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## Nearly 400 walk for suicide prevention Saturday

Event brings together, comforts people who are grieving and raises \$21,000 for AFSP

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly 400 people circled the Luverne City Park Saturday morning for the third annual Out of the Darkness Suicide Walk.

"The walk was incredibly moving," said Angela Nolz, who organized the event along with a team of volunteers and sponsors.

The walk 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.

Luverne City Council member and Luverne High School teacher Caroline Thorson addressed the group at the start of the event.

"We have witnessed the struggles of mental health conditions in our students, friends, family members and perhaps even ourselves," she said. "And we have seen tragedies surrounding these struggles. It's real. It's heartbreaking. And it's life-changing."

She said that's why events like the one Saturday morning are important to bring those struggles out of the darkness "to shine a light on brain health," and to create a culture that's smarter about brain health and more open about seeking treatment.

"Today as we walk next to our friends and family, I would also encourage you to walk with hope," Thorson said, urging

**Out of the Darkness**/see 8A



Luverne City Council member and Luverne High School teacher Caroline Thorson addresses a group at the start of Saturday's Out of the Darkness suicide awareness walk in Luverne City Park. The event attracted nearly 400 participants and raised \$21,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



At left, Lavelle Bobrowsky, Bemidji, reads to her sons, Sammy (left) and David the "In My Heart Book" that Carson's Cause distributes to teach children about feelings and brain health. At right, members of the Carson's Cause team participate in the opening lap of the event in Luverne City Park Saturday morning. From left are Gracie Rozeboom, Lisa Pals, Lori Sorenson, Jonathan Ehde, Brittany Landwehr and David Duffy.

## City Council requests tax abatement for child care center

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Sept. 12 meeting to begin the process of paying for the Kids Rock! community child care center.

At Tuesday's meeting they approved a resolution that sets a public hearing on proposed property tax abatements.

The city will notify the school and county that tax abatement bonds will be issued for the child care building renovation project.

The actual bond sale is scheduled for Nov. 28, 2023, with bond proceeds being received at the end of December 2023.

Also on Tuesday the council approved a resolution establishing procedures relating to compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the internal revenue code.

The approval of this resolution allows the city to

**Luverne City Council**/see 5A

## Sheriff's Office plagued by revolving door of staff

By Lori Sorenson

Keeping the Rock County Sheriff's Office at full staff remains a struggle, according to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

He shared his quarterly report with Luverne City Council members at their Tuesday, Sept. 12, meeting when he also reported difficulty keeping his department at full capacity.

"We just hired a new individual who started yesterday, but in the meantime, we lost another deputy who went back to eastern Minnesota," Verbrugge said.

"So, we're down one again."

He said he's in the process of hiring another dispatcher, which will bring the dispatch team to full staff by October.

"We're hoping by the first of

the year we'll be at full staff, but this has just been the name of the game," Verbrugge said about a revolving door of workers at the Law Enforcement Center.

Council member Dan Nath asked Verbrugge about the hiring pool of candidates who respond to job openings in Rock County law enforcement.

Verbrugge said there are 160

to 190 law enforcement positions open in the state of Minnesota, and that doesn't count 500 open positions in Minneapolis and 500 in St. Paul departments.

Further exacerbating the staffing shortage, he said, is the fact that Alexandria Technical and Community College gradu-

**Sheriff's Office hiring**/see 2A

## Kwik Trip under construction, opening planned for January 2024

By Lori Sorenson

Construction is underway on the Kwik Trip building on South Highway 75 in Luverne.

The footprint will be 9,000 square feet located on 2.88 acres just south of the Econo Lodge Hotel near the intersection of Highway 75 and Gabrielson Road.

The Luverne Kwik Trip will be open 24 hours per day, seven days a week, with 20 full-time employees.

The newer "Gen 3" design will be similar to the Kwik Trip in Windom and will include all the same amenities except a car wash.

The gas station convenience store is known for its fried chicken and take-home meals, and it also has vegetables and fresh meat for grilling, plus potatoes, bread and bakery items.

Kwik Trip has its own dairy, sweet goods and bread production in La Crosse, Wisconsin, from where it distributes directly



Construction equipment gathers at the site of the future Kwik Trip on South Highway 75 on Thursday, Sept. 14.

to more than 800 of its stores in the Upper Midwest.

In addition to standard convenience store merchandise and grocery items, Luverne's

Kwik Trip fuel pumps will have unleaded, premium and E-85 gas (no diesels).

The Luverne location is among several new Kwik Trip

stores in the works, including one in Worthington and several in Sioux Falls.

Luverne's store is expected to open January 2024.



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 'Prairie Songs' Sept. 21 at Plaza

"Prairie Songs: Sing Along with Laura Ingalls Wilder" will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Plaza on Main.

The event, coordinated through the Rock County Community Library, is led by the folk music duo Curtis Teague and Loretta Simonet.

Between songs, the two provide commentary on the life and time of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

### See You at the Pole Sept. 27 at school Alumni Garden

Rock The Edge will host See You At The Pole on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the new Alumni Garden (by the canopy on the east side of the school) at 7:45-7:55 a.m. This is a national student-led event where students pray for their community and schools. All students K-12 are invited to attend as well as parents/adults. See you at the Pole.

### Rock the Edge hosts annual food drive in city of Luverne

Rock The Edge will host the 8th Annual Citywide Food Drive on Sunday, Oct. 8. Youth will be canvassing the city of Luverne beginning at 3 p.m. Please place non-perishable food items in a bag and place on your porch or outside your front door (please, no out-of-date items).

### 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.

### Mobile dental clinic in Luverne Sept. 28 at Human Services

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne Thursday, Sept. 28; Thursday, Oct. 19; and Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Health and Human Services Community Room on Roundwind Road. (Note the clinics have resumed at this location).

This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0 to over 100. Call 612.746.1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance accepted. Organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

### Living Works Safe Talk Sept. 30

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.

### Historical Society meeting Oct. 2

The Rock County Historical Society Annual Meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at the Palace Theatre. There will be a brief business meeting, historical reenactment and video presentation, updates, election of directors for the RCHS board. Free popcorn and water will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

### Shredding truck Oct. 7

St. Catherine Carmelites will host the Dakota Shred-It truck from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Luverne Laundry Room parking lot. Free will donations are accepted. Watch your paper being shredded on the truck monitor. No need to remove staples or paperclips.

### 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.



Lori Sorenson photo/0921 loop trail at haakenson park

## Loop connects Hawkinson Park for handicap access

By Lori Sorenson

Hawkinson Park on Luverne's west side is now connected to the Loop trail, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Blandin Foundation.

The park connection is an 8-foot-wide concrete trail that provides handicap access from Cottage Grove Avenue through Hawkinson Park and to the Luverne Loop Trail.

The "Rural Leadership Boost Grant" is matched by \$20,000 from the city to cover the project's roughly \$70,000 cost.

The project qualifies for the grant because it "allows

users of all ages and abilities to enjoy the public outdoor recreation facilities within the community."

Jason DeBeer of Concrete Creations completed the concrete pouring last week.

## Sheriff's Office hiring/continued from page 1A

ated only 66 students from its law enforcement training center this year.

"That's about half of what they did 10 years ago," Verbrugge said. "Twenty-two of those students already had jobs spoken for before they graduated, which is unheard of."

This means there are fewer candidates available for the law enforcement positions open statewide.

"These kids can pick and choose where they want to work, and being here is a tough sell, unless you're from here and you understand it," Verbrugge said.

"Trying to get someone from outside the area to come down here and work is kind of tough."

He said there are other training programs to hire candidates from, but said, "I'm not going to lower my standards for hiring here."

Rock County's starting pay for a fresh-out-of-school deputy candidate is \$23 to \$26 per hour. Statewide average deputy pay is roughly \$30 per hour.

Council member Caroline Thorson asked Verbrugge if he anticipated any other retirements in the Sheriff's Office in the near future, and he said that likely won't be until he retires.

"I've got 32-plus years and the next two closest have 20 years. We've got seven guys who have three years or less," he said.

"I've told my staff I'm done at the end of this term for sure. I'm tired."

Meanwhile, he said the sheriff's office recently lost three officers with a total of 85 years of experience. "So that takes a hit," Verbrugge

said.

When investigator Jeff Wieneke retired June 30, Chad Kempema was promoted to that position and another person moved into Kempema's former position.

Craig Martinson retired in February and Mike Westerbur left in October 2022 to pursue opportunities outside of law enforcement.

**School resource officer** Verbrugge said the school resource officer Jeff Stratton had to be taken out of the school to cover staff shortages, but he's back now with recent concentrated efforts to leave the SRO program in place.

Verbrugge updated the council on recent statewide policies on school resource officers' limits in how they restrain or physically respond to incidents in schools.

"Obviously we know most of these kids and we know the parents. We obviously go to church and Sunday school with them and to the grocery store," he said.

"We feel confident we're not going to have those issues. ... Not saying we're not going to, but I think we're going to be able to de-escalate those situations."

### 'Jake brake' complaints

In other law enforcement-related business, Mayor Pat Baustian asked Verbrugge to enforce the city's ordinance against "jake brakes."

"We brought it to your attention earlier this year and your staff mentioned to us that you discussed it

with them," Baustian said.

"That was one of our biggest complaints this summer. ... It's usually southbound traffic, and it starts around Grace Lutheran and continues down the hill toward the stoplights."

He said he called a local trucking company after noticing an aggregate hauler jake-braking in town.

"It was as easy as that, and you don't see that company doing it anymore," Baustian said.

"That's what I've asked you to do, to make that call. We do have an ordinance for it, but it's probably more about education. They're being watched, it is a concern, we're taking citizen complaints and it is an issue. We ask they you support that. When the sheriff calls them or enforces it, it carries it bit more weight than if we do it."

Verbrugge asked what the fine would be for a violation of a city ordinance, and city attorney Ben Vander Kooi recommended he check with County Attorney Jeff Haubrich.

Caroline Thorson advocated educating more than penalizing.

"I think before a citation even, the pulling over and inconvenience of them being stopped ... Sometimes I think that education is really helpful — especially if they're driving for a company. They don't want that."

The city council has requested that the Minnesota Department of Transportation place signage on Highway 75 in Luverne advising, "no jake brakes in city limits."

## Community Ed announces upcoming events, activities

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

**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.

Parents with children ages 0-5 will enjoy the animals and activities at **Fall Time Fun at Harmony Gardens** Sept. 26. Registration required by Sept. 20. Fee is \$10/child.

Signing up for Medicare can be confusing. Learn the basics at **Medicare 101** on Sept. 26. Fee is \$5.

Register by Sept. 29 for **Cardinal League Com. Ed Basketball** for grades 3-6. Fee is \$50.

Participants in grades 3-6 that want to travel out of town in addition to the local Cardinal League, should register for the Harrisburg League at www.bsybl.com prior to October. (That will take care of your Cardinal League registration, too.)

**Join the Rock County Master Gardeners on Oct. 2 for a garden tour** in Brandon, South Dakota.

Talk with experts at Oakridge Nursery & Landscaping and Cherry Rock Farms to answer your questions. Fee is \$12 and includes a box lunch.

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# Minnesota Housing Partnership releases 2023 County Profiles

2023 County Profiles provide new data measurements at county level in critical areas

The Minnesota Housing Partnership 2023 County Profiles resource features data on different demographics of cost-burdened households paying at least 30 percent of their income for housing.

It also highlights changes in rent and home prices, eviction filings compared to pre-pandemic rates, racial disparities in homeownership, a comparison of top in-demand wages compared to current housing costs and more.

MHP's bi-annual research publication includes new data measurements in critical housing areas, county by county

## Key takeaways from the 2023 County Profiles:

- In every county in Minnesota, at least 1 in 4 renter households pay more than they can afford for housing.

- In every county in Minnesota, at least 1 in 10 homeowner households pay more than they can afford for housing.

- Every county in Minnesota has a shortage of affordable and available rental homes for extremely low-income households.

- Seventy-nine percent of counties have a shortage that exceeds 100 homes, and 31 percent have a shortage exceeding 500 homes.

- White, non-Hispanic households have strong homeownership rates throughout the state, ranging from 66 percent to 88 percent.

- Households with people of color have significant homeownership disparities in many areas of the state.

In Minnesota's most populous counties (over 100,000 households) the homeownership rate for people of color ranges from 38 percent to 63 percent.

• 60 of 87 counties have seen an increase in evictions filings compared to pre-pandemic averages.

• In 40 of 87 counties, no permits for multifamily construction were issued in 2022.

Since 2009, MHP's County Profiles have been a key source of housing information for advocates, elected officials, and the media.

They serve as a valuable guide to understanding Minnesota's community and housing needs, and provide compelling data that makes the case for the critical need for housing investments.



## 2023 COUNTY PROFILE

# Rock County

3,921 Households | Southwest Region

For Minnesotans to be and stay well, for our children to grow and elders to flourish, we all need a place to live.

Our existing homes are aging and increasingly unaffordable, with few new ones being built.



### 2021 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS 877 | 22% of households

% of rental units built before 1970: 55%  
2022 multi-family units permitted: 56  
Median rent: \$651 = -14% over 5 years



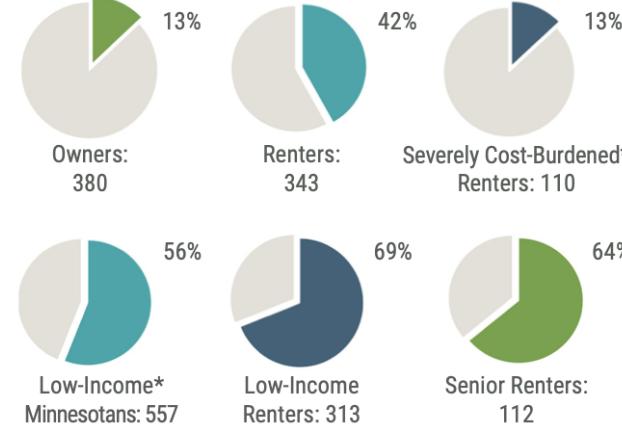
### 2021 OWNER HOUSEHOLDS 3,044 | 78% of households

% of houses built before 1970: 64%  
2022 single-family units permitted: 8  
Median home value: \$165,900 = +11% over 5 years

\*Increases in rent or home value have been adjusted for inflation.

Too many Minnesotans experience cost burden, and the impacts are felt disproportionately.

#### COST-BURDENED\* COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS



#### RACIAL DISPARITIES IN RENTER COST BURDEN \*in Greater MN



723 in the county are "cost-burdened"—at-risk of being forced to choose between a home and other basic needs like food, clothing, and medicine.

\*Cost burden: spending 30% or more of household income on housing costs.  
\*Severe cost burden: spending more than 50%.  
\*Low-income: households earning under \$35,000 annually.

Such pressures can lead to eviction and homelessness, both on the rise in the state.



#### EVICTIONS IN THE COUNTY 2022 eviction filings: 7

Average pre-pandemic monthly filings (2012-19): 4



#### HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE 2022 homelessness: 19,600\*

66% were Black, Indigenous, or people of color  
Number of homeless children under 18: 8,891

\*on any given night in 2022

#### For renters struggling to make ends meet, finding an affordable home can be difficult.

##### EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS (ELI)\*

# of ELI renter households in the county: 235  
Homes affordable / available\* to the ELI: 170  
Shortage of affordable/available homes for ELI in the county: 65

\*ELI: households earning under \$30,190 annually.

#### Minnesota's racial homeownership disparity is among the worst in the nation.

##### COUNTY HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE



\*non-Hispanic white

#### The cost of housing is out of reach for many working Minnesotans.

##### THE REGION'S MOST IN-DEMAND JOBS vs ROCK'S COST OF HOUSING



#### Sources

\*Affordable housing is defined as: Housing that costs an owner or renter no more than 30% of household income. A unit is affordable and available if that unit is both affordable and vacant or is currently occupied by a household at the defined income threshold or below.

Cost burden: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2021, 1 year estimates | Evictions: Eviction Lab, Eviction Tracking System 2022 Homelessness: Wilder Research Center, 2018 Minnesota Homeless Study | ELI Units and Renters: National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), The Gap 2023 | Homeownership: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2021, 1 year estimates | In-demand jobs: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED), Occupations in Demand, 2022

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**USDA funding available to help low-income families buy, fix homes**

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

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

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

Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability.

The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

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

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

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

Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist to see if you qualify at: USDA Rural Development; 1424 E. College Drive, Suite 500; Marshall, MN 56258-2090 or by calling 507-537-1401 ext. 4.

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

For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/mn](http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn).

#### Correction:

The Sept. 14 Star Herald Story about school resource officers referred to cities as being in Sen. Bill Weber's district, but they are not. The story stated that law enforcement officials in Redwood Falls, Mankato and Willmar withdrew school resource officers from their school districts. This is factual, but those towns are not located in Weber's legislative district. The Star Herald regrets the error.

#### 10th Annual Shredding Fundraiser

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**Springwater Township Board**

## 'How far is it?'

*Bike riding with Blondie*

Stirring together a bowl of flower petals and dill seed she collected from the garden, my 6-year-old niece beamed at me and announced, "You're the best auntie ever!"

Every family has one, and this one is the one in our family. With neon blonde hair, blue eyes and a personality that fills an empty room, this is the one my husband calls "Blondie." He alleges he can't remember her name.

Blondie is 6 – going on 17. She's smallish and weighs in at about 40 pounds but makes up for it in charisma.

We'd been having a wonderful morning together, and it was only going to get better. After the flower stirring there was toy playing, cat petting and after lunch – bike riding with two of her brothers.

The four of us set out on the bike path for JJ's. Big Brother was in the lead, Little Brother in the middle, the Best. Auntie. Ever. was in third place, and Blondie brought up the rear.

"Ew! A grasshopper!" she shrieked and hit the brakes, getting off her bike to examine the place where it had touched her.

There was no apparent grasshopper damage on her leg, so we continued.

We had traveled another 50 feet when she shrieked, "A dead snake!", hit the brakes, and got off her bike to look at it. It was most certainly dead.

We had gone about two blocks when she paused to rest. "I'm so tired!" she exclaimed. "My legs are sore!"

Her brothers looped ahead and back several times while Blondie attended her sore legs.

We were finally making a little progress when she announced, "A mosquito bite!"



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

*With just a short distance to go, Blondie, pushing her bike up the last hill, looked accusingly at me and said, "I can't even believe you are making us do this."*

stopped her bike, and got off to scratch her shoulder. "Ugh! It's so itchy! It's really, really itchy."

She got back on her bike. "How far is it to JJ's? I'm hot. Those flowers are SO purple. Look! A bird. I'm thirsty."

After another two blocks, she got off her bike and sat down on the bike path. "I need a rest. Do foxes live here? I'm hot. The boys should wait for us. Do you like butterflies?"

After what seemed like an eternity, we arrived at JJ's, ate our snack and headed home.

Another block later, she got off the bike to walk alongside it. "Why are we going this way? How far is it? My legs are tired. It's hot. That tree is really big."

With just a short distance to go, Blondie, pushing her bike up the last hill, looked accusingly at me and said, "I can't even believe you are making us do this."

I burst out laughing, put her on the bike and pushed her the rest of the way home.

Of course I did. I'm the Best. Auntie. Ever.

We have come a long way in understanding the importance of taking care of mental health.

Although there have been many improvements in how mental health is addressed, there still is a stigma involved, especially when it comes to suicide.

One common misconception that leads to the further stigma around mental health is that "suicide is a selfish choice."

**Is suicide selfish?** No, suicide is not a selfish act. People who contemplate suicide are often in such a state of emotional distress and pain that they don't feel they have many choices to help end their suffering. There are many complex factors that could contribute to someone attempting suicide, but the bottom line is that people do not commit suicide out of selfishness.

Many people who contemplate suicide consider deeply how their death could affect others. Many people attempt suicide because they feel their existence is a burden to their loved ones.

They think their loved ones will live more fulfilling lives without them in the picture. This means they truly are not acting selfishly, but genuinely think the world is better off without them.

Often, people talk about suicide as though it is just another wrong choice to be made. Suicide

## Stop saying suicide is a 'selfish choice'

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Mark Jacobson  
Peer Support Specialist, Winona

is hardly a choice. It's easy for someone on the outside looking in to consider how many different options another person has.

Unfortunately, someone experiencing a mental health crisis can't usually see their available options clearly.

Intense hopelessness and emotional pain can hinder a person's ability to think rationally. If someone attempts suicide, it is likely because they saw that as either their best or their only choice to deal with their pain.

**It's time to change the way we talk about suicide.** The way we talk about suicide is important in breaking the stigma around it.

We can work to change the way we talk and think about mental health by viewing those with mental health conditions the same way we would someone with a physical impairment.

Just as someone with a heart condition may need a doctor's care to help them stay healthy, so does someone with severe depression.

If you take anything away from reading this, remember that suicide is not a selfish act.

Those with severe mental illness, such as major depression, are fighting their inner demons who make them feel isolated and as if they are a burden to others.

Someone in a mental health crisis who is contemplating suicide is facing a distorted perception of reality. They cannot see options before them and just want to unburden themselves and others.

If you or someone you know struggles with thoughts of suicide, now is the right time to seek help. In a crisis, where someone is in immediate danger, call 911. If you are in a state of crisis, you can call the suicide prevention hotline at 988.

The suicide prevention hotline has a network of over 200 crisis centers with trained mental health experts who provide help 24/7.

If you are not in crisis and are seeking additional support, I may be reached at gottahavehope38@gmail.com.



## The Finder-of-Lost-Things recovers cell phone for frantic Redwood Falls mom



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

location of the phone. The map of the school grounds with a ping on it was hard to get a handle on as to the location because it was mostly off the school's rooftop.

We started our search on the north side of the school and came up empty. The bus carrying the

cross country team hadn't return to Redwood Falls yet, so I couldn't get any additional information from the kid that lost the phone.

Emily sent me another picture of the ping location, but this time it was of a broader overhead view. According to the second ping, the

phone was located on the south side of the school lying on the boulevard along West Dodge Street.

Mary and I walked up and down that part of the parking lot and never found the phone. Truth be told, about the only thing we found was pile after pile of dog poop.

By this time, the Redwood Falls cross country team had arrived home, and I was able to visit with the kid that lost the phone. He told me he was on the side of the building with the big L on it.

Then he told me where the team campsite for the day was.

I kept asking him questions such as what he was doing when he

wasn't running. He told me the team hung out around the playground that is located back there and that he had taken some pictures with his phone of some of his fellow runners.

I asked where that was, and he guided me toward the south side of the playground and next to the school building.

I looked around, and there sat the phone on top of a trash receptacle just where he had left it three hours earlier.

After we found the phone, I took another look at the first ping picture Emily sent, and once I knew what I was looking at, the ping was right on the phone.

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# 4-H'ers compete at state horse show

**By Mavis Fodness**

Five Rock County 4-H'ers competed at the 2023 Minnesota State Horse Show Sept. 15-18 in St. Paul.

Two of the exhibitors placed in the top ten in their respective grade levels.

•Morgan Bonnett, grade 11, finished fourth in key race, eighth in poles and eighth in ranch pleasure.

•Blakely Fick, grade 6, earned a third-place ribbon in western showmanship.

Bonnett was also the county's representative for the Grand Entry ceremony.

Also participating at the four-day event were Paige Blom, Ellie Loose and Lily Ehlers.

## State Western Heritage results

Six Rock County 4-H'ers competed at the 2023 Western Heritage State Event Aug. 7 in Sauk Rapids.

They joined 71 riders from across the state to compete in four events: goat tying, pen-to-pen sorting, round pen roping, and team and break-away roping.

Four 4-H'ers earned ribbons for finishing in the Top 10 in one of the four events.

•Kellie VanDerBrink placed 10th in senior goat tying.



Rock County 4-H'ers competing at the 2023 Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show include Morgan Bonnett (left), Lily Ehlers, Paige Blom, Ellie Loose and Blakely Fick. Below, local 4-H'ers at the 2023 Minnesota State 4-H Western Heritage event include (back) Dakotah Sina, (front from left) Andrea Honken, Peyton Blom, Kellie VanDerBrink, Paige Blom and Allison Honken.

•Dakotah Sina was third in intermediate goat tying.

•Andrea Honken and VanDerBrink teamed up in senior pen-to-pen sorting, finishing ninth.

•Sina teamed with Makayla Cross of Pipestone County in senior pen-to-pen sorting and finished seventh.

Also participating at the state event were Paige Blom, Peyton Blom and Allison Honken.



## City Council tax abatement/continued from page 1A

begin paying for costs related to the renovation of the TCI building for a child care center prior to issuing bonds.

A separate contract will be executed for the replacement of the roof, as that needs to be completed prior to winter.

The expected start date for the rest of the renovation is next spring.

The city of Luverne, with support from Rock County and federal funds, is converting the former Total Card Inc. building (originally Tri-State Insurance) into a day care center.

The city paid \$515,000 in March 2022 for the 30,000-square-foot office building, which needs \$6.3 million in renovations to become a child care facility for up to 186 children.

Studies show a current day care shortage of 120 slots, and that doesn't account for more than 100 new jobs coming online with new employers in the next year. Many of those workers will also need child care.

The new facility, which will open in phases, will eventually have capacity for 24 infants, 42 toddlers, 60 preschoolers and 60 school-age children.

The city has committed \$2.15 million toward the project and has launched a \$1 million community fundraising campaign. Rock County will pay \$550,000, and a grant through the USDA will cover \$2.6 million.

Tentative plans call for construction to begin in March 2024, with a projected opening in early 2025.

## In other business at the Sept. 12 meeting, the city:

•Scheduled an Oct. 10 public hearing on proposed assessments (unpaid utility bills and miscellaneous work).

When property owners neglect mowing, snow removal, tree work, etc. the city completes the work and assesses the property owners.)

The meeting will be at 5 p.m. in city hall. Letters will be sent to affected property owners with the amount of the assessments at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

•Approved a preliminary levy at \$3,232,740, which is an increase of nearly 17 percent over the current levy, as was discussed at a previous meeting.

## Cannabis ordinance/continued from 1A

per incident.

The ordinance will be effective county-wide, as the cities in Rock County agreed to a single use ordinance for the county in a joint meeting with officials earlier this summer.

Cities, however, may choose to their own resolutions adopting the county's public use ordinance, according to County Attorney Jeff Haubrich.

State legislators legalized cannabis use in Minnesota for adults ages 21 or older. The law became effective Aug. 1 with little guidance as to how to implement it.

County and city leaders agreed to a proactive approach to public use until more direction is provided from the state.

Under the county's public use ordinance, cannabis or cannabis-derived can be used:

•at a private residence.

•private property not generally accessible by the public.

•on the premise of an establishment or event licensed to permit on-site consumption.

## Permitted retail business after 2025

Retail licenses to sell cannabis and

cannabis products are granted only through the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management.

The state office will issue licenses once a commissioner and staff are put into place.

Counties, however, determine the number of licenses and where the retail location(s) will be permitted per setback requirements.

One license must be granted in each county, according the recently passed legislation.

However, until the state office is fully staffed, no licenses are expected to be issued until 2025.

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## AUGUST MARKET TRENDS FOR ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Single Family + Condo/Townhouse/Apt.			
Market Type	Seller's Market	Balanced Market	Buyer's Market
<b>Key Details</b>			
Months of Inventory	List to Sold Price %	Median Days in RPR	Median Sold Price

**3.29** **99.8%** **44** **\$172,450**

↑ 21.4% \*

\* Month Over Month

Hey everyone, let's dive into the latest market trends in Rock County, Minnesota.

Did you know that as of August 2023, we currently have a 3.29 Months Supply of Inventory? This means that if no new homes were listed, selling all existing homes in Rock County would take just over 3 months. Over the last 12 months, the Months Supply of Inventory has increased by +51.61%!

Looking at the List to Sold Price percentage, we're seeing a solid 99.8% average. This means sellers are getting nearly their asking price when selling their homes. It's a great time to be a seller in Rock County!

The median days on market is 44, which means homes are selling relatively quickly. If you're a buyer, be prepared to act fast when you find your dream home! And sellers, this statistic shows that your home has a good chance of selling within a reasonable time frame.

The median sold price in Rock County is currently \$172,450. Keep in mind that this is the median, so prices can vary depending on the specific location and features of each property.

Whether you're looking to buy or sell, knowing the latest market trends is crucial. As your REALTOR®, we're here to help you navigate the Rock County real estate market and achieve your goals. Let's chat!

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# Star Herald COMMUNITY

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Reagan Gangestad holds Brynlee Gacke's arms as she crosses the balance beam with Brielle Haakenson and Zaharra Harnack following the leader.



With the help of Phoebe Flom, Hanna Goembel learns to complete various maneuvers on the uneven bars.

## Little Cardinals take to the gym

Luverne High School varsity gymnastics coach Phoebe Flom, along with current and former high school gymnasts, opened a four-day fall gymnastics camp Monday through Luverne Community Education. Participants ranging in age from preschool through sixth grade were introduced to skills needed to do flips, cartwheels and jumps along with an introduction to the balance beam and uneven bars. The camp was a requirement for any kindergarten through sixth-grade student interested in joining the Cardinal Kids gymnastics team, who compete during the winter sports season.



Hazel Benson (left) tries holding a bridge and later (below) tries to cross the beam without losing her balance.



**Far left:** Sutton Stoffel completes a handstand (left) while coach Phoebe Flom demonstrates how to start a sommersault for the class of preschoolers.



## MENU

**Monday, Sept. 25:** Kielbasa, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, bread, dessert.

**Tuesday, Sept. 26:** Pasta with meat sauce, romaine salad with dressing, ears, Texas toast, cookie.

**Wednesday, Sept. 27:** Orange chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, pineapple. Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

**Thursday, Sept. 28:** Pork loin, yams, broccoli, bread, dessert.

**Friday, Sept. 29:** Chicken mandarin salad, sliced cucumbers, fruit salad, dessert.

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## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
president Rock County  
Historical Society

## 1943: Story continues about Angell

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.

The story of A.E. Angell continues from last week.

"The family larder had been depleted," he (Angell) said, "and one night, the family sat down and had a council of war. It seemed that in order that we all continue

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## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2013)

The annual closing of the city pool for cleaning and maintenance this year includes a major roof replacement project over the pool area of the building.

"It's quite an involved project," said City Administrator John Call.

"It's estimated to cost \$300,000, but like any remodeling project, it's going to cost more than that. We've already had some things come up that we weren't expecting."

The fitness rooms have remained open for the annual fall maintenance, but Call wasn't able to say when the pool would reopen. ...

The roof work was prompted by the discovery of a rust problem in the metal decking and roof beams during the 2012 roof replacement project at the Luverne Area Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Call said the beams are structurally sound, but the metal decking was deteriorating and the structural steel under the roof surface was also rusty.

### 25 years ago (1998)

Since he's a stranger to many, Luverne residents might be surprised to know there's a potential world-class athlete currently living within the city limits.

Twenty-two-year-old Rob Gilles may not be the most organized individual among us, but he certainly is making

a name for himself as an athlete who has selected triathlon competition as his sport of choice.

With impressive performances in the past four months, Gilles gained professional status as a triathlete. One of his recent accomplishments includes winning the largest triathlon in the world qualifying for the sport's ultimate event that will be staged in Hawaii in November. ...

Rob is the son of Dave (a pharmacist at Family Drug) and Amanda (a Minnesota Veterans home employee) Gilles, who moved from Fargo, N.D., to Luverne two years ago.

### 50 years ago (1973)

A new men's and boys' wear store will open in Luverne this fall in the former Goehle Hardware building.

Herman Goehle announced this week that he had leased the building to Barney Bishop, Worthington, who with Orville Hokeness owns Bishop's Clothing and Bishop's South 40 in Worthington.

Bishop told The Star-Herald he did not know when the store would open for business, because it would depend on when the work on remodeling the store front is completed.

### 75 years ago (1948)

More than two billion miles of operation by 250,000 K-F car owners served as a guide for Kaiser-Frazer Corp. engineers in designing chassis improvements in 1949 Kaiser models, now

on display at Smith-Janssen Motor Sales.

The 15 chassis changes are responsible for easier riding and handling, greater road clearance and improved body strength, according to Jack Smith and Harry Janssen, local dealers.

Among the new features are a redesigned clutch linkage which provides a softer action and great durability; a new steering linkage which cuts the turning radius by 11 per cent; a completely redesigned gear shift mechanism; a stronger frame with improved road clearance and longer front coil springs.

### 100 years ago (1923)

Luverne high school will open its football season tomorrow afternoon when the Hills eleven will meet the locals on the field at the fair grounds.

As this will be the first game of the season, a large attendance is specially desired. The Luverne eleven is composed entirely of men who had played or tried out for positions in the team in previous years, and they expect to open their schedule this year with a game which will hold the interest of the fans and secure their regular attendance.

The game will be called at 3 p.m. and an admission price of thirty-five cents will be charged.

Under the direction of Coach Johnson, the boys have been out on the football field each favorable evening for practice and try-outs, and they expect to win for Luverne high school this year, popularity in football circles.

## OBITUARY

### 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.



Mary Louise Kirk.

On Dec. 9, 1954, Louis received his honorable discharge from the military. He found great satisfaction in his career painting fire trucks and ambulances.

Louis was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. He took great pride in his family, service to America, and his religion.

Louis is survived by his wife, Mary Laackmann, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; three children, Jeff (Karla) Laackmann of Luverne, Lona (Ron) Wacker of Eagan, Minnesota, and Letha Gause of Yankton, South Dakota; seven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Gertrude Laackmann, and son-in-law Keith Gause.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Louis was on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service.

A private burial took place in Doon, Iowa. To sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

Louis Leroy Laackmann was born on June 2, 1932, in Doon, Iowa, to Louis and Gertrude (Mann) Laackmann. He enlisted in the United States Army on Jan. 12, 1953, and served in the Korean War.

On Feb. 19, 1954, Louis was united in marriage to

### DEATH NOTICE

### Janice Larson

Janice Marie Larson, age 79, of Beaver Creek, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at her acreage outside of Beaver Creek on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023.

Visitation was Friday, Sept. 15, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne from noon to 2 p.m. with a graveside service at 2 p.m. at Maplewood Cemetery.

To sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

### Bits by Betty continues interview with Diamond Club member A.W. Angell/from page 6A

to exist, one of us had to go. The way it turned out, I was the one who was evicted, so on November 4, 1879, I got on the train at La Crosse, and with a ticket for Dell Rapids, I started west.

going there.

#### Herded Cattle

"After working for my brother-in-law for two years, a neighbor, Charles D. Reynolds, who lived across the state line into Rock county, offered \$14 if I'd come to work for him, so I accepted. He had a big herd of cattle, as one time 700 head, and it was my job to help herd them. There was no such towns as Jasper and Sherman at that time. Why, where Sack's store in Jasper is standing right now was where I once fell asleep in the shade of a big rock, and when I awoke, my cows had crossed the Split Rock river and were grazing on a settler's property. The way the settler expressed his sentiments when I rounded up my cows made me feel as if my visit was not welcome."

"I believe my brother-in-law was some relative of Hitler's; at least his conduct was much the same with me when I was a small boy, as Hitler seems to be with the German people. My wages were \$9 per month for eight months."

"I went to school in the same country school house that was carried away a half mile by a hurricane before I came out there. The odd thing about that storm was the fact that the school building, with the teacher and some 20 pupils was carried all that distance, and set down to earth without injury to a single person. We could still see the marks where the building had gone through barbed wire fences, even when I was

His work day at the Reynolds farm began at 4 a.m. when he would begin milking eight cows. I was working from 'kin to can't'—'kin see, to can't see,' he declared."

Mr. Angell recalls the "silver boom" at the Palisades years ago. He was working in a field when a stranger rode by on horseback and asked, "Been over yet?"

"Been over where?" queried the young man, as he walked from the plow to the fence.

"Why, to the Palisades to get a silver claim," replied the stranger.

#### Bought Silver Claim

"That was enough for me," Angell stated, "because I unhitched one horse from the plow, threw off the harness, and rode to the Palisades and bought a claim for \$14. Guess I got as much silver as anybody did, though."

He relates that he became tired of farming so he decided he'd try his luck in business. He came to Luverne in 1886, getting out of the wagon at the corner of Freeman avenue and Main street.

Walking down the north side of the street, he went into each store, asking for work, and finally when he was half way down the block, he walked into the J. H. Graff clothing store where he was immediately given a position on a six months' trial basis, for this board and clothes.

It was while working there that he laid the groundwork for his future business, a salesman for tailored goods; a business which he says he would still be in if materials were available.

It was also while working at the store that he learned to play a musical instrument. Band members always left their instruments at the store, and when he had little spare

time, he'd practice blowing a cornet. Soon he had picked up a playing knowledge of the instrument, and tried several others. Later he learned to play a violin, and finally, he learned to handle a double bass violin. For years he played with an orchestra at Ellsworth, and also with the Luverne band was when it made a trip to the Minnesota state fair a number of years ago.

#### Into Business For Himself

In 1898, he left the Graff store to go into business for himself as a merchant tailor. His first territory was eight towns in this area which he made regularly by delivery team.

In 1900, he expanded his business when he bought his first car, a one-cylinder Brush.

"I didn't have to send notice in advance that I was coming in those days," he declared, "because they could hear my car long enough in advance to know when to be ready for me. The next car I bought was a two-cylinder Maxwell. In all, I had 14 cars,

and when my business was at its peak, I was making 65 towns in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota."

Mr. Angell was married March 18, 1901, to Marie D. Greene in a shanty owned by Smith, the harness maker,

located near the Rock Island depot. "I couldn't let pleasure interfere with business, so my wife went with me on my trip through the country. That's how we spent our honeymoon."

#### On Home Team

If Mr. Angell related the many experiences of his younger days, it would fill a good-sized book. Among the most enjoyable tomes he had were those days when he was a member of the world's championship hose team, of the local fire department.

"My dad gave me my start in running," he relates. "One day I did something he didn't like, and while he was reaching for the strap hanging on a nearby hook, I was outside preparing for my future days on the hose team, by running away from him as fast as I could."

Asked if he had ever held an office, he replied that the only office he ever held was the time he was the grand custodian of the city pest house, during a smallpox epidemic. "My wife and I had it all to ourselves for 18 days, with all the expenses paid," he declared.

Mrs. Angell passed away December 16, 1925, and at the present time, Mr. Angell is the only one of the family in Luverne. A daughter, Laura L. Angell lives in Green Bay, Wis., and another daughter, Margaret E. Angell, lives in Vancouver, Wash.

#### Would Live Life Differently

He claims his hobbies are eating, drinking, sleeping and reading, and he does play a few cards now and then to pass the time away. Asked if he would do anything differently, if he had this life to live over again, he stated that he would do everything differently, just to see what it was like.

Mr. Angell has an interesting collection of old documents, one of which is a page from the account book of a distant relative who had something to do with the Continental Congress back in the 1770s. Another is a drawing card for a claim when the government opened part of the Rosebud Indian reservation for settling. He also has an original land grant deed, signed by President Franklin Pierce in 1856.



Mavis Fodness photo/0921 H-BC Homecoming Candidates 2023

### H-BC Homecoming coronation Monday, Sept. 25

Homecoming activities at Hills-Beaver Creek High School will be Monday, Sept. 25, through Friday, Sept. 29, and students will participate in various activities throughout the week. Public events include coronation at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, in the high school gymnasium, and the homecoming parade at 2:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, down Main Street Hills. The homecoming football game is at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, against Renville County West. Pictured are the senior coronation participants (front, left) Alex Dysthe, Tahliya Kruger (master and mistress of ceremonies, respectively), king candidates Justin Roelfs, Logan Susie, Cooper Gehrke, Riley Tatge, (back) queen candidates Avril Susie, Sylvia Fick, Grace Anderson and Taylor Gehrke. Class attendants include freshmen Hailey Moser and Riggins Rheault, sophomores Mya Erickson and Jamin Metzger, and juniors Bailey Spykerboer and Lukas Hubbard.

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## 'Out of the Darkness' suicide walk/continued from page 1A

more community awareness, education and resources.

"In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 'Hope is being able to see the light despite all the darkness,'" Nolz said.

Participants were encouraged to wear colored beads in memory of those they lost to suicide. The different colored beads represented personal connections to suicide, such as the loss of a child, spouse, sibling, parent and others.

Community members prior to the event were invited to share their stories of loss, and those stories were shared from each of the perspectives during a bead ceremony.

As each story was read, a different color of sand was poured into a glass container with the end result showing all colored sand in the same container.

"We were able to unite as a community to grieve those lost to suicide," Nolz said. "I cannot thank those who were willing to tell their story enough for their vulnerability."

She said there's no way of knowing who may have been helped or inspired by the stories shared that day.

"We know that this has an impact on those who attended, and those



Patrick Kroski leads the first lap around the park with the container of colored sand representing people's different connections to suicide and loss. Below, Sandy Klein adds red-colored sand to the container in memory of her late husband, Tom Klein.

they in turn share their experience of the walk," Nolz said.

At the end of the day, the Luverne event raised \$21,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Nolz said that money brings more awareness and educational opportunities to the community.

"We hope to soon offer a suicide loss support group, with training for local mental health counselors provided by the AFSP," she said.

Funds also support increased national advocacy, changing and improving policies for mental health services. AFSP also supports



(Scott Wessels photos)

research with a goal of reducing suicide losses by 20 percent by 2025."

"Thank you to everyone who attended, walked, donated, shared

your story and took a Saturday morning to focus on brain health," Nolz said.

"You matter. Mental health matters."

## Know where and when to apply fall nitrogen fertilizer

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is reminding farmers and commercial applicators that fall nitrogen fertilizer applications are restricted in some areas of the state. Under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule, fall nitrogen fertilizer application is prohibited in vulnerable areas of Minnesota due to environmental concerns or risks. Areas with coarse-textured soils or areas above fractured bedrock or karst geology are the most vulnerable to nitrate loss and groundwater contamination.

The restrictions begin Sept. 1 each year. Farmers are encouraged to check the online map prior to fall application to determine if their fields are subject to these restrictions. For more information on the restrictions outlined in the Groundwater Protection Rule, visit [www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr).

To assist tracking soil temperature, the MDA provides real-time, 6-inch soil temperatures at 25 locations across the state. In addition, the MDA provides links to soil temperature from the University of Minnesota research stations and the North Dakota Ag Weather Network (NDAWN) weather stations. [View the interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.](#)

Although the soil temperature network was established to support application of nitrogen fertilizer, it is equally useful for those applying manure in the fall. University of Minnesota Extension also recommends the same temperature delay (6-inch soil temperature below 50 degrees F) to prevent leaching losses.

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## Luverne Cardinals roll past Sibley East 35-0

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Cardinals football team hosted Sibley East Friday, Sept. 15, beating the Wolverines 35-0.

"It was nice to get a solid win and shutout at home," said head coach Todd Oye.

"We have played well at times this year, but this was the first game we played well from start to finish."

Luverne, now 2-1 for the season, will travel to Minnesota Valley Lutheran Friday, Sept. 22.

The Cardinals found the end zone two times in the first quarter.

Quarterback junior Carter Sehr sneaked in a 1-yard run for a Cardinal touchdown.

Luverne missed on the two-point conversion and led 6-0.

Later in the quarter, senior Conner Connell caught a 24-yard pass from Sehr and ran into the endzone untouched.

LHS was able to convert on the extra point and went ahead 14-0 going into the second quarter.

Senior Sam Rock rumbled his way into the end zone 1 yard out for a TD in the second quarter.

Senior Patrick Kroski missed the extra point kick to close the first half Luverne 20, Sibley East 0.

In the second half Luverne added two more scores in the third quarter.

Rock ran in his second touchdown from 1 yard out, and the Cardinals converted on their extra point play.

Sehr also posted his second goal on a 2-yard run with Kroski making the extra point kick.

The Cardinals ended the game with a 35-0 win over Sibley East.

"A key to our win is being able to stop their run and our



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 LHS football 1 Senior Elliot Domagala carries the ball against Sibley East defense Friday, Sept. 15, in Luverne. Domagala rushed for 55 yards against the Wolverines in the Cardinals' 35-0 win at home.

ability to run the ball and make some big plays in the passing game," Oye said.

"The team made some big improvements in Week 3, and we hope to continue that into Week 4 when we travel to play an undefeated Minnesota Valley Lutheran team."

### Box Scores

Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Luverne	14	6	15	0	35
Sibley East	0	0	0	0	0

### Team Totals

	LHS	JHS
Total plays	58	44
Total yards	260	46
Passing yards	98	46
Rushing yards	162	0
First downs	13	7
Turnovers	0	1

	Interceptions	0	0
<b>Luverne Individual Stats</b>			
Passing	Cp/Att	Yds	TD
Sehr	6/8	98	1
Rushing		Yds	TD
Sehr		55	2
Domagala		55	0
Rock		47	2
Sauer		6	0
Receiving		Rec.	Yds. TD
Connell		5	65 1
Stroh		1	33 0
Tackles		Assists	Sacks
Connell	5	0	1
Gangestad	3	0	0
Rock	2	0	1
Ahrendt	2	0	0
Johnson	2	0	0
Stroh	1	0	0
Remme	1	0	0
Kroski	1	0	0
DeBeer	1	0	0



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 LHS football 3 Senior Jacob Stroh knocks the ball loose from the Sibley East quarterback Friday, Sept. 15, in Luverne. LHS recovered the ball and won the game 35-0.

## H-BC Patriots pound Cedar Mountain 40-6

By Greg Hoogeveen

The H-BC Patriots secured their third team win of the season against Cedar Mountain at home Friday, Sept. 15, with a 40-6 victory.

"I was very pleased with the way our guys played Friday night against a very good Cedar Mountain team," said head coach Rex Metzger.

"Our defense was really flying around Friday night, and for most of the game we played very sound against a very good offensive team."

H-BC was able to recover two Cougars fumbles, one by senior Riley Tatge and the other by junior Beau Bakken.

In the first quarter, junior Jackson Gacke intercepted a Cougar pass and returned the ball seven yards for the Patriots.

Turning the ball over three times hurt Cedar Mountain, stopping many of their needed drives against H-BC.

"I thought we played with a toughness and were able to get Cedar Mountain into some uncomfortable situations," Metzger said.

"Our offense was able to establish the run game early and forced them to load the box which helped open things up in the pass game."

Players scoring for the Patriots in the first quarter included Bakken with a 1-yard touch-down run, Gacke



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 HBC football 2 Junior Beau Bakken breaks through multiple Cougar defenders on his way to the end zone Friday, Sept. 15, in Hills. Bakken posted 119 total rushing yards in the Patriots' 40-6 win.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 HBC football 3 The Patriot defensive trio of junior Jackson Gacke No. 30, senior Riley Tatge No. 82, and sophomore EJ Wegener No. 12 stop a Cedar Mountain running back for a loss Friday, Sept. 15, at home. H-BC shut down the Cougars 40-6.

catching a 23-yard pass from sophomore Jamin Metzger, and Bakken making a two-point conversion run.

H-BC led the Cougars 14-0 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, quarterback Metzger scored on a 1-yard keeper for a TD and Bakken ran in a 2-point conversion.

Bakken got his second TD later in the second quarter on a 2-yard TD run.

At the end of the first half the Patriots had a commanding 28-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Bakken added his third TD on a 35-yard scamper through the Cougars' defense.

Junior Sawyer Bosch added to the score with a 7-yard TD run.

H-BC closed the third quarter leading 40-0.

In the fourth quarter the Patriots sent in substitutes for the starters and ended up letting the Cougars score on a 6-yard pass. The final score was H-BC 40, Cedar Mountain 6.

The win puts Hills-Beaver Creek 3-0 for the season.

The Patriots will travel to Mountain Lake Friday, Sept. 22, for their next game.

Box Scores	Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Cedar Mtn.	0	0	0	6	6	
H-BC	14	14	12	0	40	

Team Totals	HBC	LHS
First downs	23	7
Penalties/yards	6-45	
4-30		
Rushing Yards	229	15
Reception yards	134	59

H-BC Individual Stats	Passing	Cp/Att	Yds	TD
Metzger	11/14		134	1

Rushing	Yds. TD
Bakken	119 3
Shaffner	62 0
Metzger	29 1
Bosch	17 1
Bush	5 0

Receiving	TD	Rec.	Yds.
Bush	4	42	0
Gehrke	1	38	0
Gacke	2	35	1
Bosch	3	14	0
Bakken	1	5	0

Tackles	Sacks
Gacke	3 0

1 interception for 7-yard return

Shaffner 2 0

Roelfs 4 0

Tatge 2 0

Bosch 4 0

Wallin 1 0

Bush 1 0

Moser 1 0

Bakken 2 1

Rheault 1 2

Leuthold 1 0

VandenBosch 2 0



## TIMEOUT

By Greg Hoogeveen  
Sports Editor

Oh, what a year it has been for sports

The 2023-24 school year is in full swing, and fall sports are almost halfway through the regular season schedule.

The school sports cycle continues, and at the end of the fall season it will mark my one-year anniversary as the Rock County Star Herald sports editor.

Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school districts have strong athletic programs, and it is a pleasure covering all the events for both schools.

As I reflect on the athletes and teams I've been able to cover and the people I have met and gotten to know, I've enjoyed it all

# Luverne Cardinals take back Battle Racket from Pipestone

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne girls' tennis team beat Worthington 7-0 Tuesday, Sept. 12, defeated Pipestone 6-1 Thursday, Sept. 14, and fell to Sioux Falls Lincoln 6-3 Monday, Sept. 18.

The Cardinals were scheduled to travel to St. James Tuesday, Sept. 19, and Redwood Thursday, Sept. 21.

## Cardinals 7, Trojans 0

The Luverne girls' tennis team hosted a young Worthington team Tuesday, Sept. 12, beating the Trojans 7-0.

In singles play the Cardinals won all four matches.

Senior Sarah Stegenga lost the first set 6-2 and came back to take the next two sets 6-1, 10-8 in Luverne's No. 1 singles match.

In the No. 2 match, senior Roselynn Hartshorn defeated her opponent in two sets 6-0, 6-0.

Senior Cassi Chesley won the No. 3 match in two sets 6-0, 6-0 for the Cardinals.

In singles No. 4, senior Morgan Hadler took two sets 6-0, 6-0 for a match win.

In the doubles matches, Luverne won all three against the Trojans.

In No. 1 doubles, juniors Augusta Papik and Caitlin Kindt defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2 doubles went to a pair of Cardinal juniors, Emma Nath and Corynn Oye, in two sets 6-1 and 6-0.

In No. 3 doubles, junior Katia Jarchow and senior Rayann Remme defeated their opponents 6-1, 6-1.

## Luverne 6, Pipestone 1

Luverne beat Pipestone 6-1 Thursday, Sept. 14, and took back the Battle Racket from the Arrows.

The Battle Racket started in 2017 to coincide with the rivaled Battle Axe in football between Luverne and Pipestone.

The Battle Racket is an actual wood racket painted red on one side and green



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 LHS tennis 3

Seniors Sarah Stegenga (left), Morgan Hadler, Roselynn Hartshorn, Cassi Chesley and Rayann Remme accept the Battle Racket from Pipestone after the Cardinals' 6-1 win Thursday, Sept. 14, in Luverne.

on the other side.

Luverne won the first-ever Battle Racket match back in 2017, and the Cardinals have also claimed it in 2019, 2020, 2021 and again this year in 2023.

In singles play Luverne beat the Arrows in all four matches.

Stegenga beat her opponent 6-1, 6-0 in No. 1 singles action for a Cardinal match win.

Hartshorn got another match win in No. 2 singles, beating her opponent 7-5, 6-1.

In No. 3 singles, Chesley fell in the first set 0-6 and came back to win the next two sets 6-3, 6-3 and the match for the Cardinals.

Hadler defeated her opponent in No. 4 singles in two sets, 6-1 and 6-0, for a match win.

In doubles play Luverne won two matches and fell in one match to the Arrows.

Papik and Kindt won their No. 1 match in two sets 6-3 and 6-2.

In No. 2 doubles, Nath and Oye fell to the Arrows in two sets 7-5 and 6-4 for Luverne's

only match loss.

During the game Oye received a shot to her nose from the tennis ball bouncing off the net into her face to stop play because of a bloody nose.

Oye was able to resume play and finish the match after a short delay.

Remme and Jarchow won the No. 3 doubles match, winning the first set 6-0, losing the second set 6-7 (1) and winning the third set 6-1.

## Sioux Falls Lincoln 6, Luverne 3

The Luverne girls' tennis team traveled to Sioux Falls Lincoln Monday, Sept. 18.

The Cardinals lost 6-3 to Lincoln's JV team.

"They are a very strong program and we played their JV team. The varsity has won the last five South Dakota state tournaments," Beers said.

"In South Dakota they play six singles matches and three doubles matches.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 LHS tennis 1

Junior Corynn Oye returns a volley against Pipestone in the No. 2 doubles match. Oye and junior Emma Nath won the match in two sets 6-1 and 6-0 Thursday, Sept. 14.

Typically, the six singles players will then make up the three doubles teams."

In No. 1 singles Stegenga beat her opponent 6-3, 6-4.

In No. 2 singles Papik won in two sets 6-3, 6-2.

Kindt lost the No. 3 singles match 6-3, 6-1.

Hadler lost the No.

4 singles match 6-0, 6-0.

Remme fell 6-0, 6-0 in No. 5 singles.

In No. 6 singles Jarchow fell 6-1, 6-0.

In No. 1 doubles Papik and Kindt won 6-3, 6-2.

In No. 2 doubles Nath and Oye lost 6-4, 7-5.

In No. 3 doubles junior Madison Hansen and sophomore Addyson Mann lost 6-4, 6-1.

**Teach a kid to hunt during 'Take a Kid Hunting' weekend**

Getting youth outdoors in pursuit of squirrels, rabbits and other small game is the focus of Take a Kid Hunting Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 23, and Sunday, Sept. 24.

During the weekend, adult Minnesota residents accompanied by a youth younger than age 16 may hunt small game without a license, although they must comply with open seasons, limits and other regulations.

Hunting small game is a great way to introduce kids to hunting.

Kids learn how to search for game sign, properly handle firearms and access hunting land — all without too much time sitting still and being quiet.

Anyone who wants to learn how to hunt can find helpful how-to guides on the Minnesota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/gohunting](http://mndnr.gov/gohunting)) plus a recorded webinar about how to get started small game hunting ([youtube.com/watch?v=Y-GPoAS-gCow](http://youtube.com/watch?v=Y-GPoAS-gCow)).

Small game hunting regulations are available at the Minnesota DNR small game hunting webpage ([mndnr.gov/hunting/small-game](http://mndnr.gov/hunting/small-game)).

**Contact:** Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator, 651-259-5178.

## SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

### Elle Halverson

Sport: Volleyball

Parents: Mike Halverson & Shanna Halverson

#### What I like most about Volleyball:

I love being with my team and the relationships that I have gained with everyone.

#### Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:

Robotics, FCCLA, peer helping, golf and yearbook.

#### Favorite Class:

Peer Helping



Volleyball

### Roselynn Hartshorn

Sport: Tennis

Parents: Pilar Hartshorn

#### What I like most about Tennis:

Spending time with the team and the matches are a lot of fun.

#### Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:

Track and field, speech, mock trial and robotics.

#### Favorite Class:

AP Biology

### Patrick Kroski

Sport: Football

Parents: Jeremy and Erin Kroski

#### What I like most about Football:

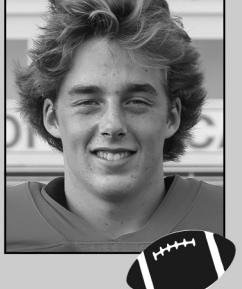
Being with friends.

#### Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:

Hockey, Student Council and spending time with friends.

#### Favorite Class:

Biology



Football

### Jenna DeBates

Sport: Cross Country

Parents: Ryan and Stacy DeBates

#### What I like most about Cross Country:

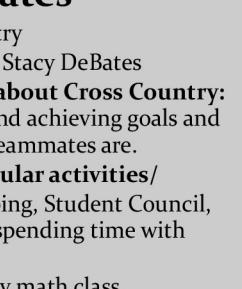
Working towards and achieving goals and how awesome my teammates are.

#### Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:

Peer helping, Student Council, choir, reading and spending time with family and friends.

#### Favorite Class:

Any math class



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## Public land acquisition, Part 3: determining the exact land appraisal value and obtaining a marketable title

### By Scott Rall

In the first two columns about public land acquisition, we covered how a parcel is selected and how these sales originate. Appraisals are then completed and surveys finished and then reviewed by a second party.

After these are finalized, you can actually get close to having the seller and buyer sign a purchase agreement. But there are still a few more steps until that takes place.

Once the survey is completed, both parties now know the exact number of acres that will be changing hands. If the survey indicated a change in those acres, the appraisal will need to be updated.

If the survey shows 1.2 acres more than originally thought, the appraiser will determine what the 1.2 additional acres consists of. Was it 1.2 acres of additional tillable ground, or was it 1.2 acres of road right of way, for example?

The value of those additional 1.2 acres will be determined, and the appraisal will be updated to the new total acres. The corresponding value of that additional 1.2 acres will be added to the appraised value.

But what if the survey showed 1.2 acres fewer than originally thought? Then the appraiser will reduce the ap-

praised value by the value of 1.2 acres. So, we are getting pretty close.

The next step is a title opinion. A title opinion is completed by an attorney who will research the title of the property to ensure the seller has a marketable title. A marketable title is a title clear of any defects to ensure a smooth transfer of the property. Most titles are considered marketable, but others will have issues that need to be resolved before closing.

A determination is made as to whether there are any major issues. If there are none, then a purchase agreement is completed and the deal then becomes solid. Neither party can back out or change their minds after the purchase agreement is drafted and signed by both parties.

What issues can make a title not marketable? Boy, this list can be 100 pages long. Common issues include those related to a divorce or ownership still listed in the title.

name of a deceased person, and documents will be needed to correct that. An example might be a property owned by a brother and a sister and one of them has since died but their name was either never removed from the title or their beneficiaries' name was never added to the title.

Some title defects will hold up the signing of a purchase agreement; others will not. The seller is required in the purchase agreement to provide a marketable title, and any title defects will become the responsibility of the seller to fix.

I have seen title issues arise on a property where the issue dates back to when the land was sold three prior owners ago.

In many cases the estate of those folks has long been closed, and in some cases they need to be reopened and have an estate executor named in order to sign documents for the deceased person dating back 30 years or more.

Title issues can certainly

## THE OUTDOORS

### By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist

be challenging, but I have never seen one that could not be fixed. Most are just little things and every once in a while, you run into a doozy.

There is one last step that follows the executed purchase agreement, and that is a review of the appraisal by a third party. This is done to ensure prudent expenditures of state money.

We do not complete the appraisal review until the purchase agreement is signed because of the costs involved and there is no reason to spend those funds if the deal would fall apart for any other possible causes before the purchase agreement is signed.

Depending on value of the parcel, an appraisal review can take anywhere from three weeks to five months. The wheels of progress can grind really slowly when government agencies are involved.

Next week we will finally get to the end zone of a public land acquisition process, but there is still a fair amount of work to do before you can hang your hat on a job well done.

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## LHS volleyball falls to Adrian-Ellsworth

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team dropped three games to Adrian-Ellsworth in Ellsworth Thursday, Sept. 14, and traveled to Jackson Saturday, Sept. 16, winning one game and losing three.

"Our record for the season is now 6-9," head coach Sarah DeBeer said.

"We have a big conference week coming up hosting Redwood and Pipestone this week."

The Cardinals were scheduled to host Redwood Tuesday, Sept. 19, and Pipestone Thursday, Sept. 21.

### Adrian 3, Luverne 0

The Cardinals took on Adrian-Ellsworth in Ellsworth Thursday, Sept. 14.

The Dragons beat Luverne in three games 25-18, 25-19 and 25-12.

Junior Amira Cowell had eight set assists, three kills and was eight of nine serving with one ace.

Seniors Tori Serie and Kiesli Smith had three kills each.

Senior Morgan Ahrendt was nine of 10 at the service line with one ace.

### Jackson Tournament

The Cardinals traveled to the Jackson Invitational Saturday, Sept. 16.

Luverne won one game and fell in three games, playing 10 total sets at the tourney.

In the first game Luverne lost to Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda 25-15 and 25-24.

In the second game against Austin the Cardinals fell in two sets



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 LHS volleyball 2

Junior Payton Behr (left), junior Amira Cowell and senior Tori Serie team up to block a shot from Adrian-Ellsworth Thursday, Sept. 14, in Ellsworth. The Dragons won the match in three sets.

25-21, 25-21.

Luverne beat Triton in three sets in game three.

Luverne took the first set 26-24, lost the second set 25-14 and took set three winning 15-9.

In the fourth game Luverne lost in three sets to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.

The Cardinals lost the first set 25-20, won the second set 25-21 and dropped the third set 15-7.

"We again ran a new rotation due to injury but I was very pleased on the progress we made throughout the day," DeBeer said.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0921 LHS volleyball 3

Senior Tori Serie jumps to spike the ball against Adrian-Ellsworth Thursday, Sept. 14, in Ellsworth. The Dragons beat the Cardinals in three sets.

## Luverne cross-country team runs at Mayo Invitational

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne Cardinals' boys' and girls' cross-country teams traveled to Rochester for the Mayo Invitational Thursday, Sept. 14.

The Luverne boys' varsity 5,000 meters team placed eighth, behind Wayzata in first place, then Stillwater Area, Rosemount, Winona, Cotter, Onalaska, and Owatonna in seventh.

The LHS girls' varsity 5,000 meters team also placed eighth in the meet.

They were behind first-place Owatonna, second-place Rochester Century, third-place Cotter, fourth-place Faribault, fifth-place Rosemont, sixth-place Byron and seventh-place Stillwater Area.

The boys' junior varsity team had only two runners and did not place at the event.

The girls' junior varsity 5,000 meters team placed sixth behind Rochester Century, Owatonna, Rosemount, Faribault and Stillwater Area, respectively.

LHS senior Jenna

DeBates took first place in the girls' varsity 5,000 meters event with a time of 19:09.91.

DeBates blew past 118 competitors in the event and outran the second place Rochester John Marshall runner by 11.89 seconds.

In the boys' varsity 5,000 event junior Owen Janiszewski placed 34th with a time of 17:22.42.

In individual results,

**Boys' Varsity 5,000 meter**

junior Owen Janiszewski finished in 34th place with a time of 17:22.42, senior Ryan Fick placed 37th with a time of 17:23.95, junior Sage Viessman placed 52nd in 18:05.22, freshman Marcus Papik placed 57th in 18:13.75, junior Dylan Ommen placed 59th in 18:18.67, junior Leif Ingebretsen placed 69th in 18:37.71 and senior Zach Terrio placed 88th with a time of 19:16.80.

In the **Girls' Varsity 5,000 Meter** event, senior Jenna DeBates placed first with a time

of 19:09.91, freshman Khloe Visker placed 36th in 22:02.11, seventh-grader Summer Mollberg placed 47th in 22:22.68, eighth-grader Grace Kempema placed 83rd in 24:18.70, seventh-grader Sophia Nolz placed 88th in 24:38.23 and freshman Reinha John placed 104th in 26:23.13.

In the **Boys' Junior Varsity 5,000 Meter** junior Kaleb Hemme placed 62nd with a time of 20:04.04 and junior Eli McLendon placed 108th in 21:17.72.

In the **Girls' Junior Varsity 5,000 Meter** event, freshman Mariah Knorr finished in 31st with a time of 25:47.07, freshman Olivia Lund placed 45th in 26:36.95, senior Kayla Bloemendaal placed 52nd in 26:59.81, junior Jaelyn Arp placed 64th in 28:12.45 and senior Brynn Boyenga placed 80th with a time of 29:10.94.

The Cardinals will travel to Jackson County Central Thursday, Sept. 21, for their next event.

## Minnesota's regular waterfowl season begins this weekend

Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half hour before sunrise on Saturday, Sept. 23, with the same regulations as last year.

Minnesota has three waterfowl hunting zones — north, central and south — that share the Sept. 23 season opener but have varying end dates. The central and south zones also have a mid-

season closure Oct. 2-6.

Hunters are advised that water levels might be low due to dry conditions across the state. Scouting ahead of the season can help identify any changes hunters need to make in accessing their preferred hunting locations.

Hunters should check the Minnesota De-

partment of Natural Resources' waterfowl hunting page ([mndnr.gov/hunting/waterfowl](http://mndnr.gov/hunting/waterfowl)) for complete information including season dates, regulations, a waterfowl identification guide and weekly waterfowl migration reports.

**Contact:** Steve Cordts, waterfowl specialist, 218-766-0112.

## Patriots volleyball team falls to Westbrook, beats conference foe Mountain Lake

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The H-BC volleyball team traveled to Westbrook Walnut Grove Tuesday, Sept. 12, and lost to the Chargers 3-1. The Patriots beat Mountain Lake Area/Comfrey 3-1 on the road Thursday, Sept. 14.

The 3-2 Patriots were scheduled to travel to Red Rock Central Tuesday, Sept. 19, and they'll take on Edgerton Friday, Sept. 22, on the road.

### Westbrook Walnut Grove 3, Hills-Beaver Creek 0

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team traveled to Westbrook Walnut Grove Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The Patriots lost in three sets to the Chargers 25-13, 25-10 and 25-15.

"Against Westbrook we struggled a bit with blocking timing," head coach Meghan Zylstra said.

"In the first play of the game freshman Brynn Bakken rolled her ankle so she was a little slow the rest of the night."

### Hills-Beaver Creek 3, Mountain Lake Area/Comfrey 1

Hills-Beaver Creek went on the road beating MLAC Thursday, Sept. 14, three sets to one for a Red Rock

Conference win.

"The girls were super excited," Zylstra said.

"For a couple of my seniors, that was the first conference game they've won in their whole career."

The Patriots lost the first set 25-23 but came back to take the next three sets 25-20, 26-24 and 25-19 for the win.

Freshman Olivia Deelstra had 12 kills, two solo blocks, went eight of 11 serving with four aces against the Wolverines.

Freshman Brynn Bakken had four kills, four solo blocks, was 11 of 13 serving with 1 ace and four digs.

Senior Lanee Elbers posted nine kills and two solo blocks, serving 13 of 16 with five aces.

Sophomore Ella Sammons contributed five kills and one solo block against Westbrook Walnut Grove.

Sophomore Abby Harris had 12 set assists, was 11 of 12 serving with one ace, one kill and three digs.

Senior Brynn Rauk had 10 set assists, was 11 of 13 serving with four aces, one kill, one block and five digs.

Sophomore Claire Knoblock had seven digs.

Senior Grace Anderson was 13 of 16 at the line with three aces and 12 digs.



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# Star Herald CHURCH

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## Can you believe it?

"Can you believe it?" We often say this when we see or witness something that seems beyond the normal. We might believe it because we witness it, but the person we tell about it is a bit skeptical. We may even qualify these events with the phrase, "I wouldn't have believed it unless I saw it!"

Stories like this might be an account of the fish that "got away" or perhaps a sports team's come-from-behind win late in the game that defied all the odds. Perhaps it's an unexpected promotion or job offer.

These events may be hard to believe, but because we experienced or trust the source, we believe them.

The Apostle John witnessed many things that caused the disciples to look at each other and say in Aramaic, "Can you believe it?"

Perhaps one would respond, "I wouldn't believe it except that I saw it."

This attitude is easy to transfer to more important things ... matters of life and death ... eternal life and death.

In discussions of heaven or hell, people ask, "Do you believe they are real?"

In matters of Jesus and being the only way to heaven, people surmise, "Do you really believe he is the only way to heaven?"

In asking about the Bible as the inspired word of God, "Really, do you believe that?"

Many aspects of faith challenge our hearts and minds because we weren't there to see everything the Bible talks about. In fact, we were not first-hand witnesses of any of the events that are recorded in the Bible.

So can you believe it?

The Apostle John was challenged by people asking the same question.

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Mike Geiger, Crosspoint Church (WELS) Georgetown, TX

Can you believe Jesus is the Messiah? Can you believe he is real? Can you believe he is the Son of God? Can you believe he accomplished all for eternal life?

The Apostle John didn't give a dissertation on the doctrine of Christ, although he could have. Rather he simply shared what convinced him that Jesus was the Christ, that he was the Son of God and eternal life came through him.

What was that? Signs. Miracles. Things that only Jesus as the Son of God could do. Change water into wine. Heal from a distance. Make the lame walk. Feed 5,000 with minimal food. Raise the dead.

John chose seven miracles to record in his Gospel with one key purpose: To answer the question, "Can you believe it?"

The Apostle John wrote: "Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

We pray: Lord, thank you for revealing who you are and what you've done to John and the other Apostles so that we too might have certainty that you are the Christ, the Son of God and by believing, we may have life in his name. Amen.

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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 @ luvernecrc. 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](mailto:fbcluv@iw.net) — [www.fbcluverne.org](http://www.fbcluverne.org)  
Walt Moser, Pastor

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 21: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Reading Buddies. Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday school and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class. 10 a.m. Coffee with Council. 5:30 p.m. High school students meet for Corn Maze trip. Tuesday, Sept. 26: 7 a.m. Dorus Circle. 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 10:30 a.m. Service at Poplar Creek. 2-4 p.m. GriefShare session. 3:30 p.m. Reading Buddies. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30-5 p.m. Faithweavers. 7 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://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 elc.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](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)

Friday, Sept. 22: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Sept. 24: 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. 26: 9:45 a.m. Bible study fellowship. 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 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 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: [info@rockrivertcommunity.church](mailto:info@rockrivertcommunity.church)  
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

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

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. 21: 8 p.m. NA meeting. Saturday, Sept. 23: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 24: 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. 3 p.m. ALIVE Event – car talks. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Sept. 25: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Tuesday, Sept. 26: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 6 p.m. W&M meeting. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Sept. 27: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Organized Prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Sept. 28: 8 p.m. NA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church  
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: [fpcemilie@gmail.com](mailto:fpcemilie@gmail.com)

Wednesday, September 20: 9:00 a.m. Morning circle, 10:50 a.m. Home delivery

ered meals, 1:30 p.m. Afternoon circle, 5:30 p.m. Bell choir, 6:15 p.m. Chancel choir, 7:15 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, September 21: VISITOR DEADLINE, 10:50 a.m. Home delivered meals. Friday, September 22: 10:50 a.m. Home delivered meals. Sunday, September 24: 9-10 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), Congregational meeting and Youth Sunday school, 11:15 a.m. Fellowship coffee hour. Monday, September 25: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilters meet, 10:50 a.m. Home delivered meals. Tuesday, September 26: 10:50 a.m. Home delivered meals. Wednesday, September 27: 5:30 p.m. Bell choir, 6:15 p.m. Chancel choir.

St. John Lutheran Church  
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316; email: [stjohn@iw.net](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)  
[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)

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](http://cityofluverne.org). Holy Communion is offered on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

Living Rock Church  
500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; [www.livingrockswmn.org](http://www.livingrockswmn.org)  
Josh Hayden, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church  
101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: [newlifecelebration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelebration@gmail.com)

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

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](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Worship service at First Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday school. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValleySprings; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [palisadelutheran.org](mailto:palisadelutheran.org)

Sunday, Sept. 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church  
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
Ph. 605-215-3429  
email: [magnoliammuc@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliammuc@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 KOAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270 / [bethlehemoffhills@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemoffhills@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  
[hillsurc@alliancecom.net](mailto:hillsurc@alliancecom.net)  
Praveen Muthasamy, Pastor

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

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## The Bull Pen Sports Bar and Grill assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE  
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME  
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: The Bull Pen Sports Bar and Grill

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
1202 S. Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: B&H Investments, LLC

Address: 1202 S. Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature : /s/ Dave Halverson

MAILING ADDRESS: None provided

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: halvie31@hotmail.com  
(09-21, 09-28)

## K and K Welding, LLC assumes name

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME  
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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ASSUMED NAME: K and K Welding LLC

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
294 Main St., Kenneth, MN 56147 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Kevin L. Kremin

Address: 18465 Ahlers Ave., Kenneth, MN 56147 USA

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By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature : /s/ Kevin L. Kremin

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: kandkweld@gmail.com  
(09-21, 09-28)

## Pap Trust

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DECEASED SETTLOR AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

Notice is given that on August 15, 2023, Wilmer R. Pap died, who was the Settlor of the Wilmer Pap Living Trust dated June 20, 2023, and any amendments thereto. Jared L. Pap, whose address is 924 141st Street, Luverne, MN 56156 and Jonathan H. Pap, whose address is 1593 16th St., Edgerton, MN 56128, are the current Trustees of the Wilmer Pap Living Trust dated June 20, 2023, and any amendments thereto.

Creditors of the deceased Settlor must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or any claim or collection which otherwise could have been asserted or enforced against the trust or assets thereof may be barred.

Claims may be submitted to the Trustee by mailing a written statement of the claim to the Trustee at the address above.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2023.

/s/ Jared L. Pap  
Jared L. Pap  
924 141st St.  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-227-7338

/s/ Jonathan H. Pap  
Jonathan H. Pap  
1593 16th St.  
Edgerton, MN 56128  
507-227-4674

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(09-21, 09-28)

## 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

LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed \*Bid Packets\* 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.questcdn.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.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.

Rock County Highway Engineer

(09-14, 09-21, 09-28, 10-05)

## Donth probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

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

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

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 administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: August 31, 2023

/s/ Terry Vajrkt  
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-4828  
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(COURT SEAL)

(09-14, 09-21)

## 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

LUVERNE, 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 3, 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. questcdn.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)

-Assigning Mark Top as Preschool Route Driver for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozbeoom, and carried to approve Donation Resolution:

\$60 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Elementary Student Council  
\$60 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Secondary Student Council  
Motion by Rauk, second by Helgeson, and carried to approve World Classroom Trip to Washington DC for 2025, June 28 - July 1, 2025 - Current 6/7 grade students.

DISTRICT NON ACTION ITEMS:

-Secondary Principal Report  
-Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-New Staff orientation August 28  
-All Staff and Family Picnic, August 29  
-Secondary and Elementary School Open House 8/30  
-Regular Board meeting, Monday, September 11  
-Regular Board meeting, Monday, September 25  
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Uittenbogaard, and carried to approve adjournment of meeting.  
Time of Adjournment 8:16 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk  
(09-21)

## Gimble probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

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:

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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

/s/ Terry Vajrkt  
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
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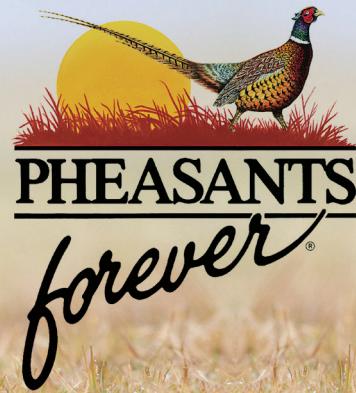
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According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics, the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America, with **573 fatalities**, an equivalent of **23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers**. Fall harvest time is not only one of the busiest times on the farm, it's also one of the most dangerous.

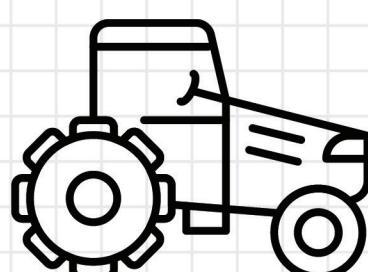
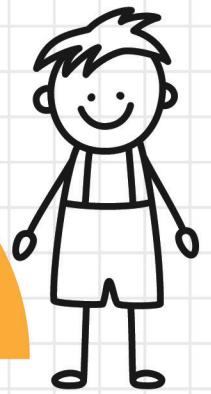
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44%

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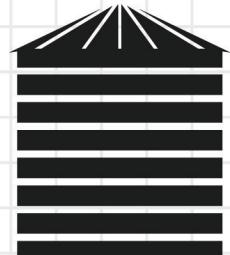
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### HOW TO IMPROVE SAFETY

- Get enough sleep.
- Don't wear loose clothing or jewelry.
- Don't take shortcuts.
- Ask for help.
- Let your family know where you'll be.
- Maintain your equipment.
- Know your equipment.
- Follow and keep up with the laws.
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