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# Get Hooked Fishing Derby set for Feb. 19

### **By Lori Sorenson**

Luverne's seventh annual Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at The Lake in Luverne with over \$6,000 worth of prizes on deck for winners.

According to Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, the 2021 tournament drew 376 registered anglers on a frigid, overcast day.

"It was unbelievable," Lanphere said following last vear's derby.

"It just blows my mind that we had that many people down there at The Lake. ... I would bet we had 175 to 200 who had never fished the tournament before."

Weather permitting, the 2022 Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby will be as popular as ever, with permanent and temporary ice houses allowed.

Preregistered anglers can save \$5 on their entry fee and be entered in a drawing for \$100 cash.

Contact the Chamber at 507-283-4061 to register, or sign up through www.luvernechamber.

Registration on Saturday opens at 11 a.m. when concessions by Howling Dog also opens. Free rods and reels will be given to youth until supplies run out.

Fishing starts at 1 p.m. Prizes for largest fish in both

adult and child categories are \$500 cash.

Announcements and prizes will be on Facebook, "Get Hooked Derby" and on FM 89.9.

# Vietnam War veteran honored with surprise gift from Hero Haven group



Alan Harnack of Beaver Creek was honored for his U.S. military service 50 years after he returned home from Vietnam in 1969. Harnack and his family will spend four days at Holbrook Farms Retreat near Detroit Lakes, a trip sponsored through Hero Haven Adventures. The trip was presented to Harnack as a surprise in early December during the first "Hero Ball" at the Gettysburg, South Dakota, High School, emceed by Wade Blomgren.

**By Mavis Fodness** 

Wade Blomgren,

Hero Haven,

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Alan Harnack

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Harnack and his wife, Zoe, attended the Hero Ball with their sons, Chris, Eric and Scott and their spouses.

"It was a really cool experience," Harnack said. "We've never really been together without the grandkids present. It was just the eight of us."

The ball was a fundraiser for Hero Haven as well as a special celebration for the first group of heroes, military or law enforcement, who received a pheasant hunting outing near Gettysburg, South Dakota.

Hero Haven President and H-BC High School graduate Wade Blomgren was the night's master of ceremonies. He made the announcement of the second trip Hero Haven Adventures would sponsor.

Blomgren, with fellow military service members Dean Hall and Justin Gallagher, created Hero Haven and Hero Haven Adventures in 2021 to thank those who have served and protected the country.

Their gift: connecting honored veterans with various outfitters tailored for personal enjoyment.

"You don't know this, Al, but you shaped this organization," Blomgren said from the podium. "We had three

things in mind: pheasant hunting, fly fishing and ATVing. He (Harnack) doesn't do any of these."

"Create Your Own Adventure" is now one of the Hero Haven selections that allows honorees to feel rewarded for

Harnack honored by Hero Haven/Continued on 2A



Lori Sorenson photos/0210 bridal fair

Jill Thielbar (at podium) introduces models during Saturday afternoon's Luverne Bridal Fair at Big Top Tents and Events and describes their gowns by First Comes Love and Barbara Kay's Bridal, two recently opened bridal boutiques in Luverme.

# Luverne Bridal Fair nets 35 brides, over 100 guests

# **By Lori Sorenson**

With Valentine's Day on Monday and wedding season just around the corner, Luverne's Bridal Fair was welltimed Saturday at Big Top Tents and

According to Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, the fair attracted 35 brides and nearly 100

"This first-ever show was a big suc-

cess," she said.

"It was great to see all the people there. For their first show the number of brides was amazing."

The event was organized by Stacey Smidt of Big Top Tents and Events and Barbara Weber-Friese of Barbara Kay's Boutique Bridal.

"Hats off to these two wonderful women for all the work and time they put into this big event," Lanphere said. "I am sure it is something that they will build on next year. They already scheduled the date for Feb 4.'

The event, which charged no admission, included vendor demonstrations and a bridal fashion show on a raised runway for models.

The show featured fashions by Luverne shops Barbara Kay's Boutique

Luverne Bridal Fair/continued on 2A

# LHS speech team looks to rebuild in 2022 season

# **By Mavis Fodness**

This season is one of rebuilding for the Luverne speech team as the regional program transitions from last year's virtual season to this year's in-person format.

Days before this year's season began Saturday, the decision to compete in person was formally announced, provided that students remain masked when not competing.

"We planned to mirror what the state meet would be like so the kids would be practicing the same way," said head coach Gavin Folkes-

Team captains and seniors Luke Thorson, Mia Wenzel and Chance Tunnissen have participated in speech since the seventh grade.

Among their duties are pre-tournament pep talks about what being a part of a team has given to them and lessons they have learned through the years.

For Tunnissen, a three-time state speech participant, it's about never giving up.

"If you're a younger member, you might not be good your first year," he said. "I remember my first year I was really down on myself. Dylan (Thorson) was my mentor and I didn't hardly place at all. As the year went on, I learned more and practiced a lot more, and I got better."

For Luke Thorson, speech is a family tradition (having followed in his brother Dylan's footsteps and mom, Caroline, is an assistant speech coach). He's also found speech is a path for personal growth.

"I always saw it as something I would really

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **Meetings**

**Battle Plain Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, in the conference room of Edgerton Ag, 1300 Mechanic Street.

**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.

### Free tax preparation at library

AARP volunteers will offer free tax preparation for low-income and seniors at the Rock County Library on Mondays 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.

# Free bake-at-home 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-throughstyle 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.

# 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. 17.

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.

### Food for seniors Feb. 17

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will distribute food from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, drive-thru style in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Call 283-5064 to register.

### 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.

# Rock Ranch tack swap March 5

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 horserelated 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.

# Winter Carnival set for March 5

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

# Online mental health classes

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."

# A.C.E. respite care available, volunteers needed

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota (A.C.E.) offers respite care services in Rock County for those needing a break from caring for a loved one.

The respite program offers short-term (1-3 hours), temporary care for families and caregivers by providing a brief period of reprieve from the daily cares they provide to their loved one. Volunteers provide non-professional supportive services to caregivers to give them time for themselves, relieve their stress and help them remain healthy.

Respite care volunteers are also needed. Trained A.C.E. volunteers provide respite care to family caregivers of adults age 60 and older who are suffering from long-term health conditions. Contact Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 or ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us.

# Alan Harnack honored by Hero Haven/continued from page 1A

serving their country.

"We can't wait for you to feel a little bit of respect you deserved in the late '60s and early '70s," Blomgren said.

Hero Haven was formed in early 2021 with the first adventure this

While meant as a thank you, the adventures also bring together groups of public service people — military, law enforcement, firefighting — in ways that have additional benefits.

"By their professions, they enjoy the outdoors," said Blomgren. "When we put them in the outdoors, they blossomed."

The first adventure was filled with participants reconnecting as a group, enjoying the adrenaline of the hunt and laughing outside the realm of their professions.

Harnack's adventure is the first Hero Haven organized for an individual.

Blomgren read a poem written by Harnack titled "The Experience," which brought tears to the eyes of those in attendance.

The poem detailed Harnack's military experience in the Vietnam War as a 19-year-old in 1968.

Harnack said he turned to poetry writing more than 50 years ago due to his admiration of lyrics created by songwriters like Bob Dillon and Paul McCartney.

Poetry for Harnack is a cathartic release, as he found it difficult to talk about his military experiences.

"It was hard to talk with people, and poetry was a way to get things off my mind," he said.

The announcement as the first individual Hero Haven Adventure recipient surprised Harnack.

"I never expected me, a Vietnam infantryman, to ever be recognized for my service," he said. "It was a night I'll never forget."



Vietnam Veteran Alan Harnack fights tears during the Hero Haven Ball in which he was honored for his service.

# The Experience

### Poem written by Alan Harnack, Vietnam '68-69

I was born in the midwest, of four children, I was one. And I was always proud to claim, I was my parents' son. But as I grew, world hatred grew, soon I heard from Uncle Sam. So, in '68, at age 19, I was off to Vietnam.

My family took me to the plane, on that chilly winter's day.
I told them not to worry, that I thought I'd be okay.
But needing some assurance, I asked, "don't forget to pray."
I climbed upon the airplane, and quickly flew away.

The plane touched down in Bein Hoa, beneath the blistery, shiny sun.

My knees began to tremble, and my heart was on the run.

They assigned me to my unit, and handed me a gun.

A "chopper" dropped me in the field,

and "the experience" had begun.

They sent us on an "ambush,"
on that Holy Christmas Night.
But, the peace of the season
ended in a "fire fight."
A thought occurred to me,
that at any other time,
the boy we just shot
could have been a friend of mine.

We met a yellow child, on a jungle trail, alone. We couldn't help but wonder, why he was not at home. Soon, we realized, by the satchel on his lap, he was sent there by the Viet Cong, he was a human booby trap. Fear set in, and we jumped back, and shot that yellow kid. Then I fell down, upon the ground, and cried for what we did.

Bombs kept falling, boys kept dying, as the waters turned to red.
Confusion of the situation, began to cloud my head.
Couldn't understand why he would not respond to what I said; then I realized,

that my closest friend was dead.

Fourteen months had come and gone, and it was time for me to leave.

Said "hi" to my replacement, saw the heart upon his sleeve ...

I turned around and walked away, not to see him anymore.

He was too young, oh much too young, to face what was in store.

The next day on the West Coast, we landed on the ground.
There were protest signs, and demonstrators, standing all around.
Guilt filled our heads, and numbed our minds, we must have done the crime.
So, near to tears, the next twelve

We don't want any sympathy, and there's nothing you can do. But, maybe now you understand,

why we're not quite like you.

we humbly did the time.





Becky Schuurmans models a gown by First Comes Love Bridal Boutique. At right, models wait their turn for the runway.

# Luverne Bridal Fair draws big crowds/continued from page 1A

Bridal and First Comes Love Bridal Boutique, with hair designs and makeup by Salon 75 and Spa. Other vendors at Saturday's Bridal Fair included caterers, bakers, photographers, florists, printers, music DJs and more.
Lanphere said the popularity of Saturday's bridal fair bodes well for bridal

business in Luverne.

"Luverne is destined to become a stop for wedding planning," she said.

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# **Community Education** offers classes, activities

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.

Children ages 2-5 with a parent will enjoy **Open** Gym on Feb. 11. It's free, but advance registration is required.

Register now for the **Defensive Driving Re**fresher class to be held on Feb. 17 at 5:30 pm. \$28.

Grade 5 through adult can learn about clay on a pottery wheel at Give Spinning a Try on Feb. 12. for \$15. To take a piece home, pay instructor \$10

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

Family Game Time for kindergarten through Grade 12 is Feb. 24 at the Library. Fee is \$10 per family.

Students in grades 5 – 8 that are interested in acting or working behind the scenes can sign up for Intro to Theatre on Feb. 24. \$12.

Ambulance Tour & CPR Class is Feb. 28. Hands-only CPR training will also be taught during class. Fee is \$5.

# **Rock County Library** announces happenings

For more information about library happenings, call 507-449-5040 or email rockcountystaff@gmail.

The 2022 Winter Reading Program, "Catch a Keeper at your Library," is currently under way and goes through March 31.

Read or listen to 12 books checked out from the Rock County Library and win a fabulous prize. Winter Reading Bingo will also be played. Bingo sheets are available now at the library.

Who says kids get to have all the fun? An Adult **Show and Tell** will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Take 16. Bring an item (or items) to tell us about or perhaps a story or two. It will be a fun and relaxing evening of sharing tales of local brews.

Bring your creative selves to **Bad Art Night** at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at Take 16, and compete to see who can make the worst piece of art with provided supplies. The less artistic ability you have, the better. Prizes will be awarded.

**Trivia Night** is at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Take 16 in Luverne. Team registration begins at 6 p.m.

Reminiscence Kits are available featuring various topics such as gardening, pets, baking, sewing, farming and hunting.

The kits are designed to use with a loved one experiencing memory loss, encouraging the loved one to open up about activities they once loved in the past.



Mavis Fodness photo/0204 Pillar Removal

Ver Steeg Excavation of Luverne works to remove six former railway pillars in the Rock River south of the Luverne City Park. Pictured below are the block sandstone pillars before excavation work began.

# Sandstone block pillars removed from Rock River

Chad Ver Steeg with Ver Steeg Excavation of Luverne spent several days over the past two weeks removing six former railway pillars in the Rock River south of the Luverne City Park.

The project was a collaborative effort between the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the city of Luverne and two private landowners to restore the river back to its natural course. Cost of the project was \$25,000.

The pillars were constructed in the early 1900s as a railroad bridge over the Rock River.



The railroad ceased to exist in the 1940s and the bridge deck, rails and railroad ties were removed. The pillars, made from blocks of sandstone, remained, causing water currents to erode a "scour hole" in the east bank of the river.

Ver Steeg said the pillars were more solid than he thought, withstanding decades in the elements and flowing water fairly well. Due to the current low river water levels, Ver Steeg was able to drive the excavator onto the sandbar that developed in front of the pillars. He used the sandstone block to create a rip-rap along the scour hole area to lessen the developing bank erosion. Ver Steeg's bid to complete the work was the lowest of three submissions.



All 17 LHS speech team members earned individual awards Saturday in Worthington along with the first-place team trophy. Pictured are (front, from left) Chance Tunnissen, Burke Johnson, Luke Thorson, Rylee Anderson, Mia Wenzel, (second) Brooke Vos, Makayla Oechsle, Jessika Tunnissen, Brianna Kinsinger, Alex Perkins, Nicole Arevalo, (back) Nardy Merida, Ashlie Gonzalez, Xavier McKenzie, Parker Carbonneau, Zander Carbonneau and Leigha Ehlers.

# Speech takes first at first meet of year

**By Mavis Fodness** 

The Luverne speech students are picking up where they left off in 2021 by winning their first tournament of 2022 Saturday in Worthington.

The defending Section 3A champions competed against 14 teams and 130 students, and all 17 of Luverne's team members received individual honors. Results by category are:

•Discussion: Burke Johnson, third; Makayla Oeschle, blue ribbon.

 Dramatic interpretation: Brianna Kinsinger, red ribbon.

 Extemporaneous Reading: Brooke Vos, red ribbon.

 Extemporaneous speaking: Parker Carbonneau. first; Chance Tunnissen, third; Zander Carbonneau,

•Great speeches: Riley Anderson, first; Nicole Arevalo, fifth.

•Humorous interpretation: Luke Thorson, first; Leigha Ehlers, red ribbon.

 Informative speaking: Jessika Tunnissen, fifth; Xavier McKenzie, red ribbon; Nardy Merida, red ribbon

Original oratory: Ashlie Gonzalez, red ribbon.

•Poetry reading: Mia Wenzel, first; Alex Perkins, third.

Blue and red ribbons signify one and two places out of the medals respectively.

The next tournament is Saturday when Luverne serves as host.

Assistant speech coach Caroline Thorson said the

knew it was something I

enjoy doing," he said. "I could always do better and always strove to do better and I did get better."

Thorson, who competes in humorous interpretation, earned his first state trip last year.

He is optimistic that the team can be Section 3A champions again and qualify more individuals for the state tournament.

"No matter what happens, we will give it our all even if we don't make it," Thorson said. "We will look back on these years as fun."

Luverne has developed a tradition of winning, which Wenzel, as a young speech student, watched with envy as the older teammates earned trophies and ribbons for the team.

"(I) wanted to be a part of that team that won," said Wenzel, who switched between speech categories, including entering more than one category at a tournament. She found a niche in poetry interpretation.

"You can switch if you want to switch — find that piece in which you're comfortable," she said.

This season Luverne fields a team of 25 students, about half the number of two years ago.

Getting younger students involved in speech is a goal of the captains so that they will return the following year.

"I want them to be in-

# **Luverne Township Notice**

teams were excited to be

"We are also thrilled

to be hosting in our newly

hold our awards ceremony

in the performing arts cen-

"We are proud of our

updated facilities and know

it will be a comfortable and

inviting space in which to

perform and compete."

renovated building and

ter," she said.

competing in person.

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** 



Mavis Fodness photo/0210 Speech 2022

Luverne TV student reporter Eli Radtke (far left) interviews this year's speech team captains (from left) Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen and Mia Wenzel Thursday afternoon, Feb. 2, in the performing arts center with cameraman Casey Sehr. The speech team students opened their 2022 season with a team win Saturday at the Worthington Invitational.

spired no matter how they do," Wenzel said.

"I want them to be happy that they showed up. They're going to realize they've just been accepted into a giant family that will be with you for the rest of your life."

The team spends Saturdays competing at different schools as well as hosting their own home tournament in a season that's three months long.

Sections are on April 9 with the top three individuals from each of the 13 speech categories advancing to the state tournament, April 22-23.

"We are a very competitive section with several other big teams," coach Folkestad said.

"However, we do have many returning veterans, so I am hopeful we will be able to add to our collection of trophies."

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# Groceries replaced by farm supply purchases for this empty nester

Trips to the grocery store were frequent during my days as a mother of four growing



children. Now, as an empty nester, weeks go by before I need to refill the cupboards and freezer.

I've noticed, however, the previous several-times-a-week stops at the grocery store are now replaced with severaltimes-a-week stops to the farm supply store.

It turns out my other "kids," the ones of the fourlegged variety, are now receiving extra "motherly" attention.

Previously I gave little thought to the daily care of the cats, dogs, rabbits, calves, sheep, pigs, ducks and chickens on the farm. The kids took care of them. (I rarely had to clean the animals' pens then maybe twice a year at most.)

And my husband would take care of the horses and cattle, regularly tractoring large round hay bales into their feeders.

For years my chores meant taking care of the little humans with meals, laundry, errands and transportation to activities.

Now all of those previous daily activities are down to me occasionally fixing a meal, weekly instead of daily laundry duties, a few errands, and once-in-a-while transport of the hubby somewhere.

Life without kids at home has certainly become ... well ...

My attention has gradually turned to the remaining horses, cats and the farm dog

# **RUMINATIONS**

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

left at home.

I now remember to buy treats for the dog and to give one to her almost daily. The cats are fed at least once a day, and the horses receive twicea-day personal care.

Instead of picking up clothes off the kids' bedroom floors, I now clean the horse barn daily.

Instead of buying new school clothes, I now search for bargains of new horse blankets and masks to keep the flying insects at bay.

And now Bomgaars has become a weekly stop for cat, dog or horse food.

The weekly feed bill is now larger than those years-ago trips to the grocery story.

While no mother ever admits to her kids that she may have a favorite, around the farm I definitely have my favorites.

The horses and the dog receive the more expensive, name-brand food, but the cats receive meals of the large 50-pound generic bag variety.

Despite my attempts to coax the cats to self-sufficiency and venture away from the farm, they seem content to stay at home and live with their "parents."

I find myself grabbing a scoop of cat food, and as they flood the barn, I mutter, "Good morning, kids," with the underlying thought of "When are you ever going to leave home."

# It's National School Counselors Week: Their work matters

This week, Feb. 7-11, is National School Counselors Week, a time to consider the unique contribution of school counselors in U.S. school systems.

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by American School Counselors Association, highlights the significant impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The 2022 theme is "School Counseling: Better Together," and our local school counselors are working toward better outcomes for the local student body.

Numerous research studies have quantified the impact of school counselors on student development and success, as well as on school climate and K-12 education in general.

For example, research shows school counselors play an important role in improved ACT and SAT scores, more informed college decision-making, fewer disciplinary actions, improved attendance and more.

School counselors can play a critical role in ensuring that stu-

dents get opportunities to have safe, enriching experiences in and out of school, and in helping prepare students for postsecondary success — all in ways that meet their

A growing body of research indicates comprehensive, datadriven school counseling programs improve a range of student learning and behavioral outcomes.

individual needs.

Following are a few takeaways from those studies:

 Students who have greater access to school counselors and comprehensive school counseling programs are more likely to succeed academically and behaviorally in school; this is particularly true for students in high-poverty schools.

•School counselors can help elementary-aged students increase their knowledge of occupations, raise their desire to pursue

postsecondary education and learn more about themselves, their education and the world of work.

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·High school students who have more access to school counselors and related college and career counseling services are more likely to graduate and less likely to have behavioral problems.

·School counselors can help with early identification and prevention of high school students with depression and suicidal thoughts.

•Expanding school counseling services in elementary schools is associated with improvements in student learning, behavior and mental health.

This week, take time to thank a school counselor for impacting your life or your child's.

We all are better off when our students are in a better place for learning and succeeding.



# Fix before redesigning our existing highways

A recent edition of the online Morning Brew cited a government reportlast week that 31,720 people had been killed in motor vehicle crashes in the first nine months of 2021.

That is the highest nine-month total in 15 years. It's also 12 percent higher than the same time frame in 2020, making it the biggest percentage increase over a nine-month period since records began in 1975.

One might think the spike over 2020 might be due to lower numbers of traffic deaths in 2020 when Covid kept us home and off the road.

Well, think again. U.S. traffic fatalities that year jumped to their highest levels since 2007 even though vehicle miles driven in 2020 dropped by 13 percent.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) suggests more reckless driving since the pandemic began, including drivers not wearing seatbelts and blowing through speed limits.

I'll add a couple of my own:



# FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

cell phones, drunk drivers, young drivers, old drivers, foreign drivers, congested dash boards, road rage and just poor driving habits.

However, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg calls the rise in traffic deaths a "national crisis" and thinks blaming the human drivers won't solve anything.

All I can say is, "You've got to be kidding me."

According to our Secretary of Transportation, the way to bring down traffic deaths is to redesign roads to be safer, boosting safety standards for vehicles, and incorporating technology like automated

braking into vehicles.

What good are safety standards  $if you \, mandate \, seat belts \, and \, humans$ don't wear them, you require blinkers and humans don't use them, you mandate cruise control and humans don't use it and blow past the speed limit.

You have laws against drinking and driving and humans still do it, you have hands-free cell phone laws and humans still drive with one hand on the wheel and one holding the phone to their ear.

Before we start redesigning roads, how about we fix the one we have?

# Fick: 'We can disagree and still be friends'

To the Editor:

My opinion, as I see it. Is lack of knowledge and misinformation costing our country

thousands of lives? How many lives have died from the Covid vaccine? Never heard.

A vaccine is not 100 percent effective, but lessens the seriousness of a disease.

Where has our respect for our authorities gone? What are we teaching our youth by example?

Has lying, even under oath, become a very powerful tool? Even in our government, destroying our democracy.

Difference of opinion and compromise are good for society, normally resulting in intelligent results. Since when are death threats needed as a source of persuasion?

We gave our previous administration four plus years to get us

where we are. Is it fair to expect the current administration to have everything back in order in one year.

It seems to me our representatives in Washington should live by our rules, be intelligently productive or you get your twoweek notice.

We should expect our medical problems be taken care of by trained scientists, doctors and nurses. We should expect our trained and experienced mechanics to take care of our mechanical problems. We should expect our trained electricians to take care of our electrical problems. We should expect our news media to present facts, not rumors.

What would I say if I learned an electrician would be my heart doctor?

We can disagree and still be friends.

**Robert Fick, Luverne** 

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# ON THE RECORD

# Dispatch report

Jan. 28

•Subject was arrested on warrant on S. Kniss Avenue and requested assistance.

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported being locked out of house.

•Complainant on N. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported threats.

Jan. 29

•An abandoned vehicle was reported at location on 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick.

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported catalytic converter stolen.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle in handicapped spot with no placard.

•Complainant on W. Maple Street reported a vehicle parked at location.

•Complainant reported a security camera outage.

•Complainant at mile marker 1 on Highway 75 reported an erratic driver.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, on ramp at mile marker 4, Beaver Creek, reported a wrong way driver in lane of traffic.

Jan. 30

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, reported a deer in lane of travel.

•Complainant on 171st Street, Luverne, reported an active break-in.

•Dispatcher reported 911 outage issue.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about a drone issue.

Jan. 31

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. War-

ren Street reported a parking

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported a scam.

Feb. 1
•Complainant on N. Elmhurst reported a scam call.

• Complainant in Worthington requested RCSO assistance in locating suspect.

•Complainant on S. Estey Street reported suspicious activity involving garbage containers.

•Complainant requested to meet with the sheriff.

Feb. 2

•Complainant on 1<sup>st</sup> Street E., Jasper, reported daughter being bullied at school

•Deputies searched residence on N. Estey.

•Complainant on Rapp Street and Blue Mound Avenue reported a stop arm violation.

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported theft of a cell phone.

•Minnehaha County sheriff's office requested assistance in locating a suspect on W. Mead Court.

•SFPD requested RCSO assistance with identifying suspects.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 escort, 7 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 12 burn permits, 2 background checks, 2 alarms, 2 drug court tests, 9 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 17 traffic stops, 1 abandoned 911 call, 4 tests, 1 welfare check and 1 report of cattle out.



# Out with the old to make room for the new

Crane operator Bryan Barnhart, Luverne, lifts a 1960s transformer from the city power plant lot Tuesday, Feb. 1, to make room for a new one coming this spring as part of an \$11 million upgrade underway at the power plant. It's the transformer that the existing Worthington generator utilized to connect its power to city circuits. It is being replaced with a new one because it's showing signs of internal aging. Also coming soon are two new additional transformers, one for each of the new Caterpillar generators coming to the power plant as part of the project. The transformer was sold to T&R Electric, Colman, South Dakota, for \$10,000.

# Concentrate money and energies where they can do the most good

It happens every year around this time. We finally have enough snow to cover the ground and folks start to think automatically that wildlife is on the verge of starving to death.

The calls start coming in as to where they can find some corn to feed this destitute wildlife.

It is true in years with heavy snow cover and below zero temperatures for extended periods that wildlife will start to show signs of distress.

That is not the case this winter.

Much of the state has had very little snow cover until about two weeks ago, and since that time much of that snow has melted or gone away.

In the 12 counties of southwest Minnesota most of the fields are about 50 percent clear of snow cover.

These counties represent the majority of the traditional pheasant range in the state.

Pheasants do exist in other counites not included in the 12 but in smaller population numbers.

Natural resource research has been well-



# THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

documented over the past 50 years and shows conclusively that pheasants rarely ever starve to death. Most folks think thick snow prevents the birds from finding food.

Pheasant losses can occur from deep snow, but starvation is not the primary cause of this.

When winters of deep snow do occur and start early in the winter season, lingering well into April, a small percentage of wildlife suffers some mortality.

The primary reason wildlife suffers from extended cold winters with deep snow is predation.

When there is little snow, birds and other wildlife can spread out across the landscape and survive in areas considered marginal cover.

Population densities are lower, and wildlife is less

congregated.

When deep snow makes marginal cover uninhabitable, wildlife seeks better cover. When wildlife congregates, predators like raptors, foxes and to a smaller extent coyotes will also move to those areas as the pickings are much easier to find and easier to capitalize on.

Pheasant feeding, as I see most often, is done very poorly. People will pour corn on the side of the road, and many birds get killed by traffic.

Others will feed far from the cover birds need to survive cold temperatures. This makes them fly longer distances and consume more energy to reach the free meal.

It also requires them to be exposed and out of the cover for longer periods of time. Feeding wildlife as explained by a recent report I read from the Nebraska Game and Fish Department does not reach a large enough percentage of the population to make any noticeable difference in game populations the following fall after anther reproductive cycle.

Feeding can carry over small numbers of birds in very limited areas if done right.

The report I mentioned earlier has been published at least 100 different times over the 50 years. Feeding and its limited effects have been well-documented across North America.

Feeding elk in the Rocky Mountains to help keep herd numbers higher than the land can support them might be a different story.

If those who think

wildlife feeding is really important took all of those energies and money spent and redirected them to better and more abundant quality wildlife habitats, populations of fish and game would be better off in the long term.

Now with all that said, there are those who will expend lots of time and energy to feed wildlife anyway.

If you are one of those people, then at least feed wildlife in ways that do more good than harm.

First of all, once you start feeding, you need to keep feeding. Once pheasants or other wildlife get used to your offering, they will become dependent on that offering.

They will not be searching for other food sources and will spend all their time scratching in the last spot you dropped corn.

Second, feed close to quality wildlife habitat. This means you'll need snow shoes or other transportation to get away from the road and close to adequate thermal winter cover. This is hard work if you have to go on foot.

Deer feeding is illegal in

many parts of the state, so be sure you are not breaking any laws, or your good intentions might end with getting a ticket.

This winter has been very mild so far. Wildlife in general is doing quite well.

Spend your money on a ticket to a conservation banquet and support more and better habitat to make wildlife feeding an experience that is no longer needed or beneficial.

I have harvested roosters in the late season when I thought there was three feet of snow over all the food sources, and yet when I cleaned those birds, their crops were full of corn.

I don't have any idea where they found it, but pheasants haven't existed in North America since the late 1800s without being tenacious survivors.

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







# **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.

# Star Herald COMMUNITY





Above: Luverne High School student council members Lauren Hansen and Ross Bergman (far left) announce the crowning ceremony for the Snow Week activities Monday afternoon in the school's performing arts center. On stage are this year's 2022 candidates (from left) Luke Thorson, Casey Sehr, Griffen Jarchow, Trygve Gangestad, Pierce Cunningham, Trista Baustian, Mary Opitz, Madee Schmuck, Hope Thorson and Brooklynn Versteeg. At left: Seniors Luke Thorson (left) and Madee Schmuck are the 2022 LHS Snow Week king and queen, selected by staff members for their positive leadership in the classroom, in Cardinal activities and in the community during their four years at LHS. **Below**: Queen candidate Hope Thorson (fourth from left) points out the royal stocking hat in the box of newly announced queen Madee Schmuck (center). Other queen candidates include (from left) Trista Baustian, Mary Opitz and Brooklynn Versteeg.



# 1902: Luverne's first settler returns for visit

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Jan. 10, 1902.

After Twenty-Seven Years William F. Brown, the First Settler to Prove Up on a Rock County Claim, Visits the Scene of His Early Residence

Residents of Rock county, enjoying as they do more of the advantages and benefits of a well settled, cultured and prosperous community than many older communities, are apt to forget how short a time ago it was that the virgin prairies of this county had upon them no white habitation, when natural grasses grew where now are blue grass pastures, luxuriant meadows, or rick, highly cultivated fields dedicated to the



# BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

production of corn and other cereals, and the territory now rich with fertile farms, comfortable homes and thriving towns was marked upon the maps as part of the great, unexplored American desert. Man nowhere engages upon labor more exciting and arduous and rigorous than that of reclaiming from nature the soil that has lain for aeons in its natural state, and except with great and unusual energy the period

of the reclamation must be a very long one. That Rock county should be visited now in 1902 by the man who was first of all others to "prove up" on his claim and the second in the county to file a homestead claim is a striking reminder of the comparatively short time since the settlement of this section of the state began and the great energy and perseverance exerted by its early residents in bringing the county to its present state.

William F. Brown, brother of E. A. and cousin of James Brown, of this place, arrived last week from Seattle, Wash., for a visit with relatives and old friends and to view again the country of which he was a resident thirty-two to twenty-seven years ago. He had come to Rock county in June of 1870thirty-two years ago-from Wisconsin, preceding his parents and other members of the family. He filed upon the east half of the northwest quarter, section 14, Clinton township, and was the first in the county to prove up on his claim. The life of the settler was a hard one and gave little indication of the comforts and wealth so soon to come. Mr. Brown resided

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# GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Feb. 14— Happy Valentine's Day: Chicken wild rice soup, broccoli, pineapple, cookie, dinner roll.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Tater tot casserole, French cut green beans, warm peaches, dinner roll, cookie.

**Activities:** Bring Valentine item for a prize. 12:30 p.m. Pinochle and Bingo.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Sanford.

Wednesday, Feb. 16:

Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert.

Activities: 10 a.m. SAIL

Thursday, Feb. 17:

Barbecued pork on a bun, baked beans, spiced pears dessert.

Activities: 1 p.m. LSS frozen meals.

**Friday, Feb. 18:** Roast turkey with gravy mashed potatoes, peas, sage dressing, birthday cake.

Activities: 10 a.m. SAIL class.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

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

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

# College News

# Anderson on Arizona State dean's list, earns architectural design award

Jadyn Anderson was named to the Dean's List at Arizona State University Herberger Institute for Design for the Fall 2021 semester. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher with 12 credits or more.

Anderson (pictured right) also received the Design of Excellence Award for Fall 2021 for her architectural studio project.

Each semester the Design of Excellence is awarded to one project per class.

Anderson is a 2019 Luverne High School graduate and the daughter of



Chad Anderson and Paula Bloemendal, both of Luverne.

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Farmers Mutual Hail recognizes Shirley Top as top-producing agent

Shirley Top with Kozlowski Insurance Agency and Financial Services Inc. of Luverne has recently been recognized as a topproducing crop insurance agent for Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company (FMH).

FMH recognizes the top-producing agents in total premium each year.

Top has been recognized as placing 47th in the company's Top 50 Agents in Crop Hail Premium list.

In addition, Top ranked fifth in the state of Minnesota for combined Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) and Crop Hail premium in 2020 with FMH.

2022willmark35yearsin the crop insurance business for Top. "I love working with farmers," she said.

Top said the most important part of her job is working with clients, helping them understand their options, and assisting clients in weather and pricerelated claims.

"I also have to credit the amazing job our adjusters – especially FMH adjuster Brian Fick – did this year with the enormous number of acres hit with wind," she added.

"In 2021 my farm clients had 23,792 acres protected with green snap and wind coverage. FMH adjusters did an amazing job getting out to the fields before and after the farmers harvested to determine percentage of loss, giving the farmers ample time to complete their fall tillage."

# REMEMBER WHEN

# 10 years ago (2012)

•Luverne High School senior Lauren Christensen joined a select group of former Cardinal girls' hockey players during the course of Thursday's home game against the Sioux Falls Flyers. When Christensen lifted a wrist shot into the net to account for Luverne's first goal in a 7-5 win, she became the fourth LHS player to enter girls' hockey program's 100-goal club.

Natalie Domagala, a 2005 LHS graduate, is the program's all-time leader in goals scored with 272.

# 25 years ago (1997)

•Josh Winkelman, a seventh grade student at Luverne Middle School, is being published two times this winter. His short essay, "The Song of the Country," is included in the junior high edition of the February 1997 High School Writer. Later this year, one of his book reviews will be published in Voices in the Middle, a publication for middle school English teachers. Teacher Elizabeth Petersen said students use journals to do what she calls quick writes. To stimulate thought, she reads a poem or a short story to the students. They listen and start writing, responding to what they have heard. Petersen said

she is continually amazed at the way the students articulate their thoughts.

# 50 years ago (1972)

•Mrs. James Juhl, home economics teacher in the Magnolia School system, has been selected as "Teacher of the Year" by the Magnolia Board of Education, Supt. Lloyd Fandrich announced this week.

Mrs. Juhl is in her fifth term in Independent School District No. 669 and has had teaching experience in Hills, Jackson, Luverne and Hazel Park Junior High in St. Paul before beginning at Magnolia. She also served as president of the St. Paul Home Economics Teachers Association.

# 75 years ago (1947)

•The new Chevrolet for 1947 is now on display at Connell Chevrolet here.

E. L. Connell, owner, states that this new model has been made bigger and better looking than the 1946 model, and is offering a greater measure of big car quality at lowest cost than ever before.

Combining all the popular features of the 1946 model with a number of added features, both inside and out, this newest Chevrolet must be seen to be appreciated, Connell said.

# 100 years ago (1922)

•During the month ending with Wednesday, the city of Luverne had paid a total of \$4,563.23 as freight on coal shipments for that period for the municipal light and power plant.

This represents about one-half the cost of the coal, the price ranging close to \$7.87 a ton, whether it is purchased at the head of the lakes, from the Southern Illinois coal fields or elsewhere. The freight rate form Duluth is \$3.37½, and from Southern Illinoi \$4.79½, but the difference in freight is made up by a greater charge for the coal secured at Duluth. The kind of coal being bought is two-inch screenings.

On January 10<sup>th</sup> the coal bunkers at the municipal plant were virtually empty, but since that time a total of twenty-four carloads has been received, and it is on this number of cars that \$4,563.23 has been paid for freight.

It is estimated that the coal now on hand will last the city for about two months.

# **O**BITUARY

### Elizabeth 'Betty' Burmeister

Elizabeth Francis "Betty" Burmeister, 89, Luverne, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in

Luverne and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday, Feb. 10. A funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial will be in the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Elizabeth "Betty" Mayer was born May 8, 1932, to Florian and Anna (Nipp) Mayer in Parkston, South Dakota. Betty's mother died when she was just two years old. Betty attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and graduated from Parkston High School in 1950.

She worked a variety of jobs during her life. After graduation she worked for Dickenson Brothers Bakery and Delicatessen in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Betty married Richard Burmeister on Jan. 24, 1953, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sioux Falls. The couple farmed in Mound Township north of Luverne. Betty was a homemaker and a mother of five children. Betty liked to help around the farm, feeding and caring for animals. She was a 4-H leader, inspiring the kids from the Blue Mound Climbers 4-H Club.

Betty was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church

in Luverne and the WCCW. Betty loved spending time with her family and attending her grandchildren's activities. She enjoyed playing cards with the neighbors, and

> She also liked going to rummage sales. Fun and laughter were a big part of Betty's life with her sense of humor.

at Generations. She

liked to fish and try

her luck at the casino.

Betty is survived by her two sons, Glenn (LaVarianne) Burmeister, Ten Sleep, Wyoming and Kurt (Kari) Burmeister, Luverne; three daughters, Denise Nepp, Windom, Darcy (Tom) Roscoe, Big Stone City, South Dakota, and Rhonda (Steve) Brennecke, Belgrade, Montana; twelve grandchildren, Evan, Stacy, Amy, Carrie, Andrew, Christy, Brock, Lexy, Ramsey, Jesse, Rikki and Elizabeth; several greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Maxine Cowett and Ruby (Jerry) Nordman; two brothers, Frank (Jean) Mayer, and Dick(MaryEllen) Mayer; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard, on Dec. 27, 2010; a son-in-law, Shawn Wambach; two sisters, Phyllis Hillger and Eileen Miller; baby sister Marcella at 18 months; and three stepbrothers, Mark, Donald and Norbert Roth.

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

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# Luverne High releases honor rolls

Quarter 2, A Honor Roll

Seniors: Hunter Ahrendt, Trista Baustian, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Farrell, Hunter Gaffaney, Trygve Gangestad, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Alenya Sayavong, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Brenn Siebenahler, Macy Stratton, Macie Swenson, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Mia Wenzel, Olivia Wieneke.

Juniors: Justis Ahrendt, Abigail Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Brady Bork, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Zachary DeBoer, Egypt Forrest, Sarah Gehrke, Yoselyn Gonzalez Quintana, Jadyn Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Grace Ingebretsen, Camden Janiszeski, Anja Jarchow, Ashlyn Johnson, Katharine Kelm, Tiana Lais, Isabella Lanoue, Reese Louwagie, Lacey Morseman, Ethan Nath, Carly Olson, Logan Ommen, Joseph Remme. Alvia Renken, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Kamryn

Van Batavia, Cedar Viessman, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

Sophomores: Morgan Ahrendt, Tyler Arends, Tucker Banck, Alexsis Berg, Zoey Berghorst, Kayla Bloemendaal, Brynn Boyenga, Kai Buss, Cassandra Chesley, Conner Connell, Jenna DeBates, Ryan Fick, Elle Halverson, Henry Hartquist, Roselynn Hartshorn, Uriel Hernandez, Addison Huiskes, Kira John, Patrick Kroski, Emma Lusty, Jacob Madison, Evan McCrary, Makena Nelson, Tori Serie, Elizabeth Smidt, Kiesli Smith, Sarah Stegenga, Skylar VanderSteen, Brooklyn Wicks.

Freshmen: Keaton Ahrendt, Payton Behr, Zachary Brown, Jaycee Chapa, Audrie DeBates, Marcos Diaz, Leif Ingebretsen, Owen Janiszeski, Katia Jarchow, William Johnson, Caitlin Kindt, Brianna Kinsinger, Linkon Knorr, Nora Louwagie, Andrea Luitjens, Xavier McKenzie, Liam Murphy, Emma Nath, Janica Oechsle, Corynn Oye, Katherine Pizel, Ella Reisdorfer, Maria Rops, Layne Sasker, Carter Sehr, Hannah Sneller, Sage Viessman, Piper Wynia.

Quarter 2, B Honor Roll

Seniors: Rylee Anderson, Christopher Aning, Michael Aning, Hannah Baker, Brandon Berghorst, Ayden Bonnett, Reghan Bork, Luke Bosch, Seth Bose, Zachary Bradley, Paige Bruhn, Lauren Buss, Jordyn Cleaveland, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Billi Connell, Carter Davis, Sam Emery, Blake Frahm, Morgan Gonnerman, Megan Janshen, Burke Johnson, Zachary Kruse, Noah Mehlhaff, Trissa Morseman, Cody Mounce, Mary Opitz, Chase Overgaard, Silvia Recuero, Ashton Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Lacey Sasker, Jacey Smith, Luke Thielbar, Brielle Watters.

Juniors: Gannon Ahrendt, Josie Anderson, Lily Ehlers, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Jacie Graham, Andy Halverson, Lauren Hansen, Lucas Hansen, Kaleb Hein, Cole Mann, Jocelynn Mann, Priscilla Muehr, Deziree Nath, Mallory Nelson, Austin Ossefoort, Isabella Oye, Lola Peterson, Bonita Tiesler, Mallory Von Tersch, Kaylee Voorhees.

Sophomores: Anika Boll, Abby Boltjes, Morgan Bonnett, Sarah de Cesare, Isaac DeBates, Elliot Domagala, Brendan Eidem, Kenedee Franken, Morgan Hadler, Michael Halsne, Julia Hoogland, Cade Kracht, Maya Limones Gonzalez, Ava Loosbrock, Gracie Nath, Alyssa Petroff, Rayann Remme, Tyler Rolfs, Dennie Sandbulte, Sawyer Sasker, Mitchell Sauer, Will Serie, Raven Simons, Owen Sudenga, Zachary Terrio, Percevis Trierweiler, Zane Verba, Steven Woods.

Freshmen: Landon Ahrendt, Adam Ask, Bethany Behr, Christopher Bonilia, Hailey Como, Kaitlin Conger, Amira Cowell, Lucky Dara, Trevor DeBates, Tiana Franken, Jack Gangestad, Madison Hansen, David Happeny, Kaleb Hemme, Zariah Holmgren, Ashton Hood, Ryker Johnson, Camden Kunkel, Christopher Matthiesen, Shelby McCarthy, Elijah McLendon, Gemma Nelson, Dylan Ommen, Lilian Palmquist, Augusta Papik, Hallie Pergande, Tucker Remme, Maren Stegenga, Coulter Thone, Kendra Thorson, Marcus Vortherms, Zane Walgrave, Elijah Woodley, Tayden

# H-BC announces semester, quarter honor rolls

### Semester 1, A Honor Roll

Seniors: Jacob Axness, Cole Baker, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Journey Dwire, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Ethan Kruger, Danette Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Samantha Moser, Dallas Page, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen, Mackenzie Voss.

Juniors: Olivia Bork, Devon Dysthe, Jenifer Martinyuk, Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser, Amallia Ternus, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

Sophomores: Grace Anderson, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Tahliya Kruger, Ty Leuthold. Brynn Rauk, Larissa Steinhoff, Joylynn Taubert.

Freshmen: Beau Bakken, Isabella DeBoer, Gracie Fagerness, Jackson Gacke, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Jack Moser, Harli Rozeboom, Bailey Spykerboer, Lexxus Wessels. Amber Wiersema.

Eighth Grade: Micah Bush, Mya Erickson, Claire Knobloch, Jamin Metzger, Abigavl Olson, Sarah Prohl, Ella Sammons.

Seventh Grade: Brynn Bakken, Katelyn Chesley, Hailey Moser, Ava Steinhoff.

# Semester 1, B Honor Roll

Seniors: Ty Bundesen, Oliver Deelstra, Taylor Dolphin, Andrew Harris, Carter Hartz, Weston

Kellenberger, Josephyne Klosterbuer, Nathan Kruid, Casey Kueter, Donavon Leenderts, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Gideon Taubert, Conner Vande Voort.

<u>Juniors</u>: Tyrae Goodface, Alexander Harris, Taylor Huisman, Ellynor Klosterbuer, Britton McKenzie, Riley Sheppard, Aspen Shimp, Elisha Taubert.

Sophomores: Layla Deelstra, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Madison Gaugler, Cooper Gehrke, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Justin Roelfs, Taylor Spkerboer, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

Freshmen: Cameron Allen, Sawyer Bosch, Emma Deelstra, Lukas Hubbard. Kadence Rozeboom, Ashton Taubert, Johnathan Tiesler, Ouintvn Volden, Gracie Wilhelmi.

Eighth Grade: Callum Bartels, Ally Birger, Abigail Harris, Bode Kruger, Jack Kruger, Gavyn Leuthold, Henre Merson, Austyn Pap, Hadley Spath, Joshua Ternus, Jacob Tiesler, Nate Van Maanen, Gavin Voss, Jacob Wallin, Eduardo Wegener, Isabel Wysong.

Seventh Grade: Camdyn Broesder, Jed Fagerness, Makynzie Hellerud, Brooklynne Hubbard, Hunter Leenderts, Carielynne Merson, Ava Rainford, Riggins Rheault, Tryg Tollefson, Tatyana Williams.

### Quarter 2, A Honor Roll

Seniors: Austin Allen, Jacob Axness, Cole Baker, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Journey Dwire, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Josephyne Klosterbuer, Ethan Kruger, Danette Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Samantha Moser, Dallas Page, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen, Mackenzie Voss.

Juniors: Olivia Bork, Devon Dysthe, Ellynor Klosterbuer, Jenifer Martinyuk, Brayden Metzger. Amallia Ternus.

Sophomores: Grace Anderson, Lanae Elbers, Svlvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Tahliya Kruger, Ty Leuthold, Brynn Rauk, Justin Roelfs. Larissa Steinhoff, Joylynn Taubert.

Freshmen: Gracie Fagerness, Jackson Gacke, Michael Martinyuk, Jack Moser, Kadence Rozeboom, Bailey Spykerboer, Lexxus Wessels, Amber Wiersema.

Eighth Grade: Mya Erickson, Claire Knobloch, Jamin Metzger, Abigayl Olson, Sarah Prohl, Ella Sammons, Isabel Wysong.

Seventh Grade: Katelyn Chesley, Hailey Moser, Ava Steinhoff.

# Quarter 2, B Honor Roll

Seniors: Ty Bundesen, Oliver Deelstra, Sean Elbers, Andrew Harris, Carter Hartz, Weston Kellenberger, Nathan Kruid, Casey Kueter, Donavon Leenderts, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Gideon Taubert, Conner Vande Voort.

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Juniors: Tyrae Goodface, Alexander Harris, Taylor Huisman, Cody Moser, Riley Sheppard, Aspen Shimp, Elisha Taubert, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

Sophomores: Layla Deelstra, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Madison Gaugler, Cooper Gehrke, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Taylor Spykerboer, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

Freshmen: Cameron Allen, Beau Bakken, Sawyer Bosch, Isabella DeBoer, Lukas Hubbard, Blake Leenderts, Harli Rozeboom, Johnathan Tiesler Quintyn Volden, Gracie Wilhelmi.

Eighth Grade: Callum Bartels, Ally Birger, Micah Bush, Abigail Harris, Bode Kruger, Gavyn Leuthold, Henre Merson, Donavan Mess, Austyn Pap, Hadley Spath, Joshua Ternus, Jacob Tiesler, Nate Van Maanen, Gavin Voss, Eduardo Wegener.

Seventh Grade: Brynn Bakken, Camdyn Broesder, Marley Denius, Jed Fagerness, Karl Hartz, Makvnzie Hellerud, Brooklynne Hubbard, Hunter Leenderts, Ava Rainford, Riggins Rheault, Tryg Tollefson, Tatyana Williams.

# **Leroy Madison** -

Leroy W. Madison, 85, Wilmont, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society in Canton, South Dakota. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at

**DEATH NOTICES** 

St. Kilian Catholic Church in St. Kilian. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the church with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service. Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home

of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

# **Darwin Wahlert**

Darwin Wahlert, 79, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at George Boom Funeral Home, Sioux Falls. Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, also at the funeral home.

Arrangements are provided by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com.

# MEMORIAL SERVICE

# Verland Johnson

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

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

Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0210 DN)

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on his claim for five years. In the first years he saw his crops taken by the grasshoppers and witnessed as well as suffered the full severity of the distress wrought by their visitations. He was one of a committee to solicit relief for the settlers in those times. Later his health failed and he concluded to go further west. In Wisconsin he had had experience in the timber and lumber business, and when he had removed to Washington, the present place of his residence, he naturally turned to that industry for his future occupation.

Mr. Brown's business interests have carried him all over the state of Washington since he took up his residence there. He was at the one time surveyor of the county in which Spokane is located, he has been engaged in the timber and lumber business, in mining and railroading and is now connected with a company that has begun fishing operations on a large scale in the waters of the Pacific ocean and its connections. From Luverne Mr.

Brown will go to Chicago and other cities in the east on a mission connected with the enterprises in which he is interested.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



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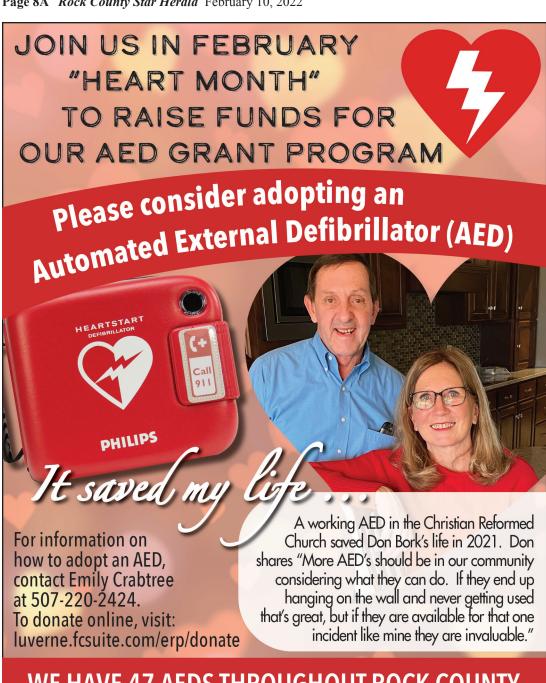
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# Late winter ideal time to prune trees

Pruning is a great way to prevent spread of diseases like oak wilt and other ailments

Late winter is the ideal time to prune branches on trees, according to experts with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. When done correctly, pruning in the winter is less risky to tree

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come out of dormancy — is a great time to get outside and prune your trees," said Jennifer Teegarden, DNR cooperative forestry outreach specialist. "As trees become active in spring, they are able to quickly heal the pruning wound."

Wintertime pruning minimizes the risk that an open pruning wound could invite pests or diseases. Pruning oak trees should be avoided from April through July, when beetles that can spread oak wilt are feeding on tree sap, which is present at new wounds.

### Tree pruning tips:

•Trim branches before they grow to 2 inches in diameter to minimize wound size and damage to the surrounding bark.

 Don't cut flush to the trunk. Preserving the branch collar (the area where the trunk slightly bulges around the branch) allows the wound to heal quickly and not decay.

•Use the three-cut method for larger branches to minimize damage to the bark. Information on this method can be found on the pruning trees and shrubs page of the University of Minnesota Extension website (tinyurl. com/2p8c7bhv).

Pruning trees benefits yards and homes by:

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•Helping trees survive storms with fewer dropped branches and less damage.

 Improving safety by removing branches that overhang or block walkways or roads.

 Maintaining the aesthetic of yards and enhancing the beauty of the tree.

More tree care tips are available on the tree planting and care page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/ treecare).





This event is open to the public and will be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/luvernecardinalvision **Questions: Call 507.227.1978** 

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# Star Herald PORTS

# LHS gymnasts get final season win leading into section meet

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Luverne gymnasts closed out the 2021-22 season with another win and their highest scores on two of the four events.

The Cardinals posted a team score of 130.525 against the Saints (100.275) with the highest scores of 30.7 on the uneven bars and 34.65 on the floor exercise through the nine-meet

# 'We are focusing on putting together our best performances — which means cleaning up our routines.'

— Coach Phoebe Flom about preparing for Saturday's section meet

Coach Phoebe Flom is proud of her team's performance.

"We added some new skills in our final meet, so it helped our floor scores," she said. "Vault was definitely not our best night. Overall, I thought the girls did a good job."

They finished their season with a 7-2 record.

The LHS gymnasts commanded the meet against St. James Area, taking the vault (34.275 to 31.125), bars (30.7-19.125), beam (30.9-24.65) and

floor (34.65-25.375). Individually, the Cardinals received the top four scores in each event except in the all-around when St. James' Anna Bogle took fourth place with a 28.45.

Luverne's Ella Reisdorfer took first in all five events: all-around (34.85), vault (8.975), bars (8.1), beam (8.6) and floor (9.175). Sarah deCesare was second in the all-around

(31.45), third on bars (7.5), third on beam (7.45) and third on floor (8.4). Amira Cowell was third in the all-around (31.45), third on vault (8.4) and fourth on beam (7.15). Addyson Mann finished second on beam (7.7) and fourth on floor (8.225). Kianna Winter finished fourth on the vault (8.35) and second on

Gymnastics, go to 2B

# Cardinals upend Tigers, Storm and Eagles to up hockey season record to 11-9

### **By Matt Lais** For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals boys' hockey team advanced to 11-9 on the season, picking up wins against Marshall Tuesday, Feb. 1, Morris Benson Area Saturday, Feb. 5, and Windom Monday, Feb. 7.

The Cardinals were scheduled to play Fairmont on the road Tuesday, and they'll host Minnesota River Friday at Blue Mound Ice Arena before traveling to Le Sueur Saturday for a make-up game against Minnesota River.

### Luverne 4, Marshall 2

The Cardinals headed to Marshall Tuesday, Feb. 1, for a Big Section 3, Big South Conference rivalry game.

Luverne got on the board first when sophomore Elliot Domagala beat Marshall's goalie Ezra Maurice at 13:57 of Period 1. The assist went to Patrick Kroski.

Luverne goalie Tyler Arends stood tall, keeping Marshall off the scoreboard in the period by making 12 saves. Marshall had a 12-8 advantage in shots on goal in the



Luverne's Kaleb Hein takes a shot on goal against the Morris Benson Area Storm Saturday afternoon at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne. The Cardinals won the game over MBA 6-3.

opening period.

Marshall answered back with two goals in the first 6:30 of Period 2 to take a 2-1 lead.

Luverne senior Jack Schlosser evened the score at 2 with a power play goal with the assist going to Kroski.

Luverne and Marshall had opportunities in the second period, but Arends and Maurice would keep the game knotted at 2-2 after two periods.

Luverne had the 11-10 advantage on shots on goal in the second period.

Owen Sudenga took a feed from Brock Behrend to break the tie and give the Cardinals a 3-2 lead with 4:30 remaining in the final period.

Kroski added an unassisted

goal a little over a minute later to secure the win for the Cardinals 4-2.

Luverne had a 10-8 advantage in shots on goal in the final period. Arends finished with a solid 28 saves in the game.

Luverne 6, Morris Benson

Cardinal hockey, go to 2B

# Wrestlers secure winning night

### By Canaan Petersen For the Star Herald

The Luverne wrestling team secured its first winning night after traveling to Beresford, South Dakota, Tuesday, Feb. 1, returning home with two team wins.

The Cardinals were scheduled to host a dual Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Classic Gym with Springfield and Viborg Hurley.

### LHS 41, Garretson 36

In the first match with Garretson, the Cardinals bested the Dragons 41-36 by winning seven out of eight contested matches.

Brody Kopp at 106 and Rayden Boyenga each pinned their opponents before Leif Ingebretsen, wrestling at 120, won by technical fall over Issac Stoterau 16-0.

Hudson Hough at 132 and Noah Mehlhaff at 138 pinned their opponents before Braydon Ripka bested Hunter Abraham in a 4-1 decision to give the Cardinals a 32-6 lead.

Wrestlers, go to 3B



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Jocelyn Hart puts a shot up to the basket against the Worthington Trojans Feb. 3 in a home matchup, where the Cardinals avenged one of their early season losses.

# Cardinal girls' basketball team defeats Trojans and Eagles

### By Jason Berghorst For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' basketball team won two more games this week to advance their record to 15-4 on the season.

The Cardinals avenged one of their four losses when they defeated the Worthington Trojans 64-51 Feb. 3 in

The Cards then bested Southwest Minnesota Christian one night later 51-41 in Edgerton.

Luverne was scheduled to play in Pipestone Tuesday (Feb. 8) and will travel to Windom tonight (Thursday).

On Saturday, the Cardinals will face Montevideo in a 5 p.m. game at Southwest Minnesota State University in

Marshall.

The Windom and Montevideo games are part of girl-boy doubleheader games.

# LHS 64, Worthington 51

Luverne's first loss of the season was to the Worthington Trojans (50-45) in Worthington on Dec. 21.

Six weeks later the Cardinals avenged that loss with a 64-51 victory at home in the Luverne classic gym Feb. 3.

Luverne never trailed in the game and led 33-16 at halftime. The Cardinals led by as much as 22 points (54-32 and 56-34) late in the second half before the

Cardinal girls, continued on 3B

# Patriot boys claim back-to-back wins

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

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team improved to 6-5 in Red Rock Conference play and 8-8 overall after a couple of solid victories in the past week.

The Patriots took down Westbrook Walnut Grove 70-62 in Westbrook Thursday, Feb. 3, and beat Red Rock Central 64-48 the following night in Hills.

The Patriot boys will look to extend their winning ways to three in a row when they travel to Adrian Thursday, Feb. 10.

# H-BC 73, WWG 62

Just seven days after falling to the Chargers at home 70-62, the Hills-Beaver Creek went on the road and won 73-62 Thursday night in Westbrook.

The win ended a twogame skid for the Patriots who jumped out to an early lead in a first half that saw multiple lead changes. It was the Patriots, though, who saw a lead as they went into the break with a 36-34 advantage.

The Pates started to pull away in the second half, led by senior Drew Leenderts, who had 21 points and knocked down four three-pointers in the game.

Cole Baker also added 20 points and six rebounds as the Patriots came away with a 73-62 victory.

Oliver Deelstra and Ty



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H-BC sophomore Brayden Metzger fights through a screen against the Redrock Central Falcons Friday night in Hills.

Bundesen also contributed 15 and 10 points respectively.

The Pates assisted on a remarkable 25 of their 29 field goals in the game. Bundesen, Leenderts, and Baker each had six assists while Deelstra added five.

Baker 6 1 5-7 20, Deelstra 6 1 0-0 15, Raymon 0 0 0-0 0, Harnack 0 1 0-0 3, Page 0 0 0-0 0, Leenderts 4 4 1-3 21, Bundesen 3 1 1-2 10, 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 0-0 4, Scholten 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 0 0 0-0 0, Wiersema 0 0 0-0 0

Team stats: H-BC: 29 of 52 (56 percent), 7 for 12 free throws (58 percent), 27 rebounds, 13 turnovers. WWG: 26 of 59 (44 percent), 3 of 5 free throws (60 percent), 27 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

# H-BC 64, RRC 48

It was the second game of the Patriots playing back-to-back nights as the boys took down the Red Rock Central Falcons 64-48 Friday night in Hills.

H-BC boys, go to 2B

# LHS boys upset MCW during 2-1 week

### By Jason Berghorst For the Star Herald

It was a successful week overall for the Luverne boys basketball team.

The Cardinals won their fourth and fifth games of the year, including a surprising six-point upset over the 17-1 Martin County West Mavericks.

LHS lost in Worthington Feb. 3, defeated MCW Saturday and won a lopsided victory in Edgerton Monday night.

Luverne, now 5-11, travels to Windom to face the Eagles tonight (Thursday). The Cardinals will take on Montevideo at Southwest Minnesota State in Marshall Saturday night before hosting the Pipestone Arrows Tuesday.

### Worthington 77, Luverne 50

Luverne had a difficult time defending the Trojans and struggled to get into an offensive groove when the Cardinals traveled to Worthington Thursday, Feb. 3.

Worthington, with a 3-12 record entering the contest, defeated Luverne 77-50. The Trojans shot 65 percent from the field and outscored the Cardinals (45 percent from the field) 41-28 in the first half and 36-22 in the second half.

Eli Radtke led the scoring for Luverne with 18 points, and Gannon Ahrendt totaled 15.

### Box score:

Cole-Kraty 0 0 1-2 1, Schoeneman 0 1 1-2 4, Frahm 0 0 0-0 0, Cowell 1 0 0-0 2, Sehr 3 0 1-2 7, Feit 0 0 0-0 0, Radtke 7 1 1-2 18. Friedrichsen 0 0 0-0 0. DeBeer 0 0 0-0 0, Ahrendt 2 0 1-2 5, Overgaard 5 0 5-10 15, Mounce 0 0 0-0 0.

Luverne: 19 of 42 (45 percent), 10 of 20 free throws (50 percent), 9 rebounds, 15 turnovers. Worthington: 33 of 51



Brooklyn Versteeg photo/0210 LHS BBB connor overgaard Luverne High School senior Connor Overgaard shoots the ball against MCW Saturday during the boys' home contest that ended with the Cardinals upsetting Martin County West by a score of 62 to 56.

(65 percent), 6 of 12 free throws (50 percent).

### Luverne 62, MCW 56

The Martin County West Mavericks came to Luverne Saturday afternoon with a 17-1 record and the No. 3 ranking in Class A Minnesota boys' basketball.

The Cardinals, a Class AA team, entered the game with a 3-11 record.

After 36 minutes of play in the Luverne classic gym, season records didn't mean much.

Martin County West (MCW) scored first in the game, but when junior Gannon Ahrendt made a layup with 12:25 remaining in the first half, Luverne took an 8-7 lead that it held for most of the rest of

The Cardinals played an outstanding first half, led by senior Eli Radtke who had 17 points in the first half, and Luverne took a 15-point lead (34-19), its largest of the game, to the locker room at

In the second half, MCW outscored Luverne 37-26 and briefly had small leads. Luverne withstood the improved Maverick offense and maintained its defensive pressure, however, to hold on for the 62-56 upset victory.

"Our record doesn't show what we are capable of as a team and the talent we have," Radtke said after the game.

"The MCW game was a much needed win, and we hope to continue

with our team's momentum," Radtke said.

Gannon Ahrendt led all scorers in the game with 26 points and pulled down six rebounds.

Radtke had 17 points, while Connor Overgaard had nine points and eight rebounds in the contest.

Cole-Kraty 0 0 2-2 2, Schoeneman 0 1 0-0 3, Sehr 0 0 2-2 2, Radtke 4 2 3-3 17, DeBeer 1 0 1-2 3, Ahrendt 10 0 6-10 26, Overgaard 4 0 1-5 9

### Team stats:

Luverne: 21 of 43 (49 percent), 15 of 23 free throws (65 percent), 28 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

MCW: 23 of 42 (55 percent), 5 of 9 free throws (56 percent), 21 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

### Luverne 81, Edgerton 40

The Cardinals had little trouble picking up their second win in a row when they traveled to Edgerton to take on the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen Monday night.

Luverne outscored the Dutchmen 48-17 in the first half and 33-23 in the second stanza to earn the 81-40 victory.

Gannon Ahrendt led all scorers with 29 points. Colin Schoeneman tallied 15 points, all from three-pointers.

Eli Radtke had 13 points in the contest. Connor Overgaard grabbed five rebounds.

Cole-Kraty 2 0 2-2 6, Schoeneman 0 5 0-0 15, Frahm 0 1 0-0 3, Sneller 1 0 0-1 2, Cowell 0 1 0-0 3, Sehr 1 0 1-2 3. Feit 0 0 0-0 0, Radtke 3 2 1-1 13, Friedrichsen 0 0 1-4 1, DeBeer 3 0 0-0 6, Ahrendt 9 3 2-2 29, Overgaard 0 0 0-0 0, Mounce 0 0 0-0 0, Arp 0 0 0-0 0.

### Team stats:

Luverne: 31 of 57 (54 percent), 7 of 12 free throws (58 percent). Edgerton: 16 of 37 (43 percent), 3 of 6 free throws (50 percent).

# **Gymnastics/** continued from page 1B

the floor (8.85). Tiana Lais placed second on the vault (8.55). Hailey Como was fourth on bars (7.125).

The Cardinals compete Saturday at the Section 3A tournament in Marshall.

Coach Flom is hopeful that some Luverne gymnasts qualify for the state meet and that the Cardinals finish the season strong as a team.

"We are focusing on putting together our best performance — which means cleaning up our routines," she said. "We have gotten some constructive feedback from our judges. and we are working on the areas they recommend.

"I have a great team and they are giving it their all."

The gymnasts compete against the two schools in which the Cardinals posted their only losses: Worthington and Jackson County Central.

Other teams at the section meet include Marshall, Pipestone, Redwood Valley and Windom, which Luverne posted dual wins against.

Individual scores: All-around: Reisdorfer 34.85, deCesare 31.45, Cowell 31.35. Vault: Reisdorfer 8.975, Lais 8.55, Cowell 8.4, Winter 8.35, deCesare 8.1.

Uneven bars: Reisdorfer 8.1, Cowell 7.975, deCesare 7.5, Como 7.125. Mann 6.875. Balance beam: Reisdorfer 8.6, Mann 7.7, deCesare 7.45, Cowell 7.15, Kendra Thorson 6.15.

Floor exercise: Reisdorfer 9.175, Winter 8.85, deCesare 8.4, Mann 8.225, Cowell 7.825.

# H-BC boys/from page 1B \_\_\_\_\_

Tv Bundesen got the Pates on top early as he scored six of the team's first 7 points. Bundesen's 13 first-half points, along with the Patriots' stellar defense, helped the team to a 28-14 halftime lead.

In the second half, scoring came from all around as the Patriots had nine different players score in the game.

Cole Baker ended up with 15 points while Oliver Deelstra had 12 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

For a second-straight game, the Patriots assisted on over 80 percent of their

field goals with 21 of their 25 field goals coming off passes from teammates.

Moving the ball around seems to be a key factor in the Patriots' recent success.

Baker 6 0 3-4 15, Deelstra 3 1 3-5 12. Raymon 1 1 0-0 5. Harnack 0 1 0-0 3, Page 1 0 0-0 2, Leenderts 1 1 0-0 5, Bunde-0, Metzger 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, Tatge 0 0 1-2 1, Durst 1 0 1-2 3. Scholten 0 0 0-0 0. Harris 0 0 0-0 0, Wiersema 0 0 0-0 0

Team stats: H-BC: 25 of 57 (44 percent), 8 for 13 free throws (62 percent), 34 rebounds, 11 turnovers. RRC: 17 of 52 (33 percent), 10 of 14 free throws (71 percent). 26 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

# Cardinal hockey/from page 1B

Area 3

Luverne hosted Morris Benson Area Saturday for an afternoon matinee at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The Cardinals were seeking to avenge last week's overtime heartbreaking loss, and they did just

Sophomore Patrick Kroski got the Cardinals on the board at 10:01 of Period 1 with an unassisted goal to give the Cardinals a 1-0 lead.

It was Kroski again with just 14 seconds left in the period with assists going to Elliot Domagala and Ethan Langseth.

Luverne took a 2-0

lead into the first intermission. Shots on goal for the period were 15-9 in favor of Luverne.

The second period started just like the first did. Kroski got his third goal of the game on assists from Domagala and Brady Bork.

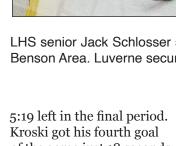
MBA responded just 21 seconds later to cut Luverne's lead to 3-1.

Blaik Bork would make it a three-goal lead for the Cardinals with a little over six minutes left in the period. Owen Sudenga and Brock Behrend assisted on Bork's goal.

MBA scored again in Period 2 to cut Luverne's lead to 4-2 after two periods of play at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne took advantage of an MBA penalty and scored on a power-play goal by Owen Sudenga with assists going to Behrend and Henry Hartquist to make it 5-2.

MBA made it 5-3 with



Arends was again solid in the net, making 31 saves

# Luverne 5, Windom 2

Luverne traveled to Windom Monday, Feb. 7, for a big Section 3 game that will have a big impact on seedings in a couple of weeks when section play gets going.

The Cardinals wasted no time getting on the board. Owen Sudenga forced an offensive zone turnover by Windom, slid

it over to Brock Behrend, and Luverne was up 1-0 just 22 seconds into the game.

Windom responded a couple minutes later to tie things up at 1-1.

Caleb Hein blasted a slap shot from the blue line to give the Cardinals the lead back 2-1. Assisting on Hein's goal were Patrick Kroski and Elliot Doma-

Windom got an equalizer midway through Period 1 to tie the game at

After a lot of back-andforth play the rest of the period, the score stayed at 2-2 heading into the first intermission.

Shots on goal were 19-10 in favor of Windom. Luverne goalie Tyler Arends made 17 saves to keep his team in the game.

Windom and Luverne went scoreless in the second period, and the Cardinals were able to dodge three Windom power play attempts to keep the game at 2-2 heading into the final period.

Shots on goal for Pe-

riod 2 were 14-9 in favor of

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The Cardinals came alive in the third period.

Just over a minute into the period, Kroski broke the tie on an assist going to Brady Bork to make the score 3-2.

Luverne padded the lead when junior Brock Behrend took a faceoff and split the D on a breakaway to give the Cardinals a big two-goal lead five minutes

Three minutes later it was Elliot Domagala taking advantage of a Windom penalty and scoring on the power play with Kroski and Owen Sudenga assisting on the goal.

With a 5-2 lead midway through Period 3, the Cardinals got themselves in some penalty trouble and let Windom pound shot after shot on Arends, but he

Arends finished the period with 17 saves and an impressive 46 saves in the

Windom outshot Luverne 17-12 in Period 3 and 50-26 for the game.



### **Madee Schmuck Sport:** Basketball

Parents: JoDee Haubrich and Cody Schmuck What I like most about Basketball: I enjoy spending time with my teammates and the exciting wins.

Other extracurricular activities/ hobbies: Volleyball, Student Council, National Honor Society, peer helping and

Future Plans: The University of South Dakota to major in secondary education.



# Zach Bradley

**Sport:** Wrestling Parents: Brooke Mendez What I like most about Wrestling: The way our team bonds Other extracurricular activities/ **hobbies:** Fishing and hunting Future Plans: Join the workforce.

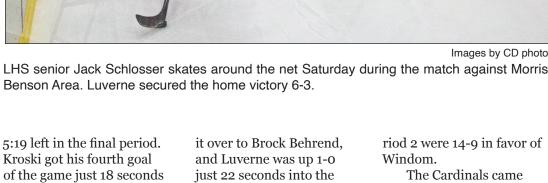
### **Nathaniel Cole-Kraty Sport:** Basketball

**Parents:** Natking and Esther Cole-Kraty What I like most about Basketball: Getting closer as teammates. Turning what seems like friendships into a brotherhood. Other extracurricular activities/ hobbies: Football, peer helping and lifting weights

**Future Plans:** Attending USD to study exercise science and sports management







later with assists going to Brady Bork and Domagala to secure the 6-3 victory.

in the game.





# Patriot girls claim big win over RRC, fall to Dells and WWG

**By Dalton Bass** For the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team picked up a huge conference win over Red Rock Central 63-49 in a packed gym on Friday night in Hills.

That was after the Lady Pates fell to Dell Rapids St. Mary's 64-49 Monday, Jan. 31, in Hills and Westbrook Walnut Grove 49-44 Thursday, Feb. 3, in Westbrook.

The Lady Pates improved to 8-3 in the conference and 9-9 overall. They will host Southwest Christian on Tuesday night in Hills.

### DRSM 64, H-BC 49

Senior Kenadie Fick's 29 points wasn't enough for the Lady Pates to take down Dell Rapids St Mary's last Monday night in Hills.

St. Mary's is a tough, young team that was able to knock down 12 three-pointers in the contest.

They put pressure on the Patriots up and down the court and played a physical game.

Despite digging themselves into a 19-point halftime deficit, the Patriots went on to outscore St. Mary's 34-30 in the second half as the game ended 64-49.

Fick not only scored well over 50 percent of the Patriots' points, she also added 10 rebounds.

Sam Moser had six points and five rebounds for the Lady Pates while MacKenzie Voss, Olivia Deelstra and Larissa Steinhoff each added four.

Box score:

Fick 4 6 3-4 29, Rauk 1 0 0-0 2, L Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Voss 1 0 2-4 4, Bork 0 0 0-0 0. Steinhoff 2 0 0-2 4. Anderson 0



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H-BC sophomore Layla Deelstra attempts a block against a Falcon shooter during the Lady Pates' 63-49 win over Red Rock Central Friday night on their home court in Hills. H-BC is now 8-3 in conference play.

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Team stats:

H-BC: 19 of 43 (44 percent), 5 for 14 free throws (36 percent), 32 rebounds, 23 turnovers.

DRSM: 25 of 57 (44 percent), 2 for 6 free throws (33 percent), 21 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

### WWG 49, H-BC 44

The Lady Pates' five-game winning streak against Red Rock Conference opponents came to an end Thursday night in Westbrook.

In a low scoring matchup, the Patriots' nine-point halftime deficit was too much to overcome.

The Chargers led 26-17 headed into the break before the Patriots went on a 10-0 run to start the second half to take a 27-26 lead.

The next 12 minutes featured back-and-forth scoring before the home team pulled away late for a 49-44 victory.

Senior Kenadie Fick led the way for the Patriots with 13 points, and MacKenzie Voss added nine points and six rebounds.

It was sophomore Layla Deelstra's first game back in over a month as she added six points for the Patriots in only eight minutes of play.

Box score:

Fick 2 3 0-0 13, Rauk 0 1 0-0 3, L Deelstra 0 2 0-0 6, Voss 4 0 1-2 9, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Steinhoff 1 0 0-0 2, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, O Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 1 1 0-0 5, Fagerness 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 2 0 0-2 4, Spykerboer 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 0 0 0-0 0, F Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0

Team stats:

H-BC: 18 of 48 (37 percent), 1 for 4 free throws (25 percent), 27 rebounds, 14

WWG: 18 of 47 (38 percent), 9 of 16 free throws (56 percent), 22 rebounds, 8

### H-BC 63 RRC 49

The Patriot girls picked up a huge conference win over Red Rock Central in a packed gym on Friday night in Hills.

Not everything went smoothly, however, as the Lady Pates found themselves in a 29-20 hole at half

Coach Dylan Gehrke's pep talk at half time woke up the Patriots' offense, which went on to knock down eight three-pointers in the second half on the way to a 63-49 victory.

Eighth-grader Abbie Harris (10 points) hit three threes in a row at one point, while senior Kenadie Fick (23 points) had four of her own in the game.

Sophomores Brynn Rauk and Layla Deelstra (10 points) each had timely three-pointers of their own late in the second half.

MacKenzie Voss also had a big game for the Patriots with seven points and 12 rebounds.

### Box score:

Fick 3 4 5-8 23, Rauk 0 1 0-4 3, L Deelstra 2 1 3-3 10, Voss 2 0 3-3 7, Bork 1 0 0-0 2, Steinhoff 2 0 0-0 4, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, O Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 0 0 0-0 0, Fagerness 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 1 0 0-1 2, Spykerboer 0 0 0-0 0, Harris 0 3 1-4 10, E Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0

### Team stats:

H-BC: 21 of 57 (36 percent),12 for 23 free throws (52 percent), 35 rebounds,

RRC: 18 of 50 (36 percent), 6 for 18 free throws (33 percent), 33 rebounds, 22

# Cardinal girls/continued from page 1B

Trojans narrowed the lead to 15 points at the end of the game.

Sophomore Kira John led the Cardinals in both points (22) and rebounds (eight).

"It was a good win. It was exciting to play well, and it's always good to win against a tough team like Worthington," she said. "My shots didn't seem

to want to fall in some previous games, but in this game, once the first one fell, the others seemed to come easier."

Elizabeth Wagner added 17 points and seven rebounds in the game. Christina Wagner totaled 12

# Box score:

C. Wagner 3 1 3-4 12, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 2 0 2-2 6, Sehr 0 0 1-2 1, E. Wagner 6 0 5-5 17, Jocelyn Hart 2 0 0-1 4, John 10 0 2-2 22, Schmuck 1 0 0-0 2

# Team stats:

Luverne: 25 of 53 (47 percent), 13 of 17 free throws (77 percent), 36 rebounds, 19 turnovers Worthington: 18 of 48 (38 percent), 13 of 22 free throws (59 percent), 27 rebounds, 25 turnovers

### Luverne 51, SWC 41 The Cardinals picked

up their second win in 24 hours when they traveled to Edgerton to play Southwest



Images by CD photo

Christina Wagner (center) handles the ball against a wall of Worthington Trojans Feb. 3 at home in the Luverne High School gymnasium. Luverne won the game 64-51.

Minnesota Christian Friday, Feb. 4.

Luverne won its 15th

contest of the 2021-22 campaign 51-41 over the Eagles. Southwest Christian

jumped out to an early lead before Luverne took a 10-9 lead with about 10 minutes remaining in the first half. The Cardinals led 25-22 at halftime.

The Cards outscored the Eagles 26-19 in the second half to earn the 10-point victory on the road.

Elizabeth Wagner led all scorers with 21 points. Christina Wagner added 12 points along with six rebounds.

Kira John totaled nine rebounds in the game.

Box score: C. Wagner 2 2 2-2 12, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 1 0 2-3 4, Sehr 0 0 2-2 2, E. Wagner 10 0

John 5 0 1-2 11 Team stats: Luverne: 20 of 39 (51 per-

1-3 21, Jocelyn Hart 0 0 1-3 1,

turnovers SWC: 16 of 49 (33 percent), 7 of 13 free throws (54 percent), 26 rebounds, 26 turnovers

percent), 31 rebounds, 27

cent), 9 of 15 free throws (60

# Wrestlers/from page 1B \_\_\_\_\_

After a forfeit at 152 and a pin at 160, the Dragons climbed closer, making it 32-18. Jacob Madison, wrestling at 170, beat Adam Hulscher in a 4-2 decision, but Garretson's Luke Pershing received a forfeit at 182.

At 195, Luverne's Ayden Bonnett pinned Martin Welch, securing the Cardinal team victory.

Two forfeits followed at 220 and 285, but after winning all but one contested match, the Cardinals finished with a quality team victory.

"I'm proud of these boys going out and getting a hard-fought win," said head coach Jordan Kopp.

"Just look at the box score; we wrestled well that night."

### Luverne 42 **Elk Point-Jefferson 33**

Against Elk Point-Jefferson the Cardinals won their second consecutive match 42-33.

Luverne's Brody Kopp, Rayden Boyenga and Leif Ingebretson each received forfeits before Hudson Hough at 132 and Noah Mehlhaff at 138 each pinned their opponents.

Braydon Ripka took a forfeit at 152 followed by a forfeit and pin by EP-J.

Jacob Madison received a forfeit at 170, securing the Cardinal victory. The Huskies won two

more forfeits and a decision, but after a double forfeit at 285, the Cardinals secured their second win of the night. "The wins feel really

good, and we came a long way this season," said Cardinal senior Ayden Bonnett.

"I'm proud of the team as we have matured and improved since we first started a couple of months ago."

# Beresford 45, LHS 27

Despite wins by Rayden Boyenga, Leif Ingebretson, Noah Mehlhaff, Braydon Ripka and Jacob Madison, the Cardinals only came up with 27 points against the host school's 45, ending Luverne's night 2-1 as a team.

"Our guys wrestled the best night of their entire season as a team, and I am proud of them," Kopp said.







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

### **Luverne Christian Reformed Church** 605 N. Estev 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@ iw.net

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

Thursday, Feb. 10: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Feb. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion with 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone. 10 a.m. Coffee fellowship. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 5 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 6 p.m. Senior high youth night. 6:30 p.m. Worship practice. Monday, Feb. 14: Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, Feb. 15: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5 p.m. Youth supper. 6:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 7:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 8:15 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 10: 12:30 p.m. Piece Out (puzzle party). 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tykes. Friday, Feb. 11: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Feb. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, Feb. 15: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 16: 9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Thursday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 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 welcome.

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

Saturday, Feb. 12: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Feb. 13: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/ Revelation Bible study. Tuesday, Feb. 15: Home visits. 6 p.m. Teachers meeting. 7 p.m. Club Scout/Boy Scouts. Wednesday, Feb. 16: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Face-

### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net Sunday, Feb. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Tues-

day, Feb. 15: 1:30 p.m. Communion at MJB. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar

Creek. Wednesday, Feb. 16: 9:15 a.m. Circle. 1:30 p.m. Circle. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Saturday, Feb. 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Feb. 13: 9 a.m. Wor $ship\,Service.\,10:15\,a.m.\,Adult\,Bible\,class; Sunday\,School.\,Wednesday, Feb.$ 16: 9:30 a.m. Bible study. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ; 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

### **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. 13: 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. 13: 9 a.m. Joint worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 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

Thursday, Feb. 10: 1:30 p.m. Palisade Lutheran WELCA. 7 p.m. Palisade Lutheran council meeting. Sunday, Feb. 13: 10 a.m. Joint worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 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. 13: 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 15: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, Feb. 16: 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

# Not everyone goes to heaven

The cover of Time magazine dated April 8, 1966, posed the question. "Is God Dead?" The idea was that humanity had outgrown its need for God.

It was a controversial position, but it wasn't new. Since the Garden of Eden, humankind has, in sinful pride, tried to separate itself from its Creator, to become self-sufficient and inwardly focused.

Just over ten years ago, on April 25, 2011, Time ran another salacious headline, "What If There's No Hell?" The subsequent article was by a well-known liberal author who claimed there really is no such thing as hell because it was inconsistent with the character of a loving God. People like this author may have believed they had come up with some new, liberating theology, but the truth is there are few lies that Satan would love for the world to believe more than "There is no hell."

One study showed that at least 70 percent of Americans believe that everyone goes to heaven when they die, no matter how they live, what they believe, or to which religion they belong, if any.

Evidence of this false doctrine is all around us. Think of the last several famous people whose deaths have been shared on the news. People don't hesitate to describe them as being in heaven or at least "in a better place." Even Christians, who should know better, often flood their social media feeds with posts about their favorite actors or artists who have passed with the idea that despite being Buddhist, Muslim, atheist or whatever, they are now enjoying eternity forever.

# BUILT ON A ROCK

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

The biblical truth is that not everyone goes to heaven. In no uncertain terms, God reminds us that he is not only a God of love, but also a God of justice. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives us insight into the final judgment. Those who have faith in him will enter into eternal life and those who do not will be told, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41) It's pretty clear-cut.

I suppose that it's nicer to just assume that everyone who dies goes to heaven, but that can be a false witness. I am not suggesting we outright and publicly condemn people who have passed on. We will leave that to the Lord to judge, but we also shouldn't promote the idea that hell is not a reality and a possibility for those who are outside of Christ. Otherwise, we risk perpetuating a false doctrine that may convince people they don't need Jesus.

The good news is that, as long as a person has breath in their lungs, it is not too late. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:17)

Jesus is coming soon, but he is also slow in coming, desiring that all should come to faith. If you trust Jesus, rest assured that your home is with him.

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# Land title summons and application for registration of land

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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 Deputy /s/ Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr.
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**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 Lycero Minnesota:

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

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 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 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 642.00 feet to the Point of Beginning,

# EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TRACTS:

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.

AN

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:

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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 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 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 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; 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 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 beginning.

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)

# Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 14

Herreid Board Room Rock County Courthouse 4:00 P.M. Dec. 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present. Also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Star-Herald Reporter, Mavis Fodness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 14, 2021, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the November 16, 2021, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the November 16, 2021, City of Luverne/Rock County Joint meeting minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Consent

Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Rock County Opportunities (5) contracts

Rock County Opportunities (5) contracts
 Authorizing Doug Bos as signature authority for BOWSR Block Grant

3. CAD Software & Maintenance renewal - \$27,473.17 (E911 eligible)
4. 2022 County Board meeting schedule: January 04 & 25: February 08 & 2

4. 2022 County Board meeting schedule: January 04 & 25; February 08 & 22; March 08 & 22; April 05 & 19; May 03 & 17; June 07 & 21; July 05 & 19; August 02&16; September 06&20; October 04&18; November 08&22; December 13&27.

Southwest Regional Development Commission Representatives Jessica Welu and Rosemary Bruce-White presented information regarding the development of a regional trails plan in the 9-county region of southwest Minnesota. Federal EDA request is a \$209,000 project that requires a 20 percent match and the SRD Commission has committed to providing \$14,800 in match and is requesting each of our nine counties for a match of \$3,000 to put toward the regional trails planning effort. Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 26-21, supporting the efforts of the Southwest Regional Trails Plan and committed the match of \$3,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 24-21, a County State Aid Highway Fund Advance of 2022 funds; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested to order/purchase a 2023 Mack Tandem Axle Dump Truck and attachments from the state bid for a total of \$291,125.00; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve quote from Nuss Truck & Equipment from the state bid for \$291,125.00 and to pay the expenditure from the wind turbine revenues, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 27-21, the Adoption of Title VI & Non Discrimination Plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board briefly discussed the intersection of US Highway 75 and Main Street in the City of Luverne stating they are opposing a round-a-

about and would prefer a new stop light and right turning lanes; it was determined to draft a resolution and present at the next County Board meeting.

The County Board was informed that the Minnesota DMV Drivers Examiner will return to Rock County on January 26 and will utilize their existing pre-COVID schedule.

Sehr reported that the pickup truck that was order for Building Maintenance

has been cancelled and that they will have to re-order from the 2022 state bid listing.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,400.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

**DECEMBER 14, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000** 

A & B BUSINESS INC \$ 2,647.47 BMO HARRIS COMMERCIAL CARD 2,348.90 CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES 7,500.19 9,393.54 COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY 6,684.00 **EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES** 4,590.32 FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR 7,619.02 FRONTIER PRECISION INC 2,605.50 **GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON** 2,781.39 HENNING CONSTRUCTION, INC 8,694.72 JOHNSON CONTROLS 52,605.00 KETTERLING SERVICES INC 11,008.48 LSQ FUNDING GROUP LC 2,985.11 LYON COUNTY LANDFILL 16,459.42 M-R SIGN CO INC 7,563.48 MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST 2,500.00 MORRIS ELECTRONICS 3,613.18 **MVTL LABORATORIES INC** 2,091.30 NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER 5,800.00 **RDO EQUIPMENT** 2,740.00 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 18,814.00 RICHARZ REPAIR 2,171.03 SANDERS INC 4,594.13

SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL 2,300.00 STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC 3,135.49 STREICHER'S 2,833.08 **TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING** 3,502.04 W & N CONSTRUCTION INC 3,680.68 **WEX BANK** 3,563.60 ZIEGLER INC 9,492.54 91 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 41,103.02 \$257,420.63

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the Fund Balance report which reflected the first settlement of the second half Ag tax collection, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer along with the Administrator led a discussion regarding the CIP bonding and the issuance of GO 2022A bonds; after considerable discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 25-21, authorizing Northland Securities for the competitive negotiated sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022A for projects identified on the Capital Improvement Plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the 2021-22 Rock County Snowmasters agreement, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Letter of Engage-

ment for the 2021 Audit with Clifton, Larson, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that Doug Bos, Assistant Land Management Office Director was named the Soil & Water Conservation District Employee of the Year by the Board of Soil Water Resources. The County Board expressed their congratulations to Mr. Bos for his recent award.

The Administrator and County Board discussed a recap of the AMC Annual Conference and stated that overall it was a very good conference. The Administrator informed the County Board of proposed legislation that

would allow counties the flexibility with the ARPA allocation. Currently, Rock County has allocated the first half of the \$1.8 million ARPA funds, and if the proposed bill passes, the County Board will have options on how to spend the second half.

The Administrator informed the County Board of correspondence from the Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison regarding the settlement with opioid companies and is requesting Rock County to participate in both settlements with opioid distributors and manufacturer in obtaining \$300 million to be used for treatment, prevention and other programs to assist with the crisis. Oldre stated that the distribution of the settlement funds will be spread over a period 18-years. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to authorize the Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre to execute the following:

\*The Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement
 (MN MOA)

•The Distributor Subdivision Settlement Participation Form

•The Janssen Subdivision Settlement Participation Form

• The Janssen Subdivision Settlement Participation For The motion was declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator discussed contracting services to conduct duct cleaning at the Courthouse and Human Services building; presented as information only.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2020-2022 Sergeant Union contract with Teamsters, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve a 3.25% COLA increase for non-union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the KAHR Foundation will be making a \$250,000 deposition to People County for the repairs to the

be making a \$250,000 donation to Rock County for the repairs to the tunnel and Kahler Terrace.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: AMC

Annual Conference, Community Corrections, Armory Groundbreaking ceremony.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following

meetings: AMC Annual Conference, Southwest Health & Human Services, Township Annual meeting and Armory Groundbreaking ceremony.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings:

Hazardous Mitigation planning session, Solid Waste, Rural Energy, AMC Annual

Conference, Planning & Zoning, Annual Township meeting, Townhall meeting with Senator Hagedorn, City/County Liaison, Armory Groundbreaking ceremony.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services, Townhall meeting with Senator Hagedorn, AMC Annual Conference, Southwest Mental Health, Community

Corrections, Armory Groundbreaking ceremony.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Mental Health, Soil & Water Conservation District, Town-

meetings: Southwest Mental Health, Soil & Water Conservation District, Township Annual meeting, GEVO, Rural Water, Armory Groundbreaking ceremony.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting

was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

(02-10)

# 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 ACTION.

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, Luverne, MN 56156

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 representatives or assigns.

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

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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)

# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 7

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 ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 11, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Tracy J. Renken, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 11, 2008 Rock County

Recorder, Document No. 169790. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank

N.A. Dated September 11, 2008 Recorded September 11, 2008, as Document No. 169791. And thereafter assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. Dated January 13, 2014, Recorded February 3, 2014, as Document No. 183425. TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON

LENDERORBROKERANDMORTGAGEORIGINATORSTATEDONMORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 418 E Maple St, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 201079000 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The N.57 feet of Lots 10 and 11 in Block 3 in the Original Plat of the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$64,400.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$49,886.05

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: April 7, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owneroccupied, 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 October 7, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None "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 MINNE-SOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRI CULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: February 1, 2022

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300

Minneapolis, MN 55416

(952) 925-6888 85 - 22-001342 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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

# Sandbulte brings forth land patent benefit

We, Dale and Jodi Sandbulte, are bringing forth our Land Patent Benefit. If interested see www.minnesotaassembly.net/public-notice.

(02-10, 02-17, 02-24, 03-03, 03-10, 03-17, 03-24, 03-31)



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# Johnson probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Deceased

**COUNTY OF ROCK** 

**PROBATE COURT DISTRICT COURT** PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-22-23 In Re:Estate of Verland Eldred Johnson, a/k/a Verland E. Johnson,

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of March, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated October 5, 1998, and for the appointment of Timothy L. Johnson whose address is 1792 Windsor Dr. S., Shakopee, Minnesota 55379, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised

administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distrib-

ute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate. Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said administrator or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date Filed: January 31, 2022

Douglas E. Eisma /s/ Natalie Reisch Attorney for Petitioner Court Administrator Eisma and Eisma 130 East Main (COURT SEAL) Luverne, MN 56156

(02-10, 02-17)

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt District Court Judge

# Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 28

(507) 283-4828

I.D. #158343

**Herreid Board Room Rock County Courthouse**  Dec. 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present. Also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Star-Herald Reporter and Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the County Boardagenda of December 28, 2021, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the County Board minutes of December 14, 2021, declared carried on a voice vote.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, presented an update regarding status of the Law Enforcement contracts with city municipalities and stated that the county was notified by the City of Kenneth of their intent not to renew the service contract. Verbrugge informed the County Board what services the Sheriff's Office has to provide as per statute and also provided an activity update of the number of 911 calls from the City of Kenneth. After considerable discussion, it determined to further discuss at the next meeting with the County Attorney present.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested authorization to make final payment on SAP 067-604-032 to Musch Construction Inc for \$14,941.20 for the curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway repair project on CSAH4 in the City of Luverne. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the final payment, declared carried on a voice vote. The Engineer requested to adjust the fees at the Rock County Transfer Station:

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) \$80.00/Ton to \$90.00/Ton **Demolition Solid Waste** \$20.00/Ton to \$30.00/Ton Car-Light Truck, Truck, OTR Tires \$350.00/Ton to \$375.00/Ton

Purpose of the rate increase is to stay current with regional rates. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the new fees schedule at the Rock County Transfer Station with a January 01, 2022, effective date, declared carried on a voice vote

The Engineer responded to an inquiry regarding amnesty of tires, electronics and garbage to allow Rock County citizens to bring those items to the Transfer Station at no cost and stated that the promotion would create a large unfunded cost and recommended to not promote. After discussion, no action was taken.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 28-21, supporting traffic improvements of right hand turning lanes and new traffic lights instead of a round-a-bout at the intersection of US Highway 75 and CSAH 4 in the City of Luverne, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Reisch voting nay.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director was present to receiverecognition and congratulations from the County Board for his recent award of Soil & Water Conservation District Employee of the Year and for his 25 years of service to Rock County. Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented an update of the Northern Conn Ag LLP mining expansion project the need for Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) due to the size of the project. Upon receipt of the public comments through the EAW process, an Environmental Impact Statement is needed. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to issue a positive declaration of the need for an Environmental Impact Study, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to authorize Eric Hartman as the signature authority to execute a service contract with SEH for engineering services at the Landfill, declared carried on a voice vote.

Krista Burkman, University of Minnesota Extension 4-H Ambassador presented a program update of the Ambassador program and the various leadership roles it has in the 4-H organization. The County Board thanked her for her outstanding presentation.

Ashley Kurtz presented per diems of \$5,200 and requested authorization to pay claims on December 31st; no claims were presented at the current meeting due to the holiday schedule. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the per diems and to pay year end claims on December 31st, declared carried on a voice

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	LAND MANAGEMENT	DEBT SERVICE	2022 TOTAL
REVENUES						
Property Taxes	3,690,231	967,518	1,437,130	36,720	401,771	6,533,370
Other Taxes	34,900	457,000	-	-	485,043	976,943
Special Assessments	-	-	-	269,017	-	269,017
Licenses and Permits	1,720	-	-	45,075	-	46,795
Intergovernmental	535,095	1,994,977	122,517	406,382	34,251	3,093,222
Charges for Services	1,595,985	475,300	-	3,000	-	2,074,285
Fines & Forfeitures	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Investment Earnings	116,500	5,000	-	-	-	121,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	153,250	31,250	-	21,440	-	205,940
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,132,681	\$ 3,931,045	\$ 1,559,647	\$ 781,634	\$ 921,065	\$ 13,326,072
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	2,388,507	-	-	29,891	-	2,418,398
Public Safety	2,675,646	-	-	-	-	2,675,646
Highway	-	3,502,495	-	-	-	3,502,495
Sanitation	-	428,550	-	345,255	-	773,805
Family Services	-	-	1,559,647	-	-	1,559,647
Health	32,246	-	-	-	-	32,246
Culture & Recreation	506,071	-	-	-	-	506,071
Conservation of Natural Resources	169,545	-	-	472,942	-	642,487
<b>Economic Development</b>	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
Intergovernmental	297,666	-	-	-	-	297,666
Debt Service	-	-	-	32,562	1,068,412	1,100,974
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,071,681	\$ 3,931,045	\$ 1,559,647	\$ 880,650	\$ 1,068,412	\$ 13,511,435

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator led a discussion regarding adoption of the 2022 Budget. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to adopt the 2022 Budget of \$13,326,072.00, an increase of \$6,533,570 of levy dollars reflecting a 2.97 percent increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

On a recommendation from the Budget Committee, motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to adopt a Debt Management Policy, declared carried on a voice vote. On a recommendation from the Personnel Committee of the County Board, motion by Reisch, seconded Burger to approve the following salaries for 2022, declared carried on a voice vote.

•Sheriff-\$105,375.92 + PEHCSP Contribution of \$80 Monthly (4.5% increase)\

•County Attorney-\$94,000 (rounded 2.74% increase) •Commissioners- \$20,698.42 (3.25% increase)

The Administrator requested approval to move forward with a contract with Service Master for \$62,563.20 to clean air ducts at the Courthouse and Human Services buildings; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the purchase (2) data storage servers from Morris Electronics for \$27,806.16, declared carried on a voice vote. The County Board was informed the legal rate at Tollefson Publishing will reflect a 2.5% increase in 2022; no action was taken.

The Administrator stated that he will be meeting with New Vision Coop regarding a \$10.5 million dollar expansion project and will be issuing a tax abatement application. Also stated that Rock County is in receipt of (3) ARPA funding requests, a request to assist with demolition expenses in the City of Hardwick, stated that there will be upcoming meetings regarding daycare and that the Administrator's office has filled the vacant position of LMO Engineering Technician and LRO Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Budget

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health and Human Services.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Blue Mound Tower Open House event and Rose Dell Township meeting.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health and Human Services and Budget meeting. Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Soil & Water Conservation District and GEVO meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

(02-10)

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### **CARDS OF THANKS**

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for your prayers, visits, food, gifts and other acts of kindness after the passing of my son, Lyndon. Thanks so much! Glenda DeBoer and family (2.10-2.12)

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

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Services is looking to fill the position for a Dental **Innovations** Coordinator. Nobles County is seeking a full time Dental Innovations Coordinator to work in the Southern region to promote healthy lifestyles, close the gap of health inequity, and educate on prevention of diseases caused by lack of access to dental services. This position will work with communities, schools, individuals, target groups, dental providers, and other health care professionals to expand access to dental service across our region. Primary service area includes: Nobles, Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Rock, Pipestone, and Redwood Counties. If you have a passion for public health and serving the community this could be the career for you! Weekends and Holidays off! Bilingual candidates encouraged to apply. APPLY TO: Nobles County Administration Office. Visit our website at www.co.nobles. mn.us for application and to view full job description and benefit sheet. Deadline: Open until filled, first review date February 28, 2022. EEO/ AA Employer (2.5-2.24)

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# **Great Plains Processing**

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We will also be looking for an extra part time office person in the near future.



Visit us online to fill out an application at gpp-co.com/career-opportunities



Luverne Public Schools is seeking a full-time Agricultural teaching position.

This iob 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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passionate about sports with the ability to write about it and share it with others, you may be the person we're looking for. We're accepting applications now for this **full-time position**. Sports reporting

and photography experience is preferred, along with some knowledge of InDesign, PhotoShop and social media platforms.

> Email cover letter, resume and work samples to Rick Peterson, general manager, at rick@star-herald.com.

# RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

CenterPoint Energy has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to approve an increase to natural gas rates for distribution service. The requested increase is for about 6.5 percent or \$67.1 million per year. The requested increase would add about \$4.05 to a typical residential customer's monthly bill.

The MPUC may either approve or deny the requested changes, and may approve a lesser or greater increase than was requested for any customer class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the fourth quarter of 2022. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference. If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly will hold two in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on the company's request. Any CenterPoint Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of CenterPoint Energy's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled – call (toll free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Date	Time	Location	
February 22, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Golden Valley Library 830 Winnetka Ave N Golden Valley, MN 55427	
February 24, 2022	6:00 p.m.	EVENT CENTER 10 Civic Center Plaza Mankato, MN 56001	
March 1, 2022 1:00 p.m.		Virtual WebEx	
March 1, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Virtual WebEx	

# **Virtual Public Hearings**

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference

### March 1, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Attend by Internet Connection (Audio and Video)

To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: https://minnesota.webex.com. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information," type the Event Number in the box to the right for the public hearing date you are attending.

March 1, 2022 1:00 p.m.	March 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Event Number: <b>2492 340 7866</b>	Event Number: <b>2483 405 3637</b>
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# **Directions for Appearing via WebEx.**

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a Webex application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next you will be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you will be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it is your turn to comment, your name will be called and your line will be unmuted. You will then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

# To Attend by Telephone (Audio Only)

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or if you would prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. You do not need internet access to call into the hearing, however, you will only be able to hear (not see) the speakers... You will still be able to comment and ask questions.

Use the information in the box to the right to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth in the box to the right.

March 1, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.	March 1, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.
Phone: 1-855-282-6330	Phone: 1-855-282-6330
Access Code: 2492 340 7866	Access Code: <b>2483 405 3637</b>

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, **press \*3** on your telephone.

You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

# **Public Hearing and Process Information**

Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, interested persons have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase. Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required. Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees present have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed on the gueue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the gueue. Therefore, it is advantageous to arrive at the beginning of the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings.

Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact Charley Bruce at 651-201-2251 or charley.bruce@state.mn.us or Tera Dornfeld at 651-201-2195 or tera.dornfeld@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet

# WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

You can still submit comments even if you do not attend a public hearing. Comments will be

# **Comment Period**

Comments will be accepted through April 11, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

# **How to Submit a Written Comment**

Written comments can be submitted via: (1) the Commission's eComments website; (2) electronic mail; (3) U.S. Mail; or (3) facsimile. To learn how to submit a comment in any of these ways, please visit mn.gov/puc, select "Consumers" from the dropdown menu on the right side of the page, then select "Public Comments and How to Participate." This will take you to the Public Comment page, where you will find a list of ways to comment. Be sure to reference PUC Docket No. 21-435 in the subject line of your comment.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may send or deliver your comment to:

### **Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**

121 7th Place East, Ste. 350

St. Paul, MN 55101

For assistance in submitting comments, or if you have questions, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Be sure to reference Docket Number 21-435

Important: Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information or any other information from comments received.

### **EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**

Formal evidentiary hearings on CenterPoint Energy's proposal will be held on April 6, 7, and 8, **2022**, starting at **9:30 a.m.** each day. The evidentiary hearing will be held in Courtroom 1 at the Office of Administrative Hearings at 600 South Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person, may attend via Microsoft Teams (Teams), a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through Teams may request an electronic invitation by contacting Judge O'Reilly's legal assistant at michelle.severson@state. mn.us. The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow CenterPoint Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case, to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase. If you wish to formally intervene in this case, as a party to the litigation, you must serve and file a Petition to Intervene, pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.6200.

# **TO LEARN MORE**

CenterPoint Energy's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

CenterPoint Energy

505 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis MN 55402 Phone 612-372-4727 or 800-245-2377

Web http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/RateCase

# **Minnesota Department of Commerce**

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in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

# Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process?

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St. Paul, MN 55101

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Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

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The table below shows the effect of both the interim and proposed rate changes on monthly

bills for residential, commercial and industrial customers with average natural gas use.

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Large Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service						
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