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Dreams become reality

Rock Ranch indoor arena ready for year-round classes

By Mavis Fodness

A year ago, Dan and Marie LaRock dreamed about an indoor arena for the equine-assisted therapy and riding programs at their nonprofit Rock Ranch.

Marie, who works full time for the ranch, spent much of 2019 rescheduling or canceling the outdoor classes due to the multitude of inclement days.

When she did have classes, she and her group of 20 volunteers spent hours grooming mud from the nine horses prior to participants' arrival.

Next week Rock Ranch will host an open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, to

**Rock Ranch celebration
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Thursday, Oct. 8, at ranch**

celebrate the completion of the 80-by-200-foot building that will allow the program to grow.

The new facility includes a riding arena, five horse stalls, a conference room, offices, restroom, a handicap-accessible viewing platform and indoor wash area for the horses.

"We are excited," Dan said. "I can't believe it was a year ago we were sitting at the kitchen table talking about it."

Construction took almost eight months, due to the availability of building supplies.

While the main structure is finished, a long "punch list" remains, including finishing the outdoor arena and fencing for the paddock and pasture.

Fundraising reaches the \$680,000-plus goal

Rock Ranch's board of directors launched a fundraising campaign this spring with a goal of raising \$680,000. Within months, more than 80 donors responded with average gifts of \$1,000

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City says 'yes' to pool and fitness expansion

\$5 million project, including splash pad, to be complete 2022

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Sept. 22 meeting to go ahead with the planned expansion and remodel of the pool and fitness center.

The \$4.8 million project, which includes an outdoor splash pad on the south side of the pool, could be completed in May of 2022 if all goes as planned.

In addition to the splash pad, improvements will include:

- new locker rooms.
- four family changing rooms.
- flat space rooms for group aerobic exercise.
- new office space and staff area.
- larger rooms for both 24-hour weightlifting and aerobic exercise machines.
- new mechanical and heat, ventilation and air-conditioning for the facility.

According to the timeline discussed at Tuesday's meeting, plans and specifications will be completed by architects in the next few months with help from the steering committee, and plans will be sent to prospective bidders in November.

Bid letting would be in January of 2021, and the yearlong construction process would start that spring.

The council discussed the fact that facility use is limited to only 50 percent due to the pandemic, so timing the project during an already limited use would be appropriate.

City Administrator John Call said this project wasn't hatched overnight.

"The Luverne Aquatics and Fitness Center Expansion has been on the city's planning priority list since the January 2016 goal-setting session by the Luverne City Council," he said.

The project went through a public planning process in the summer of 2016 facilitated by the city with technical assistance from Sanford Health.

A steering committee was appointed by the mayor in 2019, and the committee was assisted by CO-OP Architecture from Sioux Falls.

How will it be paid for?

At Tuesday's meeting, City Finance Director Barb Berghorst shared information about how the \$4.89 million will be funded.

"In an effort to be really conservative and make sure I don't underestimate anything, I added in a half million for furnishings and equipment and all of the bond issue costs," she said.

She said that amounted to a \$5.8 million tax abatement bond issue to be repaid over 20 years at an

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Airport fire damages include office shop, planes

FBO sets up temporary avionics shop in nearby hangar

By Lori Sorenson

Local officials are assessing damages at Luverne's Municipal Airport after a Wednesday night fire broke out in the main building.

Fire crews were called to the scene shortly after 10 p.m. on Sept. 23 and arrived to find an active fire along the north wall of the airport office and shop building.

Fire damage was contained to the office area and adjoining wall to the shop, but insurance adjusters noted significant heat damage throughout the building and to three planes in the repair bays.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian and City Administrator John Call met with insurance representatives and State Deputy Fire Marshall Brian Peterson Thursday morning at the airport.

Baustian said the building appears to be structurally sound, but given the extreme heat, he said it's unclear how extensive the actual damage might be.

"It was so hot the exit signs melted and were hanging down," Baustian said.

"The windshields in the planes that were parked inside bowed in from the heat."

Fixed base operator Ben Baum, who operates his Sierra Delta Avionics business on site, was working on the aircrafts.

One of the planes, a 1976 Cessna, belongs to Twin Cities pilot Scott Johnson who was having Baum work on the avionics equipment in the dash.

"It is the most desired version of that plane," said Johnson, who flies for business and personal travel. "It's the P-model. It's the fastest of the 182s. That was my baby."

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Mavis Fodness photo/1001 Rescue Training Hills

Safety consultant Jack Volz, Minnesota Lake, (center) lifts one panel of the updated grain entrapment rescue panels into place Thursday night, Sept. 24, for Hills Fire Department volunteers. **Pictured below,** Hills firefighters Dalton Bass (left) and Lance Larson demonstrate how to find a grain-entrapped victim.

Hills rescue crews train with new grain entrapment equipment

By Mavis Fodness

Hills volunteer firefighters spent several hours Thursday evening, Sept. 24, learning how to use new rescue equipment in grain entrapment emergencies.

"It's an extremely versatile piece of equipment," said Hills Fire Chief Jared Rozeboom. "There are a variety of ways to put this together — it doesn't have to be a perfect circle."

Ten curved, metal interlocking panels slide together to surround a victim or lock side by side to mimic the curve of the bin, if a person is trapped against the inside of the bin.

Jack Volz of Safety and Security Consultation Specialists of Minnesota Lake led the training and showed rescue crews how to use the equipment, which is made by Outstate Data of Elbow Lake.

He traveled to Hills pulling a specially designed training center, a trailer consisting of a gravity-flow wagon box filled with plastic beads to mimic grain and other equipment, including an auger, common at farm sites.

Volz's training in Hills came the day

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Fugitive steals minivan from Steen acreage

By Lori Sorenson

Rural Ellsworth native Tyson Wessels, 42, was arrested Friday night in Yankton, South Dakota, after two days on the run from law enforcement.

According to information from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Wessels escaped custody Tuesday during transport with another inmate from a court appearance in Turner County to the Minnehaha County Jail.

Authorities say Wessels assaulted a Turner County deputy on Interstate 29 near the Harrisburg exit and stole the patrol car.

He then drove to a field near Worthing, South



Dakota, where he left the squad car and the other inmate and stole a 2004 Ford pickup.

That night he drove to the acreage of Derek and Holly Sammons near Steen where he stole a Chrysler Town and Country minivan.

Surveillance cameras captured the burglary — Wessels entering the house and emerging with a canned beverage, and at that point Rock County law enforcement got involved in the case.

According to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, it is

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County levy to rise 2.15 percent

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners are proposing a 2.15-percent levy increase for taxes payable in 2021.

The proposed 2021 increase garners an additional \$127,000 for a total levy of \$6.3 million, or about half the county's annual budget.

Included in the 2021 budget is \$79,000 earmarked for reserves. The amount would be the seventh straight year commissioners added to the reserve fund.

"You've done a really great job allocating money to the reserves

— you've resisted the temptation to spend it," County Administrator Kyle Oldre said at the Sept. 22 commissioners' meeting.

Currently the county can operate for more than 10 months if no more money is added to the general fund for expenses, according to the 2019 audit report. State auditors recommend counties keep at least a five-month reserve.

However, when combined with the remaining funds — public works,

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COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	176	21	+13.8%
Pipestone	232	17	+10.6%
Nobles	1,977	41	+2.1%
Minnehaha (SD)	6,691	460	+7.3%
Lyon (IA)	365	91	+28.7%

14-day case rate in Rock County per 10,000 people:

Date Range	8/9-8/22	8/16-8/29	8/23-9/5	8/30-9/12
Rate	13.81	18.06	19.12	29.75

According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

- Schools in counties with fewer than 9 new cases per 10,000 residents in a two-week period could have *in-person classes for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 50 new cases per 10,000 residents in two weeks *would have to be fully online for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 9 and fewer than 50 new cases in two weeks *could have hybrid learning models for students*, age appropriate.

Based on this data, plans for area schools are:

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | **Middle/High School:** HYBRID

HBC - Elementary: In-person | **Secondary:** In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of September 29, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Kenneth native earns Meritorious Service Medal

By Lori Sorenson

The U.S. Air Force has awarded Kenneth native Justin Rust the NATO Meritorious Service Medal for Spring 2020.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization Meritorious Service Medal, approved by the North Atlantic Council, is awarded to military and civilian personnel who have been commended for providing exceptional or remarkable service to NATO.

Chief Master Sergeant Rust earned the recognition for his work as squadron superintendent in aircraft maintenance production at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany.

While there, he integrated a multinational workforce of almost 300 military and civilian staff members from 19 different career fields into one team.

German Major General Jorg Lebert congratulated Rust after learning of the nomination in July. "You have taken on the responsibility for a multi-million dollar budget and the



Justin Rust

control of a multi-billion stock of resources with diligence and the professional skill needed to ensure efficient use of our resources," wrote Lebert, commander of the NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control Force.

"And you have also optimized the training and qualification upgrades of your personnel with a tremendous positive effect on the overall maintenance capabilities."

Rust is one of 50 recipients out of 20,000 service personnel to receive the award.

"What a humbling honor to

be presented an award by Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and to have my two-star German general reach out and congratulate me was very unexpected," Rust told the Star Herald.

But Rust said he doesn't deserve all the praise himself.

"This took an entire team to produce these results and to have a team from 16 nations to accomplish the things we did, I am very proud of everyone that helped reach our goals and strengthen the alliance," Rust said.

"A person does not accomplish their goals without strong teammates and I was lucky enough to be a part of it."

Several criteria are considered when assessing nominations for the award:

- showing exceptional leadership or personal example.

- performing acts of courage in difficult or dangerous circumstances.

- making an outstanding individual contribution to a

NATO sponsored program or activity.

- enduring particular hardship or deprivation in the interest of NATO.

Since entering the Air Force in 2000, Rust has held various positions in aircraft maintenance and training, including assignments on bases in Mississippi, Alaska, Arkansas, Nebraska and Germany.

He and his wife, Judith, and daughter Inesita recently moved from Europe to Tucson, Arizona, for his latest assignment at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

"I just went over 20 years in August, so what a great feeling," he said. "I plan to continue serving for awhile, since I am finally back to my favorite aircraft that I worked on for my first 12 years of service, the C-130 aircraft."

Rust, a 2000 graduate of Luverne High School, is the son of Kraig and Pat Rust and grandson of Bud and Gloria Rust, all of Kenneth. His grandmother, Joan Heeren, lives in Luverne.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Grief Support Group meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 22 at Sanford Luverne for five weeks. Preregister at Sanford Hospice Luverne, 507-283-1805.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, in the township hall in Beaver Creek.

Library's \$5/bag book sale continues

Friends of the Rock County Library annual book sale is now underway in the library basement.

The \$5/bag sale continues through Friday, Oct. 9. Books are free from Oct. 12-17. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged. Only 10 shoppers will be allowed into the book sale at one time.

Bloodmobile in Jasper Oct. 6

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will accept donations from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper.

To schedule an appointment, download the free Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Those with antibodies may be able to donate plasma to help patients who need help fighting the virus.

Rock the Edge food drive set for Oct. 4

Youth with Rock the Edge are conducting a community food drive for the Rock County Food Shelf on Sunday, Oct. 4, in Luverne.

Collection will begin at 3 p.m. Following COVID-19 spread prevention guidelines residents must place all food donations on their homes' front steps for collection by the youth. Drivers of pickup trucks and flatbeds are needed to help with the collection; meet at the United Methodist Church before 3 p.m. on Oct. 4

Food Forest seeks tools and talent

Prairie Ally is seeking old and unique pieces of farm equipment or garden tools to incorporate into sculptures for an artistic agricultural appreciation project at the Food Forest on North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne. The group also seeks artists and welders to collaborate on a 'Corn' themed sculpture. Call 605-951-0227 or send a photo and description of pieces to info@projectfoodforest.org by Oct. 1. Details are at projectfoodforest.org.

Coffee Break and StoryHour Oct. 6

Coffee Break Bible Study and StoryHour meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Luverne Christian Reformed Church, 605 North Estey Street. StoryHour involves playtime and Bible stories for children ages 3 through kindergarten. Nursery is available. There is no charge and no Bible knowledge is necessary. All faiths and all ages are welcome. Study of Psalms starts Oct. 6. (Check to see if you got a book last year). Invite a friend for fellowship and refreshments. Call 507-227-5102.



Lori Sorenson photo/1001 band fest

Luverne band performs 'Moving On' to small home crowd

It was one for the history books. Luverne's iconic Tri-State Band Festival this year played out in the form of a marching band clinic to a small audience of family members in the bleachers at Cardinal Field Saturday afternoon. The Luverne band — the only one to play — performed its "Moving On" routine in full marching form, but the pandemic made its mark on the legendary event, which typically draws dozens of bands and thousands of people to Luverne. The Cardinal Marching Band members competed Saturday night under similar conditions in Brandon, S.D. where several other bands also participated. More photographs of the Saturday afternoon performance can be found at www.star-herald.com and on the Star Herald Facebook page.

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believed Wessels drove the minivan to his aunt's home near Ellsworth and left a note apologizing for embarrassing his family.

At some point, he received help with removing his shackles and with a change of clothes. He

reportedly stole boots and shoes from the Sammons residence.

On Friday night Wessels was arrested in Yankton on charges of aggravated assault on law enforcement, kidnapping, two counts of escape from custody,

grand theft, and two counts of simple assault on law enforcement.

He reportedly also had warrants out of Yankton County for contempt of court and Clay County for first-degree reckless burning and accessory to a felony.

Wessels was arrested and charged on several counts earlier in September for his role in what Lincoln County authorities called a "multi-county crime spree" after a pursuit through Tea resulted in him ramming a squad car. He was later apprehended on a stolen motorcycle outside of Tea.

Wessels is currently being held in the Yankton County Jail, and more charges may be pending.

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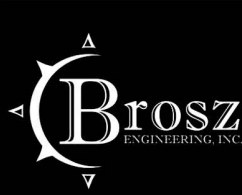
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H-BC gets ELL program

Current school district enrollment at highest number in more than decade

By Mavis Fodness

For the first time in school history, Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools will operate an English Language Learner (ELL) program.

Board members approved the estimated \$35,000 expenditure from the general fund at their Sept. 14 meeting.

“We haven’t had any students up until this year,” said Superintendent Todd Holthaus. “It’s money well-spent by the district.”

With the program’s start, H-BC will be eligible for state funding to provide pullout services.

Holthaus anticipates four to five students will need the added reading and writing assistance districtwide.

Elementary lead teacher and Respond to Intervention specialist Shelly Fischer will help build the new program with junior high English teacher Caitlin Slaba completing the instruction.

“We will help these students participate, be active and comfortable in both English and their native language,” Fischer said.

We will help improve skills in reading, writing and vocabulary development as well as listening, speaking and grammar.”

Students will first be screened for eligibility before they enter the programs where the students will be pulled from class for one-on-one supplemental language instruction.

Startup of the ELL program is occurring as enrollment in Hills-Beaver Creek School District reached 380 students, the highest enrollment in more than a decade.

“That is as high as I’ve seen during my tenure,” said Holthaus, who is beginning his 18th year at H-BC.

There are 149 students in kindergarten through the fifth-grade levels at the elementary and 231 students in grades six through 12 at the secondary.

The junior class has the most students with 40, followed by the senior class and the ninth grade with 35 students per grade level.

Holthaus cautioned board members about the continued enrollment growth. He pointed to numbers in the upcoming kindergarten class with 17 students,

a reduction of about half of the current graduating class.

“That’s a hit,” he said. H-BC has increased by 20 students over the past two years. The district increased five students over the 2019-20 school year.

Board sets 2020-21 staff development goals

The ELL program fulfills one of the staff development goals the H-BC School Board identified for the current school year involving the district’s academic curriculum.

- Goals include:
- work to identify individual student learning needs through screenings and formative assessments. The identified needs will be addressed through interventions and target programs at each level.
 - align with Minnesota State Standards, be data-driven, embed best practice instruction, assessment and purposeful technology integration.

Union agrees to salary changes for coaches

The School Board and the H-BC teachers union agreed to salary changes for the 2020-21 school year involving extra-curricular assignments.

If a sports season is canceled, varsity head coaches will receive 50 percent of their normal stipends. If a season is reinstated, then the stipends will increase to 100 percent.

“These folks put in a lot of time outside of the season,” Holthaus said.

Junior varsity head coaches will receive a 33-percent reduction if a season is canceled and 100 percent if the season is reinstated.

In other business, the H-BC board:

- approved the purchase of 33 MacBook Pro computers. The \$51,000 will be taken from the \$88,950 the district received in Coronavirus Relief Funding. Other CRF expenses include personal protection equipment, interactive white boards and staff training.
- approved applying for a COVID relief grant through the city of Beaver Creek for \$3,000. The money will be used to purchase additional cleaning supplies.



Lori Sorenson photo/1001 loop paving

Loop gets 10-foot-wide concrete surface near park

Vander Pol Excavating out of Orange City, Iowa, has been laying concrete over the past several days on the Luverne Loop Trail near the city park. Phase 3 of the trail crosses East Main Street on the west side of the Rock River Bridge and follows the Redbird Field driveway and through green space between the backfield and the river. It will continue south and cross the railroad tracks and follow the south side of the tracks in green space around the base of the city wellhead before it ends at an elbow near the Rock River. The second part of Phase 3 will continue the trail southward through property the city purchased from Warren Baker and it will connect with Hatting Street south of the fairgrounds before meeting at Highway 75 where Phase 2 of the Loop currently ends.

Rock County Commissioners allow Hills couple to repurchase tax-forfeited property

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Commissioners approved a couple’s request to repurchase their tax-forfeited property in the city of Hills.

Terry and Holly Metzger submitted a written request to Ashley Kurtz at the auditor-treasurer office to repurchase the home at 125 S. Main Street in Hills.

Kurtz brought the proposal to the commissioners, whose approval is necessary for the deed to be transferred from the state of Minnesota to the Metzgers.

The repurchase price of \$7,782.54 includes past taxes, penalties and fees.

The couple had until Wednesday to complete the repurchase transaction before tax-forfeiture proceedings would continue.

While the city of Hills didn’t directly participate in the repurchase request, Keith Elbers, Hills mayor, asked that the couple’s request be considered.

“The mayor strongly encourages this,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. “He asked for you to vote favorably.”

Commissioners unanimously approved the Metzgers’ repurchase request.

According to Kurtz, the repurchase of forfeited property prior to the public tax forfeiture sale “doesn’t happen often,” and she indicated it was the second request since 2011.

Rock County Commissioners set preliminary levy to increase 2.15 percent/continued from page 1

family services and land management — the general fund reserves fall to 3.75 months. The decline is mainly driven by the completion of road and bridge projects.

“It really is a timing game with reserves,” said auditor-treasurer Ashley Kurtz.

Throughout the year the highway department receives state and federal funds for road and bridge improvements, causing wide fluctuations in the yearly budget.

The highway department was negative one month on reserves, based on the 2019 audit.

Earlier this month, commissioners considered a zero percent levy increase for 2021, primarily due to negative financial pressures in area farm budgets and potentially lower farm land prices.

However, recent local land sales show cropland selling above assessed market values.

“What is happening now is not reflected in ag land sales,” Oldre said.

The additional \$127,000 generated by the 2021 levy is allocated toward scheduled salary increases and \$79,000 toward reserves.

Commissioner Greg Burger said the continued increase in reserves could cushion any ramifications from the state’s current projected budget shortfall of \$2 million for the next three years.

“If the state cuts back on allocations, we will dip into our reserves,” he said.

Currently Rock County is slated to receive \$562,744 in county state aid in 2021, an increase of \$425 from this year.

Rock County ranks lowest in state for tax rate

Even with the upcoming 2.15-percent levy increase, Rock County continues its lowest tax rate ranking among Minnesota’s counties.

Rock County’s current tax rate, a reflection on what residents pay in county property taxes, is 22.46 percent. Dakota County is second to

the bottom in the 2020 tax rate at 23.98 percent.

The highest rate is Kanabec County at 91.73 percent — almost four times more in taxes than similar homestead property in Rock County.

“Looking at our peer group in the state, we are considerably under,” said Commissioner Greg Burger.

Murray County’s tax rate is at 27.28 percent, Nobles County is at 34.5 percent, and Pipestone County is at 36.17 percent.

Looking forward to 2021

Commissioners also

looked to 2021 to regroup and continue efforts to increase industrial development within the county and diversify the local tax base.

“COVID has kind of put a damper on our economic development board,” said Commissioner Jody Reisch.

Commissioners received updates on the upcoming industrial projects — Walleye Wind Farm and Elk Creek Solar Farm — coming online in 2021.

Recently opened for production — Premium Minnesota Pork — will add to property tax coffers next

near.

“Hopefully some of those things will help us diversify our portfolio,” Oldre said.

Commissioners will final-

ize the levy in December after the Truth in Taxation hearing. The final levy percentage can be lower than 2.15 percent, but not higher.

NOTICE ROSE DELL TOWNSHIP

Rose Dell Township will be spraying the Township ditches starting around Oct 1st. If you have concerns or do not wish to have your ditch sprayed, you can contact Nutrien Ag Solutions of Pipestone @ 825 2008

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Making memories

Family vacation finally includes all four siblings

I have never taken a vacation with my whole family.

There is a 20-year age difference between the older three children and our younger sister. Because of the age difference, our parents have never vacationed with all four of their offspring at the same time.

Until last week. With my brother and dad on motorcycles and my mom, sisters and me in the chase car, we headed south.

We also had a stow-away. Our 20-month-old nephew, Lil Roy, was with us. Lil Roy is not his real name, but it's the name we gave him for the trip. We named him in honor of a cousin who brought adventure and excitement to our family vacations 40 years ago.

My siblings and I revert to approximately age 12 when we get together. Being on a family vacation just egged us on.

Which is why, when my brother added the letter "D" to Lil Roy's name and he became "Lil Roid", we laughed until we cried. (Nothing is funnier than hemorrhoids when you are 12.) And Lil Roid didn't care what we called him because he was too busy basking in the attention of six adults who adored him.

We drove 20 miles out of the way to a museum that was closed. We toured a garden that was probably pretty a month ago. We turned too soon and made the motorcycles drive a mile on loose



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

My siblings and I revert to approximately age 12 when we get together.

gravel. My sister tossed a pebble at a frog to make it hop and hit it right on the head.

Memories. A perfect family vacation.

At suppertime Mom heated and served several cans of Dinty Moore beef stew, which was a highlight of our camping trips when we were kids.

Just like it did 40 years ago, it tasted like salt and flavorless vegetables. It was perfect.

And, just like we did when we were 11 and 12, my sister and I climbed into our respective twin beds – and started to giggle. Our brother "shhhhhed!" us loudly from the other room.

We laughed harder. He double "shhhhhhhed!" us. We laughed even harder.

I returned home with aching sides from all of the laughing and, finally, the memory of a trip with my whole family. It was a perfect family vacation.

'America Needs Journalists' and Rock County needs the Star Herald

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Next week, Oct. 4-10, is National Newspaper Week, and the 2020 theme is "America Needs Journalists."

It's a fitting theme for so many reasons, but 2020 has proven in countless ways that professional journalists are more necessary than ever before.

In recent years we've watched the ranks of journalists dwindle while the selection of digital "news" sources widens. At the same time, our commander in chief has repeatedly called respected journalists "enemies of the people" and routinely called factual news "fake" when it doesn't fit his version of reality.

America needs journalists more than ever to fulfill their main mission: to seek and report the truth. Social media delivers Americans some credible, vetted journalism, but it's mixed in with a bewildering flood of personal opinion, propaganda disguised as news, and wacky conspiracy theories. At the same time, prominent cable "news" outlets fill prime time with ideology-driven commentary rather than news reporting.

America needs journalists who are ethically bound to maintain independence and impartiality in their reporting. Journalists' allegiance is to

the truth, regardless of whether the facts they find might be perceived as favoring one cause or hurting another. Journalists are human and sometimes fall short, but independently seeking the truth is our mission.

America needs journalists to hold government accountable, from the local school board to Congress. As the coronavirus spread this spring, journalists across the country dug out information about the responses by local hospitals, county boards of health, state government, Congress and the White House.

Government exists to serve the people, but America needs journalists to navigate the bureaucracy and dig out needed information. We recognize that many citizens can't or don't attend school board, city council or county board meetings, but we do. Because

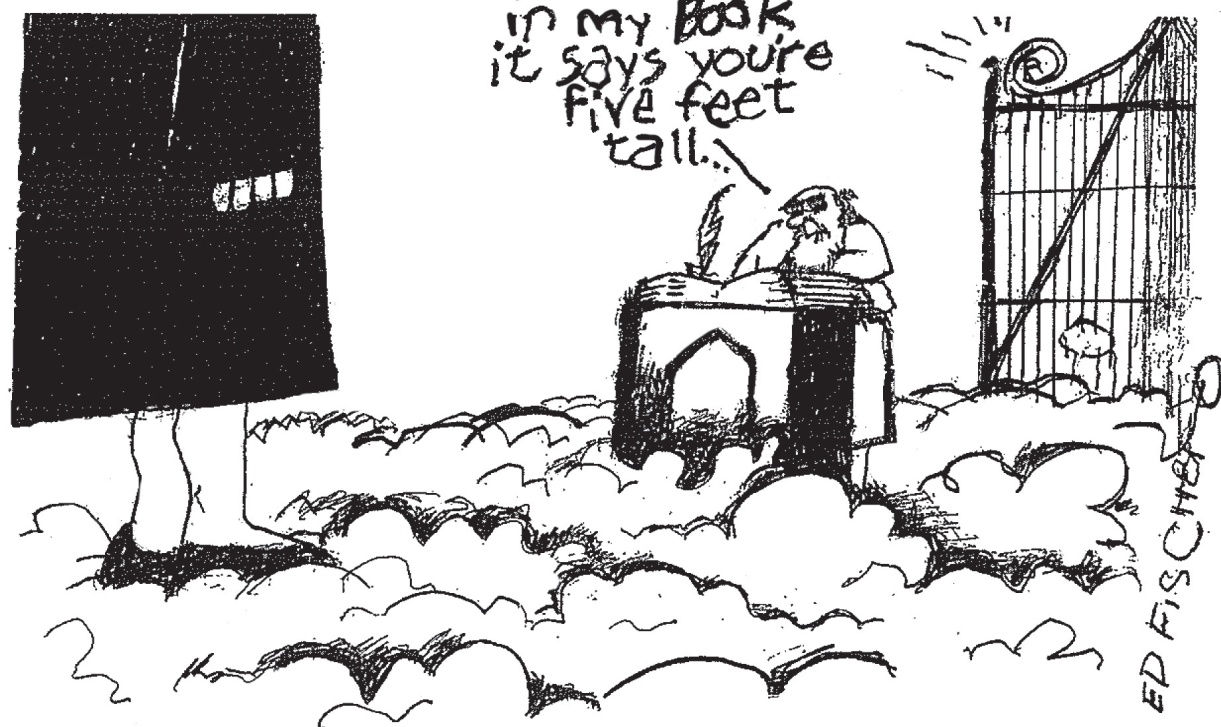
that's where decisions are made that affect our residents and affect our tax dollars.

America needs journalists to unite our communities in sharing common joys and trials of being human, and America needs journalists to tell the stories of ordinary people who do extraordinary things.

America needs more inspirational stories as much as it needs more reporting to keep government accountable.

This year, amid a pandemic, news people — like many other professionals in other fields of work — have faced unprecedented challenges, risking their own health to report on important news and turning their own homes into news rooms to file their stories accurately and on deadline.

America needs journalists, and it is an honor to be that lifeline.



Ruth Bader Ginsberg 1932-2020

Where can political candidate signs be legally placed?

Question: Is there a law against putting signs along the roadway for political candidates and advertising?

Answer: It is illegal to place signs for political purposes and advertising on the road right of way. Highway rights of way include driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections. All state, county, city and township roads and highways fall under the same state law.

In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act also prohibits placing advertising materials on public utility poles, trees and shrubs, and painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

Signs may be placed on private property with permission from the landowner. Auction signs are permitted, but have requirements under the law.

MnDOT is required to remove unlawfully placed signs and impound them at a local maintenance



truck station.

For more information about the proper placement of signs, contact your local MnDOT office. See also mndot.gov/govrel/rw_signs.html.

If you have specific questions, you would need to contact the appropriate local highway department. This would depend on the type of road (state, county or city.) This would also be your contact if local authorities or technicians removed your signs.

It is important to note that

ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

civil penalties may apply if the placement of signage contributes to a motor vehicle crash.

You can avoid a ticket – and a crash – if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901-5848. (Or at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

Radisewitz: 'Let's be Rock County respectful'

To the Editor:

This past week our home in Luverne was vandalized. Someone trespassed onto our property, tore a Biden/Harris poster off the fence and stole our U.S. flag. How sad is that?

I've had conversations with others in Rock County who shunned the protesters in Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon, for wrecking property. We look down our noses at those people because of the actions of a few protestors. After what happened to my property, I don't know that we're much different in Luverne. Some bad apples from one party are out to loot and destroy private property of others they don't agree with.

We've proudly flown our U.S. flag in honor of family members serving in harm's way halfway around the world. Now it's gone – stolen. The fact that someone would vandalize and steal from us because we support different candidates is not the Rock County

VOICE OF OUR READERS

I've enjoyed being part of over the last three decades.

We all need to take a deep breath, relax and drop the "in your face" commentary that is occurring on social media and in our community. Believe what you want, but understand that most Republicans and Democrats are good people whose beliefs are a little different. We need different views; we don't need theft and destruction of property.

Let's be Rock County respectful.

Cary Radisewitz
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- Sept. 18**
- Complainant reported DVD theft from location on W. Main Street.
 - Complainant on W. Lawn Park Avenue reported an arrow hit her garage door.
 - Complainant north of 150th Avenue and 91st Street reported a hayrack blocking roadway.
 - Complainant on 263rd and 485th Avenue, Valley Springs, reported a four-wheeler accident.
 - Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Kenneth, reported threats.
 - Complainant on Roundwind Road reported vehicle for dangerous driving.
 - Complainant on 221st Street, Jasper, reported a vehicle parked in road at location.
 - Complainant on Highway 75 reported a vehicle for driving conduct.
- Sept. 19**
- Complainant on County Road 12 and Highway 23, Jasper, reported debris in roadway.
 - Complainant on County Road 9 and 81st Street, Luverne, reported grain cart tipped over on roadway.
 - Complainant on W. Mead Court reported suspicious activity.
 - Complainant at Blue Mounds State Park requested a drive-by at location.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy for assistance.
 - Complainant on 141st Street, Magnolia, reported an assault.
 - A driving complaint was reported westbound on Interstate 90, into Luverne.
- Sept. 20**
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a customer was locked out of vehicle.
 - Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported excessive vehicle noise.
 - Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a parking complaint.
 - Complainant on 6th Avenue, Worthington, requested to speak to an on-call social worker.
- Sept. 21**
- Report of road closure by highway department at location on 191st Street, Jasper.
 - Vandalism was reported at location on E. Main Street.
 - Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported speeding vehicle at location.
 - Complainant on W. Main Street reported property damage.
 - Complainant on W. Main Street reported an assault.
- Sept. 22**
- Report of political signs being stolen from location on N. Kniss Avenue.
 - Report of political signs being stolen from location on W. Lincoln Street.
 - Report of political signs being vandalized from location on N. Kniss Avenue.
 - Report of a flag being stolen from location on S. East Park Street.
 - Report of political signs being stolen from location on N. Estey Street.
 - Extra patrol was requested at location on 61st Street.
 - Theft was reported at location on W. Main Street.
 - Suspicious activity was reported on W. Lincoln Street.
 - A parking complaint was reported on E. Main Street, Hardwick.
 - Complainant in Steen reported information on escaped inmate out of South Dakota.
 - Complainant on 140th Avenue, Steen, reported motor vehicle was stolen.
- Sept. 23**
- Complainant on 140th Avenue, Steen, reported motor vehicle theft.
 - Complainant at Touch the Sky Prairie reported vehicle parked at location for extended time.
- Sept. 23**
- Complainant on E. Main Street reported a found item may be related to Main Street vandalism.
 - Complainant on 11th Street, Steen, reported theft.
 - Complainant on 21st Street, Hills, reported theft.
 - Warrant entry
 - Complainant on Main Street, Hardwick, reported a vehicle is unsafe for driving.
 - Subject on Sherman Street, Jackson, was arrested on Rock County warrant.
 - Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported a fire at location.
- Sept. 24**
- Complainant on N. McKenzie Street, Luverne, reported a suspicious vehicle.
 - Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, reported a possible assault.
 - Report of salesman attempting to talk to farmers blocking the roadway on 21st Street and 120th Avenue, Steen.
 - Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported theft.
 - Complainant on 80th Avenue, Jasper, reported suspicious activity.
 - Complainant on 71st Street and 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a suspicious vehicle.
- Sept. 25**
- Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported that she hit something on the roadway.
 - Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, Luverne, reported debris on roadway and blew a tire.
 - Complainant on S. East Park Street reported a deceased party.
 - Complainant on Commerce Road reported an open door.
 - Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported burglary.
 - An accident was reported on S. Kniss Avenue.
 - Assistance from another department was provided on Ahlers Avenue, Magnolia.
 - An outage was reported at location.
 - An accident was reported at location on S. Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant on E. Fairway Drive reported a scam.
 - Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported a hazmat spill.
 - Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a parking complaint.
 - Complainant on Bark Avenue and Cedar Street reported a suspicious vehicle.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.
 - Deputy reported an open storage unit on S. Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant on E. State Street, Magnolia, reported burglars in her shed.
- In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 3 transports, 9 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 3 burn permits, 2 background checks, 1 gas drive-off, 6 alarms, 1 drug court test, 7 purchase and carry permits, 9 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 3 welfare checks, 4 OFPs, 4 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photos/1001 Rock Ranch Open House

The five horse stalls provide a mud-free area for riders to view and to saddle their mounts prior to each session.

Rock Ranch open house set for Oct. 8/continued from page 1

to \$5,000.

“We couldn’t be more thankful to God for moving the hearts of so many to join us in this mission,” Dan said. “We are truly humbled to see His work come to fruition in the building of Rock Ranch arena.”

Four large pledges put the project on solid footing to start this spring.

The John and Tamme Berdahl family of Sioux Falls and the K.A.H.R. Foundation of Minnetrista combined to give \$250,000 to the project.

United Healthcare and the John and Susie Nelson family of Omaha had combined gifts of \$100,000.

Several local businesses and individuals provided materials and time to the arena project.

“We are simply so thrilled so many people and companies linked arms with Rock Ranch to fill this need,” Dan said.

“To be nearly 100 percent funded at this time, during this pandemic, is truly a gift from God and we intend to use that gift to the best of our abilities.”

Final costs place the area project at \$730,000, so about \$30,000 is needed to cover costs.

A private donor appreciation event will be prior to the public open house Thursday.

Pandemic halted some offerings

Senior Saddles didn’t meet this summer due to the coronavirus pandemic; however, the regular youth riding sessions continued.

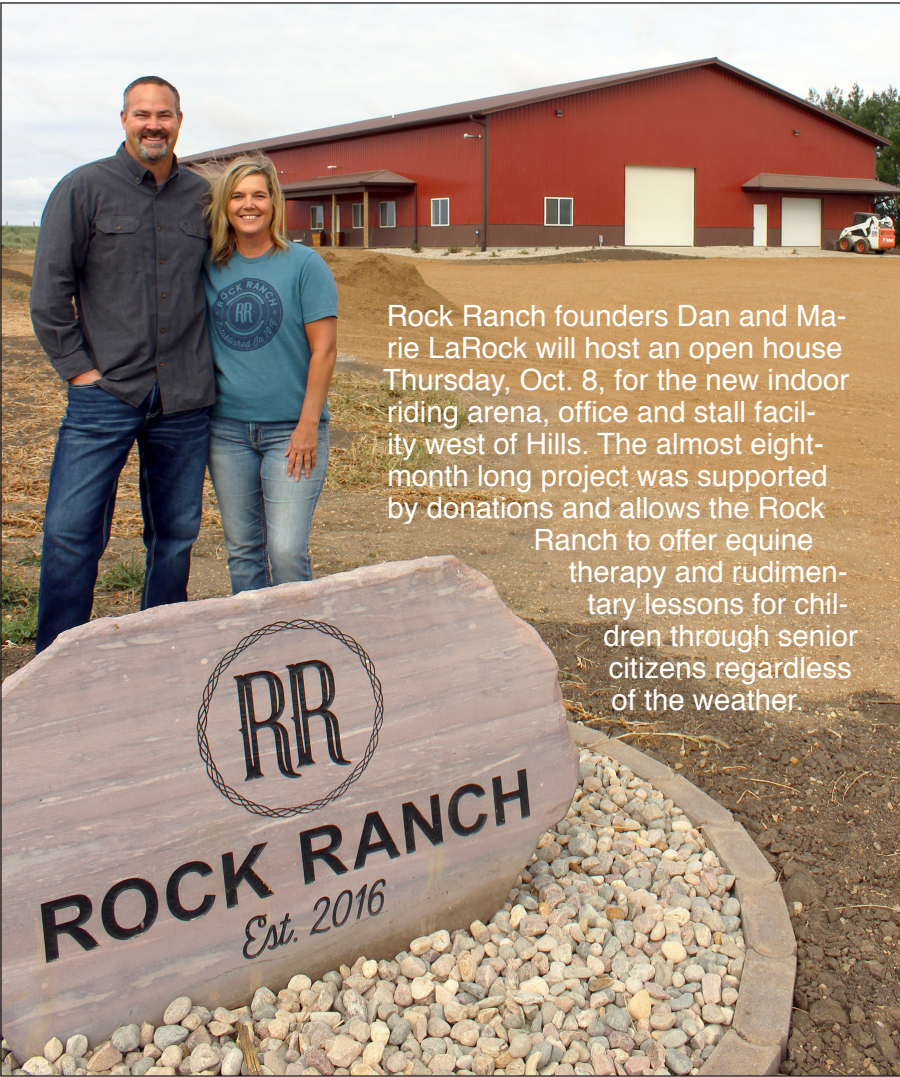
Small classes met under social distancing conditions, riders were provided masks and all activities, including saddling and grooming, were completed outside.

“The vast majority of parents who brought their kids to lessons this summer shared with us just how grateful they felt that this activity ‘didn’t get canceled,’” Marie said.

“We hear frequently just how much these lessons mean to our riders.”



Along the east side of the arena a handicap-accessible viewing platform has been built for the ranch’s Senior Saddles and other therapy programs.



Rock Ranch founders Dan and Marie LaRock will host an open house Thursday, Oct. 8, for the new indoor riding arena, office and stall facility west of Hills. The almost eight-month long project was supported by donations and allows the Rock Ranch to offer equine therapy and rudimentary lessons for children through senior citizens regardless of the weather.

Fall classes filled

More young riders are excited for the fall sessions. Those youth who were placed on a “wait list” to participate in the summer introductory riding classes are now able to ride this fall.

Within a day, all the waiting riders from the summer sessions signed up for the RideRockRanch lessons, Marie said.

“We also received numerous requests each week for additional

lessons. We are adding several groups including a women’s riding group and a teenage riding group,” she added.

“We also have a number of individual lessons starting to take shape for riders who fall outside of the RideRockRanch age group — adults interested in riding and youth who are eager to improve their skills to a higher level.”

Also gaining in participant numbers is the Eagala counseling sessions. Eagala is an equine-therapy program and currently involves four part-time staff, which includes certified mental health professionals and equine specialists.

December will be a quiet month for riding at the Rock Ranch. The ranch’s board of directors has reserved the month to plan for 2021.

“We hope to incorporate several other kinds of groups who can also meet in our new conference area including Bible studies, 4-H, FFA, equine-related trainings, clinics and workshops,” Marie said.

Each new activity would need to meet the ranch’s original purpose to provide opportunities for persons to improve themselves physically, cognitively, socially and psychologically while learning the art and skills of horsemanship in a Christ-filled setting. Rock Ranch was begun in 2016.

hills fire department relief association

PANCAKE SUPPER

Thursday Oct. 8 5 to 7 pm

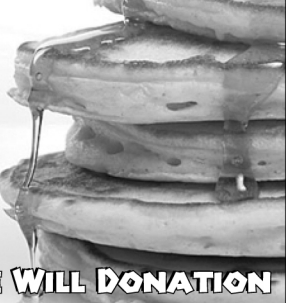
Hills American Legion

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All proceeds go to the Hills Fire Department Relief Association

Community Food Drive

Please Help • Sunday, October 4th

All food must be placed on the front steps due to Covid-19. (No expired food)

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CARD SHOWER

Stan Olson will celebrate his 80th birthday on Friday, Oct. 9. Greetings may be sent to him at 406 S. Elizabeth Ave., Hills, MN 56138.

MENU

Monday, Oct. 5: Crispy baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peach halves, breadstick, cookie.

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Beef taco salad (beef, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, kidney beans, corn chips, sour cream), bread, emerald pear gelatin.

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Pepper steak, boiled new potatoes, glazed baby carrots, bread, fruit cocktail.

Thursday, Oct. 8: Chicken wild rice hotdish, vegetable, fruit, cookie.

Friday, Oct. 9: Beef chili with beans, mandarin oranges in gelatin, choice vegetable, corn muffin.

DEATH NOTICES

Virgil Cook

Virgil David Cook, 76, Adrian, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, at the Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral Mass was Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Adrian Catholic Church. Burial with full military honors provided by the Adrian American Legion was in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

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

(1001 DN)

Jimmie Lafrenz

Jimmie H. Lafrenz, 82, Beaver Creek, died peacefully on Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, at his home.

A memorial visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements are with the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(1001 DN)



Mavis Fodness photo/1001 LHS Homecoming Royalty 2020

Posing in the Luverne High School new weight room are the 2020-21 Homecoming royalty. Pictured from left are Cade Wenninger, Ainslie Robinson (sitting), Roz Oye, LaShad Smith, Bailey Cowell (sitting), Rylee Gee (sitting), Lauren Ver Steeg and Zach Ahrendt. Crowning of the Homecoming king and queen will be Oct. 19 and will be shown online.

LHS names 2020 Homecoming royalty; coronation live-streamed Oct. 19

By Mavis Fodness

Members of the Luverne High School Student Council were busy planning a pandemic-style Homecoming celebration when the Minnesota State High School League announced that school can conduct a modified football and volleyball season.

Last week the council organized the selection of Homecoming royalty by the ninth-through 12th-graders before the return of the modified season.

Homecoming Week will take place Oct. 19-23 in both Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek high schools. H-BC's Homecoming is still in the planning stages.

The coronavirus pandemic had moved the traditional fall football and volleyball seasons to the spring before being reinstated

to fall earlier this month.

"It's not the same as it always was, but it's better than nothing," said LHS senior Bailey Cowell. "We'll have some different kind of memories."

Cowell, along with fellow seniors Cade Wenninger, Zach Ahrendt and LaShad Smith, were selected as Homecoming king candidates. Queen candidates include Rylee Gee, Ainslie Robinson, Rozilyn Oye and Lauren Ver Steeg.

Other class royalty include freshmen Tori Serie and Henry Hartquist, sophomores Lauren Hansen and Ross Bergman, and juniors Mia Wenzel and Luke Thorson.

Coronation will be live-streamed Oct. 19. "We know 98 percent of those watching will be by video," said student council

adviser Jason Berghorst. "Homecoming 2020 will see a lot of changes this year due to the current hybrid learning model and to the adherence to safety protocols for COVID."

Because one or more of the Homecoming candidates could be under quarantine or absent from their every-other-day in-person classes, student council members proposed recording many of the events that take place during the coronation ceremonies.

The traditional Homecoming pep fest and dance will not happen, but the traditional Friday night Homecoming football game is planned.

However, safety protocols limit football games to 250 spectators.

No spectators are allowed at the volleyball games. However, live-streaming is a possibility.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•A note found in Luverne High School's home economics room prompted a district-wide evacuation Friday.

"School's going to blow up at 12:30," is what the note stated, handwritten in pencil on a partial sheet of torn white paper. Luverne High School senior Adam Gruis found the note during his first-hour foods class. "I sit there every day, and I know it wasn't there yesterday," Gruis said Friday about the note found under a table.

He showed his teacher Amy Cook, who turned it over to High School Principal Ryan Johnson.

Based on a seating chart of the classes that meet in that room, administration reportedly started interviewing students about the note.

Meanwhile, the district's emergency plan was implemented.

A district-wide phone message reached school families Friday morning that all students were being evacuated due to a bomb threat. ...

Per the district's emergency plan, elementary students went to Grace Lutheran Church, middle school students went to First Presbyterian Church, and the high school students went to St. John Lutheran Church. ...

Parents were allowed to pick up their children at the churches, and those who weren't picked up were walked back to the school parking lots for dismissal around 12:45 p.m. ...

Law enforcement and emergency personnel immediately began searching for explosives.

Several teams of emergency personnel combed the buildings.

Each team included two firefighters, a deputy and a district maintenance worker who looked for anything "suspicious."

When those searches came up empty, arrangements were made for a bomb-sniffing dog to fly in to Luverne from the Twin Cities. ...

No explosives were found, and students were allowed back in the building shortly before 5 p.m. to get their personal items that were left behind during the evacuation.

25 years ago (1995)

•In a worst-case scenario, the preliminary levy for the Luverne School district's portion of property taxes could increase by 14 percent, but the actual increase will be lower.

Last year the school district underlevied \$205,645.51 and showed a 5.51-percent increase. This year's initial levy shows an increase of \$289,242.90 over last year, or a 14-percent increase. The percentage is directly impacted by the base created by last year's underlevy. Also the HACA reduction last year was \$63,843, and this year it's only \$21,298, Mann reported.

The rough-estimate approach is being used by other districts in the area, too, because the levy timetable isn't practical for school districts whose fiscal years begin July 1.

50 years ago (1970)

•Luverne and Rock County will not be immune to the benefits of a proposed new EROS site near Garretson, S. D., Rotarians were told at their weekly luncheon Monday.

Making the statement was Bob Elmen, secretary and director of the Sioux Falls Industrial Foundation which is currently involved in the early phases of securing and planning for the new EROS site.

EROS, Earth Resources Observation Satellite, promises quite a future for the Sioux Empire, Elmen explained. Luverne's proximity to Sioux Falls certainly encompasses her in the Sioux Empire, he added.

With EROS will come the influx of EROS oriented industries both national and international. Elmen explained that he was in Luverne to prepare the area for such developments. "Luverne stands to benefit from this project more than any other town in Minnesota," he told the group.

75 years ago (1945)

•Rock county received praises from the Minnesota War Service Fund, Inc. committee this week, when it again became the first county to meet its War Service Fund quota.

This is the third consecutive year that the quota in the statewide drive was met with funds from the Rock County War Chest Inc. before the state campaign even got under way.

100 years ago (1920)

•The installation of mail delivery service in Luverne as recommended by Postoffice Inspector Vernon C. Beattie, of Sioux Falls, a few weeks ago, has been approved and ordered into effect December 1st, according to notice received this week by Postmaster M. Swedberg.

The service will consist of two regular deliveries of mail matter each day over the entire city, with possibly only one delivery of parcel post matter in the residence section, but two deliveries of the class of matter in the business sections.

In order to handle the new service two mail carriers and a substitute will be appointed, the substitute devoting the major portion of his time to parcel post matter.

Prior to the installation of the service, sixteen collection boxes will be erected in various parts of the city, where mail matter may be deposited, and the contents of these boxes will be taken up in connection with the regular deliveries of mail.

But in order to be entitled to mail delivery service, each family must have their place of residence properly numbered and provide an approved mail receptacle before mail will be delivered to their home.

The mail carriers will be entitled to an entrance salary of \$1,400, and the substitute 60 cents an hour, but this scale is subject to material increase through satisfactory and continued service.

1885: Banner year for city of Beaver Creek history

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village continued from 9-24-20 edition of the *Star Herald*.

Beaver Creek

The banner year in Beaver Creek's whole history was 1885. A correspondent writing in October said: "Business lots on First avenue are in demand. An addition to the town plat is talked of in order to supply the increasing want. Buildings are going up in every direction and we haven't mechanics enough to supply the orders for work." The Herald on June 12 told of the progress the town was making:

There is no mistaking the fact that Beaver Creek is enjoying a lively "boom." To one who has not visited the place for a few months the transformation wrought during that time is surprising. In fact, Beaver Creek of a year ago is practically a thing of the past, and in its stead a new town has appeared. New buildings appear in all parts of the village and the business lots which but a short time ago were vacant are now, particularly along the portion of the business street east of the corners occupied respectively by Colonel White and K. N. Knudtson, covered with substantial business houses. Moreover, the town authorities have been active and enterprising in the matter of public improvements. The streets have been graded, the public buildings and grounds improved, and new sidewalks have been built along the entire length of First avenue, as well as upon other streets.

An even thirty buildings, the total value of which was \$30,000, were erected during the year 1885,¹⁸ of which sixteen were business houses.¹⁹ A business directory published in June (after which a newspaper, bank and several other enterprises were started) gave the following list of business men: L. C. Mittelstadt & Co., lumber yard (A.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

C. Goltz, manager); J. O. Britctson, hardware and implements; John Obele, harness shop; Harry Kiffe, wagon shop; Dr. W. T. Berry, physician and drug store; A. E. Patterson, implements; J. M. Park, drug store; George B. Roderick, groceries and provisions; K. N. Knudtson, general merchandise; J. M. Bennett, saloon and billiard hall; Pat Toohey, saloon and billiard hall; George Tunstall, carpenter and cabinet maker; Dr. Cummings, physician; Jacob Hettinger, blacksmith shop; A. Hess, shoe shop and boarding house; L. S. Welker, meat market; J. O. Tyler, postmaster; Mrs. J. O. Tyler, millinery store; Mr. Evans, temperance saloon; Colonel Harrison White, general merchandise, grain and live stock; Hume & Campbell, lumber and furniture; A. Obele, blacksmith shop; John Gassoway, barber shop; Fred Scott, dry line.

During this period in the career of the town, when it boasted a population of 165, according to the census of 1885, in the winter of 1885-86, its residents sought to wrest the county seat from Luverne. An active

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OBITUARIES

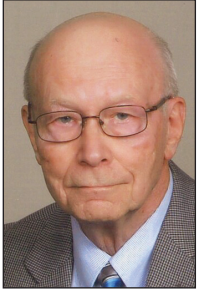
Dale Huber

Dale Otto Huber, 85, Lee, Virginia, and in Korea. Harker Heights, Texas, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2020.

A memorial service was Friday, Sept. 18, 2020, at the Heritage Funeral Home in Harker Heights.

Dale Huber was born on Nov. 16, 1934, to Otto and Helen Gross Huber in McLaughlin, South Dakota. He was raised and received his education in Bowdle, South Dakota, graduating from high school in 1952. In the fall of 1953 he started his college carrier at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he received a degree in history. He lettered four years on the basketball team at Northern State.

Dale married Jeanne Sampson on March 1, 1957, at Falmes Lutheran Church, rural Langford, South Dakota. Dale spent two years in the Army at Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort



Lee, Virginia, and in Korea. After returning home he began his 47 years in education, junior high and senior high and coaching. This career took them to many states including South Dakota, Iowa, Texas and Minnesota. He spent the last years at Hills-Beaver Creek High School from 1986 until he retired in 1999. He received several awards including Teacher of the Year and Coach of the Year. He was a role model for many students.

In 2003 Dale and Jeanne moved to Sioux Falls, and Dale worked at Sunshine Foods for 16 months. He was a fan of the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Twins. He was a member of the American Legion and the National Education Association.

He was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he served as an usher

for many years and was an active member in the men's Bible study group. He loved watching South Dakota college sports after retirement. Above all he loved his family.

Dale is survived by two sons, Danny (Nadine) Huber of Harker Heights and Jeffrey (Lupe) Huber of Temple and a daughter Jan, (Paul Utterback); grandsons, Thomas Huber, Tristan Huber, Jordan (Melissa) Huber and Josh Utterback; a granddaughter, Erika (Carlos) Navas; great-grandchildren children Cain and Cameron Navas; and numerous nieces and friends.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert Huber.

Arrangements were provided by Heritage Funeral Home of Harker Heights, Texas.

(1001 F)

This obituary is reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Doris Morland

Doris Viola Morland, 98, Clarkfield, died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, at Clarkfield Care Center in Clarkfield.

Visitation was Friday, Sept. 25, at the J. H. Lynner Funeral Home in Clarkfield. A private funeral service was Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Clarkfield Lutheran Church with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to the Clarkfield Lutheran Church or Clarkfield Cemetery Fund.

Doris Cornelius was born to John and Mary (Amundson) Cornelius on Sept. 15, 1922, in Lisbon Township. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Bergen Lutheran Church and attended District 77 for eight years, graduating from the Clarkfield High School in 1940.

On June 18, 1943, Doris was united in marriage to Arden Morland by Army Chaplain Harry Montgomery. In August of 1943, Doris re-

turned to her employment at the Montevideo Hospital while her husband was overseas. Arden returned home in December 1945 from Southwest Pacific Theater of War. Doris and Arden began farming in 1946 and farmed for the next 43 years. In 1989 Arden and Doris moved to Clarkfield. In May 2009, Doris moved to Valhalla Apartments.

Doris volunteered with the Bloodmobile and was an active member in her church where she served as treasurer. In 1974 Doris and Arden traveled to Norway to visit her in-laws' and grandparents' homes. Doris enjoyed farming, gardening, hardanger, rose maling, crocheting, genealogy, tole painting and arts and crafts. She was part of the homemakers, gardening and bunko clubs. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting afghans and painting dishtowels. For



the last eleven years, Doris cherished all her friendships she made at Valhalla. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy.

She is survived by her three children, Kathy (Larry) Rolfs of Luverne, Dennis Morland of Clarkfield, and Duane (Jane) Morland of Clarkfield; five grandchildren, Bill Rolfs (Missy Doppenberg Schut), Tom (Jen) Rolfs, Rebecca (Dave) Cebuhar, Nathan (Amelia) Morland and Stefanie (Joseph) Fragodt; 11 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Margaret Morland; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arden; her parents; and siblings Chester, Ward, Alvin, James, Virgil, Armenta and Janice.

Arrangements are provided by the J.H. Lynner Funeral Home in Clarkfield, www.jhlynnr.com.

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This is obituary is reprinted to correct visitation information. The Star Herald regrets the error.

Tony Miller

Anthony Lynn "Tony" Miller, 66, Luverne, died peacefully on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020, at his home in Luverne.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at St. Catherine.

Anthony "Tony" Miller was born on Jan. 5, 1954, to Lawrence and Evelyn (Younkin) Miller in Luverne. He attended Luverne Public Schools and graduated in 1972.

Tony married Sharon Remme on Oct. 15, 1977, in Luverne. Following their marriage, Tony worked at sev-

eral places, including Hanson Silo, IBP, and Gold'n Plump. The couple was blessed with two daughters, Amanda and Amber. Amanda died from injuries in a car accident in 2012. The family was crushed at her loss but pushed forward in life. Tony retired in 2017 and then began

working for Papik Motors to keep himself busy.

Tony was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne and was active in the Knights of Columbus. He was a big fan of watching sports, but his favorites were always the ones that his granddaughters were playing. He enjoyed trap



shooting and loved hunting.

Tony is survived by his wife, Sharon Miller of Luverne; his daughter Amber (Chris) Nath of Luverne; two granddaughters, Courtney and Gracie Nath; one brother, Bill (Judy) Miller of Luverne; his sister, Sandy Murphy of Luverne; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Amanda Vis; an infant brother; a sister, Betty Boulware; and a brother-in-law, Val Boulware.

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Jerome Wieneke

Jerome Edmund Wieneke, 81, Luverne, formerly of rural Lismore, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial Mass was Monday, Sept. 28, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial with military flag presentation followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Jerome Wieneke was born on Oct. 9, 1938, to Edmund and Rose (Dollander) Wieneke in Leota Township, Nobles County. He lived in Leota until age 5 when his family moved to a farm near Lismore. He attended St. Anthony Catholic School in Lismore, graduating in 1957.

Following his education, Jerome continued helping on the family farm, and a short time later he purchased his own farm southeast of

Lismore. In addition to farming, he served in the United States National Guard from February 1958 to February 1964, attaining the rank of corporal.

Jerome married Carol Lenz at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore on Aug. 31, 1963. They made their home on the farm. Jerome loved working the land and feeding his cattle. In 2005 the couple moved to Luverne, and Jerome worked at Blue Mounds State Park for five years. He also helped at a local welding shop and farmed when needed with the Lubben family near Leota.

Jerome enjoyed farming, woodworking and gardening. He loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

Jerome is survived by his wife, Carol Wieneke of Luverne;



his children Kim (Mark) Diekmann of Chanhassen, Craig (Lana) Wieneke of Castlewood, South Dakota, and Gerri (Jeremy) Tebben of Corsica, South Dakota; six grandchildren, Keela (Josh) Fick, AJ Wieneke, Lexi Wieneke, Emily Diekmann, Riley Tebben and Avery Tebben; a great-granddaughter, Madalyn Fick; five brothers Elmer (Judy) Wieneke, Jacob (Teresa) Wieneke, Herman (Eileen) Wieneke, Ray (Shirley) Wieneke, Frank (Deb) Wieneke; a sister, Lois Schmidke; brother-in-law Doug (Glenda) Lenz; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Arlene Steen; brothers Carl and Harold Wieneke; and his parents-in-law, Art and Emily Lenz.

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Marguerite Smith

Marguerite Nell Smith, 98, Edgerton, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, at the Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Marguerite Schuld was born on March 3, 1922, to John and Lydia (Vos) Schuld on the family farm near Edgerton. She grew up on the family farm with nine siblings and learned the value of hard work. She graduated from Edgerton Public High School as valedictorian of her class.

On Sept. 2, 1945, she married William (Bill) Smith. They farmed near Luverne for a number of years before moving to a farm near Ruthton.

When Bill moved to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, Marguerite moved back to Luverne to be near him. After Bill's death in Octo-

ber 1999, Marguerite joined many senior citizen trips and made new friends. In 2014 she moved to Edgebrook Estates Assisted Living in Edgerton.

Marguerite cherished her family and always had time for a card game or a batch of cookies for her grandchildren. She

enjoyed teaching her family the art of baking bread, gardening, and making jam and earned several ribbons for her entries at county fairs.

Marguerite was also accomplished in many forms of needlework, but her passion was quilting and she was a member of the Blue Mound Quilters in Luverne.

Marguerite was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne and had served as an officer in the Women's Guild.



Darrell Lorenzen

Darrell L. Lorenzen, 70, Prescott Valley, Arizona, died peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, in his home.

No service is planned at this time. Memorials are preferred to SPCA or your favorite animal shelter.

Darrell was born on Jan. 5, 1950, to Verdell and Lorna Lorenzen in Luverne. He graduated from Luverne High

School in 1968 and then served in the U.S. Army on a missile base for three years.

Darrell married Charlene Trimarche on Nov. 29, 1986. They were married for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Lorenzen, of Prescott Valley; his mother, Lorna Lorenzen; stepson Peter (Donna) Trimarche of Juno

Beach, Florida; stepdaughter Michelle Trimarche of California; brothers Dean (Debbie) Lorenzen, Rodney (Nancy) Lorenzen, and Brian (Beth) Lorenzen, all of Loveland, Colorado; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Verdell Lorenzen, and son Nicholas Lorenzen.

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estimated 1.83 percent interest.

“Certainly the bids could come in better and furnishing and equipment estimates could be lower, but I think it’s only fair to give you numbers on the high end.”

She said increased tax capacity will help support the project.

The total estimated market value of property in Luverne increased 3.78 percent this year, from \$323 million to \$335.3 million.

Of that increase, \$5.47 million was new construction, which didn’t include Premium Minnesota Pork’s \$30 million investment in their facility.

Berghorst suggested that out of \$30 million investment, if one-quarter to one-third is for the structure, that’s a \$7.5 million to \$10 million addition to market value.

“If part of that is going to be included in the market value for tax capacity, we know that we’re going to have a much bigger tax base to spread our levy,” Berghorst said.

She said she’s projecting the 2021 levy for taxes payable 2022 will increase 11.5 percent; however, she said PMP’s building investments would impact tax capacity in a way that property tax statements would reflect less than half that increase.

“I feel confident that our increase for the city part of the levy and affected taxes will be under 5 percent for taxes payable 2021



Included in plans for the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness expansion is an outdoor splash pad that will be built on the south side of the building. A 24-hour fitness and weight room is also planned.

and I think it will also be under 5 percent for 2022,” she said.

Unanimous agreement

Council member Caroline Thorson said she supported the project.

“Since 2016 it’s been continually pushed to the background as other priorities have come up,” she said.

“I look forward to moving forward on the whole project because I feel it’s something that the community will utilize. I appreciate that staff is looking at the best fiscal decisions as far as funding this. I would approve

of this moving forward with the plans and specs. I think it’s time. Thirty years is a long time.”

She and Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said they haven’t heard any community dissent on the project – only support.

“These plans were put together based on input from three community meetings,” Baustian said.

“The voice of our community and citizens has spoken very loudly for updating our property and fixing it. I think it’s a good plan. Yes, it’s expensive. But if we have to do this once every 42 years, I think you’re pretty good.”

Council member Dan Nath thanked the council, staff and committee members for their work to this point.

“I know it was many meetings and lots of back and forth,” he said.

“It truly is well accepted in the community and people are looking forward to the change and the upgrades.”

Council members voted unanimously to proceed with the first step, which is to authorize preparation of plans and specs for the pool and fitness center expansion and remodel project.

Pool and fitness facility is 42 years old

By Lori Sorenson

At the Sept. 22 Luverne City Council meeting, Pool and Fitness Center supervisor Samantha Honerman provided background on the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness building.

- The facility was built in 1978 as a joint effort of the city of Luverne and Rock County.
- Hot tub was installed in 1987.
- A long, narrow piece was added to north and east in 1990 and 1991 for cardio and weight room together.
- About that same time a triangular room was added to the east for a meeting room.
- In 1992 the pool area had a major renovation that included insulation of new tiled pool, a new deck, new sanitation system, some new plumbing and both locker rooms were retiled.
- In 1995 the long narrow room was divided into two weight rooms, and the triangle room became the cardio room.
- In 2007 the HVAC system for the pool area was moved to the roof.
- In 2009 the city took ownership of the pool and the county took over the library. The facility was renamed Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness.
- In 2013 the roof was replaced.

The electrical panels and majority of plumbing is original to 1978, and Mayor Pat Baustian reminded the council that the building is 42 years old.

“Everybody does a little maintenance on their house in 42 years. This is overdue,” he said. “You have to do maintenance. You have to take care of your property.”

Municipal airport fire damages office area and three planes in shop/continued from page 1

He said it’s totaled, and he’s making arrangements to borrow a friend’s plane until he can replace it.

“When you expose metal to that kind of heat, it becomes brittle; it changes the composition,” Johnson said.

“It’s not like you can pull over on the side of the road if you have issues. You’re in the air, and it has to be safe.”

He said he was pleased with the repair work he’d seen with Baum, who was sending photographs and documenting the process.

“He was doing a fantastic job,” Johnson said. “I feel absolutely terrible for him because he’s trying to spin up this business and make a go of it, and this happens.”

Two additional planes were in line for service but were parked outside and were not damaged.

Baustian said the city is insured for



Luverne Fire Department and rescue crews work on the scene of a fire at the Luverne Municipal Airport Wednesday night after 10 p.m. The fire damaged the north part of the shop and three planes.

up to \$1 million for the airport building and contents, but it’s too early to know what damage totals will be.

Baum’s avionics business is insured, as are the planes that were in the repair bays.

Arson has reportedly been ruled out, and investigations now focus on the source of the fire, which appears to be in the area of an electrical panel on the wall between the office and shop, Baustian said.

“A metal lockbox of keys (for hangars and planes) had been secured to that wall, and Ben can’t find it because it melted off the wall,” he said.

The main electrical distribution panel in the shop area was not affected.

The avionics operations will temporarily move into a nearby hangar, and the city has assisted by extending electrical service to the fuel pumps and setting up a portable restroom.

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campaign was waged for a few weeks, but the obstacles to be overcome were too great and the effort was abandoned.

During the latter half of the eighties, before the railroads brought competing towns, Beaver Creek continued to be a thriving and progressive village. The fast developing country surrounding brought prosperity to its merchants, and the little town continued its forward march until a series of events occurred which put a damper on all progress. The building of two new lines of railway, both of which passed close to town, and the founding of Bruce, Manley and Hills in its former territory were serious blows. Then came two fires, destroying many of the business houses and entailing losses of many thousand dollars, which added to the retrogression.

¹⁸Figures by the Sioux Falls Press, January, 1886.

¹⁹Among those who erected business houses were L. C. Mittelstadt & Co., John B. Obele, Henry Kiffe, K. N. Knudtson, J. M. Bennett, Pat Toobey, Dr. Cummings, H. Hess, J. O. Tyler and J. A. Hettinger. Among those who erected residences were E. C. Conant, J. D. Campbell, Abram Osmun, C. C. Cox, O. A. Hume, William Carney, Thomas Carney, R. Reitz, John Michelson, G. B. Roderick, Will Leavans, A. C. Goltz, J. O. Britton and Harrison White.

The story of the village of Beaver Creek will continue in the Oct. 8 edition of the Star Herald.

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

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Wenninger wins annual Cardinal Pride competition

By Brennen Rupp

The results are in. Luverne High School senior Cade Wenninger is the winner of the annual “Cardinal Pride” competition. The yearly event challenges the athletes to be in the best shape possible.

Wenninger passed that test with flying colors, finishing with a total score of 1,669.45.

The senior was first in the bench press (256 points), cleans (182.85 points), squats (429.75 points) and the power press (259.65 points).

Arekel McLaughlin placed second by accumulating 1,602.55 points. McLaughlin took top honors in the 400-meter dash (198 points) and the shuttle run (223 points).

LaShad Smith finished third overall with 1,407.15 points. Casey Sehr was fourth with a total of 1,184 points, and Zach Kruse finished fifth with a total of 1,179.125 points.

Jack Schlosser won the jump roping competition with a score of 171. Gavyn Boll won the vertical with a score of 136.

Zach Ahrendt took top honors in four events. He won the bench max with 275 points and the max cleans with a score of 245.625. In



Brennen Rupp photo/1001 cardinal pride

Top finishers in the 2020 competition include (front, from left) Gavyn Boll, Zach Ahrendt, Jack Schlosser, (back) Cade Wenninger, LaShad Smith, Casey Sehr and Zach Kruse.

the max squats he finished with the score of 425.25 and the max power press

208.125.

The Cardinals will hit the field for the first

time on Oct. 9 against Pipestone Area in Pipestone.

Cross country team has strong showing in Pipestone

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne cross country team put together a strong showing in Pipestone on Thursday, Sept. 24. At the Hiawatha Pageant Grounds, the Cardinals took home first place in four of the five competitions.

“I thought the kids competed well and showed a lot of improvement since the first meet on that same course,” Luverne head coach Pete Janiszkeski said.

“We had the individual winner in four of the five races we had athletes competing in.”

The varsity girls owned the Top 3 of the competition and had all seven runners finish in the Top 10.

Tenley Nelson finished first, Jenna DeBates finished second and Brooklynn Ver Steeg placed third.

Grace Ingebretson finished fifth with a time of 21:44. Regan Feit placed sixth with a time of 22:09. Elizabeth Wag-

ner crossed the finish line in seventh place with a time of 22:12. Kayla Bloemendaal finished 10th with a time of 22:55.

“We had all seven girls in the top 10, which is awesome,” Janiszkeski said.

Griffen Jarchow placed inside the Top Five for the Cardinal boys with a fourth-place finish in 18:40.

“Griffen Jarchow had another great race for us,” Janiszkeski said. “He’s really been racing well the past few weeks.”

Varsity Boys

(4) Griffen Jarchow 18:40
(12) Brady Bork 20:08
(13) Pierce Cunningham 20:15
(15) Camden Hoven 20:42
(16) Ryan Fick 20:45
(20) Carsen Tofteland 21:39
(21) Ethan Rahm 23:22

Varsity Girls

(1) Tenley Nelson 20:26
(2) Jenna Debates 21:05
(3) Brooklynn Ver Steeg 21:41
(5) Grace Ingebretson 21:44
(6) Regan Feit 22:09
(7) Elizabeth Wagner 22:12
(10) Kayla Bloemendaal 22:55

LHS trap shooting team enters fifth year

32 students out for the shortened fall season

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne High School Trap Shooting Team is entering its fifth year of existence, coming off a spring conference victory.

“We won the conference with the kids that originally started the program,” Scott Loosbrock, the head coach said. “Those kids did a shortened season due to COVID.

He said they would have gone to state, had it not been for pandemic restrictions.

“We had some disappointment there. They worked really hard during the four years that they were into it,” Loosbrock said.

“We had some kids that really improved. It was nice for the kids that started the program that they were able to finish their careers out. They were excited to be able to shoot. It was fun to see the kids grow and come out and win the conference.”

Fast-forward to the fall season and the trapshooting team in Luverne is looking to reload after the departure of those seniors. Loosbrock said 32 kids signed up for fall.

“The fall division is more for fun,” Loosbrock said. “It’s just a chance to get some new kids and get them involved.”

In this shortened fall season, the trap team will

shoot five times. They’ve already recorded three shooting events, with two more to go, all at the Rock County Sportsman’s Club near Luverne.

The Cardinals will look to defend the conference title when competition resumes in the spring.

With so many new faces on the squad, Loosbrock and his staff will focus on the fundamentals.

“The biggest thing that I look at is it keeps the kids active,” Loosbrock said. “It keeps them going if they aren’t into a fall sport. It also brings a bunch of new kids in that maybe haven’t shot before.”

He said it gives coaches more time to help the newcomers to the sport.

“We get to help them on their form, how they hold their gun, how they stand. It just helps them understand how all this works, so when spring comes, it’s a little less chaotic,” Loosbrock said.

“We focus a lot on their fundamentals. It’s not about how many birds they hit, but more about the fundamentals.”

He said it’s also important to follow through with the seasoned shooters.

“With the older kids, we make sure their form is right and (look at) what they’re doing wrong,” Loosbrock said.

“As kids grow, their bodies change, so it changes the way they are looking down the gun. It’s just fun for the kids.”

Luverne tennis drops close one to St. James

Team records only second loss of the season

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals girls’ tennis team entered Thursday’s dual against St. James with a 7-1 record. The lone loss they suffered this season was against St. James.

St. James got the best of the Cardinals again on Thursday, Sept. 24, in Luverne. The Cardinals fell to St. James, 4-3.

“It was a good match,” Luverne head coach, Jon Beers said. “Not the outcome I had hoped for, but it was a very good and close dual. I was happy with all the girls. There was not one match that was not exciting to watch.”

Ainslie Robinson picked up the win in singles action. She won the first set 6-3 and took the second set 6-4.

Mia Wenzel won her match in straight sets. Wenzel won a back-and-forth first set 7-6. She then took the second set 6-4.

Roz Oye and Elise Jarchow both lost their matches. However, Beers said despite the loss it may have been the best tennis they played all season.

“Even though they didn’t win, I thought it was some of the best tennis they’ve played all year,” Beers said.

In doubles action, Brynn Thier and Liz Kelm won their match in straight sets. The duo won the first set in convincing fashion, 6-1. They then took the second set 6-4.

With the loss the Cardinals are now 7-2 on the season. Beers hopes his team gets another chance to play St. James this season.

“We played good,” Beers said. “Hopefully we will get to play them one more time this year in sections.”

LHS - 3, St. James - 4

SINGLES

No. 1 - Ellie Becker, St. James def. Roz Oye, LHS, 6-4 , 6-1.

No. 2 - Jaelyn Haler, St. James def. Elise Jarchow, LHS, 6-3 , 6-2.

No. 3 - Ainslie Robinson, LHS, def. Mya Hanson, St. James 6-3 , 6-4.

No. 4 - Mia Wenzel, LHS, def. Eva Romsdahl, St. James, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

DOUBLES

No. 1 - Gabriela Trapero and Sailor Mohlenbrock, St. James, def. Solveig Tofteland and



Brennen Rupp photo/1001 tennis wienieke

Olivia Wienieke returns a serve during Luverne’s home match against St. James on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Lauren Ver Steeg, LHS, 6-4 , 6-3.

No. 2 - Samantha Tetzloff and Allison Bluedorn, St. James, def. Olivia Wienieke and Jacey Smith, LHS, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

No. 3 - Brynn Thier and Liz Kelm, LHS, def. Sofia Solorzano and Emma Anderson, St. James, 6-1 , 6-4.

LUVERNE GIRLS’ TENNIS

Aug. 24	Worthington (H)	6-1 (W)
Aug. 27	at Pipestone	6-1 (W)
Aug. 31	Pipestone (H)	7-0 (W)
Sept. 3	at Worthington	6-1 (W)
Sept. 10	at Marshall	5-2 (W)
Sept. 12	at St. James	2-5 (L)
Sept. 14	Marshall (H)	4-3 (W)
Sept. 17	Redwood (H)	7-0 (W)
Sept. 21	at Redwood	7-0 (W)
Sept. 24	St. James (H)	3-4 (L)
Sept. 28	Big South Conf	TBD

Youth deer season is Oct. 15-18; time to take a kid hunting over MEA weekend

It’s beginning to feel a lot like Christmas if you are an avid outdoors person in the state of Minnesota. It’s 50 degrees today as I write and there are many anticipated dates I can see from here on the near horizon.

One of my favorites is the Minnesota youth deer hunt. This is a special season for youths between the ages of 10 and 17. They get their own four-day season to harvest a deer without the normal hunting pressure that exists during the regular firearms season.

This season has been around for a few years but was expanded last year to four days over the super popular MEA weekend.

It allows an adult to take a youth deer hunting without having to be licensed. The participation rate skyrocketed last year when it was expanded to four days and the harvest rate was far higher than the years prior to that.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

Last year during the youth deer season, I had a youth by the name of Spencer Nickel hunt on my ground.

He was mentored by a great friend of mine, Kyle Johnson and harvested the biggest buck taken on my property and the biggest buck he had ever harvested. It was a huge win-win for everyone.

Getting permission to hunt deer on private land is getting more difficult to achieve. I urge every landowner who cares about the future of hunting to carefully screen their permission re-

questors and allow one or two lucky youth the opportunity they would not otherwise have.

The youth season requires that an adult be a non-hunting participant for ages 10-13. Youth ages 14 and up can hunt solo if they choose.

All kids 12 and older have to first complete their firearms safety program. There is something that allows the youth to try out hunting without this safety training using an apprentice hunter validation certificate.

It requires an adult pres-

ent and can only be used for two seasons. After two seasons the youth will know if they want to continue in the sport or not. At that point they will need to take the important safety training.

Licenses for this youth deer hunt are free for 10-12 years old. The license fee is much lower than adult fees for kids 13-17. It is not too late to get organized to take a youth hunting in this special season.

All of the regular hunting rules apply, like blaze orange requirements, shooting hours, approved firearms calibers/gauges and the like.

The special season is open statewide and does not prevent the youth from party hunting in the regular season with family and friends.

There is no party hunting during this special season. Party hunting, which allows members of the same group to shoot deer for other members of the group, has been around for decades.

It cannot be used in the special youth season. Each youth must shoot his/her own deer. One of the rules that is the same during the youth hunt and the regular gun season is that all youth can shoot a deer of either sex. This in reality means every youth gets a doe tag. They can shoot either a buck or a doe.

In my deer unit they only allow 50 doe permits for adults during the regular season. Harvesting a doe is easier than harvesting a buck in most cases, so the youth has a better chance of being successful.

The goal of this opportunity is to get kids successful in the early part of their hunting efforts in order for more of them to continue hunting as adults. How many kids would hunt as an adult if they were zero for five in the past five tries as a youth? The answer is not very many.

Please consider taking a kid hunting during this spe-

cial youth deer season. If you have property that deer occupy, please consider letting a youth and his or her parent hunt there.

Most landowners I know think there are too many deer on the landscape anyway, and this is one way for that number to be reduced. Four youth harvested four does off my property last season and you could not tell the difference in deer densities as a result.

MEA weekend is a time for family and friends. What better way to spend that than with a youth in the great outdoors, and you might even end up with the meat in the freezer as a bonus.

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

Star Herald CHURCH

The Star Herald reached out to churches for their worship information in the absence of in-person worship services, due to coronavirus social distancing. Those that responded are listed here. Those that would like to have information posted here should call the Star Herald or email editor@star-herald.com.

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

Public mass will be celebrated with a limit of 50 percent capacity of the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stscluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvnecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

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

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

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

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 1: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Oct. 3: 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service with Communion in Sanctuary. Sunday, Oct. 4: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Limited seating is available. 9:15-9:45 a.m. Drive-thru Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School for 3 year-olds - 5th grade. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Tuesday, Oct. 6: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7-7:45 p.m. 6th-9th grade Confirmation; 7:45-8:30 p.m. 10th grade Confirmation. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Monday, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org for online worship opportunities with our sister churches.

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

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Friday, Oct. 2: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Tuesday, Oct. 6: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 7: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; youth groups.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Saturday, Oct. 3: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Sept. Oct. 4: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. — SD In-house worship service — World Communion Sunday — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 3 p.m. Ecumenical Food Drive. 4:30 p.m. — Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday, Oct. 5: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 6: 6:30 p.m. Teacher's Meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 7: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 8: 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 9:30 a.m. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Worship services Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Limit is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Sunday, Oct. 4: 10 a.m. Worship and Livestream Service at Bethlehem. Sunday School during worship. Wednesday, Oct. 7: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

A perfect loving sacrifice

During the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, passenger planes were flown into the twin towers in Manhattan and the Pentagon as the world watched in horror. United Airlines Flight 93 had also been hijacked and was speeding toward Washington, D.C.

Pilots of the 121st Fighter Squadron of the D.C. Air National Guard got the order to scramble jets and intercept the hijacked aircraft. Commander Mark Sasseville and Lieutenant Heather Penney were the first to scramble their jets. Knowing that there was not enough time to have their fighter jets armed with weapons to shoot down the remaining hijacked plane, Cmdr. Sasseville looked at Lt. Penney and said, "I'll take the cockpit ... you take the tail!"

It was virtually a suicide mission, but with the hope that they could successfully ram Flight 93, which they knew would result in the death of the passengers, along with themselves, but would possibly save hundreds more. To make matters worse, Lt. Penney's father was a United Airlines pilot, and she had no idea if she would be ramming her own father's plane.

They chose those impact spots hoping that it would minimize the debris field. A plane with no nose or tail would lose its forward momentum and likely fall straight out of the sky. Lt. Penney later recalled: "My concern was how do we minimize collateral damage on the ground."

As it turned out, they never intercepted Flight 93 because the heroes on that doomed plane made sure they didn't have to ... and the rest is history.

When we hear of heroic stories like that, we marvel at the willingness to make such a sacrifice for the benefit of others.

However, the sobering truth is, even if the passengers had been successful in gaining control from the terrorists and landing safely at a nearby airfield, still ... they all would've died ... eventually ... as all must do.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Andrew Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

Sadly, death strikes all people, of all ages, of every nationality, because that's what sin brings into our world.

The Apostle Paul made this abundantly clear that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and, "the wages of sin is death." (Rom. 3:23, 6:23) And no amount of good deeds, good intentions, or even a fleet of heavily armed fighter jets can save us from our doomed situation.

But seeing that we had no hope of ever saving ourselves, our gracious God scrambled into action his only Son who would bring salvation to mankind.

The plan included Jesus willingly taking his sinless life to the Cross, to shed his innocent blood, in order to cover all our sins. Christ became sin for us and sacrificed himself out of perfect love for all people. He gave up his life so that you and I can be free! Jesus paid the price that our sins demanded, and then gifted to us his life-saving forgiveness!

And three days later, just as he promised, Jesus rose back to life, thereby conquering death. With the Good News of Christ's resurrection victory, comes the promise: All who call upon his Name, in faith, receive the full forgiveness of all their sins, a new life now, and a heavenly life that lasts forever!

Jesus promises: "Because I live, you also shall live." Trust in him and receive all the life he has to give!

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ISD #2184 School Board meets Aug. 27

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office and also via Zoom on August 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Ryan Johnson, Jason Phelps, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Becky Rahm, Caroline Thorson, Amy Sahly, April Wallace, Jason Berghorst, Joel Bornhoft, Ann Rigney, Angie Janiszkeski, Lloyd Hemme, Lynn Remmers, Gil Haugan III, Dale Buntrock, Dominic Gruis, Sam Gerring, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to approve the July 23, 2020, and August 5, 2020, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to accept the donation of a side-by-side UTV for the Activities Department. This donation was made by Jason Oye. Motion unanimously carried.

Dale Buntrock with Gil Haugan Construction gave a construction update. Member Hartman expressed his frustration with the schedules and timelines. There does not seem to be an urgency by the Gil Haugan Company or the sub-contractors. The School Board asked many questions regarding various parts of the construction project.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the School District bills with the School Board. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,009,071.66. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of July 31, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

The first reading of Policy 809 – COVID-19 Face Covering Policy was held. Discussion was held regarding allowing gaiters and bandanas. The second reading of this Policy will be at the September 24, 2020, School Board meeting.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed revised Policy 522 – Title IX Sex Discrimination Policy as recommended by the Minnesota School Board Association due to recent legislation that was passed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the revised policy. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the charging of student activity fees for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the unknowns as far as actual seasons, being able to hold competitions, etc., and the economic hardship that some families may be experiencing, a motion was made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to not charge activity fees for the 2020-21 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to accept the retirement of Dixie Aanenson, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve a medical leave of absence request from Macey Skattum, Paraprofessional, from August 31 through October 2, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to accept the resignation of Judy Knutson, Paraprofessional, effective August 7, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Tonya Honermann, Elementary Cook, effective August 7, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Jarchow, to accept the retirement of Jan Olson, Sixth Grade Teacher, effective May 30, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Madeline Jones, Elementary Teacher, for a salary of \$43,900.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of two full-time substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Charles Sietsema as full-time Elementary Substitute Teacher for a salary of \$41,418.00. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Stacey Thome as full-time Middle School/High School Substitute Teacher for a salary of \$41,418.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: August 27, 2020

Tim Jarchow, Clerk

(10-01)

Quiet title action

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Quiet Title Action
Court File: 67-CV-20-211

Paul G. Heronimus, an individual, and
Lyndon Drenth and Nancy Drenth as Trustees of
the Lyndon & Nancy Drenth Charitable Remainder Unitrust,
Plaintiffs

vs.

Stephanie A. Gullings, Stephen D. Gullings, Clyde F. Goin, Kathleen M. Goin,
Susan M. McKillop, Donald K. McKillop, Jr., Kathleen M. Davis, Donald J. Davis,
Richard Van Der Brink and Greta Van Der Brink, and
All persons unknown claiming any
right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate
described in the complaint herein, Defendants

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDENTS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiffs' attorney an Answer to Complaint, which is filed in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named county, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action involves, affects, or brings in question real property, situated in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION NINE (9), TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED ONE (101) NORTH, RANGE FORTY-FIVE (45) WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA; SUBJECT PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED WITHIN PARCEL NUMBERS 03-0039-000, 03-0039-100, 03-0038-000, 03-0042-400, AND 03-0042-200 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA TREASURER.

The object of this action is to remove, terminate and quiet any interest of the defendants to this action and to the real estate described above.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT NO PERSONAL CLAIM is made against any of the Defendants. If any Defendant unreasonably defends the action, then Plaintiff is requesting an order of the Court directing that said Defendant shall pay full costs to the Plaintiff.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contract the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that sanctions may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 549.211.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2020.

/s/ Paul A. Vis, Attorney for Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 E. Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
ID #297550

(09-24, 10-01, 10-08)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Sept. 10

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office and also via Zoom on September 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ann Rigney, Lloyd Hemme, Rod Rosin and Mark Ehlers.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the changes to the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022 Agreement with AFSCME Council 65 Local Union 2558E – Custodial staff. The amount added to the salary schedule was 2.6% the first year and 2.4% the second year. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve this agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the changes to the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022 Agreement with AFSCME Council 65 Local Union 2558 – 7 – Paraprofessional/Food Service/Administrative Assistant staff. Their salary schedule was increased by 2.6% the first year and 2.4% the second year. Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to approve this agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: September 10, 2020

Tim Jarchow, Clerk

(10-01)

Kephart descent of property

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Alvy E. Kephart, Jr.,
Deceased

DISTRICT COURT
Fifth Judicial District
Probate Court Division

Court File No. 67-PR-20-217

ORDER FOR HEARING
PETITION FOR DESCENT
OF PROPERTY

The Petition of Christopher J. Kephart, dated the 23rd day of August, 2020, having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting that the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That said Petition be heard on Monday, the 26th day of October, 2020, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, State of Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204.

Dated: September 15, 2020

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt,
District Court Judge

/s/ Denise Brandel,
Court Administrator

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130 East Main Street
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I.D. #158343

(09-24, 10-01)

Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

GARAGE SALES

Large Multi-Family Rummage Sale located two miles east of the Manley corner or 1 mile west of Beaver Creek on County Road 4 (Old 16). Only 10 minutes from Luverne - look for signs. Thursday, Oct. 1, 3-7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 2, 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Men's large clothing, sizes 36x34 and 34x34 jeans; Women's large, teens sizes 1-8; snowblower, lawn and garden, fishing items, Jet ski and trailer, furniture, piano. A lot of miscellaneous. (9.26-10.1)

RENTALS

For Rent: Two-bedroom ground level apartment with AC available in Luverne. On-site laundry; off-street parking. Close to downtown and senior center. No pets, no smoking. Heat/water included in rent. 507-290-0266. (tc)

For Rent: Single garage in Steen. 507-220-7686. (9.10-9.26)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for the anniversary cards and wishes that we received for our 50th Anniversary. We treasure your kindness. **Jerry and Linda Heitkamp** (10.01-10.03)

FOR SALE

For Sale: Landscaping rock 1.5 and 3/4-inch rock. Also do stump grinding. Call Wayne Biever Construction at 507-227-4521 or 507-283-4614. Also have yard dirt. (10.01-10.17).

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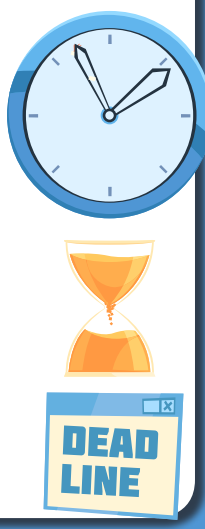
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EMPLOYMENT

Adrian Public School is seeking applications for 2 classroom/special education paraprofessionals at the Elementary. Candidates will work with teachers providing academic and behavioral support to students. Candidates should hold an associates degree, or have certification via the Para Pro assessment. If interested, please submit a letter of application, resume, current letters of reference, and a completed district application found at www.isd511.net. Send application materials to: Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information, please contact Randy Schettler at r.schettler@isd511.net Position open until filled. (9.26-10.15)

New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has full time insulation installer positions available. Monday-Friday; Health insurance, vacation pay, holiday pay, retirement plan, bonus, opportunities; will train. Call 605-376-3006. (tc)

EMPLOYMENT

Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for the following positions: Full-time Paraprofessional Substitute Paraprofessionals Applications can be found on the school website at <https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm> or by calling 507-967-2242. (9.26-10.15)

Roos & Son, Inc. - Milk Hauling. Looking for full and part time drivers. Must have Class A with tanker endorsement. Located in the corners of Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. Join a great bunch of guys. With great pay and excellent benefits. Apply to Scott Roos at 507-993-8801 or email roosnson@gmail.com (9.26-10.15)

Hsi Habilitative Services, Inc.
is hiring a FT RN or LPN in Luverne. Good benefits. Apply online at jobs.thementornetwork.com or text 97211.

EMPLOYMENT

NURSING ASSISTANTS (Human Services Technicians)

The Minnesota Veterans Home is seeking applicants for nursing assistant positions. Positions available on the evening and night shifts. Hourly wage \$15.25 - \$24.19 depending on experience.

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Hills Volunteer Fire Department personnel hand up panels of grain rescue equipment Thursday night, Sept. 24, in a training exercise at the fire station in Hills. The Hills Fire Department purchased the updated grain rescue panels through the Paul and Bertha Thompson Trust.

after assisting with the recovery of a 72-year-old Fairmont farmer who became trapped in a grain bin.

The Fairmont Fire Department spent 11 hours on the call, which is not unusual during a recovery.

“Four to six hours is a good rescue,” Volz said.

He stressed to Hills firefighters to call for mutual aid because grain must be emptied from the bin as quickly as possible.

“If they are buried, you have to cut the bin — you have to get the grain out of the bin,” he said.

Since 1995 Volz has gathered information from dozens of grain entrapments and recoveries similar to the one in Fairmont. He asked what worked during the extractions and rescues and what didn’t.

The Hills Fire Department is familiar with grain rescue equipment and already has a grain rescue tube. The new equipment is more versatile.

It was purchased through the Paul and Bertha Thompson Trust. Cost of the equipment was \$2,700.

Community Education

(To register, contact Cindy Arends at Community Education: Phone - 507-283-4724; Fax - 507-283-2413; email - C.Arends@isd2184.net. Website: http://www.isd2184.net/Community_Ed/index.html)

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Luverne to host 'no barrier' testing site Oct. 13-15

Luverne is among dozens of communities across the state that will host “no barrier” testing sites through the Minnesota Department of Health. Nasal swab testing will be free, available to any Minnesota residents who feel they need to be tested, whether they have symptoms or not, and it will not require insurance. Health officials are using testing data to identify communities that are experiencing workplace clusters, are close to bordering states, or haven’t yet had larger-scale testing offered, according to Kris Ehresmann, infectious disease director at MDH. Health officials believe widespread access to testing followed by isolating those who are positive, and quarantining close contacts is a proven strategy for controlling spread. The free test sites are designed to cast a wider net of identifying asymptomatic individuals to help control community spread. - Excerpt from the Star Herald

Testing sites and times are still being worked out.



Schools seek local support in slowing virus spread

After two weeks of instruction, Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek public schools will continue with their current safe learning models, even as coronavirus positive case numbers continue to rise in the county. The Minnesota Department of Health released the 14-day case rate per 10,000 residents on Sept. 17. The rate is at 18.06, up from the previous 14-day case rate of 17. Each school's incident command team also met Sept. 17 to review the numbers. Local health officials provided more specifics about the case rates. Luverne Public Schools released a statement to parents and the community Friday. “The most common transmission is occurring outside the school environment through family groups and large gatherings in our community,” stated Luverne Public Schools Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. “At this point there is no indication of transmission among students and staff in the school building.” However, staff and students’ attendance has been affected by the coronavirus. As of Friday, Luverne Public Schools had five positive cases among staff and students and H-BC had zero. Luverne reports about 20 students who may have been exposed to the virus and are self-quarantined at home. H-BC has about 5 students absent due to COVID-19. “We definitely need our community to avoid large gatherings, wear masks and social distance,” Oftedahl said. “Please help our students remain in school.” The elementary school will continue the in-person hybrid learning model, and the middle-high school will continue with alternating days with half of the student body in person and half at home distance learning. However, as Oftedahl indicated, the district is on “probationary status.” “Without assistance from the community, the school district will likely have to pivot to another learning model, including the possibility of distance learning (for all students), in a rather short period of time,” Oftedahl said. “Believe in the science behind the recommendations and support our kids.” Kennedy also cautioned community members who’ve had a high-risk exposure or have symptoms to seek medical testing and/or treatment. Positive case rates are only one indicator as to whether schools need to conduct classes in a different way. “We look at more than just the positive numbers to determine the learning model,” she said. Local public health official Jason Kloss serves on the incident command teams for both Luverne and H-BC schools. He said isolation and self-quarantine are important tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19. “Please stay home if you experience minor COVID systems,” Kloss recommended. “If you test positive, ensure your family members and other close contacts serve the full 14-day quarantine period.” - Excerpt from the Star Herald



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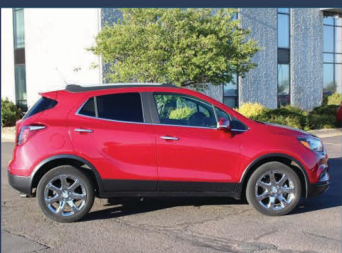
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