



Rock County STAR HERALD

Rock County's oldest business, printing since 1873

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Star Herald launches new website, observes 150 years in print

A landmark anniversary coincides with a significant website update this week at the Rock County Star Herald.

The newspaper printed its first edition in 1873, more than 150 years ago, and it's today a thriving operation — and Rock County's oldest business.

The Star Herald online presence saw a major upgrade in the past week with the rollout of a new website.

The site features easier navigation, bigger photographs, more content and a better mobile-friendly version for cell phones and other devices.

"We're really excited to introduce the site's new features to our online readers and advertisers," said Star Herald production manager Heather Johnson, who has taken the lead on the site's new design and back-end capabilities.

"It's better on so many levels, and it's so nice to showcase our Star Herald news and photos in the upgraded online format."

To celebrate the online improvements, the website will be free for one month to anyone who visits the site, www.star-herald.com. Existing online subscribers will have a free month added to their membership.

Managing editor Lori Sorenson said this is another significant

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Mavis Fodness photo/0914 Soybean Harvest 2023

Shane Hubbling operates a combine to harvest soybeans in a field southeast of Hardwick Monday. Farmers in Rock County are wrapping up corn silage chopping and wet corn harvest this week and are turning to soybeans. Across the state, 67 percent of the soybean crop is turning color, five days ahead of last year and two days ahead of the five-year average, as reported Monday by the USDA's Minnesota Field Office. Corn harvest for silage reached 60 percent complete statewide last week with corn harvest for grain at 1 percent complete.

Soybean harvest begins ahead of schedule

By Mavis Fodness

The soybean harvest in Rock County is starting ahead of the state average, as early-maturing varieties are becoming ready for the 2023 harvest season.

Soybeans are turning color, with 67 percent of the state's crop showing signs of maturity five days ahead of last year and two days ahead of the state average.

The USDA Minnesota Field Office reported on Monday that 31 percent of the state's soybean crop is dropping leaves.

No reports of soybeans harvested were indicated in the weekly crop progress and condition report released Monday.

For the past couple of weeks, local farmers have been busy in the cornfields with silage harvest.

Many local farmers are among the state's 60 percent who indicated they finished harvesting corn for silage last week.

The state's corn harvest is right around the corner with 37 percent of the crop reported as mature.

One percent of the state's farmers reported they have begun harvesting corn for grain.

Most of the state's corn crop (86 percent) has reached the dent stage eight days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the five-year average.

The number of days suitable for field work remains high, with 6.3 days in the field ending the week of Sept. 10.

There were 5.9 days suitable for field-work during the same week last year.

Nature Energy bought by Shell Petroleum

Corporate merger ends plans for potential biogas plant in Rock County or Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County will not be home to the Nature Energy biogas plant that considered expanding locally earlier this year.

Nor will any other place in the United States after Shell Petroleum purchased the Denmark-based Nature Energy company.

Nature Energy officials visited Luverne and Rock County in January seeking a location for one of 15 renewable natural gas refineries they planned to build in the United States by 2026.

Shell formally purchased Nature Energy in February and on

Friday announced Nature Energy's expansion plans in the U.S. have changed.

"Nature Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of Shell plc (Shell), has strategically suspended all of its projects in the United States," the company announced.

"In line with efforts to deliver maximum value, we consistently review our portfolio projects to ensure the prudent commercial course is achieved."

This news was disappointing to local officials who had hoped

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Resource officer to remain in Luverne, H-BC districts

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school districts will continue to be served by a school resource officer (SRO), according to the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

In recent weeks, as Minnesota schools opened for the 2023-24 school year, several law enforcement agencies withdrew the SROs working in the local school districts.

The agencies were at odds with recent legislation that

changed how SROs can operate and use physical force in the course of their jobs.

In a press release from Sen. Bill Weber (R-Luverne), about 30 law enforcement agencies across the state removed the SRO working in the school districts.

They pointed to the new law as reason for the SRO removal.

"School resource officers play a vital role in the efforts to keep

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Lori Sorenson photo/0914 sidewalk green space at generations

Grass, nutcracker appear on Main Street boulevard

Lush green grass suddenly appeared on the boulevard of the parking lot on West Main Street near the library last week. The installation of sod, Sioux quartzite boulders and landscape vegetation is part of the city's overall aesthetic improvements of downtown corners and streetscapes. The new greenspace also houses one of six artist-created 7-foot-tall nutcrackers in downtown Luverne. This one was created by artist Cora Mumme as a tribute to the Blue Mounds State Park. The city owns the parking lot and is paying for the nearly \$8,000 landscaping project.

Fire chief warns of dry harvest conditions

By Lori Sorenson

It's been several weeks since Rock County received significant rain, and a dry harvest has local fire officials on alert.

Luverne Fire Chief Dave Van Batavia and Hills Fire Chief Jared Rozeboom are urging farmers to take measures to prevent field and equipment fires.

"The No. 1 preventative method is to keep machinery clean," Van Batavia said.

"Crop residue and chaff can find their ways into cracks and crevasses of machinery and can come in contact with heat and ignition sources."

For these reasons, Van Batavia said it's important to power wash or use an air compressor to clean out or blow off equipment.

The No. 2 preventative action, he said, is to keep equipment properly maintained.

"Worn bearings, over tightened belts, exposed electrical wires or leaky fuel lines can all contribute to a fire," Van Batavia said.

"Make sure heat sources like the manifold, muffler, and turbo-charger are properly working and

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meetings

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, at the Edgerton Ag conference room.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the township hall in Beaver Creek.

SAIL classes in Hardwick through March

SAIL classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday Sept. 11 through March 2024 in the Hardwick Community Hall. The free classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. Call A.C.E. of SW MN manager Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064 or A.C.E. volunteer Alice Hanson, 507-669-6771.

Blue Mound Lutheran

Fall Festival Sunday, Sept. 17

Blue Mound Lutheran Church Fall Festival will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, with guest pastor Craig Grams. A catered meal will follow the service in the parish hall. Everyone is invited.

Library book sale set for Sept. 21

Friends of the Library Annual Fall Book Sale will be in the Rock County Library basement from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21; from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday Sept. 22; and from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 23. A "Friends Members Only" pre-sale will be from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Living Works Safe Talk Sept. 30 in Hills

Learn the warning signs of suicide and how to prevent it at a four-hour workshop, Living Works Safe Talk, Saturday, Sept. 30, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Call Diana Buffington, 507-920-2506, for registration information.

CoffeeBreak Storyhour Oct. 3

CoffeeBreak starts at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, featuring speaker Marilyn Uithoven. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays to study the Bible, starting with Mark 9-16.

StoryHour is for children 3 years old through Kindergarten. Nursery is available for the littlest ones. There is no charge or no prior Bible knowledge is necessary. All faiths and all ages are welcome. Call Kristi Stroeh at 507-227-5102 with questions, or email kristi.stroeh@hotmail.com

Bloodmobile in Jasper Oct. 11

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will accept donations from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767. A blood donor card or driver's license are required at check-in.

Census info needed for pre-schoolers in Luverne district

Families new to the community are encouraged to call Luverne Community Education at 507-283-4724 with information on children ages 0 up to kindergarten.

The district uses the information for planning purposes and to alert families about school opportunities. Families with 4-year-olds not yet screened for preschool should call to schedule a screening prior to kindergarten.

SAIL continues in Beaver Creek

SAIL classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday through Wednesday through Oct. 25 in the Beaver Creek City Council Meeting Room. The free classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. Call A.C.E. of SW MN manager Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064 or A.C.E. volunteer Nancy Lange, 605-838-5915.

Library Happenings

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

Books on Tap takes place at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Take 16 in Luverne.

The 50 State Challenge for adults and older teens is currently underway where patrons are encouraged to read a book set in one of each of the 50 states through Jan. 1, 2024.

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

'Out of the Darkness' suicide walk Sept. 16

By Lori Sorenson

The third annual "Out of the Darkness" suicide awareness and prevention walk will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in the Luverne City Park.

The event raises money for research to end and prevent suicide and to show community support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide or have struggled personally with suicide.

It coincides with similar walks nationwide during September, which

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— Angela Nolz, one of the organizers for Saturday's suicide walk

is National Suicide Prevention Month.

The activities are coordinated through and raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

One of the organizers, Angela Nolz, said the walk is significant in many ways and serves many purposes.

"We walk to create space to collectively grieve those we have lost, to

spread a message of hope that healing and recovery is possible, to fundraise to support community education and research to end suicide," Nolz said.

"I see the walk as an opportunity for our community to come together to show that we care about mental health and the wellness of ourselves and our neighbors. We walk to destigmatize brain health."

Registration and breakfast are at 8:30 a.m. Preregister online at afsp.org/Luverne.

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cant moment in the history of the Rock County Star Herald.

"We are really proud of the work we do at the paper, and it's exciting to see our stories and photographs come to life on the screen and mobile devices," said Sorenson, who started at the Star Herald in 1993.

"Our new website has been in the works for several months, and it's rewarding to finally roll it out live online. We hope everyone takes the opportunity to explore the site for free."

Sorenson said keeping up with industry changes and technology updates is a big reason the Star Herald is still in business.

"When I started 30 years ago at the paper, we developed film and printed photographs in the darkroom," she said.

"Our pages were assembled with waxed paper strips of type and hand-delivered to our printer in Worthington."

But those practices were a vast improvement over those employed in the earliest days of the paper's existence.

First edition published on May 24, 1873

Today's Star Herald dates to 1873, when S.J. Jenkins brought an old hand press and a few cases of type to Luverne by ox-drawn wagon.

He started a paper May 24, 1873, and the front-page news was that, at last, Rock County had its own paper. It was called the *Rock County Herald* and cost \$2 a year to subscribe.

In 1920 the Rock County *Star* was founded as a competitor to the more Republican *Herald*, and the two papers merged in 1942, when Star owner Alan C. McIntosh purchased the *Herald*.

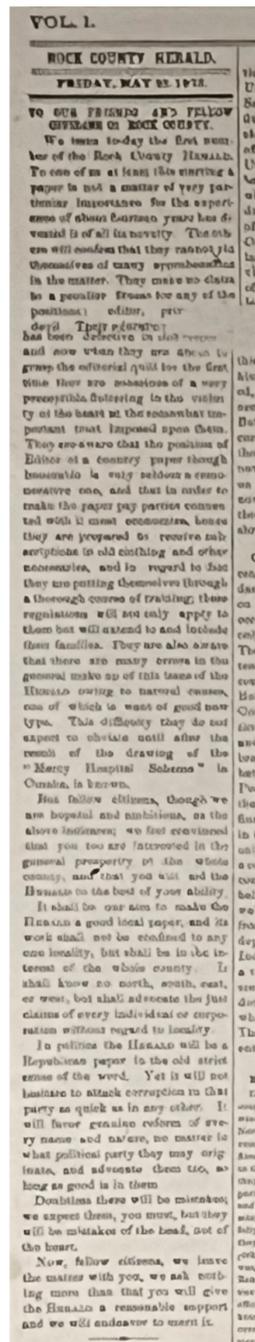
He was publisher of the *Star Herald* until 1968 when he sold the business to Robert and James Vance, who sold it five years later to Bruce and Jean Harrison.

In 1983 they sold the paper to Roger Tollefson, who owned the Luverne Announcer, the shopper he purchased from his parents, Lester and Sue Tollefson in 1977.

Tollefson said his father returned to Luverne from World War II and discovered his job as a pressman at the Herald had been filled by someone else.



Press room operators work on the Rock County Herald in Luverne around 1930. At left is the text that appears in the first edition of the Herald in 1873.



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— Lori Sorenson, editor

vertised specials from local businesses.

The senior Tollefson took over that operation and converted it to a Heidelberg sheet-fed press and began printing weekly in tabloid format.

Still telling Rock County's stories, recording local history

Today, the award-winning writers and designers at the Star Herald produce content entirely in digital format with weekly editions sent to press online and shared with readers online and in print.

Despite the technology changes and improvements, Sorenson said she's proud to say the Star Herald continues to fulfill the publication's mission set forth in 1873.

"We are still the newspaper for the people of Rock County about the people of Rock County," she said.

"Our news team covers city councils, school boards and the Rock County commissioners in order to keep citizens informed about how their elected officials are

spending their tax dollars."

Even more important, Sorenson said, is that the Star Herald continues as the voice of Rock County and sets the tone for community progress.

"We're telling the stories of the people who shape the direction of their communities," she said.

"And we're recording the weekly history of our communities for generations to come. ... I can't think of a better reason to celebrate our 150th anniversary and the technology upgrades that ensure our success for the future."

To read the Star Herald online for free, simply visit www.star-herald.com and peruse the site, which has links to subscribe after the free month expires.

To inquire about advertising on the Star Herald's most visited online pages, email sales@star-herald.com.

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teachers, students and staff safe," Weber said.

"The removal of SROs from our schools is the latest consequence of hasty decisions made by Democrats this session."

Weber joined state Republicans to discuss the new law, with SROs as part of the discussion, in a special session.

The law, passed as a portion of the larger education bill last legislative session, eliminated the use of prone restraints or physical holds, reverting back to original language that was already in statute.

In Weber's legislative district, law enforcement officials in Redwood Falls, Mankato and Willmar withdrew SROs from the school districts.

Locally, law enforcement officials don't interpret the restriction on physical holds that restrict a person's ability to talk or breathe as unreasonable.

"We are in a different position," said Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge. "As a small community, agency and county, we know our kids and we know their parents. Not that we won't have any issues that would require restraint, but we are different than larger communities."

Use of restraint is not used every day locally, said SRO officer Jeff Stratton.

Stratton and Sheriff Verbrugge reviewed the new law and said elimination of prone restraints or physical holds can be interpreted differently, depending on school district and community size and if restraints are regularly used to defuse situations between people.

"As officers, we've always had some limitations — whether we are on the road, in the school or in the community," Stratton said. "We just have to adopt and work with through it."

Both Verbrugge and Stratton interpret the new law as, if necessary and

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— Sheriff Evan Verbrugge

under extreme circumstances, the use of physical holds and restraints can be still used by SRO officers as part of their jobs to keep everyone in school safe.

However, law enforcement is not the focus of the SRO in Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek.

"We are there to assist the school districts. Not to be the disciplinarian," Verbrugge said.

Despite short staffed, SRO stays in schools

Stratton began working in the Luverne and H-BC school districts last year.

Months into the new position, Stratton was reassigned to patrol, due to low deputy numbers in the sheriff's office.

A recent deputy resignation had Verbrugge considering reassigning Stratton back to patrol.

However, existing deputies agreed to work overtime in order to keep Stratton in the schools.

All supported Stratton staying in his SRO position and covering the open deputy by working overtime for the next couple of months.

A new deputy started Monday, Sept. 11, and once through training, will assume the open patrol position full time.

"We thought it would be a disservice to take the SRO out of the school," Verbrugge said.



Lori Sorenson photos/0914 palace tuckpointing

Palace Theatre gets tuckpointing maintenance

Workers with Dave Niessink Superior Caulking have been tuckpointing deteriorating spots of the Palace Theatre's exterior over the past week. It's among a long list of maintenance that needs to be performed on the 100-year-old building as needs arise. The Palace Theatre was constructed in 1915 by architect W.E.E. Greene.

The Palace, a 550-seat theater first owned by Herman and Maude Jochims, was built primarily for the presentation of stage plays by traveling theater troupes and for the "moving pictures," then an upcoming form of entertainment. The building today is owned by the City of Luverne and managed by the Blue Mound Area Theatre Board.



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free of leaks."

At the end of the day, he said it's important to scan for hot spots or smoldering material, and Rozeboom said it's good practice to pause midway through the day for maintenance.

"If you take 10 to 15 minutes do to that, it might save you a couple days of down time," Rozeboom said.

"A lot of today's equipment has complicated wiring and technology that can get extremely hot, to it's important to keep debris clear."

He said he'd also recommend lubing gears and bearings midway through the day as a precaution.

Meanwhile, the local fire chiefs urge farmers to keep working fire extinguishers handy in their combines.

"All combines should have an easily accessible and fully charged 10-pound fire extinguisher," Van Batavia said.

"A second fire extin-



Luverne firefighters respond to a field fire during the 2022 harvest west of Luverne. It was among several that broke out during last year's dry harvest season.

guisher can be mounted on the outside of the machine at ground level while even a third can be back in the service truck or tractor and wagon."

He said partially empty fire extinguishers should be refilled or replaced.

"Check the pressure gauge. If the needle is still within the green zone, it

is functional," Van Batavia said.

"Shake the extinguishers to ensure that the powder inside the extinguisher has not become settled."

Rozeboom also encourages farmers to use regular water extinguishers that can be easily refilled.

"These work great for a debris fire on a manifold,"

he said.

He and Van Batavia encourage farmers to keep a tractor and disk nearby to aid in containing a field fire.

"If a fire does erupt and starts spreading within the field, having a disk or some form of tillage equipment nearby can be used to create a perimeter or barrier

around the fire," he said.

"Farmers are a big help at field fires with their equipment. Many times we can focus on the source of the fire while they knock down the field with machinery that can move much faster."

Firefighters often witness the power of neighborly help in times of need.

"It doesn't take long for the word to spread of a fire and neighboring farmers are on their way to help," Van Batavia said.

Finally, they said it's important for farmers to pay close attention to the weather.

"Days that are forecast to have high temperatures, low humidity and high winds significantly increase the potential for fire danger," Van Batavia.

"Only attempt to put out the fire if you feel safe doing so. It is more important to put worker protection first before saving equipment that can always be replaced."



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'Heaven-iversary' was hard, but it's not September's fault

There are dozens of mournful songs about September, and until this



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

year it hadn't occurred to me that the month has such a melancholy reputation.

Reduced sunlight can prompt Seasonal Affective Disorder, aptly known as SAD.

Transitioning from laid-back summer days to hectic fall schedules can be stressful.

For some (like me) the end of summer can signal regret for not accomplishing goals set in the spring.

If spring is the season of hope, it's no wonder September can be the season of regret.

I just never noticed.

Autumn brings more comfortable temperatures, vibrant colors and the celebration of harvest. Better still, pesky flies and mosquitoes are gone with the first hard freeze.

What's not to love about September?

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, our Carson died by suicide. It was a sunny afternoon, and the trees were just beginning to turn.

Now when Chance and I walk through our grove, I see September through different eyes.

I gaze up through a golden canopy filtering the afternoon sun and imagine it was Carson's final earthly view as God took him home.

Time waits for no one, and what's hardest are the passing days that pull him further away. He's slipping into history like an untethered boat drifting from shore.

And just like that, a full

year has passed since our last I-love-you-Mom hug.

Carson's first "heaven-iversary" was hard, but I don't blame September.

Matt and I were married on Sept. 6, 2014. Five years later, on Sept. 6, 2019, brain cancer took my mom.

So, the day now shares those occasions. I celebrate a husband I dearly love while also wishing I could call Mom on her birthday.

September can be that way, both endearing and sorrowful at the same time.

Last week Jonathan proposed to his sweet Brittany.

It was a sunny Sept. 7 when he dropped to one knee outside the front door of their home. The ring was presented only moments after signing papers on their house in Luverne.

I wept tears of pure joy. My son is moving "home," and I'm gaining a lovely daughter.

But I also wept for Carson. It was another family memory he won't be part of, and these are moments we'll never experience with him.

How could the same salty tears fall for such very different reasons at the very same time?

I suppose for the same reason September can be so beautiful and so painful all at once.

Our hardships make the joys all the more meaningful, and the deepest joys make our losses all the more difficult.

September reminds us that life can be that way.

'Era of Big Pharma shaking down seniors is coming to an end'

GUEST EDITORIAL

By U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar

The cost of prescription drugs has been too high for too long, and it's hurt Americans' health and bank accounts. Medicines don't work if people can't afford them.

For far too many people, high drug prices can force difficult choices like whether to ration meds or food or not pay the electric bill during a hot summer. This is true even for seniors covered by Medicare.

But after years of effort, we are finally on a path to lower drug costs, starting with our seniors.

Up until last year, a provision in federal law written by the big drug companies prevented Medicare from getting better prices for seniors and taxpayers. I have always thought that was wrong and for years led the bill to fix this.

Finally, in 2022, parts of my bill were signed into law. As a result, Medicare just released a list of 10 drugs that cost Medicare and taxpayers a fortune last year that will be subject to negotiated prices in the next few years.

Those drugs are:

- Eliquis, which treats and prevents blood clots.
- Jardiance, which treats diabetes and heart failure.
- Xarelto, which treats and prevents blood clots and cardiovascular disease.

- Januvia, which treats diabetes.
- Farxiga, which treats diabetes, heart failure and chronic kidney disease.

- Entresto, which treats heart failure.

- Enbrel, which treats rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

- Imbruvica, which treats blood cancers.

- Stelara, which treats psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

- Fiasp and NovoLog, which treat diabetes

Patients taking these common medications deserve better prices.

I'm thinking of a patient in Glenville who stopped taking Januvia and Jardiance because of the high cost. A lower price could be game-changing for his health and reduce his expenses.

Every year additional prescription drugs will get negotiated prices, so those taking drugs not on this list should benefit from savings in

the years ahead.

This announcement is a big landmark, but it's just a start. There is still so much work to do. I am continuing to fight to pass my new legislation to double the number of drugs that Medicare can negotiate the price of each year.

I lead another bill with Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa to stop some of Big Pharma's most predatory conduct, like keeping affordable generics off the market. It passed the Senate Judiciary Committee earlier this year, and I'm working to get it to the floor of the Senate for a full vote.

The era of Big Pharma shaking down seniors is coming to an end.

We can no longer be a country that looks away as routine medications drive Americans deeper and deeper into debt. Congress took action, and prices are coming down.

I'm committed to working across the aisle to build on this momentum to make prescription drugs more affordable.



Bus passengers should not be standing, vehicles required to stop when signaled

Question: I know it's discouraged, but is it actually illegal for students to be standing on a school bus while it is moving?

Answer: Minnesota state law says no person shall stand in a school bus when the bus is in motion. In addition, the aisle and emergency exit of a school bus shall be kept unobstructed at all times when children are being transported.

Stop for school buses: It's the law!

• State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the stop arm fully



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

extended.

• Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.

• Drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus on the right, passing when a child

is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.

Motorists:

• On undivided roads, motorists traveling both directions must stop

at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and an extended stop arm.

• Traffic traveling the opposite direction on a divided roadway with a separating median such as a cement wall or boulevard is not required to stop.

• Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

Students:

• When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.
• Wait for the bus driver to signal

that it's safe to cross.

• When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 1

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported debris.

Sept. 2

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 4, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another agency.

•Complainant on E. 4th Street, Jasper, reported a miscellaneous public assist.

Sept. 3

•Complainant on Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 75, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant north-bound on Highway 23, mile marker 9, Garretson, South Dakota, reported an issue with road and drive laws.

Sept. 4

Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, Magnolia, reported an issue with road and drive laws.

•Complainant on W. Virginia Street reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant south-bound on Highway 23, from the Pipestone County line, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant in Steen reported a fire.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, Magnolia, requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

Sept. 5

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street and Carsrud Circle reported a lost child.

•Complainant reported theft from a motor vehicle.

•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported a lost child.

•Complainant on Highway 23 and 241st Street, Jasper, reported debris.

•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported debris.

Sept. 6

•Complainant reported found property.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported theft.

•A warrant was issued on E. Brown Street.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, Magnolia, reported a transient.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a civil issue.

•A fire was reported on 41st Street, Steen.

Sept. 7

•Complainant on Highway 75, southbound from Pipestone, requested another agency.

•Complainant on N. Cottage Grove Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported lost property.

•Complainant on Bulick Avenue, Lismore, reported a fire.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, Luverne, reported road and drive laws.

•An outage was reported.

Sept. 8

•Complainant on Main Street and Cedar Street reported a pedestrian.

•Complainant at Grand Falls Casino, Larchwood, Iowa, reported an issue with road and drive laws.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported lost property.

•Complainant reported lost property.

•Complainant on Main Street and Donaldson Street reported a lost child.

•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported theft.

•Complainant on E. Barck Avenue requested extra patrol.

•Complainant on Highway 23, south of county line, Jasper, reported a fire.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported a road and drive law issue.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 3 transports, 12 ambulance runs, 2 parking violations, 5 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 2 alarms, 6 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 31 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out and 2 follow-ups.



Lori Sorenson photo/0914 flag on south 75

Remember 9/11

The Luverne Fire Department appropriately displayed an oversized American Flag from its extended ladder truck on Monday, Sept. 11, on South Highway 75 in observation of Sept. 11, 2001, when the United States was attacked on home soil by terrorists. The 15-by-26-foot flag could be seen from both ends of Highway 75 in Luverne as it billowed in the breeze.

Drought continues to deepen in Minnesota

Five counties now experiencing exceptional drought conditions

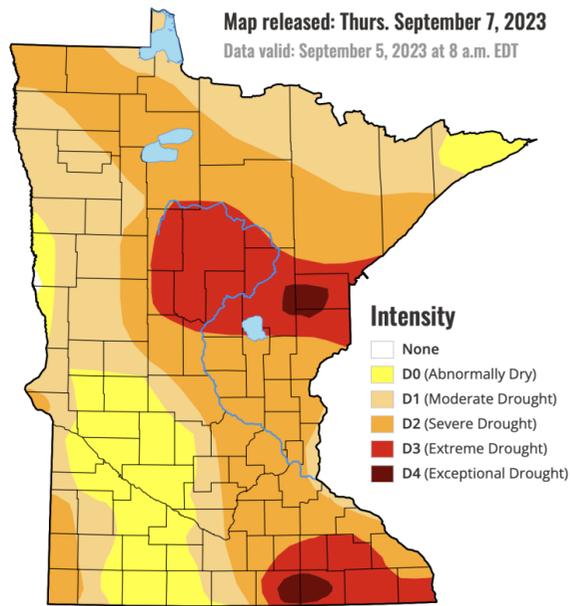
As drought conditions continue to expand in Minnesota, some areas of the state are now experiencing exceptional drought conditions for the first time since 2021 (portions of Freeborn and Mower counties in southeastern Minnesota, as well as in portions of Aitkin, Carlton and Pine counties in east-central Minnesota). At this time, the U.S. Drought Monitor classifies more than half of the state in severe, extreme or exceptional drought, with the rest of the state in moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

Two watersheds, the Upper Mississippi-Maquoketa-Plum and Upper Mississippi-Iowa-Skunk-Wapsipinicon, are now in the Drought Restrictive Phase, per the criteria established in Minnesota's Statewide Drought Plan. This is the first time since 2021 that any watersheds in Minnesota have been in this restrictive phase, which requires public water suppliers to implement significant water conservation measures to reduce consumption.

Over the past seven weeks, the DNR has also suspended 107 surface water appropriation permits for nondomestic use across the state in response to the expanding drought conditions.

This week's drought monitor map shows:

- 15 percent of Minnesota is experiencing abnormally dry conditions.
- 30 percent of the state is in moderate drought.
- 39 percent of Minnesota is in severe drought.
- 15 percent of the state is in extreme drought.



•1 percent of Minnesota is in exceptional drought.

“With nearly the entire state experiencing some level of drought, it is important for all Minnesotans to take measures to reduce water use,” said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen.

“The DNR is closely monitoring the levels of our surface waters and aquifers and will take additional restrictive actions if necessary to protect public water supplies.”

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is currently taking the following actions:

- Continuing to monitor surface waters to determine whether flows/levels trigger suspension of appropriation permits for nondomestic uses (this includes daily monitoring of multiple locations along

the Mississippi River).

- Notifying permittees whose water appropriation permits will be suspended.

- Notifying water suppliers in the watersheds that reach Drought Restrictive Phase of water conservation requirements for demand reduction.

- Reconvening the State Drought Task Force to discuss intensifying drought conditions.

- Monitoring precipitation and water levels.

“We do not expect to receive sufficient precipitation in the near future to alleviate the expanding drought conditions,” State Climatologist Luigi Romolo said.

“It is important for all residents to have a water conservation mindset, look at how much water they're using, and com-

mit to using less, not just during drought but on an ongoing basis.”

Drought conditions typically lead to increased irrigation for crops, lawns and athletic fields, which leads to additional strain on Minnesota's water resources. Moderate drought (D1) is characterized by dry soil conditions, stressed crops, and lower than average river and lake levels. Severe drought (D2) is characterized by much lower than average river and lake levels, hard ground and a higher potential for severe impacts on agriculture.

Extreme drought (D3) may result in early harvest of corn and increased risk of wildfires. In exceptional drought (D4), early harvest of corn and emergency haying and grazing are typical, surface waters are near record lows and wildfires may be widespread. Some degree of drought occurs in Minnesota nearly every year.

Minnesotans are encouraged to learn how much water they are using (mndnr.gov/waters/water-mgmt_section/appropriations/conservation.html) compared to the average American home and identify ways to reduce water use now and in the future. Reducing use today saves water for the future.

A map of Minnesota watersheds and more information about drought in Minnesota is available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/climate/drought). The website includes a link where anyone can sign up to receive drought-related notifications and information.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

Using Snapchat Safely in 2023 virtual class will be Sept. 14. Join the class at Community Education or attend online. Fee is \$20.

Fall Gymnastics for ages 4 through Grade 6 will start Sept. 18. Fee is \$50 for K-6, and \$36 for preschool.

Volleyball Basics for Grades 1-4 meets Sept. 18, 21, 25, 28. Fee is \$25.

DIY Floral Arranging at Harmony Gardens is Sept. 23. All materials are provided and you will get to take your arrangement home. Fee is \$45.

Students (grades 1-5) will follow along with the instructor for **Paint & Snack** class on Sept. 25. Fee is \$35.

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11:00 am-12:30 pm: Smoked Pork Sandwiches, sides & various dessert options to choose from.

Adults: \$10

Kids 9 & under: \$5

The food is located in Doyle Hall

203 East Brown St, Luverne

"I love baking, especially bread. Baking comes from my heart. It gives me joy in the crazy chaos of everything. It makes me happy." — Victoria Frahm, owner of Baked from the Heart

First-time Farmers Market vendor debuts 'Baked from the Heart'



Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Over a two-year span, Victoria Frahm worked to create the perfect starter mix to use in sourdough breadmaking.

For 18 of those 24 months, Frahm failed. "The first two times I tried to make my own starter, I killed it," she said. "But the third time was successful."

On Thursday, Sept. 7, Frahm debuted her cottage business, "Baked from the Heart," at the Luverne Farmers Market.

Frahm specializes in organic wholegrain sourdough breads.

Four types are currently available: Artisan sourdough boule, sourdough sandwich loaf, artisan yeast boule and yeast sandwich loaf.

Frahm plans to add sourdough bagels and English muffins in the weeks to come.

She'd also like to develop a sweet bread treat.

"I love baking, especially bread," she said. "Baking comes from my heart. It gives me joy in the crazy chaos of everything. It makes me happy."

Developing her love into a business took years of research and dozens of test runs for the final bread products.

Her husband, Lucas, and 14-month-old son, Ty, were her main taste-testers.

"He (Lucas) is my harshest critic," Frahm said. "He likes it dense and chewy. Most people really don't, though."

Friends and co-workers at Colter Deutsch Trucking near Steen helped Frahm perfect the final bread recipes' tastes and textures.

She can easily list each of the ingredients in her baked products and where they came from.

The flour is from organically grown grains that are milled in Minnesota, and she uses filtered water. The Himalayan salt, used for flavoring, is ordered online.

"Store bread has so many other ingredients that can't be pronounced," she said.

Because ingredients are fresh and Frahm bakes her loaves the morning of the Farmers Market, she recommends her purchased loaves to be cut into desired slices and then frozen.

"That is a great way to preserve it," she said. "If you want a sandwich, just pull out



Above: Only organic ingredients are used in Victoria Frahm's "Baked from the Heart" products. While she offered four kinds of breads (the organic sourdough artisan is pictured at left) at her debut Sept. 7 at the Luverne Farmers Market, Frahm intends to add bagels, English muffins and sweet treats to her cottage business.

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Nine years ago the area around Mount Kazemba in the Chifundo region of Zambia was scrubland. Since that time, First Baptist Church, Luverne, and a group of churches have sent teams of people to build a school, the International Bible College with the oversight of Gospelink.

Student cottages, bathhouses, staff houses, classrooms, a clinic, gardens and a library are now in use, with more on the drawing boards for the coming years. ...

First Baptist Church in Luverne has taken part in this project for the past eight years. Teams have traveled the 18 hours by plane and bus to build, plumb, paint, wire and repair.

They have spoken in the public schools and visited country churches near the college on foot and bicycle. In the last two years they have taught college classes in Bible and psychology.

Their trips are highly concentrated, taking about two weeks. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and classes on the workday at 8:30. The library is closed and electricity shut off at 9 p.m. ...

This past summer seven people went to Zambia from First Baptist of Luverne.

Two, Richard Lauger and Cathi (Lauger) Schuurmann spent a sightseeing day in London on the way.

Four, Eva Lou Opsata, Cheryl Roos, Bailey Stratton, and Jen Stratton, extended their stay at the end to visit Victoria Falls and take a safari in Botswana's Chobe National Park. In the company of skilled guides, they enjoyed elephants, giraffes, hippos, crocodiles, kudus, baboons and other animals. Rich Opsata spent extra time at the college fixing electrical problems.

25 years ago (1998)

•The 1998 Parade Marshal, Janine Jordahl Papik, is a lifelong lover of the Tri-State Band Festival.

"The festival started in 1951. It's easy to remember because that's the year I was born. I'm sure I was at the first band festival, held by my mom. I've gone every year. I grew up just loving it, and I haven't changed. They couldn't keep me away."

50 years ago (1973)

•The Rev. Norman T. Olsen will be installed Sunday as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Luverne. ...

Pastor Olsen came to Luverne from Glencoe where he had served as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church since 1965. Prior to that he had served churches in Cyrus and Benson, Minn.

Arriving in Luverne Sept. 4, he conducted his first services here Sept. 9. That afternoon, a reception was held in Zion Hall for the new pastor and his family, which includes his wife, Ramona, and four children, Peter, Stephanie, Andrew and Jennifer, all of whom are school age.

75 years ago (1948)

•Opening of the Magnolia Consolidated school has been delayed one week, due to the polio situation. The Magnolia board took action last week. Supt. R. M. Brynelson said school would begin on September 13, but that only registration would take place on that day, during the forenoon, and that full day schedules would not begin until Tuesday, September 14.

Dogs have been killing sheep in the Magnolia area, it was reported this week. Latest loss was reported by Mrs. Henry Dittmer, who farms northeast of Magnolia, Monday night. Five head were killed, and 13 were injured seriously.

100 years ago (1923)

•Patrons of the Palace Theatre were accorded a very rare treat on Sunday evening when the photo-player pipe organ, recently purchased by Manager Herm. Jochims, made its debut in Luverne. W. McKee, a celebrated organist of St. Paul, was here from Sunday until Tuesday evening to play the instrument. The photo-player organ takes the place of an eight or ten piece orchestra and is capable of producing wonderful music for any occasion, but when played in connection with the picture, "Mighty Lak' a Rose," which required especially stirring music the effect was exceedingly impressive.

1943: Angell lived in 'a five-room house'

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.

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on January 13, 1944.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Perhaps one of the most vivid descriptions of a pioneer farm home ever to be printed in this column will be the one that follows, given by A.W. Angell, Luverne.

He was a boy of 10 years when he came to Dell Rapids, S.D., from La Crosse, Wisc., and lived with his brother-in-law and sister in their frame shanty on their prairie farm.

"It was a five-room house," he said, arousing the curiosity of his listening audience, who had only heard of one-room shanties on newly settled claims.

"That is," he went on to explain, "it really served the purpose of a five-room house

because it was divided off that way. However, the partitions between the rooms were of nothing more visible than plain South Dakota atmosphere.

Newspaper on Walls

"It was a frame house, built of boards set perpendicular to the ground. Cracks

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MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Sept. 18: Parmesan chicken, green beans, fruit cocktail, bread stick.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, Sept. 19: Tater tot casserole, mixed vegetables, warm peaches, dinner roll.

Wednesday, Sept. 20: Ham pasta salad, creamy cucumbers, cantaloupe, vanilla wafer.

Thursday, Sept. 21: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert.

Friday, Sept. 22: Tur-

key and gravy with mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

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

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Local teacher awarded \$500 grant

Luverne Public Schools teacher Angie Janiszski is one of 10 recipients of Sioux Valley Energy's C.L.A.S.S. (Cooperative Learning and Supplies Scholarship) grant.

Nearly 400 teachers in the electric cooperative's 10-district service area in South Dakota and southwest Minnesota applied for the grants. One teacher from each of the districts received a \$500 grant.

Janiszski represents District 8. "One of Sioux Valley's guiding principles is 'Community Service,'" said SVE general manager and CEO Tim McCarthy.

"Our teachers do so much for our communities and for our children. Our

C.L.A.S.S. Grant Program is just one way we can acknowledge and thank them for their commitment."

In addition to Janiszski, a preschool teacher, other recipients include:

- Tiffany Runia, Esteline School
- Cindy Merritt, Gracepoint Preschool
- Traci Nissen, Flaudreau Elementary
- Sylvia Johnson, Madison Elementary
- Tricia Ochsner, Baltic Elementary
- Carla Tibbetts, Abiding Savior Academy
- Miranda Henglefeld, West Central Middle School
- Monica Sullivan, Pipestone Area High School
- Dean Wieck, Edgerton Public Elementary.

Mead elected to leadership post

Jessica Mead, city clerk for the City of Luverne has been appointed as Region V Director for the Municipal Clerks & Finance Officers Association of Minnesota (MCFOA) for 2023-2025. The election was held during the Association's Annual meeting on March 23, 2023.

The MCFOA was established in 1937 to promote professional standards for city clerks and finance officers. Today the Association is 800+ members-strong and provides educational and networking opportunities through regional meet-

ings, its annual conference, and continuing education workshops for its certification programs.

Mead has been employed by the City of Luverne since 2009 and has been the city clerk since 2012.

She has earned the designation of Minnesota Certified Municipal Clerk (MCMC) from the MCFOA in 2015. She also holds the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) which she earned in 2014.

OBITUARY

Raymond Sneller

Raymond Sneller, 95, of Parker, South Dakota, passed away Sept. 2, 2023, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 9, at Calvary Reformed Church in Monroe, South Dakota.

Raymond Sneller was born on Aug. 27, 1928, to Henry and Dena (Koerselman) Sneller at Sioux Center, Iowa. He was one of 12 children. He graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1946. He worked as a hired man and married Carolyn Boone on Dec. 30, 1949, in Sioux Center. They lived on a farm west of Sioux Center where Raymond continued to work as a hired man.

In early 1952, Ray was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps and fought in the Korean War. He served on the front lines and was discharged in 1954 with the rank of sergeant.

Following his military service, Ray and Carol moved to Milan, Minnesota, and rented a farm. During the years that Ray and Carol farmed there, two sons, Wayne and Robert, were born in Montevideo, Minnesota. In 1959 Ray and Carol moved to a farm near Monroe, South Dakota, and in 1967 to a farm by Parker, South Dakota. They retired from farming in 1992.

In retirement Ray and Carol moved to Parker, where Ray served on the town council, drove the Cart bus and

was active in the VFW and the American Legion.

In 2019 Ray and Carol moved to Touchmark in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Carolyn passed away Dec. 1, 2021.

Raymond made his profession of faith in Jesus Christ as a young man at the

First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. He served on the consistory of the Hope Reformed Church and the Calvary Reformed as both deacon and elder.

Raymond enjoyed fishing in his retirement years and a good steak on Sunday. He most recently celebrated his 95th birthday with family at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Ray is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. Wayne and Tamra (De Neui) Sneller of Luverne, Minnesota, and Robert and Janelle (Vanderweerd) Sneller of Parker, South Dakota; six grandchildren, Kari Dykstra of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Jodie (Paul) Wielenga of Sioux Center, Iowa, Jane (Dr. Codie) Zeutenhorst of Luverne, Minnesota, Deric Sneller (Rebecca) of Kaiserslautern, Germany, and Jared Sneller of Parker, South Dakota; nine great-grandchildren, Kalli, Cooper and Jessa Dykstra, Jenae, Brooke and Sadie Zeutenhorst, Tobin, Evan and Kara Sneller.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carolyn, of 72 years; and stillborn daughter Lynette.



Submitted photos

Optimist Club hosts fishing derby

The Luverne Optimist Club hosted its annual Fishing Derby Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Minnesota Veterans Pond in Luverne. The event attracted 56 children (pictured above), many of whom caught fish and enjoyed food prizes.



Will Boltjes (above, left) hauled in a catfish, while Demetri Spillman-Lindsley (above, right) found a carp.



Grace Buchanan (at left) was happy with a little sunfish, during the three-hour event.

DEATH NOTICE

Louis Laackmann

Louis Leroy Laackmann, age 91, of Doon, Iowa, passed away peacefully with his loving family at his side on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, Minnesota.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Louis will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the service. A private burial will take place in Doon, Iowa. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

BUSINESS NEWS

V&M Locker in Leota celebrates 50 years, grand reopening Saturday

V&M Locker in Leota will celebrate its 50th anniversary and grand reopening from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

The event includes a free supper and tours of V&M's new 48-by-88-foot retail store and sausage room addition.

Owners Chad and Julie Ruiters purchased V&M Locker in 2019 from Chad's parents, Verlyn and Barb Ruiters.

In 1973 Verlyn Ruiters and Marv Van't Hof purchased the former Clover Farm. They added hog and cattle processing to the existing retail operation and named it V&M Locker.

In late 2019 the Ruiters built a new addition to replace the 1950s cinder block building, and the

project was finished just before the pandemic in March 2020.

They postponed the open house until 2022 but then waited another year to celebrate the store's 50th anniversary at the same time.

Combining the two celebrations into one large event made sense, Julie said.

"I am looking forward to seeing our regular customers and meeting new ones," she said.

The locker processes an average of 1,800 hogs and 1,600 cattle each year for area customers.

The retail store sells grocery items plus the award-winning sausages and processed products made in the locker.

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between the boards were covered with lath on the outside, making the wall a little bit but not a great deal tighter. The inside of the wall was papered with several thicknesses of newspaper. The floor was Mother Earth. We had a roof overhead, and there was a window which was nailed up with boards. I rather think they made a mistake and put the boards that should have been on the roof on the window, and the screen that should have been on the window on the roof. At least, I've seen rain come through the roof, just as if it were coming through the screen. We, who were inside, would sit underneath an umbrella beside the stove, which was directly in the center of the five rooms, to keep dry.

"The year after I came, they built a summer kitchen, which was nothing more than a lean to on one side of the house. It was built of scrap lumber, some boards longer than others, with not quite enough to make it weather tight. Where some of the boards were shorter than others, a small opening would be left near the floor. Rabbits, cats and dogs would dig under them so they could crawl through, and they really had a time of it.

Breezy Bedroom

"Well, that summer kitchen became my winter bedroom. When lying on my back in bed, I could look up, and if anything out of the ordinary was happening in the heavens, I was always aware of it.

"When the winter really set in, I'd sleep under all the quilts and blankets I could find. I'd put on my cap, pull down the earlaps, and sleep with just about all my clothes on to keep from freezing. I'd sleep with my head underneath the covers, and the moisture from my breathing would cause the covers near my head to freeze solid. I'd have to hit it a crack with my fist to break the ice so I could bend them back when I got out of bed in the morning.

Bathroom Seldom Used

"The family didn't use the bathroom very often; as a rule a bath was more or less of a semi-annual affair. You see, the bathroom we had was located about a mile and one-half north of the house under the Split Rock river bridge. Our first bath in the spring would uncover some of those garments of ours that had been missing all winter."

He relates that he was born near Mendota, Wis., on a farm, May 5, 1870. His father was Alonzo Angell, and his mother, Laura Angel. Both had children by their previous marriages. He and a sister, Clara, who now lives in Riverside, Calif., were the only two children of the latter marriage. In all, the children numbered 13.

Father Also a Preacher

His father was a farmer, although he did a little preaching in a nearby church as a sideline. With a large family and a scant income, it was a necessity that the children begin at an early age to help work if they expected to share the meager supply in the family larder. Even before he had left home, Mr. Angell had learned to bind grain by hand while his father cut it with a cradle. He even learned to drive oxen. As a matter of fact, he had a run-away with the oxen once, much to his father's displeasure. In those days, he recalls, the plowing was done with a side plow, because the land was hilly. He found work hard then, and he declares that he can make no distinction as to the hardest work he has even done, because there is no such thing as easy work.

Although he states he can furnish no definite proof, he believes he is the first "paratrooper" from La Crosse county, Wisconsin. "I read

about how they had been jumping out of balloons in France, and saw pictures of them doing it, so I got the idea.

Jumps from Barn

"I found the family umbrella, a big, black one, strongly made, and climbed to the peak of the barn roof. Right below me was what I thought was a nice stack of hay to land in (I found out later it wasn't hay) so I opened the umbrella, and leaped into space. The umbrella went up, and I went down. The only injury I received was from my father who obtained the strap from its customary place in the woodshed, and applied it to a more or less tender spot on my body."

His coming to this section of the country was the result of fate, he states. "The family larder had been depleted," he said, "and one night, the family sat down and had a council of war.

(A.E. Angell's story continues next week.)

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two slices.”

Toasting or warming the frozen slices brings the bread back to its fresh status.

Sourdough was commonly used by pioneers crossing the plains, who relied on the flour and water mixture to survive.

In 2021 Frahm watched a TikTok video of baking bread without using commercial yeast.

“I can do that,” she said. “I’ve been baking forever — I made my first successful loaf of bread when I was 17.”

A two-gallon glass jug sits on Frahm’s kitchen counter in rural Ellsworth, the starter for all her sourdough baking products.

She said she was lacking one element when she tried to start making natural yeast from the milled flour and water mixture.

“The secret to the starter is patience — something in normal life I lack, but in baking bread it’s amazing,” Frahm said.

A starter mixture takes three- to four weeks to create the natural yeast used for sourdough and 24 to 36 hours to rise or proof before baking. Loaves bake in less than an hour.

On her first day at the Luverne Farmers Market, Frahm said she didn’t



Mavis Fodness photos/0914 Baked from the Heart Victoria Frahm (above, right) talks with a customer Thursday, Sept. 7, as she made the debut with her sourdough bread business. She calls her cottage business “Baked from the Heart.”

At right: Each of Victoria Frahm’s sourdough bread loaves is made in her farmhouse kitchen near Ellsworth, where she recently moved with her husband, Lucas, and son, Ty.



intend to sell her loaves in plastic bags — she wanted to use paper bags, but her order came in at the wrong size.

She also wanted her homemade labels to be in color, which she hopes to

have in the final weeks of this year’s Farmers Market.

Her loaves, which range in price from \$10 to \$12, can be ordered online at bakedfromtheheart.org.

Ultimately the Luverne Class of 2013

graduate would like to open a bakery on Main Street.

“That might be awhile,” said Frahm (nee Brouwer). “I don’t want to set it as a goal — I want to set it as a hope someday.”

Nature Energy puts biogas plans on hold/from page 1A

the company would grow its assets in Rock County.

“They (Nature Explore) thought it would be handled differently,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

While 15 of the large biogas plants (located in Denmark and France) successfully extract natural gas from cattle manure, there are no plants in the U.S. that use that process.

“People knew it was new technology and knew it was a bit of a chance of it coming to the U.S. and Rock County,” Oldre said. “We’ll wait for the next opportunity.”

A local delegation traveled to Denmark in March to view the operations from farm to plant.

Delegation members agreed that Nature Energy would be a good neigh-

bor and its leaders would be people they could work with if Luverne or Rock County was chosen as an expansion site.

“Although we’re disappointed, we are respectful of their decision to suspend project plans,” said Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian. “We will wait — not for too long a time period — for when or if they decide to resume their plans.”

Nature Energy officials visited several potential sites in southwest and southern Minnesota looking for cities and counties open to a manure processing plant operating within their borders.

“They had a strong welcome from Luverne and Rock County,” Baustian said.



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Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 crosscountry
Luverne senior Jenna Debates and freshman Khloe Visker take off in the girls' varsity 5,000 meter event Saturday, Sept. 9 in Luverne. DeBates finished the race in first place with a time of 18:33.70 and Visker finished in 10th place with a time of 21:39.75.

Luverne cross country runs away with three individual champions

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Cardinals' cross country meet on Saturday, Sept. 9, involved nine schools plus the host Cardinals.

Other schools invited were Adrian/Ellsworth, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Garretson, South Dakota, Martin County West, Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey, Redwood Valley, Heron Lake-Okabena, Jackson County Central and Southwest Minnesota Christian.

Luverne had three individual champions at the meet.

Junior Owen Janiszkeski took the varsity boys' 5,000-meter event. Senior Jenna DeBates won the varsity girls' 5,000 meters and seventh-grader Summer Mollberg won the junior var-

sity girls' 4,000 meters.

Junior Kalad Hemme took second in the junior varsity boys' 4,000-meter race.

The Luverne varsity boys' 5,000-meter team tied Redwood in team points but won the meet with an 11-second less team split.

The Cardinal girls' junior varsity team won their meet, beating out Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey and Redwood Valley.

In the **Boys' Varsity 5,000 Meter** event individual runners and times are as follows:

- 1st. Junior Owen Janiszkeski 15:48.53
- 7th. Senior Ryan Fick 17:03.55
- 12th. Junior Sage Viessman 17:36.49
- 14th. Freshman Marcus Papik 17:50.12
- 15th. Junior Dylan Ommen 17:50.22

18th. Junior Leif Ingebretsen 18:06.84

22nd. Senior Zach Terrio 18:40.19

In the **Girls' Varsity 5,000 Meter**, Luverne had two runners competing.

1st. Senior Jenna DeBates 18:33.70

10th. Freshman Khloe Visker 21:39.75

In the **Boys' Junior Varsity 4,000 Meter**, the Cardinals had three runners.

2nd. Junior Kalab Hemme 15:24.04

8th. Junior Eli Lendon 16:27.15

21st. Sophomore Zander Fountain 20:39.28

In the **Girls' Junior Varsity 4,000 Meter** event, the Cardinals had five runners.

1st. Seventh-grader Summer Mollberg 17:39.34

4th. Freshman Reinha John 18:47.21

5th. Seventh-grader Sophia Nolz 18:47.72

LHS cross country/see page 3B

Luverne tennis team beats Blue Earth and Marshall

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' tennis team won two meets over the past week, beating Blue Earth 4-3 Tuesday, Sept. 5, and Marshall 4-3 Thursday, Sept. 7.

"The doubles teams have been playing great all season," said head coach Jon Beers.

"In the two team matches this week, they were a combined 6-0."

The 7-2 Cardinals were scheduled to host Worthington Tuesday, Sept. 12, and Pipestone Area Thursday, Sept. 14.

"We play Pipestone Thursday in the annual Battle Racket match," Beers said about the Cardinals' most important match of the year so far.

"Pipestone won the match 4-3 last year, so it would be nice to be able to win that back this year."

Luverne will travel to Sioux Falls Lincoln Monday, Sept. 18.

Luverne 4, Blue Earth 3

The Luverne girls' tennis team traveled to Blue Earth Tuesday, Sept. 5, beating the Buccaneers 4-3 on the court.

In singles play the Cardinals gave up three matches to Blue Earth.

Senior Sarah Stegenga lost to her opponent 6-0 and 6-1 in Luverne's No.1 match.

In the No. 2 match senior Morgan Hadler won her first set 6-4 but



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914
Istennis papik hustles to return a low shot in her doubles match Thursday, Sept. 7, in Luverne.

gave up the next two sets 7-5 and 6-3.

"Hadler had a good match losing to a tough opponent in three sets," Beers said.

"She lost to the same girls last year without winning a game, so to be able to win a set from her this year was a nice improvement."

Senior Rayann Remme lost 6-4, 6-0 in the No. 3 match.

Junior Katia Jarchow beat her opponent in two sets 6-1 and 6-3 for a match win.

The Cardinals won all three doubles matches against the Buccaneers.

In the No. 1 doubles match, juniors Augusta Papik and Caitlin Kindt took two sets 6-1, 6-1 for a match win.

Seniors Roselynn Hartshorn and Cassi Chesley won their No. 2

LHS tennis team/see page 2B



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 hbcvb harris
Sophomore Abbie Harris reaches to block a shot against Windom at the Luverne volleyball tournament Saturday, Sept. 9. H-BC lost two games to Windom in the tournament.

Patriots volleyball team falls to Edgerton Public 3-0

By Greg Hoogeveen

The H-BC girls' volleyball team lost to Edgerton Public 3-0 at home Tuesday, Sept. 5 and went 3-6 at the Luverne Tournament Saturday, Sept. 9.

"H-BC played absolutely phenomenal against Edgerton Public, they played well against Adrian too but ran out of steam against Windom and Luverne," Zylstra said.

The Patriots were scheduled to travel to Westbrook Walnut Grove Tuesday, Sept. 12 and Mountain Lake Thursday, Sept. 14.

Edgerton 3, H-BC 0

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team hosted Edgerton Public Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The Patriots fell to the Flying Dutchmen 25-22, 25-21 and 25-21 in three close games.

"Overall, I thought they did a lot of good things," head coach Meghan Zylstra said.

"Our defense took a while to shift correctly and was a little slow at times but they hung right in there."

H-BC was able to keep

H-BC volleyball/see page 3B

LHS volleyball team drops games to Marshall and Westbrook Walnut Grove

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Cardinals volleyball team dropped two road games and hosted a tournament over the past week.

Luverne fell to Marshall 3-0 Tuesday, Sept. 5, and to Westbrook Walnut Grove 3-1 Thursday, Sept. 7. The Cardinals finished 4-4 at the Luverne Tournament Saturday, Sept. 9.

Luverne will travel to Adrian Thursday, Sept. 14, and head to Jackson Saturday, Sept. 16, for an Invitational.

Marshall 3, Luverne 0

The Luverne volleyball team traveled to Marshall Tuesday, Sept. 5, and lost to the Tigers 3-0.

In the first game, Marshall prevailed 25-7.

"Marshall always comes out strong," head coach Sarah DeBeer said.

"Our serving wasn't that bad our first game, but we just couldn't find the court consistently on the attack."

The second game ended Marshall 25, Luverne 9.

"In the second game we stuck with them in the beginning, then we allowed too long of serve runs, allowing Marshall to take the game," DeBeer said.

In Game 3 Marshall beat Luverne 25-6.

Looking at the third game, DeBeer said, "It started out all right, but Marshall's persistence at the serve line became too much for us to get our offense going."

Senior Morgan Ahrendt led Luverne, serving nine of nine with one ace, had six digs and



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 lhsvb cowellserie
Junior Amira Cowell and senior Tori Serie jump to block a shot from Edgerton Public Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Luverne volleyball tournament. Luverne beat the Flying Dutchmen in two games.

three kills.

Junior Amira Cowell was five for five serving, had two block assists and 10 set assists.

Hannah Sneller, a junior, had five digs for the Cardinals.

Senior Tori Serie posted two block assists and four kills.

Senior Kira John had two block assists, and senior Kiesli Smith had two solo blocks.

Westbrook Walnut Grove 3, Luverne 1

The Cardinals traveled to Westbrook Thursday, Sept. 7, losing the

match 3-1.

"The Westbrook game was a great game to watch and play," DeBeer said.

"I witnessed some of the greatest high school rallies during this match."

Luverne lost the first game 25-14, came back and won the second 25-18, only to lose the next two close games 25-19 and 25-19.

"We had tons of amazing hits, digs, blocks and some amazing athletic players going after each and every ball," Beers said.

"Unfortunately we came up short in the games."

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Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 lhtennis hadler Senior Morgan Hadler returns a volley against her Marshall opponents Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Luverne tennis courts. Her grandparents, Ray and Joann Hoogeveen, sit in the stands behind her watching intently.

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doubles match in two sets, 6-0 and 6-2.

Juniors Emma Nath and Corynn Oye lost their first set 5-7 in No. 3 doubles but came back and won the next two sets 7-6 (6) and 7-6 (5) for a match win.

"It was a great win for Nath and Oye at No. 3 doubles," Beers said.

"They lost the first set 7-5 but were able to win the next two sets in tiebreakers to win the match."

Luverne 4, Marshall 3

Luverne hosted Marshall Thursday, Sept. 7, winning the tennis meet 4-3.

With Remme out with a toe injury, coach Beers had to switch up the roster against the Tigers.

Stegenga stayed at the No. 1 singles and lost two close sets 6-4, 7-5 to her Tiger opponent.

Hadler played at the No. 2 singles losing 6-0, 6-2 in two sets.

Hartshorn, who usually plays doubles, moved to the No. 3 singles match beating her Marshall opponent 6-3, 6-2.

"It was a nice win for Roselynn at No. 3 singles. It was her first singles match of the season, and she just played a really solid match," Beers said.

In the No. 4 singles, Chesley also moved from doubles to singles and defeated her opponent 7-6 (5) and 6-1.

In doubles play, Papik and Kindt stayed at No. 1 and won their match 6-4, 7-5.

Nath and Oye stayed at No. 2 doubles beating Marshall 6-4, 6-1.

Jarchow and sophomore Addyson Mann teamed up in the No. 3 doubles match losing the first set 5-7 and taking the next two sets 6-4 and 7-5.

"Addy was pulled up from the JV team due to an injury to Remme," Beers said.

She and Katia ended up being the last match on the courts with the team score tied at three each.

"They lost the first set but were able to win the next two sets to get the team a 4-3 win," Beers said.

Cardinal football team loses 49-7 to Jordan

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne football team traveled to Jordan losing 49-7 to the Hubmen Friday, Sept. 9.

"Jordan is a very good team that moved down from 4A to 3A this year," head coach Todd Oye said.

"With that being said, we need to play well against the big schools in our class to be competitive, and we did not do that."

Jordan scored two passing touchdowns in the first quarter to put the score at 14-0.

In the second quarter the Hubmen scored three times, including a pick six that went 38 yards against the Cardinals' offense.

Luverne found itself down 35-0 at the half.

Jordan scored again in the third quarter to further bury the Cardinals in a 42-0 hole.

Luverne was able to muster a drive in the fourth quarter when junior Carter Sehr found the end zone on a 9-yard run.

Late in the fourth Jordan added one more touchdown, beating Luverne 49-7 in the game.

Senior Elliot Domagala led Luverne with 56 rushing yards and senior Patrick Kroski caught two passes for 56 yards.

Senior quarterback Conner Connell was five of 15 for 69 yards, and sophomore Joshua Hansen was two for four for 33 total yards.

Defensively, junior Eli

Woodley led the Cardinals with six tackles and three tackle assists.

Sehr added four tackles and two assists.

Luverne falls to 1-1 for the season and will take on Sibley East Friday, Sept. 15, at home.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	Final
Luverne	0	0	0	7	7
Jordan	14	21	7	7	49

Team Totals

	LHS	JHS
Total plays	55	41
Total yards	192	305
Passing yards	97	167
Rushing yards	95	138
First downs	10	17
Turnovers	2	0
Interceptions	2	0

Luverne Individual Stats

Player	Passing Cp/Att	Yds
Connell	5/15	69
Hansen	2/4	33

Player	Tackles	Assists	Sacks
Woodley	6	3	0
Sehr	4	2	0
Connell	3	0	0
Gangestad	2	0	0
Kroski	1	0	0
Sasker	1	2	0
Kracht	1	1	0
Stroh	1	1	0
Ahrendt	1	0	0
J. Lais	1	0	0
Hansen	0	1	0
Domagala	0	2	0
Diaz	0	2	0
Johnson	0	2	0

Player	Receiving TD	Rec.	Yds.
Kroski	2	56	0
Domagala	1	22	0
Connell	2	3	0
DeBeer	1	-5	0



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 lhsvb smith Senior Kiesli Smith (14) looks for a set by fellow teammate junior Amira Cowell (7) in a game against Edgerton Saturday, Sept. 9, in Luverne.

LHS volleyball/from page 1B

Cowell posted 15 of 17 serves with one ace, had 18 set assists and nine kills.

Ahrendt was 13 of 13 serving for Luverne.

Smidt had 12 digs, and Reisdorfer had 14 digs and nine kills.

Sneller had 15 total set assists in the games.

Serie sent 11 kills over the net for Luverne.

John had two solo blocks and three assists, and Smith had two solo blocks and two assists.

Cardinal Tournament

Luverne hosted the Cardinal volleyball tournament Saturday, Sept. 9, with Adrian, Edgerton, Hills-Beaver Creek and Windom participating.

The Cardinals did not keep stats for the games

and used the tournament to try different lines combinations for future games.

The Cardinals first played Adrian and gave up two games to the Dragons 25-19 and 25-13.

In the second game Luverne lost to Windom 25-12 and 25-19 going into a break for the day.

LHS faced H-BC in the third game and beat the Patriots 25-21 and 25-15.

In their final game the Cardinals beat Edgerton in two games 25-19 and 25-13.

"Our morning started out very slow, but we ended with some good wins," DeBeer said.

"We are looking forward to playing a better match against Adrian next Thursday night."



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 reisdorfer Junior Ella Reisdorfer sets the ball for Luverne Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Luverne volleyball tournament. LHS was 4-4 on the day.

H-BC takes down Lanesboro 22-14

By Greg Hoogeveen

H-BC got its second win of the season Friday, Sept. 8, beating Lanesboro 22-14 on the road.

In the first quarter, H-BC started the scoring on a 3-yard keeper by sophomore quarterback Jamin Metzger for a touchdown.

On the two-point conversion, sophomore Micah Bush caught a 3-yard pass from Metzger for an 8-0 lead.

In the second quarter, junior Beau Bakken ran for a touchdown from 3 yards out.

Metzger was sacked on the two-point conversion.

The Burros went three-and-out on their possession and punted the ball to H-BC.

On the first play from scrimmage Bush took the

handoff and scampered down the field, scoring on a 90-yard run.

Metzger and junior Jackson Gacke completed a 3-yard pass on the conversion play to extend the Patriots' lead to 22-0.

That lead stood until the fourth quarter when Lanesboro put together a long drive and scored on a 15-yard pass for six points.

The Burros were unable to convert on their extra point play.

H-BC then went three-and-out and had to punt.

Lanesboro put together another long drive containing four first downs capped off by a 1-yard run for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

The Burros converted on their extra point attempt, running in the ball for two points and cutting

the Patriots' lead to 22-14.

Lanesboro kicked off, and the Patriots were able to run out the clock for the win.

"We were trying to control the clock in the second half, but Lanesboro was able to put a couple nice drives together," head coach Rex Metzger said.

"They are a physical team, and they played a nice second half defensively."

On Friday, the 2-0 Patriots will host 2-0 Cedar Mountain in nine-man football action.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	Final
Lanesboro	0	0	0	14	14
H-BC	8	14	0	0	22

Team Totals

	HBC	LHS
First downs	15	14
Penalties/yards	5-56	7-33
Rushing Yards	244	111
Reception yards	77	99

H-BC Individual Stats

Player	Passing Cp/Att	Yds	TD
Metzger	4/9	77	1

Player	Rushing Rec.	Yds.	TD
Bush	4	115	1
Bakken	17	101	1
Shaffner	2	11	0
Metzger	9	9	1
Gehrke	1	8	0

Player	Receiving TD	Rec.	Yds.
Bosch	1	50	0
Bush	2	19	0
Tatge	1	8	0

Player	Tackles	Sacks
Bush	6	1
VandenBosch	1.5	0
Gacke	2	0
Shaffner	1.5	0
Gehrke	2.5	0
Wegener	2	0
Roelfs	2.5	0
Bosch	4	0
Allen	2	0
Kruger	1	0
Moser	4	0
Rheault	2	0
Bakken	2.5	0
Tatge	7.5	0

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Kayla Bloemendaal

Sport: Cross Country
Parents: Cory and Paula Bloemendaal
What I like most about Cross Country: The team. It's a great environment that feels like a family.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Student Council, choir, BPA, peer tutoring, peer helping and youth group.
Favorite Class: General Business



Elliot Domagala

Sport: Football
Parents: Amy and Nick Domagala
What I like most about Football: Spending time with the team.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Hockey, baseball, Student Council, hunting, fishing and golf.
Favorite Class: Gym



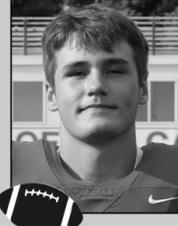
Kiesli Smith

Sport: Volleyball
Parents: Mike and Andrea Smith
What I like most about Volleyball: The team bonding and working at the goals we set for the team.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: CEO, choir, Student Council, church activities and golfing with my dad and friends.
Favorite Class: College Statistics



Conner Connell

Sport: Football
Parents: Jenny Connell and Chris Connell
What I like most about Football: Having the whole town supporting us at home games and the strategy that goes into football each week.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Baseball
Favorite Class: History



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Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 hbcvb sammons

Sophomore Ella Sammons jumps for a ball on the Patriots' side of the net against Edgerton Tuesday, Sept. 5, at home. The Patriots lost three close games to the Flying Dutchmen.

H-BC volleyball/from page 1B

close and even take a lead in a few games but Edgerton's hitters laid down some spikes the Patriots could not handle to take the lead back.

Freshman Brynn Bakken went seven of eight serving with one ace, had seven kills and five blocks.

Olivia Deelstra, a freshman, was seven of nine serving with one ace, had seven kills and one block.

Senior Lanae Elbers was five of six serving with one ace. Elbers had eight kills and three blocks for the Patriots.

Senior Larissa Steinhoff left late the third game with an injury to her lower leg.

Steinhoff was seven for seven serving with one ace and five kills.

Senior Brynn Rauk went eight of nine serving with four aces, five digs, one kill and 12 set assists.

Sophomore Abbie Harris was nine of nine serving with two aces, had seven digs and 10 set assists.

Senior Grace Anderson had 13 digs and sophomore Claire Knobloch had eight digs.

Luverne Tourney
H-BC traveled to Luverne



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 hbcvb elbers

Senior Lanae Elbers sends the ball over the net against Edgerton Tuesday, Sept. 5, at home. The Patriots lost 3-0 to the Flying Dutchmen.

Saturday, Sept. 9 for a five-team tournament.

Zylstra said the Patriots didn't keep team or individual stats for the games.

The Patriots won their first game against Edger-

ton 2-0, went 1-2 against Adrian and lost 0-2 to Windom and Luverne.

"They had to play four games back-to-back with no break, and that definitely worked against us at the end," Zylstra said.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0914 crosscountry

Left: Senior Jenna DeBates won the girls' 5,000 meters. **Right:** Junior Owen Janiszkeski won the boys' varsity 5,000-meter cross country races in Luverne Saturday, Sept. 9.

LHS cross country/from page 1B

6th. Eighth-grader Grace Kempema 18:59.85
12th. Freshman Olivia Lund 19:34.57
15th. Freshman Mariah Knorr 19:58.77
18th. Junior Jaelyn Arp 20:39.24
20th. Brynn Boyenga 21:31.79
29th. Junior Andrea Luitjens 23:24.64

37th. Freshman Anna Reisdorfer 27:17.62
40th. Sophomore Maddy Schepel 28:09.27

Luverne travels to Rochester Thursday, Sept. 14, for the Mayo Invitational at the Eastwood Golf Course.

Public land acquisition, Part 2: working through appraisal process

By Scott Rall

Last week I started a multi-part column on what it takes to create a new public land.

A quick review of last week. We start only with a willing seller who has reached out to a resource agency or a non-profit like Pheasants Forever and indicate they would like to sell their property for a conservation purpose. The parcel is initially reviewed, and if it fits a specific conservation mission, it is considered for acquisition.

Site inspections are completed and documents collected, so an appraisal can be completed.

This week we will focus on the land appraisal process.

In Minnesota the appraisal is not just a run-of-the-mill review of what other properties of like comparison sold for over the past year or two.

Appraisals used for conservation acquisition are in-depth appraisals which need to be completed by a high-level appraiser.

The qualified appraisers that complete these assessments are not high in number.

The reason that the appraisals are much more in depth is that most of these parcels are purchased with grant funds.

Some of them originate from the Minnesota Lessard/Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund or other forms of state or federal grants. These grant funds come with all kinds of strings attached that require much more scrutiny.

Once the appraisal is completed, the seller is noti-



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Outdoors columnist

fied of the exact amount of appraisal. This is required. There is no way that a seller could ever be boondoggled into accepting an amount nowhere close to the land's value. This protects all sellers in every instance.

If the seller accepts the offer, a project can then move to the next step.

If the offer is declined, this potential project dies on the vine and is removed from consideration.

Grant funds require that no offer can exceed the appraised value. If the seller wants an amount higher than the appraisal, we cannot move forward.

This protects taxpayers from paying too much and is a solid way to ensure grant funds are spent efficiently.

If the offer is accepted, a non-binding letter of intent is signed. It covers the basics of the transaction, total acres more or less, the price paid per acre, and a written understanding of what is on the table for both parties.

Every public land acquisition is surveyed. This is

quite a process. Bids are sent out to about 5-6 appraisers, and they have 10 days to respond with a bid to complete the work.

Factors that decide who is selected to do the survey include total cost, start time and date when the draft survey will be completed and delivered.

These surveys also require much more in-depth scrutiny than a normal person-to-person transaction. The formats used for the appraisal require some pretty in-depth computer files and formats.

Many appraisers are not able or willing to provide data in these formats.

Once the survey is completed, normally about 4-6 weeks after the bid is awarded, it needs to be reviewed. This is done by a realty specialist from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Survey reviews can take anywhere from two weeks to three months, depending on agency work load. When the survey review is complete, often there are some technical changes that need to be made to dot all the i's and cross all the t's.

The surveyor that did the work makes these changes and then delivers the final survey.

Transactions between individuals often don't include a survey, so 80 acres is sold as 80 acres more or less, when the actual acres might be slightly more or less than 80 acres. They might be 81.2 or 79.6 or any other number

Land acquisition/see page 6B



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Did Jesus welcome everyone?

Have you seen church signs saying, "Everyone Welcome Here!" Do they really mean that?

A teacher friend recently posted a picture of himself standing by a whiteboard welcoming his new class. Written on the white board was, "It's okay to not know everything," "It's okay to ask questions," and a few more "It's okay" statements. Then, at the bottom of the white board, it said, "Everyone is welcome." Is that really true?

Are racists welcome? Is a student carrying a gun welcome?

What about our churches? Do we really mean everyone is welcome? If a person carrying a sign saying "Kill all Christians" in one hand and a 9-mm pistol in the other, came to church, would we really say, "Come on in just as you are. You're welcome at our church."? I am guessing that most people's cell phones would be out dialing 9-1-1 and wondering how soon the sheriff's department would arrive.

Did Jesus welcome everyone?

Jesus told one of his own, Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." (Mt 16:23).

The Pharisees heard that Jesus cast demons out of a man. Their explanation for how Jesus did this was by claiming Jesus used "Beelzebub," the prince of demons, to heal the man.

What does Jesus tell them? "You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Mt 12:34)

Would you say Jesus welcomed the Pharisees by saying these truths?

An initial look would say Jesus was not warm, friendly and welcoming in his words to the Pharisees.

Jesus came to save sinners. He came to demonstrate he was the promised Messiah spoken of by prophets of the Old Testament. He came to help us see that we are sinners and to see our need to repent from our sin. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

The Pharisees were blind to their sinful ways, and Jesus, out of deep love for them, called them out, wanting them to see the truth and to repent.

Jesus cared so much about people's sin that he was willing to speak hard truth to help them see God's truth.

As a church, we must demonstrate love and welcome people so they see that Jesus is the only way to be saved. Welcoming does not mean acceptance of blatant unrepentant sin. At times we get the two mixed up. Our churches must welcome sinners to repent and accept the redemption found in Jesus Christ.

St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org

Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes - check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stoclouverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982

www.luverneccrc.com - office@luverneccrc.com

Joe Steenholdt, Pastor

Sunday Worship services: 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday School follows the morning service (Sept.-April). Livestream and past services can be found on our YouTube channel. Our services are also on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @luverneccrc. 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

Thursday, Sept. 14: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Sept. 17: 9 a.m. 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion; 3-year-olds Milestone. 10 a.m. Sunday school and 10th grade Confirmation class. 5 p.m. Ministry meetings. 6 p.m. PPC meeting. 6:45 p.m. Middle school movie and pizza night. Monday, Sept. 18: Grace Notes deadline. 12 p.m. Sign-up deadline for Amazing Grays. Tuesday, Sept. 19: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 2-4 p.m. GriefShare session. 3:30 p.m. Reading Buddies. Wednesday, Sept. 20: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring visitors meeting. 11 a.m. Amazing Grays. 7 p.m. 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation class. 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: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 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. 14: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, Sept. 15: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. CommServices 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. Tuesday, Sept. 19: 9:45 a.m. Bible study fellowship. 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 20: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:15 p.m. Senior High youth group. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs. 6:30 p.m. Jr. High youth groups.

Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church

Bob Junak, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4529

Wednesday, Sept. 13: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Organized Prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Sept. 14: 8 p.m. NA meeting. Saturday, Sept. 16: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and radio. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Sept. 18: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Messenger deadline. Tuesday, Sept. 19: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6 p.m. Trustees meeting. 6:30 p.m. Church council meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 20: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Organized Prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Sept. 8 p.m. NA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: fpcemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 13: 10:50 a.m. Home Delivered meals, 4:00 p.m. Music Staff meeting, 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal, 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m. Session. Thursday, September 14: 9:00 a.m. PW CT meeting, 10:50 a.m. Home Delivered Meals. Friday, September 15: 10:50

a.m. Home Delivered Meals. Saturday, September 16: 9:00 a.m. All-Church clean-up. Sunday, September 17: 9:00-10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. (Note change in time) In-person Worship service (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays) and Youth Sunday school, 11:15 a.m. Fellowship coffee hour. Monday, September 18: 10:50 a.m. Home Delivered meals, 2:00 p.m. Caring Friends at Poplar Creek, 3:15 p.m. Caring Friends at MJB Home. Tuesday, September 19: 10:50 a.m. Home Delivered meals, 1:30 p.m. Communion at MJB, 3:00 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, September 20: 9:00 a.m. Morning Circle, 10:50 a.m. Home Delivered meals, 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Circle, 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m. Deacons.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net

www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

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: newlifecelabration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

Jesse Baker, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662 - firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 17: 9 a.m. Worship service at First Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday school. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValleySprings; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Tuesday, Sept. 19: 7 p.m. First council meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garrettsville, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 - palisadchurch@alliancecom.net

www.palisadelutheran.org

Sunday, Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: First-PalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service 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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com

Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsure@alliancecom.net

Praveen Muthasamy, Pastor

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 5 p.m. Evening worship service.

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Rock County seeks crack sealing bids by Oct. 2

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
BITUMINOUS CRACK SEALING / S.A.P. 067-030-016
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. October 2, 2023
LIVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023. READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the ****Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions**** as contained in this Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN, immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

The project consists of a Bituminous Crack Seal Treatment. The project is located on various roads in Rock County

The major items of work are: 63,287 pounds Bituminous Sealant for Crack-filling Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questodn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. S.A.P. 067-030-016"**

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
 Rock County Highway Engineer
 (09-07, 09-14, 09-21)

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks proposals by Oct. 16

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-611-010 ETC.
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. OCTOBER 16, 2023
LIVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed **"BidPackets"** will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday October 16, 2023.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates** as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on **Tuesday October 17, 2023**, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting. Construction of Bridges 67K49 & 67K50 / PCST. Box Culverts.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 46 Ft. of 16'x9' PCST. Box Culvert + 2

End Sections; 46 Ft. of 16'x8' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 132 Ft. of 14'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 6 End Sections; 1,574 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill & Bedding; 551 Tons Rock Bedding; & 264 Tons Random Riprap Class 2.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questodn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$50.00. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-611-010, Etc."**. The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
 Rock County Highway Engineer
 (09-14, 09-21, 09-28, 10-05)

Gimble probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF ROCK
 PROBATE COURT
 DISTRICT COURT
 PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Jewell Gimble a/k/a Jewell A. Gimble,
a/k/a Jewell Ann Gimble,
 Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-23-201

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of September, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated February 26, 2006, and for the appointment of Joel R. Gimble, whose address is 2312 E. 12th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in a supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: August 31, 2023

Douglas E. Eisma
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Eisma and Eisma
 130 East Main
 Luverne, MN 56156
 507-283-4828
 I.D. #158343

/s/ Terry Vajrt
 District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Resich
 Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(09-14, 09-21)

Donth probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF ROCK
 PROBATE COURT
 DISTRICT COURT
 PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Karen David Donth, a/k/a Karen D. Donth,
a/k/a Karen Donth,
 Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-23-203

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of September, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated June 7, 2011, and for the appointment of Mary E. Donth, whose address is 424 E. Luverne Street, Magnolia, Minnesota 56158, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administrate the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: August 31, 2023

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/s/ Terry Vajrt
 District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Resich
 Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(09-14, 09-21)

County Board sets hearing for Sept. 19 on public use of cannabis

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS DERIVED PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on September 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Herreid Board meeting room located at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota for the purpose of hearing public comment for a proposed ordinance regulating the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places and places of public accommodation within Rock County.

The full text of the proposed Cannabis Use Ordinance is on file at the Rock County Administrator's Office at 204 E. Brown Street; Luverne, Minnesota, or can be viewed at www.co.rock.mn.us. Written comments should be submitted to the Rock County Administrator by 5:00 p.m., September 18, 2023. All persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to present testimony.

Dated: August 22, 2023

By Order of the Rock County Board of Commissioners
 Kyle Oldre, Rock County Administrator
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(09-07, 09-14)



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TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., September 22, 2023, at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN. All bidders who have submitted a bid prior to said deadline will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with a ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing with possession going to Buyer for 2024.

Sale is subject to approval by Doris Nelson as Heir of Jim and Dorothy Ask. For further details and an information packet contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 227-2829.

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Rail/from 3B — close to 80.

The surveyor makes notations on the final paperwork if there are any encroachments. For example, a fence that was installed 100 years ago may not have ended up right on the property line.

Each adjoining neighbor might be farming or otherwise utilizing some of their neighbor's property and vice versa.

These utilization inconsistencies need to be corrected before any transaction can be finalized. This can be as easy as removing the fence and having each affected property owner sign documents that they agree to the surveyed boundary.

Other times deeds are prepared, and each owner will get some and give some property and the legal boundary will be changed to line up with the fence.

All of these issues take time, and that is why many land transactions can take over 12-18 months to complete.

Next week we will share with you the next steps in the public lands acquisition process. Until then go shoot some doves. That season opened Sept. 1

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com.

Pheasant numbers jump up in southwestern Minnesota

Other areas outside southwest, west central Minnesota see declining pheasant numbers

Southwest region pheasant numbers saw significant, triple-digit increases in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' annual roadside pheasant survey.

"Pheasant hunters certainly have reason to cheer in the southwest region this year and we also saw increases in the west central portions of the state," said Tim Lyons, Minnesota DNR upland game research scientist.

"Other regions saw declines in pheasant numbers, possibly because of more severe winter weather and more severe drought during breeding season."

The pheasant index increased 101 percent in the southwest region and 38 percent in the west central region. Other areas saw decreases in pheasant numbers, with numbers dropping 39 percent in the central, 63 percent in the east central, 11 percent in the south central and 50 percent in the southeast regions.

Statewide, pheasants averaged a 10-percent increase from 2022 and 26 percent above the 10-year average. This year's statewide pheasant index was 53 birds per 100 miles of roads driven, compared to 48 in 2022.

Weather and habitat are the main influences on Minnesota's pheasant population trends. Weather causes annual fluctuations in pheasant numbers, while habitat drives long-term population trends. Shifts this year are due to weather conditions, with

pheasant populations benefiting from favorable weather conditions in the southwest and west central areas.

Long-term, there is nothing to suggest that some areas' increase in pheasant numbers will continue as a trend, given that there is not a corresponding increase in habitat.

The Minnesota pheasant hunting season opens at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

Partridge numbers increase

Gray (Hungarian) partridge is a less frequently encountered game bird, and partridge numbers increased in this year's roadside survey. Partridge numbers ticked up in the southwest region, from 2.7 in 2022 to 7.6 birds per 100 miles driven in 2023. The northwest saw the largest boom, with an increase from 2.2 to 14.9 birds per 100 miles driven.

"While some of the increase in partridge numbers could be due to expected year-to-year fluctuations in the survey, we are hearing from area offices that they're also seeing more partridge in those areas than they have in recent memory," Lyons said.

"Hunters could have some excellent partridge hunting opportunities this season."

Habitat factors

Conservation Reserve Program acres play a large role in providing habitat for pheasants in Minnesota. The program, authorized

under the federal Farm Bill, pays farmers to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and restore vegetation that will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

The long-term downward trend in CRP enrollment persisted in 2023, with a loss of 18,000 acres in the pheasant range.

The impact of the lost CRP acreage was somewhat mitigated by increases in land enrolled in easement programs like the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and Reinvest in Minnesota, as well as acquisitions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and by the Minnesota DNR offset some of the losses of CRP.

Overall, there was a net loss of approximately 9,000 acres of protected habitat compared to 2022.

Pheasant hunting areas

Many publicly owned lands are open to hunting, as are private lands enrolled in the state's Walk-In-Access program mndnr.gov/walkin.

Hunters can use the Minnesota DNR's online mapping tools to find WMAs by accessing the WMA finder (mndnr.gov/wmas), and the Minnesota DNR Recreation Compass (mndnr.gov/maps/compass) to help locate state hunting grounds and private lands enrolled in the Walk-In Access program, including updates on the condition of specific properties.

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God bless you all!

Cena Mae Tilstra,
Donna & Norm Sjaarda,
Darwin Tilstra,
David & Debbie Tilstra
(9.9-9.14)

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, gifts and well wishes on our 50th anniversary. God bless each and everyone.

Sam & Joyce Hansen
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308 Sherman Avenue
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Administrative Assistant in the Rock County Land Management Office

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of **Administrative Assistant** until **September 26, 2023**. The position performs a high level of customer service and conducts clerical work all while providing general office functions within the Land Management office. Duties include: assisting customers with environmental, recycling and planning & zoning permits along with grant administration oversight. Applicant qualifications are a high school diploma or equivalent with a two-year related degree and two-years of work related experience or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience; must also possess good oral and writing communication skills and experience with Microsoft office software applications.

This is a regular **part-time position with a starting hourly wage range will be \$19.25 -20.82, DOQ, and includes a pension benefit, paid time off, insurance options and flexible work schedule.**

All applicants must complete a Rock County Application form. For a complete job description and application form, visit www.co.rock.mn.us/opportunities/. For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 or by email at susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us

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ROCK/NOBLES COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CORRECTIONS AGENT

The Rock County Administrator's Office is currently accepting applications for **Corrections Agents for the Rock/Nobles Community Corrections** organization until **September 29, 2023**. This position will be located in the **Worthington office**.

Duties include but are not limited to: conducting investigations; conducting assessments; evaluating clients; supervising probationers; monitoring compliance with court order; attending client related meetings; making recommendations to the court; and performing additional tasks as assigned by the Director. This is a **full time** and benefit eligible position with an hourly range of **\$28.50 - 30.83 minimum DOQ and maximum range of \$40.56; benefits include health, dental and life insurance, pre-tax flexible spending accounts, pension and tax deferred compensation.**

Qualifications:

Four year Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, or related field required, with a minimum of one year experience as an adult and/or juvenile agent. Must possess a valid driver's license.

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AREA 3

510 Almar Street – Kneip

Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Brand name adult clothing; kitchen items; home décor; holiday items; furniture; wood/metal lathes; Mary Kay products; miscellaneous.

112 W. Barck – Boelman and Luethje

Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Table with chairs; hutch; dishes; décor; stand mixer; small boutique clothing; hunting boots; toys; playpens; computer printer; guitar; amplifier; miscellaneous.

1617 Blue Ridge Drive – Top

Friday: 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Toys; home décor; three desks; table and chairs; doll accessories; women's clothing; kitchen stuff; lots of miscellaneous.

503 Britz Drive – Hebig

Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wooden bench; welding helmet; ladies' clothing (S-2X); men's clothing (M-XXL); home décor; holiday décor; comforters; bar stools.

403 N. Cedar Street – Lysne

Friday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Toys (outdoor, Barbies, Hot Wheels, etc.); books; miscellaneous household/kitchen items; women's and children's clothing; décor; Coca-Cola collectibles.

204 E. Christensen Drive #7 – Andersen

Thursday and Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Great for school clothes shopping! Name brands – Levi, Gap, Adidas, Nike; men's shirts - sizes medium-2X, pants-32x34 and 40x32, sweaters L-2X, women's size small, 1X, 2X; knickknacks, dog bed (memory foam); misc. items.

1107 Elm Cove – Hoiland

Thursday: 4-7 p.m.; Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Clothing: girls' (7-8), women's (M-L), men's (XL); toys; exercise equipment; small kitchen appliances; cookware and more!

803 N. Estey Street – Johnson

Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
24" bicycle; trampoline; toys; home décor; canning jars; pet crate; strollers; women's and men's clothing.

702 Fireleaf Road – DeBoer

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
8 Families-Sale of the Year! Camping; patio furniture; pool/ping pong table; décor; kitchenware; clothing; bedding; toys; books and so much more!

220 N. Freeman Avenue – Misino (507-935-2064)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
This is it. My LAST and FINAL yard sale. Due to physical problems, I can no longer hold one after this one. So, I'm willing to accept almost any offer on my marked prices to sell my merchandise as soon as possible. My body may not permit me to do more than a day or two, so get the items while you can. Here are some of my things: With sets, I have over 2,200 movies; signed Norman Rockwell; cigarette machine; sports stuff; tools; over 200 CDs; brand new Norelco cordless shaver; digital scale; 12" figurine of Cal Ripken Jr. sealed in box that goes for \$150 on e-Bay; some nice jewelry; printer with fax machine, copier and scanner; old and new testaments on 41-CD set or DVD set lasting 70 hours; calculators; authentic belt buckle taken off dead Nazi after fighting with US soldier to the death; pictures and negatives of actual cast from soap opera "Dark Shadows" from 1970; games, dog toys, and much, much more! Ask me about the fantastic sale for anything I am selling!

746 N. Freeman Avenue – Klosterbuer, Taylor

Thursday and Friday: 4-7 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Clothing: Name brand boys' and girls', plus-size women's; shoes, cleats, Christmas/home décor; albums; books; signs; rug; bedding; luggage; Halloween costumes; watch; toys; JD lights; Instant Pot and more!

1013 N. Jackson Street – Bosshart

Thursday and Friday – 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Little girls' clothing; some toddler boys' clothing; Barbie dollhouse; pool toys; kitchen set for girls; kid's play table; wine rack; corner cupboard; strollers; toys; washer and dryer stands with drawer.

AREA 1

1276 131st Street – Buss

Thursday: 5-8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Buss family is decluttering. Tons of household items; outside items; sports stuff; scrapbook and crafts; bedding and pillows; S and M men's and women's clothing. Clean, nonsmoking home.

512 W. Crawford Street – Dekker

Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Furniture; household items; baby tent; changing table; clothing; miscellaneous items.

121 N. Davidson – Fick

Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Clothing – men's and women's; larger sizes shoes; dolls; board games; assorted miscellaneous cards; four barstools; set of China dishes; Christmas items; throw rugs; afghans; lots of miscellaneous.

414 N. Fairview Drive – Steensma

Thursday: 5-8 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wedding décor; home décor; women's clothing; men's clothing and more!

1209 Hampshire Circle – Bauman

Wednesday: 4-8 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Women's clothing and shoes; home décor; Christmas ornaments and décor; baby toys; baby boy clothing; bedding; kids' clothing, coin machine; furniture.

418 W. Main Street – Sterrett

Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Clothing – girls' 5T-16; women's S-XXL; men's S-XXL; shoes; miscellaneous home; wicker; snowblower; tools; luggage; purses.

503 Michael Street – Domagala

Wednesday: 3-7 p.m.; Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Name brand clothing - boys' size 8-adult XL, girls' size small-adult XL; toys; books; American Girl accessories; home décor and much more!

1301 Northview Drive – Klein

Thursday and Friday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Group rummage sale! Household items, décor; clothing – children's and adult; lots and lots of miscellaneous merchandise.

1303 Northview Drive – Herman

Wednesday: 4-8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Clothing – men's shirts and jeans (42-34); chairs; dishes; books; tools; Christmas items; exercise; baby items; boy toddler's clothing; lots of miscellaneous items.



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1017 N. Jackson Street – Becker, Hofmeyer, Sohl

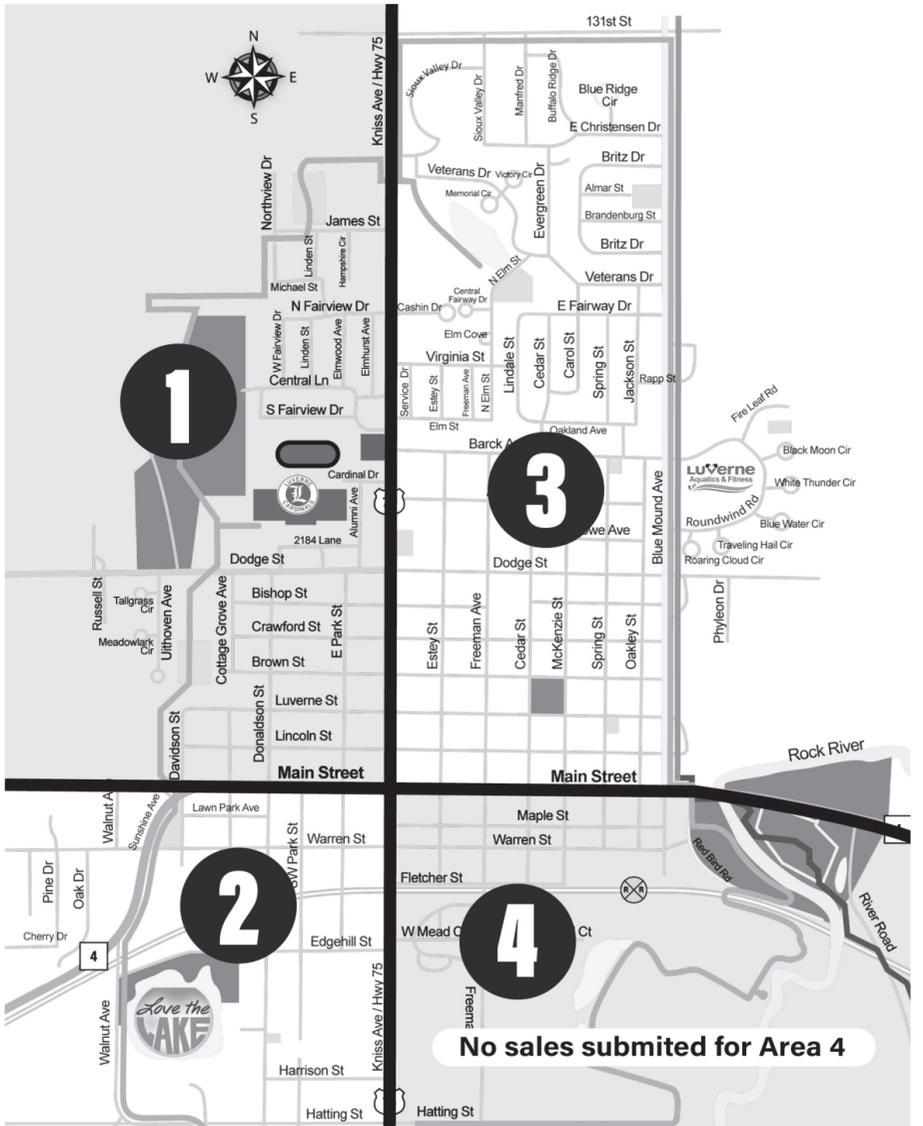
Thursday and Friday: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Boy's clothing-newborn to 6 months; Halloween costumes; boys' snow pants, coats; girls' snow pants, clothing newborn to 6T; toys; girls' bikes, like new - 12" and 16"; boots; Jumperoo - like new; activity play mat - like new.

503 Rapp Street – Mulder, Lusty, Nelson, Brandt

Thursday: 3:30-8 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Gently worn and quality name-brand women's (small-plus size) and men's (XL-3XL) clothing; men's and women's shoes; women's accessories, designer purses; vintage looking turn table with AM/FM and CD-player and stand; full-size oak crib to college bed frame in great condition; bag chairs; toys; children's puzzles; baby blankets; bedding; home décor; Starbucks drinkware; dishes; books; camping equipment; lots of miscellaneous.

106 W. Virginia Street – Olson

Thursday: 5-8 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
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AREA 2

409 W. Harrison Street – Mabon

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1190 N. River Road – Connell

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Wednesday: 4-7 p.m. and Thursday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
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