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All aboard!

'Light the Night and Santa Train' Nov. 27

By Lori Sorenson

A Christmas lighted train engine will again highlight Luverne's 2022 community holiday plans, which kick off with fireworks Nov. 27 in Luverne City Park where individuals, businesses and organizations have been decorating lighted displays.

Ellis and Eastern Railroad will transport Santa and Mrs. Claus through several communities on Sunday, starting in Rushmore at 11:30 a.m. with stops in Adrian and Magnolia before ending in Luverne.

The jolly couple will meet families and pose for photos at the Omaha Depot on Freeman Street from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

At 6 the city park will open to let cars into the park to watch fireworks, which will begin at 7 p.m. The first 300 children to enter the park will receive a gift.

A fireworks display will begin at 7 p.m. and the grand park lighting will be at 7:30.

Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere encourages people and families to experience the holiday tradition.

"We have so many individuals, organizations and businesses that have stepped up to the plate to make this special event possible by sponsoring the fireworks, decorating the park and putting together gifts for children," she said.

"Luverne is a great community where everyone pitches in to make magical things like this happen."

More information is on the Chamber website or by calling 507-283-4061.



Fireworks will begin at 7 p.m. in Luverne City Park, which opens at 6 for cars to begin entering to watch the display. The first 300 children will receive gifts. Pictured is an image from the 2021 event in the park.

Luverne school levy to increase 12.02 percent

District settles two-year contract with custodial union

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public Schools will receive an additional \$450,825 in 2023 from the local tax levy.

The State of Minnesota Department of Education tabulated the 12.02 increase, which local school board members accepted at their Sept. 22 meeting.

The increase brings the local levy for Luverne Schools to \$4.2 million, up from \$3.75 in 2021. The district's total annual budget is \$17 million.

Board members set the district's Truth in Taxation hearing for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the school. The hearing allows the public to provide input into school expenditures as district officials review budget decisions.

Board members also accepted the new two-year contract with the district's custodian union. The board and union used a mediator to reach the agreement for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

The agreement included no percentage increase the first year due to a restructuring of the current pay scale.

In the contract agreement, the top three pay steps were removed and three additional steps were added to the bottom of the scale.

Depending on years of service, the district will add an additional \$300, \$550 or \$800 to the retirement fund.

A 90-cent pay differential remains in the agreement for shifts between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

In Year 2 of the contract, custodians get a 2.75 percent pay increase.

Buffalo Ridge buys Estenson

By Lori Sorenson

Cory Bloemendaal of Buffalo Ridge Insurance announced last week that his agency is buying the Estenson Company insurance business from Dave Gangestad, who is retiring.

Bloemendaal said the business move is the result of a healthy business relationship between the two agencies.

"Dave and I have been competitors — and he's been a good competitor," he said.

"But Dave and I have always main-

tained a relationship where we could talk to each other about what's happening in the business."

Buffalo Ridge Insurance clients will receive letters this week about the news.

"Both companies have been local, independent insurance agencies providing similar lines of insurance, clientele and partner companies, making this an excellent fit," Bloemendaal wrote in the letter.

Buffalo Ridge/continued on page 2A

Knoll opens independent agency

By Lori Sorenson

Longtime Luverne businessman Tim Knoll announced this week that he will open a new business, Knoll & Associates, starting Jan. 3.

He'll specialize in Medicare plans, individual and group health insurance, life insurance and annuities.

"Medicare can be difficult to understand and navigate," Knoll said. "But with my experience, I can ensure clients receive a policy that's right for their situation and

at an affordable cost."

He has over 27 years of insurance experience in Luverne and surrounding communities through his work with The Estenson Company.

Knoll recently purchased the Medicare and health insurance business from The Estenson Company and will continue to service those customers with no interruption to their policies.

Knoll & Associates/see page 2A

County levy to increase 4.5 percent

The 2023 levy was increased by 4.5 percent in action taken recently by the Rock County Commissioners.

The increase adds \$294,041 to bring the total county portion of the tax levy to \$6.8 million.

The county's 2023 budget is anticipated to be \$12 million.

A Truth In Taxation hearing is Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the commissioners' room. The hearing starts at 6 p.m.

The board will adopt the final levy amount at its Dec. 27 meeting. At that time, the levy percentage may be decreased but not increased.

The county is currently in union negotiations, and final contract amounts have not been determined.



Alan Stroeh (left) is retiring after 45 years in the automotive business and is selling his Stroeh's Auto Center on East Main Street to Doug Flier, who has 42 years of experience and will open Doug's Auto Repair.

Stroeh to retire, sell auto biz to Doug Flier

By Lori Sorenson

After more than 45 years Alan Stroeh is retiring from the automotive business and is selling his Stroeh's Auto Center on East Main Street.

And, after more than 40 years of turning wrenches for service shops and racing pit crews, Stroeh's serviceman Doug Flier is going into business for himself.

"Owning my own auto repair business has been a goal of mine for quite some time," said Flier, Valley Springs.

He is buying the East Main Street business after working the past nine years for Stroeh.

Stroeh sells to Flier/see page 3A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Township association meeting

Annual meeting of the Rock County Association of Townships will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in the downstairs meeting room at the Rock County Library. Representatives from each township are encouraged to attend.

SHARE distribution is Dec. 7

SHARE will distribute gifts to Rock County residents in need from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Luverne National Guard Armory on South Freeman Avenue.

Note: Financial donations may be sent to SHARE, PO Box 792, Luverne, MN 56156.

For information, contact Amy at 507-227-6944 or Monica at 507-820-1100.

UMC community free

Thanksgiving meal Nov. 23

The United Methodist Church will host its Wednesday night free community Thanksgiving meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. A pick-up option is available by calling 507-283-4529.

Thanksgiving at the Eagles Club

The Luverne Eagles Club will host a traditional Thanksgiving meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24, for a freewill donation. Meal includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberries and pumpkin pie. Home-delivered meals are available by calling 507-227-2776 or 507-920-7649 by Monday, Nov. 21.

Mobile dental clinic in Luverne Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room. This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0-100+. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. The clinic is organized by #LuvLuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Nutrition for seniors Dec. 1

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 & older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Drive thru distribution is in the parking lot off Maple Street, at on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

Holiday choir concert Dec. 2

The Luverne Middle School and High School holiday choir concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in the school performing arts center. The concert will feature the sixth-grade choir, 7/8 choir, the Cardinal Choir, Treble Choir and the Concert Choir. Admission for the concert will be a monetary donation collected for the Backpack Program.

Free Narcan training Dec. 5

A free public training on how to respond to an opioid overdose using Naloxone (Narcan) will be from noon to 1 p.m. or 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Sanford Luverne. Registration is preferred by Nov. 28. Call 507-449.1246 or email stephanie.pierce@sanfordhealth.org.

St. John Festival of Nativities

St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne, will host its Festival of Nativities from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. View nativities of all sizes and shapes, from handcrafted and international to children's sets and more. Refreshments will be served. It's free and open to the public with handicap accessibility. Call 507-283-2316.

Buffalo Ridge buys Estenson Company/continued from page 1A

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Cory Bloemendaal
Buffalo Ridge Insurance

"We remain committed to you and will continue to provide the best insurance value and service available."

He said current clients of both Buffalo Ridge and Estenson Co. won't notice changes during the acquisition, which becomes effective Jan. "All services provided to you in the past will continue to be offered in the future," Bloemendaal wrote in the letter.

He said the Buffalo Ridge staff remains the same, with the addition of Lisa Diekmann of the Estenson Company.

"Lisa brings 37 years of experience, and we are grateful to have her assistance for a smooth transition," Bloemendaal said.

"She's really sharp and knows her way around the insurance business. The Estenson customers should be comforted to know she'll be there to add stability for



Lori Sorenson photos/1123 buffalo ridge buys estenson

Cory Bloemendaal (right) of Buffalo Ridge Insurance said he looks forward to Lisa Diekmann (left) of the Estenson Company joining his agency. "Lisa brings 37 years of experience, and we are grateful to have her assistance for a smooth transition," Bloemendaal said. "She's really sharp and knows her way around the insurance business. The Estenson customers should be comforted to know she'll be there to add stability for them."

them."

For the first several months of 2023, Diekmann will continue working from the current Estenson office as a Buffalo Ridge agent.

"So, if an Estenson customer stops in there, they probably won't notice anything different," Bloemendaal said.

"For our part, Estenson allows us to grow and become stronger, and customers can expect more options and the same level of service they've been getting."

Tim Knoll, who has 27 years of experience with Estenson Company, purchased the Medicare and

health insurance business from Estenson and will continue serving those clients through his new business, Knoll & Associates.

He'll lease space from Tim Gust at 222 East Main Street between Heidebrink Insurance and Cardinal Fuel on the south side of the street. It opens Jan. 3.

Knoll launches independent agency/continued from page 1A

"I'm grateful for those who have trusted me with their insurance needs over the past two decades," Knoll said. "And I look forward to continuing those relationships."

His business launch coincides with Buffalo Ridge Insurance buying the Estenson Company from Dave Gangestad. (See the related story.)

With that transaction, 37-year Estenson insurance agent Lisa Diekmann will continue her part-time duties as a Buffalo Ridge Insurance employee.

Since 2000, the Estenson Company had been leasing space in the small brick building owned by Gene Cragoe on East Main Street.

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the street.

His first day of business in the new location will

be Tuesday, Jan. 3. However, in letters mailed this week, Knoll is reminding

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— Tim Knoll

his clients to stay in touch with him ahead of the Dec. 7 Medicare enrollment deadline.

"I will continue to be your agent with no interruption to your policy or service," he wrote. "Everything will transfer with me and remain as is."

He can be reached at 605-929-4277 or 800-350-0952.

Star Herald clarifies, follows up on day care story

By Lori Sorenson

The Nov. 17 story about Luverne's day care center needs clarification and correction.

For one, the story incorrectly referenced the effect of new industry construction on tax capacity in the community.

The Premium Minnesota Pork smokehouse \$70 million construction and the \$50 million Lineage Cold Storage Warehouse

add millions to the local tax base; however, the story incorrectly referred the construction values as tax capacity impact.

It should also be clarified that under the right circumstances, the day care center will be able to turn a profit. The Star Herald reported that small rural day care centers are unable to profit and would need public subsidies to succeed.

However, the proposed

center in Luverne could show a profit of more than \$100,000 per year when operating at full capacity if it gets federal meal reimbursement and if full-time employees don't all participate in health insurance benefits.

The proposed day care center is an important story in the community and the Star Herald strives to get fair and accurate information to readers at all stages

of the process. It's also important to note that this is a developing story.

The city has indeed purchased the building, but the day care center is in its planning stages and news stories about the progress at this point reflect proposed plans.

The full story from Nov. 17, including the corrections and clarifications can be found at www.star-herald.com.

#TellUsTuesday Results
Scan Here to Vote for this Week's Survey!



What Dish Are You Most Looking Forward To This Thanksgiving?

Turkey	17%
Mashed Potatoes	15%
Sweet Potatoes/Yams	7%
Green Bean Casserole	7%
Stuffing	20%
Cranberry Sauce	0%
Pumpkin Pie	17%
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Survey shows Thanksgiving dinner cost up 20 percent

Spending time with family and friends at Thanksgiving remains important for many Americans, and this year the cost of the meal is also top of mind.

Farm Bureau's 37th annual survey provides a snapshot of the average cost of this year's classic

Thanksgiving feast for 10, which is \$64.05 or less than \$6.50 per person. This is a \$10.74 or 20 percent increase from last year's average of \$53.31.

The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables – the turkey – costs more than last year, at \$28.96 for a 16-pound bird. That's \$1.81 per pound, up 21 percent from last year, due to several factors beyond general inflation.

Farm Bureau "volunteer shoppers" checked prices Oct. 18-31, before most grocery store chains began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices.

According to USDA Agricultural Marketing Service data, the average per-pound feature price for whole frozen turkeys was \$1.11 the week of Nov. 3-9 and 95 cents the week of Nov. 10-16, a decline of 14 percent in just one week; and the share of stores offering feature prices rose from 29 percent to 60 percent.

This means consumers who have not yet purchased a turkey should be able to find one at a lower cost than the Farm Bureau average.

"General inflation slashing the purchasing power of consumers is a significant factor contributing to the increase in average cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner," said AFBF Chief Economist Roger Cryan.

General inflation has been running 7 percent to 9 percent in recent months, while the most recent Consumer Price Index report for food consumed at home reveals a 12 percent increase over the past year.

"Other contributing factors to the increased cost for the meal include supply chain disruptions and the war in Ukraine," Cryan said.

"The higher retail turkey cost at the grocery store can also be attributed to a slightly smaller flock this year, increased feed costs and lighter processing weights."

Cryan said the supply of whole turkeys available to consumers should be adequate this year, although there may be temporary regional shortages in some states where avian influenza was detected earlier this year.

"Farmers are working hard to meet growing demands for food – both

here in the U.S. and globally – while facing rising prices for fuel, fertilizer and other inputs," said Cryan.

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers.

"We should not take our food supply for granted," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall.

"Supporting sustainable productive agriculture in the U.S. and globally is imperative. As many of us gather with family and friends for a special meal, it's a time for giving thanks and doing our part to help those who can't afford a big holiday feast," he added.

"State and local Farm Bureaus across the country have strong partnerships with local food banks and I'm proud of their collective efforts to help ensure no one goes hungry."

In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving dinner traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, Russet potatoes and frozen green beans, in an expanded holiday menu.

Adding these foods to the classic Thanksgiving menu increased the overall cost by \$17.25, to \$81.30. This updated basket of foods also increased in price (up 18 percent) compared to 2021.

This year's national average cost was calculated using 224 surveys completed with pricing data from all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers checked prices in person and online using grocery store apps and websites. They looked for the best possible prices without taking advantage of special promotional coupons or purchase deals.

The AFBF Thanksgiving dinner survey was first conducted in 1986. The informal survey provides a record of comparative holiday meal costs over the years.

Farm Bureau's classic survey menu has remained unchanged since 1986 to allow for consistent price comparisons.

- Individual prices:**
- 16-pound turkey: \$28.96 or \$1.81 per pound (up 21 percent)
 - 14-ounce bag of cubed stuffing mix: \$3.88 (up 69 percent)
 - 2 frozen pie crusts: \$3.68 (up 26 percent)
 - Half pint of whipping

Turkey dinner cost/see 5A



Doug Flier has been working with the Luverne Economic Development Authority on signage for his new business, Doug's Auto Repair, which opens Jan. 3. This graphic is a draft that pictures a 1968 Charger, but Flier said the final version will feature a 1970 Baraccuda, because he drove a 1973 Baraccuda in high school.

Stroeh retires, sells auto service business to Flier/from page 1A

The Luverne Economic Development Authority has assisted Flier with local business financing, which was approved this month.

Flier was approved for LEDA "gap financing" to purchase Stroeh's business, which will be renamed Doug's Auto Repair.

EDA director Holly Sammons praised Flier's business plan in email correspondence prior to the Nov. 14 meeting.

"I'm really excited for your new venture," she wrote. "Your loan request was one of the best applications I've seen, and it was very well put together. I greatly appreciate your organization and communication."

Flier is purchasing the existing Stroeh's business, making some improvements, and will continue to provide complete service of automobiles and repairing and maintaining all types of vehicles, ranging from cars and SUVs to full-size pickups.

He's also been working with the Small Business Development Center to compile the financial package and loan request for the business acquisition project.

The total acquisition and start-up costs will be funded through owner equity, bank financing and a gap loan in the amount of \$17,000 from the LEDA.

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— Doug Flier

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— Alan Stroeh

It's a seven-year loan, to be secured by mortgage, at 4 percent interest.

The LEDA's revolving loan fund guidelines state that the equity participation must be at least 10 percent and gap financing should not exceed 20 percent of the total project cost.

Doug's Auto Repair meets requirements for the loan, and closing on the business purchase is set for Jan. 3.

"It's been great working for Al over the past several years," Flier said. "And it's been a rewarding experience to buy his business from him."

For Stroeh, selling his Stroeh's Auto Center represents an end of an era.

He started in the industry in 1975, working for Herman Motor when it was located downtown Luverne. He worked there until 1990 when he went to work for Lyle Nelson at Nelson Automotive on West Main Street (where Schomacker Cleaning is now located).

In 2004 Stroeh bought Nelson's business and also Bush's 66 from Eldon Bush and combined the two businesses into one at the current Stroeh's location.

Stroeh said he's looking forward to retirement but will continue farming northwest of Luverne.

"I'll be 63 in March, and I'd like to just farm," he said. "Someone once told me, 'You'll know when it's time to retire when it's time.' ... Well, it's time."

Flier said he'll retain current employees and will look to hire another automotive technician.

Sammons is also assisting Flier with a new logo and signage, which will go up in January.

Fick earns American Degree at FFA convention



Contributed photo

Hannah Fick (left) is joined by her sister, Sylvia, at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, recently where Hannah received the American FFA Degree, one of the highest honors members can receive.

Hannah Fick, a 2021 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School, received her American Degree, the highest award given to FFA members, at the 2022 National FFA Convention recently in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Fick was joined by current H-BC FFA Chapter members Gus Jacobson, John Tiler, Sylvia Fick, Tyrae Goodface and Alexis Gardner-Swenson.

The students attended various convention sessions, career and college

fair, concerts and a rodeo, according to H-BC FFA adviser Cloey Anderson.

The American FFA Degree is achieved by less than one percent of FFA members.

The degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experience.

Fick's SAE was in agricultural sales placement.

PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS

Ticket to Paradise PG-13
 Thursday, November 24 7:00 pm
 Friday, November 25 7:00 pm
 Saturday, November 26 7:00 pm
 Sunday, November 27 2:00 pm
 Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 – 12th grade, \$7 for adults

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

At a Special Meeting of the policyholders of Heartland Mutual Insurance Company a Plan of Merger with Agassiz & Odessa Mutual Insurance Company will be presented for approval.

The date, time, and location of the Special Meeting are:

DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2022

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Lismore Legion Hall, Main Street, Lismore MN

A copy of the Plan of Merger will be available to any member at the home office located at 161 3rd Avenue South, Lismore, Minnesota, 56155; telephone number 507-472-8216, during normal business hours, which are Monday through Thursday 07:30 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. and Friday 07:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m..

The consideration of the approval of the merger is to be voted on by the membership at the Special Meeting.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2022

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Everyone hurts. Gratitude heals.

Thanksgiving will be hard if we forget to be thankful

The calendar says it's time to be thankful.

... for things like a roof over our heads,

clothes on our backs and food on the table. ... like turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and stuffing (the homemade kind from Mom's recipe). And pie.

I'm especially thankful for loved ones, like my husband, our children and our families ... and for loved ones in heaven — not because they're in heaven, but because we were blessed to have had them in our lives.

That's what I'm learning about grief during Thanksgiving.

There are blessings and there are losses. And the more we've loved, the harder we grieve. I'm told it's especially hard during the holidays, so I'm bracing for it.

Only two months after losing Carson to suicide, the losses are coming into sharper focus:

He won't marry or have children (my grandchildren) or operate his farm or build his dream home or ... The list of losses is longer than the years he was with us.

It could ruin Thanksgiving if I forget to be thankful.

Fortunately, there are many reasons to be thankful.

The grief handbooks remind me to be thankful for memories. I'm thankful I had him for 21 years and have 21 years of memories to savor.

I'm thankful for his colorful personality, his distinct sense of style, his adventurous spirit and his gift of gab. The kid could talk, and he didn't mind talking to



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

his mother — even about his troubled mind that we were getting him treatment for.

I'm thankful also that he didn't mind hugging his mother.

This summer there were many long, meaningful hugs — longer than he would have liked, but I held on as long as he let me, hoping there was healing in a mother's hugs.

I'm thankful he let me hold his hand during a cool September evening when I joined him on the porch.

It was a rare allowance, so I tightly held his hand and told him God had a plan. That things were going to get better, and he wouldn't be alone, because so many of us loved him.

He said, "I know, Mom." The next day he was gone. So, am I thankful this Thanksgiving?

Yes. There are tears, but I'm thankful.

For Carson's 21 years, that he knew he was loved, and that he's now in the arms of his loving Father, where he ultimately belonged.

I'm also thankful for other grieving souls who have comforted me in their own sorrow. It doesn't bring our loved ones back, but it helps to know we're not alone.

Everyone hurts. Everyone has losses. And everyone has reasons to be thankful.

It is my wish for all of us this Thanksgiving that a spirit of gratitude takes the edge off the pain and allows us to enjoy what and *who* we have today.

Nothing says Christmas like a letter from home

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

The Rock County Star Herald is again facilitating a holiday campaign to send Christmas greetings to deployed military men and women serving the United States around the world.

After the first campaign in 2019, more than 600 letters were mailed through the Star Herald's lighted display in the city park.

We are again collecting letters for service people at our lighted display at the park, and letters can be dropped off at the Star Herald's Main Street office.

"Our goal this year is 1,000 letters," said general manager Rick Peterson, who is spearheading the effort again this year. "We're reaching out to schools, churches, organizations and families."

After previous years' responses, he expects to get 1,000 in no time.

"I was moved — overwhelmed — by people who brought them in. Stacks and stacks of them," Peterson said. "And people really put some thought into them."

Cards will be collected each

week and sent to "Military Missions," where they'll be included with care packages to about 8,000 people.

The Star Herald heard responses from service people who had received cards.

"It meant a lot to them," Peterson said.

If local families have someone serving in the military that they'd like a card sent directly to, the Star Herald will accept those names and addresses to make sure those cards get mailed directly from Luverne.

Don't put cards in envelopes, don't use glitter (because it gets on the uniforms), and avoid political messages and lengthy religious discussions (but feel free to let them know you're praying for

them).

Also, don't date the correspondence, because letters will be sent throughout the year as part of Military Missions care packages.

Organizations encourage greeting cards or homemade creations that start with "Dear Service Member" or "Dear Friend."

The point of the greeting card campaign is to bring joy to someone.

"Be positive and upbeat," Peterson said. "Be thankful. Feel free to share a little information about yourself, like hobbies, pets, and what state you're from."

Cards will be accepted through the holiday season. Questions can be directed to rick@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.



Ask a Trooper: Rules for 'boom boxes on wheels'?

By Sgt. Troy Christianson
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: My question stems from all the vehicles that have loud music playing. I can hear them coming from blocks away. When they drive by my house, the windows actually rattle. Is there a state law or ordinance against these boom boxes on wheels?

Answer: Minnesota does not have a state law prohibiting loud music inside a vehicle, but many cities do have ordinances prohibiting noise levels. A common ordinance states music cannot be heard from a vehicle at a distance of 25 feet or more

from the path of the vehicle when operated on a public street or sidewalk or in a public park or other public places.

It is important for the driver to be alert and aware of everything that is going on around them. Listening to very loud music while driving may block out an emergency vehicle's siren or another vehicle's horn, possibly causing a crash or reducing the response time for an emergency vehicle. Emergency vehicles are equipped with lights and sirens in an effort to warn others when responding to an emergency. The ability to hear a siren and see emergency lights will enable

the driver to safely pull over and yield for approaching emergency vehicles.

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 reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

Input sought by Dec. 5 for 'Rural News Trust in Minnesota' research

To the Editor:

I'm a senior journalism student at the University of Minnesota working on my honors thesis, "Rural News Trust in Minnesota."

To do this research, I'm looking for rural Minnesota residents who read, watch or listen to news, and I'd like to interview them about their news habits and preferences.

If there are Rock County Star Herald readers who would be interested in helping me with my research, I'd love to get as many perspectives as possible by Monday, Dec. 5

VOICE OF OUR READERS

These conversations will be incredibly helpful for the integrity of the research project. I can be reached at 763-501-5987 or adwan007@umn.edu

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 11

- Complainant reported tailgating a vehicle.

- Complainant reported child maltreatment.

- Complainant reported a driving complaint.

- Assistance from another department was requested.

- Complainant reported theft.

- A civil issue was reported.

- Complainant requested roadside assist.

- Complainant reported an oil spill.

- Complainant reported a fire.

Nov. 12

- Complainant reported a fire.

- Complainant in Edgerton reported a gas smell.

- Complainant requested information.

- Complainant reported a runaway.

- Complainant reported a vehicle tailgating and swerving.

- Complainant reported drug paraphernalia.

- Assistance from another department was requested.

- Complainant in Kenneth reported no staff at location.

Nov. 13

- Complainant reported possible carbon monoxide.

- Assistance from another department was requested.

- Complainant reported an assault.

- Complainant requested roadside assist.

Nov. 14

- Roadside assistance was provided.

- Complainant reported child maltreatment.

- Assistance from another department was provided.

- Complainant reported vandalism.

Nov. 15

- Complainant reported speeding.

- Complainant reported a semitruck swerving and speeding.

- Complainant requested a deputy at location.

- Complainant reported theft from vehicle.

- Complainant reported a domestic dispute.

- Complainant reported a fire.

- Complainant filed a narcotics complaint.

Nov. 16

- A warrant was issued.

- Complainant in Hills reported a sudden death.

- Complainant in Luverne filed a disturbing the peace complaint.

- Complainant reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant in Beaver Creek filed a complaint about train being parked near house and exposing fumes.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 6 deer accidents, 1 transport, 13 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 1 fingerprint request, 3 burn permits, 1 background check, 2 gas drive-offs, 1 alarm, 2 drug court tests, 8 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 36 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 5 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out and 1 follow-up.

2022 THANKSGIVING DINNER

TOTAL \$64.05 ~ Up 20% Compared to 2021

- Turkey (16 lb): \$28.96
- Green Peas (16 oz): \$1.90
- Pumpkin Pie Mix (30 oz): \$4.28
- Cranberries (12 oz): \$2.57
- 9" Pie Shells (2): \$3.68
- Whole Milk (1 gal): \$3.84
- Sweet Potatoes (3 lb): \$3.96
- Cube Stuffing (14 oz): \$3.88
- Whipping Cream (1/2 pt): \$2.24
- Carrots & Celery (1/2 lb ea.): .88¢
- Dinner Rolls (1 doz): \$3.73

Thanksgiving dinner costs increase/continued from page 3A

- cream: \$2.24 (up 26 percent)
- 1 pound of frozen peas: \$1.90 (up 23 percent)
- 1 dozen dinner rolls: \$3.73 (up 22 percent)
- Misc. ingredients to prepare the meal: \$4.13 (up 20 percent)
- 30-ounce can of pumpkin pie mix: \$4.28 (up 18 percent)
- 1 gallon of whole milk: \$3.84 (up 16 percent)
- 3 pounds of sweet potatoes: \$3.96 (up 11 percent)
- 1-pound veggie tray (carrots & celery): 88 cents (up 8 percent)
- 12-ounce bag of fresh cranberries: \$2.57 (down 14 percent)

Regional averages

AFBF analysis revealed regional differences in the cost of the meal.

The cost for the classic meal was the most affordable in the South at

2022 THANKSGIVING DINNER

AVERAGE COST FOR 10

- 2020: \$46.90
- 2021: \$53.31
- 2022: \$64.05

\$58.42, followed by the Northeast at \$64.02, the Midwest at \$64.26 and the West at \$71.37.

The expanded meal (classic meal plus ham, green beans and Russet

potatoes) was the most affordable in the South at \$74.90, followed by the Midwest at \$81.53, the Northeast at \$82.76 and the West at \$88.55.

For additional

information, email Mike Tomko, American Farm Bureau Federation, miket@fb.org or Bailey Corwine, American Farm Bureau Federation, baileyc@fb.org

Tools available for finalizing machinery custom rate payments

By Kent Thiesse, farm management analyst

Many farm operators provide some type of custom work or use of farm machinery to other farmers during the growing season, and payment is usually made following the completion of the harvest season.

Sometimes, it can be difficult to arrive at a fair custom rate for the certain farming practices, or for the use of various pieces of machinery.

This could be the case in a year such as 2022, when the cost of machinery operation for diesel fuel, repairs and labor have increased substantially from the beginning of the year until year-end.

Due to the high cost of investment in farm machinery, an ever-increasing number of farm operators are hiring other farm operators to provide some or all of the needed machinery resources for their farm operation.

This is especially true with new and younger farm

operators, as well as with children that decide to start farming with their parents. In addition, some land investors are choosing to operate a farm themselves rather than cash renting the land to another farm operator, and thus they are hiring a farm operator under a custom farming agreement.

One of the best resources for average custom rates is the annual "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" that is coordinated and analyzed by Iowa State University.

Each year in January, custom operators and farm managers are sampled regarding the expected farm custom rates for various farm operations. The custom rate summary, which is usually released in late February, lists the average custom rate, as well as a range in custom rates, for various tillage, planting, fertilizer and chemical application, grain harvesting, and forage harvesting functions on the farm.

The Iowa Custom Rate

Survey, which also includes many miscellaneous farming practices and a formula for calculating rental rates, is probably the most widely used custom rate information that is available in the Upper Midwest.

The complete 2022 "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" for all farming practices is available online at the following Iowa State University website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a3-10.html>

The average custom rates for farm operations in most areas of the Upper Midwest tend to be very close to the average Iowa custom rates. All listed custom rates in the Iowa survey results include fuel and labor, unless listed as

rental rates or otherwise specified.

These average rates are only meant to be a guide for custom rates, as actual custom rates charged may vary depending on increases in fuel costs, availability of custom operators, timeliness, field size, etc. In a year such as 2022 that has featured significant increases in operation costs for farm machinery, it may be justified and necessary to adjust some of those custom rates above the median or average rates.

Based on the Iowa State data, average custom rates for tillage, planting, and harvest operations in 2022 were expected to increase by about 7 percent, compared to the rates for similar operations in 2021.

The cost for new and used machinery increased rapidly in the past 12 months, which together with increasing fuel costs and higher labor charges, accounts for the increases in 2022 custom rates.

It should be noted that many of these factors have continued to increase during 2022, which may result in custom operators increasing their final custom rates to even higher levels by year-end to fully cover the increasing expenses for custom operations.

Good communications between the custom operators and farmer are very important in finalizing custom rates.

All listed custom rates in the Iowa Survey results include fuel, labor, repairs,

depreciation, insurance and interest, unless listed as rental rates or otherwise specified. The average price for diesel fuel in the survey was assumed to be \$3.33 per gallon; however, current prices for diesel fuel are considerably higher than that price.

A fuel price increase of 50¢ per gallon would cause most custom rates to increase by approximately five percent. These average rates are only meant to be a guide for custom rates, as actual custom rates charged may vary depending on continued increase in fuel costs, availability of custom operators, timeliness, field size, etc. and could be adjusted later in the year due to changes in economic factors.

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National Honor Society Luverne Chapter member Parker Carbonneau (left, at podium) delivers the oath to new members Isabella Oye (left), Ethan Nath, Camden Janiszski, Camden Hoven, Lauren Hansen, Brady Bork, Julia Hoogland, Henry Hartquist, Brynn Boyenga, Emma Beyer, Sarah Stegenga, Elizabeth Smidt, Tori Serie and Patrick Kroski.

Mavis Fodness photos/1123 NHS 2022



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

1943: Helen Bly welcomed locally by band music

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

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on June 24, 1943.

To have a band playing, and a celebration in progress to herald her arrival to this section of the country was the experience of Mrs. Helen J. Bly, Garretson, when she stepped off the train at Valley Springs on May 30, 1886. Coming here alone from Lee, Ill., a bride of less than a week, she had ridden in dread that there would be no one to meet her when she arrived at the depot.

Instead, she arrived just as a decoration day program was in progress, and a gay crowd of people was on hand when the train rolled in. "I thought to myself," said Mrs. Bly, "it isn't so wild out this way after all if they have celebrations and bands, so I was ready to stay."

Mrs. Bly was born in Lee, Ill., April 27, 1863, the daughter of Hans and Anna Johnson. She was one of a family of 11, and learned to do housework at an early age. The community in which she lived was made up mostly of Norwegian immigrants who were faithful to their church. Every summer, the children would attend parochial school after the public school

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Luverne NHS chapter inducts 15 new members, brings membership to 24

By Mavis Fodness

If members of Luverne's National Honor Society follow Ron Honken's advice, they will read every day, help find solutions, consider staying local, and give back to their communities.

Honken was the guest speaker for the 2022 induction ceremony Nov. 14 in the Luverne Middle-High School performing arts center.

Fifteen new members joined the nine seniors inducted to the society last year.

New members include seniors Emma Beyer, Brady Bork, Lauren Hansen, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszski, Ethan Nath, Isabella Oye, juniors Brynn Boyenga, Jenna DeBates, Henry Hartquist, Julia Hoogland, Patrick Kroski, Tori Serie, Elizabeth Smidt and Sarah Stegenga.

They joined existing members, seniors Parker Carbonneau, Ross Bergman, Tori Hemme, Anja Jarchow, Logan Ommen, Averill Sehr, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner and Jamie Graham.

Honken, an LHS 1983 graduate, used personal experiences and offered some sage advice after returning to southwest Minnesota two years ago with his wife, Cathy, also an LHS

alum.

"If I can leave you with a little gold nugget that will come to you at the right time and allow you to make a great decision, I am going to feel really good about that," he said.

Using the NHS pillars of leadership, service, scholarship and citizenship, Honken used knowledge gained from almost 40 years working in the business world.

"Learn how to disagree without being disagreeable. It will serve you well in life," Honken said. "If you do that, it will set you apart."

A part of learning to disagree is a daily education in what's happening around the world and locally.

"If you spend ten minutes a day just reading the national and international news, local news, you're going to be way ahead," he said. "The other thing that's better is to read opinions from someone who you don't agree with."

"You can learn from them — you don't have to agree with them."

Honken's noticed in his career in banking and finance is that people are more eager to become angry, wanting to prove themselves right.

"When dealing with issues,



LHS Class of '83 graduate Ron Honken addresses students at the 2022 National Honor Society Luverne Chapter induction ceremony Monday night, Nov. 14, in the Luverne Middle-High School performing arts center.

take the person out of the problem and deal with only the problem," Honken said. "I've found focusing on the problem versus not the person, we can get some things done."

As future leaders, Honken said it's easy to be caught in the trap of putting oneself first. Effective leaders do the opposite.

"Share the credit and bear the blame. That's hard for people to do but raise people up and cel-

brate with them," Honken said.

With today's technology, being a leader within an international business doesn't mean leaving southwest Minnesota to accomplish their dreams.

Honken works as the chief growth officer for Aon, an international insurance brokerage and consulting company. He works from his home in Leota.

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Submitted photo

Hills fire department receives \$4,000 grant

A \$4,000 Compeer Financial Emergency Response Equipment grant was presented to the Hills Area Fire Department recently. "The grant funds were used to purchase ten new pagers for our firefighters," said fire chief Jared Rozeboom (center) with Neil Hansen (left) and Scott Gunderman with Compeer Worthington. The grants are part of the farm credit cooperative's giving program, "Fund for Rural America." The grant to the Hills Area Fire Department is one of 177 grants to purchase emergency response equipment.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Luverne's Grace Lutheran Church will host a hymn festival at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, to celebrate the renovation and expansion of its pipe organ.

For most of the congregation and visitors, the day will be pleasant musical reflection on the instrument that has accented worship services at Grace for decades.

But for organist Lorraine Olson, Sunday will have special meaning.

"It's the fulfillment of a dream for me to have a completed organ with exposed pipes," said Olson, who's been playing the organ at Grace since the 1950s.

25 years ago (1997)

•During a small, informal ceremony Tuesday afternoon city and county officials signed the long-awaited Rock County Law Enforcement Services contract.

The contract merges the Luverne Police Department and Rock County Sheriff's Department into one unit. Mayor Bill Weber commended the Joint Law Committee members and all the law enforcement personnel from the city and county for their many hours of work forging the agreement.

Weber said even though there are some disagreements between the county and city, the joint venture will be good for everyone in the long run. "When it's down to the bottom line, we work well together. Overall, our public is better served when we can come together," he said.

50 years ago (1972)

•Luverne High School Athletic Director and Football mentor Elmer Menage, was named District 8 Football Coach of the Year last week by his colleagues.

Menage led the 1972 Luverne grid squad to an un-

defeated Southwest Conference season at 7-0 and wound up his best year here with a season record of 9-1.

Menage is in his sixth year at Luverne High School. Before coming here he was backfield coach at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and the assistant grid coach for three years in Iowa following his graduation from Morningside where he was honored for outstanding grid play in that conference.

Menage also handles health and physical education duties at Luverne in addition to being head track coach.

75 years ago (1947)

•Rock county car owners may soon be able to purchase their auto licenses in Luverne at any time of the year.

Lester Tollefson will confer with Secretary of State Mike Holm Friday, relative to his appointment as deputy registrar in Rock county. Tollefson has been recommended for the position by several Luverne organizations.

If the appointment materializes, it will no longer be necessary to those who get new cars to drive to Pipestone or Worthington to obtain their licenses as they have had to do the past few months if they wished to drive their cars upon delivery.

100 years ago (1922)

•L. A. Headley received notice yesterday from Governor J. A. O. Preus of his appointment as special municipal judge for the City of Luverne. The commission accompanied the notification, making the appointment immediately effective.

The appointment followed a petition therefore made about two weeks ago. The movement to fill the office of special municipal judge was started by Municipal Judge N. R. Reynolds and the appointment of Mr. Headley was recommended by the attorneys of the city.

OBITUARY

Christopher Smook

Christopher Jon Smook, 34, Hills, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at his home in Hills.

A memorial service was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

Christopher Smook was born on Dec. 23, 1987, to Dennis and Arlene (McCullum) Smook in Luverne, where he was raised and attended school. Following graduation from Luverne High School in 2006, Chris went to WyoTech in Laramie, Wyoming, and completed a diesel mechanics program. Following his education, he worked at Crimson Fire in Luverne. He also worked for a time at Manley Tire part time. Chris later went to work at Kibble Equipment, John Deere Implement, in Garretson, South Dakota.

From a young age, Chris showed an aptitude for taking things apart and putting



them back together. After he got his first car, a Blazer, at age 15, he was hooked. He loved car engines, transmissions, tires, drag racing, gadgets, catalogues, and on and on. He could fix anything and was always willing to help.

Chris loved going down to the Rez pond to kayak and fish with the kids. They helped in the garage and enjoyed just spending time together. He cooked and grilled and smoked meats and prepared elaborate meals, and always, appetizers were required. On a rare occasion, he enjoyed a date night with his wife. He always put his family ahead of himself and worked so hard to provide for them.

Chris and Lexy were married Sept. 20, 2015. Lexy and her daughter, Charlee Donth (12), joined Chris at his home in Hills. They were

also blessed with two additional children, Otto (7) and Madi (4).

Chris is survived by his wife, Lexy; three children; his mother, Arlene Smook of Luverne; parents-in-law Dean and DJ Luethje of Luverne; three sisters, Sarah (Andy) Paul of Inver Grove Heights, Kacee (Joey) Knap of Luverne, and Kelli (Zach) Swenson of Garretson, South Dakota; nieces and nephews, Connor, Brayden, Brooklyn, Oliver, Hadley, Chloe, Brantley, Miley, Jason, Ford and Cole; brothers-and-sisters-in-law; aunts and uncles; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis; an infant brother; uncles Curtis and Myron Smook; uncle-in-law Junior McCollum; and his grandparents.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (1123 F)

Bits by Betty/from page 6A

term was finished.

She worked away from home after she was confirmed, and received \$1.50 per week as her starting salary. This was later doubled to \$3, and she felt as if she was getting rich.

The two big holidays during the year when she was a child were the Fourth of July and Christmas. The Fourth was usually observed by a community celebration in the form of a picnic and a patriotic program during the afternoon. Sometimes it was held in town, other times, in a grove on somebody's farm. Local talent would furnish the musical part of the entertainment, and a speaker of the day would be engaged who would give a patriotic address. At Christmas time, there would be Christmas tree festivals at the churches, with both children and grown-ups taking part.

On May 24, 1836, at Lee, Ill., she was married to John H. Bly, and even before they were married they had planned to come to Minnehaha county to settle.

When asked if she were not a little frightened, or reluctant, to leave her home for a new and strange community, Mrs. Bly stated, "A person who has just been married is more nery than that at any other time. I guess that was true in any case, because I accepted leaving home just as a matter of course."

Mr. Bly loaded their farming equipment and other articles that they owned in to a freight car, and left his wife to make the trip alone on the passenger train. At Valley Springs to meet her was Amund Edmundson, a brother-in-law of Mr. Bly, who had settled here earlier. She and Mr. Bly went to live

with the Edmundsons until their home was built.

Mr. Bly had been here earlier that year, and bought a farm, an unimproved quarter section, for \$1,400. After he and Mrs. Bly came to live he hauled rock from the Palisades south of Garretson to build the foundation for the house. As soon as the house was built, they moved in, and to this day, Mrs. Bly is living in the same place.

The span of years which has elapsed since Mrs. Bly came has seen many changes. At that time, there was no such town as Garretson, but there was a town of Palisade, located on the Split Rock River.

There was a flour mill there and also a little store where they could buy what groceries they needed. A stage was operated between Valley Springs and Palisade twice each week, and brought the settlers their mail. Three or four years later, the railroad came thru, and the village of Garretson, was founded. Because it was off the railroad, the townsite of Palisade was then abandoned.

The late Mrs. Amund Edmundson taught Mrs. Bly how to twist hay into bundles to be used for fuel. Because trees were so scare, and the tall prairie grass was so plentiful, the latter after being twisted into tight bundles, was stacked neatly into piles like cord wood. Although it burned more rapidly than wood, and a considerable amount was needed to heat their small home, they managed very well until they were able to buy coal, Mrs. Bly States.

The first years they lived in the community, they worked hard, and sold their farm produce at low prices.

Butter, churned by the housewife, was sold in town at five cents per pound. Considering the amount of work connected with it, the settlers were poorly paid for what they did, Mrs. Bly states, but nevertheless, most of them seemed to be happy and satisfied and got along well. "We had to pay a high interest rate on the money we borrowed to buy the farm," she said, "but five cent eggs, we managed to keep it. Of course, we didn't have as many places to spend our money as there are today."

Although the blizzard of 1888 is one of historic interest in the northwest, Mrs. Bly said she experienced no hardships during the storm. Everything went well, Mr. Bly was home and managed to get all the stock into the barn, and they had plenty to eat and to burn. She agreed, however, that the storm was furious, and that she was more grateful that she was not home alone.

On another occasion, however, she was left alone with a baby while her husband and a neighbor were in Sioux Falls. They had started home but had to turn back when the storm struck. "Believe me," Mrs. Bly said, "I spent an anxious night that night, and I was really glad to see Mr. Bly when he drove on the place the next day."

Mr. and Mrs. Bly were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living now. They include Mrs. Julie Klungness, Garretson; Harvey J. Bly, Brandon; Elmer J. Bly, Moorhead; Mrs. Holden L. Jordahl, Luverne; Clarence Bly, and James Bly, both of Garretson. One son died in infancy. Other direct descendants include

Bits, continued on 8A



Submitted photo

Jen Luitjens (second from left) poses with the \$5,000 check she received as the Scotty McIntyre "Go Beyond" award recipient. The award was presented by United Fire Group regional representative Tom Diefendorf (far right). Luitjens, a member of the Hardwick Fire Department, donated the check to the department for new equipment. Sharing in the surprise announcement are Hardwick Fire Department chief Lowell Schelhaas (far left) and Luitjens' husband and fire department member, Don Luitjens.

Luitjens selected for 'Go Beyond' award

Jen Luitjens of Luverne is the 2022 recipient of the Scotty McIntyre "Go Beyond" award and a \$5,000 donation to an organization of her choice. She was surprised with the award Nov. 10.

Luitjens was nominated for the award by her co-workers at Boen & Associates in Sioux Falls. Luitjens designated the Hardwick Fire Department for the donation in her name. The department will use the funds for the purchase of new

bunker gear. The annual award was named after longtime United Fire Group president and CEO, the late Scotty McIntyre, and reflects demonstrated commitment to exceptional community service and philanthropy.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Nov. 28: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit, fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 29: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, dessert.

Wednesday, Nov. 30: Cubed beef with mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit.

Thursday, Dec. 1: Cheese ravioli with meat

sauce, California Normandy vegetables, fresh fruit, breadstick.

Friday, Dec. 2: Orange chicken with brown rice, romaine salad with dressing, mixed vegetables, dessert or fruit mix.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and af-

fordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve one day prior, to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

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This will affect your 2023 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

HOMESTEAD

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact the Land Records Office to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2022.

Who is a qualifying relative?

For unoccupied agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For occupied agricultural or residential property, a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 31, 2022.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the Rock County Land Records Director.

Contact the Land Records Office by December 31, 2022 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

CHANGES IN YOUR HOMESTEAD STATUS

If you should sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the Land Records Office within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have agricultural land that you own and farm yourself or have a son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister or other legal farm entity, you may be eligible for a special agricultural homestead.

If you think you are eligible, please stop in the Rock County Land Records Office, or if you have any questions, please call 507-283-5022.

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Rock County Land Records Director

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Mavis Fodness photos/1123 NHS 2022

Ron Honken (seated, center) poses with the 2022 Luverne Chapter of the National Honor Society following the induction ceremony of 15 new members. Honken, an LHS alum, was the keynote speaker for the annual event in the Luverne Middle-High School performing arts center. Pictured with Honken are (front row, from left) Parker Carboneau, Ross Bergman, Brady Bork, Patrick Kroski, (second row) Isabella Oye, Averill Sehr, Julia Hoogland, Sarah Stegenga, Emma Beyer, Elizabeth Smidt, Brynn Boyenga, (back) Ethan Nath, Henry Hartquist, Camden Janiszski, Tori Hemme, Anja Jarchow, Elizabeth Wagner, Christiana Wagner, Tori Serie, Lauren Hansen, Logan Ommen and Camden Hoven. Not pictured is Jenna DeBates.

NHS members exhibit leadership pillars/from page 6A

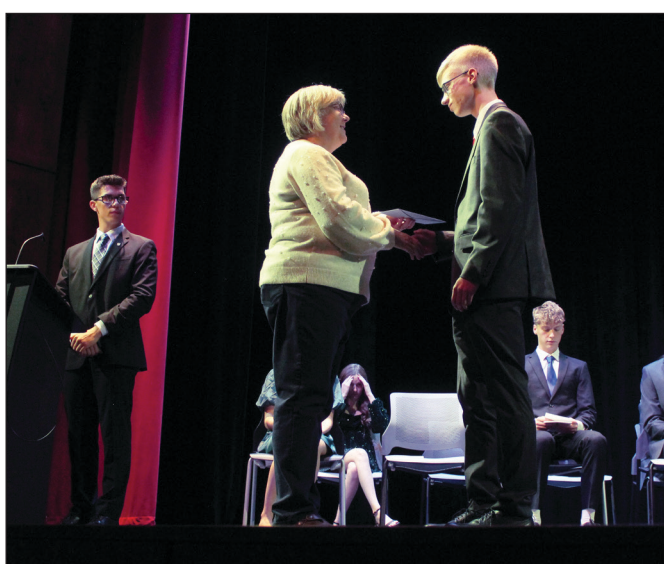
“Today you guys don’t have to go anywhere to go somewhere. You can stay in this area if you so choose and accomplish all your dreams,” Honken said.

Effective leaders also give back — time, talent and treasure.

As an example, Honken offered to be a contact for each of the 24 LHS National Honor Society members.

“This is a tremendous thing you have done but don’t let this be your finest moment. Your finest moment is coming and I look forward to reading about you and hearing about you and connecting with you in the future and helping you,” he said.

“This is just the beginning for you.”



Each of the 15 new National Honor Society inductees chose a faculty member who had the most impact on their education journey to present them with their NHS pins. High school vocal instructor Seana Graber (left) presents Ethan Nath with his National Honor Society pin.

‘If I can leave you with a little gold nugget that will come to you at the right time and allow you to make a great decision, I am going to feel really good about that.’

— Ron Honken in his speech at the NHS induction ceremony

Bits by Betty/from page 7A

18 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Of a family of eight sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Bly is one of the seven still living. The others are Mrs. Melinda Risetter, Onawa, Iowa; Miss Jane Johnson, East Moline, Ill; Mrs. Emma Solomonson, Estherville, Iowa; Mrs. Louis Rogde, Madison, Minn.; Frank Johnson, Lee, Ill., and Mrs. Hattie Bly, Lee, Ill. A twin sister, Mrs. Anna Johnson died a year ago, and Mr. Bly died August 16, 1929.

During her life in this area, Mrs. Bly has been a member of the Palisade

Lutheran church of Beaver Creek township. She has been a member of the ladies aid there for 55 years.

She is still active, and cooks and bakes for her son, James, who operates the home farm. She attributes her long life to having kept busy all the time, and to having spent a quiet life.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

USDA previews crop and revenue loss assistance for agricultural producers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced plans for additional emergency relief and pandemic assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA is preparing to roll out the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two as well as the new Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP), which are two programs to help offset crop and revenue losses for producers.

USDA is sharing early information to help producers gather documents and train front-line staff on the new approach.

“We have worked diligently to help agricultural producers bounce back from devastating natural disasters as well as the coronavirus pandemic through an extensive suite of programs,” said Vilsack.

ERP Phase Two will assist eligible agricultural producers who suffered eligible crop losses, measured through decreases in revenue, due to wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture and qualifying droughts occurring in calendar years 2020 and 2021.

PARP will assist eligible producers of agricultural commodities who experienced revenue decreases in calendar year 2020 compared to 2018 or 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PARP will help address gaps in previous pandemic assistance, which was targeted at price loss or lack of market access,

rather than overall revenue losses.

Emergency Relief Program Phase Two

ERP is authorized under the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, which includes \$10 billion in assistance to agricultural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms and other eligible disasters experienced during calendar years 2020 and 2021.

Phase Two builds on ERP Phase One, which was rolled out in May 2022 and has since paid more than \$7.1 billion to producers who incurred eligible crop losses that were covered by federal crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

ERP Phase Two includes producers who suffered eligible losses but may not have received program benefits in Phase One. To be eligible for Phase Two, producers must have suffered a loss in allowable gross revenue as defined in forthcoming program regulations in 2020 or 2021 due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event.

Eligible crops include both traditional insurable commodities and specialty crops as part of a farming operation and are intended to be commercially marketed. Details will be available when the rule is published later this year.

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Luverne girls roll to three wins in first week of hockey season



Star Herald hires Greg Hoogeveen as sports editor

Local photographer Greg Hoogeveen has been hired as the new sports editor of the Rock County Star Herald newspaper.

He brings to the job over 10 years of photography and creative experience through Digitell Studio, which captures local sporting events in photographs that are shared online for sale.

"I really enjoy sharing the photos with students and their families," he said. "The name 'Digitell' comes from 'digitally telling a story,' and I see working with the Star Herald as a progression of that."

Hoogeveen graduated from Luverne High School in 1988 and has a communications degree from Augustana College, Sioux Falls.

He's the son of Ray and Joann Hoogeveen, Luverne, and his children are Tayler, 24, and Gaven, 20.

Hoogeveen comes to the Star Herald most recently from the Luverne School District, where he worked nights in the custodial department.

"I thought that might be a good job move, but after being on the job, I knew it wasn't for me," he said. "I love being involved with people, and that was a lot of lonely nights in empty school hallways."

Earlier this year he left a four-year stint with Atlas of Rock County where he managed the Redeemed Remnants thrift store for the Luverne nonprofit.

"I loved my work there, I loved who I worked with, and I enjoyed feeling like I was making a difference," he said.

"In the last few months there were some business

Hoogeveen/see page 2B

By Matt Lais
For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' hockey team wasted no time getting the 2022-23 season rolling when they ripped off three wins in a row in their first week of play.

Coming off last season's section championship and state tournament appearance, Luverne took down New Ulm on the road Tuesday, Nov. 15, blanked Windom 8-0 in the home opener Thursday, Nov. 17, and beat Minnesota River on the road Saturday, Nov. 19.

The Cardinals, now 3-0 on the season, will play their next game Tuesday night, Nov. 22 in Fairmont against the Cardinals.

Luverne 4, New Ulm 1

The Luverne Cardinals girls' hockey team opened the season on the road Tuesday, Nov. 15, against conference rival New Ulm.

The hometown Eagles and Cardinals battled back and forth and headed into the first intermission knotted at 0-0. Shots on goal were in favor of the Cardinals 12-8.

The Cardinals got on the board just 8 seconds into Period 2 when Minnesota State Division 1 commit senior Kamryn Van Batavia got one past New Ulm goalie Ava Brennan to give the Cardinals a 1-0 lead with Ella Apel assisting on Van Batavia's goal.

A total of 22 shots on goal were fired on Brennan and Luverne goalie Mallory Von Tersch, but Luverne carried the 1-0 lead into Intermission 2.

In the final period Luverne increased its lead to two when senior Mallory Nelson found the back of the net with the assist going to Payton Behr early in the period.

Taking advantage of a Cardinal penalty New Ulm finally scored on Von Tersch and cut the Cardinals' lead to one just two minutes into Period 3.

New Ulm went back on the power play midway through the period, and Kamryn Van Batavia took a Rylee Kurtz pass and gave the Cardinals a 3-1 lead on the shorthanded goal.

Luverne's final goal of the game came from the sister connection of seventh-grader Ellie Van Batavia, who recorded her first varsity goal on a pass from big sister Kamryn to give the Cardinals a 4-1 lead and a Cardinal victory to open the season.

Von Tersch finished with a rock solid 25 saves for the Cardinals. Luverne outshot New Ulm 37-25 in the game.



Mavis Fodness photos/1123 Girls Hockey

Ellie Van Batavia (No. 11) takes the puck to the net during the second period Thursday night, Nov. 17, against the Windom Eagles.

At left: Sydnie Gacke, 4, congratulates her cousin, Kamryn Van Batavia, after the Cardinals' 8-0 win in their home opening game against the Windom Eagles Thursday night, Nov. 17, at the Luverne Ice Arena. In their first week of the season, the girls' hockey team is 3-0.



Luverne 8, Windom 0

The Cardinals welcomed the Windom Eagles to the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne Thursday, Nov. 17, for their home opener of the season.

Luverne wasted no time net-

ting four goals in the opening period.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored a couple of unassisted goals, and Izzy Steensma scored her first two varsity goals in Period 1 to give the Cardinals a commanding lead after Period 1. Kasidy Saarloos assisted on one of Steensma's goals.

Shots on goal for Period 1 were in Luverne's favor 19-4.

Van Batavia would get her hat trick to give the Cardinals a 5-0 lead in Period 2.

Rylee Kurtz netted her first career varsity goal on an assist from Payton Behr to take a 6-0 lead into the period break.

Luverne held a 15-6 advantage on shots on goal in Period 2.

Sophomore Payton Behr buried a couple of third-period goals to make it 6-0, and the Cardinals rolled to 2-0 on the season.

Steensma and Greta McClure each had an assist in the last period. Senior goaltender Mallory Von Tersch recorded the shutout, making 11 saves in the victory. Shots on goal for the game ended in the Cardinals' favor 44-11.

Luverne 5, Minnesota River 1

The Cardinals girls' hockey team went on a weekend road trip to Le Sueur to take on the Minnesota River Bulldogs Saturday.

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Meat in the freezer is only part of the hunting experience

I have purchased a deer license every year for the past 37 years, and this year was the first year that I actually filled my tag.

I purchased my deer license before Sept. 1, and this automatically enrolls me in the doe lottery.

In Minnesota every hunter that buys a deer license can shoot a buck. You have to be successfully drawn from a special lottery, depending on where you live, in order to be able to harvest a doe.

Overall deer populations are managed primarily by managing the number of does that remain after all of the deer seasons are completed for the year. When there are high doe populations, this means lots of offspring the following spring. Fewer does in the population means



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

less offspring that can be produced to replenish the deer that were harvested by hunters.

The tough part is getting an accurate count of how many deer actually exist in any one area. This effort is the topic of much debate in deer hunter conversations.

I bought a license and was drawn for a doe tag. This allowed me to shoot a deer of either sex.

I had a friend call me from Madison, Wisconsin, to ask if I was going deer

hunting this season. I said I was but wondered why he was interested.

He explained to me that 50 percent of all the deer shot in his home turf have chronic wasting disease. This is such a deep topic, so I will cover the CWD issue in a later column.

But for the majority of hunters, they will not eat a deer that has this disease. All deer infected with CWD will eventually die from it.

According to my sources, there is no link between eating a CWD-infected deer

and human illness, but for most hunters it does not matter. The issue you have is that when you do test a harvested deer, you remove the lymph nodes and send them in for testing. The results take 2-3 weeks to receive back. This means that you have to keep your deer refrigerated until the test comes back. Nobody I know has a walk-in cooler big enough to hold all the deer one hunting party might harvest while waiting for test results.

My Wisconsin friend

asked me if I would be willing to share a deer with him if I harvested one. I responded absolutely. I called my son who for the past 13 years lived in Denver and recently moved back to the great state of South Dakota if he would be willing to help out our mutual friend as well. He also said absolutely. Now I had a reason to fill a tag.

This all brings me to this one big question. Could you have imagined that there would be a time when you would not be able to eat the deer you shot in southwest Minnesota? CWD is real, and it is spreading across the state slowly but surely. There is really no substantial movement in the Minnesota Legislature to fund any real effort to contain or slow the spread of CWD. Topic for yet an-

other column.

We did fill our two tags. We registered these kills by phone. The registration process asks date, location and what time the harvest took place, in addition to the sex and if it was an adult or fawn. With the registrations completed, I watched Gary do an extraordinary job of processing these two deer.

Brandon and I kept a few packages, and my Wisconsin neighbor friend, who was not able to eat a deer for the past decade, could finally enjoy some venison.

My time spent in the stand with my son is certainly the highlight of this story. He and his twin sister, Brittany, both grew up in a hunting and fishing

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Hoogeveen continued from 1B

changes in the organization, and I felt it was a good time to tackle something else.”

He said he was drawn to the Star Herald's help-wanted ad for a sports reporter when the position first opened two years ago, but the timing wasn't right.

Now, he said he's looking forward to all the "people" connections that come with working as a sports reporter and photographer.

"I just think this is going to be a good fit," he said last week when he started contacting coaches for the Star Herald Winter Sports Preview.

Star Herald managing editor Lori Sorenson agreed.

"Greg grew up here and has all the local connections with schools and families that make community newspapers successful," she said.

"We've been patient and thoughtful about how we wanted to fill our sports position at the paper, and we can't help but feel Greg's the one we've been waiting for."

John Rittenhouse left the Star Herald during the pandemic after more than 30 years at the paper, and the position hasn't had a solid full-time person since then.

"We've been grateful for our contributing sports writers and photographers in the community, and I think our readers have enjoyed seeing all the local names in the bylines," Sorenson said.

"But our high school athletes and our readers need a go-to sports editor in place, and it will be nice for our news team to focus more on news again."

Hoogeveen can be reached at sportseditor@star-herald.com or 507-920-2534.



Senior Kamryn Van Batavia (No. 14) flips the puck into the net against the Windom Eagles Thursday night, Nov. 17, in the second period. The goal brought the score to 5-0 in favor of the Cardinals, who went on to win the match 8-0. They are scheduled to play Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Hockey girls win three in first week/continued from 1B

Neither team could net a goal in Period 1 so the two took a 0-0 score into the intermission. Shots on goal for Period 1 were 11-8 in favor of Luverne.

Luverne's Greta McClure got the Cardinals on the board just 1:12 into the second period, with assists going to Payton Behr and

Izzy Steensma.

Three minutes later the Bulldogs responded by beating Luverne goalie Mallory Von Tersch to tie it at 1-1. Kamryn Van Batavia scored an unassisted goal at the 9:07 mark to give the Cardinals a 2-1 lead.

Just over a minute later Payton Behr made it 3-1, with the assist going to Steensma. Luverne held a slim lead in shots on goal at 12-7 at the end of the second period.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored her second and third goals of the game in the

final period, and Von Tersch blanked the bulldogs to give the Cardinals a 5-1 road victory.

Ellie Van Batavia and Payton Behr each picked up an assist on Kamryn's goals. Von Tersch finished with 19 saves and Luverne ended with a 37-20 advantage in shots on goal.

Give the gift of outdoor opportunities

For those hunting for holiday gift ideas, consider giving someone the opportunity for a lifetime of outdoor adventures.

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lifetime hunting or fishing license for themselves or as a gift for someone else.

More information is available on the DNR website about licenses for Min-

nesota residents (mndnr.gov/Licenses/Lifetime/Residents) and non-residents (mndnr.gov/Licenses/Lifetime/Non-Residents).

Rall deer hunting/continued from 1B

family. When they were little, my wife worked three midnights at the hospital so the only way for me to participate was to take the kids along every time.

Neither of the deer we harvested would make for a sensational story, but the time spent together is a story I will always cherish.

Hunting generally results in meat in

the freezer, but in my world that only accounts for about 10 percent of the experience.

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

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Year-end awards presented to Rock County 4-H'ers

Moser earns outstanding youth leader, Uhl receives Golla award, Edmundson honored alumni

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County 4-H'ers were recognized for their year's achievements at the annual year-end awards banquet Saturday, Nov. 5, at Generation Events in Luverne.

The potluck event, "Color Your Life with 4-H" was attended by 100 4-H'ers, parents, leaders and sponsors.

Federation officers

The evening began with the installation of Federation officers.

Installed as officers were president Lanae Elbers, vice president Leah Kruse, treasurer Nathan Kinsinger, secretary Krista Burkman, assistant secretary/reporter Caleb Raak, youth leaders Klarissa Burkman and Zach Uhl, Extension committee representatives Justin Mente and Lanae Elbers, adult treasurer Candy Reese, adult representatives Marisa Maloney, Joshua Raak, Karin Moser, Teresa Kinsinger, Russell Forrest and Kory Kruse.

They were presented with notebooks, markers, colored pens and the candy, Mike and Ike's, to remind them to keep color in their lives and embrace their creative sides.

Ambassadors

The county 4-H ambassadors hosted the awards event. They provided youth leadership to many of the 4-H programs during the year. Ambies for the past year were Morgan Bonnett, Krista Burkman, Lanae Elbers, Mallie Fick, Brianna Kinsinger, Nathan Kinsinger, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, Danette Leenderts, Andrea Luitjens, Jacob Madison, Justin Mente, Mazzi Moore, Samantha Moser, Cody Moser, Austin Ossefoort, Caleb Raak, Jacob Raak, and Grace Sandbulte.

Club recognitions

This year the Blue Ribbon Club won top Community Pride honors for their activities which included donating clothing items and money toward the HBC Care Closet program, making tie blankets for Project Love to be distributed in the Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen areas, and hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Tuff Home in Hills.

The Livewires Club took second place for their Community Pride projects which included doing random acts of kindness throughout the community, making May Day baskets for the residents of the Ellsworth Nursing Home, and painting the softball dugouts in Ellsworth.

The 4-H Clubs also compete for awards based on the activities they do as a club. They receive points for attendance, having project meetings, the percentage of members that do demonstrations and project talks, having recreation, and so on.

This year the first-place Active Club Award, sponsored by Pizza Ranch, went to the Denver Go-Getters.

Second place, sponsored by the Rock County 4-H Federation, was awarded to Springdell.

This year the club with the highest percentage of members to complete their re-enrollment for the new year was awarded to the Livewires.

Cloverbud awards

Recognition was given to a large group of the youngest 4-H members, the Cloverbuds, who are 4-H members in kindergarten through second grade.

Receiving those awards were Charles Barber and Mallorie Boeve from BR, Noël Henrichs, Lily Lund and Piper Meinerts from K9, Gar-



Contributed photos

New federation officers and adult representatives were introduced Nov. 5 at the Rock County 4-H annual awards banquet at Generation Events in Luverne. Pictured are Klarissa Burkman (front, left), Krista Burkman, Teresa Kinsinger, Russell Forrest, Leah Kruse, (back) Zach Uhl, Marisa Maloney, Kory Kruse, Caleb Raak, Nathan Kinsinger and Lanae Elbers.

Club abbreviations

For individual award recognition, the club abbreviations include: BR = Blue Ribbon Club, K9 = County K9's Club, DGG = Denver Go-Getters Club, LW = Livewires Club, MJ = Magnolia Juniors Club, SD = Springdell Club, and WW = Willing Workers Club.

rett Carlson, Karsten Haas, Landon Jessen, Morgan Koedam and Noah Klein from DGG, Jacob Deutsch, Colby Jansma, Grace Jansma, Jaxen Jansma, Karter Jansma, Daniel Sina, Demmi Sina and Ivy Tiesler from LW, Eden Uithoven, Tyson Uithoven, and Kallista Van Grootheest from MJ, Cosmo Brim, Coyer Buchholz, Dashel Halbersma, Landrie Jansma, Leeland Madison, Connor Snell and Noelle Snell from SD.

Clover Power awards

First- and second-year 4-H members can compete for Clover Power awards by participating in club and county activities throughout the year.

Recipients included Matthew Koedam of DGG, Haley Jansma of LW, and Caylix Buchholz, Hayden Devine and Memphis Haeffner of SD.

Fantastic 15

The Fantastic 15 awards are earned by members in grades 3-6 with the points given by participating in various 4-H activities.

Earning Fantastic 15 awards are Penni Moore of BR, Seth Ehlers, Luella Johnson and Gabriella Porter of K9; Paige Blom and Matthew Koedam of DGG, Allison Honken and Alayna Oechsle of LW, Josh Luitjens and Evan Ossefoort of MJ, Caylix Buchholz, Colton Buchholz, Hayden Devine, Memphis Haeffner, and Norah Maloney of SD.

Fab 15 awards

The Fab 15 awards are reserved for youth in grade seven and higher. This year's recipients include Lanae Elbers, Mazzi Moore and Larissa Steinhoff of BR, Caleb Raak and Jacob Raak of DGG, Egypt Forrest and Fox Forrest of K9; Andrea Honken, Leah Kruse and Karly Kruse of LW, Brianna Kinsinger and Nathan Kinsinger of MJ, Krista Burkman, Lillian Maloney and Zach Uhl of SD.

Project Achievement

Six 4-H'ers received project achievement awards, "earned in a lifetime" honors once by 4-H members who have done significant work over the years in one project area and have shared their knowledge with others.

Two awards were given in beef: Jacob Raak, son of

Philip and Theresa Raak, Jasper, and Leah Kruse, daughter of Kory and Michele Kruse of Ellsworth.

Earning two project achievements, in photography and quilting, was Krista Burkman, daughter of John Burkman and Crystal Burkman of Sioux Falls.

A crafts and fine arts achievement was given to Zach Uhl, son of Mike and Anna Uhl of Garretson.

Brianna Kinsinger, daughter of Shawn and Teresa Kinsinger of Luverne, was awarded the performing arts achievement.

George Golla award

Zach Uhl of the Springdell 4-H Club was given the George A. Golla award. The award is given each year by the Golla family to a 4-H'er who demonstrates an extraordinary display of 4-H qualities and has incorporated the 4-H values into their goals and their life.

Outstanding youth leader award

Samantha Moser, daughter of Stuart and Karin Moser of Beaver Creek, was chosen for the outstanding youth leader award. The award is based on Moser's active involvement in the 4-H program, providing leadership to younger members and the 4-H program as a whole, and being an excellent role model. Moser is a member of the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club.

Scholarships

Scholarship recipients were Samantha Moser, Morgan Gonnerman, Danette Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Donavon Leenderts, Justin Mente and Grace Sandbulte.

Graduates

Submitting their intensions to graduate from the 4-H program were Tory Knobloch, Donavon Leenderts, Drew Leenderts and Kennedy Safar of BR; Jacob Raak of DGG; Payton Bork and Hunter Sandbulte of MJ; Joy Fry of SD; and Trista Baustian and Morgan Gonnerman of WW.

Project disk awards

Project disks are given in each of the 4-H project areas based on project records that the youth completed and submit for judging. A group of adult and youth leaders select the top records from



Zach Uhl (right) is presented with the 2022 George A. Golla award for his demonstration of the 4-H values in the community. Nate Golla, George's grandson, presents the award.



Samantha Moser is the Rock County 4-H outstanding youth leader for 2022.

each area as follow:

Beef: Lanae Elbers, BR, Nathan Kinsinger, MJ; Leah Kruse, LW; Austin Ossefoort, MJ; Jacob Raak DGG

Dairy: Paige Blom; DGG; Peyton Blom, DGG

Goat: Lanae Elbers, BR

Horse: Peyton Blom, DGG; Claire Boeve, BR; Hayden Devine, SD

Pets/Pet Show: Norah Maloney, SD

Poultry: Andrea Honken, LW; Josh Honken, LW; Andrea Luitjens, MJ

Rabbit: Andrea Honken, LW; Ellie Loose, MJ; Josh Luitjens, MJ

Swine: Gracie Fagerness, BR; Jed Fagerness, BR; Fox Forrest, K9; Brenna Reker, SD

Child and family Development: Caylix Buchholz, SD

Clothing and textiles, fashion revue: Caylix Buchholz, SD; Egypt Forrest, K9; Gabriella Porter, K9

Communication contest: Colton Buchholz, SD; Gabriella Porter, K9

Crafts and fine arts: Caylix Buchholz, SD; Colton Buchholz, SD; Klarissa Burkman, SD; Krista Burkman, SD; Egypt Forrest, K9; Fox Forrest, K9; Memphis Haeffner, SD; Josh Honken, LW; Haley Jansma, LW; Ashlyn Johnson, K9; Luella Johnson, K9; Brianna Kinsinger, MJ; Lillian Maloney, SD; Janica Oechsle, LW; AnnMarie Wiersema, BR

Creative writing: Mazzi Moore, BR

Engineering design: Krista Burkman, SD

Fishing sports: Colton Buchholz, SD

Flower gardening: Lanae Elbers, BR; Lillian Maloney, SD; Norah Maloney, SD

Food and nutrition: Krista Burkman, SD; Lily Ehlers, K9; Lanae Elbers, BR; Gracie Fagerness, BR; AnnMarie Wiersema, BR

Food preservation: Egypt Forrest, K9; Lucas Madison, MJ

Fruit, vegetable and herb gardening: Fox Forrest, K9; Norah Maloney, SD; Larissa Steinhoff, BR

Home environment: Krista Burkman, SD; Lillian Maloney, SD

Indoor gardening: Ashlyn Johnson, K9

Industrial technology: Caylix Buchholz, SD; Colton Buchholz, SD

Mechanical science: Jacob Raak, DGG

Natural resources: Fox Forrest, K9

Needle arts: Krista Burkman, SD; Janica Oechsle, LW

Performing arts: Fox Forrest, K9; Brianna Kinsinger, MJ

Photography: Eliot Brim, SD; Caylix Buchholz, SD; Colton Buchholz, SD; Klarissa Burkman, SD; Gracie Fagerness, BR; Memphis Haeffner, SD; Gabriella Porter, K9; Zach Uhl, SD

Plastic sculpture challenge: Mazzi and Penni Moore, BR (Team project)

Quilting: Klarissa Burkman, SD; Krista Burkman, SD

Science inquiry: Penni Moore, BR

Self-determined: Lucas Madison, MJ

Technology: Penni Moore, BR

Veterinary science: AnnMarie Wiersema, BR

Youth leadership: Penni Moore, BR

Adult volunteers

Adult volunteers were honored for their years of service and contribution to Rock County 4-H. Receiving recognition for 30 years was Curt Roos; 20 years, Candy Reese; 10 years, Crystal Burkman, John Burkman and Jen Luitjens, five years Kelli Blom and Becky Ossefoort; and first year Ashley Carlson, Marsha Fick and Trevor Mente.

Club leaders were also recognized. They included Karin Moser from Blue Ribbon, Katie Walgrave from County K-9's, Theresa Raak from Denver Go-Getters, Jamie Tiesler from Livewires, Laura Luitjens, Teresa Kinsinger and Becky Ossefoort from Magnolia Juniors, and Anna and Mike Uhl from Springdell

Friend/Alumni awards

Recognized as the 2022 Friend of 4-H were Sunshine Foods and the Bosch Family. The 4-H Alumni award was given to Cheyenne Edmundson for being a great role model and for encouraging youth to grow and explore the many aspects of the 4-H program.

CITY OF LUVERNE

THANKSGIVING GARBAGE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S ROUTE MOVES TO FRIDAY

Happy Thanksgiving





The recycling route will stay the same

City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday

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Star Herald CHURCH

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Reflections on Thanksgiving

In November 1621, a group of people in the new world gathered to give thanks because they survived another year in what would go on to become the greatest nation on earth. Amidst starvation, bitter cold, sickness, lack of needed supplies, and separation from family left in England, the pilgrims gave thanks for a bountiful harvest.

They had much to be thankful for, just as we have much to be thankful for some 400 years later.

The writer of Psalm 100 tells us to “enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise”. It is a joyous thought that all believers in Jesus will one day enter the courts of heaven.

What thanks will you give when you step into the gates of heaven seeing the golden streets? Will you look at God seated on his throne and then focus on your house, your car, your family? As important as they are, these things will take a back seat to your new vantage point of God.

When we see God’s perfection, we start to understand, at least to some degree, more than we now see, his wisdom, knowledge and power. What we considered so great on this earth will mean very little.

We are called to be thankful with our earthly possessions, but I believe it is even more important to be grateful for what God has done for us.

Consider for a moment that, because of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection, we can have our sins forgiven. No work is involved in receiving this wonderful gift. Paul said our salva-

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

This Thanksgiving take a few minutes to give thanks for your salvation, for the love of God that is extended to all, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things ...

tion is a gift from God, not by any work we can do. This should give us pause for gratefulness.

We give thanks that we have the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, to comfort us in whatever situation we are facing, to help us understand what may not make logical sense.

This Thanksgiving take a few minutes to give thanks for your salvation, for the love of God that is extended to all, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things, for our God who is watching over you every day. Give thanks that God never grows tired, he never needs a nap, he never says, “I am sick today; you take care of yourself.”

Have a great thanksgiving giving thanks for what is most important.

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

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Mass. Public Mass will be celebrated at FULL capacity in the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes – check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving Day: Office is closed. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Coffee. NO Sunday School. NO Drums & Jesus. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 7 a.m. Men’s Bible Study. 6:15 p.m. 6th Grade confirmation class. 7 p.m. Advent Service. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Sunday, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Christmas Practice. 5 p.m. Kid Zone. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs. Thursday, Dec. 1: 8 a.m. Cookie Crew. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD’s available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne

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

Bob Junak, Pastor

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 26: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school; FUEL. 9:45 a.m. coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 6:15 p.m. FUEL and confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Dec. 1: 7 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Youth Sunday school during worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Saturday, Nov. 26: 9 a.m. Festival of Nativities. 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 p.m. Christmas Program. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday, Nov. 28: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. 3 p.m. Youth Night at Pizza Ranch. 6 p.m. Winter Porch Planter Workshop. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. Kids for Christ. 7 p.m. Senior Group. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelbration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

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

Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
2627 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 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

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

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

Nancy Manning, Pastor
Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church’s Facebook site.

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

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

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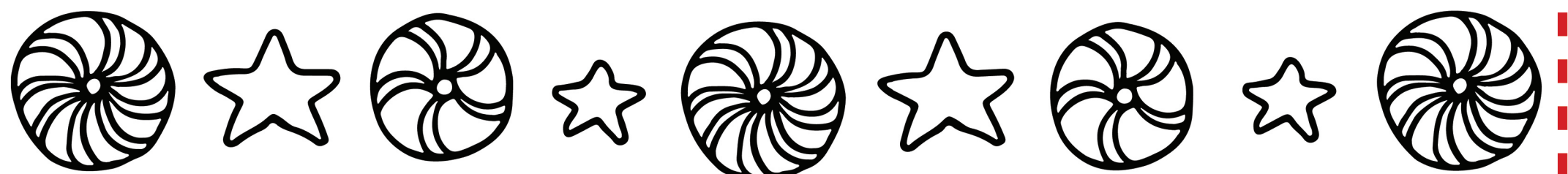
PRIZES will be awarded in SIX age categories!

AGES 4 & 5, AGES 6 & 7, AGES 8 & 9, AGES 10-13, AGES 14-17 AND 18+

Winners will be announced in the December 15th Star Herald and the December 17th Announcer.

RULES

1. Contest is open to ages 4 through adult!
2. Color the picture below with paints, markers, crayons or colored pencils.
3. The decision of judges is final. **ALL entries must be returned to the Star Herald office no later than NOON ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8.** Please return your colored entry to the Star Herald office rolled or flat - **PLEASE DO NOT FOLD.**



NAME _____ AGE (IF UNDER 18) _____ CHECK IF 18+

PARENTS' NAME(S) (IF UNDER 18) _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Luverne sets budget public hearing Dec. 6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022 TAX LEVY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Administrator of the City of Luverne that a Budget Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

All persons wishing to be heard should be present at the hearing or present written comments previous to the hearing to the City Administrator. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

John Call
City Administrator
(11-23)

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks sealed proposals by Dec. 12

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
S.A.P. 067-605-015; S.A.P. 067-606-017; S.A.P. 067-606-018; S.A.P. 067-606-019; S.A.P. 067-606-020

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday December 12th, 2022.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 86,957 Sq. Yds. Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation; 232,547 Gallons Bituminous Material for Mixture; 255.5 Tons Cement; 146,787 Sq. Yds. Mill Bituminous Pavement; 33,719 Tons Type SP 12.5 Bituminous Wear Course Mix; 26,599 Tons Aggregate Shouldering Class 1; 10,410 Gallons Bituminous Material for Fog Seal. 67 Ft. of 16'x4' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 65 Ft. of 14'x64 PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 130 Ft. of 10'x4' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections.

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-605-015; Etc. The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.
Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(11-17, 11-23, 12-01)

Petition for determination of descent in re Estate of Steinhoff

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In re Estate of: **Case Type: Decree of Descent**
Court File: 67-PR-22-276
Judicial Officer: Terry S. Vajgrt

Decedent **NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT**

Debra A. Steinhoff has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It is Ordered that on December 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, on the petition.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court probate the decedent's Will and determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Dated: Nov. 9, 2022

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

Dated: Nov. 9, 2022

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

Daniel A. Birkholz #8370
Birkholz & Associates, LLC
209 Armstrong Blvd. South
PO Box 461
St. James, MN 56081
507-375-3374

State of Minnesota
Rock County

District Court
Fifth Judicial District
Court File Number: 67-PR-22-276
Case Type: Decree of Descent

Notice of Remote Zoom Hearing

In re the Estate of DANIEL HENRY STEINHOFF, Deceased
You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be person at the courthouse.

Hearing Information
December 12, 2022
Probate Hearing
8:30 A.M.

The hearing will be held via Zoom and appearance shall be by video and audio unless otherwise directed with Judicial Officer Terry S. Vajgrt, Rock County District Court. The Minnesota Judicial Branch uses strict security controls for all remote technology when conducting remote hearings.

You must:

- Notify the court if your address, email, or phone number changes.
- Be fully prepared for the remote hearing. If you have exhibits you want the court to see, you must give them to the court before the hearing. Visit <https://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings.aspx> for more information and options for joining remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.
- Contact the court at 507-935-7006 if you do not have access to the internet, or are unable to connect by video and audio.

To join by internet:

1. Type <https://zoomgov.com/join> in your browser's address bar.
2. Enter the **Meeting ID and Meeting Passcode (if asked)**:
Meeting ID: 161 190 6203
Password: 218937
3. Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.
4. Click the **Join Audio** icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen.
5. Click **Share Video**.

To join by telephone (if you are unable to join by internet):

Be sure you know how to mute your phone when you are not speaking and unmute it again to speak.

1. Call Toll-Free: 1-833-568-8864
2. Enter the Meeting ID and Meeting Passcode:
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Para obtener mas informacion y conocer las opciones para participar en audiencias remotas, incluido como enviar pruebas, visite www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings.
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Dated: November 9, 2022

Natalie Reisch
Rock County Court Administrator
204 E. Brown St, P.O. Box 745
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(11-17, 11-23)

H-BC School Board meets Oct. 24

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
Oct. 24, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:07 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Fransman, Harnack, Knobloch and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board members Bosch, Gehrke and Rauk were absent.

Assigned Renae Knobloch as Acting Clerk.
Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Additions to Agenda: 7.10. and 8.3.

No visitors.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

- Unity Day 10/19
- Bus Safety week 17-21
- Blattner Energy donations for PBIS
- End of Fall Sports Regular Seasons!

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Health/Safety, 10/19 and Transportation, 10/20

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Consent

Agenda:

- Minutes—10/10/2022
- Bills and Treasurer's Report
- Imprest Cash Report
- Student Activity Accounts Report
- Hiring Part Time Related Services Nurse, Katie Schreurs effective immediately.
- Hiring assistant girls basketball coach, Conner Blosmo to begin the 2022-2023 basketball season.
- End district contracted payroll services with the SWWC November 1, 2022
- Increasing average number of weekly hours for Karin Gaugler, District Payroll Clerk, effective November 1, 2022, and moving forward.
- New hourly rate for District Payroll Clerk Position.
- Setting the District's 2010 Chevrolet Suburban, 2012 Chevrolet Impala and 2010 Chrysler MiniVan as excess district property and directing the Superintendent to take sealed bids and sell said property.

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve form and function of community facilities survey.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve setting 2022 District Ford Wheelchair Accessible Van as excess property and use as trade for 2022 Toyota Sienna Wheelchair accessible van.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve 2022-2023 Worlds Best Work Force Plan.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve

Donation Resolution:

\$1,000.00 from Blattner Energy, LLC for Elementary PBIS Pride Store
\$1,000.00 from Blattner Energy, LLC for Secondary PBIS Student Account

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Elections- Tuesday, November 8 No Activities 6-8 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting, WEDNESDAY, November 16 - NOTE DATE CHANGE
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, November 28

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Renae Knobloch, Acting Clerk
(11-23)

Tofteland hearing

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-22-273

Estate of
Bruce Milo Tofteland,
Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on Dec. 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Sonya Miller, whose address is 2927 Patty Place, Garden City, KS, 67846 and Dean Tofteland, whose address is 1105 Elm Cove, Luverne, MN, 56156 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in a SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Date: November 14, 2022

/s/ Terry Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

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(11-23, 12-01)

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God's blessings to all!
Gloria & Lyle & family
Colleen & Jim & family
(11.17-11.19)

The family of Alan DeLeeuw would like to thank the Ellsworth rescue squad and Adrian ambulance for their prompt service. To Sanford Luverne and Sioux Falls Heart Hospital for their care. A special thank you to the palliative care team for guiding us through this journey. To friends and neighbors for all your expressions of sympathy and support during this difficult time.

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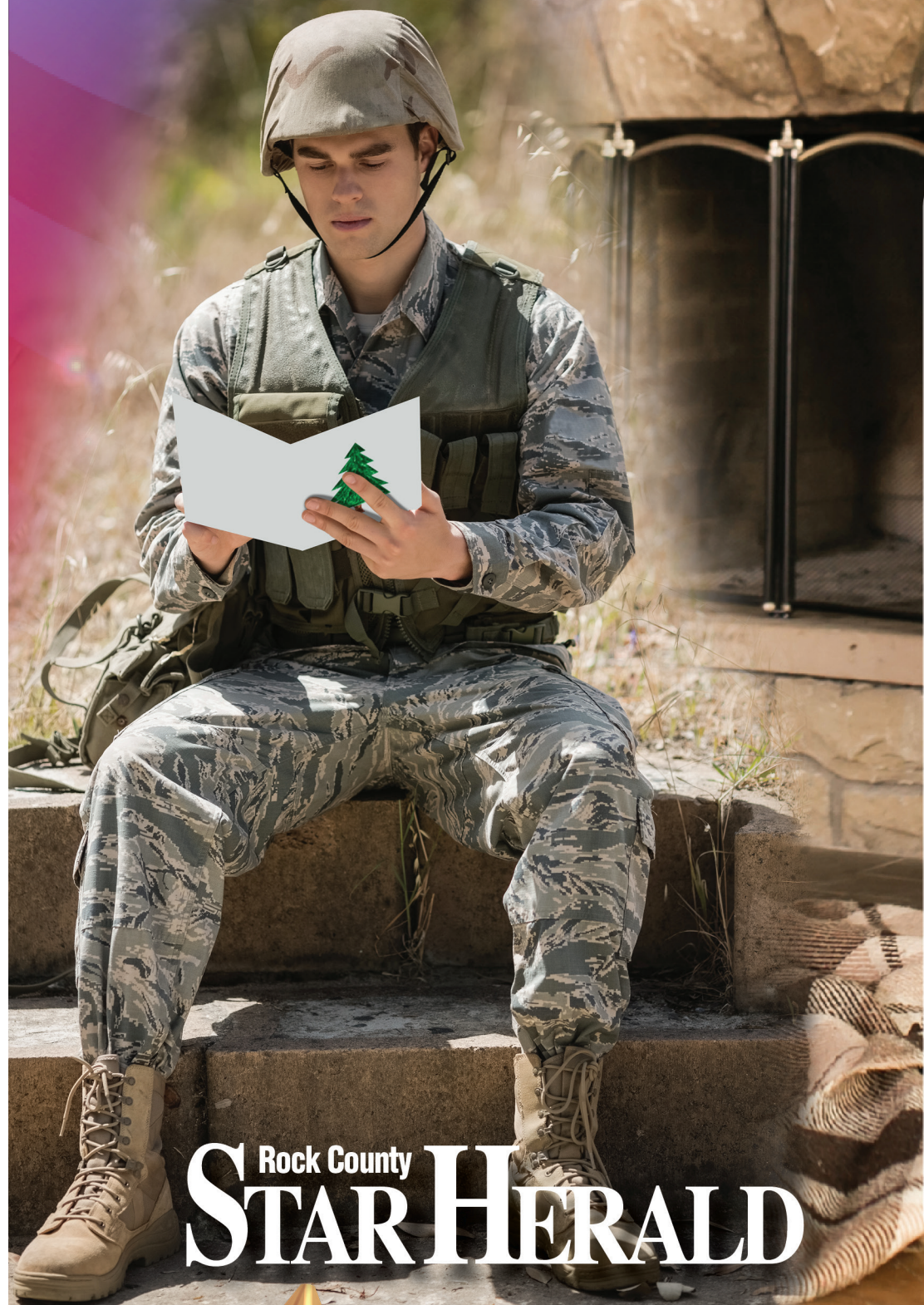
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