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Luverne to celebrate 26th Winterfest this weekend

Saturday Flannel Fest features chili cook-off, bean bags, beer pong, 'Pizza, Pitchers & Puzzles' and flannel fashion

By Lori Sorenson

Winterfest 2021 represented a return to normal after the pandemic had stymied community celebrations. The 2022 version of the celebration this weekend will feature all the classic Winterfest activities, plus several new events.

"We are looking forward to a more normal Winterfest this year," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"There are so many community partners who again have stepped up to the plate to make the weekend special for people of all ages."

For one thing, the Friday morning Puppet Show Story Hour at the Rock County Library is back, live and in person, with original storytelling and local puppeteers.

The Historic Hinkly House expanded its Winterfest open

house to Friday and Saturday, and the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church will feature more than 250 nativity sets in the second year of its Festival of the Nativities.

"This is a wonderful event that focuses on the 'reason for the

season'," Lanphere said.

She said the craft show, a primary highlight of Winterfest weekend, will again be a draw for holiday shopping.

"The craft show is always a

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County lifts moratorium on sales of edible THC

Cities with similar moratoriums need to adopt ordinance before licenses issued

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County commissioners unanimously adopted an ordinance on Nov. 22, lifting the moratorium on sales of THC food and beverages in Rock County.

The hemp-derived products ordinance goes into effect Friday, Dec. 2.

Commissioners passed the moratorium in July, and other county municipalities within the county, including Luverne, adopted similar moratoriums.

Those councils will now either adopt the county's ordinance or add stipulations specific to their communities before commissioners issue the five available licenses.

The Nov. 22 public hearing was the second hearing conducted to lift the moratorium. The first hearing was on Oct. 18.

Between the hearings additional input to regulate the sale of THC edible products was garnered from the two existing sellers in Rock County.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre said input from the first hearing and subsequent input from the retailers helped shape the public policy.

For example, it clarified the definition of hemp-derived products, reduced the number of licenses from 10 to 5, made businesses with existing liquor licenses ineligible for a hemp-derived products license, and removed the ban on coupons or price promotions offered by licensed businesses.

City attorney only speaker at second public hearing

Luverne City Attorney Ben Vander Kooi was the only one to speak publicly at the Nov. 22 public hearing.

He said the city supports the county's proposed ordinance.

"We hope this is countywide so that it can be applied uniformly so it's easier for law enforcement to handle," he said. "We absolutely applaud your doing that. The only concern we have is prohibition in certain areas."

The wording, "youth-oriented facilities," which Vander Kooi defined as playgrounds and ball fields, was removed along with the proximity stipulations to a religious facility.

"That is the one restriction we

THC moratorium/see page 5



Lori Sorenson photo/1201 holiday train station
The Ellis and Eastern train engine delivered Santa and Mrs. Claus (Lindsey and Tony Schomacker) to the depot to greet nearly 400 people before fireworks began at the park.

Santa train, fireworks, lighted park usher in holidays



By Lori Sorenson
A holiday-decorated Ellis and Eastern train engine arrived at the Luverne depot at 4:30 p.m. Sunday with lighted Christmas trees and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Hundreds of children

shared their Christmas wish lists with the jolly couple before exploring the train and enjoying hot cocoa and frosted cookies, courtesy of the Ellis and Eastern Company, which operates the short line railroad between Worthington and Manley.

This year Tony and Lindsey Schomacker played the role of Santa and Mrs. Claus. "Seeing the children's faces light up when it was finally their turn to sit on Santa's lap was well worth the long day's work," Tony Schomacker said about his new role.

In all, nearly 400 people visited Luverne's iconic train depot, the last stop in an afternoon of Santa escorts.

"Eric Berning and his team at Ellis and Eastern deserve a heartfelt round

Holiday lights/See p. 14



Dangerous intersection or driver distraction?

Commissioners study crash history at intersection of County Roads 4 and 6 near Beaver Creek

By Mavis Fodness

At the Nov. 8 County Commissioners meeting, county engineer Mark Sehr presented a crash report for the intersection of County Road 4 (old Hwy. 16) and County Road 6 on the northeast side of Beaver Creek, where six accidents have occurred since 2010.

Commissioners questioned safety measures at the intersection after the Oct. 9 motorcycle vs. vehicle crash that seriously injured Matt McClure of Luverne. They asked if additional safety measures should be implemented at the intersection.

"The best solution, in a perfect

world, would be a roundabout," Sehr said.

However, a 55-mph roundabout would require several acres of land, which is not a viable safety option at the intersection.

Sehr also ruled out an all-way stop. "It creates two more (distractions) — where people need

to make decisions or not obey — then you have the same situation," he said.

"It was a busy intersection because you have the golf course right there, a house right there, and railroad tracks."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Pizza Ranch for Bingo (gift wrap four or five useful items) and announcement of Blue Mound Quilter Award winners. Call 507-935-2560 with questions.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the township hall.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Pizza Ranch. Members are asked to bring items for the Food Shelf. Call Dianna Tomlinson, 507-283-1934.

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. Call 507-227-6944 or 507-820-1100.

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 with questions.

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.

H-BC holiday choir concerts

H-BC kindergarten through second-grade vocal music students and fifth-grade band will perform a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the elementary school in Beaver Creek.

H-BC middle and high school choir students will perform at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at the secondary school in Hills. An art exhibit will also be displayed at the secondary school.

Festival of Nativities Dec. 2-3

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. The event is free and open to the public with handicap accessibility. Call 507-283-2316.

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@sanford-health.org.

Community Ed offers activities

Community Education will offer the following classes. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Learn the Basics of Sewing on Dec. 3 at The Sewing Basket. Use quilting and embroidery techniques to make a pillow. Fee is \$25 plus cost of supplies purchased at the store.

Learn the basics of estate planning during the **Death, Probate and Taxes ... Oh, My!** class on Dec. 1. Fee is \$5.

Hills author brings lessons to life in new book called 'Grandpa's Gift'

Dec. 8 open house in Hills launches Dan LaRock's work

By Mavis Fodness

A plan to reprint his grandfather's book of sermons turned into an 18-month project for Dan LaRock, who will introduce the book in Hills next week.

"I believe my grandfather, as a Methodist minister, would have loved to see his words come forward to a new generation, and, Lord willing, to even more people than the original work was able to reach," LaRock said.

An open house book launch for "Grandpa's Gift: How Old Wisdom Can Inspire New Life" will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Rock Ranch, 355 40th Ave., Hills.

Book proceeds will benefit Rock Ranch, an equine therapy and horse-riding lesson facility started by LaRock and his wife, Marie (Nelson), in 2016.

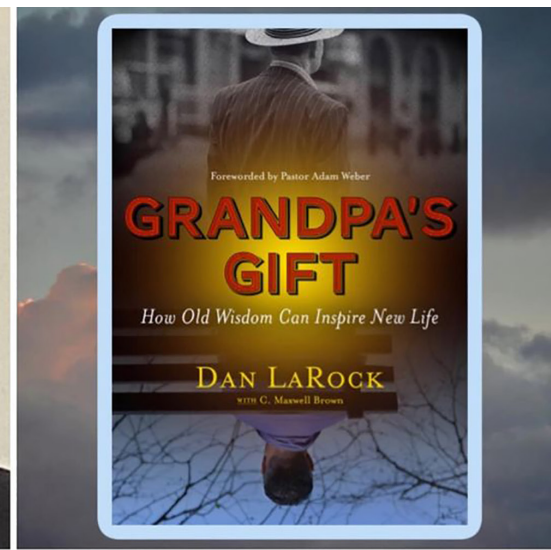
LaRock's maternal grandfather, C. Maxwell Brown (affectionately called Grandpa Max), spent 32 years in the ministry, primarily in North Dakota and in the San Francisco Bay Area.

From 1960 and 1965, Brown delivered a series of radio addresses across the Bay Area. Thirty of those messages were included in a self-published book called "Backpacking in a Cultural Wilderness."

In the book's forward, written in 1985, Brown thanked his wife, Dorothy, for transcribing and saving copies of his radio sermons.

"She is now in heaven, but I send her my sincere thanks for the accumulated savings, which is rewarding me with interesting memories and encouragement during these retirement years," he wrote.

Brown's book arrived as he lived with his daughter, Beatrice's family, that



Contributed photo

Dan LaRock (in the lower picture) of Hills included his own thoughts about the 15 sermons written by his grandfather, C. Maxwell Brown (pictured upper left), in LaRock's book called "Grandpa's Gift: How Old Wisdom Can Inspire New Life." The book launch is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8, at Rock Ranch near Hills. Proceeds will benefit Rock Ranch.

included a LaRock as a teen.

Brown died in 1992 when LaRock was 22.

Ten years ago, LaRock re-read his grandfather's book and purchased copies of the book (still for sale on Amazon) to give to family members and friends.

"His words helped me with the cementing of my faith foundation. I feel like I know Grandpa Max better and better each time I read them," he said. "They are timeless. They are rich with wisdom."

Family and friends encouraged him to add his own words.

LaRock selected a little more than a dozen of his Grandpa Max's 30 published sermons to include in "Grandpa's Gift."

"I didn't change anything about Grandpa's work.

I just chose 15 of what I thought to be the most impressionable messages, which still really resonate for the times we're living in, and added some of my thoughts as a guide through them," LaRock said.

The book's forward was written by Adam Weber, the lead pastor with Embrace Church. He read the book's draft and found that "I couldn't put it down."

"It felt like I was sitting down with a wise, older mentor teaching me about God and life," Weber wrote. "What struck me most was the timeliness of Dan's grandfather's work. Even as I write this, I still can't believe how relevant they are."

LaRock partnered with Throne Publishing Group of Sioux Falls to bring

"Grandpa's Gift" to the public in both print and audio versions.

LaRock's uncle, J. Wesley Brown, supplied the voice of Grandpa Max. Wes, also an ordained United Methodist minister, will also be at the book launch open house at Rock Ranch. Also attending will be Max's daughter and LaRock's mom, Beatrice, who lives in Sioux Falls.

The book comes on the heels of the death of LaRock's dad, James, 87, in March 2022.

"My mom is thrilled with the book," LaRock said. "It's good to have that to think about during this season of change in our family."

RSVP for Thursday's open house at www.grandpsgiftbook.com

Luverne to celebrate Winterfest weekend/continued from page 1

wonderful event and this year," Lanphere said, "we have quite a few new vendors who are breaking into the craft show business."

Myhre Studio will again photograph children with Santa, with proceeds this year benefiting Generations, which will design the backdrop display for the photo shoot.

Lanphere said the Winterfest event to watch this year will be Flannel Fest at Big Top Tents and Events where a chili cook-off supports youth hockey, and friendly competitions feature bean bags, beer pong and "Pizza, Pitchers & Puzzles."

Vocalist Madi Oye will lead karaoke, and a flannel fest contest will honor the best-dressed attendees.

"It is a great event that offers a different kind of thing to do. It should be

"Having great community partners — all putting work, planning and resources into an event weekend — is why Winterfest has continued for 26 years."

— Chamber Director Jane Lanphere

such a fun time for everyone," Lanphere said.

"We are so honored this year to partner with Big Top Tents & Events as they have put together a wonderful new day-long event. The Chamber's part is simply helping to promote it, and the team at Big Top is putting all the work into the planning and execution."

She said Take 16's introduction of a new Christmas beer profile and "Name that Tune" on Friday night offers another social outlet, and the History Center's nutcracker open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri-

day and Saturday will boast 5,000 (the latest count) nutcrackers on display.

The Carnegie Minstrels will highlight the Community Christmas Cantata, "Let There Be Christmas" at 7 p.m. in the school performing arts center to benefit the Rock County Food Shelf.

The Chamber's Destination Branding Committee is sponsoring a free screening of the classic "Nutcracker Ballet" at the Palace Theatre at 2 p.m. Sunday with free activity books for children and a drawing for a free book sponsored by

Friends of the Library.

There will be wine and beer tasting Friday and Saturday evenings at Blue Mound Liquor, two special meals at the Luverne Eagles Club Friday and Saturday evenings, the Rock County Sno-Masters swap meet Saturday morning, and a Sunday waffle feed by the Masons.

Lanphere said she's looking forward to this year's Winterfest weekend.

"Having great community partners — all putting work, planning and resources into an event weekend — is why Winterfest has continued for 26 years," she said. "Luverne truly offers activities and events for every age bracket and every taste."

See page 14 for information and visit luvernechamber.com or call 507-283-4061.

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What Is Your Favorite Thanksgiving Tradition?

Being with family	74%
Football	17%
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Watching the National Dog Show	4%
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Luverne city levy to increase 9.34 percent for taxes payable 2023

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members have approved a \$2,766,560 levy for taxes payable in 2023.

That's a 9.34-percent increase of \$236,380 over the current levy.

The levy amount covers \$1,958,110 for the General Fund, \$258,450 for principal and interest on existing debt, and \$550,000 for the annual pool and fitness center subsidy to keep rates affordable for all residents.

The General Fund provides basic city services, like public safety (fire, law enforcement and building inspections), streets and public works, parks and recreation, administrative and finance services and elections.

The city is budgeting \$2,325,500 for capital purchases in 2023. This includes:

- \$705,000 in the electric department, including \$190,000 for transmission system upgrades, \$80,000 for an F250 truck with utility box, \$50,000 for street light poles and fixtures, \$15,000 for one-third cost of a backhoe, \$150,000 for distribution system upgrades, \$100,000 for transformers and \$120,000 for power plant tuckpointing windows and roof improvements.

- \$395,000 for main city park building maintenance and improvements and road overlay and parking, as well as overlay at Riverside Park.

- \$380,000 in public works for a \$295,000 dump truck with plow, a \$25,000 crack filling bagger and \$60,000 for alley patching and seal coating.

- \$340,000 for the Luverne Loop including \$60,000 for playground equipment, \$10,000 for trash cans along the trail, \$120,000 for trail work from Warren Street southwest to the trail, \$100,000 for wayfinding signs and \$50,000 for a trailhead entry sign.

- \$165,000 for Carnegie Cultural Center window improvements

and brick repair and for Palace Theatre tuckpointing.

- \$120,000 in the sewer department, including \$40,000 to replace steel and paint roofs, \$50,000 to replace sewer lines, \$15,000 for new equipment, and \$15,000 for one-third cost of a backhoe.

- \$95,000 in the water department including \$80,000 for water main looping and system upgrades and \$15,000 for one-third cost of a backhoe.

- \$67,000 for a fire department air compressor.

- \$30,000 to replace civil defense sirens,

- \$28,500 for the pool and fitness center including \$11,500 for a portable pool lift and \$17,000 to replace the diving board and stand.

Property taxes provide 45 percent of the revenue needed to fund the Governmental Budget.

Local Government Aid from the state represents 25 percent of the revenue needed to fund the Governmental Budget. It's estimated the state will provide \$1,558,606 in aid for Luverne's 2023 budget.

City Council members note that the 2023 9-percent levy increase doesn't represent a 9-percent increase in property taxes, thanks to the city's healthy tax base.

For example, an 11.77-percent levy increase for taxes payable in 2022 resulted in an average 1.95-percent increase in the total tax rate.

For a \$150,000 Luverne home, this amounted to a property tax increase of \$18.87, a 1.16-percent increase.

The city's annual Truth in Taxation hearing is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6.

"TnT" hearings are required by state law to improve accountability and explain to taxpayers the relationship between budget decisions and property taxes.

The goal is to provide taxpayers the opportunity to become involved in the local government budget process.



The SDSU Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band enters Herald Square at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade last week. Three Luverne High School graduates and one from Hills-Beaver Creek marched with the SDSU band in the event, a first for the Brookings, South Dakota, college. Photo courtesy Pride of the Dakotas/Aaron Ragsdale

Local graduates march with SDSU at Macy's Thanksgiving parade

By Mavis Fodness

Four local high school graduates marched several miles Thanksgiving Day in the most-watched parade in person and on television.

Tess Van Maanen, Kacie Kracht, Sophie Holmberg and Kevin Kessler were a part of the 344-member Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band from South Dakota State University in Brookings.

The Pride of the Dakotas was one of 12 bands invited to march the 2.5-mile parade route through Manhattan for the 96th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. An estimated 3 million people lined the streets for the event.

Kessler, an LHS Class of 1993 graduate, is the band's director.

"It was thrilling," he said. "The enormous crowd, the sounds, and marching in amongst the skyscrapers combined to create an overwhelming atmosphere."

Holmberg and Kracht are also graduates of LHS in the classes of 2021 and 2020 respectively.

"The whole thing was crazy," said Holmberg, who plays mellophone.

Thanksgiving Day was a long one for Holmberg and the 344-member band.



Photo courtesy of Chris Holmberg

Four local graduates from Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek pose with the New York skyline in the background. Pictured (from left) are Tess Van Maanen, Kacie Kracht, director Kevin Kessler and Sophie Holmberg.

"I got to spend time with some of the most amazing people, and those memories that I made are something I will never forget."

— Tess Van Maanen, H-BC

They met at 2:30 a.m., already dressed in full uniform. The band appeared on live TV at 11 a.m. performing in front of the Macy's department store.

"By the time we were marching down the street, we were already tired," Holmberg said. "It was amazing because there was still this energy within the

band that kept us awake and energetic."

Van Maanen, H-BC Class of 2022, played the trumpet in the unique experience.

"I got to spend time with some of the most amazing people, and those memories that I made are something I will never forget," she said.

Being a part of a marching band is a new experience for Van Maanen.

"Coming from a school that did not do any marching was difficult, but once I got the hang of everything, it just clicked. It has been an amazing experience," she said.

Kessler said he prepared the band for the long parade route by putting in extended time marching and then mimicked the solo performance on the Macy's Star in front of the department store.

The band prepared a series of songs for the parade route.

They performed "Ring the Bell," the SDSU fight song, and played a medley of tunes from "West Side Story" while moving down the street. At the Macy's Star, the band stopped, faced the audience and played "Birdland."

Kessler said the band went through an application process that included sending in a video of the band, a biography that included a history of the band, and letters of recommendation.

The 2022 Macy's parade was the first time an SDSU band performed at the annual televised event.

"It was really cool to know people back home in Luverne were watching us," Holmberg said.

H-BC levy may rise 7.8 percent

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School District will levy an additional \$104,225 for taxes payable in 2023.

The state Department of Education recently notified board members of the 7.8 percent increase.

While the H-BC board members accepted the state-calculated amount, they have until Dec. 31 to

accept the maximum levy amount or a lesser amount.

The district set the proposed 2023 levy at \$1.439 million, up from \$1.335 million levied for 2022.

The school district anticipates \$4.9 million in expenditures for the 2022-23 school year with an expected \$4.6 million in revenue. The difference will be made up from

reserves.

If the maximum levy is certified in December for 2023, the district will have an additional \$55,860 general fund spending, \$1,367 for community service activities, and \$46,999 for the debt service account.

A public Truth in Taxation and budget hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12.

USDA releases nationwide farmer prospective customer survey

Are you a farmer, rancher or forest manager? Please share your vital feedback with USDA by taking a nationwide survey at farmers.gov/survey/

The survey is completely anonymous, will take about 10 minutes to complete, is available in multiple languages, and will be open until March 31, 2023.

The survey focuses on gathering feedback about the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation

Service and Risk Management Agency.

All farmers, ranchers and forest managers are encouraged to take the survey. USDA would especially like to hear from prospective customers: those who don't know about USDA or have yet to work with USDA, and those who were unable to participate in the past.

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CITY OF HILLS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES

The Hills City Council will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the city will provide in 2023.

All Hills city residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2023 property taxes. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 P.M. at the Hills City Office, 301 South Main Avenue.

Connie Wiertzema
 City Clerk-Treasurer
 City of Hills

'First Snow'

The promise of new life

First Snow has arrived replacing the garden's fading colors of fall with a twinkling coat of brilliance. It covers the brown, lost remnants of summer with a blanket of hope.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

But, wrapped in a pure white quilt of First Snow, the garden is more glorious than when last summer's butterflies hovered over a riot of pink, yellow and purple.

First Snow gives mortals a hint of the new creation described by John in the book of Revelation. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, ... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

Every year, Creation becomes "a new earth" as First Snow provides her with a brilliant robe of white.

First Snow brings with it the promise of glorious new life which comes only after death.

The earth falls silent, overwhelmed by the offer.

First Snow grants new beauty to the garden, with frost outlining the remnants of summer. Ice-coated dogwoods and coneflowers give muted tribute to a season now past.

Snow forms cloud-like pompoms on still-standing seed heads, and frozen grasses extend their blades in silent worship.

The garden, once vibrant and buzzing, is now a place of solitude and rest.

But, wrapped in a pure white quilt of First Snow, the garden is more glorious than when last summer's butterflies hovered over a riot of pink, yellow and purple.

With no dew on the roses, the garden is transformed into a new kind of beautiful.

First Snow drifts over the memories of fall and promises the garden's beauty is not gone — it's been transformed.

It takes a village ...

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Jessica Campos, Center for Rural Affairs

This holiday season, pitching in to support a small business may be easier than you think.

Many small towns are proud to feature a vibrant main street, and rightfully so. Busy storefronts are a sign of activity and growth. They also indicate strong community support.

But not every small business gets their start in a brick-and-mortar location.

With the popularity of online shopping, more small entrepreneurs are learning that their dream of selling locally produced food, artwork, and handmade items can be achieved from the comfort of their own home.

While home-based businesses have their benefits, they also deal with their own set of challenges. Walk-in traffic isn't practical.

The curiosity that comes from filling a storefront isn't going to materialize. Catching the attention of community members with a bright sign or colorful display isn't going to be as effective in a residential area.

Instead, these home-based businesses rely on word of mouth. That's where you come in.

Many new entrepreneurs take to social media to advertise their goods. Give them a follow. This allows you to stay up to date on new products or special sales. It also shows the business owner they have your support.

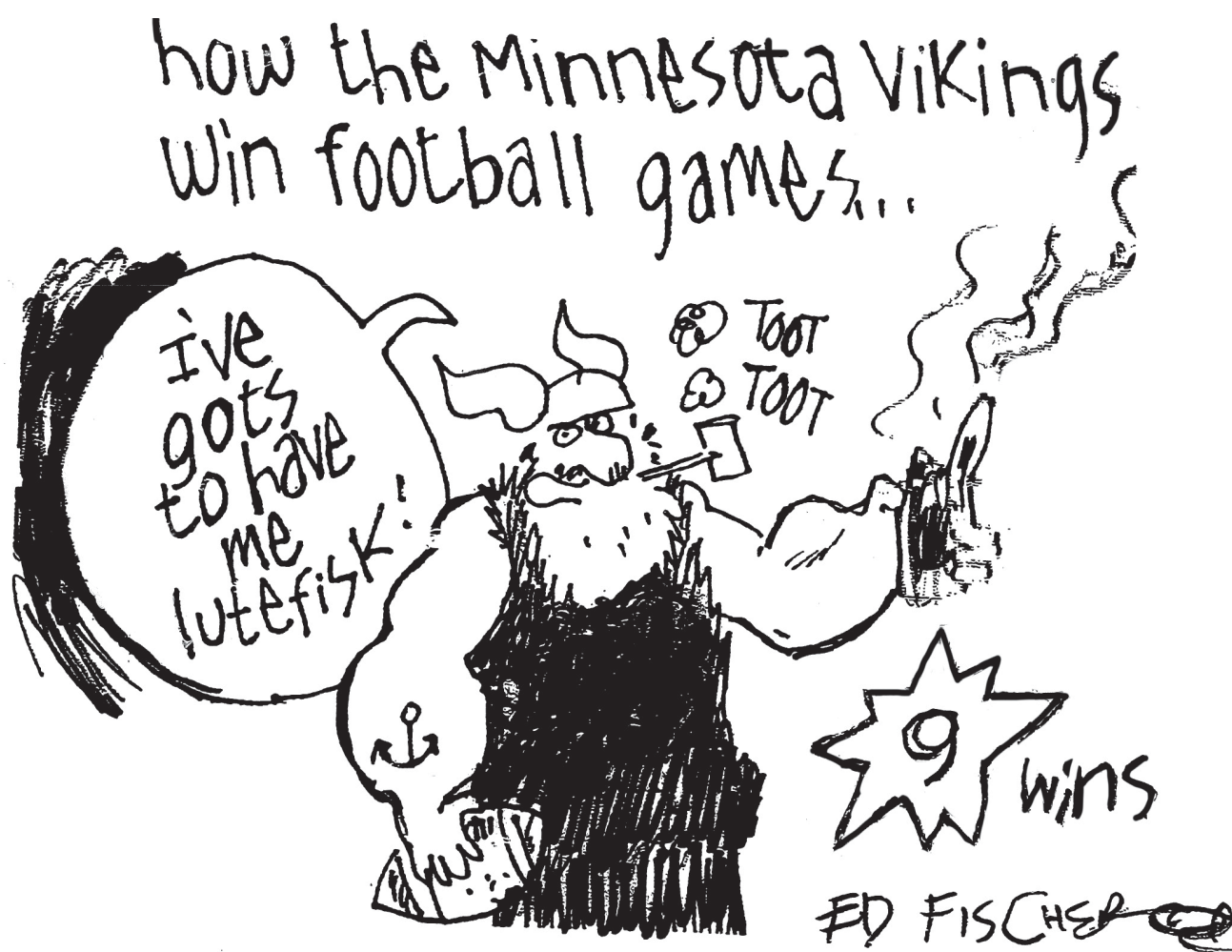
Consider sharing their information in a post on your own page. Your credibility can carry a lot of weight; when you share a local business with your friends and family, they'll see you as a trusted source and give that business the benefit of the doubt.

This can do more to drive sales than any catchy slogan ever could. Finally, remember a positive

review can make all the difference. Many consumers spend time researching a business before making a purchase. Letting others know you've had a good experience can help them feel confident in their investment.

Small entrepreneurs and business owners have been working hard to prepare for the holiday season. Now, it's time to do your part.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action-oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.



Christmas comes early in the Peterson household

Thanksgiving is in the books for another year and Christmas is just weeks away ... that is, for most of you.

The Petersons are celebrating Christmas this coming weekend. Our kids and their families will be coming to Luverne from North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and, of course, Minnesota.

With busy work, school and sports schedules, it seems getting together at Christmas just doesn't work.

This isn't the first year, and no doubt won't be the last year, we gather together for Christmas on a day other than Dec. 25. There are some benefits to



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

celebrating Christmas early. You get your shopping done before many people even start theirs, and of course the return lines are shorter. Because it's too late, Cyber Monday is a non-event.

Also, you can start your post-holiday diet weeks earlier.

As I think about it, we celebrated Christmas last year the

first week of December as well. When we reminisce about that gathering, we refer to it as last year's Christmas.

I know it sounds like I am complaining about getting the family together at a time other than on Christmas Day, but I am not.

I know there are families out

there with circumstances such as travel, other family commitments, maybe health issues, that prevent them from making a trip home, or maybe they are serving in the military stateside or even in other parts of the world.

The Star Herald can help bring a little Christmas cheer to our service men and women.

We are collecting greeting cards again this year that will be sent off to military personnel around the world. There are some guidelines that need to be followed, and you can find those on page 14 in today's Star Herald.

May you have a Merry Christmas whenever you are celebrating it.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 21

- Complainant reported motor vehicle theft.
- Complainant picked up items belonging to subject.
- Complainant requested to speak to sheriff about parking.
- Complainant reported semitrailer swerving.
- Complainant reported semitrailer crossing center line and fog line.
- Complainant reported a transient.
- Complainant reported vehicle driving at high rate of speed past residence each day.
- Outage was reported.
- Complainant reported car racing around the industrial area.

Nov. 22

- Complainant filed domestic report.
- Complainant reported a vehicle driving at high rate of speed and in and out of traffic.
- Complainant reported theft from a trailer.
- Complainant reported a civil issue.
- Complainant requested assistance with retrieving belongings.
- Complainant reported a hit and run.
- Complainant reported damage to property.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy.
- Cottonwood County arrested subject on warrant.

Nov. 23

- Outage was reported.
- Complainant reported a scam.
- Complainant requested assistance.
- Complainant retrieved personal effects from vehicle.

•Complainant reported found property.

Nov. 24

- Deputy assisted MSP on a traffic stop.
- Deputy assisted MSP on a traffic stop.
- Complainant reported a threat.
- Assistance from another department was requested.
- Complainant reported child maltreatment.

Nov. 25

- Complainant reported damage to railroad crossing gate arm.
- Complainant reported vehicle is parked odd.
- Complainant reported a stalled vehicle parked suspiciously.

Nov. 26

- Complainant reported a disorderly.
- A request was received to confirm warrant.
- Complainant requested gate at city park to be kept closed until specific date then opened.
- Complainant reported vehicle with collector plates and questioned usage.
- Complainant reported vehicle driving wrong way on Highway 75.
- Complainant reported an open storage unit.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 4 deer accidents, 1 transport, 20 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 1 fingerprint request, 7 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 4 gas drive-offs, 2 alarms, 1 drug court test, 5 purchase and carry permits, 33 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 2 welfare checks, 1 OFP and 1 follow-up.

Respond to H-BC survey by Friday, Dec. 2

Friday, Dec. 2, is the last day for Hills-Beaver Creek School District residents to turn in the district facility survey.

A survey link is necessary to answer questions related to providing input to the school board's long-term facility plans. One survey link was sent to residences last month.

If a new link or an additional link is needed in the household, email business manager Amanda Rozeboom at a.rozeboom@isd671.net to request an online survey code or a paper copy of the survey.

Paper copies can also be obtained at the elementary school in Beaver Creek or the secondary school in Hills.



Mavis Fodness photo/1201 Intersection 4 and 6

Driver distraction is mostly to blame for crashes at the intersection of County Roads 4 and 6 northeast of Beaver Creek, based on a recent accident report. Six crashes have occurred in the past 12 years at the intersection, but the Rock County commissioners did not implement more safety precautions at the intersection after reviewing the study.

Intersection crashes near Beaver Creek/continued from page 1

The intersection was studied prior to the installation of LED-enhanced stop signs in the fall of 2021.

"I looked at this intersection — when you stop (on County Road 6) you can see both directions (along County Road 4) from a distance — when we put the flashing stop signs in," Sehr said.

Sehr used the Minnesota Department of Transportation software program MnCMAT (Minnesota's Crash Mapping Analysis Tool) to determine if additional safety measures need to be implemented at that intersection.

Sehr's study included accidents from 2011 to 2021, during which timeframe there were four crashes. The report did not include the McClure crash or the 2010 collision that killed Luverne's Joshua Nibelink and the motorcyclist who failed to yield.

County officials expected the number of crashes to be higher than what the report showed.

No additional safety measures were recommended for the already distraction-riddled intersection.

MnCMAT report reveals four crashes

The MnCMAT uses information gathered by law enforcement agencies to plot all crashes in Minnesota.

The report includes 67 pieces of information including route, date/day/time, severity, crash causation, weather and road conditions.

"I don't know if it is driver distraction coming off the interstate and trying to figure out where they are going or what they were doing that they don't take a hard look there or a hard stop."

— Mark Sehr, engineer
Rock County Highway Department

Information is available over a 10-year timeframe. None of the crashes at the intersection near Beaver Creek showed any pattern.

The crashes revealed:

- One minor injury and the other three property damage incidents.
 - They occurred at different times of the day ranging from 6 a.m. to just before midnight.
 - They involved drivers ranging in age from under 21 to two drivers over age 65.
 - Driving conditions in three of the crashes were dry, and one involved ice/frost.
- Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said speed may be a factor. Drivers drop down to 30 mph

coming into Beaver Creek traveling east and begin accelerating as they come to the intersection of County Roads 4 and 6.

However, Verbrugge said many drivers are not going slow enough through Beaver Creek.

"I've had a deputy sitting there at the location near the curve — at the old gas station — and pulls people over all the time for speeding," he said.

"We are actively trying to slow people down. It comes down to driver distractions."

Report shows possible driver distraction

The MnCMAT indicated drivers primarily reported they failed to yield the right of way to traffic on County Road 4. Three of the drivers reported no clear contributing action in the crashes.

Sehr pointed to the Nibelink crash and the most recent McClure crash as to the seriousness when drivers become too distracted as they drive up on the intersection.

"I don't know if it is driver distraction coming off the interstate and trying to figure out where they are going or what they were doing that they don't take a hard look there or a hard stop," Sehr said.

"I'm at a failure to explain the last one that happened with Matt. I think the sun conditions may have (been a factor) but it is hard to say."

Rock County commissioners lift moratorium on edible THC sales/continued from page 1

would like kept in, if at all possible," he said.

County attorney Jeff Haubrich served on the county committee that developed the ordinance.

Youth-oriented facilities, proximity to other licensed retailers, and churches were removed from the original ordinance.

"We took the churches (and other areas) out because it was so limiting in geographic area (for per-

mitted sales)," said County Attorney Jeff Haubrich.

The current ordinance continues to prohibit sales of licensed products within 1,000 feet of a school and only from a storefront location, which shouldn't affect youth-oriented facilities.

"We won't let them sell at farmers markets or anything like that," said Commissioner Jody Reisch.

Additionally, Vander Kooi questioned if the ordi-

nance allowed businesses who have tobacco licenses to be "grandfathered in," but are within the distance perimeter to a school. He supported reducing the distance to 500 feet.

"We think it is important to keep focus on that we don't want kids to have this stuff, especially since gummies are candy-like. That's why we raised this issue," he said.

Haubrich clarified no

grandfathering is a part of the hemp-derived products ordinance. All retail businesses must meet the stipulations under the THC edible sales ordinance before a license is issued.

After the 15-minute public hearing, commissioners passed the ordinance, keeping the distance to 1,000 feet from school property and buildings.

First to pass county THC ordinance

Rock County is one of the first counties in Minnesota to pass an ordinance for the sale of hemp-derived products since the state legalized the sale of THC (tetrahydrocannabinols) food and beverages on July 1.

However, the state's legalization did not contain provisions for licensing, rules and sales, or manage-

ment controls of the THC products.

The lack of regulations led commissioners to impose a moratorium through Dec. 1, after which the hemp-derived products ordinance goes into effect.

Rock County's ordinance stipulates license fees, identification parameters, enforcement and compliance checks similar to those in place for tobacco sales.

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MENU

Monday, Dec. 5: Hamburger patty on a bun with cheese, glazed carrots, vegetarian baked beans, dessert.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Pork loin, baked potato with sour cream, corn, dinner roll, fruit.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Beef stew, vegetable, biscuit, fruit, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by C & B Operations.

Thursday, Dec. 8: Goulash, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, bread stick.

Friday, Dec. 9: Chicken fiesta hot dish, carrots, fruit, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable 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.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

Learn the **Basics of Sewing** on Dec. 3 at The Sewing Basket. Use quilting and embroidery techniques to make a pillow. Fee is \$25 plus cost of supplies purchased at the store.

Learn the basics of estate planning during the **Death, Probate and Taxes ... Oh, My!** class on Dec. 1. Fee is \$5.

Students (grades 1-3) will follow along with the instructor step by step to create a painting at **Paint & Snack** class on Dec. 12. Fee is \$33.

Students (grades 4-6) will follow along with the instructor step by step to create a painting at **Paint & Snack** class on Dec. 19. Fee is \$33.



Photo courtesy of Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School

Secondary teacher Heather Erickson (far left) introduces a five-week activity on Nov. 10 called "Be Like E," which encourages the sixth- through 12th-grade students at Hills-Beaver Creek to display five characteristics or traits that her late son, Ethan Erickson, displayed. **Below:** Ethan Erickson.

H-BC secondary students remember late student with schoolwide activity

By Mavis Fodness

A special 16th birthday celebration is taking place at the Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School in memory of a former student.

Ethan Erickson would have turned 16 on Nov. 11.

Instead, a day before Ethan's birthday, his fellow sophomores invited the rest of the sixth- through 12th-grade students to participate in a five-week activity called "Be Like E."

"I felt that the school could benefit from thinking of others and being thankful and kind during the month of Thanksgiving," said Ethan's mom and secondary teacher Heather Erickson.

"I always strive to have a 'No Meanness Zone' in my classroom, and I felt that it would be more impactful for the students when thinking about how their friend was a role model for them and left a lasting impression on their lives."

The "Be Like E" schoolwide activity began Nov. 16 and will continue through the week of Dec. 12.

Each week focuses on a characteristic or trait that Ethan

exhibited regularly until his death from leukemia in October 2019 at the age of 12.

Empathy. Thankful. Honest. Accepting. Nice. Or E-T-H-A-N.

"Choosing the characteristics for E-T-H-A-N were easy for me to come up with because he truly was a kind, caring, empathetic soul, who was nice to everyone around him," Heather said.

"Ethan was a people pleaser and just wanted others around him to be happy."

Others recognized the same traits in Ethan.

Four years ago, Heather and her husband, Aaron, were presented with a book of letters from H-BC students in Ethan's memory. The students shared memories and kind words about Ethan. The book is treasured by the Erickson family.

"This book gave me the inspiration for the idea of 'Be Like E' to use in my classroom," Heather



said.

"The continued message that we share are the last words he had written to my husband and me in our birthday cards."

Rocks were also included.

A rock collector, Ethan enjoyed finding unique rocks and used to rub prayer stones to stay calm as he felt the love and peace around him during treatments.

His lasting message to his parents was, "Sometimes the one touch you need is love. Take these rocks to help you remember."

Ethan is also remembered by his close friends, who assembled a four-minute YouTube video for the kickoff "Be Like E" student assembly.

Sawyer Bosch, Emma Deelstra, Cameron Allen and Jack Moser each related stories about Ethan's display of empathy, honesty, acceptance and being nice. Heather completed stories for "T"

with thankfulness.

During the five weeks of "Be Like E" activity, H-BC secondary students exhibiting the characteristic of the week are rewarded with tickets that can be redeemed through the school's G.R.A.D. store.

Secondary principal Andrew Kellenberger said the store conducts weekly drawings for gift cards to local businesses, or students can choose from a variety of locally donated items.

G.R.A.D. stands for goal-oriented, respectful, accountable and determined.

"These are the expectations we teach throughout the school year," Kellenberger said. "We also believe they are good college, career and life skills for all our students."

"Be Like E" reminds H-BC students and staff to show empathy, be honest, thankful, accepting of others and nice to everyone just like Ethan displayed regularly.

"Having a positive attitude is contagious, and it can change our environment for the better," Heather said. "I asked students to think about what they want their legacy to be when they leave H-BC."

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

The Christensen girls are on a mission to bring affordable, high quality, gently used, upscale clothing to Luverne's Main Street.

Sisters Sue (Christensen) Hoffman and Amy (Christensen) Cowell are opening Sassy Seconds, a used-clothing store, Dec. 1 in the former Roberts Barber Shop at 119 East Main.

Hoffman owns and operates Great Planes Travel located next door, so she said adding another business made sense.

25 years ago (1997)

What started out as helping his dad grow navy beans has turned into a business on the side for Hills resident Wendell Erickson.

Erickson said it all began during World War 11, Dec. 7, 1941. Erickson's father, Raymond, farmed and raised navy beans on rented land in east central Minnesota.

But, during the invasion of Pearl Harbor, he lost his three employees to the service and had to look to his sons for help. Back then, Erickson said there was a big demand for navy beans, due to war rationing.

After those three years, Erickson said he quit growing beans because it was so time consuming and labor-intensive until the invention of the electric eye bean cleaner.

Erickson recently started growing navy beans again on land he owns in Grand Forks, N.D. He has found a renter there who is willing to raise navy beans on the 80 acres.

50 years ago (1972)

In a major business transaction this week, Tony's IGA Foodliner here was sold to Hy-Vee Stores, an Iowa based supermarket chain. Tony's was owned by Anthony Sieperda, of Rock Rapids, who has owned the business here since buying National Council Oak, February 13, 1960.

Named as manager of the store by the new owners was

a former Luverne young man, James Viland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Viland. He began his duties here Monday. Daryl Buss, who has been manager of Tony's IGA, will continue for a period as assistant manager, and will later be assigned to a management position with Hy-Vee, it was announced.

Hy-Vee is said to be the largest food store operation in the state of Iowa with 87 stores throughout the state.

75 years ago (1947)

Luverne's newest business, to be known as Mrs. Norgard's Tot Shop, will be opened to the public Saturday.

Located in the Wildung building, just south of the Luverne Style Shop, the store will be operated by Mrs. A. C. Norgard. Mrs. Norgard announced this week that the store would deal exclusively in wearing apparel for infants, toddlers, and girls up to 12 years of age.

The public is invited to visit the store on opening day Saturday.

100 years ago (1922)

The proposition of merging the Luverne cemetery with that of the Maplewood cemetery, reported as accepted at a meeting of the trustees of the Luverne association held Wednesday evening.

As outlined in these columns in previous issues, this provides for removing the bodies now interred in the old Luverne cemetery to Maplewood, and the eventual sale of the Luverne cemetery land, the funds and property of this association to go to the Maplewood association.

It was announced that the officers of the Maplewood association had arranged to set aside suitable lots for the re-interment of bodies now in the old cemetery, but it was decided to postpone the work of moving them until spring.

The unplatted portion of the Luverne cemetery, consisting of about 22½ acres of land, was leased to W. I. Ward for the ensuing year at the Wednesday evening meeting.

1943: Colby recalls seeing James brothers in Rock County

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 July 1, 1943.

One of the few living persons in this area who can claim having seen Jesse and Frank James, the famous Northfield bank robbers, is Mrs. Ellis W. Colby, Luverne.

Although she has had many exciting experiences during her life, the most chilling moment perhaps came when a sheriff's posse informed her and her brother, George W. Nelson, that the two men they had seen riding on horseback were the noted desperadoes.

Were Herding Cattle

Mrs. Colby and her brother were herding cattle on the prairie in Martin township when the two riders came over a knoll. She recalls how she and her brother admired them as they came nearer because



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

they not only rode beautiful horses, but they were gaudily dressed. Both wore belts that glittered in the sunlight, and had white gloves on their hands.

"I can remember just as plain as if it were yesterday," Mrs. Colby states, "that they came close to where we were, and one of them called out, 'Hello, there; we're going on!'," and continued to ride in a southwesterly direction. My brother and I were talking about them when from almost the same direction

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Bits by Betty features Diamond Club member Mrs. Ellis Colby/continued from page 6

came a couple of other men. They asked us if we'd seen any riders and we told them we had and pointed in the direction they had gone about a half hour before. Then one of the men told us that he was the Sheriff from Luverne, and that the men we had seen were the James boys."

Changed Horses

Although the posse continued on the trail of the bandits, they never caught them. Later it was learned that the two had stopped at a farm near Klondike, Iowa, and had changed horses. The farm was operated by a distant relative of Mrs. Colby's mother.

Mrs. Colby literally "grew up" with this section of the country because she came here before much settling had been done. Born in Helgeland, Norway, Feb. 16, 1865, she was christened Nickolena by her parents, Nels and Chistianne Nelson. Her father was a farmer, but also was a violin maker and a shoe-maker. Although he never learned to play a violin, he could tune one so it would

satisfy the ear of even the best musician.

Three Months at Sea

Mrs. Colby's father died in Norway, and because most of her mother's relatives had gone to America, her mother decided to take her two children and go there also. Mrs. Colby was five and one-half years old and her brother was a little over two when they boarded a sailboat and started out for the United States. They were on the ocean 11 weeks. Although a mere child at the time, she can remember several incidents in connection with the long journey. One time, all passengers were ordered to their quarters because of a storm. Mrs. Colby recalls how the boxes slid from one side to the other as the ship rocked in the high wind, and how water splashed into their stateroom.

Also during the trip, an epidemic of measles broke out, and her brother became seriously ill. She recalls how the steward told her mother to take the boy up on deck, "if you want to save his life." Most thrilled event of

'Then one of the men told us that he was the Sheriff from Luverne, and that the men we had seen were the James boys.'

—Mrs. Ellis Colby in Martin Township

the whole trip was seeing land again after almost three months on the water, Mrs. Colby states.

Rode in Cattle Car

Coming from New York to Ft. Dodge, Iowa, in a cattle car is another of Mrs. Colby's varied experiences. She explained that travel in those days was not always in luxurious coaches. Although she does not remember a great deal about the trip, she does recall looking at the passing scenery through the openings between the boards of the rack siding of the car.

The train went only as far as Ft. Dodge, and their destination was Buena Vista county, so relatives came to get them with an ox-team and covered wagon to Beloit, Iowa, a small village across the Sioux

River from Canton, S. D. There they lived two years with an aunt and uncle, and her mother "proved up" an 80-acre claim.

Mother Worked

Mrs. Colby's mother worked like a man during those first few years in order to support her family. She helped in the harvest fields, with the grain stacking and even with the threshing. She earned 75 cents a day, which was considered a pretty good salary for a woman. As soon as Mrs. Colby was old enough to help with housework and take care of children, she began working away from home for her board, room and clothing.

A few years later, her mother remarried, and they moved to Martin

township, Rock County. There Mrs. Colby experienced the visit of the James brothers, the grasshopper plague and the blizzard of 1888.

The day the grasshoppers came, she recalls, her mother was washing clothes by hand in the yard. When they began to settle, they kept falling in the tub so fast that her mother was unable to scoop them out fast enough, and she gave up the task.

The men had just begun harvesting when it began getting dark, and looking toward the sun, they saw the grasshoppers coming like a great cloud.

Destroyed Potato Patch

They came home at noon, and during the hour they were eating their noon meal, the hoppers had stripped every leaf from a field of corn near the house. "I remember my mother had a nice garden, and a beautiful potato patch," Mrs. Colby states, "and by three o'clock that afternoon, there wasn't a thing left."

Because of the scarcity of fuel, Mrs. Colby learned

early in life to twist hay and flax straw. In the winter they would pile it high like cordwood along the side of the wall, just in case a blizzard would strike.

Speaking of blizzards, Mrs. Colby recalls that her husband had been digging a well on their farm the day the blizzard of 1888 struck. He had just come in to change his clothing and had sent his hired man into the well to do the digging when the storm arose. His first thought was of getting the man out of the well, and while he was doing that, the cattle began to go with the wind away from the farm yard. After considerable work and anxiety, they were finally driven into the barn to safety.

This story will continue in next week's edition of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

OBITUARIES

Orville Bork

Orville Roland Bork, 81, Luverne, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Orville Bork was born Feb. 19, 1941, to Herman and Tillie (Termaat) Bork in Pipestone. He grew up on farms in Minnesota and Iowa and attended several schools, graduating in 1958 from Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton. He then worked for a painter before working at Lampert Building Center, where he took a course on drafting. He later worked for A & A Builders in construction work. He was proud to be part of the crew that built the Wayside Chapel along Highway 75 just north of Luverne.

On June 29, 1960, Orv married Barbara Bruxvoort at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Shortly thereafter, they moved to a farm west of Luverne where he began his farming career. They moved to farms near Hardwick and Beaver Creek before purchasing their present farm in 1973. They were still living there at the time of his death.

In 1979 they purchased the fabric shop, The Sewing Basket, in Luverne. Orv supported Barb in selling and repairing sewing machines. This business brought about many new friendships. By attending training sessions and earning sales awards, Orv and Barb were able to do extensive traveling.

When Orv turned 65, he leased his land and continued to care for his sheep and rabbits. He also enjoyed



working at the Pipestone Livestock Auction on sale days and during planting and harvest time, helping Byron Klaassen with field work.

Orv was an active member of the Luverne Christian Reformed Church, serving as elder and deacon. He also taught Sunday School classes, was a Youth Group leader, and at one time coached the church softball team. He served on the school board of the Southwest Christian High School and the Luverne Christian School Society, as well as president of the Rock County Pork Producers. He enjoyed playing softball and bowling on several different leagues throughout the years. His family enjoyed camping and visited almost every state park in Minnesota.

Orville is survived by his wife, Barb Bork; daughter Wendelynn Hathaway and her step-sons Isaak, Eric, Alex, and Owen; son Nicholas (Annie) and their children Payton, Hallie, Hendrik, Brynlie, Cambrie and Deidrik; daughter-in-law Marci Bork and her children Jamie and Eric (Kim); daughter-in-law Mary Bork Sawyer and her children Tyler Bork, Amanda (Aaron) Nichols, and Ashley Bork; brothers Wally (Linda) Bork, Harley (Linda) Bork, Don (Marcia) Bork and their children and grandchildren; sister-in-law Mary De Yong; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two adult sons, Douglas and Brian; his parents; his parents-in-law; two nieces; and son-in-law Patrick Hathaway.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

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Robert Loosbrock

Robert Edmund Loosbrock, 80, Luverne, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, surrounded by family.

A funeral Mass was Monday, Nov. 28, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion and VFW was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Robert Loosbrock was born on Nov. 24, 1941, to Edmund and Coletta (Fritz) Loosbrock in Adrian. He attended school in St. Kilian and Lismore and graduated from St. Anthony High School.

Bob worked for his uncles' tiling business before marrying Barbara Jean Herrmann at St. Catherine's Church in Luverne in 1964. Bob was drafted into the Army prior to getting married and left shortly after the wedding to serve in Vietnam.

Following his tour of duty, the couple farmed south of Lismore and Bob worked at IBP. They purchased the Blue Mound Inn and moved to Luverne in 1975. Bob later owned and operated Luverne Commodities. After the Blue Mound Inn closed in 2000, Bob and Barb worked in his commodity business until November 2021 when they retired.

Bob immersed himself in agriculture and loved farming, following the commodity markets, and checking the crops and his cattle. He cherished time



with family. His favorite hobbies were fishing and tinkering. He and Barb took long drives in their Corvette to grab a bite to eat and try their luck at the casino. They looked forward to their Lismore card group, especially ringing in the New Year together.

Bob is survived by his son, Mike (Brenda) Loosbrock of Slayton; two daughters, Kelly Stearns of Sioux Falls, and Amy (Tony) Reuter of Littleton, Colorado; grandchildren Ben (Haydn) Loosbrock of Bennington, Nebraska, Mallory Loosbrock of St. Paul, Emily Stearns of Baltimore, Maryland, Conner Stearns of Sioux Falls, and Coletta and Beau Reuter of Littleton, Colorado; siblings Bill Loosbrock of Big Fork, Ruth (Henry) Zins of Brookings, South Dakota, Connie Loonan of Hudson, Wisconsin, Dorothy Conlan of Maple Grove, Dan Loosbrock of Chalmers, Indiana, Carol (Larry) Olson of Sioux Falls, and Loren Loosbrock of Almena, Wisconsin; sisters-in-law Sandy Knapp of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Peg Herrmann of Eagan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barb; his parents; parents-in-law Arthur and Evelyn Herrmann; sister-in-law Donna Loosbrock; three brothers-in-law, Ron Knapp, Tom Conlan and Raymond Loonan, and nephew Dan Conlan.

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

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Lucille Feekes-Graff

Lucille S. Feekes-Graff died Nov. 24, 2022, in Luverne.

Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Miller Downtown Chapel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Brandon, South Dakota. Interment will be at Hurlay Cemetery.

Lucille Holbrook was born on Dec. 19, 1930, to George and Lucy Holbrook in Lake Wilson.

She married Roulland Feekes in April of 1947. They lived in various places in the Sioux Falls area and raised seven children. She began working for the Third Street Laundromat in the mid 1960s, and she and Roulland later purchased the business. Lucille managed the business until they sold it in 1976.

When the children had all finished school, the couple moved to Logan, Utah, and then Hiram, Utah. Lucille worked for Bourns Networks until Roulland retired in 1990. They then moved back to Sioux Falls. Roulland died in 2003.

Lucille moved into a retirement community where she met Donald Graff. They were married in April of 2006. Don died a year and a half later. She continued living in the retirement community until she began suffering from dementia. She then moved to the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne and lived there until her death.

She is survived by her children, Dale (Kathy) Feekes, Virginia Feekes, Bob Feekes, John (Sheila) Feekes, Tim (Shari) Feekes and Ted (Shannon) Feekes; 33 grandchildren; 85 great-grandchildren; 30 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Roulland Feekes; her late husband, Donald Graff; son Douglas Feekes; parents; siblings; great-grandson Landon Feekes; and great-granddaughter Justine Aarhus.

Arrangements were provided by Miller Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.millerfh.com.

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Greg Hoogeveen Photo/1201 all-conference football
Cardinal football players earning all-conference honors include (front, from left) Kaleb Hein, Zach DeBoer, Tyson Cowell, (back) Gannon Ahrendt, Eli Woodley and Conner Connell.



Greg Hoogeveen Photo/1201 all-conference tennis
Tennis all-conference honorees include (from left) Roselynn Hartshorn, Katherine Kelm and Sarah Stegenga.

Lady Pates fall in season opener to Windom on the road

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Lady Patriots opened their 2022-23 basketball season Saturday, Nov. 26, against the Windom Eagles in Windom where they fell to the Eagles 60-36.

Despite trailing by only 10 points at halftime, H-BC wasn't able to overcome the deficit.

Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball coach, Dylan Gehrke, started the game with senior guard Olivia Bork, junior guard Brynn Rauk, junior forward Larissa Steinhoff, junior forward Lanae Elbers and freshman guard Abbie Harris.

The Patriots were down most of the game.

With about 7 minutes left, they went ahead 38-30. Windom then made a 22-6 scoring run to end the game.

"Windom's pressure definitely gave us problems," Gehrke said.

"They have a few guards that do a really good job of making you uncomfortable with the ball."

Harris led the scoring charge for H-BC with seven total points.

Other offensive leaders were Rauk and freshman Ella Sammons, who each sank two 3-pointers, and freshman Izzy Wysong, who made two of three field goals.

The Patriots' defense was led by freshman Claire Knobloch with two assists and three steals.

Eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra contributed with four assists, six steals and two blocked shots.

Junior forward Lanae Elbers put her 6-foot-2 height to work with seven defensive rebounds.

The Lady Patriots were scheduled to host Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Tuesday, Nov. 29.



Several Cardinal runners earned cross country all-conference honors. In the photo at left, girls' cross country honorees are (from left) Khloe Visker, Jenna DeBates and Ella Schmuck. Not pictured is Grace Ingebretsen. In the photo above right, Cardinal boys' runners earning all-conference honors include (from left) Owen Janiszski, Camden Janiszski, Ryan Fick and Sage Viessman.



Greg Hoogeveen Photo/1201 all-conference boys cross country

Eighteen Luverne athletes earned 2022 all-conference awards in football, cross country, tennis, volleyball

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Big South Conference recently recognized 18 Luverne High School athletes for their performances during the Fall 2022 sports season.

The following students were recognized by sport:

•Girls' Cross Country all-conference: senior Jenna DeBates, freshman Ella Schmuck; all-conference honorable mention: senior Grace Ingebretsen, eighth-grader Khloe Visker.

•Boys' Cross Country all-conference: junior Ryan Fick, sophomore Owen Janiszski; all-conference honorable mention: senior Camden Janiszski, sophomore Sage Viess-

man.

•Football all-conference: seniors Gannon Ahrendt, Tyson Cowell, junior Conner Connell, sophomore Eli Woodley; all-conference honorable mention: seniors Zach DeBoer and Kalab Hein.

Ahrendt was voted wide receiver of the year.

•Volleyball all-conference honorable mention: senior Anja Jarchow.

•Tennis all-conference honorable mention: senior Katharine Kelm, juniors Sarah Stegenga and Roselynn Hartshorn.



Luverne senior Anja Jarchow earned volleyball all-conference honorable mention for her performance in the fall season.

Respect landowners' rights when hunting private grounds

The pheasant hunting season is under way and reports have been pretty good.

I had an incident happen to me the other day that has never happened to me before in all of my years as an avid hunter. What follows is a summary of this encounter and my recommendations to you if it were ever to happen to you.

I have never been written a citation for any game or fish violations in my entire life and I don't intend to ever get one. The most egregious of these is trespassing. I can find no explanation that will ever satisfy my disdain for this behavior. How a person thinks they can enter other people's property without permission is beyond me.

The aspect of this I find most perplexing is that when a landowner catches someone on their land without permission, how seldom they actually press charges. I would do so every time if I were them.

My landowner encounter situation is different in that I



had permission to hunt on the parcel I was about to enter.

Permission to hunt is not a one and done effort. You need to ask the property owner every year. This keeps everyone on the same page.

In my case, a neighbor came screaming up to me in his truck and told me to get the heck out of there. I very calmly explained that I knew the owner and their names were (example, Mr. and Mrs. Smith) and that I had permission to hunt on this spot. I was leading a film crew of three on this day and had specifically called the landowner to explain what I intended to do and to make sure he was OK with it. He then specifically gave me permission for that day for

me and the other members of my intended party. If you have permission to hunt a parcel, you need to be very clear how many people might be with you. Getting permission for you and your son and then bringing a group of 10 guys is certainly a hunting permission party foul.

I explained to my irate neighboring landowner that I had specifically cleared my intentions with the landowner. It really didn't matter to this guy. He was just going to make my life miserable and finally drove off. We did our thing and ended the day with five roosters sighted, three shot at and one in the bag. Only one member of our party was carrying a gun, and he certainly was not a dead-eye

marksman.

I would like to share my thoughts and best practices when hunting on another person's private land.

1. Have solid permission before you ever enter someone else's property.
2. Renew this permission every year to keep things clear. Offer a day of labor or other considerations for the property owner's generosity in allowing you access.
3. Never take more members of your party than originally agreed upon unless specific arrangements have been made for that visit.
4. Leave the spot better than you found it. Pick up any trash or litter and dispose of it properly.
5. Don't clean birds

where you hunt. I hate it when I show up after some group cleaned birds (on private or public land), and my dogs then try to eat every little scrap of remains left on the ground.

6. Offer to share any game that was harvested on the landowner's property. They don't often accept, but some landowners like a pheasant or two from time to time.

7. Be certain where you can and cannot drive and where only foot traffic is allowed. Rutting up a 2-track leaves a bad taste in landowners' mouths.

8. Follow all required setbacks for firearms discharge from occupied buildings and livestock and for good measure double the required distances to ensure everyone feels safe.

I felt bad that the film crew I was helping out that day had to see this irate neighbor sounding off. Things like this can happen, but they certainly don't happen very often if you never trespass

and always have proper permission to be where you're at.

No matter the situation, always remain calm and respectful. Raising the decibel level of your voice doesn't make the person hear you better. As sportsmen and women, we need to totally respect landowner rights and set an example for others to follow.

I called my landowner later that night and shared with him the events of the day. This way he knows the facts if that person were to call him with a differing story.

It has only happened once in my life and I was totally in the clear, but I really hope it never happens again. It is as simple as doing the right thing and doing it each and every time.

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.

LHS girls' hockey wins fourth game in a row

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Cardinal girls' hockey team beat Fairmont-Martin County Area 8-0 Tuesday, Nov. 22, on home ice.

Kamryn Van Batavia led the Cardinals with four of the eight goals against Fairmont. She was assisted by the Behr sisters — Payton Behr contributed three, and Tenley Behr passed for one.

Izzy Steensma, assisted by Tenley Behr, Payton Behr unassisted, Ellie Van Batavia assisted by Gretta McClure, and Gretta McClure assisted by Ellie Van Batavia contributed one goal each.

Luverne recorded 79 shots on goal to Fairmont's four.

"It was apparent from the get-go that the girls were ready to play," Sandbulte said. "We played fast and moved the puck well."

LHS goalie Mallory Von Tersch recorded another shutout with only four shots from Fairmont.

The win puts the Cardinals' record at 4-0.

Luverne was scheduled to play Marshall at home Tuesday, Nov. 29, and they'll host Waseca at home Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Blue Mound Ice Arena.



Samantha McGaffee photo/1117 H-BC All-Conference 2022

Seven Hills-Beaver Creek football players are on the 2022 Red Rock Conference All-District teams for their performances. Receiving honorable mention on the Red Rock Conference All-District football team are seniors Alex Harris (above, from left) and Luke Fuerstenberg, along with all-conference football team recipients sophomore Sawyer Bosch, senior Brayden Metzger, junior Riley Tatge and sophomore Beau Bakken. Missing is senior Cody Moser. In the photograph below right, junior Larissa Steinhoff was selected to the honorable mention volleyball team.

Eight H-BC athletes earn all-conference honors this fall

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Red Rock Conference recently recognized eight Hills-Beaver Creek High School athletes for their performances during the Fall 2022 sports season.

The following students were recognized by sport:

- Volleyball all-conference honorable mention: junior Larissa Steinhoff.
- Football all-conference:

seniors Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser, junior Riley Tatge, sophomores Beau Bakken and Sawyer Bosch; all-conference honorable mention: seniors Alex Harris and Luke Fuerstenberg.



Youth harvest deer in state park during special hunt

By Lori Sorenson

Nine youth hunters and their mentors participated in the Minnesota DNR's special youth hunt Nov. 19 and 20 in the Blue Mounds State Park.

According to park manager Chris Ingebretsen, 10 deer — nine does and two bucks — were harvested that weekend.

"The cold weather had deer moving through the park fairly well," he said.

The Blue Mounds State Park has hosted "earn a buck" hunts for the last several years, meaning each hunter can harvest a doe and a buck, or two does.

Rena DeKam, hunting with her mentor, Mike Raddle of Luverne, harvested two does.

The Blue Mounds State Park was closed to all visitors on Nov. 19 and 20 for the special hunt to prevent overpopulation of deer and to protect natural resources.

"Too many of one animal or plant species in an area can start to throw off the balance of other species in that area," said Travis Westbrook, Natural Resource Program coordinator for Minnesota State Parks and Trails.

"When there are too



Rena DeKam, hunting with her mentor, Mike Raddle of Luverne, harvested two does during the youth hunt in the Blue Mounds State Park Nov. 19 and 20.

many deer in a park, they feed too much on certain trees and native plants, so occasionally we allow deer hunts as a way to protect natural resources and bring the deer population back

into better balance."

Other Minnesota state parks and recreation areas also hosted hunts this fall after youth and adults applied for the permits earlier this year to participate in the hunts.

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Humanity has made great technological advancements to shrink the burden of waiting. We now have ATMs and self-checkout stations. Mail tracking systems now tell us just where our package is and how long before it arrives. Although we still haven't figured out how not to be put on hold, we can stream TV shows and movies on demand. No more waiting through commercials. We like our food fast, our internet connections constant and blazing, and I would venture to guess that most of you have a cell phone that can put you in contact with anyone, virtually anywhere in the world almost instantly! We do not like to wait.

No wonder, then, that for many churches the season of Advent has all but disappeared. After all, Advent is a season of waiting. Why would we purposely want to wait for anything? Frankly? Because sometimes waiting is healthy. Life can be too fast-paced, and slowing down can soothe the body and the soul. Advent gives us an opportunity for this. It is a time of reflection designed to begin the church year in the spirit of holy anticipation.

First, in Advent we wait to observe Christmas when we celebrate the first arrival of Jesus. Christmas is holy to us because it was then that God clothed himself in human flesh and was born to the blessed virgin, Mary.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Dr. Phil Booe,
St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

God came to earth as one of us, but he didn't stay in the manger. Jesus grew. He lived a flawless life and kept God's law perfectly. Then Jesus, as the blemish-free Lamb of God, willingly sacrificed himself on the cross in our place.

That's what makes Christmas so meaningful. Not the cuteness of the infant Christ. Not the angels' song nor the shepherds' devotion. It's about God keeping his promises to send a savior to the world to rescue us from our sin and save us from eternal death. Jesus did just that. After his death and burial, Christ descended into hell and then rose from the grave in victory over sin and death. Jesus ascended into heaven and promises to return. For those who believe in him, they too will share in this resurrection.

Therefore, Advent is not just about preparing for Christmas, it's also about waiting in holy anticipation of Christ's second coming. When he returns at the end of time, he will usher in the resurrection, judge the living and the dead, and establish the new heaven and new earth, our forever home with God.

Advent officially marks the beginning of the church year, and we would do well to embrace it as it simultaneously points us backward to Bethlehem and forward to the Parousia, the second coming of Jesus! May God grant each of you a blessed Advent season and a merry Christmastide.

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/stscluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.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, Dec. 1: 8:30 p.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion and 1st Grade Milestone. 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Christmas program dress rehearsal. 6-7:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Christmas party. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle. 6:15 p.m. 7th Grade confirmation class. 7 p.m. Advent Service. 7:45 p.m. Voices of Grace rehearsal. 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. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

American Reformed Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 1: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, Dec. 2: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Dec. 4: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, Dec. 5: 3-6 p.m. Cookie kit and cinnamon roll pick-up. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. School Retreat. 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. School Retreat. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. Thursday, Dec. 8: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. School Retreat. 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

Thursday, Dec. 1: 7 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, Dec. 3: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Dec. 4: 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, Dec. 7: 6:15 p.m. FUEL and confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Dec. 8: 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, Dec. 4: 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: stjohnlutheranluverne.org
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Saturday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Festival of Nativities. 5:30 p.m. Saturday Worship. Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 p.m. Worship Service—Junior Choir sings. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, Dec. 5: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. 2 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. 7 p.m. Elders' meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Advent Vespers. 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
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Josh Hayden, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 4: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at First Lutheran. Soup and Dessert Luncheon after worship. Free will offering. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheran-Valley 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

Wednesday, Nov. 30: 7 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service on Wednesdays during Advent Season at Palisade on Dec. 7, 14 and 21. Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Thursday, Dec. 8: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA meeting. 7 p.m. Palisade Council meeting. 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 Wiersma, 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, Dec. 4: 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.

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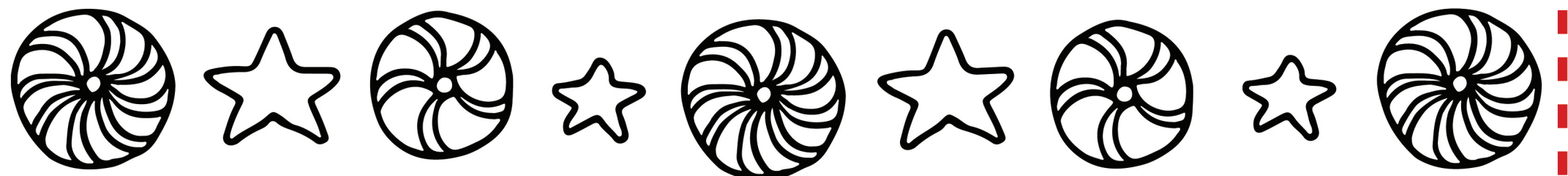
PRIZES will be awarded in SIX age categories!

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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+

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Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Luverne sets variance request hearing for school signage Dec. 13

Notice of Public Hearing for a Variance to the City of Luverne Zoning Ordinance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City of Luverne Board of Appeals and Adjustments that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The purpose of the hearing is to make a ruling on a requested variance by Luverne Public School, to City Code Section 153.151 Free-standing sign to be allowed with up to 290 square feet of signage, 604 N Kniss (20-0807-100) City of Luverne, Minnesota.

All persons wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the variance request should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior thereto to the Building Official. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the City of Luverne Board of Appeals and Adjustments, Luverne, Minnesota, this 1st day of December, 2022.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(12-01)

City of Luverne Ordinance No. 30, Fourth Series

ORDINANCE NO. 30, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE (115 WEST WARREN STREET, CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA) THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to City Charter, Section 12.05, the City Council is authorized to sell or convey the following described real estate located in the City of Luverne, County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Legally described as follows:

Lot Ten (10), Block Two (2) Warren & Kniss Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota To Paul Reif

SEC. 2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute such legal documents as are necessary to accomplish this sale and are further authorized to execute and deliver a warranty deed upon complete fulfillment of all terms and conditions.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.
(12-01)

Kristi's assumes name

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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ASSUMED NAME: **Kristi's**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
211 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: **Kristi K Knutson**
Address: **204 W. Main, Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

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

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

Signature : /s/ **Kristi Knutson**
MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **kristiknutson@gmail.com**
(12-01, 12-08)

Notice of assessment hearing for Lincoln Pipestone rural water system

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LYON FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Subject Matter: 14 Other Civil
Court File No. 42-CV-06-1150

In the Matter of Assigned to Judge Tricia B. Zimmer

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM
Petitioner

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System ("LPRW") has filed a Petition at the Lyon County, Minnesota District Court, which requests that the real estate owned by all individuals and businesses who connected to LPRW in 2022, and who have not fully paid for their connection to LPRW, be assessed for all remaining costs to connect to LPRW.

A hearing on this Petition is going to occur in one of the courtrooms at the Lyon County Government Center, which is located at 607 West Main Street, Marshall, Minnesota 56258 on January 4, 2023, at 1:15 p.m.

Written and/or oral objections will be considered at the hearing.

The proposed assessment rolls are on file with the County Auditors of Jackson County, Lac Qui Parle County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Murray County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Rock County, and Yellow Medicine County.

The real estate proposed to be assessed consists of every parcel of real estate benefitted by the connection to LPRW. The amount being assessed is the amount which has been mutually agreed to by the owners of the real estate being assessed and LPRW.

Aimee Primus
Court Administrator

By: Amy Larsen
Deputy Court Administrator
November 18, 2022

This instrument drafted by:
Ronald J. Schramel
Attorney for Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water
Atty. Reg. No. 254757
Schramel Law Office
910 Fourth Avenue – PO Box 505
Windom, MN 56101
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(12-01)

City of Hardwick seeks snow removal bids by Dec. 13

Request for Proposal for Snow Removal Services
City of Hardwick

Sealed bids will be received for the City of Hardwick Council, Hardwick, MN 56134 until 5:00 p.m. December 13, 2022, to furnish snow removal services for the City of Hardwick.

Bids will be reviewed at the December 13, 2022, meeting.

All bids must be sealed in an envelope and addressed to the City of Hardwick, marked "RFP for Snow Removal" and sent to Tammy Johnson, City Clerk, PO Box 31, Hardwick, MN 56134 or dropped off in the Hardwick City Hall drop box.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

(12-01)

Tofteland hearing

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF ROCK 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

Attorney for Petitioner
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(11-23, 12-01)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Nov. 15

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, and David Wrigg. Also present: Craig Oftedahl and Tyler Reisch.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch read the Oath of Office for the Canvassing Board and had each School Board member sign the oath. He reviewed the Abstract of Votes cast.

As specified in the Abstract and Return of Votes Cast at said election on the election of four (4) school board members for (4) four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on December 31 next following the general election:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - SCHOOL DISTRICT 2184		
CANDIDATE:	TOTAL:	CANDIDATE:
ZACH NOLZ	1173.	JACOB HARTZ
RANDY SASKER	1020.	AMBER LAIS
MICHAEL DEBATES	913.	AUSTIN KURTZ
ERIC HARTMAN	902.	BRETT HOOD
HEATHER JOHNSON	867.	SCOTT WESSELS
JOSH GANGESTAD	785.	JASON SCHEAR
AMBER NATH	733.	MATT GOEMBEL
MAGGIE SIEBENHLER	730.	WRITE-IN
		10.

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast at said election on the election of one (1) school board member for a (2) two-year term vacancy on the board caused by expiration of term on December 1, 2022:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - SCHOOL DISTRICT 2184	
CANDIDATE:	TOTAL:
RYAN DEBATES	1288.
MAGGIE VANDERBURG	753.
MATTHEW VANGROOTHEEST	719.
WRITE-IN	8.

Candidate ZACH NOLZ, Candidate RANDY SASKER, Candidate MICHAEL DEBATES, and Candidate ERIC HARTMAN, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning January 1, 2023. Candidate RYAN DEBATES having received the highest number of votes in the special election is elected to a two year term beginning December 1, 2022.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Greg Hoogeveen, Custodian, effective November 18, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Blaine Radtke as MS Boys Basketball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to approve the switch of Chris Nowatzki from MS Gymnastics coach to Assistant Gymnastics coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Daniel Perez as part-time housekeeper effective November 7, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. Dated: November 15, 2022

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(12-01)

Ordinance of hemp derived products for Rock County

Resolution No. 37-22

The following Ordinance is hereby published by title and summary:

1. **Title of Ordinance:** Rock County Hemp Derived Product Ordinance

2. **Summary of Ordinance:**

Section 1: Defines the purpose of the Ordinance to regulate the sale of hemp derived products that may be legally sold under Minnesota law.

Section 2: Sets forth definitions of terms use in the Ordinance.

Section 3: Provides that a County license is required prior to offering for sale any licensed products. Specifies the procedure for applying for a license and sets the minimum clerk age at 21. Establishes the license term and provides for renewals. Restricts the sale of licensed products within 1,000 feet of school building or property; Prohibits pharmacies and healthcare practitioners who certify qualifying conditions for medical cannabis patients. Establishes the maximum number of retail licenses.

Section 4: Provides that every license must designate a manager and an agent for service of process.

Section 5: Section 6: Sets forth the bases for denial of a license.

Section 7: Describes prohibited sales; including self-serving displays, vending machines, and delivery sales. Indicates that licensee is responsible for actions of employees. Sets the minimum age for a sales clerk at 21 years of age and identifies requirements for signage and age verification.

Section 8: The licensee is responsible for the action of their employees.

Section 9: Provides for compliance checks.

Section 10: Prohibits anyone over the age of 21 or older to purchase or otherwise obtain licensed products on behalf of a person under the age of 21 and prohibits the use of false identification.

Section 11: Provides certain exceptions to the Ordinance related to lawfully recognize religious, spiritual or cultural ceremony or other indigenous practices.

Section 12: Sets forth administrative process related to violations and sets penalties for violations of \$600 for first violation; \$1000 for the second violation along with suspension; and \$2,000 along with revocation after third violation.

Section 13: Contains a severability and savings clause.

Section 14: Provides that the ordinance is to be effective on this date of publication and provides that existing licensees shall have until December 31, 2022, to sell and remove inventories of products that are no longer permitted to be sold under the provisions of this Ordinance.

3. **Availability of Ordinance:** A complete printed copy of this Ordinance is available for inspection by a person during regular business hours in the office of the County Administrator located at 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota 56156. This Ordinance was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rock on the 18th day of October, 2022, and shall become effective immediately upon the date of publication.

Jody Reisch,
Board Chairperson

ATTEST:
Kyle J. Oldre,
County Administrator

(12-01)

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"x4 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)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Oct. 27

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on October 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, and David Wrigg. Absent: Katie Baustian. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Tyler Reisch, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Becky Rahm, Caroline Thorson, Angie Swenson, Heather Johnson, Averil Sehr, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Angie Swenson presented information regarding the Foreign Languages trip to Germany and Spain tentatively set for June 17-26, 2024. They will be traveling with Passports Education Group Travel. School board members were glad to see this opportunity brought back for the students.

Administrative reports were given.

Chairperson Hartman gave a summary report of Superintendent Oftedahl's Performance Review held on September 22, 2022. A score of 3 is recognized as "accomplished" and a score of 4 is recognized as "Distinguished". The average score was 3.47 which is midpoint between distinguished and accomplished.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Deutsch, to approve the September 22, 2022, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Wrigg, to accept the following donations:

Caseys	\$250 to general student activities
Luverne Area R.A.K.	\$320 to the Angel Fund for school meals
C & B Operations	\$5,000 toolbox and tools for Agriculture Education Program

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Donors Choose Peer Tutor Seating in Molly Carbonneau's classroom
 Donors Choose Creating a Calming Space in Discovery Time classroom
 Luverne Area R.A.K. \$750 to the Angel Fund for school meals
 Motion unanimously carried.
 Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the District and Student Activity checks. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve the payments as presented in the amount of \$1,896,908.07. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Wrigg, second by Deutsch, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of September 30, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Jarchow, second by Bosch, to approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. This resolution is for grants and funding to assist schools in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve ratification of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Agreement with AFSCME Council 65 Local Union 2558 - Support Staff. The agreement includes \$1.00 added to the schedule for both years and a district contribution to health insurance in the amount of \$6,875.00. Motion unani-

mously carried.
 Motion made by Wrigg, second by Deutsch, to approve using ESSER III funds for elementary door security hardware and installation. Business Manager Tyler Reisch reported they are hoping to have the hardware here by Thanksgiving with installation over Christmas break. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Jessica Knorr as paraprofessional effective October 3, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Wrigg, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Amy Dammann as paraprofessional effective September 26, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Diane Robinson as long-term substitute for Aimee Richters, Special Education teacher, for 11 weeks beginning approximately November 27, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve a medical leave of absence request from Lucinda Rofshus, Elementary teacher, from November 29 through December 21, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Wrigg, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Zach Wer-mager as long-term substitute for Lucinda Rofshus beginning November 29, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Janine DeBates, Custodian, effective October 28, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve a maternity leave of

absence request from Ann Sandager, English teacher, beginning approximately April 20, 2023, for the remainder of the school year. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of David Edwards, paraprofessional, effective October 28, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve Andrea Flemming as volunteer FFA advisor. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the request from Ellen Wenninger to move from Assistant Girls Hockey coach to volunteer Girls Hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Jarchow, second by Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Matt McClure as assistant Girls Hockey Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve Kaden Ericson as volunteer Boys Hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.
 Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Crystal Tiesler as paraprofessional effective October 31, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.
 There were no committee reports given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.
 Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
 Dated: October 27, 2022

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(12-01)

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Help Wanted: Son-D Farms in Adrian is seeking a pick-up driver. Full or part-time. Call Doug for information, 507-370-1590. (11.5-12.15)

EMPLOYMENT

Family and Children's Social Services Supervisor: Nobles County has an opening or a family and children's social service supervisor. Apply now for this exciting career opportunity! This position is responsible for the administration of the family and children's social services programs for the Community Services Department. Duties include, but are not limited to: supervising staff; directing activities; planning and developing budgets, and performing additional tasks as assigned. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree with a minimum of four years' experience in public or private social work; or equivalent combination. Previous supervisory experience preferred. Must possess a valid State of Minnesota driver's license. Nobles County offers an excellent benefit package and an opportunity for occasional telecommuting! **APPLY TO:** Nobles County Administration Office. Visit our website at www.co.nobles.mn.us for application and to view full job description and benefit sheet. **Deadline: Open until filled, first review date December 16, 2022.** EEO/AA Employer (12.1-12.10)

EMPLOYMENT

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Questions contact Krissi @ 978-209-1069

EMPLOYMENT

ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Part-Time Intermittent Dispatcher
 The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of **Part-Time Intermittent Dispatcher** in the Rock County Sheriff's Office until **December 09, 2022 at 5:00PM.** Minimum qualifications are a High School diploma or equivalent with one year of work-related experience. Applicants must possess excellent communication skills, have the ability to read a map and multi-task duties in a fast-paced environment. The work is performed on a shift rotation basis and is a union position of Local Union No. 2558C. **Starting hourly wage will be \$20.62 - \$22.31 DOQ with additional compensation for overtime and shift differentials.** All interested persons must complete a Rock County application form; for an application form and full job description, please go to https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php. For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or email susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us.
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EMPLOYMENT

LUPERNE CARDINALS
PART-TIME CHILD CARE ASSISTANT
 Luverne Community Education is seeking a **part-time Child Care Assistant.** Must be high school junior or older. Must have experience working with children.
 Job duties include supervising students who participate in the after school Family U Child Care program. Week day hours vary from 10-30 hours per week.
Position open until filled.
 Application forms may be picked up at Luverne Community Education, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne, or by contacting Lisa Nath at li.nath@isd2184.net or 283-4724. EOE

EMPLOYMENT

LUVERNE COUNTRY CLUB
GOLF SUPERINTENDENT
 The Luverne Country Club is looking for a Superintendent who will participate in the maintenance of the golf course. The superintendent will promote an exceptional "golf experience," and provide excellent playing surfaces for all members and guests. Daily duties include the following: Daily mowing of golf course, Tees, fairways, greens, rough and driving range, cup changing, tree removal, equipment maintenance, irrigation repair, bunker maintenance, and other tasks required to maintain the golf course. Personnel management along with previous experience or knowledge of golf is not required, but is preferred. Salary will be determined, based on qualifications.
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Holiday lights, fireworks, Santa train usher in holiday season in Luverne/continued from page 1

of applause for all the efforts they put into making the day so special for children and families from Rushmore to Luverne," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Lanphere.

Families then traveled to Luverne City Park where they took their places in a line of vehicles on the park's circular driveway to wait for the fireworks to begin at 7 p.m.

"Luverne's licensed pyrotechnician Jonathon Kurtz and his team shot off a wonderful

display to usher in the park lighting," Lanphere said.

"Special thanks to all the sponsors of the fireworks. It was spectacular! What a wonderful free gift all of these partners gave to everyone."

Kurtz was assisted by his wife, Krista, father Mark, and friends Jenn Wiebe and Aerick Dennis.

The last of the fireworks signaled the ceremonial lighting of the community-decorated displays in the park.



Lori Sorenson photos/1201 holiday lights
In the photo at left, Presbyterian Church youth members (from left) Tori Serie, Sarah Stegenga, Kia Buss, Brady Bork and Tiana Lais gave away 300 gift bags of hot cocoa packets, candy canes and Christmas cards. In the photo at right, Ellis and Eastern Railroad treated nearly 400 visitors at the depot to hot cocoa and frosted cookies. From left are Mallory Berning, Janel Berning, Natalie Berning and Toni Colton.

2022 Winterfest

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

PUPPET SHOW STORY HOUR
10 am
at Rock County Community Library

WINE & BEER TASTING
Luverne Blue Mound Liquor
4-8 pm

NUTCRACKER OPEN HOUSE
History Center
10 am - 4 pm

Taco Salad Supper
Luverne Eagles Club
5:30 pm until gone

Hinkly Nutcracker Open House
4 pm - 7 pm
At the Hinkly House
217 N. Freeman
Refreshments Served

ST. JOHN Lutheran Church
"O come, let us adore Him"
View Nativities of Every Kind
St. John Lutheran Church
4 pm - 7 pm
FREE ADMISSION
Refreshments served

TAKE 16
Christmas Cheer Beer Release
Starting at 12
Appetizer Cook-Off - 6:30 pm
"Name that Tune" Taproom - 7 to 9 pm

LUMBER JACK & JILL PHOTO CONTEST
Prizes awarded
At Blue Mound Liquor
December 2 through December 17
Vote on Facebook: LuverneBML

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Winterfest

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

At the Commons and Cardinal Gym
Luverne Public Schools
9 am to 3 pm
Admission Fee = \$5; Children 12 & under FREE

PICTURES with SANTA
by Myhre Studio
Elementary Multi-purpose room • 11 am - 12:30 pm
\$15 suggested donation to Generations
• for 5"x7" colored photograph

Rock County 4-H presents
Make and Take Holiday Projects
10 am to 1 pm
Luverne Elementary Commons
Only \$5
Youth can stop by and enjoy making a craft to take home!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Luverne School Performing Arts Center - 7 PM
"Let There Be Christmas" featuring Carnegie Minstrels
Proceeds support the Rock County Food Shelf

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

FLANNEL FEST
AT BIG TOP TENTS & EVENTS
Buy a mug for \$10
Get 2 FREE drink tickets!

Chili Cook-Off
12 pm - 2 pm
All You Can Eat & Judge | \$10/person
Proceeds for Luverne Youth Hockey

Bean Bag Tournament
Starting at 1 pm | \$10/team

Beer Pong Tournament
Starting at 7:30 pm | \$10/team

Pizzas, Pitchers & Puzzles
Session 1 - 3 pm | Session 2 - 6 pm
\$50/team
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Karaoke with Madi Oye - 8 pm
Best Dressed - Flannel Attire
Prizes Awarded

WAFFLE FEED
9 to Noon
Freewill Donation supporting Masons

FREE MOVIE AT THE PALACE
"The Nutcracker Ballet"
2 pm
Children receive a gift

"Businesses, organizations and individuals who stepped up to the plate to decorate the park made 'Light the Night' possible, and we couldn't be prouder of our partners," Lanphere said the next day.

"Special thanks to the city of Luverne electrical and public works departments for going out of their way to make sure the power works and the general decorating was done."

She estimated 150 vehicles entered the park for fireworks viewing and

another 100 came through after the fireworks were done. Nearly 300 gift bags were shared with children.

"On behalf of the Chamber - we just can't say how grateful we are to live in such a giving and supportive community," Lanphere said.

The displays in the city park will remain lighted through the holiday season. In 2021 it was estimated that over 8,000 vehicles circled through the park between Nov. 27 and New Year's Eve.

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- Avoid using glitter - it's a problem if it gets on uniforms.
- Avoid political statements or religious discussions, but feel free to let them know you are praying for them!
- Don't date your card/letter because they will be sent out all year long as part of MILITARY MISSIONS care packages.

Cards will be collected at the park or drop them off at The Star Herald office.

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