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## **Luverne annexes 8.42 acres of Mound Township land on north side**

Development to be divided into four large residential lots, 13 more lots likely in future expansion there

By Lori Sorenson

More than eight acres of land north of Luverne will become part of the city following action at the Jan. 25 council meeting.

In a last-minute addendum to the agenda, Luverne City Council members approved a "resolution for orderly annexation" with Mound Township for a parcel owned by Allen Schmuck and Patrick

The property owners petitioned the city requesting immediate annexation of the 8.42 acres into the city for the purpose of residential development.

The land, north of the hospital along the north side of 131st Street, will be divided into four large residential lots.

The parcel currently has no city utilities,

but city staff indicated those services can be provided for a price. The owners will pay for a large share of the improvements.

"I think this is our growth to the north," Call said, hinting at future annexation in that area near the Luverne's northern

"There's room for another 13-lot development that we'd like to the north there.

There'd be a lot of growth and taxation for the city."

Mound Township officials approved the petition Jan. 24, with signatures by Mound Township chair Keith Schmuck and clerk David DeBoer. As part of the agreement, the city of Luverne will make a one-time payment to Mound Township of \$2,000 for lost future tax revenue.

District hires

health aide,

accepts ag

retirement

At their Jan. 27 meeting,

Luverne School Board members

unanimously supported hiring

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In other news, Luverne

**School Board members:** 

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Karen Hubbling works as a

**By Mavis Fodness** 

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## **Beaver Creek** hauler fined for manure discharges

#### By Mavis Fodness

Cody Penning, owner of Penning Hauling of Beaver Creek, was fined \$9,650 for discharging thousands of gallons of liquid swine manure in 2019.

The discharge occurred in a sensitive drinking water supply area in Clinton Township.

Officials with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) charged Penning with violating general standards for waters of the state, discharging waste into an unsaturated zone and failing to duly notify the MPCA directly to avoid water pollution.

Penning did not dispute the charges.

The Rock County Land Management Office assisted with the documentation of the incidents and the cleanup of the affected areas south of Luverne near the Rock County Rural Water treatment plant.

The manure discharges took place within the water district's sensitive drinking water supply management area.

RCRW Director Ryan Holtz told county commissioners Jan. 25 that testing revealed no contamination from the Oct. 28 and 29, 2019, incidents.

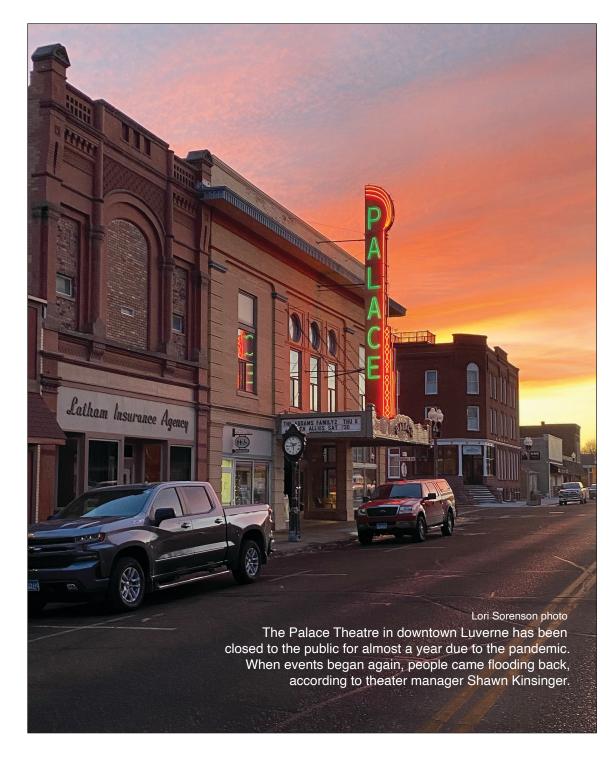
"It was very, very close to our treatment plant and our draw zone," Holtz said.

"Where the spill happened and the way the (Rock) river runs, it never — luckily — made it into any of our wells. That would have been catastrophic."

#### **Incidents occurred** Oct. 28 and 29, 2019

Penning was using a tractor and pulling two manure applicator tanks filled with liquid manure on Oct. 28, 2019, when he drove into a soft area in the field.

Manure spill fine/see page 3



## Palace 'hitting on all cylinders' after pandemic setbacks

#### **By Lori Sorenson**

"We were right back at it, as if nothing ever changed."

That's how Palace Theatre director Shawn Kinsinger described the past several months since the pandemic.

"This past fall into winter, I was curious as to how much we would rebound after being closed over the last holiday season, which is typically really busy," he told Luverne City Council members during their Tuesday, Jan.

"Everything's firing on all cylinders again.

Movies came back nicely after the holiday season. The numbers have been spectacular for all the shows we brought in."

#### Mama Mia 'blew the doors off'

Kinsinger said popular live events included the Dueling Pianos in October and the Shawn Johnson Holiday Show, but he said the locally produced "Mama Mia" in November was among the biggest hits.

"That absolutely blew the doors off the

Palace update/continued on page 2

## City, non-profit ink contract on Child's Remembrance Garden

#### By Lori Sorenson

The Child's Remembrance Garden in Luverne is taking shape with the efforts of local volunteers, generous donations and help from city leaders.

The garden will provide a place for people who have lost a child to grieve, remember and heal.

Several local families who have lost children formed a non-profit and have been raising money to design and build the garden on a parcel of land owned by the city.

Last summer they approached the City Council about leasing the 140-foot by 60-foot parcel in the northwest corner of Tonto Park off James Street

near the Catholic cemetery.

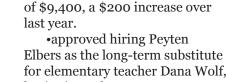
At that July meeting, the city verbally agreed to provide the space free of charge with the understanding that long-term maintenance would be a shared responsibility.

At their Jan. 25 meeting council members and the non-profit group signed a "Contract for Management and Operation of Child's Remembrance Garden."

The contract states that the city will own the garden and its accessories, and the non-profit will be responsible for costs associated with operating, main-

Remembrance garden/see page 3





beginning Feb. 24. accepted the resignation of Bill Thompson as the middle school Lego League adviser effective at the end of the current

school year. accepted the retirement of agriculture teacher Dennis Moritz, also effective at the end of the current school year.



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#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **Meetings**

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the Rock County Library basement. Bring show and tell item.

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

**Springwater Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the township hall.

**Vienna Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Kenneth Community Center.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

Hospice Dinner and Auction planners will meet at noon Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Sanford Luverne Medical Center. Anyone interested in helping with the April 23 event should sign up by Feb. 7 at 507-283-1805 or helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org.

#### H-BC chili cook-off Feb. 4

The Hills-Beaver Creek FFA Chapter will host a Chili Cook-off from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the high school in Hills. Funds raised will support the chapter's trip to the state convention this spring and the national convention this fall.

#### Free pizzas distributed Feb. 12

The Christian Motorcyclist Association will offer free back-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. More than 400 pizzas are available until gone. No signup necessary. Call 605-366-9942 with questions.

#### Goehle gym open Sundays

The Hugo Goehle gymnasium in Hills is open for public recreation from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays now through March 27.

#### Swap March 5 at Rock Ranch

A tack swap benefit is planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Rock Ranch near Hills. Organizers are seeking individuals in selling horse-related items or sharing business or service information by reserving a booth. The 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.

#### Carnival scheduled for March 5

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

### Free tax preparation starts Feb.

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 are required.

#### Online mental health continue

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will offer free online mental health classes in February. The classes are designed for family members and caregivers, persons living with mental illness, service providers and also for the general public. Go to namimn.org and click on "classes."

#### **Community Ed**

Call Cindy at Luverne Community Education, 507-283-4724, to register for classes. Community Ed's website is www.isd2184.net, select Luverne Community Education under schools.

**Softball Camp** begins Feb. 10 for six sessions for girls in grades K-8 who are interested in being catchers and pitchers. Sign up by Feb. 1 at the lower fee at \$60.

Valentine Painting for students in grades 1-4 will meet Feb. 10 at Coffey Contemporary Arts to create a painting and enjoy 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. Fee is \$15.

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

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

Students ages 3-13 years old will learn to play the orff instruments (a smaller version of xylophone) at Melodious Mallets. Class begins Feb. 4 and culminates with the Luverne Street Music Spring Showcase in May. Fee is \$100 for 16 lessons.

Register by Feb. 9 for the **ACT Prep Class** that begins Feb. 24 for juniors and seniors. Fee is \$125.

## County bond sale yields 1.93-percent interest rate with four bidders at sale

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

Interest rates were higher than anticipated Jan. 24 when Rock County's \$4.5 million general obligation bond went to market, but the refinancing still saved taxpayer dollars.

Four companies placed bids, and at their Jan. 25 meeting commissioners accepted the lowest bid, 1.93 percent from Piper, Sandler & Co. of Minneapolis.

Four companies vied for the \$4.5 million in bonds, offering rates from 1.93 percent to 2.06 percent for the 20-year bond.

George Eilertson with Northland Securities brokered the sale and brought the sale results to the county commissioners Jan. 25.

He indicated Rock County was favorably noticed by creditors due to its AA+ bond rating through S&P Global Ratings. Rock County is one step below the highest municipal rating of AAA.

"You are unique at AA+," Eilertson said. "The maiority of the (Minnesota's 87) counties fall one notch lower with AA or one notch further, which is AA-. Fifty to 60 counties are within those two (ranges)."

Part of the Jan. 24 bond sale involved refinancing two 2015 general obligation bonds totaling \$915,000.

These bonds were used to remodel the Rock

County Library and finance the county's portion of the countywide fiber-to-premises broadband network project.

Refinancing this debt at the lower rate will save \$106,061.

The rest of the bond, \$3.59 million, will be used for capital improvements in the courthouse and the health and human services building, primarily for heating, ventilation and airconditioning systems.

Eilertson anticipated average interest rates to be between 1.62 and 1.75 percent, when calling for the sale in November.

At 1.93 percent, the interest rate is still at 20-year lows, he said.

#### In other business, the commissioners:

•met with three new county employees: Haley Boltjes, Land Records Office administrative assistant, Lee Tapper, Land Management Office engineering technician, and Brett Heikes, county highway department equipment operator.

The county has one opening, an engineering assistant, that is expected to be filled this spring.

•set a Feb. 22 meeting with township and small cities leaders to discuss how the \$1.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars to the county can be disbursed.

## **Dahl joins Sanford Luverne clinic**

Kathryn Dahl, MD, PhD, family medicine, recently joined Sanford Luverne clinic, where she'll specialize in obstetrics and gynecology, including women's health, maternity care and newborn care.

"I want to care for the young and the old, the big and the small, the healthy and the chronically ill," said Dahl. "Every person deserves access to high quality health care, and I want to help them receive that care close to home."

She is board certified in family medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Her parents are Mark Dahl and Dr. Diane Kennedy of Luverne.

Dahl interned at Sanford Luverne in 2015 when she shadowed her mother on the job to learn about family practice.



"I don't know what kind of doctor I want to be right now, but I do know that I probably want to live in rural Minnesota," Dahl told the Star Herald that summer in 2015.

"If I end up being half the physician and mother that my mom is, I'll be really happy."

Kennedy said the professional time with her daughter reinforced her

own commitment to family medicine in a rural setting.

"I believe quality care starts with knowing your patient and all the outside influences that affect their health and wellbeing," she said in the July 23, 2015, Star Herald.

"Now that Kat has chosen a career in medicine and she's trying to sort out what specialty she will follow, I am reminded that if I had to go back and do it all again, I would still choose family practice every time."

Dahl graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in Duluth and completed her residency in family medicine at Sioux Falls Family Medicine.

The 2010 Luverne High School graduate lives in Luverne with her husband, Brooks Maurer, and son, Myles.

#### New Life's food giveaway moves to new pickup location

New Life food giveaway moves to ATLAS Feb. 17

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is now at the ATLAS building at 101 W. Maple Street in Luverne. The next distribution is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the WEST side of the building. (Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot.)

Food will be loaded into vehicles which will then exit via the alley going WEST toward Estey Street.

Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

#### Palace update/continued from page 1

place," Kinsinger said about the Green Earth Players production. "I believe it drew the biggest numbers the Green Earth Players have ever brought in. It was a great windfall for them after being shut down for the

He said the success of "Mama Mia" represented an important turning point after the pandemic.

"It was great for the Palace, and it was great for the community," Kinsinger said. "A lot of people who hadn't participated in a while came back. We had some regulars and a lot of new folks that showed up, and that kind of grew the community theater there."

Meanwhile, he said the production exposed more people to the Palace Theatre and its operation.

"It also had the added benefit of bolstering our volunteer base," Kinsinger said. "We had a lot more people who knew about the Palace but didn't realize we run off volunteers who step up and start working movies and helping with shows."

#### Homegrown children's theater

Kinsinger said a pandemic casualty has been the popular Missoula Children's Theater — the nation's largest touring children's theater and education group, which has been coming to Luverne for nearly 20

"It's been hit and miss for them being back on the road after the pandemic, and I don't want the kids to

miss out on an opportunity like that," Kinsinger said.

ʻIt's a popular program in town, so we're going to try to put something together to fill that need for the younger kids and get them excited about what's going on at the Palace."

To do that, he said he's working on a "homegrown collaboration" between Green Earth Players and The

"We're going to attempt a children's theater camp, similar to Missoula," he said.

The camp will be sometime in mid-July or early August and will be listed with Luverne Community Education.

#### Late-night TV talk with retired teachers

For this summer's all-school reunion, Kinsinger said he has a plan to draw returning alumni to the Palace.

"I'll try to explain it without sounding crazy," he said.

"We're going to interview retired teachers in a late-night TV talk-showtype setting at the Palace. We'll use our camera system to livestream it and record it so people can watch it whenever they want, and we'll focus on a live event during the all-school

He said Betty Mann has agreed to be the first one.

"We'll give her a chance to sort of spill the goods on what it was like to be a teacher ... what she really thinks of things," Kinsinger said.

"It will just be kind of a unique experience for people who maybe haven't been back to Luverne to connect with their roots again and relive some old memories."

#### Shuttered venue grants help with maintenance

Off stage, Kinsinger told City Council members about several maintenance projects at the Palace, including sign repair, a refresh of the downstairs dressing rooms, façade work and lighting in the balcony.

"We applied for the Shuttered Venue grant and received a nice sum of cash," he said.

"It was nice to have the cushion there to make some improvements and to make sure that we can keep doing what we're doing."

Mayor Pat Baustian thanked him for his work at the Palace.

"It's nice to see the passion that you have and the passion that your board has. It's evident in the events and what you have going on there," he said.

"Our community is so very fortunate to have you and your group and your volunteers ... You're doing a great job."

Baustian said Luverne is fortunate to have the Palace Theatre downtown.

Kinsinger replid, "We do love having those lights lighting up Main Street at night."

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## Rural Dementia Caregiver Project helps rural caregivers connect to online workshop

Millions of rural caregivers provide crucial support to family members or friends living with memory loss and dementia.

These same caregivers often feel stressed and isolated. An online workshop may help them.

The University of California, San Francisco, is conducting a study of a new online caregiver workshop.

The project is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Caregivers may qualify if they live in a rural area, care for someone with memory loss, are 18 or older and provide care for at least 10 hours per week.

Caregivers who participate in the study of the workshop will be asked to complete four surveys on their caregiving experiences and will receive up to \$80 in cash for doing so.

## What does the online workshop offer?

The workshop is accessible to rural caregivers whenever they want it, day or night.

It teaches caregivers new skills to reduce their stress, take better care of themselves, manage challenging behaviors of their care partners, and plan for the future.

Caregivers also get a workbook to keep, support from other caregivers, and information on community resources.

Interested caregivers can go to the Rural Dementia Caregiver Project website, caregiverproject.ucsf. edu or call 1-833-634-0603 to get more information.

Organizations that work in rural communities or have contact with caregivers can use the same contact information.

## CGMC leaders: Now is the time to invest in key priorities that will bolster Greater Minnesota

Local Government
Aid, water
infrastructure, child
care and housing
among coalition's
top legislative
priorities for 2022

As lawmakers plan for how to utilize the state's historic \$7.7 billion budget surplus, leaders from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) are calling on Governor Walz and the Legislature to remember rural Minnesota.

"The Governor and legislators have a once-in-ageneration opportunity to make investments that will benefit our state now and well into the future," said CGMC director Bradley Peterson during a virtual meeting with statewide leaders and media Jan. 27.

Peterson, who was joined on the call by Luverne Mayor and CGMC President Pat Baustian and Owatonna Mayor Tom Kuntz, said for Greater Minnesota that means investing in Local Government Aid (LGA), wastewater and drinking water infrastructure, and in workforce needs like child care and housing.

#### LGA hasn't kept up with rising expenses, inflation

As its top legislative priority for 2022, the CGMC is seeking a \$90 million increase in LGA, a statewide program that restrains property taxes, reduces inequities between communities and ensures all cities are able to provide quality services and quality-of-life amenities to residents and businesses.

"LGA is the lifeline for Greater Minnesota cities. Without it, rural Minnesota would crumble," Baustian said.

He noted that in Luverne, LGA makes up about 28 percent of the city's annual budget. He said Greater Minnesota cities are strategic when planning their budgets, but increasing expenses and inflation continue to put a strain on city finances.

"Like other cities, our costs have increased a lot in recent years," Baustian said.

"Construction costs have gone up 35 to 50 percent over the last four years. We have an aging workforce, which drives up costs. But LGA has not kept pace with rising costs and inflation."

Peterson added that while local governments received pandemic relief from the federal government, that money is not a substitute for LGA.

"LGA is consistent funding with flexible uses that allows cities to better plan for the future as they set their budgets."

#### Water infrastructure should be cornerstone of bonding bill

CGMC is also urging the Legislature to pass a large capital investment bill (a.k.a. "bonding bill") that includes \$299 million for water and wastewater infrastructure grant and loan programs.

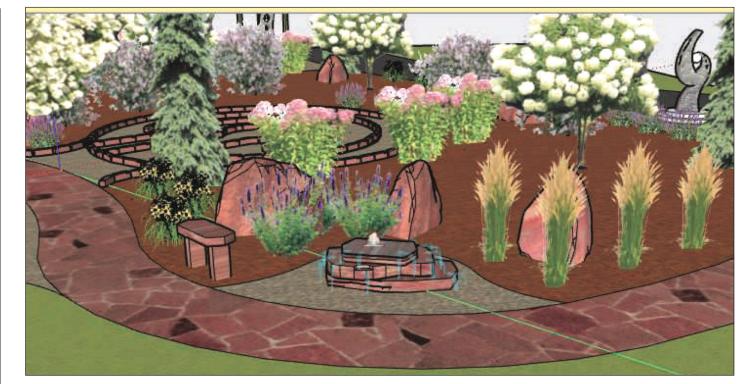
"With low interest rates, a hefty budget surplus and federal money to leverage, now is the time for a transformational investment in Minnesota's water infrastructure," Peterson said.

"This funding is needed to make progress in addressing the backlog of water infrastructure projects across the state."

Peterson noted that costs to upgrade or build a new water treatment facility are often tens of the millions of dollars which mostly fall on communities and their ratepayers.

"Cities are willing to pay their fair share, but it is incredibly difficult to pay for these massive projects without a grant or loan from the state," Peterson said.

**CGMC**/see page 5



Lucas Stoffel from Oak Haven Landscape and Design out of Sherburn will work to build the Child's Remembrance Garden in northwest Luverne beginning this spring. City crews already cleared the area of old evergreen trees.

#### Remembrance garden/continued from page 1 \_\_\_\_

taining and managing the property, including utilities for a water feature and lighting.

City public works crews have already helped by clearing some old, dying evergreens and preparing the site for development.

The garden will be professionally planned and installed by a landscape architect/designer hired by the non-profit group, and the city will review the plans before implementation.

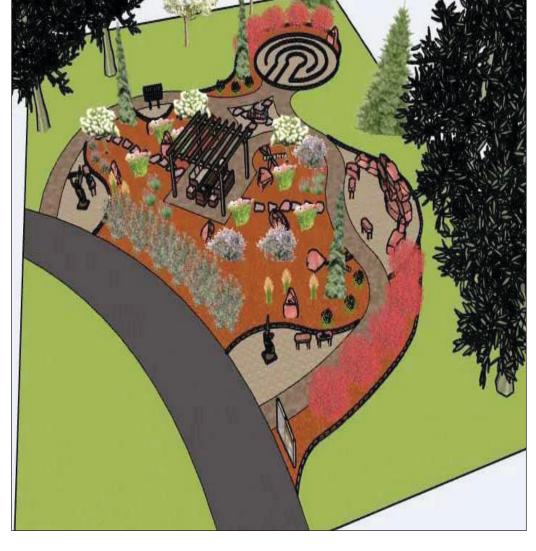
Lucas Stoffel from Oak Haven Landscape and Design out of Sherburn, Minnesota, will be working to build the garden in Spring 2022.

Among other specifications, the contract states that the group will not allow "the internment of human remains or scattering of ashes of human remains in the garden."

It also states that the non-profit will raise funds to establish a reserve for repair and replacement and improvement of the garden.

The initial timeline for the lease is for five years; then the parties will negotiate in good faith for further extensions.

"The garden will be an asset to the city park as it will be in close proximity to the Luverne Loop and provide a nice visual appeal to that corner of the park area.



In addition to city support, local donors have already given thousands toward the garden through the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

"We're so excited about it, and it's coming together so quickly," said Pat Saum, one of the group's founding members. "It's a beautiful spot. It's like it was meant to be."

To donate, contact the Luverne Area Community Foundation at 507-227-2424. To help, contact maggie.siebenahler@ gmail.com or pat.saum@gmail.com.

Learn more at www.childsremembrancegarden.org or on Facebook, Childs-Remembrance-Garden.

#### Manure spill fine/continued from page 1

Frequent rains had been falling in the area and the heavy manure load caused the rig to get stuck.

Doug Bos, LMO assistant director, told commissioners that instead of transferring the liquid manure into another tank to lighten the stuck applicator tank, Penning pulled the gate valve, releasing an estimated 10,000 gallons of liquid manure onto the ground at about 7 a.m.

Penning, who has a commercial manure applicator's license, told Bos he was unaware he couldn't discharge the manure onto the ground and didn't know what else he could have done to get the rig out of the mud.

At about 2 a.m. Oct. 29, 2019, less than 24 hours after the first discharge, Penning's rig became stuck again, and again he discharged manure onto the ground to lighten the load.

"Even though we warned him and the MPCA warned him, he pulled the plug and this time it (the manure) ran to a neighboring property and flooded their backyard," Bos said.

"You can imagine with hog manure it was quite a mess."

Final ruling issued in August by MPCA

After several internal reviews, MPCA made their final ruling and assessed the monetary penalty to Penning in August.

Staff changes and restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic delayed the final administrative penalty order to almost three years after the discharge incidents.

Penning didn't appeal the findings and has since completed a portion of the required corrective actions.

Penning was required to pay for the cleanup of both discharge incidents, which was factored into the fine amount. He is also required to prepare and submit an Emergency Response Plan to the MPCA.

Penning continues to be licensed through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to commercially apply manure in the state.

The Rock County
LMO works with the
Department of Ag and the
University of Minnesota
to host trainings for local
commercial applicators.

Personal stories are normally included in the trainings.

"This is something we always use as education
— when it makes a point with a fine, someone did this on purpose," Bos said.

## Luverne Township Notice

At the Luverne Township 2021 Annual meeting. It was resolved that the application of dust control products on Township roads is prohibited without prior written Board approval.

**Luverne Township Board** 





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# O Star Herald PINION

## Recycling 'tag of shame' becomes ray of sunshine

A friend of mine in Luverne put her recycling bin out on the wrong day.



The next morning she discovered the bright yellow recycling "tag of shame" attached to it. The tag of shame is usually given to people who place non-recyclable items in recycling bins.

You know the kind - they don't wash the cans or remove the labels. (Yes, you are supposed to.)

They try to recycle types of plastic that aren't "on the list" or they repurpose plastic shopping bags to carry material to the bin and leave the bags in the recycling container. (No, you are not supposed to.)

Some have gone so far as to toss actual garbage into the recycling.

The Luverne garbage guys could probably fill a book with the tales of stupidity they encounter every week.

As for my friend, it's bad enough to be the only person on your side of the street to roll a giant recycling bin through the snow, across the ice berm and out to the curb on the wrong day, but to discover the bright yellow tag of shame twisting in the bitter Minnesota winds the next morning just makes it all the

Sometimes a person just wants to blend in with the neighborhood, lie low and go unnoticed. No one wants to find the yellow tag boldly proclaiming to the neighbors, "A doofus lives here!" or "This person can't remember what day it is!"

No one wants the neigh-

## THE **Northview**

By Brenda Winter, columnist

The bright yellow tag read, 'Not your recycling day - emptied it anyways.'

bors wondering what "exactly" the problem is with the recycling situation.

My friend, seeing the tag and realizing her mistake, went to lug the giant bin back to the

It was empty.

The garbage guys had emptied the bin. Why?

The bright yellow tag read, "Not your recycling day – emptied it anyways."

At that moment, the bright yellow "tag of shame" became a little ray of sunshine on a cold Minnesota morning.

This isn't a sign to put out the recycling bin any day you want to. It's a sign that people are nice even when they don't have to be. Even when no one is looking.

Even when it's a little extra trouble on their part.

Thanks, garbage guys.

## Weber, Senate GOP announce session priorities

Senate Republicans recently announced session priorities that will focus on helping Minnesotans afford everyday life, reducing crime and empowering parents.

"Senate Republicans are focused on getting Minnesota back on track by making life affordable for Minnesotans, tackling crime, and improving education," Sen. Bill Weber (R-Luverne) said.

"We focused on the issues important to you, not on how we can increase government spending. With a record surplus, we can return money to Minnesotans and undo the damage that COVID and inflation have caused. We can help businesses recover and get the economy moving so that families have the resources they need to prosper."

#### Helping people afford their lives

The state's projected \$7.7 billion surplus will be one of the most discussed items in St. Paul.

Following stubborn and record inflation from runaway congressional spending, Senate Republicans are advancing a series of tax cuts targeted at working Minnesotans, families and seniors to help them afford their everyday life.

In the last five years, Republicans have secured billions in tax cuts, including exempting most seniors from taxes on social security and the

#### **GUEST EDITORIAL**

By the Senate Republican Caucus

first income rate tax cuts in 20 years.

#### Safe communities and law enforcement support

Another priority this year will be investments in public safety and initiatives to drive down crime.

Senate Republicans plan to quickly address the urgent need to increase Minnesota's police presence while providing additional tools and resources to fight crime and recruit and retain police officers.

Republicans will also continue to be tough on crime, and address failed progressive policies that reduce or eliminate bail.

They will also introduce legislation increasing penalties for repeat offenders, carjackers, and crimes involving dangerous weapons.

#### **Empowering parents** as education partners

Republicans will also focus on education and getting schools back to the basics of meeting reading and math scores.

The closure of schools due to COVID has been an eye-opening experience for parents across the state. These failed policies have left too many kids behind from COVID learning loss, which Republicans will rapidly address.

Additionally, parents have raised concerns about their kids' education coming at the cost of political activism.

To that end, Republicans propose increasing transparency and accountability in school, empowering parents and allowing them to be active partners in their child's education.

Senate Republicans have had control of the Senate since 2017 and consistently stopped harmful tax increases on working and lowincome Minnesotans.

They stabilized the health care market in 2017 with the very successful reinsurance program and passed record funding for students

Senate Republicans also continue to reduce burdensome regulations on Main Street businesses and support economic development across the state.



## Snow, ice on vehicle are also hazards

We all know the dangers of driving with snow and ice on the roads, but driving with snow and ice on your vehicle is also a

Always take time to remove all snow and ice from your vehicle before traveling. This is for your safety and the safety of other drivers.

Snow and ice left on your

hood, roof and trunk can shift and blow off – blinding you or the driver behind you. Limited visibility can also occur if snow and ice are sucked into the fresh air intake of your vehicle (normally located near the bottom of the front windshield). It can create moisture fog inside your windows and windshield.

and ice from: ·Headlights and tail**lights** to see and be seen.

It is also important to clear snow

External camera lenses

## **Ask** A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, **Minnesota State Patrol** 

and side view mirrors so you'll be able to see what's around you.

•External sensors to allow the assistive-driving features like automatic emergency braking to work.

When traveling behind a vehicle with ice or snow falling from it, give yourself plenty of room to avoid being hit with debris or having your vision obstructed. Pass the vehicle only if it is safe to do

You can avoid a ticket —

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If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sqt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at Statue 169.791 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

## Harrison: 'Habitat' is 'a fun and rewarding endeavor'

#### To the Editor:

As some of you know, Lowell and I have been doing Habitat for Humanity builds during our winter travels. It has been a fun and rewarding endeavor.

We have heard a number of heartwarming stories about the homeowners, but we were struck by the one we recently heard in Texas.

The daughter of a recent recipient of a home expressed an interest in helping this year's family. Her mother suggested she make a wreath for the door. The 11-year-old responded, "I want to buy the door, for I remember how I felt the first time I walked through the door of our new home."

She has a business of making decorated cakes and cupcakes, so she saved her earnings, and yesterday the door was delivered

## Voice of our **READERS**

by the family. Bless her heart.

The family of five children (ages 4-14) is hoping to either foster or adopt children after the current members are older.

Receiving a Habitat for Humanity home has been a lifechanging event for many families. We have been privileged to be a small part of this effort. (FYI The family does pay for the home but, of course, it has a lower cost and is accompanied by a no-interest loan.)

> **Shirley Harrison,** Luverne

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### ON THE RECORD

#### **Dispatch report**

Jan. 21

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported harassment via Snapchat.

•Complainant on County Road 17 and County Highway 4 reported a fire in the ditch.

•Smoke was reported at location of an earlier fire at location on County Road 17 and County Road 4.

#### Jan. 22

 Nobles County requested RCSO assistance in Magnolia.

•Complainant on Main Street and Bluemound Avenue reported an illegally parked SUV.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 21, Magnolia, reported a semitrailer swerving.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported he can hear someone yelling for help.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported damage to a door.

•Complainant on E. State Street, Magnolia, reported a break-in at location.

•Trooper requested assistance with a DWI arrest at mile marker 6 on Interstate 90, Beaver Creek.

•Deputy reported an outage. Jan. 23

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported two unruly guests at location.

 Complainant on County Road 17 and County Road 4, Manley, reported a malfunction at railroad crossing.

 Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a vehicle swerving.

•Complainant on E. Mead Court reported damage to a storage unit.

#### Jan. 24

•Complainant on 1st Street, Hardwick, reported someone shot his house.

•Nobles County requested deputy assistance on W. Warren

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported a damaged sign.

•Complainant on E. 4th Street, Hills, attempted a warrant service.

·Complainant on S. Steen Street, Steen, reported a civil issue.

#### Jan. 26

 State patrol requested deputy assistance on Highway 270, Hills.

•Complainant in Luverne reported property damage to a school vehicle.

 Complainant on SE Park Street reported suspicious activity.

 Deputy completed a civil standby for property removal on S. Steen Street, Steen.

 Complainant on S. Broadway Street, Magnolia, reported a suspicious phone call.

•Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle in the area.

•Complainant on 241st Street and 190th Avenue, Luverne, requested to tow a vehicle.

•Complainant on S. Central Avenue, Hills, reported a probation violation.

#### Jan. 27

•Complainant north of Warren and Donaldson reported loud music.

 Complainant reported internet scam.

•Standby on S. Steen Street, Steen, for property removal.

•A warrant was issued on E. 4th Street, Hills. Deputy assisted with a

property exchange on S. Steen Street, Steen.

 Complainant on Highway 75 and 131st Street, Luverne, reported an SUV all over the road.

•A warrant was issued on E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hills.

 Complainant in Luverne reported a lost wallet.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 2 vehicles in ditch, 2 escorts, 14 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 4 paper services, 14 burn permits, 1 background check, 3 alarms, 1 drug court test, 9 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 20 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 1 report of cattle out.

## Spearfishing outing declared enjoyable even though pikes were elusive

Some fishing and hunting outings end with full game bags or fish stringers, and others end up with nothing but the receipts of the money you spent. Empty fish stringers don't always mean that the trip was not a fun or successful one, though. It depends on what criteria you use to define

I recently traveled to St. Cloud to attend the Minnesota Pheasants Forever state meeting. This event has been canceled the last few years, and attendance was a little lower than normal due to the recent surge in CO-VID-19.

I called a friend who I knew was also attending and asked him if he was interested in going up a day or two early to try our luck spearfishing on a lake that neither one of us had ever been on – or for that matter ever even heard of.

Being the adventurous sort, he agreed to give it a try. The name of the pond we tried was a 65-acre lake called School Section Lake in Stearns County. Everyone was driving their trucks on this lake, but I can't seem to bring myself to drive my dog truck on ice. I towed my ice rig Polaris Ranger with tracks on it, and we off-loaded that and went exploring with a rig that weighs 1,000 pounds instead of a truck that tips the scales at about 5,000 pounds including everything I

When you cut a spear hole and then leave that spot, you try to mark it with a stick from the shore. This makes others on the lake know that there is a spot where the ice will be thinner than the overall lake. We saw several sticks protruding from the snow and decided if that spot was good enough for them, it would be good enough for someone who had never been on the lake before.

I had recently purchased a new battery-operated ice drill and was pretty excited to try it out. I attached the battery, and when I pulled the trigger it turned about two times and died. I tried again and got the same results. I knew that when the batteries were



## THE **O**UTDOORS

#### **By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist**

cold, they would not operate at full capacity, but I thought they would at least work a little. I was wrong. I tried an additional new battery I bought with the unit, and it also did nothing.

Back to the truck we went, and after 30 minutes on the truck's defroster, they worked like a charm. I wonder if this only happens to me or if other battery-operated ice drills do the same thing. We got the hole cut, set up the portable, and we were off to the spearfishing races.

In spearing you sit still and hope the fish come to you. Most often you will use either a large sucker chub on a safety pin or other fake decoy to attract the pike to you. Some use spoons or painted golf balls to attract the fish. I had purchased four large suckers about 10 inches long from the local bait shop. When you are trying to decoy a pike, the goal is to have that pike come in nice and slow to check out if they want to eat your offering. If you use a smaller bait, they will often blast in and gobble up the decoy and flash out of sight in about a half a second. This slash and grab offers no opportunity to throw a spear. Bigger bait often slows down the approach.

I have had fish that have come into the hole and stayed for five minutes. Others will cruise on through without even stopping to sniff the potential meal.

My trip to St. Cloud was a smash and grab experience. I started with four large baits, and in about two hours I had no bait left

at all. The fish wanted nothing to do with my other decoys. It did not matter if that was a spinning spoon, a painted golf ball or one of about 15 different-colored and -sized hand-carved decoys I tried.

The fish we saw were all large fish. They engulfed a 10-sucker chub like I enjoy a single Lay's potato chip. It is very exciting to see big fish, even if they don't give you a shot to take them home in your truck. The other side benefits of spearing are you get to see all of the other fish in the lake. We saw multiple large-mouth bass that I estimated to weigh five pounds. We saw a few hundred pan fish, but they never looked like eater size. Turtles, frogs, crawfish and other lake inhabitants all come by to visit.

Southwestern Minnesota where I live has very few lakes with water clear enough to spear in. Not all that far north of me there are hundreds of lakes that qualify as crystal-clear lakes. After I got home, I was able to visit with a local that spears on the lake I tried. He explained that that lake has lots of spearing pressure and that the pike are now smart enough not to loiter in the kill zone. They flash in and flash out and in many cases get a free meal in the process.

I didn't think a pike could get that smart, but after two days I was proven wrong. We saw, if even for an instant, over 25 fish in two days and I did not manage to put a spear in a single one. It was still a great outing, and my lack of success has not dampened my desire to try

Spearing has experienced a resurgence over the past five years or so. More folks enjoying natural resources and buying licenses means more revenue to manage those resources.

There are a lot of lakes in Minnesota. Find an avenue to give this sport a try. You'll get hooked just like I did. I equate it to bow hunting for deer. You sit still for long periods but when the big one shows up, you forget it was 100 hours since you saw the last one.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast.He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com.

## CGMC: Now is time to invest in child care, housing, workforce/continued from page 3\_

#### Child care, housing play major role in addressing workforce shortage

The CGMC is also calling for state investments in programs that address child care and housing shortages that have long hindered economic growth in Greater Minnesota.

"In Greater Minnesota, businesses of all sizes are scrambling to fill open positions," said Peterson.

"Simply put, employers can't get workers if there is nowhere for them to live and no one to look after their children while they are at work."

Baustian said child care is the No. 1 economic development priority in Luverne, a sentiment shared by many community leaders across Greater Minnesota.

"When we talk to our local businesses, all we hear is 'What are you going to do about child care?" Baustian said.

According to First Children's Finance, Greater Minnesota needs to add 40,000 new child care slots to keep up with demand.

Unlike in the metro area, Greater Minnesota communities rely heavily on in-home providers, many of whom have chosen to leave the profession in recent years.

Some cities have decided to purchase buildings for city-owned child care centers, and Baustian shared information about Luverne's recent move to do that with the former Total Card Inc. building.

This session, CGMC is requesting \$20 million for a child care capital grant program, which provides grants of up to \$500,000 to outstate communities to fund up to 50 percent of the costs to build, upgrade or expand child care facilities.

In addition, CGMC

is seeking \$5 million for the DEED child care grant program, which has proven successful at helping to create new and retain existing child care providers.

The shortage of housing, particularly market-rate housing for middle-income families and workers, is also a major concern across Greater Minnesota.

"In rural Minnesota, there aren't enough developers that have the cash and are willing to build in

our communities," Baustian said.

"We are also dealing with the issue of aging housing stock. When housing is already hard to come by, it is critical we are able to preserve and maintain the existing homes in our community.'

CGMC is pursuing several legislative proposals to encourage construction and increase availability of housing across Greater Minnesota.

Proposals include •the creation of a new "fix up fund" grant program to help cities rehabilitate dilapidated homes.

 state funding for public infrastructure. such as sewer connections and streets, needed for new housing develop-

 additional funding for the existing Workforce Development Grant Program.

## 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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## **Star Herald** COMMUNITY



Mavis Fodness photo/0202 Snow Week Candidates 2022

Luverne High School will break up the doldrums of winter with Snow Week Feb. 7-11 with various activities and the crowning of a Snow Week king and queen. Royalty candidates are (front, from left) Trista Baustian, Madee Schmuck, Trygve Gangestad, (back) Brooklynn VerSteeg, Pierce Cunningham, Hope Thorson, Griffen Jarchow, Mary Opitz, Luke Thorson and Casey Sehr.

The royalty candidates are selected and voted on by LHS teachers and staff as recognition for positive leadership and character in the classroom and activities at school and in the community during their years at LHS. "These 10 seniors are well-rounded role models for other students to look up to and they represent what makes LHS teachers, staff and students proud of our school," said student council adviser Jason Berghorst.

The student council has organized various activities for Snow Week, including the coronation scheduled for 1:50 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the performing arts center.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Card Shower**

Dorothy Petersen celebrated her 95th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 30. Greetings may be sent to her at 603 Phyleon Drive; Luverne, MN 56156.

#### MENU

Monday, Feb. 7: Chicken chow mein with brown rice, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, pudding with whipped topping.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Romaine salad with dressing, pineapple, Texas toast, cookie.

Activities: 12:30 p.m. Pinochle and Yahtzee.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Creamy chicken, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, warm fruit crisp.

Activities: 10 a.m. SAIL class. Thursday, Feb. 10: Pork loin, candied yams, broccoli, bread, des-

Friday, Feb. 11: Meatloaf, baked potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, dessert.

Half-Price Day by anonymous

Activities: 10 a.m. SAIL class. Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

## **College News**

#### Kruse named to St. Mary's dean's list

Kasyn Kruse was named to the Fall 2021 semester dean's list at St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.6 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Kasyn is the son of Jason and Karla Kruse of Luverne.

#### SMSU Marshall announces honor students

Rozilyn Oye and Cassidy Teunissen, both of Luverne, were named to the Honors list for the Fall 2021 semester at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

#### Tatge named to NDSU dean's list

Lauren Tatge, Beaver Creek, was named to the Fall 2021 dean's list at North Dakota State University in Fargo. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Lauren is majoring in pharmaceutical sciences.

#### Robinson named to U of M Duluth dean's list

Mark Robinson, Luverne, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Students must earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average.

Robinson is a senior majoring in stats and actuarial science in the Swenson College of Science and Engineering.

## REMEMBER WHEN

on Jan. 24.

#### 10 years ago (2012)

•The federal government will have a greater impact on what ends up on the trays of 32 million kids who have school lunch every day-including those in Luverne.

Less salt and fat, more whole grains, fruit, veggies and low-fat dairy are what kids can expect in the school cafeteria, according to new nutrition standards for school meals announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week.

Just over \$3 billion will be spent over the next five years to implement the changes, including setting limits on total calories for a meal.

While some kids aren't getting enough calories in a day, there's also the competing challenge of obesity.

In trying to balance these concerns, the USDA decided to set an age-appropriate calorie range for lunch:

550 to 650 calories for kindergarten through fifth grade; 600 to 700 for sixth through eighth grades; 750 to 850 for ninth through 12th grades.

#### 25 years ago (1997)

·As of Tuesday, Luverne schools have lost nine school days to snow, according to the district office. That doesn't count short days, when students arrived late or left early.

With a calendar that figured in four possible snow days, it means the district must schedule make-up classes on in-service days and vacation days.

According to Marlene Mann in the superintendent's office,

snow cancellation.

50 years ago (1972)

•Margaret Erickson of the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club of Hills will represent Rock County in the District 4-H Radio Speaking Contest scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 5, from 2-3 p.m. over KWOA Radio.

classes will be held on Feb. 14, Presidents Day Feb. 17, June 5,

and if the district needs to make up the Governor's canceled

day, probably on April 28. Students already made up one day

one in the district office is willing to bet they've seen the last

Easter Monday is still a possible vacation day ... but no

Miss Erickson was recently named County Champion and Rick Jauert was named Reserve Champion in the Rock County contest. In the Junior Division, Ruth Garnmeister was named Champion and Pam Heronimus was named reserve Champion.

#### 75 years ago (1947)

 Sales during December at Southwestern Minnesota department and general stores were up 26 per cent from last year, while total sales for the year registered a 29 per cent increase over those of 1945.

December retail trade volume in the entire Ninth Federal Reserve District averaged a 23 per cent increase over last month

Remember When, continued on page 7

## 1905: Luverne's Fourth of July celebration brings governor to town

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.

#### **Ring Ride**

While the ring ride on Main street was in progress, the streets were fairly packed with pleasure seekers who divided their time between watching the riding and the other attractions on the streets. There were a large number of entries for the ring



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president **Rock County Historical Society** 

ride and this popular sport provided much enjoyment for all present. The prizes for the contest were awarded as follows: First prize, double driving harness, to Julius Wiese; second prize, riding saddle, to Will Sodemann; third prize, riding bridle, to Fred Lutgens; fourth prize, whip, to Ed. Biss.

#### **Street Sports**

The various street sports took place on Main street immediately after the ring ride. The result of the races was as follows: 50-yard free-for-all, Irving Jargo first, Percy Mingus second; 100-yard race for boys under 12, J. R. Jones first, Walter Robinson second. In the 400-vard relay race there were three teams of four men

each. In the first team, which won the race, were Irving Jargo, Martin Snook, Geo. Gilbertson, Percy Mingus; in the second, Albert Helling, A. Schaeffer, Ed. Wiegel, Frank McClintock; in the third, Dewight Hulett, Verne Canfield, Chas. Preston and F. Brown.

#### Tug of War

The tug of war between the north and the south ends of the county was won by the south side. There were ten men on each side, the team from the north being captained by Wm. Goettsch, and that from the south by A. W. Scott.

#### **Greased Pig Chase**

The chase for the greased pig closed the sports. The pig was turned loose in front of

the Vienna bakery and was captured by one of the contestants before it had scarcely left the box and also before the starters had given the word. It was accordingly again started and after a spirited chase was captured by R. S. Bailey. The pig mounted the sidewalk and ran through the crowd, scattering the people right and left and was caught in the doorway of the Eagle Clothing store.

#### **Band Concert**

The program of the day's entertainment closed with an hour's concert by the South Dakota Fourth Regiment band and the Luverne band at 7 o'clock in the stand prepared for the purpose at the bank corners. The concert won high commendation for both bands and was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

#### Carnival of Fun

Contrary to general expectations the crowd did not greatly diminish at the close of the sports, but nearly all remained to participate in the fun looked for in the evening. And all who looked for fun found it in any quantity

desired. From early in the evening until 11 o'clock it was fast and furious. All along Main street "confetti battles" raged furiously, and those who had restrained themselves from shooting fire crackers during the day indulged in that sport to their heart's content. While no public fireworks were displayed, a number of excellent displays were made by private parties in various parts of the city, which were greatly appreciated by those who had the opportunity to witness them.

#### **Indoor Entertainments**

The indoor entertainments also drew large crowds. The vaudeville show in the Opera house by the Novelty Vaudeville company called out a packed house and all who witnessed the performance were well pleased. The dance in Union hall under the auspices of the Luverne band and Hook and Ladder company No. 1, furnished amusement for a crowd which taxed the capacity of the hall to the utmost. The music for this dance was furnished by the Hyke-Millhouse orchestra. Another dance, given by the Fourth Regiment band in the Opera house after the show, also entertained a fair-sized crowd and added to the evening's enjoyment.

#### **All Are Pleased**

So far as the Herald can learn, all are pleased with the celebration. The program of entertainments was an excellent one, everything promised was given, everything came off promptly on time, and everything was free. If in the judgement of those in attendance the celebration was worthy of the day and creditable to Luverne, the object sought has been accomplished. To the credit of those who planned the celebration and did vast amount of work required, it is only fair to say that the celebration was most admirably conducted.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

### **O**BITUARIES

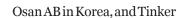
#### **Johnny Jonas**

Johnny Jonas, 55, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, in Oklaho-

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth, with full military honorsprovided by the Ellsworth Ameri-

can 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.

Johnny Jonas was born on Sept. 10, 1966, to Robert and Viola (Emerine) Jonas in Winters, Texas. He attended school in and around Ballinger, Texas. Upon graduating from high school in 1986, Johnny joined the Air Force and trained at Chanute AFB, Illinois, to be an aerospace ground equipment (AGE) technician. His Air Force assignments included Holloman AFB in New Mexico,



AFB in Oklahoma, where he remained until his retirement in 2017 with 20-plus years in service of his country. While stationed at Tinker, Johnny deployed in support of Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Provide Comfort, and many

others.

After retirement from the Air Force, Johnny accepted a position as an auxiliary operator for OG&E at Horseshoe Lake plant in Harrah, Oklahoma, where he worked for 14 years. His work required his expert mechanical skills in providing Oklahoma and surrounding states with electrical power. He retired from OG&E in October 2021.

Johnny enjoyed all kinds of hunting and fishing with his sons, including bear hunting in Minnesota. He also loved tinkering on old Jeeps and helping others with their mechanical needs.

Johnny and his wife of 23 years, Shawna, especially loved time with their children and supporting them in their activities.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Shawna (Bruhn) Jonas; his daughter Hunter; his son Jake; his two sisters, Karen (David) Lara and Mary (Dean) Harper, and his two brothers, Robert JR and Roy Jonas, all of Texas; his father- and mother-in-law, Richard and Linda Bruhn; sister- and brother-in-law Tonya and Jade Honermann; and brother-and sister-inlaw Josh and April Bruhn, all of Minnesota; nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

Hewas preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents, and two nieces.

Arrangements are provided by Hibbs Funeral HomeofChoctaw,Oklahoma, and Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com.

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#### Florence Helle

Florence Mabel Helle, 91, Luverne, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at the

Jan. 30, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. Visitation is from 5

to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Florence Hoiland was born on Sept. 23, 1930, to Arne and Hilda (Josal) Hoiland in Luverne. She was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Luverne.

She attended Luverne High School and graduated in 1948. She furthered her education in Mankato and completed the teacher's program for elementary education, graduating in 1950. She then taught elementary school in the Magnolia and Worthington districts.

On June 24, 1956, Florence married Oscar Helle at Zion Lutheran Church in Luverne. Florence transitioned from

teaching to being a homemaker and farm wife. She enjoyed her role on the farm as she raised chickens, harvested produce from the garden, grew beautiful flowers, kept the men fed while they worked in the field and raised their four children.

The couple farmed until 1990 when they then moved to the Hoiland family farm. In June of 2005 Oscar entered the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Home in Luverne while Florence remained on the farm. Oscar died on July 19, 2005.

In 2017 Florence moved to The Oaks senior living apartments in Luverne, and in August of 2020 she became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Florence was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was active in Circle, quilting, and held various GLCW Board positions. She was also very involved in the community. She was a member of Lions 92 (receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award), the Extension Club, Pink Ladies, Luverne Tourist Club, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Maplewood Cemetery Auxiliary, and volunteered with the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club. Florence enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, needlework, traveling with friends, bowling and volunteering.

Florence is survived by her children, Barbara (Terry) Kohn of Wheaton, Illinois, Sandra (Steve) Klosterbuer of Ellsworth, and David (Vicki) Helle of Luverne; seven grandchildren, Kelly (Kohn) Kohlmann, Kyle Kohn, Greg Helle, Amy (Helle) Lysne, Rachel (Helle) Horsman, Katie (Klosterbuer) Pedersen, and Casey Kosterbuer; nine great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Helle; her parents; a son, Steven Helle; and a sister, Norma Gertz.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0203 F)

#### **Glenyce Lecher**

Glenyce Peterson Lecher, of Anderson, SC, formerly of Hendersonville, NC, passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022, at NHC Healthcare Anderson with her loving husband, John by her side.

Glenyce was a registered nurse who worked in many places

in North Carolina during her career. She was a member of Zion United Methodist Church. She enjoyed fishing and living on Lake Hartwell.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, John

J. Lecher; daughter, Jennifer Sanders and

grandson, Thomas Cole Young of Wake Forest, NC. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Johnny Lecher, Tammy Lecher, and Tina Lecher, all of Niagara Falls, NY;

a brother, Elwayne Peterson of Luverne, MN; sister-inlaw, Gale Beal (William) of Hendersonville, NC; 7 step grandchildren; and her nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will

be held Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 2:30 pm at Zion United Methodist Church with Rev. Beverly CroweTipton officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion United Methodist Church, 5708 Hwy. 187 N., Anderson, SC 29625.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family by visiting The McDougald Funeral Home website, www.dougaldfuneralhome.com.

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#### Jean Wallenburg

Jean Marie Wallenburg,
66, Inwood, Iowa,
died Saturday,
Dec. 18, 2021, at
Ava's House in
Sioux Falls, South
Dakota, following
a 15-month battle
with pancreatic
cancer.

A memorial service was
Thursday, Dec. 23,
2021, at Bethany Reformed
Church in Canton, South

Jean Marie Hassebroek was born Sept. 24, 1955, to Jake and Anna Mae (Muller) Hassebroek in Sibley, Iowa, and first lived on the family farm near Ellsworth. When Jean was 3 years old, the family moved to a farm north of Magnolia. At 4 years old Jean started school at Magnolia until her junior year, when her parents moved back to a farm east of Ellsworth. She finished her senior year attending and graduating from Ellsworth High School.

Jean married Alan Eben in 1974 and they divorced in 2005. While married to Alan, Jean helped with the farm including milking cows, doing the chores and fieldwork. They were blessed with four children, Stacy, Jodi, Curtis and Scott.

Jean enjoyed riding horse from childhood until her health prevented her from doing so. She bought her own Harley Davidson motorcycle and rode it many times in the

Black Hills at the Sturgis Rally.

She loved to go camping, whether alone or with her grandchildren, Dax or Jesse. Jean also loved watching her two sons and her grandsons wrestle.

In January 2011, Jean

met Dave Wallenburg. They married on July 7, 2018. Dave introduced her to many firsts, like shooting her first deer, shooting a Canadian goose, fishing for walleye, and trapping raccoons.

Jean was a member of the Bethany Reformed Church of Canton, South Dakota. She taught Bible School, Sunday School, and served on the Lyon County Dairy Board.

Jean is survived by her husband, Dave Wallenburg; four children and eight grandchildren, Stacy (Todd) Dieren and their children, Paige and Trevor of Rock Rapids, Iowa, Jodi (Dan) De Groot and their children, Dax and Jesse of George, Iowa, Curtis (Amanda) Eben and their children, Graham, Rhett, Sage, and Nash of Rock Rapids, and Scott Eben of George; three stepchildren and eight step-grandchildren, Melissa (Greg) Van Den Berg and their children, Kyla and Nolan of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Dustin (Roxy) Wallenburg their children, Ben and Sawyer of Canton, South Dakota, and Krista Wallenburg (Jared Cramer) and their children, Addie, Cameron, Norah, and Quinn of Sioux Falls; father- and mother-in-law, Gerald and Marion Wallenburg; and two brothers, Gary (Marcene) Hassebroek of Luverne, and Glen (Diane) Hassebroek of

Jean was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be given to Lake Pahoja Recreation Area along with a memorial bench and Ava's House.

Arrangements were provided by Porter Funeral Home of Inwood.

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#### **Sharon Riddle**

Sharon Ann Riddle, 63, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 31, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in

Luverne.

Sharon Ann Schouwenburg was born Aug. 8, 1958, to Henry and Lucille (Caswell) Schouwenburg in Rock Rapids, Iowa. She graduated

from Hills High School. Sharon married Robert Riddle on July 20, 1985, in Etowah, Ten-

nessee. The couple lived in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for 10 years before moving to Luverne in 1995. Sharon worked at Continental Westernin Luverne for over

20 years. She e

She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family and friends. She especially loved her grandchildren.

Sharon is survived by her three daughters, Michelle (Ryan) Anderson, Meagan Riddle, and Melissa Riddle, all of Sioux Falls; two grand-children, Braxton Anderson and Hailey Riddle; two brothers, Melvin Schouwenburg, Bismarck, North Dakota, and Stan (Terri) Schouwenburg, Hills; a sister, Linda (Wayne) Yarrow, Sioux Falls; and three nieces, Kristi (Tom) Duncan, Lisa (Ryan) Vos and Amber (Brett) Dessel.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Robert, on Sept. 7, 2017.

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

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## Remember When/from page 6 \_

and a 30 per cent increase over December 1945. According to the Final Department and General Store Summary just released by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, sales reported to the bank in 1946 by 551 stores located throughout the district topped last year's sales at the same stores by 34 per cent.

#### 100 years ago (1922)

•Nine Rock county boys and girls have thus far definitely decided to join the Rock County Boys' and Girls' Calf club, and in most instances have already selected the calves on which they hope to win honors next fall and

Those who will join the club are: Eda and Esther Carlson, of Magnolia township; Ruth Axelson, Velma and Peter Vandemore, of Mound; Ethel Oesterle and George Godfrey, of Beaver Creek; Dick Aukes and Fred Paulsen, of Clinton. All were members of last year's club.

The Misses Carlsen, Axelson and George Godfrey will feed Shorthorn calves; Velma and Peter Vandemore, Herefords; and Miss Oesterle, Dick Aukes and Fred Paulsen, Abereen Angus.

#### 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.





Mavis Fodness photo/0203 LHS Gymnastics

Kianna Winter, a Luverne eighth-grader, completes her vault Monday in front of a Parents Night crowd. The Cardinals won the home meet against MCC.

## Luverne gymnasts make final push on the season with wins against MCA, Marshall

Last regular season gymnastics meet set for Friday in Marshall, sections start Feb. 12

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

Luverne gymnasts pulled together as a team in a rescheduled dual meet from December against Martin County Area Monday night.

At the Parents Night event, the Cardinals won over the Magic 131.625 to 127.375. They upped their season record to 6-2.

The win came at the heels of another win last week against

Marshall, also at home on Jan. 27. Luverne travels to St. James to take on the Saints Friday to finish out the 2021-22 season.

The 3A Section meet takes place Feb. 12 in Marshall.

#### Luverne 131.625, MCA 127.375

Luverne started the meet by posting their highest vault and beam scores of the season (35.75 and 33.075 respectively) before turning to the uneven bars.

While on the bars, freshman Amira Cowell fell during a transition and was unable to finish the routine. She also didn't compete in the last event for the Cardinals, the floor exercise.

Instead, teammate Hailey Como stepped up from junior varsity to round out the team of five on the floor.

The Cardinals swept the uneven bars and the floor exercise with scores of 29.95 and 32.85 respectively. MCA scored 33.075 on vault, 29.775 (bars), 32.150 (beam) and 32.375 (floor).

Luverne's Ella Reisdorfer finished first in all four events and posted the highest allaround score of the meet with a 35.45. She received scores of 9.15 (vault), 8.45 (bars), 9.075 (beam) and 8.775 (floor).

Teammates scoring in the top four included Cowell second on the vault (9.025) and second on beam (8.4), Sarah deCesare third on vault (8.825) and third on bars (7.7), Tiana Lais fourth on vault (8.75), and Kianna Winter second on floor (8.55).

Luverne JV won over MCA 118.6 to 75.2.

Coach Phoebe Flom expects Cowell to return for the Cardi-

**Gymnastics**/see page 10

## LHS girls claim big wins in basketball

#### By Jason Berghorst

It was two more lopsided victories and another near upset for the Luverne girls' basketball team this week.

The Cardinals, now 13-4 on the season, defeated St. James by 40 points (74-34) Jan. 25 and Redwood Valley by 55 points (69-14) Jan. 28.

LHS then faced Wagner, South Dakota, Saturday at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. Wagner is 13-0 and ranked No.1 in their class in South Dakota girls' basketball. The Cardinals lost to Wagner 45-40.

The Luverne girls have a busy week ahead. The Cardinals host the Worthington Trojans tonight (Feb. 3) in a key Big South Conference rematch in the Luverne classic gym.

Friday night, Luverne travels to Southwest Christian in Edgerton before playing conference games in Pipestone Tuesday and in Windom next Thursday, Feb. 10.

#### Luverne 74, St. James 34

Luverne made the trip to St. James to face the Saints Jan. 28. The Cardinals scored early and often in the contest. St. James held a brief 4-3 lead about five minutes into the game, but otherwise LHS dominated the game.

Luverne led 44-17 after the first half and outpaced the Saints 30-17 in the second half to earn the 74-34 road victory.

Elizabeth Wagner led the Cardinal offense with 36 points, including a three-pointer and seven of eleven free throws she attempted.

She also pulled in a team-

LHS girls BB/see page 10

## Lady Pates win fifth-straight RRC game

#### **By Dalton Bass**

#### For the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team picked up two more games in the win column over the past week with Red Rock Conference victories over Adrian-Ellsworth and Okabena.

The Lady Pates easily took the Dragons 66-39 on their home court Tuesday, Jan. 25, and they coasted to a 61-46 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Friday in Fulda.

The games mark the Patriots' fifth-straight conference wins as they improve to 7-2 in the Red Rock Conference and 8-8 overall.

They will host Dell Rapids St. Mary's Monday night in Hills.

#### H-BC 66, A-E 39

The Patriots won their fourthstraight Red Rock Conference game with a 27-point victory Tuesday night, Jan. 25, over Adrian-Ellsworth.

It was a 34-21 lead at the break that continued to grow throughout the second half and led to a 66-39 victory for the Lady Pates. It was an all-around team ef-

fort for H-BC on both offense and defense. Offensively, the Patriots assisted on 19 of their 27 field goals

and came down with 11 offensive rebounds. Sophomore Brynn Rauk led the

way for the home team, knocking down all three of the three-pointers she shot while finishing with 13 points on the night.

Senior Kenadie Fick came away with a double-double, scoring 12 points to go along with 11 rebounds, eight assists and four steals.

MacKenzie Voss was also a contributor with 11 points and eight rebounds while Sam Moser, Lanae



Samantha McGaffee photo /0203 HBC girls bb bork H-BC's Olivia Bork drives to the basket during the Jan. 25 game with Adrian-Ellsworth in Hills. She had eight points in the 66-39 win over the Dragons.

Elbers and Olivia Bork each added eight points of their own.

#### Box score:

Fick 1 3 1-1 12, Rauk 2 3 0-0 13, L Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Voss 5 0 1-2 11, Bork 1 2 0-3 8, Steinhoff 1 0 0-0 2, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, O Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 2 1 1-5 8, Fagerness 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 4 0 0-1 8, Spykerboer 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 2 0 0-1 4, E Deelstra 0 0

#### Team stats:

H-BC: 27 of 56 (48 percent), 3 for 13 free throws (23 percent), 38 rebounds, 23 turn-

A-E: 15 of 58 (26 percent), 6 for 13 free throws (46 percent), 31 rebounds, 21 turn-

#### **H-BC 61 HLOF 46**

It was a very important Red Rock Conference matchup Friday night

in Okabena as the second-ranked Patriots took on fifth-ranked Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda.

The Lady Pates got off to a hot start as they built up a double-digit halftime lead at 35-23.

The scoring was coming from all around for the Patriots, who had four different players score in double digits on the night.

The second half was more about playing good defense and maintaining that nice lead.

Abbie Harris, and MacKenzie Voss

They outscored the Coyotes 25-22 the rest of the way to end the game with a 61-46 victory. Kenadie Fick, Lanae Elbers,

H-BC girls BB/see page 10

## Luverne wrestlers secure medals; Ripka achieves milestone 100th career win

#### By Canaan Petersen For the Star Herald

The Cardinal wrestlers suffered four team losses but were able to secure three individual medals in competition over the past week.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, the Cardinals traveled to Tracy for four team matchups, and on Saturday they went to Wabasso for an invitational.

Luverne wrestlers were scheduled to travel to Beresford for a dual Tuesday and will host a meet next Tuesday.

#### Wabasso Invitational

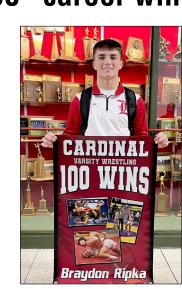
A few individuals found success at the Wabasso Invitational, and for the second time this season, three Cardinal wrestlers returned home with medals.

Wrestling at 126, seventh-grader Hudson Hough received a firstround bye before suffering a loss to William Flowers of Wabasso.

In consolation, Hough first defeated Nolan Hanson from Wabasso before pinning Norwood Young-America's Jack Kloempkin.

Hough then dropped a 11-4 decision to Mason Hansen from Paynesville Area and received sixth place.

Luverne's Noah Mehlhaff won his first-round



Luverne senior Braydon Ripka reached his 100th career win Thursday.

match at 132 by defeating Quad County's Gage Corner, but he suffered a second round 10-2 defeat to Paynesville Area's Brandon Hess.

In consolation, Mehlhaff strung together three consecutive wins in order to achieve fifth place.

He first pinned LeSeur-Henderson's Wyatt Genelin before besting Redwood Valley's Jordan Matson 16-10. In the fifth-place match, Mehlhaff pinned LeSueur-Henderson's Mark Boisjolie at the end of the first period.

The Cardinals' Braydon Ripka, wrestling at 145, received a first-round bye before defeating Benson's

LHS girls BB/see page 9

## Cardinal girls continue winning streak

**By Matt Lais** For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' hockey team continues its winning ways with two more victories in the past week.

The Cardinals took an easy 12-2 victory from the Trojans in Worthington Jan. 25 and took down the Marshall Tigers 4-1 at home Friday.

Luverne moves to 21-3 on the year and hosts Morris Benson Area Saturday in their final regular season game before section play begins.

#### Luverne 12, Worthington 2

The Cardinal Girls hockey team went on the road for a varsity doubleheader Tuesday night in Worthington.

The Cardinals got an early lead and never let up against the Trojans. Luverne put seven first-period goals up on the scoreboard.

Mallory Nelson got Luverne going just under two minutes into the first period with the assist going to Kamryn Van Batavia.

It was Van Batavia's turn next midway through the period to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead.

Worthington would answer back just 34 seconds later to cut the Cardinals' lead to 1.

Luverne then erupted for five consecutive goals in the last seven minutes of Period 1.

Scoring for the Cardinals were Reghan Bork (assisted by



Images by CD/0203 LHS girls hockey

Greta McClure passes the puck in the third period during the Friday home contest with Marshall.

Van Batavia and Nelson), Ella Apel (assisted by Greta McClure and Billi Connell), Van Batavia (assisted by Bork and Payton Behr), Van Batavia (unassisted), and Payton Behr (assisted by Van Batavia).

The Cardinals outshot the Trojans 22-4 in the first period, with Luverne goalie Cheyenne Schutz making three saves.

In the second period Worthington inched a bit closer and cut the Cardinals' lead to 7-2 just 55 seconds into the period.

Then it was the Cardinals' turn, adding four more in the

second period to take a commanding 11-2 lead into intermission No. 2.

Scoring for the Cardinals were Van Batavia (assisted by Anika Boll), Payton Behr (assisted by Van Batavia and

Girls hockey/see page 10

## Boys hockey team drops close games, record moves to 8-9

By Matt Lais, For the Star Herald

The Luverne boys' hockey team moved its record to 8-9 after a series of road games over the past week.

The Cardinals came out on top of a close match with the Trojans in Worthington Jan. 25, but they lost to New Ulm 6-o in New Ulm Jan. 27 and came out on the losing end of an overtime contest with Morris Benson Area in Benson 6-5 Friday.

The Cardinals were scheduled to travel to Marshall Tuesday and will host Morris Benson Area Thursday in the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

#### Luverne 5, Worthington 4

The Luverne boys traveled to Worthington Ice Arena Tuesday night, Jan. 25, for a big southwest Minnesota tilt.

The first period saw a lot of back-and-forth action between the Cardinals and Trojans. Brock Behrend got the

Cardinals on the board midway through the period with assists going to Owen Sudenga.

Luverne took a 1-0 lead into intermission. Shots on goal were in favor of the Cardinals 14-11.

Luverne goalie Tyler Arends made 11 big saves to keep the Trojans off the board.

Worthington evened the score just 11 seconds into Period 2. Luverne responded with two goals in the following two minutes.

Senior Jack Schlosser made the game 2-1 with assists going to Henry Hartquist and Behrend. Not even a minute later it was Behrend giving the Cardinals a 3-1 lead with assists going to Hartquist and Will Serie.

Worthington scored another goal in the second to cut Luverne's lead to 3-2 after two periods.

Shots on goal were 11-8 in favor of Luverne.

The final period saw a lot of action. Worthington tied

the game at three just over two minutes in.

Luverne sophomore Elliot Domagala scored a big shorthanded goal a minute later to make it 4-3 Cardinals.

Worthington wouldn't go away, taking advantage of a Luverne penalty to even the score 4-4 with 10 minutes left in regulation.

Like a heavyweight fight with both competitors trading blows, Luverne battled back and took a 5-4 lead just 49 seconds later on a Brady Bork goal with assists going to Domagala and Patrick

That's how the bout would end with the Cardinals holding on to a 5-4 win. Shots on goal for the period were in favor of Luverne 13-8 and for the game 38-27 in favor of Luverne.

Arends finished with 23 saves for Luverne.

New Ulm 6, LHS o The Cardinal boys continued their road trip in New Ulm for a Section 3 battle Thursday night, Jan. 27.

The hometown Eagles were able to get on the board just 19 seconds into the game and added two more first-period goals to take a 3-0 lead.

Luverne didn't have an answer and the period would end with the Eagles holding a 3-0 lead. Shots on goal for the period were 15-6 in favor of the Eagles.

In the second period the Cardinals were able to get some shots on goal and tried to cut into the Eagles' lead.

Just over five minutes into the period the hometown Eagles got three goals in a 46-second time frame to take a 6-o lead after two periods. Shots on goal for the period were 13-12 in favor of the Cardinals.

The final period was scoreless for both teams with back and forth action, but the Cardi-

Boys hockey/see page 10

### Wrestling/ from page 8

Jaiden Zimmerman in a 22-7 technical fall. Ripka then won his semi-final match 14-7 over Dylan Novak from LeSueur-Henderson.

In the finals, Ripka met Javier Jackson from Quad County and battled him for three straight periods but eventually suffered a 1-0 decision.

"The tournament went well, but I lost a tough match in the championship, and I wish I had that one back," Ripka said. "Losing 1-0 is always difficult," Ripka said.

Head coach Jordan Kopp agreed. "I just wish he could wrestle that kid again, because I know the outcome would be different," Kopp said.

"I'm proud of the individual performances over the past week with the quad and tournament, but we need to begin to prepare for the section tournaments."

#### Tracy Quadrangular

On Thursday, Jan. 27, the team traveled to Tracy for four team matchups.

Fulda/MCC beat the Cardinals 56-16, Red Rock Central beat Luverne 42-30, Springfield downed the Cardinals 45-36, and Tracy came out on top of Luverne 72-10.

Despite the four team losses, three wrestlers came home with a winning record.

Wrestling at 132, Luverne senior Noah Mehlhaff posted three wins with only a single loss. He beat Fulda's Aiden Lorenzen in a 12-11 decision and pinned both Springfield's Paytin Johnson as well as Tracy's Zachary Swanson.

Zach Bradley at 138 secured three wins for the Cardinals also. Bradley pinned Fulda's Owen Olsem, Springfield's Joe Jensen, and Red Rock Central's Andrew Pankonin en route to a 3-1 night.

#### Ripka earns 100th win to join "elite seven" at LHS

Luverne senior Braydon Ripka earned four victories in Tracy and achieved a milestone in his career as a Cardinal wrestler.

Wrestling at 145, Ripka pinned Red Rock Central's Jacob Amsden, received a forfeit against Springfield, beat Tracy's Gage Struchen in a 9-0 major decision, and posted a 15-6 major decision against Fulda's Carter Benda to round out his 4-0 night.

With his victory over Fulda's Carter Benda, Ripka reached the milestone 100th win of his career.

"It feels great to be in the top seven total wins in LHS history,' added Ripka. "I hope to make it in the top five before my career ends."

## Pates fall to Chargers, Rebels in close games

#### **By Dalton Bass** For the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team suffered a couple of hardfought losses over the past week with games at home and away.

The Patriots fell to Westbrook Walnut Grove 70-62 in Hills Thursday, Jan. 27, and the Murray County Central Rebels used a home-court advantage to take H-BC 64-50 Saturday in Slayton.

The Patriots, now 4-5 in conference play and 6-8 overall, travel to Westbrook Thursday for a rematch with the Westbrook Walnut Grove Chargers.

#### WWG 70, H-BC 62

It was a close battle all the way to the end Thursday night in Hills between Hills-Beaver Creek and Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

The Patriots went into the halftime break sporting a 34-29 lead.

The second half went back and forth as the Chargers hit a bucket with just over three minutes to go to give them a one-point lead.

A couple of late buckets and free throws helped put the Patriots away for good as they fell 70-62.

Five three-pointers



Samantha McGaffee photo /0203 HBC girls bb bork Patriot Liam Raymon puts up a shot Saturday against the Rebels in Slayton. He scored nine points in the game.

on the night by senior Ty Bundesen (15 points) kept the Patriots in the ball game for most of the game.

Senior Cole Baker also added 16 points to lead the Pates in scoring while Andrew Harris (8 rebounds) rounded out the double digit scoring with 10 of his own.

Other contributors for the home team included Liam Raymon (9 points) and Oliver Deelstra (8 points) who each came

down with six rebounds.

Box score: Baker 2 2 6-10 16, Deelstra 4 0 0-0 8, Raymon 3 0 3-5 9, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Page 0 0 0-0 0. Leenderts 0 1 1-2 4, Bundesen 0 5 0-0 15, 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 5 0 0-0 10, Wiersema 0 0 0-0 0

HBC: 22 of 63 (35 percent), 10 of 17 free throws (59 percent), 32 rebounds, 12 turnovers WWG: 27 of 53 (51 percent), 9 for 14 free throws (64 percent), 31 rebounds, 14 turnovers

#### MCC 64, H-BC 50

For the second game in a row, the Patriots started out with the lead heading into halftime but fell just short in the final few minutes of the game.

Saturday night in Slayton, the Pates held a 25-21 advantage at intermission before ultimately falling 64-50.

Senior Cole Baker gave his best effort, scoring 30 of H-BC's 50 points on the night, including a fast break dunk that gave them a five-point lead late in the first half.

The Rebels went on to outscore the Patriots 43-25 after the break to give them a 14-point victory.

Seniors Troy Durst and Liam Raymon each added five points for H-BC.

Box score: Baker 8 2 8-14 30, Deelstra 1 0 2-4 4. Raymon 1 1 0-0 5. Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Page 0 0 0-0 0, Leenderts 0 1 0-1 3, Bundesen 1 0 1-2 3, 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 2 0 1-2 3. Scholten 0 0 0-0 0. Harris

Team stats: H-BC: 17 of 40 (43 percent), 12 for 23 free throws (52 percent). 15 rebounds, 19 turnovers MCC: 21 of 43 (49 percent), 21 of 40 free throws (53 percent), 34 rebounds, 18 turnovers

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## SENIOR ATI-LETES of the Week

#### **Connor Overgaard Sport:** Basketball

Parents: Chad and Carrie Overgaard What I like most about Basketball: The practices Other extracurricular activities/

hobbies: Football, baseball, cleaning my Future Plans: Undecided



#### **Jack Schlosser**

**Sport:** Hockey Parents: Denise Schlosser and Mark Schlosser

What I like most about Hockey: Having something to look forward to in the winter and being part of the team. Other extracurricular activities/

hobbies: Trap shooting, hunting, fishing Future Plans: Attend college for welding or architecture.

#### **Reghan Bork Sport:** Hockey

Parents: Randy Bork and Susie Remme What I like most about Hockey: We are one big family and it's fun spending every day with people you love being around. Other extracurricular activities/ hobbies: Volleyball, softball, peer helping

**Future Plans:** I plan to play college hockey. The college and major are undecided at this time.





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## Luverne falls in battle of Cardinals

By Jason Berghorst For the Star Herald

The Luverne boys' basketball team traveled to Redwood Falls Friday, Jan. 28, to take on the Redwood Valley Cardinals.

The visiting Cardinals had a difficult time offensively throughout the game. Luverne was down 37-21 at the half.

Redwood Valley outscored Luverne 41-30 in the second half and defeated Luverne 78-51 in the battle of the Cardinals.

Luverne shot just 29 percent from the field while Redwood made 51 percent of its shot attempts.

Redwood led by as much as 33 points (64-31) halfway through the second half.

Senior Eli Radtke led Luverne scorers with 11 points. Junior Gannon Ahrendt totaled nine points in the game.

Senior Nathaniel Cole-Kraty pulled down six of his team's 29 rebounds.

The Cardinals, now 3-10 on the season, are scheduled to play Martin County West at home on Saturday, at Edgerton Public on Monday, and at Windom next Thursday, Feb. 10.

The Hills-Beaver Creek game, originally scheduled for Feb. 1, has been rescheduled to Feb. 17 in Luverne.

#### Box score:

Cole-Kraty 1 0 1-2 3, Schoeneman 0 2 1-2 7, Frahm 0 0 0-0 0, Sneller 0 0 2-2 2, Cowell 1 0 0-0 2, Feit 0 1 0-0 3, Radtke 2 1 4-4 11, De-Beer 1 1 1-2 6, Ahrendt 1 1 4-4 9, Overgaard 0 0 1-4 1, Mounce 0 0 1-4 1

#### Team stats:

Luverne: 14 of 49 (29 percent), 17 of 26 free throws (65 percent), 29 rebounds, 20 turnovers

Redwood Valley: 36 of 71 (51 percent), 0 of 0 free throws, 39 rebounds, 15 turnovers

#### Girls' hockey continues winning/continued from page 9

Nelson), Billi Connell (assisted by McClure and Apel) and Apel (assisted by Bork).

Shots on goal again favored Luverne 16-6 with Emma Saarloos making five saves in Period 2 for the Cardinals.

With the Cardinals sporting an 11-2 lead, Mallory Nelson added one more in the third to give the Cardinals a 12-2 victory in Worthington.

Third period shots on goal were 8-4 and 42-18 for the game, both in favor of the visiting Cardi-

#### Luverne 4, Marshall 1

The Luverne Cardinals welcomed the Marshall Tigers Friday for a Section 3 Big South Conference showdown.

Payton Behr got Luverne on the board at the 11:51 mark of Period 1 with assists going to Kamryn Van Batavia and Mallory Von Tersch.

Van Batavia made it 2-0 just over three minutes later with the assist going to Reghan Bork.

Bork would call her own number and make it 3-0 just 44 seconds

Shots on goal for Period 1 were 14-6 in favor of Luverne.

In Period 2 it took Van Batavia just over three minutes to give the Cardinals a 4-0 lead with assists going to Behr and Bork.

Marshall got on the Board with just 10 seconds left in the period to cut Luverne's lead to 4-1.

The final period saw action on both ends of the ice, but neither team ended up scoring, and the Cardinals claimed the 4-1 victory.

Final shots on goal were 43-22 Luverne. Cardinal goalie Cheyenne Schutz had 21 saves on the night.

#### Luverne gymnastics coverage/continued from page 8

nals' final two meets of the season.

Individual scores

All-around: Reisdorfer 35.45, deCesare 31.725.

Vault: Reisdorfer 9.15, Cowell 9.025, deCesare 8.825, Lais 8.75, Winter 8.725. Uneven bars: Reisdorfer 8.45, deCesare 7.7, Como 6.9, Addyson Mann 6.9.

Balance beam: Reisdorfer 9.075, Cowell 8.4, Kendra Thorson 7.925, Mann 7.675, deCesare 7.525.

Floor exercise: Reisdorfer 8.775, Winter 8.55, Como 7.85, deCesare 7.675, Mann 7.575.

#### Luverne 132.5, Marshall 120.3

At the Jan. 27 meet at home, the Cardinals posted their highest score of the season with a 132.5 from the judges, and won the athome meet against the Marshall Tigers by the largest margin of their seven meets, 12.5 points.

Coach Flom challenged her gymnasts to fight to stay on the beam, and they showed grit as they fought to stay on the 4-inch-wide apparatus and reduced the number of falls. Luverne swept the top five

beam scores over the other five competing Tigers.

"Routines were so much better," she said. "I thought they all did an amazing job last night."

Cheers ran through the LHS classic gym as several Luverne gymnasts successfully completed more advanced skills and tied or increased the team's season-high scores on the uneven bars (30.375) and balance beam (32.5). The Cardinals scored 35.675 on the vault and 33.9 on the floor exercise as they swept all four events from the Tigers.

Marshall scored 33.4 on the vault, 28.4 on bars, 28.375 on beam, and 30.125 on the floor.

Individually, Luverne swept the top three places in the all-around competition with Ella Reisdorfer posting the meet's highest combined score on the four events with a 35.250, followed by Amira Cowell (33.55) and Sarah deCesare (32.050).

Reisdorfer also posted the high-

est scores on the vault (9.2), bars (8.425), beam (8.925) and floor

Joining their teammate in the top four placings were Cowell who was second on the vault (9.025), third on beam (7.875) and floor (8.6); Tiana Lais, third on the vault (8.85); Kendra Thorson, fourth on beam (7.7); and DeCesare, fourth on the floor (8.35).

Luverne won the junior varsity meet over Marshall, 114.7 to 103.55.

The 3A Sectional meet takes place Feb. 12 in Marshall.

#### Individual scores

All-around: Reisdorfer 35.25, Cowell 33.55, deCesare 32.050.

Vault: Reisdorfer 9.2, Cowell 9.025, Lais 8.850, Kianna Winter 8.6, deCesare

Uneven bars: Reisdorfer 8.425, Cowell 8.05, deCesare 7.25, Hailey Como 6.65, Addyson Mann 6.375.

Balance beam: Reisdorfer 8.925. deCesare 8.0, Cowell 7.875, Kendra Thorson 7.7, Mann 7.6. Floor exercise: Reisdorfer 8.7. Cow-

ell 8.6, deCesare 8.35, Winter 8.3, Mann

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leading ten rebounds in the contest.

Averill Sehr drained three shots from behind the arc for a total of nine points and Kira John had eight points.

John, Lauren Hansen and Christina Wagner tallied six rebounds each.

#### Box score:

C. Wagner 0 1 0-0 3, Beyer 1 0 0-0 2, Ver Steeg 2 0 1-2 5, Sehr 0 3 0-0 9, E. Wagner 13 1 7-11 36, Stegenga 0 0 0-0 0, Sandbulte 0 0 0-0 0, John 3 0 2-5 8, Smith 0 0 0-0 0, Huiskes 1 0 0-0 2. Serie 0 0 0-0 0. Voorhees 2 1 0-0 7, Bloemendaal 0 0 0-0 0, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 1 0 0-0 2, Jadyn Hart 0 0 0-0 0

#### Team Stats:

Luverne: 29 of 52 (56 percent), 10 of 18 free throws (56 percent), 40 rebounds, 19 turnovers St James: 12 of 46 (26 percent), 6 of 14 free throws (43 percent), 25 rebounds, 27 turnovers

#### LHS 69, RW Valley 14

It was a very one-sided affair when the Luverne Cardinals traveled to Redwood Falls to take on the Redwood Valley Cardinals Jan. 28.

Luverne's defense held Redwood Valley (which shot just 14 percent) to only seven points in each half. LHS led 40-7 at the half and won the game 69-14.

The Cardinals out-rebounded Redwood 42-26 and gave up half the turnovers, 36 to 18.

Luverne had a balanced offensive attack with Brooklynn Ver Steeg scoring 15 points, Elizabeth Wagner totaling 14 and Christina Wagner adding 13 points. In total, 11 Luverne players scored in the game.

#### **Box Score:**

C. Wagner 4 1 2-4 13, Beyer 2 0 0-0 4, Ver Steeg 5 1 2-2 15, Sehr 1 0 0-0 2, E. Wagner 7 0 0-2 14, Stegenga 1 0 0-0 2, Sandbulte 0 0 1-2 1, John 3 0 2-2 8, Smith 0 0 0-0 0, Serie 1 0 1-2 3. Voorhees 0 0 1-2 1. Hansen 1 1 1-2 6, Schmuck 0 0 0-0 0, Jadyn Hart 0 0 0-0 0

#### Team stats:

Luverne: 28 of 63 (44 percent), 10 of 18 free throws (56 percent), 42 rebounds, 18 turnovers Redwood Valley: 5 of 36 (14 percent) 4 of 9 free throws (44 percent), 26 rebounds, 36 turnovers

#### Wagner 45, Luverne 40

It was a unique location and opponent when the Luverne girls traveled to the Elmen Center on the campus of Augustana University in Sioux Falls Saturday night to face the Red Raiders from Wagner, South Dakota.

Wagner, with an undefeated 13-0 record, is ranked No. 1 in South Dakota Class A girls' basketball.

While the location and opponent were different, the Cardinals coming back to nearly defeat another highquality team was not. Luverne nearly upset the Marshall Tigers in the same fashion a week before.

The Red Raiders led 25-15 at the half. Luverne outscored Wagner 25-20 in the second half and the game ended with a 45-40 Wagner victory.

The Cardinals were down by as much as 16 points (33-17) after halftime before slowly working their way back into the game, getting to within one point (41-40) with about two minutes remaining.

"Wagner did their homework and took away some of our strengths," said Luverne senior Brooklynn Ver Steeg. "By the time we adjusted, we ran out of time."

Overall, Ver Steeg and her teammates were pleased with the opportunity to play against some of the best competition South Dakota has to

"We managed to come back from being down double digits and having foul trouble," Ver Steeg said.

"We are glad to get some experience from strong competition that will help us in the future."

The Cardinals were led by Elizabeth Wagner with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Ver Steeg tallied seven points, including two shots from behind the three-point line.

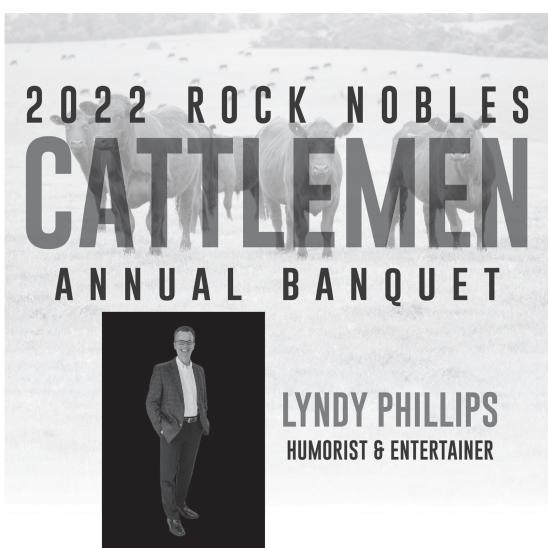
Christina Wagner and Kira John pulled in six rebounds each in the game.

**Box Score:** 

C. Wagner 1 0 2-2 4, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 0 2 1-2 7, Sehr 1 1 0-0 5, E. Wagner 5 2 3-5 19, Stegenga 0 0 0-0 0, Jocelyn Hart 0 0 1-2 1, John 200-24

### Luverne: 14 of 48 (29 percent), 7

of 13 free throws (54 percent), 31 rebounds, 13 turnovers igner: 14 of 39 (36 percent). of 19 free throws (53 percent), 31 rebounds, 16 turnovers





## H-BC girls' basketball/continued from page 8

were the double-digit scorers with 14, 12, 11, and 10 points respectively. Voss also came down with 11 rebounds to complete her double-double while Fick and Elbers each had six.

#### Box score:

Fick 3 2 2-4 14, Rauk 0 1 0-0 3, L Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Voss 4 0 2-2 10, Bork 0 1 0-0 3, Steinhoff 0 0 1-2 1, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, O Deelstra 0 1 0-0 3, Elbers 5 0 2-3 12, Fagerness 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 2 0 0-0 4, Spykerboer 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 1 3 0-0 11, E Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0

Team stats:

H-BC: 23 of 65 (35 percent), 7 for 11 free throws (64 percent), 35 rebounds, 14 turnovers HLOF: 17 of 44 (39 percent), 7 for 14 free throws (50 percent), 27 rebounds, 22 turnovers



Samantha McGaffee photo /0203 HBC girls bb bork Samantha Moser posts up under the basket during the Jan. 25 game with Adrian-Ellsworth in Hills. .





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

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

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

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

#### **Grace Lutheran Church** 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@

#### Ann Zastrow, Pastor **Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor**

Thursday, Feb. 3: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee fellowship. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 5 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 6:30 p.m. Worship practice. Tuesday, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Women's board meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 9: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5 p.m. Youth supper. 6:15 p.m.  $6^{th}$  and  $7^{th}$  grade Confirmation. 7:15 p.m.  $8^{th}$ 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

Thursday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tykes. Friday, Feb. 4: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Feb. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, Feb. 8: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship center. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Thursday, Feb. 10: 12:30 p.m. Piece Out (puzzle party). 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tykes. 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

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

Saturday, Feb. 5: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. 4-6:30 p.m. Spaghetti/Chocolate buffet. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, Feb. 7: Pastor Dorie -Boom meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 8: Home visits. 1:30 p.m. Sewing ministry. 6 p.m. Teachers meeting. 7 p.m. Club Scout/Boy Scouts. Wednesday, Feb. 9: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Pizza Ranch take out fundraiser night. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

#### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net Sunday, Feb. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Wednesday, Feb. 9: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:15 p.m. Session. 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

#### 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, Feb. 5: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible class; Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 9: 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, citvofluverne.org.

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

#### **New Life Celebration Church** 101 W. Maple, Luverne

Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com Food mission every third Thursday.

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

Sunday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

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

Sunday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 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=LHdQwVxFcU4

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

Sunday, Feb. 6: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 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=LHdQwVxFcU4

#### **First Presbyterian Church** 201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com 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: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 6: 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 8: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, Feb. 9: 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

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**By Pastor Walt** Moser First Baptist Church, Luverne

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want to go away as well?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy one of God." (John 6:60,66-69 ESV)

Having faith in Jesus does not mean all questions will be answered; it means knowing there is One who does have all the answers. Peter confessed, "We have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God"

"What we must avoid at all costs is editing Jesus, forcing him into a mold where he answers our questions the way we like. This is not worship of God; it's worship of ourselves. And it is the greatest substitute for true faith." (J.D. Greear)

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ROCK

**DISTRICT COURT** FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 67-CV-21-100

#### LAND TITLE SUMMONS IN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF LAND

In the matter of the Application of City of Luverne, Minnesota, a municipal corporation; and Gary G. Golla, individually and d/b/a G-3 Enterprises and Barbara Golla, husband and wife; and Luverne Farm Store, Inc., a Minnesota corporation; and William Philip Aanenson, a single person; and Lorna Schoeneman, a single person; to register the title to the following described real estate situated in Rock County, Minnesota, namely;

See Legal Description which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

Applicant(s)

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company and its Successor, Union Pacific Railroad - 1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179 Center Point Energy - Center Point Energy Minnesota Gas, 800 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55402

First Dakota National Bank - 101 N. Main Ave., Suite 101, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Security Savings Bank, Luverne - 310 W. Gabrielson Rd, PO Box 809, Luverne, MN 56156

also all heirs and devisees of any of the above-named persons who are deceased, and all ther persons or parties unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the Amended Application or amendments herein,

Defendants

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Application of the Applicant(s) in the above-entitled proceeding and to file your answer to the said Application in the office of the District Court Administrator in said County, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Application within the time aforesaid, the Applicant(s) in this proceeding will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

Witness, District Court Administrator of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Luverne, in said County, this 25th day of January, 2022.

By Katelyn VanAartsen

/s/ Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr. Attorney for Applicant City of Luverne BENJAMIN VANDER KOOI, JR. LUVERNE CITY ATTORNEY 127 E. Main, PO Box 746 Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-9546 FAX: (507) 283-9629 lawkooi@gmail.com

Attorney ID: 0112124

Tract A: (referred to in the Application as Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4) Those parts of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section Eleven (11), Township 102 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota;

and of Outlots Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16), in the Kniss Outlot Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota;

and of the abandoned railroad right-of-way within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said

Section Eleven (11), described as follows: Commencing at the SW Corner of said Section 11; thence North 90 degrees 00 minute 00 second East (assumed bearing) along the south line of said SW 1/4 SW 1/4 for a distance of 60.00 feet to the east line of the West 60 feet of said SW 1/4 SW 1/4; thence North 00 degree 21 minutes 47 seconds East along said east line for a distance of 394.33 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minute 00 second East for a distance of 145.60 feet as the Point of Beginning; thence North 7 degrees 47 minutes 57 seconds West a distance of 358.78 feet: thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 106.67 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 51 seconds Weatr along the East line of the West 60 feet of said SW1/4 a distance of 368.01 feet; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 53.84 feet; thence North 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds West a distance of21.12 feet; thence North 82 degrees 12 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 58.50 feet; thence South 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 235.55 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 177.38 feet; thence South 65 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 117.53 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 358.22 feet to the west Line of Freeman Avenue also being

degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 642.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, **EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TRACTS:** 

the northeast corner of Outlot 16; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 56 seconds

East along the West line of Freeman Avenue a distance of 387.73 feet; thence South 90

That part of Outlots 15 and 16 in the Kniss Outlot Annex in the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 102 North, Range 45 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East (Geodetic Bearing) along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section a distance of 829.47 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 202.66 feet to a found iron stake established in a survey by DGR in March of 1999; thence continuing South 89 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 69.00 feet to an iron stake being the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 111.11 feet to an iron stake established by said survey; thence South 07 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 50.00 feet to an iron stake established by said survey; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 43.16 feet to an iron stake; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 78.46 feet to an iron stake; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 161.00 feet to an iron stake; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 128.00 feet to said point of beginning.

Subject to easements, if any, of record or apparent.

AND

All that part of Outlot 16 in Kniss Outlot Annex to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Outlot 16, thence 200 east along the South line of said Outlot 16, thence Northerly 370 feet on a line parallel to the West line of said Outlot 16 to the Point of Beginning, thence Northerly 55 feet on a line parallel to the West line of said Outlot 16, thence West 96 feet on a line parallel to the South line of said Outlot 16, thence Southerly 55 feet along a line parallel to the West line of Outlot 16, thence East 96 feet along a line parallel to the South line of said Outlot 16, to the point of beginning. AND

which tract is now and shall hereinafter be described as "All of Lots 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13 and a portion of Lot 6, in Golla Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, titled in Gary G. Golla, individually, and d/b/a G-Three Enterprises.

**Tract B.** (referred to in the Application as Exhibit A-5)

That part of Outlots 15 and 16 in the Kniss Outlot Annex in the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 102 North, Range 45 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East (Geodetic Bearing) along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section a distance of 829.47 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 202.66 feet to a found iron stake established in a survey by DGR in March of 1999; thence continuing South 89 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 69.00 feet to an iron stake being the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 111.11 feet to an iron stake established by said survey; thence South 07 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 50.00 feet to an iron stake established by said survey; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 43.16 feet to an iron stake; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 78.46 feet to an iron stake; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 161.00 feet to an iron stake; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 128.00 feet to said point of beginning. Said tract is subject to easements of record, if any.

which tract is now and shall hereinafter be described as "A Part of Lot 6 in Golla Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota,

titled in Luverne Farm Store, Inc. Tract C: (referred to in the Application as Exhibit A-6)

Those parts of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section Eleven (11), Township 102 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota; and of the abandoned railroad right-of-way within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section Eleven (11), described

Commencing at the SW Corner of said Section 11; thence North 90 degrees 00 minute 00 second East (assumed bearing) along the south line of said SW 1/4 SW 1/4 for a distance of 60.00 feet to the east line of the West 60 feet of said SW 1/4 SW 1/4; thence North 00 degree 21 minutes 47 seconds East along said east line for a distance of 478.15 feet; as the Point of Beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minute 00 second East for a distance of 133.59 feet; thence North 7 degrees 47 minutes 57 seconds West a distance of 189.58 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 106.67 feet, thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 51 seconds East along the East line of the West 60 feet of said SW1/4 a distance of 188.72 feet to the Point of Beginning.

which tract is now and shall hereinafter be described as "Lot 2, in Golla Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota,"

titled in William Philip Aanenson.

**Tract D.** (referred to in the Application as Exhibit A-7)

Those parts of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section Eleven (11), Township 102 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota; and of the abandoned railroad rightof-way within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section Eleven (11), described as follows: Commencing at the SW Corner of said Section 11; thence North 90 degrees 00 minute 00 second East (assumed bearing) along the south line of said SW 1/4 SW 1/4 for a distance of 60.00 feet to the east line of the West 60 feet of said SW 1/4 SW 1/4; thence North 00 degree 21 minutes 47 seconds East along said east line for a distance of 394.33 feet; as the Point of Beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minute 00 second East for a distance of 145.60 feet; thence North 7 degrees 47 minutes 57 seconds West a distance of 84.60 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 133.59 feet, thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 51 seconds East along the East line of the West 60 feet of said SW1/4 a distance of 83.2 feet to the Point of Beginning.

which tract is now and shall hereinafter be described as "Lot 1, in Golla Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota,"

titled in the name of City of Luverne.

**Tract E.** (referred to in the Application as Exhibit A-8)

All that part of Outlot 16 in Kniss Outlot Annex to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Outlot 16, thence 200 east along the South line of said Outlot 16, thence Northerly 370 feet on a line parallel to the West line of said Outlot 16 to the Point of Beginning, thence Northerly 55 feet on a line parallel to the West line of said Outlot 16, thence West 96 feet on a line parallel to the South line of said Outlot 16, thence Southerly 55 feet along a line parallel to the West line of Outlot 16, thence East 96 feet along a line parallel to the South line of said Outlot 16, to the point of

which tract is now and shall hereinafter be described as "Lot 9, in Golla Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota,"

titled in Lorna Schoeneman.

(02-03, 02-10, 02-17)

#### **H-BC School Board** meets Jan. 10

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671 **Minutes** 

Jan. 10, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Fransman, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk and Rozeboom, Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member Gehrke was absent.

Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness - Star Herald

**Board Member Oath Of Office** 

**Election of Officers:** 

Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Chairperson - Arlyn Gehrke.

Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Vice Chairperson - Harley Fransman.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Clerk - Tami Rauk. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Treasurer - Ethan Rozeboom.

**Board Committee Appointments:** 

-Personnel/Negotiations/Budget\*: Arlyn Gehrke, Tami Rauk, Harley Fransman

-\*Also serves as Rock County Liaison

-Building/Grounds: Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack, Ethan Rozeboom -Transportation: Arlyn Gehrke, Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack

-MSHSL: Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack -Policy: Renae Knobloch, Harley Fransman, Ethan Rozeboom

-Safety: Tim Bosch, Chris Harnack, Ethan Rozeboom

-Curriculum: Tami Rauk, Chris Harnack, Renae Knobloch -Graduation Standards/Staff Development/Continuing Education:

Tami Rauk

-Gifted and Talented: Renae Knobloch -Community Education: Tim Bosch

-Legislation: Ethan Rozeboom

-Teachers Administration Board-TAB: Arlyn Gehrke, Tami Rauk

PATRIOT PRIDE: -Elementary Student Donation to the Rock County Food Shelf

-FFA Donation to Rock County Food Shelf

-Local organizations that donated items to assist families

-Designating the Treasurer to Pay Bills

Board Committee Meeting Reports:

-Staff Development--01/05/2022, Building/Grounds Meeting --01/05/2022 and 1/10/2022

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Consent Agenda: -Minutes—12/27/2021

-Designating the District Depository as Security Savings Bank, Hills, MN -Designating the Rock County Star-Herald as the district's official newspaper -Designating the District Office Entrance #1 (301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN) as the official location for posting notice of all district meetings and announcements

-Designating setting Second and Fourth Monday as Board Meeting Days at7p.m.intheSecondarySchoolBoardRoom-301NSummitAve,Hills,MNfor Board of Education Meetings for the 2022 year.

-Designating Knutson Flynn & Deans, PA as the District's Legal Counsel -Designating Bonander Lachlan M Law Office for local legal matters -Designating Superintendent and Board Chairperson as authorized to seek assistance for District legal matters with assigned legal counsel

-Designating the Superintendent and Business Office to perform the duties of

-Designating the Business Manager and Superintendent to make wire transfers for District Bond Payments

-Designating the Superintendent to contract for goods and services -Designating the Business Manager and Athletic Director to sign checks on the

-Designating the Elementary Principal, Todd Holthaus as Local Education Agency/Federal Programs Director

-Designating Principal, Andrew Kellenberger, as the Title IX Coordinator -Mileage Reimbursement rate of 53 cents per mile for personal use of vehicle, when district vehicle is unavailable.

-Federal Programs Procurement Procedures

-Designate the chair of the MSHSL H-BC Board Committee as the Board Representative to the MN State High School League and voting member -Setting Kitchen Warmer/Refrigerator, Dollies, and Carts as Excess Property and direct administration to sell or dispose of.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Setting Board Member compensation:

-Meeting Pay - \$50.00

-Full Day Meeting Pay - \$50.00

-Committee Pay - \$50.00

Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Setting Mileage Reimbursement rate of 53 cents per mile for attending district meetings outside of district.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Resolution providing for combined polling places for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election for the year 2023.

Motion by Rauk, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Resolution directing the Superintendent to make recommendations for adjustments in curriculum, programs, and staff for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve directing the Superintendent to enter into negotiations with the selected firm, ATS&R, as the District Architect and Engineer Firm based on Building and Grounds Committee recommendation.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to

approve Donation Resolution: -\$150.00 from Thirteenth District Bar Association for Mock Trial

**DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:** 

Secondary Principal Report

•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER: -Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 24, 2022

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 14, 2022 Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk (02-03)

## City of Luverne seeks bids by Feb. 16

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota at the Luverne City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 on Wednesday, the 16th of February, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. for the Luverne Loop Trail - Phase 3B & 4, Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Administrator and Engineer.

The approximate quantities of work on which proposals will be received are as follows: Base Bid: 12,137 S.Y. Subgrade Prep Alternate A: 3" Aggregate Base 5,673 S.Y. 6,464 S.Y. 6" Aggregate Base 950 tons Bituminous Pavement 38,466 S.F. Concrete Walk Alternate B: 3" Aggregate Base 12,137 S.Y.

and other related items of construction. All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into contract and post satisfactory bond. Work shall commence on or after April 4, 2022, and be completed on or before August 27, 2022.

Concrete Walk

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The City also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.

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86,823 S.F.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn. com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$20.00 by inputting Quest project #8111328 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN. com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$50.00, none of which is refundable.

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CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA By /s/ Patrick T. Baustian. Mayor

#### ISD #2184 School Board meets Dec. 23

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on December 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, Jeff Stratton and David Wrigg. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Jason Phelps, Stacy Gillette, Tyler Reisch, Luke Thorson, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

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

Business Manager Tyler Reisch conducted the Truth-in-Taxation hearing. Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to approve the November 23 School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Sehr, to approve the December 13 School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Stratton, to approve donations made to the School District as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch presented the draft copy of the 2020-2021 Audit report from Conway, Deutsch, and Schmiessing, PLLP. A final copy will be received by the January Board meeting. Motion made by Baustian, second by Stratton, to table any action on the audit report until January. Motion unanimously

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the District and Student Activity bills as follows: District and Student Activity checks in the amount of \$387,131.13 and payroll in the amount of \$1,115,040.45 (included teacher contract retro pay) for a grand total of \$1,502,171.58. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Stratton, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of November 30, 2021. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to approve the District Revenues

This will need to be posted on our school website. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to accept the following Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places will Remain Open for Voting for School District

and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 as presented.

Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election. Motion unanimously carried. Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the 2021 Payable 2022 Levy Certification report with the School Board. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Baustian, to certify the 2021 Payable 2022 Levy at \$3,750,644.19. Motion unanimously carried.

Education fee at \$355 per student. This represents a \$15 increase. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to approve the following Resolution

in Support of the Congressional IDEA Full Funding Act. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to set the 2021-2022 Driver's

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## Public Notices

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Superintendent Oftedahl presented a preliminary budget and drawings for the Luverne Alumni Garden. It was noted that this project is being paid for by a private donor. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to approve the budget and drawings for the Alumni Garden and to allow this project to move forward. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl and the Principals presented a job description for a Health Aide position. The person hired for this position would be required to have a minimum of an LPN license. Discussion was held. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Wrigg, to add the Health Aide position and to allow the School District to advertise for this position. A roll call vote was taken. Those who voted in favor of the motion: Wrigg, Sehr, Hartman, and Jarchow; those who voted against the motion: Stratton and Baustian; Member Bosch was absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to approve a maternity leave request from Elementary Teacher Dana Wolf for 13 weeks beginning approximately February 24, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Leah Radisewitz as Basketball Cheerleading Coach for a salary of \$1,588.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Stratton, to approve the hiring of Britton Stratton as full-time custodian beginning December 13, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Matthew Fleming as full-time custodian beginning December 20, 2021. Motion unanimously

There were no committee reports given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: December 23, 2021

Reva Sehr, Clerk

### Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 31, 2009

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$142,300.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jimmie H. Lafrenz and Janice M. Larson, two single persons

MORTGAGEE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON

THE MORTGAGE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation

SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed August 3, 2009, Rock County Recorder, as

Document Number 171866 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc; Dated: July 31, 2009, filed: September 3, 2009, recorded as document number 171867; thereafter assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC; Dated: February 1, 2018 filed: April 26, 2018, recorded as document number 192552

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

That part of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 102 North, Range 46 West of the 5th p.m. described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35; Thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 35 seconds West (Geodetic bearing) along the South line of the SE 1/4 of said Section a distance of 717.00 feet to the point of beginning; Thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 50.00 feet to a point; Thence continuing North 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 425.00 feet to a point; Thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 655.00 feet to a point; Thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 425.00 feet to a point; Thence continuing South 00 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 50.00 feet to said South line; Thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 35 seconds East along said South line a distance of 655.00 feet to said point of beginning. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 783 71st St, Beaver Creek, MN 56116

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 02-0191-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$136,819.12

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step,

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representa-

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on September 25, 2022, or the next business day if September 25, 2022, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE RE-DUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUC-TION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: January 27, 2022 Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Assignee of Mortgagee LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP

Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070 Attorneys for Mortgagee LOGS Legal Group LLP 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

(02-03, 02-10, 02-17, 02-24, 03-03, 03-10)

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **EMPLOYMENT**



Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for PART-TIME COOK

This position would be 5-6 hours each school day. Application form can be found at: www.isd2184.net. Submit application form and letter of application to Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156 EOE



This job has a heavy component of teaching in the shop, working on welding and small engine projects. The high school building and shop area have recently gone

through large renovations and machinery improvements. The position would also be heavily involved in coordinating our FFA chapter and working with students on their projects. Applications should be submitted to Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

The certified application can be found on our district website at:

https://www.isd2184.net/about\_lps/open\_employment. If you have questions about the position, please contact Superintendent Oftedahl at c.oftedahl@isd2184.net, or High School Principal

Ryan Johnson at r.johnson@isd2184.net.



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RFP: ENEMY SWIM DAY SCHOOL is seeking A/E services for an Expansion project of approximately 15,000 square feet. See https://tinyurl.com/ESDSRFP Questions or to schedule an onsite walk-thru, contact Dr. Nadine Eastman at 605/265-1062 (cell) or email to neastman@esds.us

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Blue Mounds State Park is hiring a seasonal Building Grounds and Worker. Applicants must be 18 years old to apply. This position will work each year from early March to late October. Starting pay \$16.43/hr and partial medical and dental insurance is provided. To read the position description and visit: apply, https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/ search-for-jobs/ Under applicants" "external the window, click on "Search for Jobs now". Search for job **#52246**. (1.27-2.12)

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#### **CARDS OF THANKS**

The family of Dallas Bowron would like to express our sincere thanks for the support and sympathy we received following the passing of Dallas. Your cards, expressions of sympathy and memorials given in his memory are greatly appreciated. Thank you to Dr. Stephan Chesley for his end of life guidance. Thank you to the Oaks, Poplar Creek and the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage staff who cared for Dallas and treated him with dignity. Thank you to Jeff Hartquist for his care of our family as we say goodbye for now. To those who were able to attend the visitation, thank you for sharing the many life stories that Dallas was a part of. His 107 years touched the lives of many and for this we are grateful.

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## City approves plans, specs for final phases of Luverne Loop

By Lori Sorenson

The final links of the Luverne Loop will be built this summer, completing the city's seven-mile biking and pedestrian trail that's been seven years in the making.

At their Jan. 25 meeting City Council members approved plans and specifications for Phase 3B and Phase 4 of the loop project and authorized advertising for a Feb. 16 bid letting.

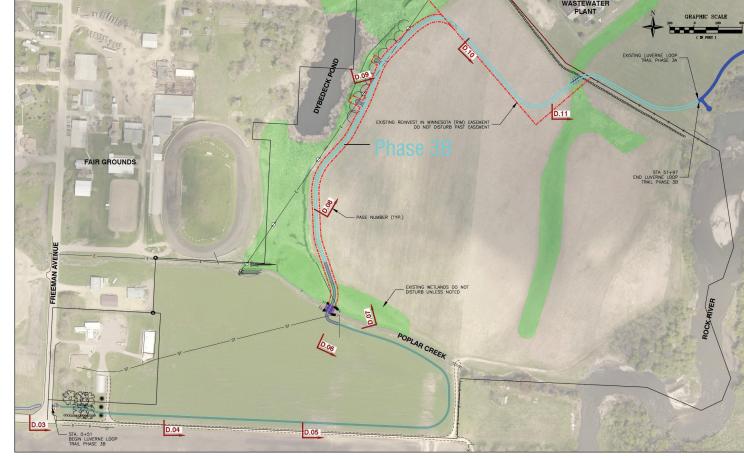
"These are the final two phases of the project and are the links that provide for a beautiful seven-mile biking and walking trail around the entire community," City Administrator John Call said.

Phase 4 is almost a mile long and will connect the trail from the Highway 75 Economy Lodge area to the existing trail that deadends at the Rock River near the Luverne wastewater treatment plant area.

The most recent construction, Phase 3A, built the Loop from the existing Blue Mound Trail along berm of the Rock River near the city park and behind Redbird Field and southward.

Phase 3B is .75 miles and will bring the trail at the north end of the community, around Sanford area and east to connect with the Blue Mound Trail.

The Phase 4 bids will



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call out some options in surfacing to either concrete or asphalt and will give the City Council flexibility to use either concrete or asphalt on different areas

Construction will start on or after April 4, with a completion date of Aug. 27,

of the trail.

2022.

Approximately 70 percent of the trail will be financed with grant funds from the state of Minnesota.

In capital improvement planning last year, the council budgeted \$732,000 for Phase 3B Trail work with a \$512,000 Legacy

Grant going toward that amount.

Phase 4 work, estimated at \$571,000, will be offset by a Legacy Grant in the amount of \$399,700.

The Loop and the Blue Mound Trail to the state park offers 13 contiguous miles, which is

popular among users and prompted the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission to name the Loop a "Regional Trail of Significance."

That designation qualifies the local trail for more grant funds and other state support.

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