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New Vision to replace Beaver Creek elevator with new office, scale; Hills bins coming down

By Lori Sorenson

New Vision will demolish the iconic wooden grain elevator in Beaver Creek this spring and replace it with a new office and scale in time for harvest this fall.

"It's not safe for our customers, employees and the community," said New Vision CEO Matt Ashton. "It's long past its prime and needs to be removed."

Pieces of tin and debris have been falling off in the wind, and the Beaver Creek City Council approved a permit at their Jan. 12 meeting for demolition and new construction.

The project is estimated to cost roughly \$400,000, including demolition costs.

"We want to reinvest in Beaver Creek to serve our customers long-term," Ashton said. "It's important to upgrade that facility to help our membership there."

The 16-by-24 office structure will house an office, bathroom and utility room, plus a break room for customers and employees.

The new 11-by-75-foot in-ground truck scale will be positioned to make it easier for customers to get in and out with grain.

The new construction will be located on the same site as the existing wood-house once it's torn down.

The 125-foot-tall wooden elevator hasn't stored grain for over a decade; it was being used only for its office and scale.

New Vision put up the three new bins — with a total grain storage capacity of 1.1 million bushels — 15 to 20 years ago.

Ashton said the office facility will offer technology at the bins not previously available in Beaver Creek.

"Automation in the new office will allow one person to run the three bins — the pits, legs and conveyor," he said.

"Also, there's a grain probe at the scale, which will make the process faster for customers."

The current grain sampling process involves a coffee can scoop from the pit that's tested for weight, moisture and



Lori Sorenson photo/0127 beaver creek grain elevator

The 125-foot-tall wooden elevator in Beaver Creek hasn't stored grain for over a decade; it was being used only for its office and scale. New Vision will replace it with a 16-by-24 office with automation for the bins and an 11-by-75-foot in-ground truck scale.

quality. If there's spoiled grain, it's discovered as the grain goes into the bin, too late to isolate it.

Ashton said New Vision in Beaver Creek typically accommodates 50,000 to 70,000 bushels of grain per day during harvest. "We hope with the new scale we'll be able to see more traffic," Ashton said. "We want to be able to better serve our customers."

A crane and wrecking ball will move

on site in Beaver Creek this spring for demolition crews to begin work in March or April

New Vision to remove 1980s-era grain bins in Hills

Meanwhile, New Vision is planning to tear down four steel grain bins in Hills.

Ashton said the bins, built in 1984 and

New Vision elevator, bins/see page 14

Sioux Valley seeks to 'revive' communities

By Mavis Fodness

A program is being developed by a local electric cooperative to connect communities with resources for economic and community development.

Sioux Valley Energy calls the program REVIVE 2030.

Once developed, REVIVE 2030 will work with individual communities within the cooperative's footprint on various projects.

Rock and Pipestone counties are part of the cooperative's service area and are included in the program's development.

City, county and civic leaders from both counties were invited to participate in an information-gathering, focus-group meeting. Just under 40 people attended the Jan. 20 meeting at the Hardwick Community Center.

"REVIVE is not a check-writing program," said Tim McCarthy, SVE's general manager and chief executive officer.

"What we want this to be is a partnership between Sioux Valley and our communities out there and we want you to have skin in the game with us so we can all move forward together."

A similar gathering of community members from South Dakota took place in November in Colton, South Dakota, the main headquarters for Sioux Valley Energy.

From the first meeting, SVE decided the best way to move forward was to hire an economic and community development professional to assist area communities through the REVIVE 2030 program.

McCarthy said economic develop-

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Sugar cookies sold for the Cookies for a Cause fundraiser are baked and designed by Victoria Stearns of "Cakes & Bakes" in Luverne.

'Cookies for a Cause' supports Luv1LuvAll cause

By Mavis Fodness

A heartfelt gift is available for Valentine's Day through a community organization focused on ending poverty in the Luverne area.

Luv1LuvAll is offering a heart-shaped, decorated sugar cookie for \$5. The Valentine's Day offering replaces the poinsettia sales the group conducted during the Christmas holiday.

New chairperson Holly Anderson-Wessels said the timeline change is a better fit for the organization whose focus is to fill gaps in services for area residents.

"Christmas is such a busy time so we decided to try something different," she said. "It's our only fundraiser ... Valentine's Day seemed like a natural fit."

The group is working with

Orders are due Feb. 5 and are placed through the Luverne Area Chamber, 507-283-4061.

Pick up cookies from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in the community room at the Southwest Health and Human Services building

local dessert baker Victoria Stearns of Luverne, whose business "Cakes & Bakes" focuses on dessert creations.

After taste testing various cookie recipes, Anderson-Wessels said they settled on a traditional cookie recipe with white and pink frosting.

"We didn't want to go too

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Luverne Farm Store sold after 74 years

Feed mill sold to hog production company, Pro Partners LLC
lawn care and rentals sold to Luverne Lawn Care LLC

By Lori Sorenson

Nate Golla and his father, Gary Golla, announced this week that they're selling their 74-year-old family business, the Luverne Farm Store.

The feed mill side of the business has been purchased by Pro Partners LLC, a group of local investors who will use the mill to support their hog production.

The lawn care, grounds maintenance and rental equipment part of the Farm Store business has been purchased by Luverne Lawn Care, LLC, a group of local owners who will operate the business out of their own property in town.

The Farm Store buildings and property on South Highway 75 are for sale.

The Gollas said Monday that the business and services of the Farm Store will remain in the community; it just won't be known as the Farm Store anymore.

"What we do is being transferred to other people," Gary said.

As of Jan. 1, Pro Partners LLC took over the feed mill and shop area (the building where pancake days were hosted), and current Farm Store feed customers will need to buy their products elsewhere.

Pro Partners retained two of the Farm Store's current employees, Ardell Van Wettering and Brandon Boeve. Cody Lanoue, former employee, was hired back to work in the feed mill.

Nate said the Farm Store sold the feed mill business because of the recent



Lori Sorenson photo/0127 gollas farm store

Nate Golla, (left) and his father, Gary Golla, are selling their 74-year-old family business, the Luverne Farm Store to local entities.

retractions in the local hog industry.

Without the feed business, he said he made the difficult decision to also sell the lawn care and grounds maintenance business. "We truly love what we do," he said.

"We've been very fortunate

to have some unbelievable customers and have enjoyed so much working in the community and the area at large. It was very difficult to come to a decision that it was time to let that go."

Farm Store sold/see page 14



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

H-BC chili cook-off Feb. 4

The Hills-Beaver Creek FFA Chapter will host a Chili Cook-off Friday, Feb. 4, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Vote for the hottest chili, judges' choice and fan favorite. The event, which includes a silent auction, raises funds for the chapter's trip to the state convention this spring and the national convention this fall.

Free bake-at-home pizzas distributed Feb. 12

The Christian Motorcyclist Association will offer free bake-at-home Luverne Pizza Ranch pizzas at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Living Rock Church on East Main Street in Luverne. The drive-through style event is CMA's gesture to "share the love of Jesus" with the community.

This year, more than 400 pizzas are available until they're gone to anyone in the community who wants one. No sign-up necessary. Call 605-366-9942 if there are questions.

Tack swap March 5 at Rock Ranch by Hills

A tack swap benefit is planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Rock Ranch near Hills. Organizers are seeking individuals interested in selling horse-related items or sharing business or service information by reserving a booth. The free-will donation event is a fundraiser for two area 4-H families: Mark and Lisa Ehlers of Luverne and Wyatt and the late Tanya Fey of Woodstock. Call Kris Vanderbrink at 507-350-9209 to reserve a booth.

Winter Carnival postponed

Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival, which was scheduled for Jan. 22, is tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, March 5.

Free tax preparation

AARP volunteers will offer free tax preparation for low-income and seniors at the Rock County Library on Mondays starting Feb. 9 through April 15. Call 507-449-5040 for appointments. Bring documents, including last year's tax return and a form of identification to document social security number. Masks required.

Online mental health classes

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will offer free online mental health classes for January and February.

Among them are suicide prevention classes called QPR – Question, Persuade and Refer – plus a special one for ag communities.

The classes are designed for family members and caregivers, persons living with a mental illness, service providers and also for the general public. Go to namimn.org and click on "Classes."

Community Ed

Call Cindy at Community Ed, 507-283-4724, to register for classes. Website is http://www.isd2184.net/Communit_Ed/index.html

Register by Feb. 1 for **Pretty Princess Gala** on Feb. 15, a fundraiser event sponsored by the FFLCA club for girls age 4 through grade 3, featuring a tea party, manicures, crafts, photo shoot and more. Fee is \$20.

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class is Feb. 3. Fee is \$58. Do the online portion ahead of Feb. 3 at redcrosslearning.com and take that certificate to class. Manikin practice and written test will be Feb. 3.

Valentine's Day Kids in the Kitchen is Feb. 3 for students in grades K-5. \$16 (or \$28 for two).

Softball Camp begins on Feb. 10 for six sessions for girls in grades K-8 who are interested in being catchers and pitchers to learn and practice their skills (experienced or inexperienced). Sign up by Feb. 1 at the lower fee of \$60.

Valentine Painting for students in grades 1-4 will meet Feb. 10 at Coffey Contemporary Arts painting and yummy snacks. Fee is \$33.

Try your hand on a pottery wheel at **Give Spinning a Try** on Feb. 12 for grades 5 through adult. You will have plenty of time to play with the clay. Fee is \$15. (If you do want to take your piece of clay home at the end of class, bring \$10 to give to instructor.)

Defensive Driving Refresher 4-hour class is Feb. 17 for those who have taken the beginning 8-hour class and need to renew certification.

Register by Feb. 25 for **"Footloose"** performed at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on March 26. Fee is \$115/person for a chartered bus



Building engineer (far left, Steven Woods) explains the rescue attempt for the supermodels trapped in a building collapse to Bob (Ashlyn Johnson), Andi (Mia Wenzel) and fire captain (Pierce Cunningham). Mavis Fodness photos/0127 one-act

Students perform one act play, 'Supermodels in Jeopardy'

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne students resume one act play competition Saturday when they travel to Pipestone to perform "Supermodels in Jeopardy," a dark comedy by Jonathan Dorf.

Joseph Stearns, the LHS one act play adviser, chose "Supermodels in Jeopardy" last year.

"I selected this piece because it has a wide range of casting options, so we would pull it off regardless of student turnout for the activity," he said.

The production could accommodate from nine to 31 actors on stage.

There are 11 LHS students involved in the one act play.

"I am excited there are a number of new ninth-grade students interested in one act that joined this year," Stearns said.

Senior Mia Wenzel portrays the main character named Andi, a publicity agent who controls the fate of the world's supermodels.

The supermodels, who were attending an International Supermodel Expo, are trapped in their dressing rooms due to a partial building collapse.

Andi and her assistant, Bob (portrayed by junior Ashlyn Johnson), and intern Wendy (sophomore

Alex Perkins) debate over the rescue efforts of the supermodels and whether or not their deaths would deprive the world of the guidance only beautiful people could provide.

Senior Pierce Cunningham plays the fire chief, and sophomore Steven Woods is the structural engineer.

Rounding out the cast are junior Grace Ingebretson and freshmen Brianna Kinsinger, Nora Louwagie, Hallie Pergande and Bethany Behr.

Zoey Berghorst, a sophomore, is part of the production crew assigned to sound effects.

Pipestone and Luverne students met in a pre-competition event Monday in the LHS performing arts center where the teams performed dress rehearsals of their respective 35-minute plays.

Saturday's Region 3A One Act Play Competition begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pipestone Area High School.

The top-performing schools from each section will perform at section competition Feb. 5 at Redwood Valley High School in Redwood Falls.

The state tournament is Feb. 10-11 at St. Catherine University in St. Paul.



Mavis Fodness photo/One Act 2022

Luverne High School's one act play students practice "Supermodels in Jeopardy" last week in the school's performing arts center. Tabloid reporter Heidi Jeckel (portrayed by Brianna Kinsinger) asks Andi (center, portrayed by Mia Wenzel), an agent representing several supermodels trapped in a collapsed building, if the People for More Realistic Eating Habits is responsible for the collapse. Andi's assistant, Bob (Ashlyn Johnson), stands in the background.



Pictured above, supermodel fans (from left, Hallie Pergande, Bethany Behr and Nora Louwagie) pray for the models' safe extraction from a collapsed building.

Pictured at left Tabloid reporter Heidi Jeckel (center, Brianna Kinsinger) listens to the phone conversation of Andi (right, Mia Wenzel) and what Andi told her assistant, Bob (Ashlyn Johnson).

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Pizza and prayers

Christian motorcycle group shares love on the go with drive-through pizza giveaway

By Lori Sorenson

On a bitterly cold day last year in February, a small group of bundled-up CMA members gave away more than 350 free frozen pizzas.

In the Living Rock Church parking lot on East Main Street in Luverne, the Christian Motorcyclists handed pizzas to motorists through rolled down windows of heated automobiles.

And they were grateful, according to CMA member JoAnn Vanderburg.

“Some allowed CMA members to pray with them when they picked up their pizza,” she said.

“And a lot of people were thinking of others. They asked, ‘Can I take one for my neighbor? Can I take one for a friend or family member?’ It was beautiful.”

The other beautiful thing, she said, was that the event had the indirect result of raising money for the group’s annual “Run for the Son” ministry.

CMA used to buy Papa Murphy’s reduced-rate pizzas and sell them for a profit during the week prior to the Super Bowl.

Last year, amid the pandemic, Vanderburg said it didn’t feel right.

“We prayed about it but decided we weren’t comfortable doing that,” she said. “God has really blessed us, and we pitched in together to buy the pizzas to give away.”

Which they did.

But others who had also been blessed last year decided they would donate anyway, despite the free

offer.

“God is amazing,” Vanderburg said about the outpouring. “People just handed us money — tens, twenties, fifties, hundred dollar bills. We were completely blown away.”

When it was over, they found themselves with \$1,000.

In their last pizza fundraiser they netted less than \$400.

Meanwhile, CMA members learned that Pizza Ranch in Luverne also offers bake-at-home frozen pizzas, so they’re gearing up for the 2022 event that will also support a local business.

They’re buying the reduced rate pizzas from the Luverne restaurant and again will give them away, free of charge, to anyone who wants one.

“We’re not asking for any donations because we truly want to bless the community,” Vanderburg said. “If there are funds raised, we’ll see. ... We get to be God’s hands and feet and see what he will do.”

The pizza giveaway will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Living Rock Church on East Main Street in Luverne. CMA youth will be on hand to help out.

The drive-through-style event is CMA’s gesture to “share the love of Jesus” with the community.

This year more than 400 pizzas are available — until they’re gone — to anyone in the community who wants one. No signup necessary. Call 605-366-9942 if there are questions.



The Luverne High School robotics team kicked off its first competition for 2022 on Jan. 16 in Burnsville. Those who attended the competition include (front, left) advisers Randi Berghorst, Aaron Perkins (back), Brandon Berghorst, Tayden Xaphakdy, Alex Perkins, Zoey Berghorst, Pierce Cunningham, Parker Carbonneau, Zander Carbonneau and Burke Johnson.

LHS robotics team eyes return to Great Northern Regional competition in March

By Mavis Fodness

With a successful small robot competition behind them, the Luverne High School robotics team is preparing for the tournament that inspired the team’s creation two years ago.

The Great Northern Regional will be March 24-26 in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

In 2020 Luverne earned the “Rookie Inspiration Award” at the event during the team’s first-ever season.

Two years later, the LHS robotics students, who call themselves the “Mighty Morphing Banana Slugs,” is starting anew.

“Last year was a gap year — we didn’t get any new bodies in,” said adviser Aaron Perkins. “It was hard to get students’ interests due to the season being virtual.”

Now back to in-person competitions, LHS has 30 to 40 students interested in working on the robots.

They made a successful 2022 debut at the small robot competition in Burnsville Jan. 16. The robots were under 12 inches in width, height and length.

The two LHS teams finished 10th (record 4-2) and 12th (record 3-3) overall out of 28 teams. They were also the third-place winners for the Connect Award and placed second and third for the Motivate Awards.

The Grand Forks competition features large robots, which have a maximum height of 4 feet, 6 inches and a perimeter under 120 inches.

“The goal of that robot is to shoot balls and then have the robot climb and move across monkey bars,” Perkins said.

“We are still fundraising for the season and would appreciate any assistance we could get.”

The LHS team received a boost recently as a grand recipient for a \$50,000 aluminum computerized numerical control (CNC) machine from the Stratasyss. The CNC machine allows the students to manufacture parts for the robot rather than ordering the expensive parts, Perkins said.

“We are very excited to be using this technology,” he said. “It

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Mavis Fodness photo/LHS Robotics 2022

An industrial computerized numerical control (CNC) machine from Stratasyss was recently granted to the LHS robotics team. Students are now able to manufacture their own robotic parts with the \$50,000 machine.

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ment is second nature to SVE due to the need for more electricity within their 6,000-square-foot territory that includes urban as well as rural communities.

He’s noticed the disparity between municipalities within the SVE region.

“We don’t want our other members outside of this area that is more organized toward economic development to ever be forgotten,” he said.

“What is it that you guys need that will help you build your communities?”

Representatives from Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) from Chatfield, Minnesota, led both the large and small group focus sessions, asking participants to answer a series of questions about current needs, assets, resources and recent road blocks that have hindered economic development.

SVE officials will take the information from the brainstorming session and summarize the findings into categories. The information will then be shared back with the individuals

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— Tim McCarthy, Sioux Valley

who attended the meeting.

McCarthy said once priorities are set and an economic development professional is hired, individual community meetings could take place and more specific needs identified within each specific community.

“We want this to be customizable,” he said.

The SVE territory encompasses 6,000 square miles with about 6,200 miles of electrical lines throughout Rock and Pipestone counties in Minnesota and Minnehaha, Lake, Moody, Brookings and a portion of Kingsbury counties in South Dakota.



The Burnsville High School robotics competition on Jan. 16 featured mini robots. The two Luverne High School teams placed 10th and 12th out of a field of 28 teams at the event.

Rock County 4-H “Fruit & More” Sale

Rock County 4-H’ers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit; along with cheeses, beef sticks, pickled herring, Puffins, PuffCrust Pizza and a variety of frozen foods. Here’s your chance to eat healthy and support local youth.

Contact a 4-H’er in your neighborhood or call the Rock County Extension Office (283-1302) from Jan 17th –Feb 6th to order. Delivery is March 18th.

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'You can still do it'

I've become a slave to the demands of my wristwatch

Last week, in the middle of our news meeting, I stood up and paced to the other side of the desk.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

"My Apple Watch told me it was time to stand," I told my puzzled co-workers. "So, I stood."

I knew what they were thinking. "If your watch told you to jump off a cliff, would you?"

I wouldn't go that far, but I have become a slave of sorts to the demands of my wristwatch.

It reminds me to take more steps, to go to bed on time and to breathe mindfully. (A little blue flower on the watch face expands and contracts with each successful inhale and exhale in a series.)

Walking, standing, sleeping and breathing are things we do naturally, but many of us need help with fitness.

And it seems simple challenges and patronizing accolades do help.

"You did it! You met another hour toward your stand goal!"

Thursday night while relaxing on the couch, my watch vibrated.

"You're so close!" was the message, with the image of my partially closed Move Ring. "You can close your rings! An 11-minute brisk walk should do it."

So, I lugged myself into the garage, wearing pajama pants and slippers, for some brisk laps around the vehicles.

Sure enough, before I knew it, my watch announced the Move Ring had closed.

Shortly after that, because I had met my Stand Goal and Exercise Goal earlier in the day, the watch face exploded with fireworks-like rainbow rings, all three ceremoniously

closing at once.

My day was complete.

It shouldn't be surprising that I thrive on the system of goals and rewards.

I was the 6-year-old who practiced piano songs dutifully for the weekly reward of a shiny star sticker on each page.

I clung desperately to the monkey bar in the flexed arm hang test for my sixth-grade Presidential Physical Fitness patch.

I often obliged "double-dog-dare-yous" just to prove I could. (The electric fence was a learning experience.)

It should be no surprise, then, to discover the success of my Apple Watch in motivating better behavior.

It tracks daily, weekly, monthly and yearly achievements on easy-to-read, interactive charts, rewarding cumulative good behavior.

If I complete seven qualifying workouts in a week, for example, I get an "award." High quality graphics of gleaming medals appear in my profile data.

But I get chided for slacking in effort or frequency. "Your Move arrow is trending down this week."

Yet, each day begins with encouragement. "You rocked yesterday's workout! Keep it up today!" Or "Let's do better than we did yesterday."

Given all this encouragement and tracking, I should have long ago achieved my weight and fitness goals.

But, alas, my Apple Watch doesn't yet know that when it tells me to stand, I often get up and walk to the fridge for a snack.

Joint statement: Blood donors urgently needed during National Blood Donor Month and throughout the winter

January is National Blood Donor Month and the nation's blood supply remains at one of its lowest levels in recent years.

In recent weeks, blood centers across the country have reported less than a one-day's supply of blood of certain critical blood types — a dangerously low level.

If the nation's blood supply does not stabilize soon, life-saving blood may not be available for some patients when it is needed.

Today, the country confronts new challenges as COVID-19 cases surge and winter storms threaten to further disrupt the blood supply.

As these concerns compound, blood centers nationwide continue to face a decline in donor turnout, blood drive cancellations, staffing challenges and donor eligibility misinformation. Yet the need for blood remains constant.

Blood components have a short shelf life, and the blood supply needs to be constantly

replenished. Blood can take up to three days to be tested, processed and made available for patients, so it's the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives in an emergency.

In the United States more than 16 million units of blood and blood products are transfused annually with more than 45,000 units needed daily.

Blood donations are needed now to avert the need to postpone potential lifesaving treatments. Some hospitals have already been forced to alter treatment for some patients or cancel some patient surgeries due to blood supply challenges.

American Association of Blood and Biotherapies, America's Blood Centers and the American Red Cross are joining together to urge eligible, healthy

individuals to contact their local blood center and make an appointment to donate blood today.

Local businesses are asked to encourage their employees, including those working remotely, to find their local blood donation center and schedule an appointment to donate throughout 2022.

Doing so is essential to maintaining the stability of the nation's blood supply, which ensures that life-saving medical treatments are available for patients.

The blood community relies on the generosity of blood donors to help save lives throughout the year.

Please contact the Red Cross to find a local blood collection site and to schedule an appointment to donate. Call 1.800.RED CROSS or go online to www.RedCross-Blood.org

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Vink: 'Thank you, Luverne'

To the Editor:

Luverne — Love the Life! I am grateful for a small city the size of Luverne, yet with its many amenities.

As young parents it was good to raise our children in quality schools and recreation, and soon more child care is coming.

Now as aging people we appreciate its many advantages — the Generations meals, the public wheelchair transportation, ambulance lift assistance. The wider cares — dental and eye care, grocery and drugstore, car care, pool and fitness, the local clinic, hospital, nursing homes, hospice care.

The city includes a variety of churches, and we value online worship. Political diversity — at the last presidential election, the signs in the yards were evenly split.

The downtown is adequate for daily necessities, banking, insurance, and more. The city provides fun celebrations, walking paths, trees, and many services. The extras bring joy, like the library, local newspaper, History Center, Green Earth productions, Palace Theater, and cultural events.

Thank you, Luverne, for being our Home Town.

Janice Vink,
Luverne

Meinerts: Have you ever thought ... ?

To the Editor:

Ever wonder how you would have reacted to the Nazis when they were rounding up people for their concentration camps?

Ever thought about how you would have responded to segregation in America?

Will you have the fortitude to stand up for Jesus when the time comes?

Your response to this Covid nonsense will tell you all you need to know.

God help America.

Todd Meinerts,
Luverne

A birthday is not the only event that tells this guy that he's getting older

I am learning that as you get older it's not just your birthday that tells you and others that you're getting older.

While my birthday is down the road a bit and Mary's is just around the corner, it seems the signs of our advancing ages are popping up all too often.

Our middle child is turning 40 this month, and our oldest grandson is graduating from high school this year.

After months of Joe Namath, Jimmy Walker, Nature Boy Rick Flare and countless other over-the-hill sports and television celebrities pimping Medicare enrollment, Mary and I started the Medicare enrollment process.

What little we knew about the Medicare enrollment process is that you have a six-month window



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

to enroll — three months before and three months after your 65th birthday.

My advice, just from personal experience, is to start the process on the 90th day before you turn 65.

As you will learn, and what many of you already know, is that the enrollment process doesn't happen overnight. It almost takes that long for someone to answer the Medicare hotline.

After someone in the know told me to do so, our first call was to

1-800-MEDICARE. I know if you count the letters like I did, you'll realize that there are too many letters for a phone number. The number is really 1-800-MEDICAR — you're left with an extra E.

This is where the first hiccup happened. After what not only seemed like a long time — and it actually was — someone from the MEDICARE hotline answered. The person on the other end of the line didn't sound like she was from the Midwest.

Imagine my demeanor after finally getting through, and mind you we had our ducks in a row. In my best Minnesota Nice voice, I told the person on the other end that we would like to enroll in Medicare.

While I was prepared for whatever information they might need, she did throw me a curve when she said we needed to call the Social Security Office to do that.

I told her we didn't want to sign up for Social Security; we want to enroll in Medicare. Back and forth that conversation went, and finally she gave me the number to call Social Security and hung up.

We started the enrollment process shortly after supper, so by the time the Medicare hotline lady passed us off to the Social Security hotline number, it was nearing 7:30.

It was 8:40 when Zane an-

swered the Social Security phone. As it turns out, Zane was officed in California and was easy to understand and helpful.

Just to move this along, after two phone calls and over an hour and a half of time on the phone, we were not yet enrolled in Medicare.

What Zane did do for us, however, was to set up a phone appointment two weeks from now with the Sioux Falls Social Security office to enroll in Medicare.

I know you're probably saying to yourself, "Why didn't they just go online to enroll?"

My nicest Minnesota Nice response to your more-than-fair question is, "We TRIED enrolling online."

That is another column all to itself.

Stay tuned.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 14
 •Complainant on E. Highway 34, South Dakota, reported subject with a Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported someone banging on the door.
 •Complainant at Expressway, Luverne, requested assistance.
Jan. 15
 •Complainant on S. Ross Street, Hardwick, reported a subject in the hospital.
 •Complainant reported theft.
Jan. 16
 •Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a runaway.
Jan. 17
 •Miscellaneous public assist was provided on County Road 4 and Minnesota Avenue, Luverne.
Jan. 18
 •Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported keys locked in vehicle.
 •Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported an accident at location.
Jan. 19
 •Report of open door at location on W. Maple Street.

•Complainant reported a money scam.
 •Subject in Mankato was arrested on Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant in Luverne reported a resident of Luverne stole a vehicle from her in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Jan. 20
 •A fire was reported at location on County Road 17 and County Road 4, Manley.
 •Complainant on E. Brown Street reported a vehicle title issue.
 •Complainant on E. Mead Court reported property damage.
 •Runaway was reported on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a stolen vehicle.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 4 vehicles in ditch, 1 transport, 1 escort, 11 ambulance runs, 1 animal complaint, 16 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 driver's license check, 1 gas drive-off, 1 alarm, 3 drug court tests, 14 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 3 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 2 welfare checks and 2 reports of cattle out.



Prairie Loft apartment walls going up



The exterior walls of the Prairie Loft apartment buildings are now going up, allowing passersby a glimpse of the upcoming two 27-unit apartment units known as Prairie Loft I and II. The \$8 million project (on the former Sharkee's and Mert's Repair lots) is named with a capital E for "environmental sustainability and smart building practices." The two buildings will have one- and two-bedroom market-rate rental units on three floors with elevators and off-street parking. They'll be ready for occupancy early this spring, weather permitting. At left is a current rendering by GreenSmith Luverne Holdings.

Heart attack in the making

Pheasant recipes will convert non-game-eating people

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist
 I spent the weekend trying to keep an old family tradition alive.

My parents, now both in the upper 80s, used to make old-fashioned ring bologna. I asked them over and over how it was done, and a few years back my family and I made a batch together. It was comprised of beef and pork and a whole lot of garlic and other seasonings. It is not wild game by any means, but when it comes to outdoor life, I have lots of other tasty favorites.

I was trying to find room in my freezer to put my share, which was just north of 150 pounds, and as a result, I did some freezer space sorting. The rule at my house is that wild game, fish and other foods collected from wild get their allotted space. That space was pretty full, but as I was restacking my frozen favorites, I remembered another recipe my mom was quite famous for. It's called Heart Attack Pheasant, and it's my favorite way to prepare the harvest of my fall adventures.

It is not at all difficult. Cut the pheasant breast into about five pieces and debone leg and thigh. Coat the pieces of meat in flour with lots of pepper or your other favorite seasoning.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

Fry these in butter, (not margarine) over medium heat until they are browned up. They do need to be cooked through. Once browned, transfer them to a glass baking dish or other shallow roaster.

Adding a stick of butter at a time is usually needed. A big batch can use a pound of butter.

When this prep is done, fry up an onion that has been chopped into medium-sized pieces in the remaining butter and cook it until it's soft.

Then add a giant tub of sour cream to the frying pan and scrape all the "fryings" off the bottom to get a light brown gravy.

Here is the tricky part: You need to add enough milk to the pan in order to have enough sauce to cover the contents of the glass dish or roaster.

Now take another onion and slice it really thin and lay these slices over the top of the meat and sour cream sauce.

Bake one hour at 325 degrees or two hours at 250 degrees. I think the lower temperature for longer is a better outcome. You can add some more milk if the concoction looks to be getting dry. Bake it uncovered,

and the onion slices will soften and brown up for a great presentation.

People who say they won't eat pheasant, or any wild bird for that matter, will take a bite and then come back for seconds or even thirds.

This pheasant recipe has converted more non-game-eating individuals over to the good side than any other I have ever tried.

The best part of this recipe is how great it tastes as leftovers. I can't really explain it, but the second time around is every bit as good as the first bite.

You do need to be careful about busting your crown or cap on a shotgun pellet. The breast meat is pretty good at hiding a stray pellet or two.

My other go-to recipe is pretty easy, but every bit as close to Heart Attack Pheasant.

Cut up the pieces as before but then soak the meat in a saltwater solution for about 15 minutes (add 3 heaping tablespoons of salt to a half gallon of water). I then coat them in my favorite seasoning like shore lunch or other flour-like coating.

Deep fat fry those morsels in canola oil and then

toss them in your favorite barbecue sauce. My favorite is the mango habanero from Buffalo Wild Wings, which also has a good teriyaki sauce.

The soaking does something I cannot explain. In many cases, without the soak stage, the breading just gets mushy and falls off when you try to eat it. By soaking the meat first, it allows the finished product to have a crunchy exterior but a moist and soft interior.

My hardest challenge is trying to make my pheasant supply last until the season opens next fall.

Once you try these two recipes for your birds, you will never let another member of your hunting party take any of your birds home with them to avoid the cleaning effort. Your cardiologist will frown on them, so enjoy in moderation.

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 scottall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.

SCHOOL NEWS

Lake Area Tech names president's list

Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, South Dakota, has named honor students to the president's list for the Fall 2021 semester. Students must earn a minimum of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. (4.0 is indicated with an asterisk.)

Luverne students named to the list include Nicholas Nekali, Haylee Overvaag* and Paige Sandbulte. Chase Bosch from Hills was also named to the list.

Oftedahl named to list at Central Lakes

Carleton Oftedahl, Luverne, was named to the Fall 2021 semester dean's list at Central Lakes College in Brainerd. Students are required to earn a 3.25 to 3.74 for dean's list and a 3.75 to 4.0 for the president's list.

Minnesota West releases dean's list

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has announced the Fall 2021 semester dean's list. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum of 12 graded credits with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Named to the list from Luverne are Eduardo Carrillo, Sarah Kozak, Tenley Nelson, Ashlee Overvaag, Mallory Oye and Lucia Samper Eiroa.

Students are Brookelynn Brust, Beaver Creek; Zachary Prins, Kenneth; and Liam Raymon, Hills.

LHS robotics/from page 3

is a great opportunity for students to use some equipment that they might only be able to use at very large universities."

The industrial CNC machine joins several pieces of equipment used throughout the school and is available to the robotics team.

As a fundraiser, the robotics team is working on how to recycle glass bottles and use the material in the 3D printer.

"I received a grant from Toshiba of America to work on a micro-recycling center," Perkins said.

"It has been a slow process but I think we are on the correct path to working out all the bugs, and we should be able to have ornaments and other items made from recycled glass soon."

Perkins said more adults are volunteering to advise students on how to build and program the large robots ahead of the March competition.

"We have the base frame built," Perkins said. "We have to figure out how to have the robot do the monkey bars."

LAND/ACREAGE FOR SALE

LEGAL: Approximately 160 acres located in the NE1/4 of 9-103-46, Rock County, MN, improved, highly productive farmland and acreage.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., February 18, 2022, at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN. All bidders who have submitted a bid prior to said deadline will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing with possession going to Buyer for 2022.

Sale is subject to approval by the Heirs of James Klein. For further details and an information packet contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 227-2829.

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EAGLES STEAK FRY SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Chicken Strips & Chips \$7

Shrimp: (2 skewers or 5 butterfry) \$19*

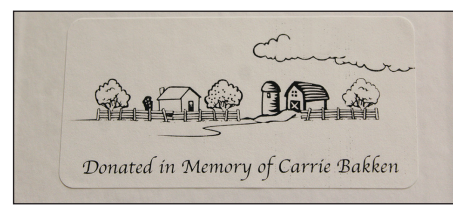
Steak: 12 oz Ribeye \$22*

Combo: 12 oz Ribeye with Shrimp (1 skewer or 3 butterfry) \$25*

*Includes salad bar, baked potato & french bread

5:30 PM

'Carrie's Reading Nook' honors teacher's devotion to students



By Mavis Fodness

A small area within the Luverne Elementary School media center is dedicated to a former teacher who was passionate about helping students read.

"Carrie's Reading Nook" was established in memory of Carrie Bakken, who assisted in the Response to Intervention and Title I reading programs.

Bakken died in July 2019 from complications of scleroderma, which she was diagnosed with in 1994.

As a final wish, she asked that memorials be directed to the Luverne elementary library. The school received \$1,200.

"We were asked to use the memorial funds in a way that would enrich the lives of students in the elementary," said Tina Petronek, a media center paraprofessional.

"Since Carrie's focus was on struggling readers, we opted for books and a reading nook."

The reading nook includes a bookshelf and two oversized beanbag chairs. The chairs encourage children to stop and sit in the quiet corner, and the bookshelf is full of selections meant for students



to read individually or in small groups.

The books feature series called "Jobs with Animals," "Gross Jobs," "Natural Disasters" and "Beginning to End."

"The books chosen are what the book industry calls 'Hi/Lo' books, meaning the books are at a high-interest level but at a lower reading level," Petronek said.

"Since Carrie lived on a farm and her family is in the agriculture industry, we tried to select books that were agriculture-related."

Each book in Carrie's Reading Nook is fitted with a small sticker on the spine,



Above and at left: Books in "Carrie's Reading Nook" have special stickers affixed on each spine featuring a silo and barn along with inside cover that reads "Donated in Memory of Carrie Bakken." Far left: The family of the late Carrie Bakken poses for a picture Jan. 19 in front of a memorial in the school library called "Carrie's Reading Nook." Pictured below (from left) are Carrie's mom, Helen Laabs, son Eli Bakken, dad Darold Laabs and husband Peter Bakken.

Carrie would have been proud of, said colleague Lynette Stensland.

"She was passionate about finding just the right strategies, books and materials to engage her students and help them succeed," Stensland said.

"Carrie's determination to do her job well, despite her health challenges, was an inspiration to all of us here at Luverne Elementary."

Family members attended an informal unveiling of Carrie's Reading Nook on Jan. 19.

Her husband, Peter, son, Eli, and her parents, Darold and Helen Laabs, talked with staff and viewed the items purchased in Carrie's honor.

The gathering brought tears and heartfelt appreciation to those who attended.

"I want to give accolades to the teachers for the support that the school gave her," Peter Bakken said.

Due to Carrie's vision, students are able to spend time enjoying reading and improving their skills in Carrie's Reading Nook.



and inside the front cover a label is affixed that reads,

"Donated in the Memory of Carrie Bakken."

The books are popular with students, something

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Open House

A come-and-go baby shower for **Lauren Guy** will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Card Shower

Dorothy Klosterbuer will celebrate her 80th birthday Sunday, Jan. 30. Greetings may be sent to 1607 Blue Ridge Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Jan. 31:

Pepper steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, gelatin with whipped topping.

Activities:

8:30 a.m. Quilters. 10 a.m. SAIL class.

Tuesday, Feb. 1:

Lasagna, California Normandy vegetables, peaches, breadstick, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

Activities:

12:30 p.m. Pinochle and Dominos.

Wednesday, Feb. 2:

Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, bread,

dessert.

Activities: 10 a.m. SAIL class.

Thursday, Feb. 3:

Turkey stuffing casserole, mixed vegetables, sliced apples, bread, dessert.

Friday, Feb. 4:

Beef chili with beans, romaine salad with dressing, corn bread, blushing pears, cookie.

Activities:

10 a.m. SAIL class.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Luverne's Terry Vajrt will be sworn in next month as a judge in Minnesota's Fifth Judicial District.

"It's an exciting opportunity," he said Monday about being appointed by the governor. "I greatly appreciate the local support and encouragement I received through the application process."

He replaces Judge Timothy Connell who retired late last year after 24 years on the bench.

25 years ago (1997)

•Rezoning an area near the hospital and clinic means the Luverne Community Hospital will be able to offer outpatient chemical dependency services in Luverne.

The Luverne City Council, Monday, approved rezoning the north half of the 400 block just north of the Luverne Clinic and Hospital from single family residential/institutional.

In October, the Luverne Community Hospital Board purchased the Torkelson house on North McKenzie Street with plans to convert it to use as offices for an outpatient chemical dependency facility.

The property adjoins a parking lot already owned by the hospital. With the rezoning approved, the hospital will do some minor remodeling to get the facility in operation as soon as possible, said Lynn Remme, administration assistant.

50 years ago (1972)

•Radar is proving its effectiveness in controlling traffic in Luverne, Police Chief Chester Bendt said in a report to the City Council Tuesday.

The equipment was purchased last year at a cost of \$1,775 and with reimbursement of state and federal funds it left the city with an investment of \$887.50, Chief Bendt reminded. Enforcement began Sept. 6, 1970, and for the first four

months there were 80 speeding arrests with a collection of \$1,123 in fines. In 1971, there were 148 arrests with a total of \$2,505 in fines. To date, \$4,628 in fines have been imposed. The radar equipment has earned \$3,539 in fines in the past 16 months and to date there has not been one "not guilty" plea in municipal court, the chief said.

75 years ago (1947)

•Alan C. McIntosh, publisher of the Rock County Star-Herald, was elected second vice-president of the Minnesota Editorial Association last week. The association held its annual convention at Minneapolis, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

New president of the organization is Ludwig I. Roe, publisher of the Montevideo News. Norman E. Nelson, Cloquet, Pine Knot, was elected first vice-president, and Henry Mead, Aitkin, Independent Age, third vice-president, and W. F. Duffy, Shakopee Argus-Tribune, was re-elected treasurer.

Walter E. Barnes, Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch, was named to the board of directors. Holdover directors are M. A. Johnson, Blue Earth Post, and D. A. McKenzie, Crookston Daily Times.

100 years ago (1922)

•Luverne will not have a municipal ice skating place this winter. This decision is due to the fact that the committee in charge of the matter has been unable to get the consent of the trustees of the Norwegian Synod church to use the street on the north side of the church property for the purpose. ...

One of the trustees of the Synod society declined to consent to the plan, however, because he wanted the street as a place for parking cars, for members of the congregation, although both sides of Freeman avenue in front of the church property and also alongside of the Central school grounds would be available for this purpose.

1905: Luverne's July Fourth celebration 'was a grand success'

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on July 7, 1905.

Was a Grand Success Such Was Luverne's Celebration of the Glorious Fourth

6000 People Were in Attendance

Notwithstanding Preceding Unfavorable Weather Conditions, Luverne Observes Our Nation's Birthday With a Notable Successful Celebration—Occasion Graced by Presence of Governor John A. Johnson Who Delivers Inspiring Address—Splendid Program Carried Out to the Satisfaction of All

This article is continued from last week.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

The Picnic Dinner

The picnic dinner which followed immediately after the exercises was one of the most enjoyable events of the day to those who were so fortunate as to be able to take their lunches under the beautiful shade trees of the school and court house grounds. The school house grounds were filled with merry picnicking parties and many who were unable to find room

there went across the street to the court house grounds, which were equally well shaded and adapted to the purpose, the only drawback being that the latter grounds were more remote from the free lemonade stand. Some idea of the number of people who availed themselves of the opportunity to take their dinners on the grounds may be gained from the fact more than five barrels of lemonade

were dispensed.

Vaudeville Show

The program for the afternoon events opened at 1 o'clock with the vaudeville show at the pavilion on the school grounds, with a large crowd in attendance. The show consisted of monologues, comic songs, bag punching, etc. The bag punching exhibition was given by Harry Burns, who holds the American championship in this art.

Ball Game

The next events on the program were the ball game between Luverne and Hills at the improvised grounds in Parriott's addition on North Freeman avenue, and the

ring ride on Main street, both of which started at the same hour and both drawing large crowds. Owing to the short time intervening after it was found necessary to abandon the Driving park grounds it was impossible to erect a grand stand or seats at the new ball grounds. Nevertheless the consequent unavoidable inconveniences did not apparently deter many who wished to see the game from attending, for fully fifteen hundred people were in attendance and the crowd was dispersed in such a way that all were able to witness the game with comfort. Hills was first at bat and made one score in the first inning, while Luverne drew a goose egg in her half. Both sides drew

blanks in the second inning and Hills continued the circle score feature in her half of the third. In her half of the third inning Luverne connected with the horse hide often enough to bring in one score and tie the game. Hills again drew a goose egg in her half of the fourth inning, but Luverne had gotten a taste of the elusive little sphere and wanted more, and, of course, got it, landing on the ball with an earnestness and frequency that allowed three men ample time to amble across home plate. The score was then 4 to 1 in favor of Luverne and remained unchanged at the end of the sixth inning. In the first half of the seventh

OBITUARIES

Estelle Leuthold

Estelle Rose Leuthold, 91, Hills, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 24, at the Apostolic Christian Church in Lester, Iowa. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to Game Plan 4 Hope (gameplan4hope.org.)

Estelle Moser was born March 16, 1930, to John and Rose (Kellenberger) Moser in rural Larchwood, Iowa. She was raised on a farm near Larchwood and attended Larchwood Township country school No. 2.

Estelle married Alvin Leuthold on April 6, 1948, at the Lyon County Courthouse. They first lived in Hills and then moved to a farm north of Beaver Creek. Later they started their homestead farm south of Hills where they lived and raised all of their eight children. Estelle worked on the farm nearly her whole life. On Oct. 30, 1993, Estelle's husband, Alvin, died unexpectedly.

Estelle was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Lester. She enjoyed sewing and made many clothes for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She worked many hours in the garden and canned many foods. Her family was her legacy and



meant the world to her. She especially enjoyed watching her family grow to the current number of 168 living Leutholds.

She is survived by eight children, Sandy (Ron) Feucht of Hills, Jerry (Sue) Leuthold of Victoria, Pam (Tony) Bosch of Brandon, South Dakota, Lois Leuthold, Alan (Lois) Leuthold, Dennis (Diane) Leuthold, Stuart (Rochelle) Leuthold and Melissa (Jeff) Bass, all of Hills; 29 grandchildren; 66 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; three siblings, Franklin Moser of Larchwood, Iowa, Evelyn (Roy) Metzger of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Janet Wysong of Hills; and many other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvin Leuthold; two grandchildren, Tammy Bosch and Matthew Feucht; a great-grandson, Kelyvn Leuthold; nine siblings, Milford John Moser (infant), Ione (John) DeHaan, Mariann (Elmer) Metzger, Johnnie Moser, Harry Moser, Leo (Leona) Moser, Donald Moser, Betty (Paul) Leuthold and Donna (John) Gerber.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrens-funeralhome.com.

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Verland Johnson

Dr. Verland E. Johnson, 93, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. A family graveside service was Saturday, Jan. 22, at North Eden Cemetery near Ihlen.

Verland Eldred Johnson was born on Sept. 7, 1928, to Alfred and Ella (Paulson) Johnson in Moody County, South Dakota. He attended rural school in Moody County and graduated from high school in Jasper in 1946. He then attended Saint Olaf College for three years, interrupted by a one-year stint teaching country school back in Moody County, and then continued his education and attended Dental School at the University of Minnesota, graduating in June of 1954.

On June 28, 1953, Verland married Doris Krapf at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper. Following Verland's graduation from dental school, the couple left for Clark Field in the Philippines, where Verland was stationed with the 6208 USAF hospital dental services. They lived at Clark Field for two years.

In June 1956 the couple returned and made their home in Luverne, where Verland practiced dentistry until 1992. While living in Luverne, they were blessed with three children, Timothy, Paul and Sarah.

Doris was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1995 and died on Nov. 22, 2003. Verland continued living in their home until July 2020, when he became a resident at



the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Verland was a longtime member, officer and president of the Southern District of the Minnesota Dental Association. He was elected to the Luverne School Board and served as president for over 10 years. He also served on the Luverne Community Hospital board, serving as board chairman. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow for Rotary International. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne and served as superintendent of Sunday School, elder, council member and director of the annual children's Christmas program.

He was also a ribbon-winning painter and walleye fisherman.

Verland is survived by two sons, Timothy (Mary) Johnson of Shakopee; and Paul (Brenda) Johnson of Luverne and their children Seth (Cali) Johnson (children Waylon and Weston), Elizabeth Johnson, and Ethan Johnson; his daughter, Sarah Johnson (Allison Kirschenmann) of New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada; a sister-in-law, Marjorie Hey; and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; his parents; two brothers, Arlen and Norris (Shirley) Johnson; brother-in-law Dean Krapf (Ann); grandson Peter Johnson; and two nephews, Kerry Johnson and Michael Krapf.

Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

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David Barber

David Lee Barber, 81, Luverne, formerly of Milroy, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Memorial visitations were Monday, Jan. 24, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne and Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Tyler. Burial will be at a later date at Echo Cemetery in Echo.

David Barber was born on Nov. 24, 1940, to Robert and Mildred (Hughes) Barber on the family farm in Redwood County, Minnesota, where he was raised. He was baptized at Philip Brethren #4 where he belonged until age 25. He attended Milroy Public School for primary and high school. David farmed with his father for two years and then began his career in February 1963 with the Redwood County Minnesota Highway Department.

He married Mary (Bailey) in 1967. That same year he was confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The couple lived in Milroy and were blessed with two sons. David and Mary divorced in 1996.

David retired from the Highway Department in 1996 and became the supervisor of West Line Maintenance Township for the next 10 years. He lived with Doug Christopherson in Milroy. He attended singles dances traveled with friends.

David met Elaine Bodey at a dance in White, South Dakota. They kept company as significant others for almost eight years. He relocated to Brookings, South Dakota, and became employed as the Parks Department playground maintenance man. He and Elaine purchased a home in Aurora, South Dakota. Elaine battled cancer and David cared for her until her death.

David met Ruth Skjeie in White, South Dakota, in the summer of 2005, and they were married on Oct. 17, 2007, in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Elvis Presley Graceland Chapel in the Woods. David moved to Luverne to join Ruth after their marriage. He commuted to Brookings for a few months. In the spring he joined Hills Stainless Steel



in Luverne as the grounds maintenance supervisor until 2012.

Ruth retired from the Minnesota Veterans Home in November 2013. For the next five winters, the couple rented Park Models in RV parks in Texas, Arizona, and Florida.

They enjoyed camping at their lake lot until 2015. From then on it was mainly small town life due to David's health conditions. They enjoyed weekend road trips to visit their children and their families.

David was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. He served on the Milroy fire department for 28 years (treasurer for two years, chief for five years). He also served on the Milroy City Council and the Aurora, South Dakota, City Council, both for two terms each. He enjoyed playing softball and collected tractors, trucks and cars. He also enjoyed lawn-mower pulls, birdwatching, gardening and especially watering tomato plants.

David is survived by his wife, Ruth Barber, of Luverne; two sons, Allen (Nicole) Barber of Tyler, and Brian (Darla) Barber of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; three step-sons, Kenneth (Teresa) Skjeie, David Skjeie, and Rick (Shelly) Skjeie, all of Forest City; four grandchildren, Brian Barber, Kaitlyn Barber, Carissa Barber, and Caden Barber; and two great-grandchildren, Rae-lynn and Ridge Deery; eight step-grandchildren, Amanda (Matt) Adams, Caitlin (Curt) Dillavau, Drew Skjeie, Nicole (Brett) Osterman, Payton Skjeie, Audry Skjeie, Blake Skjeie and Carter Skjeie; seven step-great-grandchildren, Gaga Adams, Oliver Skjeie, Rhapsady Skjeie, Charles Dillavau, Gray Adams, Jake Dillavau and Holden Osterman; siblings Roger (Gwen) Barber of Marshall, Gordie (Twila) Barber of Redwood Falls, Dorothy (Bruce) Drevere of Maple Creek, SK, Canada; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Howard Barber.

Memorials are preferred to cancer research.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Audrey Braun

Audrey Jean Braun, 65, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after a short battle with cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer).

A celebration of life will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com.

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Johnny Jonas

Johnny Jonas, 55, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, in Oklahoma.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth, with full military honors provided by the Ellsworth American Legion. A time of fellowship will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday after the graveside service at the Magnolia Methodist Church in Magnolia.

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(0127 DN)

Janice Kleve

Janice Kleve, 68, Magnolia, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Living Rock Church in Luverne. A time of fellowship will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

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(0127 DN)

Shirley Honken

Shirley Jean Honken, 81, Hills, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Shirley Honken was born June 21, 1940, to Fred Sr. and Gertrude (DeGroat) Honken in Luverne.

Shirley lived in Luverne,

where she worked at the Pizza Ranch. She enjoyed painting and coloring.

Shirley is survived by her brother, Fred Honken Jr., Muscatine, Iowa; two nephews, Ken (Trela) Honken, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Dean (Melissa) Honken, Pipestone; and five great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings.

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The LHS boys' basketball team played Belle Plaine at Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota-St. Paul on Jan. 21. The Cardinals came up just short, 52-49. Pictured are (front, from left) Colin Schoeneman, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Casey Sehr, Marcus Feit, Blake Frahm, Tyson Cowell, Riley Sneller, Eli Radtke, (back) Kaysie Lenz, head coach John Sichmeller, Gavin DeBeer, Jase Arp, Cody Mounce, Jordan Friedrichsen, Connor Overgaard, Gannon Ahrendt, assistant coach Jeff Weber, Josie Anderson, assistant coach Adam Geraets and Ethan Rahm.

Cardinal boys win twice, lose by three at U of M's Williams Arena

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne boys' basketball team recorded their most successful week of the season so far with wins over Adrian and St. James and a close three-point loss to Belle Plaine.

The Cardinals, now 3-9 on the season, earned a solid 68-39 win in Adrian Jan. 20 before coming up just short to the Belle Plaine Tigers at Williams Arena Jan. 21.

LHS then recorded its first Big South Conference victory with a 66-60 win over the St. James Saints at home Monday night.

The Cardinals will play at Red-

wood Valley Friday night before hosting the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots on Tuesday in the Luverne Classic Gym.

Luverne 68, Adrian 39

The Cardinals earned their second victory – and largest to date of the 2021-22 campaign – in Adrian Thursday, Jan. 20.

The game was close for the first six minutes with the Dragons leading 6-3 and 8-6 in the early minutes before Luverne's Connor Overgaard scored a layup and a foul shot to give the Cardinals a 9-8 lead.

Luverne continued to build its first-half advantage and took a 39-18 lead into the locker room at halftime.

In the second half, the Cardinals were able to extend their lead while 14 total players saw playing time, with 11 players scoring.

After outscoring the Dragons 29-21 in the second half, Luverne won the game 68-39.

Gannon Ahrendt led all scorers with 20 points for the Cardinals. Connor Overgaard added 12 points.

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Gymnasts up conference record to 4-2

By Mavis Fodness

Team scores continue to increase for the Luverne gymnasts as the Cardinals begin to close out their 2021-22 season.

LHS surpassed conference rival Windom Monday in a 131.675 to 127.9 team win.

The Cardinals fell in a close match against Jackson County Central Jan. 11, while still increasing their team score from previous meets. The Huskies scored 134.65 to the Cardinals' 131.35.

"We had lots of feedback from the judges of things to work on," said coach Phoebe Flom. "We have girls still working on new skills we would like to get into routines and, of course, staying on the beam."

Next up for Luverne is Marshall in a home meet tonight, Jan. 27.

The Cardinals will round out the season Feb. 4 in an away dual against St. James Area.

Luverne 131.675, Windom 127.9

Luverne upped their season record to 4-2 in the Big South Conference with a win over the Windom Eagles Monday night in Windom with a score of 131.675 to 127.9.

The visiting Cardinals

claimed the top cumulative scores in the vault (35.85), uneven bars (30.1), balance beam (31.775) and the floor exercise (33.95).

Individually Ella Reisdorfer took the all-around competition at the meet with a score of 35.225. She had the top scores in the vault (9.225), uneven bars (8.425) and floor exercise (9.1). Windom's Brooklyn Paulson received the top balance beam score of 8.675.

Finishing in the top four in one or more of the meet events for Luverne were Sarah deCesare, who placed second on the vault (9.025), tied for third on the beam (7.975), and was fourth in the all-around (31.9). Kian-na Winter placed fourth on the vault (8.85) and fourth on the floor (8.275). Amira Cowell finished second on the uneven bars (7.725), third on the floor exercise (8.375), and third in the all-around (33.775).

Individual scores

All-around: Reisdorfer 35.225, Cowell 32.475, deCesare 31.9

Vault: Reisdorfer 9.225, deCesare 9.025, Winter 8.85, Cowell 8.75, Tiana Lais 8.65

Uneven bars: Reisdorfer 8.425, Cowell 7.725, Addyson Mann 7.125, Kendra Thorson 6.825, deCesare 6.7

Balance beam: Reisdorfer 8.475, Cowell 7.625, deCesare 7.975, Mann 7.7, Winter 6.2

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Samantha McGaffee photo

H-BC's Drew Leenderts escapes his Edgerton defender Monday night and takes the ball down the court for one of his 15 baskets.

Patriot boys rally after two losses

By Dalton Bass
For the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team fell to Southwest Christian on Thursday night in Hills and to Elkton at the Cross-over Classic in Elkton, South Dakota, Saturday before rallying against Edgerton Public Monday night in Edgerton.

With the two losses and one win, the Patriots now stand at 6-6 overall and at 4-3 in conference play. They will host Westbrook-Walnut Grove on Thursday night.

SWC 76, H-BC 43

The Southwest Christian Eagles got off to an early lead and were able to maintain it all the way through Thursday night in Hills. The Eagles' scoring came as a team effort as all 13 players

scored in the game and the leading scorer had just 13 points.

The Patriots also managed to have 10 different players score, and it was Troy Durst (8 points) who led the way. Cole Baker (7 points), Ty Bundesen (6 points), Brayden Metzger (5 points), and Oliver Deelstra (5 points) were all contributors for the Patriots' offense.

The Pates' defense also played well at times, forcing the Eagles into 20 turnovers in the game.

But 26 turnovers of their own was too much to overcome as the Patriots fell 76-43.

Box score:
Baker 2 0 3-4 7, Deelstra 2 0 1-2 5,
Raymon 1 0 2-2 4, Harnack 1 0 0-2,

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Cardinal girls go one and two on the week

By Matt Lais
For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' hockey team picked up a win Monday night in Le Sueur against Minnesota River before losing a tough rivalry game Thursday night in New Ulm and coming up short against a talented Dodge County team Saturday in the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The Cardinals, 19-3, hit the road to face Worthington Tuesday before returning home for a game with Marshall on Thursday.

Luverne 8, Minnesota River 1

The Luverne girls' hockey team wasted no time getting on the scoreboard against Minnesota River in Le Sueur.

Luverne seventh-grader Macie Edstrom started the scoring just over four minutes into the contest with Billi Connell and Ella Apel assisting on the goal. Less than two minutes later Kamryn Van Batavia gave the Cardinals a 2-0 lead heading into the first intermission.

Shots on goal for the period were 14-6 in favor of the Cardinals.

Luverne senior netminder Cheyenne Schutz had six saves in the period.

The Cardinals picked up another five goals in the second period. Scorers were Van Batavia (unassisted), Payton Behr (Van Batavia, Edstrom assisting), Reghan Bork (Van Batavia), Billi Connell (unassisted) and Van Batavia again (Apel and Bork).

The Cardinals took a 7-0 lead into the third period, when shots on goal were 10-8 in favor of Luverne. Schutz had eight saves for the Cardinals.

Van Batavia picked up her fourth goal of the night at the 11:18 mark of Period 3 with assists going to Mallory Nelson and Anika Boll.

Minnesota River got on the scoreboard with three minutes left in the game to cut the score to 8-1, and that would be how it ended.

Shots on goal favored the Cardinals for the period 10-3 and for the game 34-17.



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Luverne senior Billi Connell takes the puck to the net in the first period against a Dodge County Wildcats opponent Saturday in the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne. The Wildcats won the game 6-1 over the Cardinals.

Schutz ended with 16 saves.

favor of New Ulm.

New Ulm 6, Luverne 0

Luverne made the trek to New Ulm Thursday for a big Section 3 tilt.

The Cardinals had some opportunities in the first period but just couldn't capitalize on them.

New Ulm would get three goals in the opening period to take a 3-0 lead into the first period break.

Shots on goal were 9-5 in favor of Luverne for the period.

In the second period New Ulm was able to add to their lead with three more goals to take a 6-0 lead.

Luverne couldn't get much going on offense and shots to the net in the period.

Shots on goal were in favor of New Ulm 10-3.

The final period in New Ulm saw no scoring, and Luverne didn't generate enough offense to get on the scoreboard.

The shots on goal for the period were 7-4 and 22-16 for the game in

Dodge County 6, LHS 2

Luverne hosted a competitive Dodge County Wildcats girls' hockey team Saturday afternoon in the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne wasted no time taking the lead in the first period when Kamryn Van Batavia scored an unassisted goal midway to make it 1-0.

Just three minutes later Payton Behr put the puck in the net to give the Cardinals the 2-0 lead after one period.

Shots on goals were tied at 7. Luverne goalie Cheyenne Schutz save all seven shots she faced.

The second period saw the visiting Wildcats come out in a fury. The visitors put up five goals in the second period to take the lead 5-2 heading into the third.

Luverne battled back but

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Image by CD photo

Averill Sehr takes a shot at the basket for the Luverne Cardinals Friday night against the conference-leading Marshall Tigers. The Cardinals closed the points gap late in the game but lost the contest in the end with a score of 56-53.

LHS girls nearly upset Marshall Tigers

By Jason Berghorst

“Even though we lost, that was as proud of this team as I have been all year.”

That’s how Luverne head girls’ basketball coach TJ Newgard summarized his team’s 56-53 loss to Marshall at home Friday night.

The Tigers, 13-4 on the season and undefeated (7-0) in the Big South Conference, dominated much of the first half of the game and took what appeared to be a commanding 36-19 lead to the locker room at

halftime.

“We got down early by making silly mistakes on both ends of the floor,” Newgard said.

In the second half, Luverne was down by as much as 20 points (54-34) with nine minutes remaining before the Cardinals started methodically cutting into the Tigers’ lead.

LHS scored eight consecutive points to trim the lead to 12 points (54-42) with five minutes on the clock.

A three-pointer by Christina Wagner with 3:30 remaining cut the Tigers’

lead to single digits, 54-45.

The Cardinal defense held Marshall at 54 points for nine minutes of game time. When Kira John made a three-point play (layup and successful foul shot), Luverne cut the lead to four points with 1:30 left in the game.

A long 3-pointer by Averill Sehr got the Cardinals to within one point (54-53) with 12 seconds on the clock.

The Tigers finally responded to put the score at 56-53 with two seconds

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Wrestlers pick up first team win of the season against BOLD

By Canaan Petersen
For the Star Herald

The Cardinals wrestling team picked up its first victory of the season beating BOLD 42-30 in Westbrook Friday, Jan. 21.

In earlier action last week, Luverne fell to Worthington 60-18 and Windom 42-24 in Worthington Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Cardinals also wrestled Red Rock Central on Jan. 21 but suffered a 40-25 setback in that contest.

Hough pinned Aiden Holmberg before Jaden Reisch downed Eagan Maras at 152.

Jacob Madison pinned Matthew Ekstrom at 170, and Ayden Bonnett secured the final victory at 220.

After pinning both of his opponents, seventh-grader Hough reflected on his wins.

“I didn’t expect to win, and it feels pretty nice,” Hough said. “I took advantage of the other guy’s mistakes and wrestled pretty well.”

Worthington
Triangular

The Cardinals produced only three victories against the Trojans in Worthington Jan. 18.

At 126, Cameron McCrary received a forfeit before Hudson Hough pinned Vincent Vanderkooi at 132 pounds.

Luverne’s Braydon Ripka secured the final victory by pinning Worthington’s Moo Bleh at 145.

Facing the Eagles of Windom-Mountain Lake, the Cardinals tallied 24 team points with four pins.

At 126, Hudson

Red Rock Central
Triangular

The Cardinals secured their first team victory of the season by defeating three Trojan wrestlers and receiving four forfeits.

At 106 and 113, Luverne’s Brody Kopp and Josh Stroh each received a forfeit before Hudson Hough pinned BOLD’s Gavin Hammerschmidt at 132.

Braydon Ripka pinned Elijah Swenson in 1:27 at 152, and Cash Bonnett pinned BOLD’s Hayden Edwards in 2:29 at 160.

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Patriot girls get big conference win over Wolverines

By Dalton Bass
For the Star Herald

The Patriot girls’ basketball team came away with a hard-fought victory over Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey Friday night in Hills.

In a battle that was within single digits for the entire game, the Patriots were able to hold off the Wolverines by a final score of 54-45.

At halftime, the Patriots held on to a 27-18 advantage while senior Kenadie Fick had only two points at the break.

The second half was a different story. Fick scored 20 of the Patriots’ 27

points in the half to hold that half time lead.

Fick hit three three-pointers and ultimately sealed the game for the Lady Pates by going 7-7 from the free throw line late in the game.

Sophomores Lanae Elbers and Brynn Rauk scored 15 and nine points respectively and, along with Fick, combined for 46 of the Patriots’ 54 points on the night.

Senior Sam Moser collected nine rebounds while Fick came down with eight of her own.

The Lady Pates improve to 5-2 in conference play as they host Adrian-

Ellsworth Tuesday night in another Red Rock Conference showdown.

Box score:

Fick 3 3 7-7 22, Rauk 3 1 0-0 9, L Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Voss 2 0 1-1 5, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Steinhoff 1 0 1-2 3, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, O Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 6 1 0-0 15, Fagerness 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 0 0 0-2 0, Spykerboer 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 0 0 0-0 0, E Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 0 0 0-0 0

Team stats:

H-BC: 20 of 49 (41 percent), 9 for 12 free throws (75 percent), 29 rebounds, 19 turnovers
MLA-C: 14 of 46 (30 percent), 14 of 20 free throws (70 percent), 22 rebounds, 15 turnovers



Samantha McGaffee photo

H-BC’s Abbie Harris battles for the ball Friday night against Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey in Hills.



Images by CD photo

Luverne’s Zach Kruse battles for the puck Saturday night against the Dodge County Wildcats.

Cardinals fall to Dodge County 5-3 Saturday

By Matt Lais
For the Star Herald

The Luverne boys’ hockey team hosted Dodge County Saturday at the Blue Mound Ice Arena where the Cardinals fell to the Wildcats 5-3.

Dodge County scored the only first-period goal at the 6:37 mark when Carl Schmotz beat Luverne goalie Tyler Arends.

The period saw a total of 16 shots on goal, with Dodge County holding the advantage 10-6.

Arends had nine big saves in the period to keep it a one-goal differential.

Luverne got rolling in the second when Henry Hartquist tied the game just two minutes into the period.

Owen Sudenga and Brock Behrend assisted on the goal.

Two minutes later it was Luverne taking the lead with senior Zach Kruse finding the back of the net and Sudenga and Behrend assisting again.

Dodge County responded to tie the game with 11 minutes to go in the second.

Luverne regained the lead in the second period on a Patrick Kroski goal. Behrend and Sudenga registered the assists.

The period would end with Luverne taking a 3-2 lead into the locker room.

Shots on goal for the period were 11 to eight in favor of Luverne. Arends had seven saves in the period for

Luverne.

The final period saw a flurry of shots on goal for both teams.

Dodge County knotted the game at three with 12:46 to go in the third period. Dodge County got two late goals with under three minutes to go in the game and escaped Luverne with a 5-3 win.

Period shots on goal were 14-5 in favor of Dodge County and 30-22 for Dodge County in the game.

Arends finished with 25 saves on the afternoon.

The Cardinal boys, 7-7 on the year, will hit the road for three games in the coming week, at Worthington on Tuesday, New Ulm on Thursday and Morris-Benson Saturday.

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Cheyenne Schutz

Sport: Hockey

Parents: Jason and April Schutz

What I like most about Hockey: The relaxing and team bonding on the bus rides.

Other extracurricular activities/

hobbies: Golf, trap shooting

Future Plans: Attend SDSU to study interior design and real estate.



Noah Mehlhaff

Sport: Wrestling

Parents: Heidi and James Mehlhaff

What I like most about Wrestling: Working hard and winning matches.

Other extracurricular activities/

hobbies: Track, CEO, lifting weights

Future Plans: Air National Guard and then Southeast Tech for Architectural Engineering.

Jase Arp

Sport: Basketball

Parents: Jill and Jerad Arp

What I like most about Basketball: Visiting other schools and the bus rides.

Other extracurricular activities/

hobbies: Music

Future Plans: Undecided at this time.



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couldn't get anything in the net. Shots on goal for the period were 10-4 in favor of Dodge County.

The final stanza on Saturday afternoon saw a total of 26 shots on goal and many opportunities for both teams.

Dodge County added a goal five minutes into the period to take the 6-2 lead.

Schutz was solid making big saves in the period, trying to get the Cardinals back in the game, but Luverne just couldn't break through, and the period would end with the Cardinals falling by four goals.

Shots on goal were in favor of the Wildcats 15-11 in the period and 32-22 for the game.

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The Cardinals' Jacob Madison at 182 and Ayden Bonnett at 195 received forfeits, putting Luverne ahead in order to secure the team victory.

"It feels good to get our first team win." Ripka said. "Knowing that we can beat the teams who can fill weight classes just as much as we can is definitely a confidence booster."

The Cardinals came up short against the Falcons from RRC but managed to win five matches.

Brody Kopp pinned Gavin Willardson at 106, getting the Cardinals off to a good start. Josh Stroh followed up pinning Marshal Willhite at 113 before Cameron McCrary downed Jonah Skarupa in a 13-2 major decision.

After three Falcon victories at 126, 132 and 138, Braydon Ripka pinned Andrew Pankonin in under a minute to add six more team points.

Cash Bonnett, wrestling at 160, lost a close 4-2 decision before Jacob Madison edged Austin Cown 5-3 at 182 pounds. Ayden Bonnett ended the wrestling for the Cardinals, suffering a 5-2 loss.

"Guys wrestled well last week, and we had some tough matches," head coach Jordan Kopp said.

"I feel like if we had our full team, we could have done better winning a few more matches and maybe changed some outcomes of the duals."



Image by CD photo

Luverne's Kira John shoots the ball in the lane Friday night during a home game against the Marshall Tigers.

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remaining.

"Once we forgot who we were playing and started playing our game, we were able to climb back into it and give ourselves a chance to tie the game on the last possession," Newgard said.

When Christina Wagner's three-point attempt just missed, the Tigers escaped the Luverne Classic Gym with a 56-53 victory.

"The girls could have easily given up but that's not who they are," Newgard said.

"They just put their heads down and worked as hard as they could."

Elizabeth Wagner led all scorers in the game with 18 points. John had 13 points.

Christina Wagner pulled in 12 rebounds.

The Cardinals, now 11-3 on the season, have a busy week ahead.

The team was scheduled to play in St. James Tuesday (Jan. 25) and will play away games at Redwood Valley Friday and Southwest Christian Tues-

day before hosting Worthington on Feb. 3.

Box score:
C. Wagner 1 1 0-0 5, Beyer 3 0 1-2 7, Ver Steeg 3 0 0-0 6, Sehr 0 1 1-2 4, E. Wagner 9 0 0-0 18, Hart 0 0 0-0 0, John 5 0 3-3 13

Team stats:
Luverne: 23 of 41 (56 percent), 5 of 7 free throws (71 percent), 26 rebounds, 16 turnovers
Marshall: 18 of 52 (34 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 29 rebounds, 12 turnovers

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Ahrendt pulled in eight rebounds for Luverne, while Nathaniel Cole-Kraty tallied seven boards.

Box score:
Cole-Kraty 3 0 0-0 6, Schoeneman 1 1 0-0 5, Frahm 0 0 0-0 0, Sneller 0 0 2-2 2, Cowell 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 1 1 1-2 6, Feit 0 0 0-0 0, Radtke 3 0 1-3 7, Friedrichsen 1 0 1-2 3, DeBeer 1 0 0-0 2, Ahrendt 9 0 2-2 20, Overgaard 5 0 2-3 12, Mounce 1 0 0-0 2, Arp 0 1 0-0 3

Team stats:
Luverne: 28 of 65 (43 percent), 9 of 14 free throws (64 percent), 41 rebounds, 14 turnovers
Adrian: 16 of 56 (29 percent), 6 of 11 free throws (55 percent), 41 rebounds, 25 turnovers

Belle Plaine 52, Luverne 49

The Cardinals took advantage of the opportunity to play on the raised court at Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis Friday night by putting forth a solid effort in a close three-point loss.

Each season the team schedules one non-conference game at a large venue in the Twin Cities, and the players and coaches often take in a Timberwolves or Gophers game the same weekend.

This year LHS faced the Belle Plaine Tigers at "The Barn" Friday and lost 52-49. The next day the Cardinals saw the

Gophers men's basketball team defeat Rutgers on the same raised floor.

The Tigers started hot and jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first six minutes.

Luverne worked its way back into the game in the first half, tying the contest at 27-27 with about four minutes left in the first half. Belle Plaine led 31-29 at the half.

The Cardinals took their first lead (35-33) with about 12 minutes remaining in the game and led by as much as 37-33 a minute later.

The teams traded leads until the final four minutes, when Belle Plaine took a 50-49 lead they would retain until the end.

Gannon Ahrendt led the scoring for the Cardinals with 22 points. Eli Radtke totaled 13 points.

Box score:
Cole-Kraty 1 0 0-0 2, Schoeneman 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 1 0 0-0 2, Radtke 5 1 0-0 13, Ahrendt 9 0 4-6 22, Overgaard 5 0 0-0 10

Team stats:
Luverne: 22 of 41 (54 percent), 4 of 8 free throws (50 percent), 24 rebounds, 17 turnovers
Belle Plaine: 19 of 53 (36 percent), 10 of 10 free throws (100 percent), 28 rebounds, 12 turnovers

Luverne 66, St. James 60

The Luverne boys' basketball team won its first conference game of the season with a 66-60 victory over the St. James Saints at home Monday night.

The Cardinals had a very balanced effort with five players in double digits.

Luverne was led by senior Eli Radtke, who had an outstanding night including two three-pointers and going six-for-six at the free throw line for a total of 16 points.

Colin Schoeneman, another Cardinal senior, drained three three-pointers and tallied 13 points.

Casey Sehr, Gavin DeBeer and Connor Overgaard scored ten points each.

Luverne never trailed in the game. The Cardinals led 31-24 at half.

Box score:
Cole-Kraty 1 0 3-4 5, Schoeneman 1 3 2-4 13, Cowell 1 0 0-0 2, Sehr 4 0 2-4 10, Radtke 2 2 6-6 16, DeBeer 3 1 1-2 10, Overgaard 4 0 2-2 10

Team stats:
Luverne: 22 of 42 (52 percent), 16 of 22 free throws (73 percent), 12 rebounds, 4 turnovers.
St. James: 23 of 46 (50 percent), 7 of 12 free throws (58 percent), 12 rebounds, 4 turnovers.

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Team stats:
H-BC: 17 of 47 (36 percent), 8 for 13 free throws (62 percent), 20 rebounds, 26 turnovers
SWC: 29 of 59 (49 percent), 11 for 22 free throws (50 percent), 37 rebounds, 20 turnovers

Elkton 57, H-BC 40

It was a lopsided fourth

quarter that helped the Elks pull away from the Patriots Saturday in Elkton. It was the first game of the day of the Crossover Classic at Elkton Public Schools featuring matchups between South Dakota and Minnesota schools.

The Patriots found themselves only trailing 39-35 heading into the final quarter before being outscored 18-5 in the final eight minutes.

Ty Bundesen led the

way for the Patriots with 11 points and six rebounds. Cole Baker and Oliver Deelstra also scored in double digits with 10 points each. Andrew Harris also had six points to round out the scoring for the Patriots who head to Edgerton to take on the Flying Dutchmen Monday night.

Box score:
Baker 2 2 0-0 10, Deelstra 2 1 3-4 10, Raymon 0 0 0-0 0, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Page 0 0 0-0 0, Leenderts 0 1 0-0 3, Bundesen 3 1 2-3 11, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Metzger 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Durst 0 0 0-0 0, Scholten 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 3 0 0-0 6, Wiersema 0 0 0-0 0

Team stats:
H-BC: 15 of 37 (41 percent), 5 for 7 free throws (71 percent), 16 rebounds, 14 turnovers
Elkton: 23 of 46 (50 percent), 9 for 11 free throws (82 percent), 24 rebounds, 10 turnovers

H-BC 68, Edgerton 40

The Patriots were able to cruise to victory with ease on Monday night in Edgerton.

It was a lopsided victory from the start as the Pates built a 32-17 halftime lead. Cole Baker (21 points) and Drew Leenderts (15 points) each had 10 in the first half.

The second half was more of the same as the Patriots increased their lead on their way to a 68-40 victory.

Andrew Harris and Oliver Deelstra each contributed for the Patriots with 10 and nine points respectively.

Box score:
Baker 3 4 3-4 21, Deelstra 4 0 1-7 9, Raymon 0 0 1-2 1, Harnack 0 1 0-0 3, Page 1 1 0-0 5, Leenderts 3 3 0-0 15, Bundesen 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Metzger 1 0 0-0 2, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Durst 1 0 0-0 2, Scholten 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 5 0 0-1 10, Wiersema 0 0 0-0 0

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Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

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Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne

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

www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com

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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

Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 27: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Worship Service—Healing service and Kindergarten milestone. 10 a.m. Coffee fellowship. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 5 p.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth circle meets. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5 p.m. Youth supper. 6:15 p.m. 6th and 7th grade Confirmation. 7:15 p.m. 8th grade Confirmation. 8:15 p.m. 9th grade Confirmation. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834

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

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

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

Friday, Jan. 28: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, Feb. 1: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 2: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. 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

(formerly First Assembly of God)

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

Ph. 612-800-1255; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church

Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10 a.m. Worship service. Children's church for ages 3-6th grade and nursery for ages 0-3 provided during our services. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Worship service. All services are in-person and all are welcome.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, Jan. 29: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Wednesday, Feb. 2: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 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, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Annual meeting and dinner. Wednesday, Feb. 2: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:15 p.m. Committee meetings. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6

p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

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

www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, Jan. 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible class; Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Bible study. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ; 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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101 W. Maple, Luverne

Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

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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, Jan. 30: 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) 757-6662

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday school. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFeU4>

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with annual meeting to follow. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFeU4>

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

Sunday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, Feb 1: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Social/dessert time. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship service.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

If I had my way ...

If I had my way, we would have more snow, but never any ice. If I had my way, siblings wouldn't fight no matter how old they are. If I had my way, families would spend more time together. If I had my way, kids would graduate college and want to come back and live around home. If I had my way, everyone would believe in Jesus. Since I am a pastor, if I had my way, everyone would go to church every Sunday and every church would have a morning and evening service attended by all members.

What if you had your way? How would life for everyone be different? What would you require from everyone if you could decide? Maybe you agree with some of the things I listed at the beginning of the article. Maybe you think if I had my way, you would be miserable. And maybe if you had your way, I would be miserable.

That is the thing about my way or your way, it's not the best way for everyone. We are human and we don't see the big picture. If we are honest, we tend to be selfish.

God encourages us to think and live differently. Philippians 2:3-5 says, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." (NIV 1984)

This means that my way isn't important and neither is your way, the governor's way, or the

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jeremy Wiersema, Reformed Church of Steen

What if you had your way? How would life for everyone be different? What would you require from everyone if you could decide? Maybe you agree with some of the things I listed at the beginning of the article. Maybe you think if I had my way, you would be miserable. And maybe if you had your way, I would be miserable. That is the thing about my way or your way, it's not the best way for everyone. We are human and we don't see the big picture. If we are honest, we tend to be selfish.

president's way.

What is important is that we respect and care for each other. What is important is that we treat each other as more important than ourselves.

This is and always has been a radical idea, but Jesus embodies it for us. He shows us how living this way is possible and how it is better than living to get my way.

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JACK A. BOOMGAARDEN aka ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON
JACK ALAN BOOMGAARDEN, PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR
aka APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
JACK BOOMGAARDEN, IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Deceased AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 14, 2022, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of instruments purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated August 2, 2021, and for the appointment of Micah A. Boomgaarden, whose address is 5416 Dague Ave. S.E., Delano, MN 55328, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised 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 Representative 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 Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: January 10, 2022 District Court Judge, Probate Division
Court Administrator
/s/ Terry Vajrnt

/s/ Paul Malone
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(01-20, 01-27)

ISD #671 requests proposals for 2022 health plan

Public Notice of Request for Proposal

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(01-20, 01-27)

CITY OF HILLS BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2021-2022

	2021	2022
Total Revenues	430,170	443,010
General Fund Expenses	132,890	137,130
Public Safety - Fire/Civil Defense	76,070	96,590
Public Works - Street Dept.	188,520	161,100
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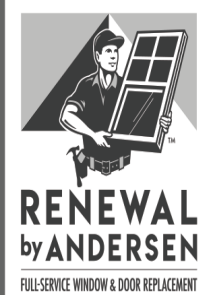
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Mavis Fodness photo/0127 new vision hills

The four 1980s-era bins in Hills will be taken down and the property offered for sale.

New Vision elevator, bins/continued from p. 1

1989, were last used for the 2020 harvest.

"It was labor intensive – took a lot of people to unload and clean the bins each year," he said.

"They needed repairs, and the recommendation was to close that part of our business in Hills.

The four steel bins had a combined

grain storage capacity of 600,000 bushels.

All grain now runs through the New Vision terminal north of Hills. It has a 5-million-bushel capacity and accepts grain year-round.

The bin site property in Hills will be planted to grass and eventually offered for sale.

Bits by Betty/from page 6

with two men out and one man on first base, Feay, of Rock Rapids, who was playing first base for Hills, drove a two-bagger into the left field, sending it over the line of carriages and spectators, and before the fielder got the ball both men crossed the home plate. This ended the game. Umpire Amos Scott called the ball foul. The Hills players immediately swarmed around the umpire and a rag-chewing match succeeded the National game. Feay became abusive, called the umpire an odious name and promptly received a well directed jolt under the right ear. The Hills players then walked off the diamond and refused to play. Later they agreed to finish the game if they could have a new umpire, but as they had deferred this decision until the ten minutes had expired allowed by the rules in which a team shall play after having once left the field, the Luverne players refused to continue the game except on the basis on which it was begun. Hills refused to accede to this condition and the game was declared forfeited to Luverne by the score of 9 to 0.

The incident was most unfortunate and was deeply deplored by all. As to the correctness of Umpire Scott's

decision there appears to be a wide difference of opinion. Many who were in position to see declare that the ball in dispute was foul, while perhaps an equal number who were in equally as good position to judge declare that it was fair.

The word of J. S. Joles, who found the ball and placed his foot upon it pending the umpire's decision, is undoubtedly correct and should be authoritative, and Mr. Joles' statement is that the ball was fully ten feet outside the lines.

But regardless of this point, the fact remains that the Hills players should have abided by the umpire's decision. Another point is that if the ball had been declared "fair" neither of the scores run in under it would have counted. The ball was what is termed a "blocked ball" and a player is not entitled to more than two bases on a ball of that character, while as it was one man ran from first base and the striker from the home plate.

Several ifs naturally arise but the most important one is that "if" the Hills nine had been playing their own team instead of a pick-up team from the various surrounding towns, the trouble most likely would not have occurred.

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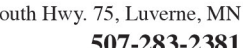
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Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022

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Cookies for a Cause supports Luv1LuvAll/continued from page 1

crazy," she said. "We wanted something everybody would like."

The 5-by-6-inch cookies will be baked by Stearns and packaged with a ribbon and a gift card by the Luv1LuvAll committee.

Orders are currently being taken through the Luverne Area Chamber.

Pickup of the cookies is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in the community room at the Southwest Health and Human Services building on Roundwind Road in Luverne.

The Cookies for a Cause event is also being organized at Luverne Public Schools.

According to Luv1LuvAll committee member and elementary counselor Marie Atkinson-Smeins, flyers were sent home to families and the elementary student council will educate students and staff to the cookie fundraiser's purpose.

The student councils at the middle-high school are planning to offer the cookie sale to students and staff next week.

High school council president Griffen Jarchow said Cookies for a Cause reprises Valentine's Day gift-giving at the school plus allows the students to serve outside of the school's walls.

Profits from the cookie sale will be used to further

the focuses of the organization's various task forces.

Anderson-Wessels said the group's funding is primarily through grants, with the local fundraising effort used to fill any gaps in fulfilling any of the various activities.

Luv1LuvAll has five task forces involved in narrowing the gap for anyone facing poverty situations in various identified areas.

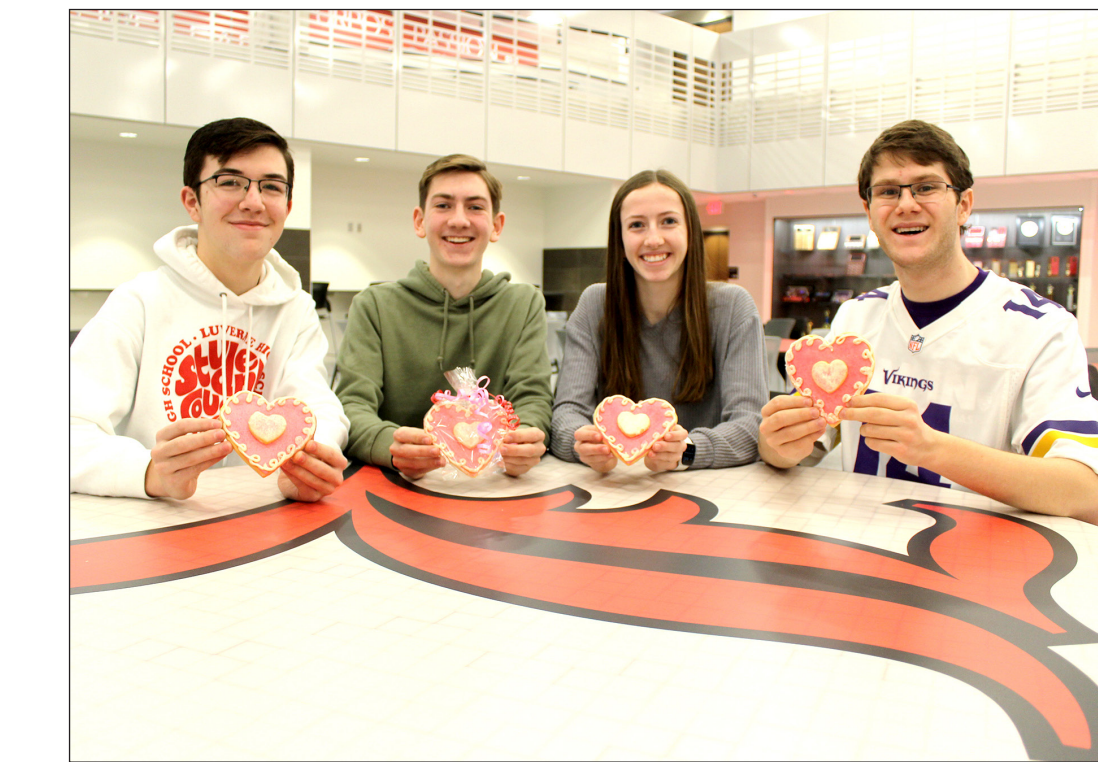
The focus groups include dental care access, brain health, one-stop resource guide, housing and opioid use.

The group welcomes new members to join the task forces. More information about the group can be found on its social media site, Luv1LuvAll.

The \$5 Valentine's Day cookies can be ordered through the Luverne Area Chamber through Satur-

day, Feb. 5. Call 283-4061 or stop by the Chamber office located in the county's veterans museum building. Payment by cash, check or credit card is due at the time of the order.

As an added incentive, anyone placing an order will be placed in a drawing for a Golden Ticket Date Night: a \$50 gift card to Sterling's Bar and Grille in Luverne and two movie tickets.



Mavis Fodness photo/Cookies for a Cause

Joining the Luv1LuvAll community organization in a fundraiser for the group is the Luverne High School student council. Holding samples of the sugar cookies for sale in the community at the Luverne Area Chamber and at the school beginning next week are (from left) Parker Carbonneau, Griffen Jarchow, Anja Jarchow and Luke Thorson.

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