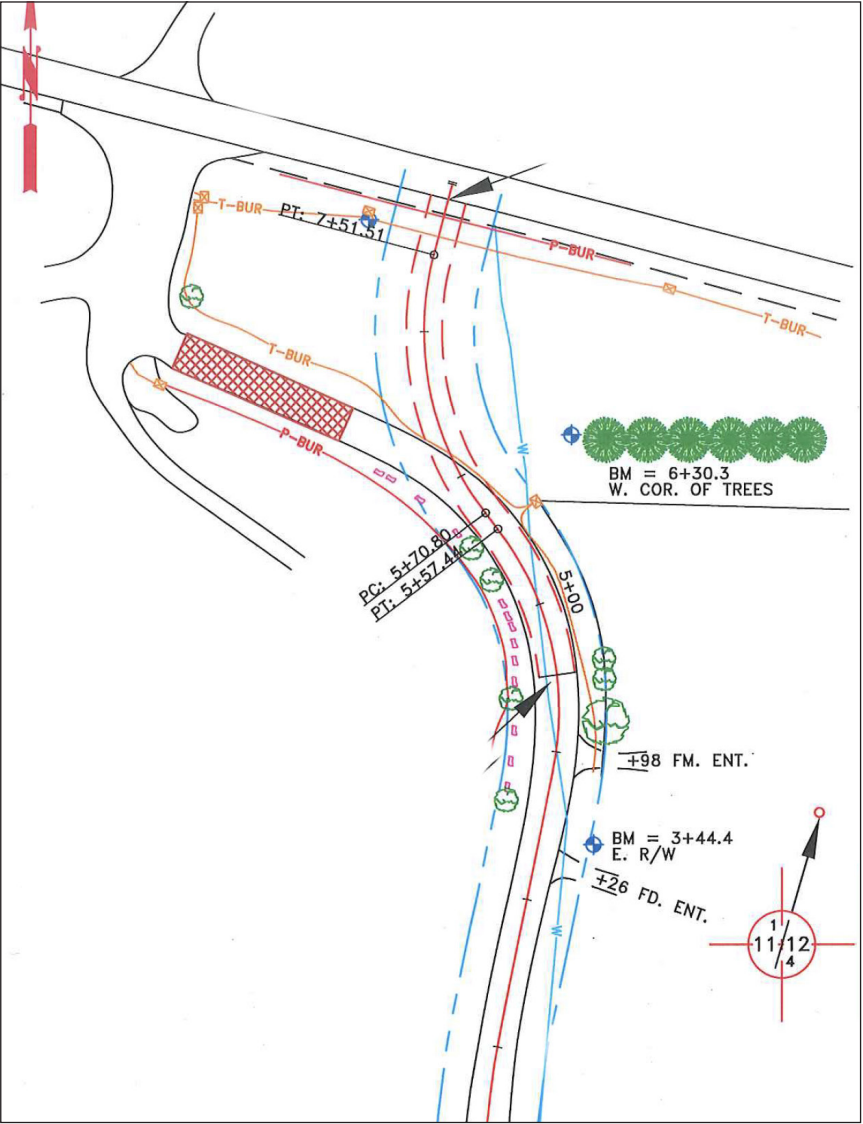
The road and bridge project, which the county is paying for, was bid along with two other projects.

At their Aug. 17 meeting



The old concrete bridge near the Luverne City Park entrance will soon be removed, and River Road will have its own entrance to County Road 4 farther east. The diagram below shows how River Road will approach the highway.

Rock County commissioners accepted the low bid from Henning Construction of \$278,120, which is nearly \$17,000 below the engineer's estimate. The amount also includes removal of a bridge near Con-Agg and two box culvert projects in Luverne and Clinton townships. The bid for the project near the city park was \$80,707. The timing of the River Road project, depending on funding, will be this fall or next spring.



## Contracts for law enforcement in small communities/ continued from page 1A

county's small cities. The annual budget for the Rock County Sheriff's Office is just over \$2 million and includes 12 peace officers.

According to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, the majority of the calls to law enforcement come from the city of Luverne (about 62 percent).

Because of the call volume, Luverne negotiates a separate contract that is not based on population but on the level of services.

For 2022 Luverne's contract is \$1.03 million.

Calls to the small cities make up about one percent of the call volume to law enforcement.

Verbrugge said animal complaints, domestic issues and mental health calls make up the majority of the visits to the small cities.

"It all depends on who is in your community for calls and service," he said.

Larger communities such as Sioux Falls and Fargo, North Dakota, are also a factor within smaller cities.

"Criminals are mobile," Verbrugge said. "We are getting a lot of activity up north and coming on down."

Steen Mayor Mel Van-Batavia inquired if there are areas in which local residents can help law enforcement.

"We don't want to defund (police), we want to fund," he said.

Each city will discuss the individual law enforcement contracts at upcoming council meetings.

The five-year contract proposes annual increases of 2 to 3 percent through 2026.

"With the (previous) zero and 1 percent increases, a lot of stuff has fallen behind," said Hardwick Mayor Willy Baker. "We need to step up and pay our fair share."



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## Redbirds to face Eagle Lake Expos at state townball tournament

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds will open the 2021 Class C Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Chaska.

The Redbirds, 25-5 on the season, will face the Eagle Lake Expos in the second round of the tournament.

Luverne earned a first-round bye after winning the Region 13C tournament.

The No. 1-seeded Redbirds swept the Adrian A's,

Hadley Buttermakers and Milroy Irish by a combined score of 55-8 during the region playoffs.

The Windom Pirates and Milroy Irish also represented Region 13C in the state tournament, with both teams playing in the first round of the 48-team tournament.

The Pirates lost to the Sobieski Skis 2-0 Saturday while the Irish came up short 4-0 to Maple Lake Sunday.

Eagle Lake, 8-11 on the

season, reached the state tournament by defeating the Waterville Indians 1-0 in ten innings during the Region 6C semifinal.

In the region championship game, the No. 12-seeded Expos lost 7-0 to the top-seeded Jordan Brewers.

The Eagle Lake team began in 2018 and is playing in its first state amateur baseball tournament.

At the state tournament, Eagle Lake defeated the Can-

non Falls Bears 2-1 during Round 1 Sunday in Chaska.

In that game, the score was tied 1-1 when the Expos' Luke Johnson hit a two-out RBI single in the eighth inning. When the Expos held the Bears scoreless in the ninth inning, Eagle Lake won 2-1 and advanced to face Luverne in the second round Saturday.

"They look young and athletic," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer

about the Expos.

According to a report from KEYC-TV in Mankato, seven of the Expos' nine starters are 20 years old or younger.

"From what I've heard, it's mostly young guys from Mankato," Maurer said.

"Once you get to this second weekend, you have to play your best baseball to beat any team you play," he said.

The winner of the Redbirds-Expos game will ad-

vance to play the Watertown Red Devils or the Avon Lakers at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, in Waconia.

Teams that advance to play Labor Day weekend need to win once Saturday, twice Sunday and once Monday to win the championship in the single-elimination Class C State Tournament.

"It will be a fun weekend and hopefully we make it to Labor Day weekend," Maurer said.



At left, Mary Jo Graphenteen (far right) won her fourth consecutive LCC Women's Club Championship Aug. 10. Other flight winners include (from left) Dana Klay, Joan Kindt, Marlene Kopp and Sherry Dorhout. At right, Ben Nath (far right) repeated as the Luverne Country Club men's tournament champion Sunday. Flight champions available for the photo are Logan Stratton (left), Don Klosterbuer, Cody Hemme, Joe Dorhout and Ben Nath. Not pictured is Dan Kern.



## Club champions crowned

*Graphenteen, Dorhout, Nath win Luverne Country Club tournaments*

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Country Club crowned its club champions for the 2021 season in recent weeks.

Mary Jo Graphenteen won the Women's Club Tournament. Joe Dorhout came out on top at the Senior Men's Club Tournament, and Ben Nath was crowned the Men's Club Tournament champion.

### Women's tournament

Graphenteen won her fourth consecutive, and fifth overall, LCC women's club championship Aug. 10 with an 18-hole gross score of 77.

The tournament, which had been played on a Saturday for a number of years, was moved to a Tuesday this year in an effort to increase the number of participants.

The regular women's league day is Tuesday. The effort was successful as 21 women competed in the tournament this year.

In addition to naming the club champion (low gross score), flight winners (low gross score) and the overall low net score winner (gross score minus handicap) were named.

"The new Tuesday format was a great way to play the club tournament," Graphenteen said.

"Being divided into flights allows golfers to compete with players of similar skill level," she said.

Dana Klay won the third flight with a score of 105. Joan Kindt won the second flight with a score of 93 and Marlene Kopp won the first flight with an 89.

The president's flight was won by Sherry Dorhout with an 88.

Overall low net score winners were Anitra Overgaard and Marlene Kopp, both with a 67.

### Women's tournament results

| Third flight  |                   |     |
|---------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1             | Dana Klay         | 105 |
| 2             | Stacy Schepel     | 109 |
| 3             | Anitra Overgaard  | 123 |
| Second flight |                   |     |
| 1             | Joan Kindt        | 93  |
| 2             | Susan Schneekloth | 95  |
| 3             | Lynette Springman | 96  |
| First Flight  |                   |     |
| 1             | Marlene Kopp      | 89  |
| 2             | Sharla Reisch     | 96  |
|               | Susan Skattum     | 96  |



The Senior Men's Club Tournament was played Aug. 14 with Joe Dorhout (far right) winning the championship. Age group winners include (from left) Tom Arends, Terry Reisch, Gary Kurtz, Dan Kern and Scott Remme. Reisch also shot the low net score for the tournament. (Submitted photos)

| President's Flight  |                     |    |
|---------------------|---------------------|----|
| 1                   | Sherry Dorhout      | 88 |
| 2                   | Colleen Nath        | 93 |
|                     | Tracy Hansen        | 93 |
| Championship Flight |                     |    |
| 1                   | Mary Jo Graphenteen | 77 |
| 2                   | Melissa Sandbulte   | 82 |
| 3                   | Paula Lammert       | 87 |
| Low Net Winner      |                     |    |
|                     | Anitra Overgaard    | 67 |
|                     | Marlene Kopp        | 67 |

### Senior men's tournament

Joe Dorhout came out on top of the Senior Men's Club Tournament at LCC Aug. 14 with a low gross score of 70.

"When you hit a lot of greens and make a lot of putts, you put yourself in position to possibly win," Dorhout said. "It was a great day on a spectacular-looking course."

The low net winner (gross score minus handicap) was Terry Reisch with a 65.

Flights were set up based on age range, and winners were determined using net scores (actual score minus handicap).

Scott Remme won the 40-49

age group with a net score of 66.

Dan Kern placed first in the 50-56 division with a net score of 69, while Gary Kurtz' 70 bested the field in the 57-63 group.

Terry Reisch won the 64-71 division with a net score of 65, and Tom Arends came out on top of the 72-91 flight with a net score of 73.

### Senior men's tournament results:

#### Age group net winners:

| 40-49: |                  |    |
|--------|------------------|----|
| 1      | Scott Remme      | 66 |
| 2      | Ryan Fick        | 73 |
|        | Jeff Sehr        | 73 |
| 50-56: |                  |    |
| 1      | Dan Kern         | 69 |
| 2      | Jim Stratton     | 75 |
|        | Cory Bloemendaal | 75 |
| 57-63: |                  |    |
| 1      | Gary Kurtz       | 70 |
| 2      | Joe Dorhout      | 71 |
| 3      | Scott Olson      | 73 |
| 64-71: |                  |    |
| 1      | Terry Reisch     | 65 |
| 2      | Spencer Sells    | 72 |
|        | Steve Dirks      | 72 |
| 72-91: |                  |    |
| 1      | Tom Arends       | 73 |
| 2      | Dave Gangestad   | 75 |

| Greg Thone     | 75 |
|----------------|----|
| Low Net Winner |    |
| Terry Reisch   | 65 |

### Men's Tournament

Ben Nath repeated as the LCC Men's Club Champion during the annual tournament Aug. 21-22 with a score of 150.

Pete Connell placed second with a score of 153 and Coy Gonnerman's 161 finished third.

"I'm glad I made the putt for eagle on 17 to tie Pete Connell," Nath said. "A 3-stroke lead going into the 18<sup>th</sup> hole instead of a 2 or 1 shot lead was much more comfortable."

"Thanks to the LCC grounds crew and staff for their hard work this weekend," Nath said. "It was a wonderful weekend of golf with a great group of guys."

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

Players in the championship flight are divided into championship, president's and vice-president's flights after the first day of 18-hole play. The top eight players after the first day make up the championship flight for the tournament.

The third flight was determined by net score. All other flight winners were determined by low gross score.

### Men's Tournament Results

| Third Flight            |                 |      |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------|
| 1                       | Logan Stratton  | 148  |
| 2                       | Josh Gangestad  | 149  |
| 3                       | Mark Springman  | 151  |
| Second Flight           |                 |      |
| 1                       | Don Klosterbuer | 187  |
| 2                       | Chris Denhoed   | 188  |
| 3                       | Evan Verbrugge  | 189  |
| First Flight            |                 |      |
| 1                       | Dan Kern        | 172  |
| 2                       | Tom Kopp        | 173  |
| 3                       | Tim Diedrich    | 176  |
| Vice-President's Flight |                 |      |
| 1                       | Cody Hemme      | 169  |
| 2                       | Cory Norman     | 170* |
| 3                       | Greg Stratton   | 170  |
| *playoff                |                 |      |
| President's Flight      |                 |      |
| 1                       | Joe Dorhout     | 163  |
| 2                       | Colton Arends   | 164  |
| 3                       | James Stratton  | 168  |
| Championship Flight     |                 |      |
| 1                       | Ben Nath        | 150  |
| 2                       | Pete Connell    | 153  |
| 3                       | Coy Gonnerman   | 161  |

## Luverne tennis off to winning start

The Luverne girls' tennis team had a successful start to the 2021 season with a pair of road victories on Saturday.

The Cardinals defeated the Morris Area Tigers and Benson Braves by identical 4-3 scores.

LHS number 1 singles player, Mia Wenzel, and the No. 3 doubles team of Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr all went undefeated for the day with 2-0 records.

LHS girls' coach Jon Beers said he is optimistic about the new season, even though there are only a few returning players with varsity experience.

"We only have three returning players with varsity matches from last year," Beers said. "But the new varsity players didn't seem to be nervous."

### Luverne 4, Morris Area 3

Wenzel, returning No. 4 singles player from last year, defeated Morris Area's Abigail Athey in a thrilling 3 set match 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

At No. 2 singles, Luverne's Olivia Wieneke lost 6-2, 6-0 to Kassidy Girard. No. 3 singles Jacey Smith lost a close three-set match to Cate Kehoe 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Luverne's Roselyn Hartshorn defeated Claire Stark 6-3, 7-5 at No. 4 singles.

Kristin Rud and Hope Thorson from Luverne defeated Lakie Manska and Brianna Schmidgall 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 at No. 1 doubles.

Luverne's Katharine Kelm and Sarah Stegenga lost to Hope Sperr and Kjersten Nibbe 6-2, 2-6, 6-0 in No. 2 doubles. At No. 3 doubles, Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr from Luverne, defeated Liz Pollard and Lydia Fynboh 7-5, 6-0.

### Luverne 4, Benson 3

In the Benson match, Wenzel defeated Elise Duncan 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1 singles.

"Mia played great in both of her matches. I am really excited to see how her season goes," Beers said.

Rud and Thorson moved to singles for the Benson match. At No. 2 singles, Rud lost to Hannah Helm 6-0, 6-2 and Thorson lost 6-2, 6-0 to Elle Kletshluer at No. 3 singles.

Tennis, continued on 2B



# Top, Overgaard finish in top three at Saturday races

By Jason Berghorst

Local dirt track races were rained out Friday, but three area tracks staged races on Saturday night. The final LSR (Luverne-Slayton-Rock Rapids) Enduro Series race of the season was at Murray County Speedway in Slayton.

Twenty-seven drivers from the three states competed in the race, including eight from Rock County.

Chase Overgaard, Luverne, finished in third place, moving all the way up from his 23<sup>rd</sup> position start. Jasmine Kalass, Luverne, placed fifth overall.

Silas Top, Hardwick, finished second in the Bombers Class A Feature race at Worthington Speedway Saturday night.

Below are the full results for Rock County drivers from Aug. 21 races at area tracks.

**Murray County Speedway – Aug. 21**  
**LSR Enduro Series**

|                 |         |    |
|-----------------|---------|----|
| Chase Overgaard | Luverne | 3  |
| Jasmine Kalass  | Luverne | 5  |
| Tony Fluit      | Luverne | 9  |
| Hunter Fluit    | Luverne | 12 |
| Eric Gaul       | Luverne | 16 |
| Josh Fick       | Luverne | 17 |
| Chris Hoogland  | Jasper  | 20 |
| Trevor Fluit    | Kenneth | 22 |

**Worthington Speedway – Aug. 21**  
**Bombers A Feature**

|               |          |    |
|---------------|----------|----|
| Silas Top     | Hardwick | 2  |
| Cadyn Wessels | Luverne  | 18 |



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The fall hunting season starts with the mourning dove opener on Sept. 1. The mourning dove is the most numerous game bird in North America, and states have been hunting them for decades.

When the season started in Minnesota more than a decade ago, it was a pretty big controversy. A segment of the population thought they should be left alone, as they did not hurt anything and sounded really cool. The other segment described them as a renewable resource that could be hunted with no measurable impact on their populations. Both feel like they are right, and this debate will most likely never end. After more than 10 years, the volume on this debate has toned down significantly.

A mourning dove has a life expectancy of about 11 months. Most of the doves that hunters shoot would likely be dead by the same time next year due to natural causes. It is this fact that should convince the majority of anti-dove hunters in the crowd.

I really enjoy hunting doves, but I live in a part of the state where dove hunting is really hot and cold. The season runs several months but could last twice as long and the number of doves harvested would not increase. Doves are a wimpy bird. There are doves around on the opener, but after one or two solid frosts, all of these



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

critters will be gone from Minnesota on the way to warmer pastures.

It is not only cold temperatures that send them packing. A few years back the dove opener was really successful. I missed opening day, and on day two the wind blew 45-50 mph. On day three when the wind went down, there was not a single dove left in the county. I missed one day and ended up missing the entire season.

Dove hunting spots are not hard to identify, but they are really hard to find in my world. Wheat fields are their favorite haunts. They can be found there in good numbers during early morning and evening hours. The problem is that there are almost no small grain fields in the area where I live. The ones that do exist would have 100 hunters each if the landowner said yes to every person who asked permission. Other small grains like oats and barley don't seem to do the trick nearly as well.

Small grains are used in a crop rotation for soil health reasons in many cases. They are also places to spread manure before the fall corn and bean harvest gets in full swing.

Once the manure is spread over the spot, the doves don't like it nearly as well. Most wheat fields will have this effort completed within one week of the actual harvest. So if you find a good spot, it is likely that in only a few days it won't be nearly as good a spot.

One other pretty good option for finding doves is to look for new seedings of CRP or new grass stands on new public hunting lands. These weedy areas will attract doves, but the vegetation growth is normally so tall that finding downed birds is a much greater challenge. I like walking these areas and flushing the birds from the cover much like a pheasant.

Dove hunting is great for kids because there is normally quite a bit of shooting if you can find a good spot and the temperatures are warmer so the kids won't freeze to death or make comments about going home after only 15 minutes into the hunt. They also don't have to be so super quiet, and a little fidgeting on the bucket is still allowed.

I still use my hunting Labradors to mark the downed birds and make the retrieves, but it takes the right dog. Doves are

small and some dogs can chew up the bird before they can run it back to you. The limit is 15 per day, but few hunters fill their daily limit very often. My dad (back in the day when it was legal) would ride on the front fender of the old Chevy station wagon and then hop off and shoot them when they flew off the power lines. He was the only guy I knew that could harvest 15 doves with a box of 25 shells. The average hunter expends six to seven rounds for each dove harvested, so the ammo companies love dove hunters.

You do need a license to hunt doves, but not the migratory bird stamps like duck hunters need. The season is short and the spots a little hard to find, but after sitting on the sidelines for 9 1/2 months it will great to smell the aroma of gunpowder again.

You have two weeks to scout a spot and find a youth to take along. Folks that don't hunt miss the very best times of the day, those being sunrise and sunset. Don't miss out. Recreate outside this fall and start with a little dove hunting.

If you hunt in southwest Minnesota, look for the guy driving the pheasant truck. I would love to share your story with others even more than my own.

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## Tennis/from page 1B

"Kristin and Hope played a hard three-set match against Morris Area," Beers said.

"I was pleased to see how hard they played their singles matches without much time between the matches."

At No. 4 singles Harts-horn lost to Abby Dejoy 6-4, 7-6.

Luverne won all three doubles matches in the Benson match.

Wieneke and Smith played No. 1 doubles after playing singles in the first match and won an exciting match 4-6, 6-3, 10-2.

No. 2 doubles Kelm

and Stegenga won 7-6, 4-6, 10-8, and No. 3 doubles Hemme and Muehr won 3-6, 7-5, 10-5.

"All three doubles teams had exciting matches with all three going to a third set tiebreaker," Beers said.

"If we had lost any one of the matches, we would not have won the team dual. I could not be more proud of all the girls that played doubles matches today."

Luverne returns to action at 2 p.m. on Tuesday for their home opener with matches against Yellow Medicine East and MAC-CRAY.

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Roger Sparks, Pastor

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

## First Baptist Church

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

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

## Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4431; [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)

## Ann Zastrow, Pastor

## Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 26: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Aug. 28: 5:30 p.m. Polka Worship service. Sunday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee and treats. Tuesday, Aug. 31: 8:30 a.m. Grace notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 1: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. Thursday, Sept. 2: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

## Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
[pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com)  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well ([els.org](http://els.org)). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

## American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)

Friday, Aug. 27: 6:30 a.m. Community men's Bible study. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Aug. 28: Wedding of Emilee Johnson and Nate Haraldson. Sunday, Aug. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Guest Pastor Dave Heilman. Tuesday, Aug. 31: 12:00 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

(formerly First Assembly of God)

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4  
Ph. 612-800-1255; email [info@rockrivercommunity.church](mailto:info@rockrivercommunity.church)  
Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

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

## United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Saturday, Aug. 28: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 29: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service; live streamed on Facebook and radio. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Tuesday, Aug. 31: 9:30 a.m. Folding team. Wednesday, Sept. 1: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Sept. 2: 6:30 p.m. RTE community prayer breakfast.

## First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: [Firstpc@iw.net](mailto:Firstpc@iw.net) — [www.fpcluverne.com](http://www.fpcluverne.com)

Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Wednesday, Sept. 1: Com-

mittee meetings. 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](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)  
[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)  
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, Aug. 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m. Worship service. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

## Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; [www.livingrockswmn.org](http://www.livingrockswmn.org)  
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

## New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. 449-6522; email: [newlifecelebration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelebration@gmail.com)  
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## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. (507) 669-2855; [zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)  
Jesse Baker, Pastor

## Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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

## First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
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Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 29: 10 a.m. Joint worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

## Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 29: 10 a.m. Joint worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025  
email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto:lori.firstpres@gmail.com)

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

## Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
Ph. 605-215-3429  
email: [magnoliannumc@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliannumc@gmail.com)  
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

## Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
Ph. 855-2336

## Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blehills.org](http://blehills.org). Tuesday, Aug. 31: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study.

## Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
[hillsurc@alliancecom.net](mailto:hillsurc@alliancecom.net)  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

## Work ... a part of God's perfect creation

When you hear the word "work," what is the first thing that comes to your mind?

When I hear the word "work," positive images pop into my mind. In part I believe that is because I grew up in a home where work was seen as a good thing. It was something I never heard my parents complain about.

As I grew older, I started working for others, whether that was baling hay for area farmers or carrying out groceries at Fareway.

After I started working, I also found out that not everyone liked work. Work wasn't a joy for some people; instead, they saw it as a burden. Work was something they had to do to make a living.

I found myself wondering why I liked to work when other people did not like to work. Did my dad and mom brainwash me? Was work more difficult for some people than it was for me? Was my family just weird?

I wondered what the Bible has to say about work. I found I didn't have to look very far to find my answer. It was right there at the beginning of the Bible. Work is a part of God's perfect creation, as Genesis 2:15 shares with us. God created humans and then he gave them work to do. God didn't just plop Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and then tell them to take it easy. He instructed them to work it and take care of it.

What this teaches us is that work is not something that's bad. Quite the contrary, it is something that is good – in fact very good

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jeremy  
Wiersema, Reformed  
Church of Steen

*Work is a  
blessing  
because it was  
a part of the  
perfect world  
from the  
beginning.*

– because it is a part of God's perfect creation.

Think about the impact that Genesis 2:15 can have on how we view work. What we begin to recognize is that work existed before sin entered the world.

For some people the thought of work being good is unthinkable. For them work is at best simply a means to an end.

There are two competing theories about work. One is that people work to play, meaning work is some kind of necessary evil, some kind of burden we have to bear in order to do what we want to do.

But that isn't what God is teaching us. If work is a part of creation pre-sin, then it would stand to reason that work isn't burden. Work is a blessing because it was a part of the perfect world from the beginning.

In God's perfect design there will always be work for us to do. Keep in mind that it will be good work, productive work. Work that will keep us occupied with gladness of heart.

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

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## Magnolia City Council hearing Sept. 13

### LEGAL NOTICE: MAGNOLIA SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING

The Magnolia City Council has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall/Post Office, 113 W. Luverne St. The meeting is intended to obtain citizen input, comments, recommendations and suggestions regarding progress of the recent activity in the community. Citizens attending the meeting will have the opportunity to voice suggestions, complaints, and grievances pertaining to any matters outlined above or discussed at the meeting. Low- to moderate-income citizens, Section 3, women and minority-owned businesses, handicapped individuals and members of any disadvantaged classes are particularly encouraged to attend.

/s/ Glenda Schomacker,  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
(08-26)

## Kraayenhof probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-21-197

In Re: Estate of  
Dorothy A. Kraayenhof,  
Decedent

### NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 2021, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Loree A. Ness, whose address is 104 West Barck, Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Date: August 17, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajrt  
Judge of District Court

Attorney for Petitioner  
Donald R. Klosterbuer  
Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP  
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(08-26, 09-02)

## Lemke hearing

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-21-199

In Re: Estate of  
Keith H. Lemke,  
Deceased

### ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of September, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Luverne, Minnesota, on the petition of David Abraham, Tammy Krogmann, Penny Krogmann, and John G. Borneke for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named decedent, and for the appointment of: David Abraham, whose address is, PO Box 392, Bushland, TX 79012; Tammy Krogmann, whose address is, 10000 Stedwick Road, Apt. 302, Montgomery Village, MD 20886-3722; Penny Krogmann, whose address is, 4934 S Tri Oak Circle NE, Wyoming, MN 55092; and John G. Borneke, whose address is 715 N East Street, Janesville, MN 56048, as co-administrators of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, co-personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

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

Date: August 17, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajrt  
Judge of District Court

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(08-26, 09-02)

## Rock County hearing on amendments to zoning ordinance Aug. 30

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 30, 2021, at 7:10 p.m. at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota for the purpose of considering amendments and additions to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance and which amendments shall pertain to allowing self-storage facilities in the A-1 District.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Written comments should be submitted to the Rock County Zoning Administrator by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 2021. All persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to present testimony.

Dated: August 19, 2021

By order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862

(08-19, 08-26)

## Rock County Planning and Zoning hearing Aug. 30

### Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday August 30, 2021. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments on the following application for conditional use permit:

Applicant:  
Property Owner  
Location:

W & N Construction  
Kevin and Donna Oehlerts  
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Conditional Use

By order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
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(08-19, 08-26)

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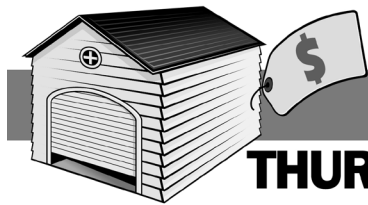
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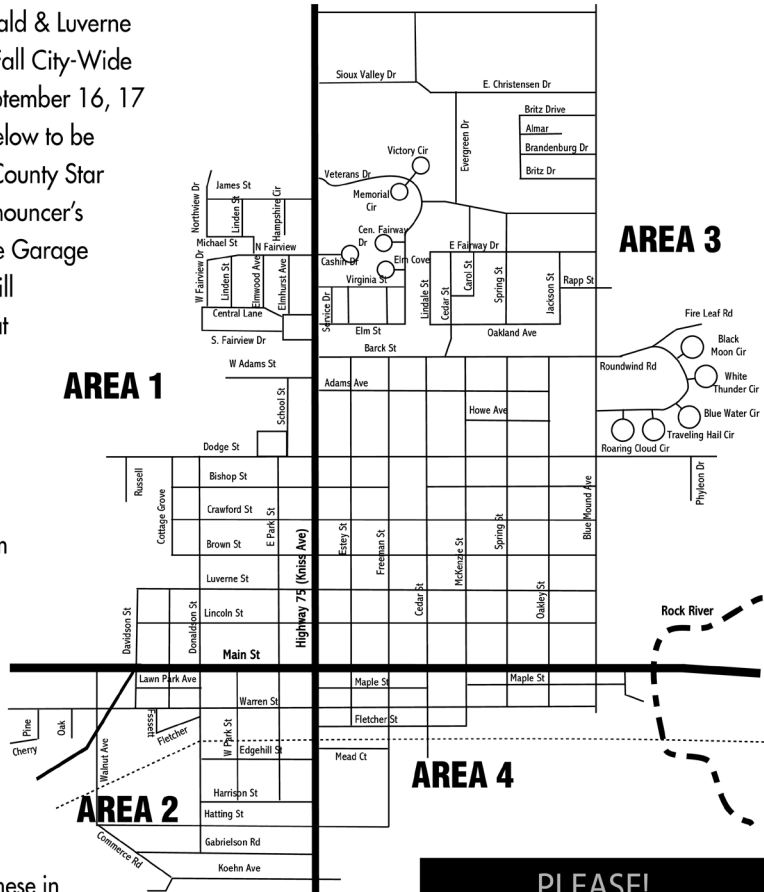


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For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's office at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota at 507-283-5065 or by email to [susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us).

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### 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Meal Catered by Sunshine Foods

(FREE WILL DONATION)  
Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Cookie and Drink



### 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Kids Zone

Bubbles, chalk, face paint, temporary tattoos and bean bags!

### 7:00 pm Bottoms Up Pink Ladies Presentation to Lisa Elhers

### Glow Run

Register Online!



Scan the code or go to <https://www.allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=79098>

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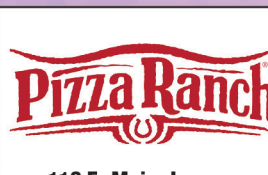
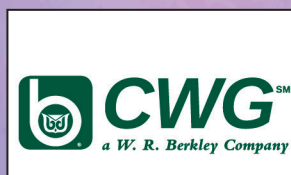
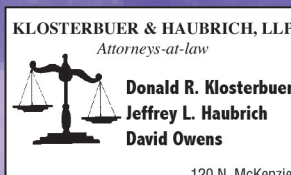
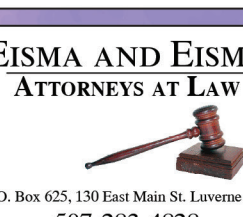
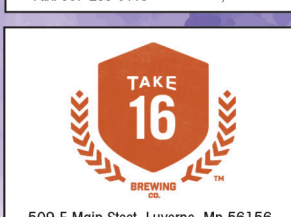
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8:20 pm 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (\$10)  
8:45 pm 5K (3.1 mile) Run/Walk (16+ \$20, 15 & under \$15)  
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For more information, contact Faye Bremer (507) 920-2715

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