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National Suicide Prevention week is this week, Sept 4-10

'Out of the Darkness' walk Sept. 10

Be informed, save a life, walk in Luverne City Park Saturday

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne will host the second annual "Out of the Darkness" suicide prevention walk on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Luverne City Park.

It will be the second walk in the community following last year's event on the LHS track and field where 300 walkers participated and raised \$15,000.

"We connected people with much-needed programs this year and we couldn't have done it without this generosity," said Angela Nolz, event chair of Saturday's walk.

"We had such an amazing outpouring of support for our walk last year. The Luverne community has been known to lend a hand in hardship and prides itself in the health and sustainability of the community."

Nolz is an integrated health therapist at Sanford Luverne and is also on the LuvLuvAll Brain Health Committee, which has been working to destigmatize mental illness.

"Our goal is to ensure the mental health of this community is considered," she said.

"And we want to provide support to those who suffer with mental health concerns or suicidal thoughts to know they are not alone and help is available."

She said the Out of the Darkness event also reaches out to those who lost loved ones to suicide.

"We want them to know that we support them in their grief," Nolz said.

'Out of the Darkness'/see p. 14



Mavis Fodness photo/0908 Senior Sunrise 2022

Meeting at the first LHS Senior Sunrise gathering are (front, left) Josie Anderson, Kasey Lenz, Lacey Morseman, Ava Vortherms, Alyia Renken, Emma Beyer, Mallory Von Tersch, Kamryn Van Batavia, Averill Sehr, Lauren Hansen, Jocelyn Hart, Isabella Oye, Cedar Viessman, Jady Hart, Monica Padilla, (second) Travis Schempp, Lola Peterson, Jacey Graham, Justis Ahrendt, Christina Wagner, Abigail Anderson, Anja Jarchow, Elizabeth Wagner, Ella Lanoue, Bonita Tiesler, Tiana Lais, Jocelynn Mann, Mallory Nelson, Camden Hoven, Ryenn Stegenga, Kaylee Voorhees, (back) Priscilla Muehr, Tori Hemme, Grace Ingebretsen, Logan Ommen, Joseph Remme, Austin Ossefoort, Parker Carbonneau, Ross Bergman, Camden Janiszkeski, Nick Hansen, Ashton Eitrem, Riley Sneller and Tyson Cowell.

Happy last first day of school, LHS Class of 2023



Forty-five seniors from Luverne High School met Tuesday morning at Evergreen Park to watch the sunrise on the first day of the 2022-23 school year.

Called "Senior Sunrise," the event hosted by the senior student council representatives promoted a sense of fellowship among the Class of 2023 on the last first day of school.

LHS seniors wait for the 6:54 a.m. sunrise. They began gathering at 6:30 a.m. and enjoyed donuts purchased by the student council as they waited for the sunrise. Shortly after sunrise, the students drove their cars and trucks to the middle-high school for classes that began at 8 a.m.

Gevo to become 'training' facility as operations move to new South Dakota facility

By Lori Sorenson

Fourteen people on the leadership team at Gevo in Luverne were let go last week ahead of groundbreaking at the company's Net Zero 1 facility in Lake Preston, South Dakota.

"We are redefining our activity at the Luverne facility for market and process development," said company spokesperson Heather Manuel.

"Because we are operational in other areas, we will redirect the leaders in Luverne to other priorities of the business."

She said the company will need those other leaders "to grow and come back to Luverne when we are ready."

Still using it for development, Luverne will continue to serve as a research, development, and training facility, as

the company develops opportunities for the site.

"The research and development work in Luverne has been invaluable to our ability to scale SAF operations at our Net-Zero facilities," Manuel said.

Six select staff will remain on site to maintain the safety and security of the location.

"Activity will still be seen at the site as we utilize the facility to educate customers and use it as a training ground for maintenance, electrical, instrumentation and equipment care training for NZ1," Manuel said.

She said several jobs will be transitioned to other regional operations, including RNG, Lake Preston and future sites.

Construction trades class returns to Luverne High School after 40 years

Unique school-city partnership introduces students to various housing elements

By Mavis Fodness

A vocational education class returned to Luverne High School Tuesday with "Today and Tomorrow's Tradesmen" (TnT Tradesmen for short).

The trades class, which now has nine students, hasn't been offered in Luverne for over 40 years.

LHS woodshop teacher Daryl VanAartsen teaches the class and told the Luverne School Board about it at their Aug. 25 meeting.

"My goal for that class is to be able to encompass as many types of trades and occupations that will be involved in building a

Trades class/see page 5



Mavis Fodness photo/0908 School City Construction

The former home of Real Estate Retrievers on South Highway 75 will be moved to a bare lot on East Dodge Street and remodeled by high school students involved in Today and Tomorrow's Tradesmen, a new vocational education class in Luverne High School.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

People First will meet Monday, Sept. 12, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the township hall.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will resume regular meetings beginning Monday, Sept. 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Blue Mound Meeting Room at Sanford Luverne. All previous regular members and guests are invited. Contact Sharon Zinnel at 507-227-3821 with questions.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Optimist fishing derby Sept. 11

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

Apply to serve on SWCC board

Southwest Crisis Center is seeking individuals to serve on its board of directors.

Board members serve two-year terms, meet monthly, and serve on one committee for a total time commitment of two to four hours per month. Apply by Monday, Sept. 12, at www.mnswcc.org under "Work With Us." New terms begin in November at the SWCC's annual meeting. Contact Kenna Wahl, kenna@mnscc.org, with questions.

Donate blood in Adrian Sept. 12

Adrian community blood drive will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Adrian Ambulance Building.

Donors can log onto www.cbblifeblood.org to schedule an appointment. Or call 605-331-3222. All who donate will receive a \$10 Subway gift card.

Bowling starts Sept. 13

Special Olympic Bowling begins Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Luverne Lanes. Group home and adult bowlers will start at 3:30 p.m. with school-age starting at 4:30 p.m. Questions may be directed to Evie Kephart, head of delegation, at 507-220-0805.

Blue Mound church observes 150th

The Blue Mound Cemetery Association will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Blue Mound Lutheran Church with a Fall Festival service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at the church in rural Luverne. A catered meal in the parish hall will follow the service, led by guest pastor Gary Klatt. All are welcome.

Book sale starts Sept. 15

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

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

Food distribution is Sept. 15

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple St. in Luverne.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the west side of the building. Parking lot opens at 3 p.m. Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot, intersection or alley entrance. Food will be loaded into vehicles, which exit via the alley going west. Call 507-283-8963 or 507-283-4366 with questions.



Lori Sorenson photos/0908 Tractor Ride 2022

Seventy-seven tractors form a line along County Road 5 during Friday's annual Rock County Tractor ride, which started in Luverne and ended at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery near Sioux Falls.

Annual tractor ride draws 77 drivers

By Lori Sorenson

Seventy-seven tractors were registered Friday morning for the annual Rock County Tractor Ride, which started and ended at the Luverne City Park.

The destination this year was the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery and a Bluestem catered meal at Roger Lundstra's air-conditioned shop near Brandon.

The day's journey was 55 miles in all.

"It was a great ride," said Ken Vos, who has been organizing the event for six years. "We couldn't ask for a better day."

He said the group includes mostly John Deere and Farmall tractors and mostly from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, but there are many different kinds — Allis Chalmers, Ford, Oliver, Minneapolis Moline and others.



The Minneapolis Moline's yellow coloring stood out among the tractors that were mainly green John Deeres and red Farmalls.

They came from all over the tri-state region, as far away as Butterfield and many from Sioux Center, Iowa, and Sioux County in Iowa.

While 77 tractors

started the cross-county ride, not all of them made the complete trip.

"There were some break-downs, and one even started on fire and burned to the ground," Vos

said, adding that no one was hurt in the fire that happened in South Dakota on the return trip.

"These are old tractors and you can expect some things to happen."

Vos works with fellow tractor enthusiasts Rodger Ossenfort and Verlyn Van Batavia on the tractor ride planning, including routes, itineraries and food and beverages.

Vos said the Veterans Cemetery tour was led by Luverne native Erin (Lammert) Brown. "She did a nice job," Vos said. "It was very interesting."

CHS elevator provided coffee and donuts for the gathering at the city park that started at 7:30 a.m., and Sunshine Foods in Luverne served ice cream at the park when the group returned home at 3:30 p.m.

Farmers consider forage needs against health of alfalfa stands

While variability in weather and crop conditions is typical for Minnesota, recent rain patterns have led to good alfalfa regrowth going into the fall.

What should growers consider when balancing forage needs with the need for a healthy stand?

"The lowest risk approach for optimizing winter hardiness is to avoid taking any cuttings after the first week of September," said Dr. Craig Sheaffer, University of Minnesota Extension forage agronomist.

He said alfalfa depends

on a fall dormancy period to prepare for winter, so any harvest during this critical period can impact winter survival.

"However, if producers need forage, a late fall harvest could be taken between Oct. 15 and early November," he adds.

Growers should leave a little more stubble so it can catch snow and protect the alfalfa crowns. "If we have a normal winter with snow cover, a harvest at this time should not harm the alfalfa stand," Sheaffer said.

Other factors influence

overwintering, as well.

Older stands tend to be more susceptible to winter injury than younger stands. Similarly, lower levels of soil nutrients, particularly potassium, can negatively impact stand persistence over winter. Sheaffer recommends that producers soil test to determine if nutrients are needed.

Drying cut forage in the fall is more challenging because of decreasing air temperatures and potential for dew.

Field drying times can be reduced by harvesting

alfalfa as haylage or baleage instead of making dry hay at 20 percent moisture or less.

As parts of Minnesota deal with dry conditions, harvesting drought-stressed corn for silage may be an option for salvaging the crop.

Recommended moisture levels vary depending on the type of storage, so test moisture content before and during chopping.

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Weather is main factor in 2022 variable yields

By Kent Thiesse

Most crop experts are agreeing that 2022 corn and soybean yields are likely to be highly variable and are very difficult to predict.

As in most years, weather patterns, rainfall amounts, and the occurrence of severe storms will result in weather again being the primary factor when it comes to the “haves” and “have-nots” as far as 2022 corn and soybean yields are concerned.

Drought conditions have expanded in portions of the southwestern Corn Belt, with the greatest impact in Nebraska, but also affecting portions of western Iowa, South Dakota and Missouri. There are also pockets of drier areas in Indiana and Ohio.

On the other hand, large portions of southern Minnesota, eastern Iowa, western Illinois, and southern Wisconsin have mainly good-to-excellent crop conditions.

The rainfall events during August certainly helped finish off the corn yield expectations in many areas that were not severely drought-stressed, as well as adding some late season growth and pod development to the soybeans.

As has been the case during most of the 2022 growing season, the August rainfall events in many areas have been quite widespread and highly variable. The August rainfall probably came too late in the hardest hit drought areas of Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota to have much of a positive impact on final yield potential for 2022. There have also been some widespread severe storms across the Midwest that may not have much impact on overall U.S. corn and soybean production; however, these severe storms can certainly alter the yield expectations for producers in some localized areas.

Most of the crop information in the yield estimates released by USDA and by private companies was based on crop conditions in early-to-mid August, so any major changes in conditions after that timeframe could alter the future yield projections.

The expanding drought area during late July and early August has dimmed the hopes for record yields in many of the major corn and soybean producing areas of the United States. Most experts, as well as USDA, expect the final 2022 U.S. corn yield to fall short of the final 2021 record U.S. corn yield of 177 bushels per acre. The final 2022 corn yield is likely to end up closer to the 2020 final U.S. corn yield of 172

bushels per acre; however, some private analysts have projected a much lower 2022 national corn yield.

The National Ag Statistics Service (NASS) Crop Report released on Aug. 12 estimated the 2022 U.S. average corn yield at 175.4 bushels per acre.

The final 2021 U.S. average soybean yield is projected to end up close to or slightly above the 2021 final U.S. soybean yield. The NASS Crop Report that was released by USDA on Aug. 12 estimated the average 2022 U.S. soybean yield at 51.9 bushels per acre, which would be slightly above the final U.S. soybean yield of 51.4 bushels per acre in 2021.

The 2022 soybean yield estimates from private companies have been slightly lower than the USDA yield estimate; most likely representing the worsening drought conditions in portions of the western Corn Belt.

Severe storms with strong winds and large hail have seemed to be more widespread across the Midwest during the 2022 growing season, compared to other recent years. However, in localized areas, there has been some “green snap” damage to corn and severe hail damage to corn and soybeans.

There certainly have been no storms to date in 2022 that would come close to rivaling the severe derecho storm that hit central Iowa and the surrounding states in mid-August of 2020, when thousands of acres of corn in locations across the Upper Midwest were either laid down flat or snapped off below the ear. If corn stalks are snapped off below the ear by strong winds, there is not much recourse for producers. It would be very difficult to pick up those ears off the ground to be harvested. Possibly there may be a way to salvage some of the damaged corn for forage to be fed to cattle or the fence off the area and have cattle graze the corn.

If producers have corn, soybeans or other crops damaged by wind, hail or drought, it is important for them to contact their crop insurance agent prior to harvesting the crop or before salvaging the crop for livestock forage.

Crop insurance adjusters will do a preliminary evaluation of crop loss but may not be able to finalize the crop loss until after harvest is completed.

Some crop producers also carry special wind or hail insurance on their crops and again should contact their insurance agent before beginning to harvest or salvage the crop.



Lori Soreson photo/0908 lineage tour 2022

Luverne City Council members and Rock County Commissioners toured construction progress at the Lineage freezer storage warehouse in Luverne’s industrial park Tuesday evening, Aug. 30.

City, county leaders tour Lineage facility

By Lori Soreson

Luverne City Council members and Rock County Commissioners toured construction progress

at the Lineage freezer storage warehouse in Luverne’s industrial park Tuesday evening, Aug. 30.

Lineage Logistics is building a 235,000-square-foot cold storage warehouse near Premium Minnesota

Pork (which will store its products in a portion of the facility).

Among the information shared during the tour was that 2,500 geopiles underground will support the weight of the building.

The cooler portion of the building is roughly 400-by-450 and 48 feet high.

Construction progress is on track for completion next spring.

The warehouse, with an estimated construction value of more than \$50 million, will be roughly the size of four football fields and built to store food products requiring temperatures ranging from minus 20 to minus 45 degrees.

Lineage has indicated it will create up to 75 new “quality paying” jobs in the area to support the operation.



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Cropped tops and why we don't wear them

Last week I saw a young woman with a flat, tan tummy wearing a cropped top.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

So, young women wearing cropped tops, "every body" tells a story. As the years pass, perhaps your stories will be made more interesting by babies, surgeries, accidents or gravity.

As I observed her exposed tummy, I reflected on why my tummy is not exposed.

A long time ago my stomach, too, was flat and tan, but in 1988 the last weeks of pregnancy sent stretch marks like lightning bolts across that fruited plain.

It was '99 or maybe 2000 when I had my first abdominal surgery. The scar runs eight inches north to south dividing my belly neatly in two.

As part of cancer treatment in 2016, an ostomy joined the stretch marks and eight-inch scar decorating my abdomen. The ostomy sits left of center, just below my navel and is covered by a four-by-six-inch flesh-colored bag.

In 2021 gall bladder surgery added a four-scar dot pattern to this amazing canvas.

Typically, laparoscopic gall bladder surgery leaves three small marks. I have those and one more from the burn I got when the cauterizing gun misfired during surgery. The burn left an inch-long scar on my rib cage.

The large, long, billowy tops I often wear cover the "Pillsbury dough roll" my stomach creates when I sit down. (Or stand up, for that matter.)

Along with billowy tops, I've learned jackets, long sweaters and vests also provide extra layers of tummy coverage.

So, young women wearing cropped tops, "every body" tells a story. As

the years pass, perhaps your stories will be made more interesting by babies, surgeries, accidents, or gravity.

Until then, go ahead and flaunt it.

But the rest of us will stick with large, long, tummy-covering tops and smile when you walk by.

Lawmakers, get back to work

Dear Gov. Walz, Lt. Gov. Flanagan and members of the Minnesota House and Senate:

As associations representing the state's local partners – its school districts, counties, cities, and townships, encompassing all citizens of our state – we are aware of the significant challenges and needs local leaders face amid an uncertain economy and the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

During the 2022 legislative session these local leaders articulated needs for state support, some of which received consideration in bills that were not finalized before the conclusion of the session.

State resources play a critical role in providing local services, and many issues that need attention now should not wait until 2023.

We want to work with you on our legislative needs and priorities in what we feel is an important special session.

Labor shortages hinder delivery of public safety services including police and fire protection, and rapidly escalating costs are hurting local social services and the education of Minnesota's students.

At the local level we're working to improve deteriorating infrastructure, but we are doing so without appropriate state investments.

There are urgent needs in mental health support services to address substantial challenges being experienced by families and communities. School districts are confronting widespread challenges for students that will only compound without necessary resources.

We're facing higher costs, disjointed planning and economic losses in our transportation, transit and infrastructure projects as a

result of a delayed bonding bill and delays in addressing matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Local governments also are on their own in regulating products under new THC law.

We need an immediate state framework and parameters for regulation, established by lawmakers in partnership with local governments. Not addressing this until next year will result in a patchwork quilt of local laws that are likely to be inconsistent from one community to another.

We are therefore writing to respectfully, yet strongly, encourage the prompt convening of a special session.

We need you to finalize supplemental budget and tax bills, develop a capital investment bill, and finish critical business, such as:

- approve state matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

- address the growing special education cross subsidy.

- address a framework for the regulation of cannabinoid products.

We call upon state leaders to continue engaging with us, your local government partners, to finalize legislation that will serve the entire state.

The state's historically large budget surplus provides an unprecedented opportunity for Minnesota to address the state's immediate and critical needs. We ask all state leaders to use this opportunity and to return to the

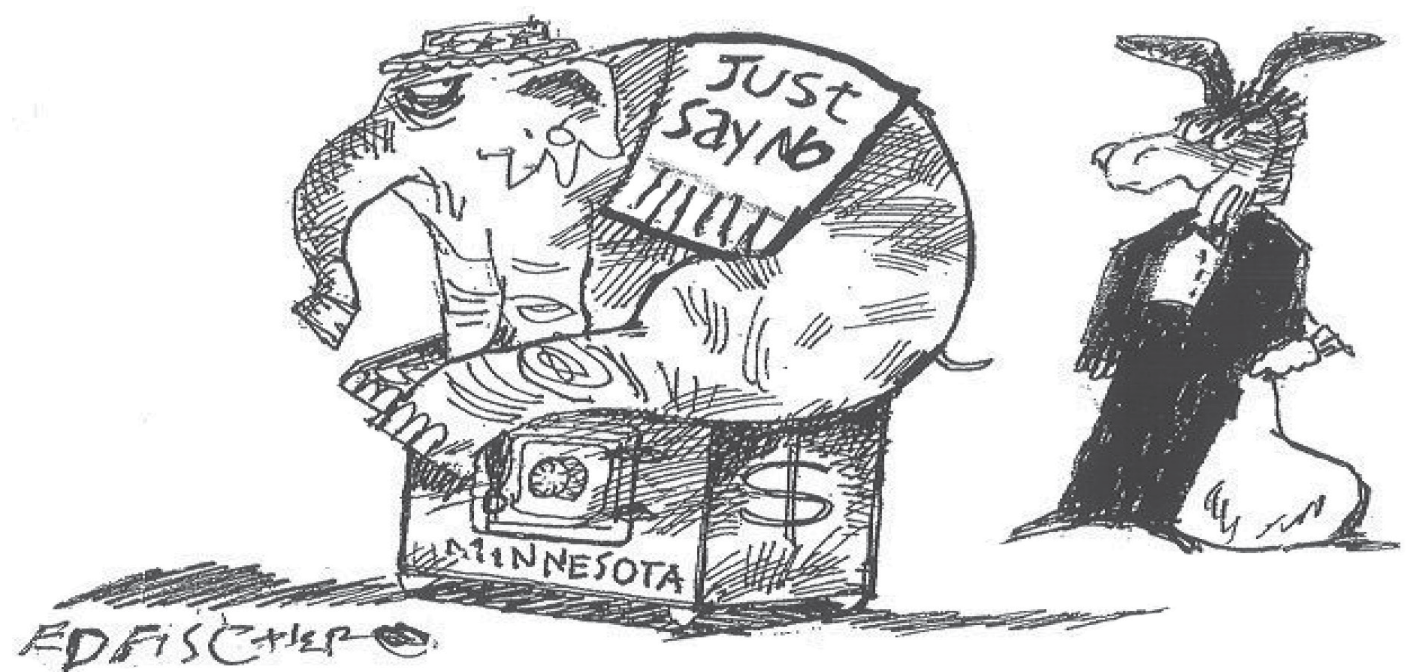
work at hand.

Minnesota's local governments, and the state's residents, business, families, and students are depending on you. Now is the time for action. We stand ready to work with you and appreciate your attention to our request.

Our constituents are your constituents.

Let's work together in the next few weeks to complete the business started months ago and, in the end, benefit all Minnesotans.

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- MN Association of Small Cities
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- Municipal Legislative Commission
- North Metro Mayors Association
- Range Association of Municipalities and Schools Southeastern
- MN League of Municipalities
- Schools for Equity in Education
- Southwest MN Council of Mayors



A big thank you (and apology) to road construction crews

Under the heading of full disclosure, I would be in the group of folks that would be guilty as charged.

What's the charge, you ask?

The charge is doing more than my share of complaining about all the inconveniences the road construction is causing. It seems at every turn one of those orange "construction ahead" signs staring you in the face.

A week or so ago on a Friday evening, Mary and I were sitting outside of Take 16 enjoying the Block Party. It was a beautiful evening, maybe 7:30.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

That's when you couldn't help but notice the paving crew come back into town after a long, long day of resurfacing County Road 4. That is when I gave pause to the fact that

these guys are doing everything possible to get the job done as quickly as possible with the least amount of inconvenience to us, the travelers.

Just last week that same paving

crew laid down a new 2-inch overlay of asphalt down Main Street from the Highway 75 stoplight to the Rock River bridge in one day, albeit a 12- to 14-hour day. I think what is more impressive is this is hot dirty work, yet with the shortage of workers in nearly every field, this crew of pavers, truckdrivers, traffic controls got the job done.

These workers and millions of others just as dedicated to their jobs are why we observe Labor Day.

So no more complaining from me.

This is your page.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 26
 •Complainant reported a civil issue.

•Extra patrol was requested at location on S. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported harassing communication.

•Complainant reported a public assist.

•Complainant reported camera not working.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported missing money.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported a reckless driver.

Aug. 27
 •Complainant on County Road 7, east of state line, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported trespassing.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a reckless driver.

•Complainant reported a driving complaint on Cedar Street.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Deputy checked on motorist at location of Highway 23 and 111th Street, Beaver Creek.

Aug. 28
 •Deputies assisted PCSO in Jasper.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported vandalism at location.

Aug. 29
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported property damage.

•Complainant on bike path near ice arena reported a motorized vehicle on the bike path.

•Complainant on N. Cottage Grove reported a stolen bicycle.

•Subject in Mitchell, South Dakota, was arrested with a Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on N. Ross Street, Hardwick, reported a break-in.

•Complainant on Main Street reported concerns over traffic regulation in construction zone.

•A special service was performed on N. Ross Street, Hardwick.

Aug. 30
 •Complainant on County Highway 4, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

•Complainant on 161st Street, Luverne, requested an unlock.

•Complainant on E. Fairway Drive reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on 141st Street and Highway 75, Luverne, requested roadside assist.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly at location.

Aug. 31
 •An outage was reported.
 •Complainant on N. Ross, Hardwick, reported an insurance adjuster at location for investigation.

•Complainant on E. Sanford Avenue, Steen, reported theft from motor vehicle.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street and E. Luverne Street reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported residence check at location.

•Complainant on S. Elizabeth Avenue, Hills, reported suspicious activity.

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 •Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported suspicious activity.

•RCSO assisted another department.

•Extra patrol was requested at location on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Bark Avenue.

•Deputy was out with vehicle on Highway 23, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street requested to speak with deputy.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vandalism at property.

•Traffic control was provided on Highway 75 and Dodge Street.

•An outage was reported.

•Tenant refusing to leave the emergency shelter on W. Main Street.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 2 transports, 14 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 5 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 4 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 1 background check, 2 gas drive-offs, 1 alarm, 4 drug court tests, 3 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 3 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, and 4 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photo/0908 School City Construction

This empty lot on East Dodge Street in Luverne will soon be the location of a house move and remodel under the direction of the new vocational education class at Luverne High School that will introduce students to trades in home construction.

Trades class/continued from page 1

house or any other type of project," he said.

Board members previously authorized the purchase of a construction trailer to house tools and equipment needed at job sites.

The start-up costs of the program are paid through federal ESSR (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds.

"I am very excited about this program," said board member Katie Baustian. "These nine kids are going to have a great experience. ... They want non-traditional education; they don't want to sit in a classroom."

In the future, Van Aartsen wondered if students from nearby districts could also participate in the class, similar to the vocational-technical classes in Luverne that were discontinued in the late 1980s.

The current construction trades class partners with the city of Luverne through building

inspector Chad McClure.

He said a series of fortunate events helped the process along.

First, a South Highway 75 house came available when its occupant, Real Estate Retrievers, moved to a larger building.

The house would be moved to make way for new development on the lot. "The house is in good shape," McClure said. "All the plumbing is still in the walls. It was not gutted into the office space."

Through the city's blight removal program, a house was removed on East Dodge Street and the 68-by-135-foot lot was cleared for new residential development.

That lot size wasn't ideal for modern new home construction, but it was large enough for the story-and-a-half Real Estate Retrievers' house and a new detached garage.

"At the end of the day, we'll have a house being put into the market place," McClure said.

"The city would own the house

that will have a new basement with an egress window added. It will be a three- to four-bedroom house with two bathrooms and a nice double garage."

VanAartsen said the TnT Tradesmen students will plan the layout of the house and the garage and participate in the house's move to the new location.

They'll also help with construction of the new garage and basement excavation, foundation build.

"It can be a win-win for us all the way around — not just the city, not just for the school but a lot of trades in the community," VanAartsen said.

"I am hoping we can have one or two of them (students) out of this class who want to stay in that market, at least, and hopefully in Luverne itself."

Proceeds from the sale of the home will support another construction project — another home remodel or new construction — for the 2023-24 school year.

BUSINESS NEWS

DeKam becomes First Comes Love bridal boutique's manager/stylist

Denise DeKam is the new manager/stylist for First Comes Love bridal boutique located in the Mall on Main in Luverne.

Owner Mary Brown said the additional help will allow her to expand business hours to include Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other times and extended hours continue to be available by appointment.

"We want to serve our area brides, mothers, grandmothers, bridesmaids, friends and prom girls," Brown said.

DeKam will also be involved in customization and alternation options at First Comes Love bridal boutique.



Pioneer gives \$5,000 to Luverne Fire Department

Local representatives of Pioneer Seeds recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Luverne Fire Department to offset the costs of protective equipment for firefighters. From left are Luverne Fire Department Chief David Van Batavia, Rock River Ag representatives Brad Bergman and Harlan Solma and Pioneer Territory manager Abbey Fliehe. The funds were awarded through Pioneer's "Community Betterment Grant," which supports community-based organizations Pioneer employees and sales representatives. Grants are given to communities that support quality-of-life initiatives where Pioneer sales representatives, employees and customers live and work. (Submitted photo)

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Bethlehem Lutheran celebrates 150-year anniversary

Nearly 3,000 paper doves represent those baptized in Hills church

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Parishioners in Bethlehem Lutheran Church will celebrate their 150th anniversary from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. through early afternoon Sunday.

To celebrate 2,997 people who were baptized in the church since 1872, exactly 2,997 paper doves are suspended from the sanctuary ceiling.

They are a seven-month endeavor of Bethlehem Church member Deb Warner, who got the idea from her childhood church's 125th anniversary in Lake Preston, South Dakota, where 1,200 doves were hung from the ceiling.

"It was so awe-inspiring," she said. "You walk in and it just hits you."

Written on each dove is a parishioner's name and the year he or she was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The doves are hung in order with the earliest baptized hanging closest to the altar.

Warner handled each dove 11 times as she cut, wrote, punched holes, tied finishing lines, organized and finally hung each in place with a paper clip.

"As I'm doing it, I would think, 'This is really a person, in a real period of time,'" she said. "They used to be teenagers, they courted their wives ... and it humbled me — real people went before me."

Some names, however, weren't easily deciphered from handwritten records.

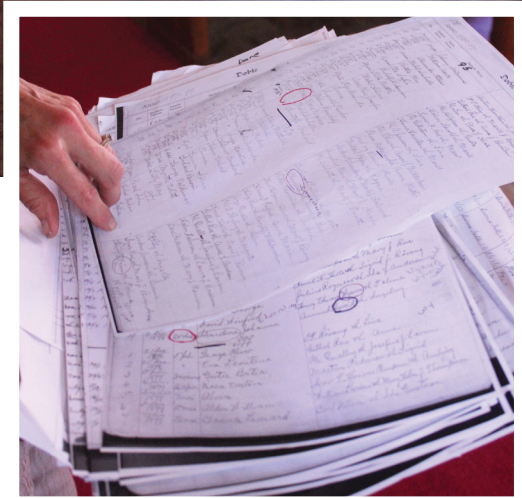
Time faded writing on some pages, and the cursive penmanship on others caused the retired elementary teacher to pause and seek other resources to decipher the name.

She used Google or looked at headstones in the church cemetery and asked other parishioners.

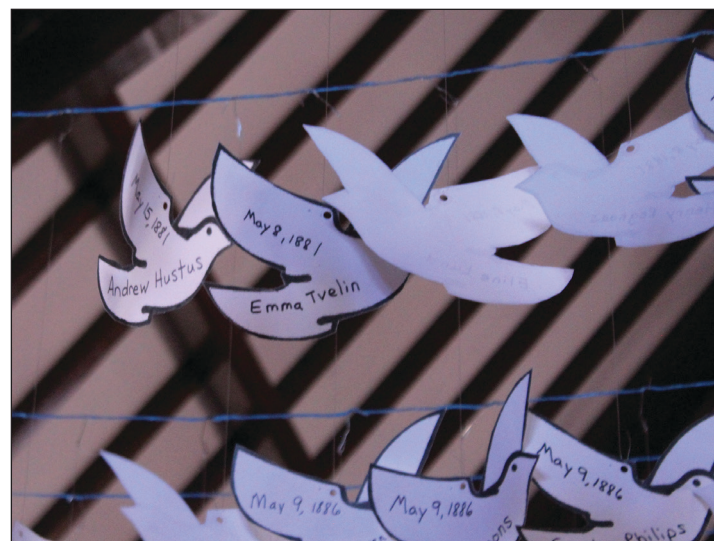
"I had to decode a lot of them — is that an 'i' or an 'l' — some were so fancy that I couldn't figure out the names," she said.

As she came to her own family (her husband, Randy, and their children were baptized in Hills) her endeavor became less frustrating.

"It was really fun in the later years because I recognized the people," Warner



Top: Deb Warner sits under the 2,997 paper doves hanging in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church sanctuary in Hills. Warner spent seven months creating the doves for this weekend's celebration of the church's founding 150 years ago. Written on each dove is the name and date of a person baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran. The celebration's theme is, "Remember. Renew. Rejoice." **Above:** Deb Warner holds the photo copies of the 150 years of baptismal records at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Warner spent hours deciphering faded and often difficult to read cursive writing as she worked to write the name of each baptized member on a paper dove. **Below:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church congregation in Hills will celebrate the church's 150th anniversary this weekend with a series of gatherings and special events.



Since 1872, at least one person was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills each year. Two more baptisms are scheduled this year. **Above, center:** Blue baling twine with fishing line is used to suspend nearly 3,000 paper doves to the ceiling at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. The doves will be given to those who want them after the celebration.

said. For 150 straight years, people were baptized at Bethlehem, most of them in 1894 (58) and the least (one) in 2015. Two more are scheduled for this year.

"We've never skunked," Warner said.

The display will remain for the month of September and then parishioners will be able to keep their doves as a reminder of the 150th anniversary.

Church's roots go back to 1872

A series of merged congregations created today's Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Its roots started with the organization of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Rock River congregation on July 10, 1872, according to the 125th anniversary story in the July 7, 1997, Hills Crescent.

"Services were held under the roofs of sod houses and later in school buildings until the church was built," the article indicated.

The church changed its name to Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran in 1881 and in 1884 started to build a church in the same site where Bethlehem Lutheran is located today.

The Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical church was nearly complete when the structure was destroyed by a wind storm, delaying the opening of the church until 1887.

Rock Congregation was organized on Oct. 20, 1872, merging with the Bethania congregation in 1878.

The Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized in 1919 through the merging of Immanuel and Rock congregations.

In 1969 Trinity Lutheran congregation was folded in with Bethlehem Lutheran. Trinity Church's altar, pews, organ and stained-glass windows were used to construct the Trinity Chapel in the current church.

Today membership is at 191.

Current Pastor Nita Parker recognizes the church's roots through a quilt depicting a blessing tree.

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•The driest summer in recorded history has gone beyond damaging this year's crop to impacting ground water supplies in the country.

Some Rock County farmers are reporting wells going dry. Others are moving cattle from pastures where water levels in stock ponds have dropped and others are hauling in water.

Assistant Land Management Director Doug Bos told County Commissioners Tuesday that Luverne's city wells have dropped a little, but "nothing drastic."

Bos said, "It's definitely been quite a year. Let's hope the water levels recharge by spring."

The U.S. Drought Monitor for Aug. 28 reports all of Rock County is experiencing severe drought, with the very tip of the southwest corner of the county experiencing extreme drought.

25 years ago (1997)

•After looking over a set of bleachers by Hauenstein & Burmeister Inc., Luverne School Board members awarded the bid to the Minneapolis company.

H&B will provide seating for roughly 2,500 in the gym of the elementary school for \$228,732. The bleachers feature plastic contoured seats for an additional \$17,347. The board has yet to decide whether the seats will be cardinal red or a neutral tone.

50 years ago (1972)

•Luverne High School sophomores, juniors and seniors are

currently part of a new curriculum revision undertaken this year as the entire senior high shifts to a semester-type system.

Revisions have been made in the areas of Business Education, English, Home Economics and Social Studies, according to Principal James Harner.

Each area has been separated into required and elective courses similar to most colleges.

75 years ago (1947)

•Mr. and Mrs. Don Tatge have leased Boland's Drive-In on East Main from Lee Boland. In the future the drive-in restaurant will be known as Don's Drive-In.

Mr. and Mrs. Tatge intend to feature a complete restaurant service featuring not only hamburgers and sandwiches of all kinds but appetizing breakfasts, lunches and dinners, with homemade pies, ice cream, soft drinks.

100 years ago (1922)

•With thirty more pupils in the high school than ever before in its history, and the attendance in the grades fully up to normal for the first day, the Luverne public schools opened Monday for the fall term.

In order to enable the teachers to become acquainted and to become familiar with their duties, the opening session was not held until in the afternoon, the forenoon being devoted to a teachers' meeting. And, as Monday was Labor day, the only work taken up at the afternoon session was the organization of classes, the regular work being ushered in Tuesday morning.

1943: Mathilda Schneekloth continues Diamond story

(Continued feature with Mathilda Schneekloth, Diamond Club member)

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

This article appeared in the April 29, 1943, edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

Mrs. Schneekloth says that she never had a great deal of time or opportunity for entertainment and recreation as a young girl. Living 4 1/2 miles from the nearest town, Durant, going to town except for something absolutely necessary was rare indeed. Most of the "good times" were provided by parties held at the various farm homes. "We girls didn't have to worry so much in those days that



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

our dresses weren't as up to date as those worn by our friends. Most of us had two "best" dresses a year, one for summer and one for winter."

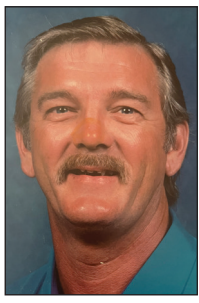
When Mrs. Schneekloth was a young girl, her parents moved from Scott county to

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OBITUARY

Eugene Siebenahler

Eugene Anthony Siebenahler, 70, of Killeen, Texas, died Sunday, July 17, 2022, at Baylor-Scott-White Medical Center in Temple, Texas.



Eugene Siebenahler was born Dec. 31, 1951, to Robert and Gerda Siebenahler in Luverne. He grew up around the Luverne area and graduated from Luverne High School in 1970. Eugene had numerous jobs in the Luverne area growing up. He worked with cars and he started building his own racecars. He raced at Huset's, Madison, South Dakota, and Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Eugene married Eileen Smedsrud in 1971. They had two daughters, Tashia and Traci. Eugene then moved to Texas and met June Pedigo. He continued working on cars in Texas. He worked at Mid-Tex Autobody in Killeen. He enjoyed racing, fishing

and loved coming home to see his daughters and grandchildren.

In 2014 he moved back to Minnesota and lived at the home place. He grew up at the Siebenahler farm by Jasper and worked at Nordstrom's by Garretson, South Dakota, delivering car parts to different towns.

Eugene is survived by his two daughters, Tashia (James) Klosterbuer and Traci (Mike) Davis, both of Luverne; six grandchildren; brothers Mark (Wendy) Siebenahler, Cold Springs, and Lyle (Nancy) Siebenahler, Pipestone; a sister, Monica (Don) Flora, Brandt, South Dakota; and eight nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife June Siebenahler; and a brother, Allen Siebenahler. (0908 F)

CELEBRATIONS

Open house

Fred Tilstra will celebrate his 90th birthday (Sept. 15) with a party from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Steen Reformed Church. He requests no gifts.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Sept. 12: Orange chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, bread, dessert.

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Ham and turkey chef salad, bread stick, fresh orange, dessert.

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Goulash, corn, tropical fruit, bread.

Thursday, Sept. 15: Chicken fiesta, carrots, fruit, dessert.

Friday, Sept. 16: Sloppy

Joe on a bun, cheesy hash-brown, baked beans, dessert.

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Cedar county, and it was Tipton in that county, where she and her husband were married on March 4, 1891. From Tipton they moved to West Liberty where they lived several years before moving to Rock county.

It was at West Liberty that Mrs. Schneekloth had one of the worst scares of her life. She and the children were home alone, because the day dawned stormy and the children had not gone to school. Later, the sky became blacker and blacker, and finally a high wind arose. Although the fury of the storm missed their farm, it did hit the school. There, the teacher tried desperately to hold the door of the building shut, but was unable to do so. She drove a horse and buggy to school, and at the storm's height, the buggy was picked up, blown away and wrecked. The storm frightened the horse, and it broke loose and ran away. A neighbor's beautiful fruit orchard was ruined, and on one place, a house was moved off the foundation. Fortunately, however, no one was hurt, but there were plenty of people frightened, Mrs. Schneekloth states.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneek-

loth became the parents of six children, all of whom are living. They include Mrs. Marcus Nath, Luverne; Theodore Schneekloth of near Adrian; Mrs. Ole Olson, Beaver Creek; Mrs. Walter Hand, Worthington; Mrs. Elmer Hemme, Hardwick; and William Schneekloth, Jr., Mason City, Ia. They also have 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gardening and raising plants is one of Mrs. Schneekloth's favorite hobbies. She's been planting "victory garden" for years, and this year, has her garden all planted. She has good luck raising geraniums and other plants indoors, but she says she likes outdoor gardening better.

Both she and Mr. Schneekloth are in good health. They enjoyed their 52nd wedding anniversary last month.

At the present time Mrs. Schneekloth has only one sister, Mrs. Ida Merchant of Spencer, Ia.

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

Contact Betty Mamm at mammmade@iw.net.

Rock County 4-H'ers complete successful showing at state fair

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County sent 33 4-H'ers to the livestock and general project encampments at the Minnesota State Fair.

Justin Mente of the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club showed the third-place overall supreme beef breeding heifer during the beef show portion of the fair.

His Maine-Anjou heifer was chosen as the champion of her breed, qualifying her for the possible supreme breeding heifer title.

Weston Hawkins of Pope County took the title with his foundation Simmental heifer followed by Skylar Otto of Redwood county with a black Angus heifer.

Claire Knobloch with the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club was named the champion British slick-shown steer.

Other results from Rock County 4-H participants included:

- Nathan Kinsinger, fourth, commercial breeding beef spring calf.

- Lance Elbers, second, market beef other slick shorn steer.

- Leah Kruse, third, market beef registered shorthorn steer.

- Danette Leenderts, eighth, market beef crossbred steer.

- Paige Blom, purple, dairy crossbred winter or fall calf.

- Payton Blom, red, dairy crossbred winter or fall calf.

- Jacob Raak, blue, dairy red/white winter or fall calf.

- Caleb Raak, red, dairy registered Holstein fall calf.

- Cooper Cauwels,



Submitted photos

Justin Mente holds his champion Maine-Anjou breeding heifer at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair. The heifer was also awarded third-place overall supreme beef breeding heifer. Pictured from left are Brad Smith, Drew Fick, Cody Vogel, Alex Kellen, Zach Lindsey, Trevor Mente, Judge Dave Allen, Stacy Mente, Justin Mente, Dave Mente and Aleck Schoeneman.

blue, senior meat breeding doe kid.

- Andrea Luitjens, blue, senior mini lop buck.

- Evan Ossefoort, blue, grades 6-8 crafts and fine arts.

- Larissa Steinhoff, blue, grades 9+ crafts and fine arts.

- Ashlyn Johnson, blue, grades 9+ crafts and fine arts.

- Egypt Forrest, blue, grades 9+ creative writing.

- Lillian Maloney, purple, grades 6-8 food review.

- Zachary Uhl, blue, grades 9+ mechanical science.

- Janica Oechsle, blue, grades 9+ needle arts.

- Fox Forrest, blue, grades 6-8 performing arts.

- Brianna Kinsinger, blue, grades 9+ performing arts.

- Gabiella Porter, blue, grades 6-8 photography.

- Ava Steinhoff, blue, grades 6-8 photography.

- Emma Deutsch, blue, grades 9+ photography.

- Klarissa Burkman,



Claire Knobloch is helped by her dad, Dallas, in setting up her champion British slick-shorn steer at the state fair.

purple, grades 6-8 quilting.

- Olivia Lund, blue, grades 6-8 quilting.

- Krista Burkman, purple, grades 9+ quilting.

- Lucas Madison, blue, grades 6-8 self-determined.

- Jacob Madison, blue, grades 9+ biology.

- Mallie Fick, purple, crossbred February breeding gilt.

- Jed Fagerness, blue, registered Berkshire market barrow.

- Gracie Eagerness, blue, crossbred market barrow.

- Drew Fick, blue, crossbred market barrow.

Green ribbons were awarded to 4-H'ers who demonstrated their knowledge of their livestock and showmanship skill. They included Justin Mente, Nathan Kinsinger, Leah Kruse, Danette Leenderts, Lanae Elbers, Claire Knobloch and Cooper Cauwels.



Photos courtesy of Minnesota 4-H

Purple ribbon winners from Rock County at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair included (top left, clockwise) Paige Blom, dairy crossbred winter or fall calf, Krista Burkman, purple-ribbon winner, quilting grades 9+, Klarissa Burkman, purple-ribbon winner, quilting grades 6-8, Mallie Fick, purple-ribbon winner, crossbred February gilt and Lillian Maloney, purple-ribbon winner, food review grades 6-8.

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Cardinals start football season with big win in Redwood Falls

By John Sichmeller
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals had a successful start to their football season Thursday night after claiming a victory over the Redwood Valley Cardinals in Redwood.

Luverne jumped out to a 21-6 halftime lead and held on for a 21-20 victory.

The Cardinals wasted no time getting into the scoring column as they only needed five plays to move 72 yards down the field and into the Redwood Valley end zone.

On the second play of the drive, Luverne junior quarterback Conner Connell lobbed the ball over the Redwood defense to senior wide receiver Gannon Ahrendt for a 40-yard gain.

Connell and Ahrendt connected again on the next play for 19 yards, bringing Luverne to the Redwood Valley 13-yard line. After a 2-yard run by senior Kaleb Hein and an incomplete pass, the Cardinals were facing a third-and-8 from the Redwood Valley 11-yard line.

Connell rolled out to the right to pass, but multiple Redwood Valley defenders broke through the line of scrimmage. The quarterback was able to reverse course and break multiple tackle attempts as he ran into the left side of the end zone to give Luverne its first touchdown.

After an unsuccessful extra-point attempt, Luverne led Redwood Valley 6-0 with 10:08 to go in the first quarter.

The Luverne defense held strong on the first Redwood Valley possession and the Cardinals



Photo by Jady Hart/0908 football LHS redwood

Luverne junior running back Sam Rock breaks through a tackle during the Cardinals' 21-20 win Thursday, Sept. 1, in Redwood Falls. Rock was injured later in the game and was airlifted to Sioux Falls to repair a collapsed vein in his arm. According to coaching staff, Rock is recovering and may be able to play later in the season.

received the ball back on their own 3-yard line. Hein helped the Cardinals gain some field position after a 5-yard run and then a 22-yard reception.

Facing a third-and-12 on their 28-yard line, the Cardinals

got another huge play from Ahrendt as Connell saw him streaking up the right side of the field and connected for a 46-yard reception.

Hein tacked on seven more yards on first down to bring

Luverne inside the Redwood Valley red zone.

Two plays later Connell found Ahrendt for a 19-yard touchdown reception.

The Cardinals completed the two-point conversion try as

"Getting that first win of the season was important for our team since we have a lot of new players. Now they know what they can do."

— Coach Todd Oye

sophomore Carter Sehr threw to Ahrendt in the end zone, giving Luverne a 14-0 lead with 4:10 left in the first quarter.

After alternating possessions, the Luverne special teams came up with another big play for the Cardinals.

Facing fourth-and-13 from their own 34-yard line, Redwood Valley was forced to attempt a punt, but Luverne senior Riley Sneller was able to break through the Redwood Valley line and block the kick and recover the ball at the 16-yard line.

The Luverne offense was able to capitalize on the excellent field position on the very next play. Connell and Ahrendt hooked up for another touchdown, but this time the roles were reversed.

After receiving a pitch in the backfield from Connell, Ahrendt dropped back and found Connell wide open on the left side of the field for a 16-yard touchdown. Junior

Luverne football/see page 10

Patriots top Jaguars in overtime in first football game of season

By Dan Ellingson
For the Star Herald

The first football game of the season was a nailbiter for Hills-Beaver Creek players and fans on Sept. 1 when the Patriots pulled off a 28-26 overtime victory in Granada.

After a game delay due to short-staffed referees, the teams were chomping at the bit to start.

The Patriots had worked hard in the off-season and in long practices leading up to their first contest with the Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman Jaguars.

But as the 7 p.m. kickoff time approached, they had to wait until a few of the assigned referees finished officiating a volleyball match of the host Jaguars.

As it turns out, it was worth the wait after the Patriots clawed their way back from a 20-0 half-time deficit and found their way to a 28-26 overtime victory.

After exchanging punts in the first quarter, the Jaguars struck first with an 11-yard pass for a touchdown. The conversion pass was good, and the score stood at 8-0 Jaguars.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Patriots drove to the Jaguar 13-yard line. That drive made it to the red



Samantha McGaffee photo/0908 football HBC granada

Patriots quarterback Sawyer Bosch carries the ball round the left end during H-BC's 28-26 come-from-behind overtime victory in Granada Thursday, Sept. 1.

zone and was highlighted by a few outstanding plays: An 8-yard run by sophomore quarterback Sawyer Bosch, a 22-yard pass and catch from Bosch to junior end Riley Tatge, and a 14-yard run by senior Brock Harnack.

However, on a fourth-and-3, Bosch was held to a 2-yard gain, turning over the ball on downs at the Jaguar 11-yard line. The very next play, a first-and-10 for the

H-BC football/continued on p. 10

Luverne tennis record at 6-1 after first loss of season in Fairmont

By Susan Beers
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals came up on the short end of a 4-3 decision in Fairmont Tuesday, Aug. 30, marking their first loss in the busy start of the 2022 tennis season.

Luverne defeated River Valley 4-3 in Sleepy Eye Monday, Aug. 29, and captured the team championship in the Worthington Doubles Tourney Saturday, Aug. 27.

The Cardinals, with a dual record of 6-1, were scheduled to host Blue Earth Area Tuesday and will travel to Marshall Thursday before playing in Worthington Sept. 13.

Fairmont 4, Luverne 3

Fairmont picked up two wins in singles competition and took two doubles matches to hand LHS their first loss of the season.

Luverne received a win in straight sets at No. 3 singles where Roselynn Hartshorn defeated Brynn Gustafson 6-3, 6-1. Cassi Chesley defeated Elly Stegge 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 in a very exiting three-set match.

Augusta Papik and Caitlin Kindt nailed down a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Solveigh Serif and Madi Peyman at No. 3 doubles for the lone Luverne win in doubles.

Rayann Remme at No. 1 singles lost to Hope Klanderud 6-1, 6-1. Morgan Hadler at No. 2 singles was defeated 6-3, 6-1 by Abi Peyman.

Katharine Kelm and Sarah Stegenga were also defeated in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 by Anika Haugen and Johanna Petschke at No. 1 doubles. Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr lost to Paige Linse and Lilly Laven

"All the doubles teams played outstanding tennis. We are trying to find our best combination of singles and doubles players so that we can field our best team when the section tournament starts."

Coach Jon Beers

LHS coach Jon Beers said he was happy with how all the singles players performed in Fairmont.

"Cassi Chesley and Roselynn Hartshorn have been playing doubles most of the season. It was nice to see them play and win some great matches at singles," he said.

"Augusta Papik and Caitlin Kindt continue to impress me with their doubles play. Even though we didn't come out on the winning end against Fairmont, the girls will learn from this and will only get better," Beers said.

LHS 4, River Valley 3

In the River Valley match, LHS won one singles match and all three doubles matches.

Hadler was able to win in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 over Brissa Hernandes at No. 2 singles in a match that decided the outcome of the dual.

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Patriots host Cougars in volleyball opener

By Joni Deelstra
For the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots hosted Viborg-Hurley for their first regular season volleyball game Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The 2021 match with the Cougars was H-BC's only win last season, so the Patriots were hoping for the same outcome.

But they had a hard time executing their three hits and they struggled to put it all together on the court, resulting in a three-game loss, 16-25, 24-26, 12-25.

As the scores indicate, the Patriots gave the Cougars respectable competition.

Lanae Elbers contributed the Patriots' first score of the night with a block. Layla Deelstra added a kill and

a tip which gave the Patriots the lead 3-2. However, V-H went on a run to make it 6-10.

Freshman Ella Sammons contributed a couple of points with a tip and block to bring the score to 9-10, followed by another big V-H run to put the score at 9-16.

Taylor Huisman added a kill to help the Patriots' cause, but it wasn't enough to stop V-H, and they finished the set 16-25.

The Patriots started the second set with some good serving. Ace serves by Olivia Bork, Deelstra, Brynn Rauk, and Larissa Steinhoff gave H-BC a 9-7 lead.

A kill by Elbers followed by a double block by Elbers and Rauk kept them in the lead 14-10. Another hard hit by Elbers and a double block

by Sammons and Steinhoff put the score at 18-13.

Deelstra and Elbers sent tips over the net for two more points, and a nice pass from Deelstra, set by Rauk and kill by Elbers kept the Patriots in the lead 23-21.

However, V-H came back to tie the score at 24-24 and the Cougars secured the win 24-26.

Missed serves by the Patriots in Set 3 gave V-H an early lead. Elbers added another kill and tip over the net to bring the score to 9-20.

The Patriots were not able to get much going after that, and V-H finished the set 12-25.

H-BC will play in the Luverne tournament Saturday, Sept. 10, and will travel to Edgerton on Tuesday, Sept. 13, to play Southwest Christian.



Images by CD/0908 volleyball LHS jarchow

Luverne's Anja Jarchow winds up for a kill during the Cardinals triangular Thursday, Sept. 1, when LHS won one and lost one.

Cardinals go 1-1 in Luverne Triangular

**By Stacy Olson
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team hosted a triangular on Thursday, Sept 1, when they lost to West Lyon and won their contest with Murray County Central.

Luverne has three wins and one loss for the season. The Cardinals were scheduled to host Marshall Tuesday, Sept. 6, and Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday, Sept 8.

West Lyon 2, LHS 0

Luverne lost the first game with West Lyon 19-25 and the second one 24-26.

The Cardinals fell behind early in Game 1 but were able to close the gap with a couple of service runs. Luverne was unable to ever take the lead.

The Cardinals came

out ready to fight in Game 2, and points went back and forth, but Luverne fell behind and was unable to push past West Lyon in the close contest.

LHS 2, MCC 0

The Cardinals regrouped and came out swinging against MCC.

Luverne held the lead for the first 15 points but fell behind until making some adjustments to win 27-25.

Game two versus MCC also went to Luverne, which held the lead through 16 points and then fought back to take the win 25-23.

Coach Sarah DeBeer said the LHS volleyball team never gave up and continued to work hard both on serves and serve receives. No statistics were collected at the triangular.

Cross country runners work through heat

**By Sara Schmuck
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinals Cross Country teams raced against teams in their section for the first time Friday, Sept. 2, and brought home a mountain of medals from the Mountain Lake meet.

"The conditions were a bit warm at times, but they did a nice job of working through it and striving to improve," LHS coach Pete Janiszewski said.

"Any time you can combine for 22 Top-15 individual performances and three team championships, it's a great day."

The boys' varsity placed first as a team with Camden Janiszewski finishing the 5k first in 16:29.

Not far behind him were Owen Janiszewski (16:53), Ryan Fick (17:49) and Sage Viessman (18:04).

Janiszewski said, "They worked hard and took another step forward, while getting the chance to see how they stack up against some of the teams in our section."

Official boys' scores had Luverne in first, Murray County Central in second, Windom Area in third, Fairmont in fourth and Jackson County Central in fifth.

Official girls' scores had Murray County Central in first, Luverne in second, Windom Area in third, Fairmont in fourth and Adrian/Ellsworth in fifth.

In other varsity 5k results, Leif Ingebretson was 31st with a time of 18:58 and Kaleb Hemme was 43rd with a time of 19:35.

In girls' varsity, Jenna DeBates was fifth with a time of 19:42, Ella Schmuck sixth in 21:48, Grace Ingebretson 10th in 22:17, Kayla Bloemendaal 11th in 22:27 and Tiana Lais 19th with a time of 23:34.

Here's a look at the rest of the results from the Paul Metcalf Invitational at the Mountain Lake Golf Course.

Junior varsity boys' 4k



Stacy DeBates photos/0908 cross country

Owen Janiszewski (front) and Ryan Fick finished in fourth and 11th Friday, Sept. 2, as the Luverne boys' cross country team takes home the championship title at the Mountain Lake Golf Course 5K run.

run, first place overall JV boys team:

Logan Ommen first (16:41); Dylan Ommen third (17:11); Camden Hoven sixth (17:20); Zach Terrio seventh (17:33); Eli McLendon, 10th (18:21)

Junior varsity girls' 4k

run: Makena Nelson first (19:35); Maria Rops second (19:42); Andrea Luitjens 17th (25:46) and Maddy Schepel 23rd (28:21).

Junior high boys' 2k:

Zander Fountain, 32nd (9:25)

Junior high girls' 2k,

first place overall junior high girls' team: Khloe Visker first (8:16); Renae DeKam second (8:20); Olivia Lund fourth (8:43); Reinhah John seventh (8:57); Grace Kempema eighth (9:01); Mariah Knorr, 13th (9:18); Jaina Fountain, 29th (12:36); Emma Wieneke, 30th (12:36.50)

Arends, Gaul win season championships at Rapid Speedway

By Jason Berghorst

It was a successful season of racing for two Luverne men who won season championships at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, in 2022.

Colton Arends won the USRA Stock Cars class title, and Eric Gaul claimed the season championship in the USRA Hobby Stocks class.

For Arends it was his first-ever season championship. "This is the first year we raced for points at a single track," he said.

After placing second in the first race of the season May 6, Arends won the next three races in a row and led the standings for the remainder of the summer.

In all, he won seven of the 13 feature races staged at Rapid Speedway this season and ended the year 182 points ahead of the second place driver, Josh Kelderman of Sioux Center, Iowa.

"Racing is a lot of work, but it's fun when the hard work pays off," Arends said, "and it did this season."

On average 15 cars are entered in the Stock Cars class each Friday night at Rapid Speedway.

Arends, who has been racing for eight years overall and stock cars for four seasons, also raced in Fairmont, Jackson, Worthington, Slayton, Spencer, Iowa, and Bristol, Tennessee this season.

"It's fun racing close to home and kind of having that home crowd," Arends said of Rapid Speedway, 17 miles south of his farm near Luverne.

Gaul has been racing for 18 years overall, and 2022 was his fourth season championship. He's also won in the Sportsman's class over the years and in Worthington and Slayton.

The Hobby Stock class at Rapid Speedway is espe-



Colton Arends (left) and Eric Gaul, both of Luverne, won two of the four season championships at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, this season. Arends won the Stock Car class and Gaul was champion of the Hobby Stocks class. (Jason Berghorst photo/0908 racing)

cially competitive, according to Gaul.

"It was close all season and the pressure was definitely high all year," he said.

"It's probably the best USRA Hobby Stocks in the nation. Four of the top five

national points leaders race in Rock Rapids."

On average, 21 to 23 cars enter the hobby stocks race in Rock Rapids each Friday night.

Gaul won four feature races at Rapid Speedway in

2022. His lowest finish of the season was seventh and he averaged a place finish of 2.75 over the 13 races.

He won the championship 17 points ahead of Dustin Gulbrandson of Sioux Falls.

"It was a season you only dream of," Gaul said.

He said he is grateful to Steve Schouwenburg and Ron Schouwenburg who own the car he races.

"Without those two, I couldn't do what I do."

Both Gaul and Arends praised their sponsors, crew members, family and friends who make their racing hobby possible.

"It takes a lot of people and time to be successful, and we appreciate all the support," Arends said.

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Zach DeBoer

Sport: Football
Parents: Nicki Jonason and Isaac DeBoer
What I like most about Football: Being around all of my friends who are in different sports in the winter and spring.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Baseball
Favorite Class: Math



Priscilla Muehr

Sport: Tennis
Parents: Lacey Sik and Craig Overgaard
What I like most about Tennis: You have to learn from your mistakes and fix them quickly.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: FCCLA, Intramural Bowling, Spring Play, Band and Choir.
Favorite Class: Band

Christina Wagner

Sport: Volleyball
Parents: Matt and Jill Wagner
What I like most about Volleyball: I love celebrating the small things with my teammates and creating bonds that will last beyond high school.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Basketball and Choir
Favorite Class: English



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Hills-Beaver Creek football come-from-behind overtime win in Granada/continued from page 8

Jaguars, the quarterback and receiver hooked up on an 89-yard pass play and scored with 3:53 left in the first quarter, extending the Jaguars' lead to 14-0.

The Patriots managed to return the kickoff into Jaguar territory, but an interception and 54-yard return by the Jaguars put the score at 20-0 in favor of GHEC/T at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw each team exchange punts, then H-BC's Brock Harnack intercepted a Jaguar pass only to have the Patriots' drive stalled at the Jaguar 46-yard line.

There were no more scoring threats the rest of the half.

At the start of the third quarter the Patriots went on a 15-play drive that covered 70 yards and culminated with a three-yard Bosch keeper. The 2-point conversion failed, but the Patriots score deficit was narrowed to 14 with 4:33 left in the third stanza.

H-BC's next drive would begin with an interception by Justin Roelfs at the Patriots' own 8-yard line.

With just 1:59 left in the third quarter, the Patriots controlled the ball on a



Samantha McGaffee photo/0908 football HBC granada

Patriots senior Brayden Metzger hauls in a Jaguar opponent in H-BC's spectacular 28-26 come-from-behind overtime victory in Granada Thursday, Sept. 1.

17-play drive and scored on a Bosch 10-yard run with just 4:48 left in the fourth quarter.

The score stood at Jaguars 20 and Patriots 12 after the failed 2-point conversion. On the Jaguars' next possession, they attempted a pass on second-and-7, but Roelfs inter-

cepted another pass and brought it back to the house to close the gap to 2 points with the conversion attempt coming.

Bosch took the ball over the goal line to tie the game at 20 with 4:05 remaining in regulation play. The Patriots had just scored 14 points with only 43 seconds

coming off the game clock.

During the Jaguars' first-and-10 on the next possession, H-BC's Roelfs grab his third interception of the game.

However, that Patriot drive also ended with a Jaguars interception with just 1:07 left in regulation.

Neither team was

able to score during the remainder of the fourth quarter, sending the game into overtime. Each team received one possession in the overtime from the 10-yard line with up to four untimed downs.

The Jaguars went on offense first and scored on a 10-yard run on a second-and-goal from the 10-yard line. The 2-point conversion was no good.

The Patriots' turn to get the ball was next, but a first-and-goal from the 10 became a first-and-15 after a false start.

On first-and-15, Roelfs ran for four yards bringing up a second down and 11.

He scored on the next play from the 11-yard line, tying the game with the conversion yet to be attempted. Bosch plunged into the end zone to send the visiting Patriots home with a 28-26 overtime victory.

Patriots head coach Rex Metzger reflected on the rough first quarter and his team's performance.

"We had a couple of turnovers, and they broke a long TD, which gave them the early momentum," he said.

"But we put a nice drive together to start the

second half and were able to create some turnovers in the fourth quarter and got ourselves back in the game."

He said hard work and determination paid off in the end. "I was proud of the guys in how we stuck together and kept fighting," Metzger said.

"We had a big 2-point conversion stop in OT and gave ourselves a shot to win the game."

The 1-0 Patriots will host the 0-2 Madelia Blackhawks Friday, Sept. 9. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Team statistics

HBC – 247 rushing yards, 32 passing yards, 279 total yards, 1 first downs, 8 penalties for 55 yards, three turnovers.
GHEC/T – 62 rushing yards, 241 passing yards, 303 total yards, 7 penalties for 65 yards, four turnovers.

Individual statistics

Rushing: Bosch 41 – 174 yards, Harnack 5 – 50 yards, Roelfs 10 – 19 yards, Cooper Gehrke 2 – 8 yards, Beau Bakken 3 – minus 4 yards, Team – 1 – 0 yards
Passing: Bosch 3-23 for 32 yards.
Receiving: Tatge 2-31 yards, Cooper Gehrke 1-1 Yard.
Defense:
Roelfs 4 tackles & three interceptions, **Brock Harnack** 3.5 tackles & 1 interception, **Luke Fuerstenberg** three tackles, **Cole Rozeboom** three tackles, **Gehrke** three tackles, **Brayden Metzger** three tackles.

Luverne football in Redwood Falls/continued from page 8

Patrick Kroski's extra point was good, and the Cardinals took a 21-0 lead with 10:07 to go in the second quarter.

Redwood Valley got on the board late in the second quarter after a 50-yard scoring drive was capped by a 14-yard touchdown completion from quarterback Cameron Enright to wide receiver Brandon Lang.

The point-after attempt was no good, and the score was 21-6 with just 28 seconds to go in the half.

Redwood Valley took advantage of a Luverne fumble in the third quarter for their next score. Enright scored a 2-yard touchdown and also ran the 2-point conversion to bring the score to 21-14 with 3:32 left in the third quarter.

The Luverne offense remained stagnant for much of the second half, and Redwood Valley was able to score again late in the fourth quarter as Enright ran for 12 yards for his second rushing touchdown of the half.

This brought the score to 21-20 with just 2:19 remaining in the game. Redwood Valley chose to go for the 2-point conversion, and Ahrendt came up big one more time for the Cardinals as he batted down Enright's pass into the left side of the end zone.



Photo courtesy Ben Stoterau Redwood Gazette/0908 football LHS redwood

Luverne junior quarterback Conner Connell finds a passing opportunity during the Cardinals' 21-20 win Thursday, Sept. 1, in Redwood Falls.

Luverne was able to run out the clock and escape with the 21-20 victory.

"Getting that first win of the season was important for our team since we have a lot of new players," said Luverne coach Todd Oye after the game. "Now they know what they can do."

Luverne will face Jackson County Central Friday night at Cardinal Field. "JCC is always a solid and physical team," Oye said. "We need to keep improving and eliminate our mental mistakes."

Team Statistics:

Luverne: 128 rushing yards, 223 passing yards, 351 total yards, 14 first downs, 8 penalties for 55 yards, 2 turnovers.
Redwood Valley: 113 rushing yards, 126 passing yards, 239 total yards, 15 first downs, 3 penalties for 15 yards, 1 turnover.

Individual Statistics:

Rushing: Kaleb Hein 12-46, Sam Rock 7-40, Conner Connell 9-25 (1 TD), Tyson Cowell 3-9.
Passing: Conner Connell 9-22, 207 yards (1 TD), Gannon Ahrendt 1-1, 16 yards (1 TD).
Receiving: Gannon Ahrendt 7-163 (1 TD), Kaleb Hein 2-44, Connor Connell 1-16 (1 TD)
Defense: Elijah Woodley 8 tackles, Conner Connell 5 tackles, Will Serie 4.5 tackles, Elliot Domagala 4 tackles, Riley Sneller 3.5 tackles

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"Morgan was the last match to finish," Beers said. "It was a match that we needed to win, and Morgan played spectacularly."

At No. 1 singles, Remme was defeated 6-0, 6-0. Chloe Schoeneman was defeated 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3 and Papik was defeated 6-3, 6-0 at No. 4 singles.

In doubles play, all three LHS teams won by identical scores of 6-0, 6-1. Stegenga and Kelm played No. 1, Chesley and Hartshorn at No. 2, and Hemme and Muehr at No. 3 doubles.

"All the doubles teams played outstanding tennis," said coach Beers.

"We are trying to find our best combination of singles and doubles players so that we can field our best team when the section tournament starts."

Worthington tourney

The Cardinals were the team champions at the Worthington Doubles Tournament on Aug. 27.

A total of six LHS doubles squads played seven, seven-game matches in one of three flights at the event.

One LHS doubles team claimed a flight title, and the

Cardinals claimed the team championship with 215 points.

Pipestone (179 points), Yellow Medicine East (101) and Worthington (93) capped the field.

Papik and Kindt compiled 47 points (total games won) to win the White Flight, while Remme and Emma Nath placed second in the flight with 41 points.

In the Red Flight, Rose-lynn Hartshorn and Cassi Chesley took second with 32 points and Kelm and Stegenga placed third with 31 points.

Hadler and Chloe Schoeneman placed second in the Black Flight and Hemme and Muehr placed third. Both teams finished with 32 points with Hadler and Schoeneman winning the tiebreaker.

"The girls played great all day," said Beers. "We won this tournament last year by scoring 200 points."

"We were able to beat that score, so the girls should be really proud of that accomplishment. This is the first time for me that all six teams were able to finish in the Top 3 of their flights."

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank N.A.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a RightPath Servicing

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the NW 1/4, then east along the North Line of said Section a distance of 2,345 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing east along the North Line of said NW 1/4 a distance of 295 feet; thence south and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet; thence west and parallel to the North Line of said Section a distance of 295 feet; thence north and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

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

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

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

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Star Herald CHURCH

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God confidence

Many years ago I accepted a position as site manager at a Bible camp. The former manager had been employed there for many years. All I heard from everyone was that I had "big shoes to fill."

However, it went beyond words. It seemed like whatever I did, it wasn't like the former. I continued to hear, "That's not the way James would do it."

To be transparent and honest, I lost all my confidence and saw all my insecurities manifest. I kept at it, but it took me months to overcome what I had been feeling.

Some of us may have a similar story, struggling with lack of confidence and insecurities. Just know that we have a God that will take us through our storm.

Israel was facing their own storm. Once again they fell back to their evil ways. So God put them under the domination of Midian who overpowered and overwhelmed the Israelites. Their strength forced the Israelites to make forts in caves so they could hide from the Midianites. Through all this domination, the Israelites were brought to poverty and some to starvation.

Then God sent an angel to speak with one of His prophets, Gideon. We'll pick up the story in Judges 6:12-13: The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

"Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'?" But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

I wonder if Gideon was thinking the angel was speaking with the wrong guy. It's not hard to see that Gideon is lacking confidence and feeling insecure with all the destruction surrounding him.

Then the Lord turned to

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Bob Junak, Rock River Community Church, Luverne

him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

"But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family." Judges 6:14-15.

God knew Gideon could do what He was asking. However, Gideon thought of himself as a nobody. He was focused on his own insecurities and not focused on God.

The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." Judges 6:16.

We may think God is giving Gideon the self-confidence he needed to go and fight against the odds. However, that's what we want to think. God's assurance to Gideon was not to build up his self-confidence; it was to assure him that He was with him. Gideon did not need more self-confidence; he needed more God-confidence.

That's the same with each of us; we don't need more self-confidence, we need more God-confidence. With Gideon's God-confidence, he won the battle.

We all have the ability to choose confidence, even though we may be fearful in doing so. Don't listen to your fears because fear is a liar. The end to insecurity and all the lies it produces in our own minds ends with our Lord Jesus Christ!

Next time you feel insecure and need confidence, look to God and use His confidence!

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

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605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com

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

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

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

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

Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 8: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Sept. 11: 9 a.m. RALLY DAY Outdoor Worship. 10 a.m. Breakfast & Games. Tuesday, Sept. 13: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 a.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 14: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Acolyte training. 7 p.m. Confirmation Orientation for 6th-9th graders and parents. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

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

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Thursday, Sept. 8: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, Sept. 9: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Sept. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School begins. 11:30 a.m. Patio Party. Tuesday, Sept. 13: 12 p.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 14: 5:30 p.m. Supper/6:30 p.m. Discipline That Connects with Your Child's Heart. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 10: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 11: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school; coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Prayer Warriors after service. Rally Day/Grandparents Day. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Sept. 13: 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 4:30 p.m. Project Morning Star Golf tournament. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Sept. 14: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Kickoff. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

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

Sunday, Sept. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Saturday, Sept. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Sunday, Sept. 11: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, Sept. 14: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 11: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 11: NOTE: Change of Worship Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran. 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

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

Thursday, Sept. 8: 1:30 p.m. Palisade Lutheran WELCA meeting. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting. Sunday, Sept. 11: NOTE: Change of Worship Schedule. 9 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: 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 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Nita Parker, Pastor

Celebration of 150th Anniversary — Saturday, Sept. 10: 3-6 p.m. Music; inflatables, games, crafts, Mr. Twister. 5 p.m. Meal; Sheri's Food Truck. Sunday, Sept. 11: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Celebration Worship Service with music by Bethlehem Choir. Potluck dinner and sharing stories following service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, Sept. 6: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. Wednesday, Sept. 7: 9 a.m. Quitting. 6 p.m. Deacon meeting; Trustee meeting. 7 p.m. Council meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR XCEL ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

Xcel Energy has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to approve an increase to electric rates over a three-year period beginning January 2022. The requested increase for 2022 is about 12.2 percent, or \$396 million. Xcel Energy requested an additional 4.8 percent, or \$150.2 million, for 2023; and an additional 4.2 percent, or \$131.2 million, for 2024. On average, the proposed final rate change, which includes the 2022 Test Year and 2023 and 2024 Plan Years, would increase the bill for a typical residential electric customer by \$18.56 per month.

The MPUC may either approve or deny the requested changes and may approve a lesser or greater increase than was requested for any customer class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the second quarter of 2023. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Administrative Law Judge Christa L. Moseng will hold five in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on the company's request. Any Xcel Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Xcel Energy's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Brookview Golden Valley Bassett Creek North Room 316 Brookview Pkwy S Golden Valley, MN
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Woodbury Central Park Valley Creek Room A 8595 Central Park Place Woodbury, MN
Wednesday, October 5, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Red Wing Ignite 419 Bush Street Red Wing, MN
Thursday, October 6, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Courtyard by Marriott 404 W St. Germain Stree St Cloud, MN
Monday, October 31, 2022	1:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx
Wednesday, November 2, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Virtual WebEx
Thursday, November 3, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Courtyard by Marriott 901 Raintree Road Mankato, MN

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled – call (toll free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference.

October 31, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. and **November 2, 2022** at 6:00 p.m.

Attend by Internet Connection (Audio and Video)

To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information," type the Event Number below for the public hearing date you are attending:

October 31, 2022 1:30 p.m.	November 2, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Event Number: 2497 602 4179	Event Number: 2482 175 8271
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PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

The table below shows the effect of both the interim and proposed rate changes on monthly bills for residential, commercial and industrial customers with average electric use.

Customer type	Average 2022 monthly kWh usage	Current monthly cost	2022 Interim monthly increase	Proposed 2022 monthly cost	Proposed 2022 monthly increase	Proposed 2023 monthly increase*	Proposed 2024 monthly increase**
Residential – Overhead line service	514	\$77.57	\$4.98	\$87.49	\$9.92	\$12.27	\$14.75
Residential – Underground line service	752	\$111.78	\$7.13	\$125.60	\$13.81	\$17.24	\$20.87
Energy-Controlled (Dual Fuel)	1,019	\$93.43	\$6.85	\$106.40	\$12.97	\$17.78	\$21.41
Small General Service	794	\$109.15	\$10.21	\$119.10	\$9.95	\$12.46	\$14.63
Small General Time-of-Day Service	1,089	\$134.93	\$12.01	\$147.74	\$12.79	\$15.72	\$18.21
General Service	14,670	\$1,679.88	\$145.19	\$1,867.18	\$187.30	\$213.28	\$226.47
General Time-of-Day Service	123,490	\$11,699.82	\$918.85	\$12,966.05	\$1,266.24	\$1,326.92	\$1,872.25
Peak-Controlled Service	67,093	\$9,040.31	\$825.69	\$10,100.96	\$1,060.65	\$1,265.88	\$1,383.12
Peak-Controlled Time-of-Day Service	605,194	\$66,153.60	\$5,562.15	\$73,651.86	\$7,498.26	\$9,421.86	\$11,190.54
Small Municipal Pumping	615	\$86.84	\$8.22	\$94.79	\$7.96	\$9.77	\$12.84
Municipal Pumping	8,369	\$1,082.84	\$98.44	\$1,202.67	\$119.83	\$152.06	\$166.11

* Cumulative 2022+2023

** Cumulative 2022+2023+2024

Directions for Appearing via WebEx.

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a Webex application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next you will be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you will be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it is your turn to comment, your name will be called and your line will be unmuted. You will then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

To Attend by Telephone (Audio Only)

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or if you would prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. You do not need internet access to call into the hearing; however, you will only be able to hear (not see) the speakers. You will still be able to comment and ask questions.

Use the information in the box below to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

October 31, 2022 1:30 p.m.	November 2, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Access Code: 21630	Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Access Code: 21630

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, **press *3** on your telephone. You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCESS INFORMATION

Administrative Law Judge Christa L. Moseng will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, interested persons have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase. Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees present have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed on the queue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the queue. Therefore, it is advantageous to arrive at the beginning of the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings. Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact Jorge Alonso at 651-201-2258 or jorge.alonso@state.mn.us or Ben Gustafson at 651-201-2247 or ben.gustafson@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

You can still submit comments even if you do not attend a public hearing.

Comment Period

Comments accepted through **January 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may or may not be considered in the Commission's decision.

How to Submit a Written Comment

Written comments can be submitted via: (1) the Commission's website; (2) electronic mail; (3) U.S. Mail; or (4) facsimile. To learn how to submit a comment in any of these ways, please visit mn.gov/puc, select "Consumers" from the dropdown menu on the top of the page, then select "Public Comments and How to Participate." This will take you to the Public Comment page, where you will find a list of ways to comment. Be sure to reference PUC Docket No. 21-630 in the subject line of your comment. If you do not have access to the internet, you may send or deliver your comment to:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

How to Provide Video Comments

Public comments are encouraged as written submissions and in-person oral comments during virtual public hearings. However, if you prefer, you can record and submit a video comment using Flip. Flip is free, there is no cost to you. You will need a Microsoft or Google account, like a Gmail email address, to access Flip. Videos can be up to 3 minutes in length and must include your name and the city and state where you live. Follow the link <https://flip.com/3a359fa2> to record your video. You may also visit the Flip main page at, <https://info.flip.com>, and type in Join Code 3a359fa2. Video comment submissions may be played during the virtual public hearings, if time permits. Recorded comments may be shown after those in attendance at the virtual hearings have had the opportunity to comment. Depending on the number of video comments received, the Administrative Law Judge will determine if time permits to play the video comments at the virtual public hearings on October 31, 2022. The video comments received may be played at either the October 31, 2022, 1:30 pm or November 2, 2022, 6:00 pm virtual hearing. Not all comments may be played given time constraints. Video comments will be played in the order received.

Regardless of whether a video comment is played during the virtual hearings, all videos received by November 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm will be reviewed by Administrative Law Judge Moseng. Video comments will continue to be accepted via Flip until November 3, 2022; however, only those received by October 30, 2022 will potentially be played during one of the public hearings. The entire collection of received videos can be viewed using the Flip link above and a transcript of the videos will be included in the official eDockets record.

Important: Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information or any other information from comments received.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on Xcel Energy's proposal will be held on **December 13 to 16, 2022**, starting at **9:00 a.m.** each day. The evidentiary hearing will be held at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person, may attend via Microsoft Teams (Teams), a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through Teams may request an electronic invitation by contacting Judge Moseng legal assistant at michelle.severson@state.mn.us.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case, to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

If you wish to formally intervene in this case, as a party to the litigation, you must serve and file a Petition to Intervene, pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.6200.

TO LEARN MORE

Xcel Energy's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Xcel Energy

414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis MN 55401

Phone: 612-330-5500

Web: https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings/minnesota_electric_rate_proposal

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-539-1534

Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> Select (21) in the year field, type (630) in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

If you have questions about the MPUC's review process or submitting comments, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Be sure to reference Docket Number 21-630

Anyone with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay.





Pastor Nita Parker holds the corner of a quilt sewn for the 25th anniversary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the original members' names hand-embroidered on each quilt square. It will be on display for this weekend's 150th celebration.

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"Like the branches on a tree, we all grow into different directions, yet we are all connected to the same tree, and our roots are fed by the same Creator," Parker said.

Parishioners are encouraged to attach a leaf to the Blessing Tree (pictured at right) as the church celebrates its anniversary.

"None of us are perfect, and as we are united with our baptism and forgiven in Holy Communion, we are blessed to be a blessing to each other."

Celebration starts Saturday with picnic

Bethlehem Lutheran Church begins its 150th anniversary celebration at 3 p.m. Saturday when music, inflatables, games, crafts



and Mr. Twister will be available until 6 p.m.

The freewill donation meal begins at 5 p.m., serving through 7 p.m.

The Sunday celebration starts with the 10 a.m. service by Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, a previous Bethlehem Lutheran pastor, followed by a potluck dinner in the basement and the sharing of stories.

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Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and the walk will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

A light breakfast will be provided Saturday at the park (pre-registration requested at afsp.org/luverne). Nolz can be reached for questions at angelanolz23@gmail.com.

Don't struggle alone

At the 2021 'Out of the Darkness Walk' Luverne's Zachary Wermager spoke about his 15-year-old brother's suicide in 2011 and about his own experience with mental health.

"That was pretty tough," he said. "I was on the fence about doing it, because I wasn't sure how it would be viewed by people who know me. It was tough."

Ultimately, Wermager decided helping others was too important.

"With how much I struggled to reach out ... I kept it to myself for years, especially as a guy. ... You know, 'Man up.' If someone else was struggling, I figured it might help someone to hear my story," he said.

"I thought it might help them push through their own insecurities and shame."

As difficult as it was, Wermager said the experience of publicly telling his story was good for him and many who heard him.

"The point is, anyone who is struggling alone, reach out and talk to anybody. It doesn't have to be a therapist," he said. "Just start talking about it so you can move forward."

Part of a national effort

Luverne's walk joins others occurring nationwide through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which now counts suicide as the 12th leading cause of death in the United States.

"It is the hope that future heartache can be prevented by increasing community education about suicide prevention, focusing on community mental wellness, and ensuring that all community members are aware of services that are accessible if someone is struggling with their mental health," Nolz said.

Money raised during the annual walks funds research to better understand and establish best practices for suicide prevention.

Representatives from AFSP and several local mental health profes-



Walkers and supporters make their way around the Luverne school track during the 2021 'Out of the Darkness' Suicide Prevention event. This year it will be in the Luverne City Park Saturday morning, Sept. 10.

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— Zachary Wermager, spokesperson for 'Out of the Darkness' suicide prevention walk

sionals will have booths set up at the walk that morning to share information about how to support someone who might be struggling.

"The goal is to be open about the struggles we can all face, bringing us out of the darkness," Nolz said.

Over 80 percent of funds raised goes directly toward community education and research,

making it a top-rated non-profit organization.

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507-220-2424 or emily@luvacf.org

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