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From test clinics to shot clinics

Health professionals working diligently to end pandemic

By Lori Sorenson

Grand Prairie Events, Luverne, served as a staging area for COVID-19 response Wednesday, Feb. 3.

The setup was similar to the COVID-19 testing clinic the facility hosted in October — cones and signs directed traffic, carefully placed chairs kept people six feet apart, and health professionals with medical supplies were stationed at tables around the large conference room.

And everyone was wearing masks, just like the October event.

This time, though, the community clinic was set up to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals who filled the 300 appointment slots for the day.

The lines were long — sometimes with people waiting outside — and there were some slowdowns at registration tables, but no one complained.

Most people who received their shots were happy to be finally getting some protection against the virus that's sickened and taken the lives of so many in the area.

Marcia Moeller said she looks forward to having some protection from the vaccine so she can see her children and grandchildren again.

They risked a holiday gathering after some had already had the virus and others tested negative. Moeller said she saw them only that one time since the pandemic began nearly a year ago.

"I haven't done anything," she

COVID-19 vaccines/see page 5A



Chantel Connell photo/0211 sundogs over city park

Cold snap grips upper Midwest

Sundogs over the Luverne City Park on Friday morning, Feb. 5, were a precursor to a long stretch of bitterly cold weather across the Midwest. According to the National Weather Service, Rock County and the tri-state area can expect periodic light snow through the week along with dangerous wind chills from 15 below to 25 below zero, and potentially from 25 below to 35 below zero by the end of the week.

County plans \$3.3 million in road improvements this year

By Mavis Fodness

Several Rock County road improvement projects are planned in 2021, according to Highway Engineer Mark Sehr.

Also possible are more bridge replacements, the number of which is dependent on state funding.

Sehr estimates \$3.3 million will

be spent this year improving roads. He will present more details in his annual road and bridge report at the commissioners' Feb. 23 meeting.

At their Feb. 2 meeting, commissioners approved the advertising for bids to improve county roads in Battle Plain and Luverne/Beaver Creek townships.

Sehr anticipates state notification next month whether any of the dozen deficient bridges still on his list will receive replacement funding.

He said he's made bridge replacement a priority and regularly submitted annual funding requests for the state's first-come, first-served

allocations.

"When I first came here in 1996, we had 130 deficient bridges," he said. "The goal was to get to a manageable number."

This year's road improvement projects total about 16 miles

Road improvements/see page 5A



Mavis Fodness photo/0211 Bluestem Grab and Go

Skyler Hoiland describes Bluestem Grab & Go as "convenience with style." It officially opened Monday at the East Main Street, Luverne, catering facility. In addition to hot and cold breakfast, lunch and supper options, the Bluestem Grab & Go also features the popular Take & Bake option, fresh bread and beverages.

Hoiland offers Bluestem menu to go

By Mavis Fodness

Bluestem owner Skyler Hoiland continues to create ways to offer his food selection to customers looking to bring tastes from the popular eatery home.

On Monday Hoiland and his staff of 14 officially opened Bluestem Grab & Go in the East Main Street catering facility he opened several years ago.

While Hoiland continues to offer catering services, the new Grab & Go service offers individual and family meals in a more convenient way.

"We will have certain aspects of the Bluestem here," he said.

"I've been super excited that more people have been spending time at home eating together and I want to help promote that a little more."

The coronavirus pandemic caused the closing of the Bluestem restaurant last spring, and Hoiland chose not to reopen the South Highway 75 location.

Instead, for the past 10 months, he recreated many former restaurant menu items for a Take & Bake business, utilizing online ordering and Thursday-Friday pickup from his catering facility.

Now with more than three dozen reheatable or cold meal options, Hoiland is expanding selections for the in-person Grab & Go store.

The Take & Bake selections, which are ready in an hour for a family sit-down meal, will continue to be available.

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Food shelf seeks funds to expand into new building

Campaign underway to raise \$225,000

By Mavis Fodness

Volunteers with the Rock County Food Shelf are raising money to remodel a former Luverne dental office into a new home for their operations.

So far, they've raised \$60,000, and they're asking local officials and the public for help to reach their \$225,000 goal.

Board chairman Pastor Roger Sparks and board member Katie Baustian presented the information about the campaign at the Rock County Board's Feb. 2 meeting.

They outlined the food shelf's local impact and asked commissioners

for additional financial support of \$20,000 over a five-year period.

Late last year, commissioners approved allocating \$25,000 in coronavirus relief funds to the food shelf.

Commissioners finalized their 2021 budget in December and tabled any decisions on the capital campaign request to a later meeting.

"This is a very strange thing to be doing as a board — to ask for assistance — we don't have to do that," Sparks said. "We spend a lot of time thanking people for giving to the

Food shelf fundraiser/see page 3A

Pool and fitness center project gets KAHR grant

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's \$5 million pool and fitness center expansion project will get a financial boost with a KAHR Foundation grant of \$400,000.

Mayor Pat Baustian shared the news last week with members of the city pool commission.

"This is such a wonderful gift to the Luverne community and in a larger scale the citizens of Rock County," he said Feb. 3. "We are so fortunate to have a long-term relationship with the Herreid family and the KAHR Foundation."

The KAHR Foundation was started in 2005 by Warren Herreid

II and his wife, Jeannine Rivet, for philanthropic endeavors, the first of which was the Rock County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse lawn in Luverne.

Since then, the foundation has poured millions of dollars into the Rock County community for projects and civic organizations with causes that improve the lives of local citizens.

In a letter to the city, Rivet commended city leaders for their progressive stance on supporting quality-of-life features for residents.

"We appreciate all you do for the

KAHR grant for pool/see page 2A



COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,144	2	+1.2%
Pipestone	995	2	+1.2%
Nobles	3,788	3	+0.5%
Minnehaha (SD)	27,264	36	+0.7%
Lyon (IA)	1,415	2	+1%

14-day case rate in Rock County per 10,000 people:

Date Range	12/20-1/2	12/27-1/9	1/3-1/16	1/10-1/23
Rate	43.56	67.99	63.74	50.99

Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY

- People with at least one dose: 1,140
- People with completed series: 446

Data as of 02-07-2021

For more Covid-19 vaccine information, please visit:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html>

School Status

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | Middle/High School: In-person
 HBC - Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of February 9, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Mavis Fodness photos/0211 Snow Coronation LHS 2021

Beyer, Robinson crowned Snow Week king, queen

Seniors Ethan Beyer (left) and Ainslie Robinson receive stocking hats during a lunchtime coronation Monday as the 2021 Snow Week king and queen at Luverne High School. The ceremony — and Monday's pajama day — kicked off the first of four days of Snow Week activities. Only seniors and royalty candidates attended the coronation in person. Students in grades 9 through 11 and the public were able to watch live over social media.

Masters of Ceremonies for the event were Luke Thorson (left at the podium) and Griffen Jarchow. They introduced the royalty candidates (seated from left) Zach Ahrendt, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Xavier Carbonneau, Cade Wenninger, Regan Feit, Elise Jarchow, Roz Oye, Ainslie Robinson and Grace Zewiske.



Ainslie Robinson (sitting, second from left) watches as red confetti rains down over her head, identifying her as the 2021 Snow Week queen. Pictured sitting from left are candidates Roz Oye, Robinson and Grace Zewiske. Student council members popping the balloons (from left) are Luke Thorson, Trista Baustian and Mary Opitz. In the photo at right, Red confetti spills from the balloon popped over Ethan Beyer (sitting, second from left) identifying him as the 2021 LHS Snow Week king. Sitting are royalty candidates Zach Ahrendt, Peter Baustian, Beyer, Xavier Carbonneau and Cade Wenninger.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Pet meet and greet at Rock Ranch

Tracy Area Animal Rescue is hosting a Meet and Greet from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Rock Ranch near Hills. The event will take place in the Ranch's heated arena. Visitors will meet adoptable animals from the animal rescue along with the horses of Rock Ranch. "Oh My Cupcakes" will have refreshments and a professional photographer will be available to take pictures of owners and their pets.

Monthly food giveaway

New Life Celebration Church will host its monthly free food giveaway at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Generations building at 319 E. Lincoln Street in Luverne. Those in vehicles go to the double class doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into vehicles. (Stay in your car). Walkers should go to the east side of the building where volunteers will have grocers pre-packed for pick-up. Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

Nutrition Assistance for seniors

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln (Generations Building). The event is a drive-through distribution. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064. Sponsored by A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota.

Tax help for Rock County residents

United Community Action Partnership will be providing free online virtual tax assistance for residents living in Rock County and surrounding communities. See website for details at <https://www.unitedcapmn.org/services/community-family-services/tax-clinic/>

The number to make an appointment and to get intake forms sent via mail is 507-537-1416 ext. #2163. You can also email Courtney Newgard at courtney.newgard@unitedcapmn.org.

Rock County Library winter activities

Register now at the library to participate in the Rock County Library 2021 Winter Reading Program, which began Jan. 1. Patrons who read at least 12 books from now until March 31 will win a prize for their efforts — and enjoy some good books. Call the library at 507-449-5040 or email the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com. Check with the library to participate in Virtual Trivia. Receive weekday trivia to break up our quarantine schedules (until Trivia Nights in person can continue again.)

Take and Make bird treat kits

Stop by the Luverne Area Chamber at 213 East Luverne Street to pick up Take and Make bird treat kits. Kits are free, but a \$5 to \$10 donation is welcome to benefit Project Food Forest in Rock County. (Or donate online at <https://donorbox.org/support-pff>)

Community Ed

Call the Luverne Community Education office, 507-283-4724, for registration information.

Use It or Lose It class on Feb. 22 teaches simple exercises using your own weight, fitness bands and YouTube videos to improve your fitness. It begins with Coach Wenninger giving a tour of the new weight room.

Paint a Winter Wonderland class on Feb. 23 is for students in grades 1-3. Listen to a story and enjoy snacks at Coffey Contemporary Arts. Fee is \$33.



Mavis Fodness photo/0211 Bluestem Grab and Go

Luverne Area Chamber board of directors, friends and family of Sklyer Hoiland participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday afternoon at the new Bluestem Grab & Go. Pictured in front from left are Annie Opitz, Shelly Nibbelink, Sklyer Hoiland, Jessie Vande Hoef, Lynette Hoiland, Tyler Bush, Cris Oeltjenbruns, (second row) Jeanne Vande Hoef, Jim Hoiland, Lorena Hoiland, Sylvia Niessink, Roger Niessink, (back) Mike Hoiland and Ryan DeBates.

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All items continue to encompass Hoiland's passion for food and cooking.

"The best part about this is that I don't have to stay with a dedicated menu that I serve every day and every night," he said. "I get to change the menu up weekly and come up with daily specials."

The Grab & Go will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays.

A handicap-accessible entrance on the catering

facility's south side allows customers to enter, peruse the display shelf and grab items for breakfast, lunch and/or supper.

The facility features no indoor seating.

As a Grab & Go, Hoiland said he's able to offer daily specials of hot breakfast and lunch meals, along with a selection of microwavable and cold meal options, which include sandwich wraps, Bluestem salads, soups and fresh bread. All items are sold individually, and beverages like coffee, juice,

pop and energy drinks are also available.

Some items, such as the restaurant's popular rib eye steak, will not be available exactly as they were on a restaurant menu.

"What I could give to you on a plate is definitely different than in an ovenable container," he said. "But I can take elements of steak and give customers a touch of the Bluestem."

Those elements may include the sale of his compound butter or meat seasonings for at-home use.

KAHR grant/ from page 1

Luverne community and look forward to seeing the new addition to the Aquatics and Fitness Center building," she wrote.

The grant will be disbursed in two parts, \$200,000 in June 2021 and \$200,000 in June 2022.

Facility manager Sam Honerman said she was speechless about the donation.

"It is so hard to wrap my head around generosity like this," she said. "A simple thank you just doesn't seem enough."

The funds will be used specifically toward the \$800,000 outdoor splash pad that will be constructed on south side of the facility.

Other planned improvements to the facility include:

- new locker rooms.
- four family changing rooms.

•flat space rooms for group aerobic exercise.

•new office space and staff area.

•larger rooms for both 24-hour weightlifting and aerobic exercise machines.

•new mechanical and heat, ventilation and air-conditioning for the facility.

According to the proposed timeline, work will start in March or April of this year and be completed by May of 2022.

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One win highlights unusual H-BC mock trial season

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School mock trial team wrapped up the 2021 season last week with a 1-3 win-loss record.

The team's single victory came in the third round of the four-round season.

The H-BC defense earned a seven-point advantage Jan. 19 against Fairmont High School White, winning with a score of 228-221.

Adviser Megan Klumper said this mock trial season was a whole new experience for both herself and her students.

"Due to the restrictions of social distancing, mock trial students were not allowed to have competitions in the courthouse like previous years," she said.

"This year, thanks to Zoom, the mock trial season was not canceled like so many other events. Instead, the competitions were held from right here in our school."

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many courthouses are appointment-only and some schools haven't been able to conduct in-person classes. (H-BC has been able to conduct in-person classes since the start of the 2020-21 school year.)

The Minnesota Bar Association, which organizes mock trial competition, moved all events to virtual formats, coordinating schools and judges using the video conferencing



Submitted photo

Hills-Beaver Creek High School mock trial team wrapped up the 2020-21 season last week ending with a 1-3 record. Team members who competed in the four-trial season include (front row, from left) Hannah Fick, Lauren Tatge, Tahliya Kruger, Madison Gaugler, (back) Taylor Durst, Abby Knobloch, Allie LaRock, Kyler Hartz and Jacob Sheppard.

application Zoom.

"Rather than viewing the judge's bench, jury box and the witness stand during the trial competitions, the students have been able to view living rooms and home offices across the state," Klumper said.

The H-BC mock trial team members are Taylor Durst, Abby Knobloch, Allie LaRock, Kyler Hartz, Jacob Sheppard, Hannah Fick, Lauren Tatge, Tahliya Kruger and Madison Gaugler.

They opened the season

Jan. 7 against St. Peter High School White (loss, 216-219), followed by the Jan. 13 meeting with Rochester Century High School (loss, 198-230). H-BC ended Feb. 3 against Northfield High School Gold (loss, 197-209).

H-BC competed in the newly organized super region 4-6 that contained 16 schools throughout the state.

"Since no one had to travel this year, the distance between schools and school districts was irrelevant when planning competitions,"

Klumper said.

"This year we were able to go up against schools that H-BC has never before competed with in mock trial."

While H-BC won't compete in this week's Round 5 to determine state tournament participants, Klumper is looking forward to next year.

"I think we really learned a lot this year," she said.

"I'm looking forward to the chance of a regular season in the courtrooms. It is more exciting for the students."

Luverne mock trial team heads into Round 5 of region competition

LHS takes on St. Peter Wednesday

By Mavis Fodness

For the seventh-straight year, the Luverne High School mock trial team is competing for a possible return trip to the state tournament.

The 9 a.m. Wednesday mock trial competition occurred (after the Star Herald press deadline) with the LHS prosecution team against St. Peter High School.

The two teams finished the 2020-21 season with identical 4-0 records, with St. Peter taking the No. 1 spot.

"We finished second in the standings to St. Peter based on points," said LHS mock trial adviser Jason Berghorst.

Six teams from the newly organized super sub-section 4-6 competed in Round 5, where the three winning teams move on to the state competition.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Minnesota Bar Association, which organizes the competitions, changed the in-person, in courtroom competition to a virtual competition.

Instead of the traditional five schools in Luverne's region, the super sub-regions involve 16 schools with each competing in four rounds.

Judges awarded LHS an accumulated 847 points. St. Peter earned 900 points.

The LHS prosecution team earned wins against Owatonna (190 to 174) on Jan. 14 and Fairmont (200-170) on Feb. 2. The defense team earned wins against Rochester Century (229-221) on Jan. 7 and Waseca (228-221) on Jan. 20.

The state tournament takes place virtually March 3-4. Sixteen teams across the state compete for a virtual appearance in the national tournament.

LHS has competed in the state tournament every year since 2014.

Prosecution team members include Lauren VerSteege, Griffen Jarchow, Chance Tunnissen, Luke Thorson, Jady Hart and Xavier Carbonneau.

The defense team consists of Kaitlyn Anderson, John Miller, Ross Bergman, Ainslie Robinson, Solveig Tofeland and Parker Carbonneau.

Alternate team members include Simon Boyenga, Ella Lanoue and Cedar Viessman.

Food shelf fundraiser currently underway in Rock County /continued from page 1 A

ministry and for supporting it."

However, six months ago, the city of Luverne purchased the former dental office on Maple Street, which presented an opportunity for the food shelf to move distribution and storage operations to its own separate location.

Improved parking, more storage space and a larger distribution area will allow the group to purchase and distribution perishable items currently available from its supplier, Second Harvest Food Bank.

For more than two decades, volunteers have worked out of two rooms in the basement of the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

Due to limited space, the food shelf distributes only non-perishable items from the church. Paper vouchers are provided for perishable items at Sunshine Foods in Luverne.

"We have been able to serve a lot of people at that location," Sparks said. "The challenge is to raise the funds to ... make the building serviceable, functional and a real blessing, not only to the volunteers, but to the many people who come to receive assistance."

City officials agreed to lease the building to the food shelf for \$1 a year and challenged the group to raise \$225,000 to complete improvements.

These include new doors and windows, shelving, a bathroom, commercial refrigerators and freezers, insulated walls and a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning unit.

The larger building means more items for clients.

"We will be able to better serve our clients with this building, because we will have to ability (to store items) with freezers and refrigerators," Baustian said.

40 tons of food distributed locally in 2020

The Rock County Food Shelf served 4,249 children and adults last year.

People are encouraged to seek help from the food shelf only once a month, but in some instances a second visit is granted, due to food insecurity within local households.

Distribution occurs each Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. The third Thursday of each month the food shelf is open from 5 to 6 p.m.

An average of 30 households request food shelf assistance each week.

"Pre-COVID, my largest day was 32 families, and we very rarely saw that," Baus-



Mavis Fodness photo/0211 Food Shelf Campaign

Work progresses Tuesday at the future home for the Rock County Food Shelf, where a new roof has already been completed on the former dental office and focus has turned toward adding electrical, plumbing and an HVAC system to the building.

tian said. "We are seeing that weekly now with different families. We are seeing a lot of people that are working but just cannot make it."

Food insecurity occurs when meals are skipped or consumption of inexpensive, less nutritious food takes place because monthly budgets have become stretched too thin.

The age group of 18 to 64 use the food shelf the most.

However, more recently, the age group has been shifting.

"We do see a lot of different age groups, maybe seeing a little more of the elderly than we have seen in the past, and I am glad they come," Baustian said.

Volunteers estimated more than 79,000 pounds (40 tons) of food were distributed in Rock County.

Of that amount, 23 tons (45,000 pounds) were distributed through the food shelf basement distribution site with the rest by vouchers. Vouchers cost the food shelf an average of \$3,500 a month.

The new building, complete with refrigeration, will allow the food shelf to store perishable items, such as free milk from Second Harvest Food Bank, where some perishable items can be purchased in bulk, provided the food shelf has access to refrigeration.

"We will be able to serve our clients better with this building because we'll have that ability with freezers and refrigerators," Baustian said.

The new facility on Maple Street is 2,000 square feet and is all on one level.

The basement facility required elevator access.

According to the food shelf's reports to the state, Luverne addresses top the list for usage, followed by Magnolia, Hills, Beaver Creek, Hardwick, Steen, Kanaranzi and Kenneth. The food shelf has asked city councils in those communities to commit \$5,000 each to set up the new food shelf.

Increased food shelf usage is statewide trend

Second Harvest Heartland recently released its 2020 annual report. One in nine Minnesotans, including one in six children, is facing hunger.

"Over the past 12 years, we have made slow but steady progress in reducing Minnesota's food insecurity rate, reaching a decade-low in recent years," the report stated.

"COVID-19 has undone this progress, with a record number of people now experiencing hunger in the heartland."

Projections suggest the increase in hunger persisting at least through 2021.

The Rock County Food Shelf began in 1983 through the Rock County Ministerial Association.

A single cupboard at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne provided families with an emergency three-day supply of food.

In 1989 the food shelf expanded to two basement Sunday school rooms at United

"Our guess is the need for our food shelf in Rock County will not disappear."

—Pastor Roger Sparks, food shelf board chairman

Methodist Church.

"Our guess is the need for our food shelf in Rock County will not disappear," Sparks said. "We've been serving the community for many, many years already. With uncertain economic times, the demand has gone up and down throughout the years. Last year was certainly a busy year for the food shelf."

In addition to Sparks and Baustian, other food shelf board members include directors Mary Gehrke, Tammy Loosbrock, Mary Lou Mulligan, John Oksness and Lynette Hoiland.

One-time pledges accepted at LACF

As a nonprofit organization, donations to the Rock County Food Shelf are tax-deductible.

Funds are held at the Luverne Area Community Foundation. One-time donations or pledges over a five-year period can be made to LACF, P.O. Box 623, Luverne, MN 56156.



Submitted photos

Above: In 2020 the Rock County Food Shelf distributed 40 tons of food locally.

Right: In 1983 the Rock County Food Shelf consisted of a single cupboard at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Below: In 1998 the local ministerial association moved the Rock County Food Shelf to the basement of the United Methodist Church in Luverne.



Card Shower to celebrate the
80th Birthday
of
Janice Vink
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Could you pass a citizenship test?

We don't seem to remember those history details learned in school

How well do you remember those U.S. history lessons?



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Luckily I don't have to pass the test now in effect for those who are seeking citizenship.

If you're like me, I don't remember those intricate details necessary to receive my U.S. citizenship. Luckily I don't have to pass the test now in effect for those who are seeking citizenship.

Out of curiosity I tried to answer the questions the New York Times used in its recent story about the new citizenry test questions.

Below are 10 questions. How many of these could you answer without using Google?

1.) James Madison is famous for many things. Name one.
*President during the War of 1812;
Fifth president of the United States;
Writer of the Declaration of Independence;
First Secretary of State.*

2.) The American Revolution had many important events. Name one.
*Washington crossing the Delaware;
Battle of Tippecanoe;
Battle of Fort Niagara;
The Treaty of Ghent.*

3.) What is the purpose of the 10th Amendment?
It guarantees the rights of criminal defendants;

It states that the powers not given to the federal government belong to the states or to the people;
It abolished slavery;
It prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures by the government.

4.) Whom does a member of the House of Representatives represent?
People living in their state;
People living in their congressional district;
Citizens in their congressional district;
Their political party.

5.) Who appoints federal judges?
The Chief Justice;
Senate;
President;
Attorney general.

6.) How many Supreme Court justices are usually needed to decide a case?
four;
five;
six;
nine.

7.) The Civil War had many important events. Name one.
The Missouri Compromise;
the Trail of Tears;
the Battle of Little Bighorn;
Sherman's March.

8.) Name one leader of the women's rights movement in the 1800s.
Clara Barton;
Eleanor Roosevelt;
Mary Baker Eddy;
Sojourner Truth.

9.) The Nation's first motto was "E Pluribus Unum." What does that mean?
We the People;
Self-government;
One from of many;
One nation, indivisible.

10.) What is the form of government of the United States?
Democracy;
Monarchy;
Aristocracy;
Oligarchy.

Do you feel confident you answered at least six correctly? New citizens need to answer 12 out of 20 questions correctly.

Answers to the previous questions are:

1.) James Madison was president from 1809 to 1817 and was our nation's leader during the War of 1812.

2.) George Washington crossing the Delaware River occurred Christmas Day 1776, bolstering troop morale to eventually defeat the British.

3.) The Tenth Amendment states "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

4.) U.S. House of Representatives represent people living in their congressional district, which averages 700,000 people.

5.) The president appoints a federal judge with the Senate confirming the decision.

6.) Four of the nine Supreme Court judges are needed for the court to review a case and five out of the nine are needed to overturn the lower court's decision.

7.) Sherman's March occurred in 1864 and eventually brought the Confederacy's surrender in the Civil War.

8.) Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) was the women's rights activist.

9.) E Pluribus Unum means "out of many, one."

10.) The United States is a democracy — government by the whole population. As U.S. citizens, we all should be able to answer those questions about our history and our Constitution correctly and not just guess.

Extra enforcement campaign aims to stop deadly speeding crisis

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) on Monday announced an extra speed enforcement and awareness campaign.

Motorists can face serious penalties and lose driving privileges for choices that destroy lives, including losing their license for six months for speeding 100 mph or more.

DPS is collaborating with the Minnesota departments of Health and Transportation on the enforcement and awareness campaign.

The three state agencies are the anchoring partners of the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) coalition that works to reduce traffic crashes, injuries and deaths on Minnesota roads.

DPS-OTS is coordinating the statewide campaign, which includes initial funding of \$1 million from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

State officials warn the speeding crisis that claimed the

most lives last year in speed-related crashes since 2008 must stop – now – to prevent further carnage.

Preliminary reports show 120 motorists died in speed-related crashes in 2020, the most since 2008 (125).

Overall, the 397 traffic fatalities in 2020 are the most in five years, with speed making up 30 percent of all fatalities last year.

The Minnesota State Patrol issued more than 1,000 speeding tickets for speeds of 100 mph or more in 2020 compared with 533 tickets for those excessive speeds in 2019.

The risks of breaking the law and traveling 10, 20 or 30 mph or more over the speed limit include:

- Greater potential for losing

control of the vehicle.

- Increased stopping time and distance.

- Increased crash severity leading to more serious injuries and fatalities.

Speed was a primary contributor in the jump from 364 traffic deaths on Minnesota roads in 2019 to the preliminary figure of 397 in 2020. Last year was also the deadliest year on Minnesota roads since 2015 when 411 people died.

Minnesotans are being asked to drive smart and slow down.

During the statewide campaign, drivers who continue to treat the roadway like a raceway can expect to be stopped. No excuses.

Driving is a privilege, not a right.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

'Adopt an AED' through LACF sponsorship

So have you had a heart attack lately? Hopefully your answer is no, and just because February is heart month, that is no reason to have one.

But if you happen to have a heart attack any time soon, Rock County is a pretty good place to have one.

If you find yourself in the unfortunate situation of suffering from a heart attack, your chance of surviving such an event is largely affected by how fast you get the medical attention you need.

A vital piece of equipment that is used to restart the heart is something called an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and the sooner it's used, the better.

Our local ambulances, sheriff's department vehicles and fire department have AEDs with them. In addition to those, there are nearly 50 such devices placed throughout Rock County.

You can find them in public gathering places such as the library,



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

schools, city hall, the courthouse, ice arena, churches, grocery stores, funeral homes and bars and restaurants.

So if your ticker decides to take a break and time matters, chances are you might be close to one of those AEDs.

Those AEDs are only as good as the batteries and pads that are part of the machine.

The batteries and pads need to be serviced every 12 months or so, and that runs about \$175 per machine per year.

You can help keep those AEDs in tiptop working order by

"adopting an AED."

Contact Emily Crabtree at the Luverne Area Community Foundation office at 507-220-2424.

Better yet, you can adopt online by going to luverne.fcsuite.com/erp/donate.

Don't be shy. If you want to adopt more than one, by all means do so.

Still on the fence about adopting? Consider this. By adopting an AED, you can save a life – your loved one, your neighbor or a co-worker – or maybe yours!

The adoption hotline is now open. Give Emily a call.

Elgersma: 'We need checks and balances on the police'

To the Editor:

Our founding fathers came from monarchies in Europe where they found that absolute power corrupts absolutely. So they wrote the Constitution so that there would be checks and balances so no one could rule absolutely.

But since Minnesota has a law that we cannot prosecute the police, there is no check and balance. This situation where it is possible for the police to cover for each other's mistakes will inspire people that want to get by with crime to become policemen. When George Floyd got killed by a policeman, the other police automatically lied, saying that he had resisted arrest when he had not. But some police are honest. Since more police die from suicide while being investigated than are killed by the public, there are some policemen that do try to

stop the problem cops. But those who joined the police force because they wanted to be able to get by with crime seem to think that their little world will fall apart if they can no longer be a cop, so they commit suicide.

When George Floyd got killed, there were so many protests so immediately that it seems as if there was a huge problem that people just needed proof to respond. When Derek Chauvin callously looked into the camera while he killed Floyd, it seemed as if he knew full well that he would get by with it.

We need checks and balances on the police. When the legislature does not allow the courts to prosecute a criminal cop, then there is no hope for justice ever. No hope brings never-ending frustration which results in mental illness which brings more crime.

Roger Elgersma, Pipestone

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Grand Prairie Events hosts COVID-19 vaccine clinic for 75 and older group/continued from page 1A

said. "We don't go to church. We don't go to Sioux Falls. We don't go anywhere. I've been to the grocery store, and that's about it."

Laurin Carroll, 82, said he looks forward to life after pandemic.

"It's a relief to get the shot," said Laurin Carroll, 82. "We stay home all the time ... the grocery store is it."

Marlene Wassenaar, 82, normally spends winters with family in Arizona, but she didn't go this year because of the pandemic.

"All the activities are canceled, so you can't do anything down there," she said. "So I might as well sit here as sit there."

Also, she knows it isn't safe to travel. "I'm glad to get the shot, because I didn't really want to get the COVID either," Wassenaar said.

Bill and Judy Miller, also both in their 80s, contracted COVID-19 in November, but they're seeking extra protection that comes with the vaccine.

"I just hope we can rid of it and get this country back to normal," Bill said.

Life after the pandemic?

Jason Kloss of Southwest Health and Human Services said the Feb. 3 clinic was a step toward life without COVID-19.

"SWHHS and our partners have been working diligently in COVID response since the beginning of the pandemic, but providing this vaccine to the public is what we have all been working toward," he said.

"[We] were thrilled to offer the vaccine to our senior population."

The Feb. 3 vaccination clinic was primarily staffed by employees of SWHHS — 17 staff members, which included about 10 licensed nurses, some of whom have been hired on a temporary basis to help with vaccination clinics.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre assisted as the local emergency management



Lori Sorenson photos/0211 COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Grand Prairie

Grand Prairie Events, Luverne, served as a staging area for COVID-19 vaccines Wednesday, Feb. 3. Cones and signs directed traffic, chairs kept people six feet apart, and health professionals with medical supplies were stationed at tables around the large conference room. The 300 offered appointment slots for the day were spoken for and the lines were long — sometimes with people waiting outside. Below right, volunteer nurse Karen Roberts confers with Jason Kloss of Public Health.



director. Deputy Craig Martinson assisted, as did retired nurse Karen Roberts, who volunteered to help with clinic operations.

Kloss said as vaccine supplies increase, the plan is

to offer more clinics to wider age groups.

"It won't happen overnight," he said. "With these community clinics, combined with vaccination clinics that Sanford Luverne

is doing, we hope to provide vaccination opportunities to those at higher risk for COVID-19 as quickly as possible."

Tammy Loosbrock of Sanford Luverne said most

of Sanford's 85 and older local patients have been called.

"We encourage anyone that is 85 or older that lives in Rock County or doctors at the Adrian, Edgerton or Luverne clinics to call in and we will

get them on the schedule," Loosbrock said.

"We are starting our 80- to 84 group this week. We will be reaching out and calling them as we get vaccine to schedule, but if people in that group want to call in to ensure their name is on a wait list, they can sure call the clinic."

Get on a list

Meanwhile, Southwest Health and Human Service is taking names and contact information for those interested in getting the COVID vaccine.

To register, go to swmhhs.com and click on the COVID List Link.

As of Feb. 6, more than 12 percent of Rock County's population had been vaccinated. This is according to the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 dashboard, which is about a week behind actual numbers.

The majority of people in Phase 1a have been vaccinated and Phase 1b is underway.

Phase 1a includes health care workers, EMS, nursing home and assisted living facility staff and residents, dental offices, pharmacies, mental/behavioral health settings, school nurses, funeral directors, correctional settings, and group homes settings.

Phase 1b includes teachers, grocery store workers, fire, food processing, day care workers, correctional workers, public transit and postal workers, as well as the 75-and-older population.

Staff in education and child care settings will be contacted directly if selected to sign up for appointments for the vaccine at a state site or community pharmacy this week.

Local public health departments will partner directly with school and child care programs in their communities.

Road improvements/continued from page 1A

of roadway. The road improvement list includes:

- County Roads 3 and 7, five miles, full-depth reclamation and paving north and west of Kenneth in Battle Plain Township.

- County Road 2, mill and overlay from County Road 7 to the north three miles.

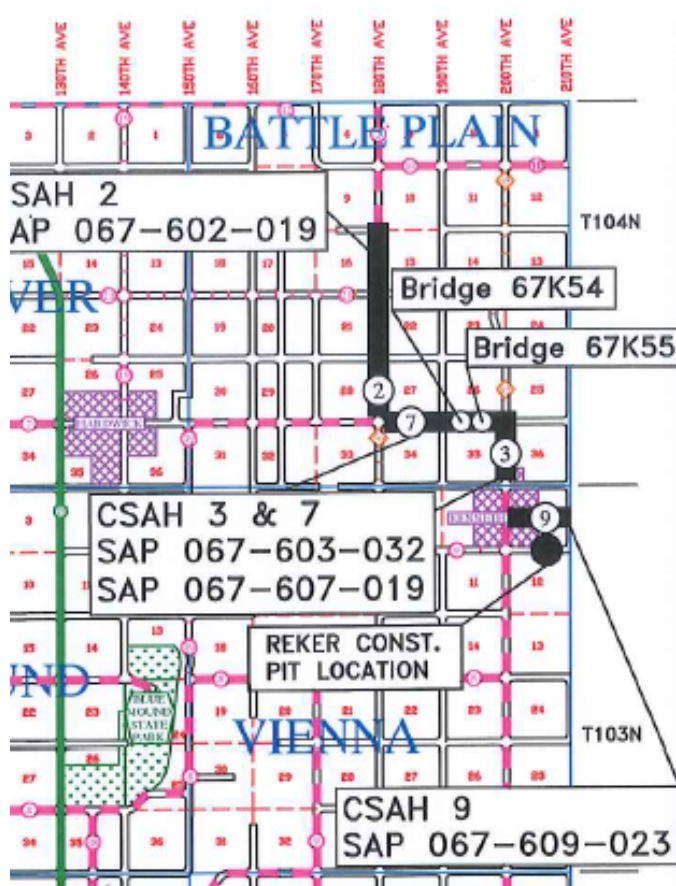
- County Road 5 (Dodge Street), seven miles, mill and overlay from Hwy. 75 west to County Road 6.

- County Road 9, one mile, full depth reclamation from Kenneth east to the Nobles County line.

Sehr said curb and gutter work along Main Street Luverne will continue this year. The work prepares the street for a planned mill and overlay in 2022.

The 2022 road project includes 7 miles of County Road 4 from Luverne, through Magnolia to the Nobles County line.

Road improvements are also earmarked for Blue Mound Avenue in 2022.



Graphic courtesy of the Rock County Highway Department. Several road projects and box culverts are planned in 2021 in Rock County, depending on funding. More information about upcoming road and bridge projects will be presented at the Feb. 23 County Board meeting with information available on the County Highway Department's website.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 29

- Complainant reported threats.

- Complainant turned in weapon parts.

- Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported found property.

- Complainant on E. Main Street reported lost property.

Jan. 30

- Complainant on 85th Street reported theft.

- Hit and run was reported at location on 121st Street, Luverne.

Jan. 31

- Complainant on S. Kniss reported a diesel fuel spill.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle parked in lot for extended time.

Feb. 1

- Complainant reported theft of a checkbook.

- Complainant requested warrant/hit confirmation.

- Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported theft by check.

- Complainant on W. Gabrielson Road reported a juvenile runaway.

- Complainant on E. Minnesota, Steen, reported multiple nuisance problems.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vehicle in parking lot running with no-body around.

Feb. 2

- Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

- Complainant on Roundwind Road reported vehicle passed bus stop arm.

- Complainant on 251st Street, Jasper, reported a strong propane smell in the area.

- Missing person was reported at location at E. First Avenue, Beaver Creek.

Feb. 3

- Complainant on W. Mead Court requested to serve a shut-off notice.

- Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported elevator maintenance issue.

- Complainant on S. Estey Street requested deputy assistance.

- Complainant on Mag Road, Luverne, reported license plates found in car wash.

- Complainant eastbound on County Road 4, Luverne,

reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

- Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported vandalism.

- Hit and run was reported on N. Kniss Avenue.

Feb. 4

- Assistance from another department was requested westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Beaver Creek.

- Complainant reported a phone outage.

- Complainant on W. Hating Street requested to speak to a deputy.

Feb. 5

- Complainant on 91st St, Luverne, reported mailboxes were knocked down.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 vehicles in ditch, 6 escorts, 20 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 8 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 1 alarm, 12 purchase and carry permits, 18 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 2 welfare checks, and 3 follow-ups.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0211 CMA pizza giveaway

Members of the Luverne Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association gave away more than 300 Papa Murphy's take and bake pizzas Saturday in a drive-through event in the Living Rock Church parking lot and at locations around town. Pictured are (from left) Tyler Fredrickson, Jim and JoAnn Vanderburg, Eve Hoffenkamp, Jill Spieker, Darcy and Kurt Olson, Terri and Steve Steensma, Rodney Hoffenkamp and (not pictured) Bill Spieker.

Christian motorcyclists hand out free pizzas, prayers at Saturday event in Luverne



Club member Bill Spieker hands pizzas through a car window to a motorist in the drive-through line at Living Rock Church parking lot in Luverne.

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association gave away hundreds of pizzas Saturday in the parking lot of Living Rock Church on East Main Street in Luverne.

About a dozen volunteers dressed in warm boots and multiple layers against the sub-zero wind chills hand pizzas through car windows of the drive-through event.

"It was cold, but we have no regrets," said club member JoAnn Vanderburg.

"It was an opportunity to give back to the community and show the love of Jesus and offer prayers of hope with anyone who wanted to pray with us."

She said many who were receptive to praying had concerns about health issues and employment problems related to the pandemic.

The local CMA chapter typically takes orders to raise funds for its annual "Run for the Son" ministry, but

this year Vanderburg said the pandemic created a new way to minister.

"I'd been praying about it ... I didn't know if we should ask for donations for orders this year," Vanderburg said.

"Then one of our members said he'd been abundantly blessed this year and offered \$2,000 to buy the pizzas to give away."

Other club members chipped in with their own donations toward Saturday's event that drew 60 vehicles.

"We were also happy to hear some of them say they know of someone they will be sharing the pizzas with," Vanderburg said.

Left-over pizzas were later delivered to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, Mary Jane Brown Home and to The Cottage where one of the CMA members, Keith Lemke, recently passed away under hospice care.

For more information about CMA and its mission, president Steve Steensma can be reached at 507-920-8659.



Jim Vanderburg sorts pizzas by their toppings in the bed of a pickup Saturday morning during the free distribution at Living Rock Church on East Main Street.

COLLEGE NEWS

SMSU Marshall releases dean's list

Cassidy Teunissen, Luverne, and Brayden Toffeland, Beaver Creek, were named to the Fall 2020 dean's list at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Bullerman named to dean's list at UW

Paige Bullerman, Adrian, was named to the Fall 2020 semester dean's list at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA.

Bullerman is majoring in forensic investigation.

MENU

Monday, Feb. 15: Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, fruit cobbler/crisp.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Spaghetti, green and wax beans, fruit cocktail, garlic bread, cookie.

Half-Price Days sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, beets, dinner roll, gelatin.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Pork loin, sweet potatoes, broccoli, bread, bar.

Friday, Feb. 19: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli, bread, cake.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

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

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

1885: First grain warehouse opens in Kanaranzi

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village (continued from 02-04-20 edition of the Star Herald)

No sooner was the town-to-be laid out than activity in its promotion became evident. The first to build on the site was A. E. Patterson, who completed a grain warehouse about the first of September, 1885. Ezra Rice put up the second grain house later in the same month, which was opened for business with Thomas Ganfield in charge. The depot was also erected during the fall of 1885, but it was not until October 18, 1886, that the station was formally opened. G. T. Bandy, formerly of Cazenovia, was installed as agent. A number of residences covered the improvements of the latter year. Mr. Bandy became Kanaranzi's first postmaster, assuming charge at the opening of the office on January 28, 1887. As a result of the heavy wind storm on August 2, 1887, Kanaranzi was for a time with only one grain warehouse, the establishment of E. A. Brown who had succeeded A. E. Patterson, suffering complete destruction. It was immediately rebuilt. In October, 1887, a correspondent boasted for the town two grain buyers, a newly established stock yard and a photographer.

Kanaranzi was without a mercantile establishment for the first three years of existence. The first store was opened by C. Northrup and E. Milne in a building they erected early in October, 1888. Several months later this firm sold to G. T. Bandy, the station agent, who dur-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County
Historical Society

ing the season of 1889 also engaged in the lumber business. Mr. Bandy disposed of his interests in 1891 to Elias M. Blakeslee, who in June succeeded him as postmaster.

With the addition of a lumber yard, blacksmith shop and saloon late in the year 1892, Kanaranzi reached the high point in its development. The last two decades have changed but little the appearance of the village, but it has experienced all the healthful tendencies of improvement which a community of its size can exhibit. A substantial \$1200 school building was erected in the village in 1899.

The story of the village of Manley will continue in the Feb. 18 edition of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Luverne School District is among eight districts in southwest Minnesota in line to receive a sizeable technology grant.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it will award \$369,000 in grants to promote distance learning in rural schools.

In Luverne that will likely translate to more course offerings for students and more opportunities, according to Superintendent Gary Fisher.

"With the grant, it will allow us to improve equipment we have in our classrooms," he said.

Minnesota's Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative will receive the grant funds—about \$10,000 per school—and will distribute the money in the form of equipment.

Other southwest Minnesota schools in the cooperative to receive technology grants include Windom, Adrian, Jackson, Pipestone, Russell-Tyler-Ruthon, Westbrook-Walnut Grove and Southwest Star Concept.

Each school will receive roughly \$10,000 which it will match.

25 years ago (1996)

•The Rock County Historical Society came one step closer to acquiring the Masonic Temple for use as a museum Tuesday.

The Luverne Masons are offering to give their building to the Historical Society, but the society can't afford to accept the offer without securing funding to maintain the building.

Betty Mann, president of the Historical Society, and Don Klosterbuer, secretary of the group, approached the Rock County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday to ask for help.

The county already makes an annual contribution of \$2,250 to the Historical Society. Commissioners agreed to increase that contribution by \$4,000 for an annual gift of \$6,250.

50 years ago (1971)

•Mrs. Allyn Meester was named this month as Magnolia

School's Teacher of the Year, according to Superintendent Floyd Fandrich.

Mrs. Meester was chosen on the basis of her skill in the teaching profession and the outstanding example she has set to serve as an inspiration to both teachers and students at Magnolia.

The Magnolia teacher has been a first grade instructor in School District 669 since September of 1954. She came to Magnolia with a two-year state teaching certificate from Augustana College in Sioux Falls. Not content with just a teaching certificate, she returned to Augustana in 1957 for summer and night classes until she earned her bachelor of science degree in 1962.

Since then she has continued to further her knowledge in the fields of corrective reading and elementary music.

75 years ago (1946)

•M. R. Roberts announced that his new lunch room, just east of Thomas the Jeweler's, would be opened for business today. He plans to call the place "The Grill," and he plans to feature sandwiches, soups and home made pies.

The place has been newly decorated and 10 booths installed. There will also be six or eight counter stools.

"There's nothing like it in town," Roberts stated, "and the public is invited to come in and pay us a visit. We want you to see how we prepare food, and to taste its goodness."

100 years ago (1921)

•An event of pleasing importance to people of Beaver Creek and vicinity will take place this evening, when the newly organized American Legion post at Beaver Creek, known as 'Rochau-Henton Post 10', will give its first dance, as the opening event of Beaver Creek's new theatre and dance hall.

The acquisition of a theatre at Beaver Creek was made possible through the purchase by A. J. Peters and O. J. McDermott of the former Wiken garage from W. E. Norelius, which took place about two weeks ago.

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Lori Sorenson

'School of Fish' connects kids and grownups for lessons

The Mike Frisch School of Fish class met at The Lake in Luverne Saturday for what was a sold-out Community Education activity. Frisch, a former teacher, engaged with students and their adult companions for basic fishing lessons they could employ on ice or open water. For the \$30 registration fee, they received equipment packs valued at over \$50 each with rod and reel, tackle box with tackle, 32 page workbook, \$10 gift card and snacks. The St. Catherine Knights of Columbus helped cover the fee for class to make it affordable for families. **Pictured above**, instructor Mike Frisch discusses how to make a lure jiggle just right to attract a fish. "Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn't," he told the class. "That's why they call it 'fishing' not 'catching.'" In the foreground colorful rods and reels are later distributed to students. In the background are (from left) Merlin Wynia, Jason Honken, Josh Honken, Justin Moss, Robert Pender, Zachary Moss and Tage Moss.



Above, Jake Tiesler twists his line several times to rig his slip bobber. At left, Robert Pender helps Marielle Brown with her line. Pictured at right, Ethan (left) and Richard Conklin follow instructions for tying their fishing line.

Below left, Tom Rolfs (left) helps Nic Rolfs and Phil Rolfs follow directions for setting up their poles. **Below right**, Ty Klingenberg (clockwise from left), Glen Klingenberg, Cory Klingenberg and Keyonna Klingenberg follow along directions for tying a fishing knot.



45 years of being a 'rock star'

Hills' Tuff Home honors McGaffee for her dedication at work

By Mavis Fodness

For more than four decades, Glenda McGaffee has made Tuff Memorial Home and Tuff Village her place of employment.

To honor her dedication, co-workers recently gave her a bunch of rocks.

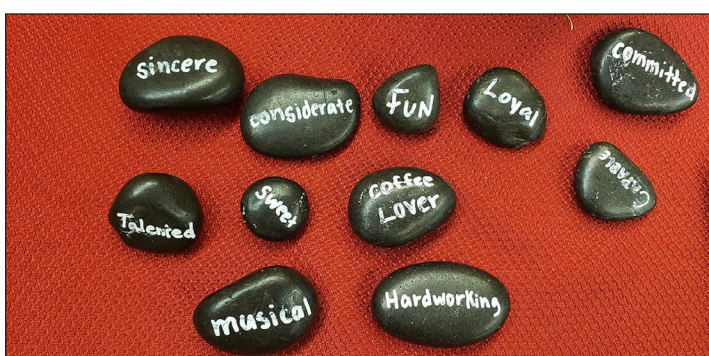
"Those were so cool," she said with a laugh. "I cried — it was so neat."

The longest tenured employee at Tuff home was honored Jan. 21 by the nursing home's staff and residents.

They presented McGaffee with a plaque, cards, cake and a glass jar filled with 40 black rocks.

On each rock was written a word (for five rocks two words) that described McGaffee and what she brings to her co-workers, the home's 50 residents and her job.

"One even put 'short' on there — that made me really



Tuff Memorial Home residents and staff assembled a "45 years of being a Rock Star" jar, complete with "45 things we love about you" that describe Glenda McGaffee's impact to the facility. **At left**, she holds the plaque she received for working at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills for the past 45 years.

laugh," McGaffee said.

Activity director Joslyn Jacoby indicated that McGaffee might be short in stature but not in heart.

Words such as "sincere, considerate, fun, loyal, committed, capable, coffee lover, sweet, talented, calm-

ing, hard-working, and enthusiastic" also describe McGaffee.

"We are so thankful to have her," Jacoby said. "She is always there when we need her."

McGaffee (nee Wassenaar) grew up in Hills,

graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1974, and started working at the Tuff Home in 1976, at the suggestion of a neighbor who needed help with resident activities.

Since that initial position in the activities department, McGaffee has worked full time as the home's secretary, bookkeeper, and in social services working directly with resident care.

She credits the Tuff Home for changing her life as a single person.

"I met (husband) Sam at the nursing home," McGaffee said. "He delivered paper supplies."

Invoices from the office product company indicated "see Glenda" at the time of delivery. Eleven months after meeting in January 1982, the two were married. The

McGaffee 45 years/see page 2B

Hills-Beaver Creek topples Luverne in Rock County showdown

Patriots win seventh straight Rock County battle 52-39

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team improved to 5-0 after going 2-0 last week. The Luverne Cardinals, on the other hand, went 0-2 and fell to 3-4 overall.

The undefeated Patriots opened the week by disposing of Mountain Lake Area 65-35 at home on Thursday, Feb. 4.

The Patriots then put together a strong second half to defeat the Luverne Cardinals 52-39 at home on Friday, Feb. 5.

"It was nice getting back to games after a nine-day layoff," H-BC head coach Kale Wiertzema said.

"I thought we did some nice things both nights. We did a much better job getting ourselves to the free-throw line in the second half against MLA and the Luverne game."

He said both MLA and Luverne exposed some areas for H-BC to improve on.

"We definitely need to do a better job taking care of the ball and focusing on player tendencies defensively," Wiertzema said.

The Cardinals opened the week with a 51-44 road loss to Redwood Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

"I thought we did some nice things both nights. We did a much better job getting ourselves to the free-throw line in the second half against MLA and the Luverne game."

- H-BC head coach Kale Wiertzema.

H-BC 52, LHS 39

The Patriots outscored the Cardinals 32-21 to pick up a 52-39 victory over their Rock County foe on Friday, Feb. 5.

With the win over Luverne, the Patriots have now defeated the Cardinals seven straight times.

The two teams traded baskets early. With the game tied at 4-4, Luverne's Brooklynn Ver Steeg put the Cardinals up 6-4.

With Luverne holding an 8-7 lead, a Kira John



Brennen Rupp photo/0211HBC/LHS photo

Luverne's Averill Sehr attempts to slow down H-BC's Taryn Rauk during Friday's contest that took place in Hills between the two Rock County Rivals. The Patriots used a strong second half to defeat the Cardinals 52-39.

bucket put the Cardinals up 10-7.

A Ver Steeg fast-break layup put the Cardinals up 16-9 at the 7:42 mark in the first half. Unfortunately for the junior guard and the Cardinals, Ver Steeg got

injured on the play and was sidelined.

The Patriots then closed out the first half on an 11-2 run to take a 20-18 lead into the locker room.

H-BC junior Kenadie Fick opened the scoring in

the second half by knocking down a corner jumper to put the Patriots up 22-18.

It was a sign of things to come for Fick, as she would go on to knock down four three-pointers in the second half.

A Christina Wagner three-pointer gave the Cardinals a 23-22 lead.

The Patriots wasted little

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Luverne bests Redwood Valley 76-72 in Big South battle

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals boys' basketball team continued its strong start to the 2021 campaign on Tuesday, Feb. 2, with a 76-72 home victory over Redwood Valley.

Gannon Ahrendt started the game off with a bang for the Cardinals by knocking down a three-pointer on the first possession of the game.

A pair of Bailey Cowell buckets put the Cardinals up 7-2.

With Luverne holding a 9-2 lead, Redwood Valley went on a 9-1 run to take an 11-10 lead.

Luverne answered by going on an 8-0 run to take an 18-11 lead.

At the half Luverne led Redwood Valley 38-30.

Luverne held off Redwood Valley in the second half to pick up a Big South Conference victory 76-72.

Ahrendt finished with a team-leading 28 points. The sophomore also grabbed



Brennen Rupp photo/0211LHS BB photo Riley Cowell drives to the basket during Luverne's home opener against Redwood Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

seven rebounds and recorded three steals.

Cowell finished with 19 points. The senior guard also dished out six assists and recorded five steals.

Ethan Beyer reached double figures with 10 points.

Nathaniel Cole-Kraty and Jayson Rops each

grabbed six rebounds.

With the win the Cardinals improved to 5-1 with their lone loss against the Marshall Tigers, who are ranked in the Top 10.

The Cardinals will be back in action on Tuesday, Feb. 9, when they host Pipestone Area.

LHS boys' hockey drop a pair of road games

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals boys' hockey team lost two games this week, bringing their overall record to 1-5 on the young season.

The Cardinals opened the week with an 8-2 road loss on Tuesday, Feb. 2, to Minnesota River. They then dropped another road contest on Friday, Feb. 5, to Dodge County 9-1.

Minnesota River 8, LHS 2

In the first matchup between these two teams this season, Minnesota River edged Luverne 3-2.

The rematch on Tuesday, Feb. 2, was a different story. It was all Minnesota River all the time, with the Cardinals suffering an 8-2 loss on the road.

Minnesota River scored the first three goals of the game before a Zach Kruse power play goal got the Cardinals on the board in the first period. Cade Wenninger recorded the assist on the goal.

In the second period it was all Minnesota River.

The Bulldogs opened the second frame holding a 3-1 lead.

Thanks to a four-goal outburst, Minnesota River took a 7-1 lead into the locker room before the final period.

Kruse scored his second goal of the

game to open the third period.

The Bulldogs wrapped up the scoring to make the final score 8-2.

Shaïd Shearer recorded 36 saves in the loss for the Cardinals.

Dodge County 9, LHS 1

The Cardinals dropped a road contest against Dodge County on Friday, Feb. 5, 9-1.

Dodge County scored the first four goals of the game before a Brock Behrend goal in the second period got the Cardinals on the board.

With Dodge County holding a 4-1 lead to start the third period, the home team scored five goals in the final period to pick up the 9-1 victory.

Shearer recorded 31 saves for the Cardinals.

Since scoring eight goals against Redwood Valley in an 8-5 victory in the second game of the season, the Cardinals have mustered just seven goals in the last four games.

The Cardinals will look to snap a four-game losing streak on Thursday, Feb. 11, when they host Worthington.

Something will have to give inside Blue Mound Ice Arena on Thursday, as the Trojans currently own a 1-5 record and have lost five straight after winning their season opener.

Hills-Beaver Creek defeats Edgerton, falls to WWG

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team went 1-1 this week with a 69-41 home victory over Edgerton on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and a 74-55 loss to Westbrook-Walnut Grove on Friday, Feb. 5.

H-BC 69, Edgerton 41

Edgerton had H-BC on the ropes early. The Flying Dutchmen raced out to a 10-0 lead and looked to be on their way to a blowout victory.

The Patriots then settled in and closed out the first half on a 31-7 run to take a 31-17 lead into the locker room.

In the second half the Patriots outscored Edgerton 38-24 to secure the 69-41 victory.

Cole Baker led the Patriots with 18 points. Baker also grabbed six rebounds.



Brennen Rupp photo/0211 H-BC BB photo Liam Raymon attempts a free throw during Hills-Beaver Creek's home game against Edgerton on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Ty Bundesen scored 12 points, grabbed five rebounds, dished out four assists, and recorded four steals.

Zander Wysong recorded a double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. The senior post player also

dished out four assists and recorded four steals.

Drew Leenderts chipped in with 12 points.

WWG 74, H-BC 55

On Friday the Patriots ran into the well-oiled machine that is the WWG Chargers. The Chargers defeated the visiting Patriots 74-55.

WWG took a 33-22 lead into the locker room and outscored H-BC 41-33 in the second half to pick up the 19-point victory.

Baker scored a team-leading 19 points for the Patriots. Leenderts reached double figures with 10 points.

Andrew Harris scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Wysong scored seven points and grabbed seven rebounds.

LHS wins at home, loses on the road

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne girls' hockey team split a pair of games this week to improve to 4-2 overall.

The Cardinals opened the week with a 7-0 shutout victory over Minnesota River at home on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Luverne then dropped a road contest on Friday, Feb. 5, to Dodge County 4-1.



Brennen Rupp photo/0211LHS

Luverne senior Regan Feit handles the puck during a home game against Minnesota River on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

LHS 7, MN River 0

The Cardinals used a strong first period to pick up a 7-0 victory on Tuesday, Feb. 2, inside Blue Mound Ice Arena. Luverne scored four goals in the opening frame and

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Luverne edged by JCC 129.750-126.900

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne gymnastics team dropped a home meet to Jackson County Central on Thursday, Feb. 4. The 129.750 to 126.900 loss drops the Cardinals to 3-2 overall this season.

"We had our best meet of the season," Luverne head coach Phoebe Flom said.

"It was a loss, but so many good things happened, it felt like a win. Things are starting to click for the girls and they're feeling more confident in trying their new skills."

Ella Reisdorfer earned first place in the vault with a score of 9.000.

Amira Cowell finished right behind her teammate in second place with a score of 8.925.

Tiana Lais earned fourth place with a score of 8.800. Kendra Thorson placed fifth with a score of

8.625.

Reisdorfer took home first place in the bars with a score of 8.225.

Reisdorfer earned second place on the beam with a score of 8.450.

Thorson finished fifth with a score of 7.575.

Reisdorfer finished first in the floor routine with a score of 9.075.

It was Reisdorfer earning first place in the all around with a score of 34.750.

Cowell finished third with a score of 30.300.

Thorson finished fourth with a score of 22.450.

The Cardinals will be back in action on Friday, Feb. 12, when they hit the road to take on Worthington.

"These girls have such great potential," Flom said. "It will be fun to see where we end up by the end of the season."

LHS grapplers go 0-2

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals went 0-2 at a wrestling Triangular in Windom on Saturday, Feb. 6, losing to Rock Central 61-18 and to Windom-Mountain Lake 42-30.

"We had a small crew, but we wrestled tough," Luverne head coach, Jordan Kopp said.

"The team received several compliments on how well they wrestled. It was a total team effort. I'm super proud of the way these guys went out and competed."

RRC 61, LHS 18

The Cardinals only won three matches against Red Rock Central, with all three wins coming by fall.

Riley Cowell continued his strong start to his senior season with another win by fall in the 120-pound division over RRC's Aubry Mathiowetz.

In the 145-weight

class, it was Brayden Ripka winning by fall over Ryan Zimmermann.

Jaden Reisch won by fall in the 152-weight class over Damon Holmes.

Windom-MLA 42, LHS 30

In the 113-pound weight class, it was Rayden Boyenga winning by decision, 13-9 over Robinson Paredes.

Cowell won by fall in the 120-pound class over Tucker Renquist.

Ripka won by decision (10-8) in the 145-pound division over Trenton Reinquist.

Reisch won by fall in the 152-weight class over Montgomery Bjorklund.

The Cardinals will be back at home on Thursday, Feb. 11, when they host Waseca. It will be the team's third home match of the season.

With the two losses the Cardinals are now 1-8 overall this season.



Photo Courtesy of Gavin Wysong/0211 Gavin photo Hills-Beaver Creek's Gavin Wysong signs his letter of intent to play football at the University of Sioux Falls on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Wysong will be playing running back and majoring in business at USF.

H-BC's Gavin Wysong commits to football at USF

By Brennen Rupp

Gavin Wysong was a member of a Hills-Beaver Creek senior class that helped the Hills-Beaver Creek football program accumulate an overall record of 29-6 over the last four seasons.

During that run the Patriots won one section championship and appeared in three more.

This past fall the Patriots finished the shortened football season with a 7-0 record and were named Nine-Man State Champions by the Associated Press.

During the shortened 2020 season, Wysong rushed for 1,068 yards and 17 rushing touchdowns. He also passed for 505 yards and seven touchdowns.

Wysong, who started to play football when he was in second grade, recently committed to continuing his football and academic career at the University of Sioux Falls.

"It means everything to have the chance to play at the next level," Wysong said.

"I've had the dream of playing college football ever since I started the game."

In the classroom at USF, Wysong will be majoring in business. On the gridiron he'll be playing running back.

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"I've had the dream of playing college football ever since I started the game."

- Gavin Wysong

Wysong's faith and religion are important to him. With USF being a private Christian University, it was a match made in heaven.

"I chose USF because the coaching staff was very welcoming and came at me with open arms and got to know me not as a football player but as a person as well," Wysong said.

"I love how they are a God-loving program. I am a huge believer in Jesus Christ and believe he is the reason I am able to pursue my dreams. The tradition and family of that program is fantastic."

Wysong has worked hard to achieve a goal he set for himself at an early age. The H-BC senior also recognizes that he would have not

gotten to this point without the help from his support system.

"It feels amazing to know that all the work I put in was for a reason," Wysong said.

"I always lived by the quote 'the pain that you feel today, is the glory and success you feel tomorrow.' I was blessed with such an amazing family and community that supported me and gave me hope as well. Without them, I would've had a much harder journey."

Wysong started playing football in elementary school in North Carolina.

His family then moved to Eden Prairie, where he played football from third grade to sixth grade.

The Wysong family then moved from Eden Prairie to Hills. Since seventh grade Wysong has played for the H-BC program.

The H-BC senior said he is excited about his future at USF, but he's not looking forward to saying goodbye to the H-BC community.

"What I will miss most about H-BC is all my teammates that I have played with over the past years," Wysong said.

"I will miss my community and the home games for sure. No matter where I go, I will always call Hills-Beaver Creek my home."

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time in reclaiming the lead, as Taryn Rauk hit a three-pointer on the next possession to put the home team back up on top 25-23.

A pair of Fick three-pointers put the Patriots up 38-32.

With the Patriots holding a 39-32 lead, Fick hit two more three-pointers to put H-BC up 45-32.

Fick finished the game with 17 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

Rauk finished the game with 15 points. Abby Knobloch scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Before leaving the game due to an injury, Ver Steeg scored six points and grabbed five rebounds for the Cardinals.

Averill Sehr scored 13 points and recorded six steals.

Elizabeth Wagner scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds.

H-BC 65, MLA 35

It was H-BC all the time on Thursday, Feb. 4, when the Patriots defeated Mountain Lake Area 65-35 at home.

The Patriots took a 37-18 lead into the locker room and kept their foot



Brennen Rupp photo/0211 LHS GBB photo Kira John attempts a shot for the Cardinals during Luverne's game against Hills-Beaver Creek on Friday, Feb. 5.

on the gas in the second half, outscoring MLA 28-17 to pick up the 65-35 victory.

Rauk finished the game with 21 points, six

rebounds and five assists.

Fick scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds.

Knobloch scored four points and grabbed eight rebounds.

RV 51, LHS 44

Luverne was outscored 36-27 in the second half of their 51-44 road loss to Redwood Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The first half was a defensive struggle between the two Big South Conference rivals, with Luverne holding a slim 17-15 lead.

A second-half offensive outburst from Redwood Valley propelled them to a seven-point victory over Luverne.

Elizabeth Wagner scored a team-leading 20 points. She also grabbed six rebounds and dished out six assists.

Ver Steeg finished the game with 12 points.

With the two victories H-BC improved to 5-0, with four of their five wins coming by double digits. The Patriots will look to remain unbeaten when they hit the road to take on Murray County Central on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The two losses drops Luverne to 3-4 overall. They'll look to break back into the win column when they take on Pipestone Area in Pipestone on Tuesday, Feb. 9.



Brennen Rupp photo/0211 LHS GH photo Luverne's Kamryn Van Batavia fires off a shot during a home game against Minnesota River on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Van Batavia scored four goals for the Cardinals in the 7-0 victory.

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never looked back en route to the shutout victory.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored three of the four first period goals for the Cardinals. Shelby Kracht scored the other goal for the Cardinals.

In the second period it was Rylee Gee scoring a short-handed goal to put the Cardinals up 5-0.

Van Batavia scored a short-handed goal to put Luverne up 6-0.

Reghan Bork wrapped up the scoring in the third period to give the Cardinals a 7-0 lead. Bork was assisted on the play by Brynn Thier and Zariah Holmgren.

Mallory Von Tersch recorded 17 saves for the

Cardinals.

Dodge County 4, LHS 1

Dodge County jumped on the visiting Cardinals by scoring four first period goals on Friday, Feb. 5. That strong opening frame helped Dodge County hand the Cardinals a 4-1 loss.

The Cardinals were held scoreless through the first two periods before a Gee power-play goal in the third period got Luverne on the board.

Von Tersch recorded 40 saves for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals will be back on the ice on Thursday, Feb. 11, when they host the Worthington Trojans.

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Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

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Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvnecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

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First Baptist Church
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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

Thursday, Feb. 11: Missions in Action. Saturday, Feb. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. In-person worship service in Sanctuary. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Worship service. No Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom. Monday, Feb. 15: Grace Notes deadline. Registration deadline for Great Bear. Tuesday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Please pre-register for Ash Wednesday Services. 5 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still 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. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Monday, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org with our sister churches for online worship opportunities.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Communion. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 12 Noon staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. Worship 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.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Feb. 11: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, Feb. 13: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday Feb. 14: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Communion. — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Confirmation retreat — TBD; Feb. 14-15 at Grand Stay. Monday, Feb. 15: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 16: 6:30 p.m. PPR meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 18: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Food Shelf curbside.

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Jason Cunningham, Pastor

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Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, Feb. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school; Bible study. 7 p.m. Online Bible study. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church
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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelbration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
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Jesse Baker, Pastor

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwfb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

10 a.m. worship service; Facebook live. 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

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

First Presbyterian Church
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Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

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501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
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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. 14: 10 a.m. Worship service at Bethlehem. No Sunday school. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website bchlills.org. Tuesday, Feb 16: 2 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 2:45 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Bethlehem.

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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Identity

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ann Zastrow
Grace Lutheran
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This coming Sunday celebrates Jesus' Transfiguration, when Jesus meets Moses and Elijah on the mountaintop. His clothing shines dazzling white, and his true identity as Son of God is made known to the disciples Peter, James and John, as a cloud envelops them. Peter mumbles something about being glad they were there to see this, and should he build booths to commemorate the occasion, someplace to come to remember the event in the future, and out of the cloud comes a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Transfiguration Sunday marks the end of the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means revealed or discovered, an "aha!" moment. In this season, Jesus' identity as Son of God is discovered or revealed as he begins his earthly ministry.

Epiphany Day is Jan. 6, when the Magi find Jesus, worship him, and deliver gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were the first non-Jews to whom Jesus' identity was revealed.

As Jesus' ministry began, he was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, and his identity was announced through a dove descending on him and by a voice from heaven declaring him God's beloved.

Jesus' identity was demonstrated throughout his ministry as he resisted the wilderness tests Satan put before him, as he preached and taught with power and authority (quite unlike the local religious leaders), as he healed the sick, raised the dead, and cast out demons and unclean spirits, as he lived his life in accordance with God's expectations, even dying on the cross.

We, too, are to claim our identities as beloved children of

God, named and claimed by God. My tradition recognizes this happening at baptism, but other traditions recognize this occurring at other times. Regardless of when the naming and claiming takes place, we are recognized, named and claimed by God, and our identity is forever changed.

We, too, should live our lives in accordance with God's expectations for us, both in general, and in particular. Each of us is to live as a God-filled human being.

We also are each called to unique, individual callings, whether that is a familial calling (to be a parent, aunt/uncle, cousin, part of a "chosen/friend" family, etc), a calling to a specific paid job (nurse, teacher, construction worker, plumber, judge, etc.) or non-paid vocation (expert dog-walker, volunteer with children/youth/elderly, gardener, artist, etc).

Whatever we do, we are to reflect our identity as God's beloved child as we live out our lives, through our actions, our words, our responses.

This Sunday is the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the 40 days before Easter where we reflect on Christ's obedience to God as he lived into his identity as God's Son.

We are not called to such extremes, but we are called to live out our Christian identity in this broken world to the best of our abilities. May God equip and strengthen us to do so!

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 133th Annual Meeting of the Policyholders of Sweet Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic by order of the Board of Directors.

John A. Schmidt, President
Michael Moeller, Secretary
(02-11)

Luverne School District seeks repair bids by March 4

REQUEST FOR BIDS
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Luverne School District is requesting bids for the Repair of Existing EIFS on the Elementary School area as described in the construction documents. Bids will be received by Independent School District No. 2184 until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021 at the School's District Office located at 709 North Kniss, Luverne, Minnesota.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the above time and place. Bids received after 2:00pm will be returned unopened.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked on the lower left-hand corner "Sealed Bid Enclosed - EIFS Repair" with the name and address of the bidder, addressed to: Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent of Schools Independent School District No. 2184 709 North Kniss Luverne, MN 56156

Each bidder must accompany his bid with a Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or Certified Check equal to 5 percent of the amount of the bid payable to the Owner as a guarantee of prompt execution of the Contract in accordance with the Proposal and Contract Documents and that he will furnish bond acceptable to the Owner covering performance of the Contract.

Copies of the construction documents are on file in the District Office. The on-site work of the Project may begin as soon as weather permits after contract has been signed, with the work fully completed on or before August 1, 2021. Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne, Minnesota, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bids.

Reva Sehr,
Clerk

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 10

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: October 11, 2018
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$145,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Traci Ann Scholl, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 101040121113923470
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Flanagan State Bank
SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 18, 2018, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 193663
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC;
Dated: December 9, 2020, filed: December 22, 2020, recorded as document number 198798

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
A tract in the W1/2 of Section 24, Township 104 North, Range 47 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the North west corner of the NW1/4 of Section 24, in said Township and Range aforesaid as the place of beginning, thence East 1320 feet to the Northeast corner of the W1/2 of the NW1/4; thence South 1100 feet; thence Northwesterly 720 feet to a point which is 1060 feet South of the North line of the NW1/4; thence South 200 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence South 260 feet; thence West 400 feet; thence North along the West side of the NW1/4 1520 feet to the point of beginning; excepting there from a strip or piece of land 200 feet wide extending across the Northwest corner of the described parcel granted by right of way deed dated April 23, 1888 to the Willmar and Sioux Falls Railway Company
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2178 20th Ave, Jasper, MN 56144
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10-0215-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$152,964.32

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 10, 2021, 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 12 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 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 10, 2022, or the next business day if March 10, 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 REDUCED 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 PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: January 4, 2021

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
(01-14, 01-21, 01-28, 02-04, 02-11, 02-18)

Rock County Highway Department seeks bids by March 1

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.A.P. 067-602-009; S.A.P. 067-603-032; S.A.P.067-605-013; S.A.P. 067-607-019; S.A.P. 067-609-023

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota, until **11:00 A.M. on Monday March 1st, 2021.**

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 51,282 Sq. Yds. Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation; 146,698 Gallons Bituminous Material for Mixture; 194,373 Sq. Yds. Mill Bituminous Pavement; 35,304 Tons Type SP 12.5 Bituminous Wear Course Mix; 8,989 Tons Aggregate Shouldering Class 1; 6,561 Gallons Bituminous Material for Fog Seal. 58 Ft. of 16'x7' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 54 Ft. of 12'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 54 Ft. of 12'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections.

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-602-009; Etc. The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.
Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(02-04, 02-11, 02-18)

Rock County Highway Department seeks bids by March 8

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

C.P. 067-401-022

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, March 8th, 2021.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Quantities of Work are: 3,159 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint—White & 1,792 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Centerline Pavement Marking Paint—Yellow. Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, https://www.co.rock.mn.us/department_directory/highway_department/index.php.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be **\$50.00**. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal. Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-401-022".

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(02-11, 02-18, 02-25)

Van Santen trust: Notice to creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DECEASED SETTLOR AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

Notice is given that on November 26, 2020, Jim Van Santen died, who was the Settlor of the Jim and Marilyn Van Santen Living Trust dated March 30, 2015, and any amendments thereto.

Marilyn Van Santen, whose address is 1314 60th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156, is the current Trustee of the Jim and Marilyn Van Santen Living Trust dated March 30, 2015, and any amendments thereto.

Creditors of the deceased Settlor must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or any claim or collection efforts which otherwise could have been asserted or enforced against the trust or assets thereof may be barred.

Claims may be submitted to the Trustee by mailing a written statement of the claim to the Trustee at the address above.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2021

/s/ Marilyn Van Santen
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(02-04, 02-11)

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Name: **Tiara Stoltenberg**
Address: 405 S. Josephine Ave., Hills, MN 56138 USA

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(02-11, 02-18)

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(2.6-2.11)

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A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*

The COVID-19 vaccination process for Luverne residents is underway and additional doses are expected soon. Rest assured that they will be administered as quickly and as efficiently possible. I want to commend the medical staff at Sanford Luverne and Southwest Health and Human Services for their outstanding professional dedication in getting the vaccine in the arms of our citizens. It's comforting to know that the positive COVID-19 numbers are dropping and the vaccination numbers are rising. That said, we still need to continue to mask up, wash our hands and social distance.

COVID-19 vaccine continues reaching local population

Rock County's vaccination rate is at nearly 10 percent, which compares with about 8 percent of people vaccinated statewide



Excerpts from 02/04 Star Herald - Three hundred Rock County residents 75 and older received the COVID-19 vaccine this week at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Jason Kloss of Southwest Health and Human Services said local health professionals have had to respond quickly with schedules and communication as vaccine doses become available on short notice.

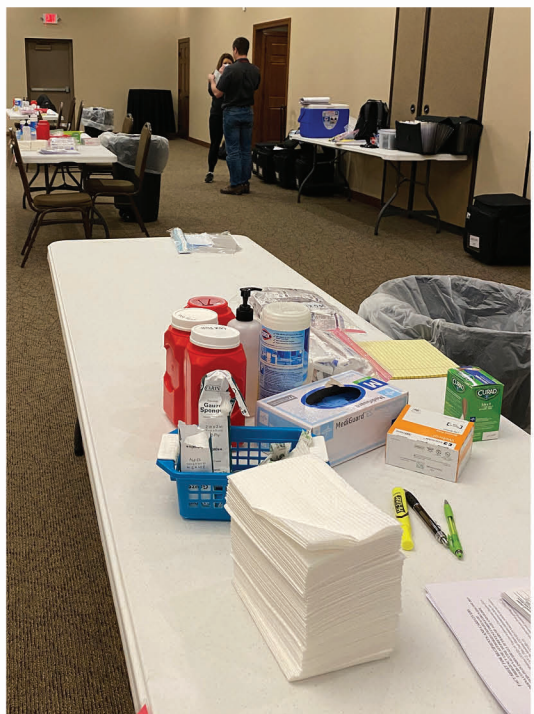
"I was informed on Friday that SWHHS would be receiving 300 doses the next week," Kloss said Saturday. "We are charged to get the vaccine out in 72 hours. ... Our clinic schedule will become more routine as supplies increase."

By Monday morning (2/1), 250 people had already reserved appointments for Wednesday's clinic at Grand Prairie Events. Only people with appointments were able to participate and only people from Rock County.

Meanwhile, 140 Sanford Luverne patients 85 and older were vaccinated last week, and 45 more will be done this week.

"So many of the people that we had come in Friday dressed up for the day," said Sanford Luverne's Tammy Loosbrock. "They were excited, and several said they hadn't been out of the house much if at all since last March. A few described it as the best Christmas present, and a couple said it was a gift from heaven. It truly warmed your heart to be able to be a part of the day."

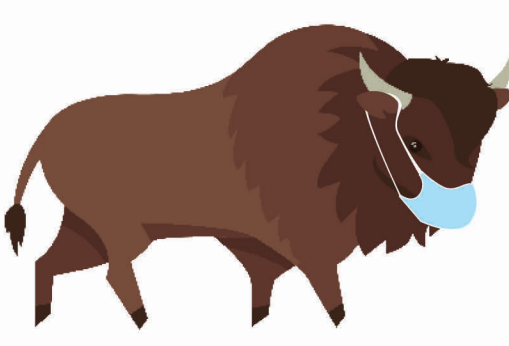
In total, as of February 2, 837 first doses and 239 second doses have been administered. "We are continuing the 85-plus group and plan to move into the 80- to 84-year-old group next," Loosbrock said.



Governor Walz rolls out plan to 'jumpstart' COVID vaccinations for seniors

Feb. 1, 2021 - As of Sunday, more than 418,000 Minnesotans, including health care workers and first responders, had received at least their first dose. Among those, more than 111,000 had completed the two-dose schedule, according to the state health department. The vaccines are considered 95% effective in preventing the virus that has killed more than 441,000 people in the United States and infected more than 26 million.

Walz rolled out a plan on Monday intended to "jumpstart" the state's COVID-19 vaccination program with an emphasis on getting people over the age of 65 inoculated. The plan will enable vulnerable seniors to get the shot from their local health care providers or by going to 100 clinics and several permanent large-scale vaccination distribution sites.



I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.



Sincerely,

 Mayor Patrick T. Baustian



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