



Rock County STAR HERALD

Rock County's oldest business, printing since 1873

Thursday, March 11, 2021

State reveals proposals for 'Eagle Rock Vista'

'Save the Manfred House Inc.' presses for more time to explore options for historic structure

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota DNR on Monday released three possible designs for the former state park interpretive center site that was once home to Luverne author Fred Manfred.

According to the DNR all three designs call for the house to be "deconstructed."

Members of the public have until April 5 to comment on the trailhead development now called Eagle Rock Vista.

The building, constructed in 1961, is structurally damaged by moisture, and state



State plans call for deconstruction of the former Fred Manfred home.

engineers say there's no way to rehabilitate it without water continuing to seep through the north wall of Sioux quartzite.

While community members advocated for its historical importance, facilities experts determined in 2019 it's neither

safe nor prudent to repair or reconstruct the building.

The state approved funding for a landscape architect to develop a plan that focuses instead on showcasing the location in honor of Manfred's legacy "while better utilizing the resources in the area."

The three design concepts released Monday provide a range of amenities from a basic trailhead structure to a picnic shelter and outdoor event space. However, none of the options

State park plans/see page 8A

Big Top Tents grows to host events on site

LEDA loans \$30,000 to assist with project in former Bomgaars

By Lori Sorenson

The business of Big Top Tent Rentals is getting bigger, according to expansion plans in the former Bomgaars building in Luverne.

Big Top Tent Rentals owners Jordan and Stacey Smidt attended Monday morning's meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority to discuss their business expansion at 321 W. Hatting St.

In 2015 they bought the tent rental business from Mike and Wanda Jarchow and expanded it in 2019 to include a snow removal service and a portable bathroom rental service.

Now they're expanding to offer indoor event space and diversify their rental services.

"It will offer the option of not only us going out to them, but they can come to us," Stacy Smidt said.

"There's no kitchen, but there's a prep room, and they can bring everything in from their caterers."

Essentially, the expansion will offer more options year-round instead of just seasonally, with both on-site and off-site options.

Their large property also provides the ability to host outdoor events on site as well, with the renovated indoor space serving as a back-up plan in the event of inclement weather.

A 40-by-40-foot patio and tent will be added to the north side of the building for outdoor space that is ADA compliant.

Half of the building is currently used for storage of their tents and equipment, and the other half offers additional space

Big Top Tents/see page 5A

St. Patty's Day parade to be first in Luverne since 2019

By Lori Sorenson

St. Patrick's Day parades aren't typically a big deal in Luverne, but this year it will mark a turning point in a pandemic that's canceled most forms of community celebration.

"The last parade in Rock County was for the Band Festival in 2019 so we have had a long dry spell," said Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

To entice more parade entrants, the Chamber is offering a gold dollar coin to each participant at the end of the parade route.

"Like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," Lanphere said.

"Decorations don't have to be complicated ... just wear some green and have some fun. Get your family, friends and neighbors to join."

The parade will start at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Living Rock Church parking lot on East Main Street and will end at the Palace Theatre on Freeman Avenue.

All businesses, individuals and families can participate with no pre-registration required.

Entrants must meet in the Living Rock Church between 4 and 4:30 p.m. to be included in the parade lineup. Call the Chamber at 507-283-4061 or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.



Mavis Fodness photo/0311 LHS Math League 2021

Luverne returns a team to the State High School Mathematics League tournament Monday with Kaitlyn Anderson (front, from left), Solveig Tofteland, Trista Baustian, Olivia Huisman, (back) Xavier Carbonneau, John Miller, Parker Carbonneau and Burke Johnson.

LHS competes in state Math League

By Mavis Fodness

After more than a decade, Luverne High School returns a team to the Minnesota State High School Math League Tournament.

Eight students will compete in the March 15 virtual math bowl and tournament organized by Augsburg University in Minneapolis.

According to the university's website,

over 3,000 students from nearly 180 schools participate in 26 divisions each year.

Luverne has competed each year since the 1986-87 season, and this year will be the seventh time it has advanced beyond the regular season. The last time was in 2009.

State Math League/continued on page 2A

Schomackers connect to Sewing Basket for crossover business

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Economic Development Authority approved a \$25,000 gap loan for Schomacker Properties to help with a \$153,000 construction project between their two stores on Main Street.

Randy, Sharon, Anthony and Joe Schomacker own and operate Schomacker's Home Galleries at 202 E. Main Street. They started with a cleaning business, then added flooring and appliance and then mattresses. They recently purchased The Sewing Basket

located next door at 204 E. Main Street from Barb Bork.

EDA Director Holly Sammons in her report Monday explained the rationale behind that decision.

"They saw the traffic that the Sewing Basket brought to Main Street from around the area and

understood what impact that store closing would have on our community," she said.

"They saw an opportunity to expand their business by integrating the two stores."

Schomackers/see page 5A

Luverne Counseling new facade completed

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Counseling's façade improvement is a perfect example of the how the program works, according to LEDA director Holly Sammons.

She updated the Luverne Economic Development Authority Monday on the recent Main Street project and on the city's façade improvement program to date.

In 2016 and 2017 Sammons worked with the business to create a first design proposal and worked through color revisions and options to create a design plan.

"A vision, a budget and a goal gave them the tools they needed to plan for the project

Facade improvement/see 5A



Lori Sorenson photo/0311 luverne counseling

Luverne Counseling's new exterior is considered "a perfect example of the how the city's Historic Facade Improvement Program works." To date, the program has supported 23 projects, loaned \$158,000, granted \$321,000 and prompted \$531,000 in private investment — totaling over \$1 million invested in Luverne's Main Street.

Agri-Energy to reopen May 1

By Mavis Fodness

Gevo Inc. is seeking to hire 20 employees for a May 1 reopening, according to Agri-Energy plant manager Phil Cherry.

"We are excited to get things back to 'normal,'" he said March 3. "Whatever that is — so we must put quotes around normal."

In March 2020, the coronavirus pandemic forced Agri-Energy to stop producing isobutanol, a jet fuel made from corn.

On March 27, 2020, plant officials laid off 27 employees due to the pandemic's negative effects on market prices.

Last week, however, Cherry confirmed 20 individuals will be rehired at the Luverne plant. Positions include boiler operator, lab technician, maintenance

technician and process operator, according to the Gevo.com website.

Cherry said if key people are hired and trained in April, the plant would meet the May 1 reopening timeframe. Job postings were made on Feb. 25 and interviews have already started, he said.

Since the Luverne plant's closure almost a year ago, Gevo officials have secured a long-term renewable hydrocarbons purchase and sale agreement with Trafigura Group to provide global customers with the low-carbon jet fuel produced at Luverne.

Trafigura is expected to take delivery of 25 million gallons annually including the renewable

Agri-Energy/see page 2A



COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,165	2	+0.6%
Pipestone	1,019	1	+0.4%
Nobles	3,875	1	+0.1%
Minnehaha (SD)	28,332	53	+1.9%
Lyon (IA)	1,457	1	+0.2%

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

Date Range	11/17-1/30	1/24-2/6	1/31-2/13	2/7-2/20
Rate	25.50	17.00	13.81	7.44

Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY

- People with at least one dose: 1,944
- People with completed series: 1,188

Data as of 03-07-2021

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 March 9, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

Sponsored by: Rock County Emergency Management

County Road 4 shoulders may be paved

Speed limit east of town will be evaluated in upcoming traffic study

By Mavis Fodness

An off-road, multi-use path along County Road 4 from the Luverne City Park east to County Road 9 is no longer viable due to cost and unavailable ground.

Instead, county commissioners approved a plan at their March 2 meeting to pave the existing 8-foot gravel shoulders along that route as part of the Ashby Memorial Path.

It can be done as part of the scheduled improvements to the highway from Luverne to Magnolia in 2022.

Commissioners previously directed county engineer Mark Sehr to consider off-road alternatives at the request of Gene and Barb Ashby who are funding the trail in memory of their son, Chris.

The Ashbys, who live along County Road 4, said highway traffic is heavy at times and requested a path on either side of the county road.

Sehr looked at both sides of the east-west roadway for an appropriate 10- to 30-foot-wide and 1.5-mile-long area to develop into a multi-use trail that would be separate from vehicle traffic.

Cost to design and build the multi-use trail would be \$700,000, plus any land purchases necessary for the off-road trail.

"We would impact numerous landowners and I don't think in a positive way," Sehr said.

"We would have to buy (land) from them and, because of the location, some would be located in their front yards."

A path on the south side of County Road 4 would involve nine landowners (two agricultural and seven homesteads). A path on the north side would involve nine landowners (one agricultural, two businesses and six homesteads).

"There are places for a multi-use trail to fit, but



Mavis Fodness photo/0311 county 4 shoulders

In 2022 County Road 4 will be resurfaced and 8-foot wide paved shoulders will be included on both sides of the road from the Luverne City Park east for about a mile to County Road 9. Commissioners agreed to the plan at their March 2 when an off-road multi-use path wasn't financially feasible for the popular area for walkers, bikers and joggers.

"County Road 4 is used a lot. It is often difficult for people to walk or run or bike on that gravel. What they do is jump on the tar real quick, and if they see a vehicle coming, they go back on the gravel again. To me it is almost more dangerous doing the out-and-over than staying on the shoulder to begin with."

— Rock County Commissioner Jody Reisch

unfortunately I don't think this mile, mile-and-a-half, is one of them," he said.

Under the department's five-year road and bridge improvement plan, Sehr proposed paving an 8-foot-wide strip along each side of County Road 4 to keep the multiple walkers, bike riders and runners from veering off the gravel shoulders to the smooth roadway and back again to avoid traffic.

Recent traffic count has 2,700 vehicles using the roadway daily.

Commissioner Jody Reisch also lives near County Road 4 and notices people using the gravel shoulders on a regular basis.

"County Road 4 is used a lot," he said. "It is often difficult for people

to walk or run or bike on that gravel. What they do is jump on the tar real quick, and if they see a vehicle coming, they go back on the gravel again. To me it is almost more dangerous doing the out-and-over than staying on the shoulder to begin with."

Sehr estimates that paving the shoulders would cost \$300,000 which is included in the total road improvement cost of \$3.1 million. Federal and state highway funds cover all project costs.

No local funds are slated for the County Road 4 improvement project.

Reisch also noted a 55-mph speed limit is posted through the majority of the 1.5-mile stretch of roadway. The speed increases as vehicles exit the 30-mph Luverne speed zone just

east of the city park.

He suggested that commissioners take a look at reducing speed limits in that area.

State statute, however, dictates all speed limits in the state including county roads be set by the commissioner of transportation.

Sehr said he'll request the Minnesota Department of Transportation officials to complete a speed study to see if reduced speeds along County Road 4 would be feasible.

"They are not going to lower the speed if they think people are not going to go 45 (mph)," Mark said. "They are not going to put 30 mph out a mile because people won't adhere to it. I think 45 (mph) is very possible."

City of Luverne loses power March 6

A Luverne city power outage occurred Saturday morning, March 6, and was out for more than 30 minutes.

The east substation by the power plant sensed a low voltage coming from the city's transmission feed from the south, and the substation shut down around 8 a.m.

Within the hour all load was switched to the west substation. The east side of the city was affected, since it was the east substation.

After trouble shooting that substation, it was put back into service on Monday morning.

There was no damage to the distribution system.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dental clinic offered March 12

#LuvLuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force will offer a dental clinic for adults and children of all ages on Friday, March 12, at the Rock County Health and Human Services building. Call 612.746.1530 to schedule an appointment or stop by the human services office for assistance in scheduling. General exams and services will be provided.

'In the Garden' March 16 portrays memory loss

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota is presenting the second one act play about memory loss in their online educational series titled "In the Garden," by Matthew Widman, the Memory Care Plays Anthology.

The production is an educational tool for both community and families navigating through the Alzheimer's/Dementia decision-making process.

This free virtual play will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16. Please sign up through Eventbrite at <https://marshall-garden2021.eventbrite.com>.

Free food March 18

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne.

Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers receive pre-packaged groceries on east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.

Community Education

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

Babysitting Basics for grades 5-8 will be on March 15 and 18. Fee is \$15.

Springtime Snack & Paint on March 18 for students in grades 1 - 3 will teach about spring flowers and animals with paint snacks. Meet at Coffey Contemporary Arts. Fee is \$33.

Maximize Your Memory - attend by Zoom or in person on March 24. Learn when to be concerned and techniques to improve your memory! Register with your email. Fee is \$5.

Preschool Fun Time March 30 for parents with children ages 0-5. Registration required, no fee.

Intro to Weight Lifting provides a comfort level for training at a fitness facility or at home. Meet in the new weight room at the high school for 7 sessions beginning April 6.

Math League/from page 1A

Math League was founded in 1980.

Luverne belongs to the Dynamic South Division with Lakeview, Marshall and Montevideo high schools. The division is part of Class A Section 2 with Blue Earth Area, Fairmont, Lake Crystal-Welcome Memorial and Tri-City United in Montgomery.

Class A consists of 52 schools. LHS finished the season in seventh place.

This year's team was named division and regional champions, which isn't an easy task according to second-year LHS adviser Aaron Perkins.

"There are times, looking at the questions and given the time constraints, if I don't think I can answer very many of the questions," he said.

There are 16 LHS students in Math League; eight compete as a team and the others compete as individu-

als.

Competing as a team at the state tournament are seniors Xavier Carbonneau, John Miller, Solveig Tofteland, Kaitlyn Anderson, juniors Trista Baus-tian Olivia Huisman, Burke Johnson, and sophomore Parker Carbonneau.

As the top individual in the division, Xavier Carbonneau competed in the state individual tournament March 8.

As a team, Luverne competitors achieved their highest score of the season in the last of five meets. They tied Barnum High School with 176 points. St. Croix Lutheran High School had the top score of 325 points.

Teams answer as many of the 24 questions as they can in 12 minutes (many without the use of a calculator) in the four topics of algebra, geometry, trigonometry and precalculus.

Agr-Energy/from page 1A

aviation fuel starting in 2023.

To fulfill the upcoming orders, Gevo is raising capital and, as of September 2020, has raised \$46 million so far.

The funds will be used to continue retrofitting the Luverne plant to use renewable electricity and renewable natural gas to produce renewable gasoline, jet and diesel fuels.

The capital would also assist in the construction of three new production plants, including one near Lake Preston, South Dakota, where 240 acres were recently purchased.

The March 3 hiring announcement comes just weeks after Cherry wrote a letter assuring the community that parent company Gevo was not abandoning the Luverne production plant.

In his Feb. 11 letter to the Luverne community, Cherry mentioned that Agri-Energy was seeking a project manager to assist the Luverne location to use renewable natural gas from dairy cows to lessen the plant's dependence on natural gas derived from fossil fuels.

The first part of Gevo's green energy plan was completed in March 2020, just before the plant closing.

Gevo partnered with Juhl Energy of Chanhassen to construct two 2.5-megawatt wind turbines. The turbines came on line for electricity production in April 2020.

The Rock County Wind Fuel project generated 12,934 megawatt hours in 2020, according to the state Department of Revenue.

Dial-a-Specialist

Your One Stop Guide to Local Businesses

• Chiropractic

• Electrician

• City

• Chiropractic

'Perseverance' takes team effort

Luverne native helped build two of the seven instruments aboard NASA rover on Mars

By Lori Sorenson

For the past two weeks, the Perseverance rover has been sending data from Mars about its geology and its potential for supporting past life.

And since its Feb. 18 landing on Mars, Luverne graduate Tony Nelson has been remotely operating "SuperCam," sending commands to and analyzing data from the instrument.

"We're trying to understand the geology on Mars — how those rocks formed, because they think at one time in the past our landing site had water," said Nelson, son of Lyle and Gloria Nelson, Luverne.

"The rocks will tell the science team the history of water which will potentially tell us the history of life on Mars."

Nelson leads project development for two of seven rover instruments

As an electrical engineer at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, Nelson helped build two of the seven instruments aboard the NASA rover.

He was the project lead for the spectroscopy electronics on the "SHERLOC" instrument, which searches for organics and minerals that have been altered by water and may be signs of past microbial life.

And he was the electrical lead for the U.S. team that collaborated with France on the SuperCam instrument, which he now operates.

SuperCam examines rocks and soils with a camera, laser and spectrometers to seek organic compounds that could be related to past life on Mars.

It can identify the chemical and mineral makeup of targets as small as a pencil point from a distance of more than 20 feet.

Nelson's team at LANL works with the French Space Agency to operate SuperCam, alternating shifts around the clock.

"At the moment we're on Mars Time," he said, noting that it has 40 more minutes in a day than Earth Time. "We adapt our schedules to match that of the Martian day to maximize our efficiency."

'Seven minutes of terror'

Nelson played a lead role in developing instruments for the Mars rover "Curiosity" in 2012 when a pandemic wasn't barring celebrations.



Tony Nelson is pictured above in front of NASA Kennedy Space Center Vehicle Assembly Building in Florida. He's pictured below, right with SuperCam Body Unit at delivery to NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"When that landed, our whole team was out at NASA JPL in California," he said. "So this has been a very different experience for us and working at home."

Instead of watching and celebrating the Feb. 18 Perseverance landing together at the lab, team members watched from their own remote locations, somewhat joined online.

"This has been a very different experience for us," he said. "It was just

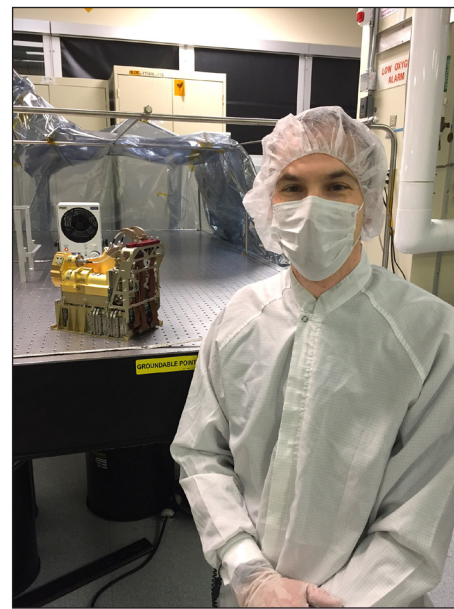
"I have to say working on the rover is most gratifying because it's something that public is interested in and we can communicate about it. ... It's all very fun. I'm very fortunate to be able to work on this stuff."

— Tony Nelson, electrical engineer at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico

me and my wife and the cats watching the NASA channel."

From their home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, he and Jenn anxiously watched Perseverance make its entry, descent and landing on the Red Planet.

"It was the seven minutes of terror,



I guess," he said. "It felt very real, and it was very exciting when it landed. ... There have been relatively few landings on Mars; I was definitely nervous about it."

As planned, the rover landed on a flat space in the "Jezero Crater" that

scientists believe was once flooded with water and was home to an ancient river delta.

At that point, Nelson exhaled.

"It's a one-time thing and there were a number of things that could have gone wrong," he said.

Once it landed and data started coming in, Nelson and his team began operating the instruments that explore for signs of fossilized microbial life.

The mission can be followed on the NASA website, mars.nasa.gov.

Timeline

Nelson has been working on Perseverance since 2013 when the project sought funding — more than \$2 billion.

"It takes a long time to develop these instruments for space flight," he said. "The electronics we build aren't like regular commercial electronics; they have to be radiation-hardened."

He explained that Mars has no magnetic field to protect it from the sun's radiation.

"So ... we need electronics that are hardened against that," Nelson said, "and they're expensive and take a long time to procure and a long time to design."

Scientists and engineers from around the world researched and developed the instruments for the rover. Its assembly was completed in mid-2019, and it was tested in the months leading to the July 30, 2020, launch.

Much of the testing happened in a metal chamber at JPL in the same simulator that's been used since the Voyager Space Probe flights in 1977.

"The history behind it is really fun," Nelson said. "It's all very fun. I'm very fortunate to be able to work on this stuff."

It took nearly seven months for Perseverance to arrive on the Mars surface after its July 30, 2020, launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

According to its mission, the rover will operate there at least one Mars year, which is about 687 Earth days.

But Nelson said it's built to last much longer than that.

"Curiosity landed on Mars in 2012 and it's still operating," he said.

"It really feels gratifying to not just drop it off and hope everything works, but to be part of the team that makes sure it's operated correctly to be used for years to come."

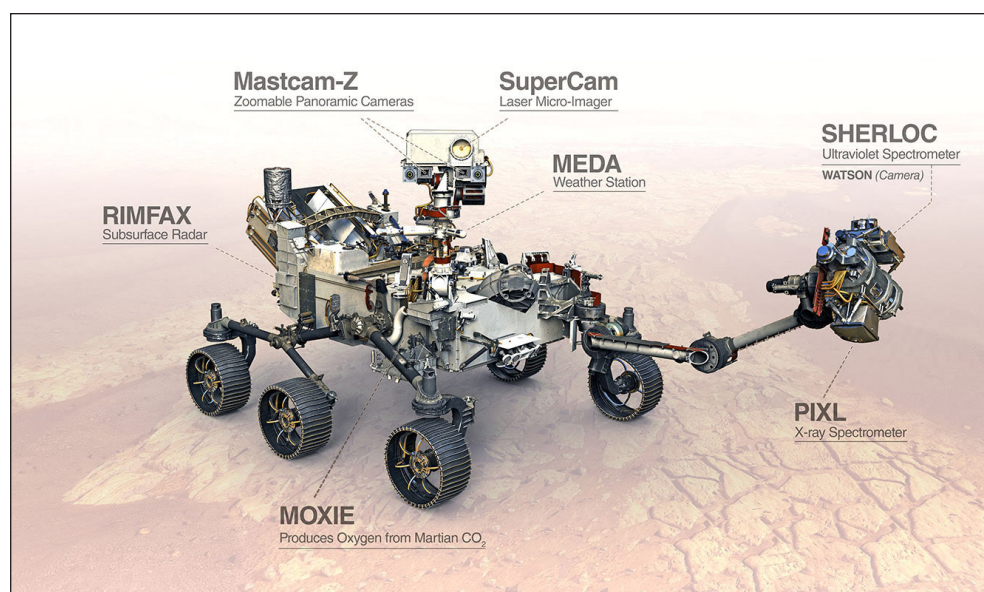
After more than 20 years working as a LANL engineer, Nelson now has six instruments in space that he's worked on.

"It takes a long time to develop these things, but at the same time it's interesting to be able to be so involved from the design to be actually using our instruments," he said.

"I have to say working on the rover is most gratifying because it's something that public is interested in and we can communicate about it."

Nelson graduated from Luverne High School in 1993 and got his electrical engineering degree from the South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City in 1997.

He completed a master's degree at Vanderbilt University in 2000 and has been working for LANL in Los Alamos, New Mexico, since then.



Blue Mound Liquor
Easy delivery and curbside pickup
 Order over phone
 Pay with credit card
 319 W Main St, Luverne • 507-449-5052

PALACE THEATRE
 Blue Mound Area Theatre Annual Meeting Notice
 Monday, March 15, 2021
 5:30 p.m.
 at Sterling's Cafe & Grille
 Public welcome
 507.283.4339 • WWW.PALACETHEATRE.US
 LUVERNE, MN 56156

90 & fabulous
 The family of Virginia "Jean" Knips is requesting a card shower in honor of her
90th Birthday on Thursday, March 25
 Greetings may be sent to:
 4513 Prince of Peace Place
 Boulder Creek #7
 Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Lessons of Dr. Seuss live on — with or without six books on the list

Author Theodor Seuss Geisel has taken readers on whimsical journeys through Whoville,



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, reporter

Kaverns of Krock and the Jungle of Nool, and many other fictional places since the publishing of his first book in 1937.

We know Mr. Geisel better by his pen name Dr. Seuss.

March 2 is “I Love to Read Day” and is celebrated locally as well as nationally with Dr. Seuss books taking center stage during the day.

Dr. Seuss has brought us the memorable characters in “The Cat in the Hat,” “The Grinch,” and hundreds of others accented in bright colors with odd shapes and sizes.

Now, six of the late author’s books will no longer be published because they “portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong.”

The books include the author’s first story “And to Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street,” “If I Ran the Zoo,” “McElligot’s Pool,” “On Beyond Zebra!,” “Scrambled Eggs Super!” and “The Cat’s Quizzer.”

I think the real reason for not republishing these books is that they’re not among Seuss’ best-selling books, and their sales have lagged.

Leaders of Dr. Seuss Enterprises said they were committed to a broader plan that the remaining books represent and support all communities and families.

Each of Dr. Seuss’ books reflects the issues occurring around the author, and the story he wrote was what we should learn from those

occurrences.

When Geisel died in 1991 at the age of 87, the New York Times heralded him as the “modern Mother Goose.”

In his 48 books he combined the ridiculous with the logical in generally a homey moral. His rhymes would make both adults and children laugh.

Now it’s adults who think Geisel’s messages shouldn’t continue because one character on one page may be offensive to a small minority of readers.

Geisel often said it’s “best to conceal one’s inner imaginative life from adults.”

Adults overreact and automatically banish things they don’t understand, or they don’t want to take the time to see the true spirit behind historical writings.

Geisel received a special Pulitzer citation for his almost 50 years of contributions to education and contributing to the reading enjoyment of children and their parents.

His books have been translated into 20 languages and have long been mainstays in school libraries and on shelves at home.

While these six books will no longer be republished, they are not being banned. They are still available to us in libraries or in our personal book collections.

They will continue the whimsical way Dr. Seuss approached teaching empathy and forgiveness — traits we need to continue to pass onto the next generation.

‘You are my sunshine’ ...

Please don’t take our public information away

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Daylight saving time returns Sunday, March 14, signaling more late-afternoon sunshine and the upcoming warmer season.

It also kicks off National Sunshine Week, March 14-20, which celebrates and brings awareness to free and open access to public information and an accountable government.

The theme this year is “It’s your right to know,” and it sheds light on the importance of community journalists in keeping the public informed.

Open meeting and data practices laws exists for everyone, but journalists are trained to navigate the sometimes complicated avenues to retrieve it.

Often when requesting public information for the newspaper, we remind our public officials that it’s not about us and it’s not about the Star Herald, it’s about our readers and local residents.

It’s our job to find and report on public information, but the ultimate goal is to inform community members what their public servants are doing with our tax dollars.

(Funny side story: We once misspelled “public” in a letter to the editor about displaying the Ten Commandments in “pubic” places.)

There are clear laws dictating what school boards, city councils, county commissioners and other

government entities must share openly with whoever asks to see it.

It’s Minnesota Statute 13.02, for those who’d like to look it up.

You don’t have to be a Star Herald reporter to request an accident report at the Sheriff’s Office or to request the city’s salary schedule or the county’s road and bridge plan. It’s all information that, by law, is open to the public.

As Star Herald readers, though, you can trust we’re asking for that information when it’s pertinent and our local public officials are aware of open meeting and data practices laws.

Sometimes we don’t get what we ask for on the first request, but we’re fortunate in our community to have positive relationships with our local leaders.

They, like we, mostly have our community’s interests at heart, and they know that an open and transparent government is good for everyone.

As we’ve seen with recent national leadership — denying access to what should be public information generally means there’s something to hide, and we

can be grateful that professional journalists at trusted news outlets are working hard to keep our leaders accountable.

That’s why, during Sunshine Week next week, we like to remind readers that freedoms of any kind shouldn’t be taken for granted, and that freedom of information may perhaps be the most important of all.

Because, as history has shown with dictatorships through the centuries — and even recent times — the first way a dictator rises to power is to shut down government information and discredit the free press.

Doing so allows cover-ups and corruption to carry on in darkness while a government mouthpiece assures residents that its leaders are good for them.

Freedoms, as we’ve been told, aren’t free. They’ve been paid for dearly. And freedom of information, likewise, should be protected as passionately as all other freedoms.

Happy Sunshine Week, dear readers. Let’s celebrate life in daylight.



Many questions on vaccine website are unnecessary

Many of you probably have filled out the Minnesota Department of Health’s application on the Vaccine Connector website to get your name on the list to receive the vaccine. I did as well, and frankly the application is absurd.

If you haven’t done it yet and if you want to get your name on the list, here are a few of the questions you’ll need to answer.

The first two are simple and necessary. “What’s your name and address?” I mean, after all, you need to be a Minnesota resident.

Then they get into the meat and potatoes and ask you, “What is your gender?” One would think that would be simple enough. I never thought there would be four choices.

They also want to know your sexual orientation. I was surprised to find out there are six potential answers



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Petersen, Tollefson Publishing general manager

to choose from — Straight, Gay or Lesbian, Bisexual, No. 5 was “I don’t know” and No. 6, “Something else.” I can’t imagine what would fall into that category.

For some reason the MDH wants to know if you have difficulty dressing or bathing, if you smoke or vape, if you’re obese and, of course, if you have “a physical, mental or emotional condition making it difficult to concentrate, remember or make decisions.”

I am not alone in my thinking here

because a bipartisan letter signed by 35 state senators was sent to Governor Walz asking for immediate removal of those invasive and unnecessary questions from the application.

If any potential employer would ask any of those questions of a potential employee, that employer would be sued by the end of business that day.

I don’t mean to oversimplify things here, but maybe name, address, age and occupation would have been enough.

Meinerts: ‘... we’re all in this together; I don’t think that we are’

To the Editor:

When I drive down Highway 75, I see the city of Luverne’s sign saying that we’re all in this together. I don’t think that we are. I feel it is more like us, the freedom-loving, small business-owning, free-thinking American Patriots against a Nazi regime up in the cities. A regime which it seems our city leaders want to be a part of. If it wasn’t for the half page ad in the paper or the reminders from the media every 15 minutes, would you even know we are in a pandemic? Has anyone thought about humbly approaching the great Governor Kristi Noem about

taking in the red counties here in Minnesota? We most certainly don’t want to saddle them with our burned up and destroyed blue counties. We’ll just leave them to their own demise. I, for one, do not feel responsible for the mess they created. If anyone has Kristi’s phone number, let’s get together and see if we can do anything about getting out of this debacle that Walz is in charge of. If you’re a Democrat amongst this sea of red, I guess you can do what you told the pipeline workers — just move on!

God Bless America!

Todd Meinerts
Luverne

E-mail: editor@star-herald.com Web site: star-herald.com
Phone: 507-283-2333 Fax: 507-283-2335

Published Thursdays by Tollefson Enterprises
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to 117 West Main, P.O. Box 837, Luverne, MN 56156. Periodicals postage paid at Luverne, Permit #33 and at additional mailing offices.

General manager: Rick Peterson **News staff:**
Advertising: Chantel Connell Lori Sorenson, editor
Office manager: Deb Lusty Mavis Fodness, reporter
Office assistant: Jennifer Nelson Brennen Rupp, sports reporter
Production: Heather Johnson Esther Frakes, copy editor
Production: Samantha Casper

Rock County
STAR HERALD
Rock County’s newspaper since 1873

(ISSN 0889-888X)
SUBSCRIPTION RATES

\$74 per year in Rock County; \$91 per year all other areas. Single copies \$1.25

Entire contents copyrighted by
Tollefson Publishing Roger Tollefson, publisher

The *Star Herald* encourages letters to the editor expressing the opinions of readers and intends to print all letters. Letters not meeting the guidelines will not be printed. The *Star Herald* will verify the authenticity of all letters. Letters must have the name of the writer, a signature and address.

Unsigned letters will not be considered. The *Star Herald* will edit for grammar, spelling and clarity. Any letters containing offensive language, libelous or slanderous material, or misleading or false information will be rewritten before being published. The *Star Herald* will not publish letters written with the sole intent to advertise or serve as a thank-you. Letters with more than 300 words may be edited. The deadline for letters is Monday 10 a.m. They may be delivered or mailed to the editor, *Rock County Star Herald*, P.O. Box 837, 117 W. Main St., Luverne, Minn. 56156.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 26

- Complainant on County Highway 4 and 100th, Luverne, reported vehicle with flashers on.
- Deputy assisted with motorist on 100th Avenue and 21st Street, Steen.
- Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a man on the roof.
- Hennepin County arrested subject on Rock County warrant.
- Dispatch reported a phone outage.
- Complainant on N. Prairie Avenue, Sioux Falls, reported suspicious people around his property.
- Complainant on N. Estey Street reported open door at location.

Feb. 27

- Driving complaint was reported on County Road 13, Hills.
- Phone outage reported at location.
- Dispatch reported a phone outage at location.

Feb. 28

- Complainant on 171st Street reported theft of vehicle titles.

March 1

- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a hitchhiker on roadway.
- Dispatch reported a phone outage.
- Abandoned vehicle reported at location on W. 1st Street, Hills.
- Complainant reported a phone outage.
- Complainant on 90th Avenue and County Road 4, Luverne, found medical supplies on the side of the road.

March 2

- Complainant on 180th Avenue, Edgerton, reported a deceased person.
- Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 407, Valley Springs, reported pedestrians on interstate.
- Complainant on 41st Street, Hills, reported a train blocking roadway.
- Complainant on County Road 6 and 101st Street, Bea-

- Complainant on 180th Avenue, Kenneth, reported a found body.

March 3

- Complainant on Main Street and Kniss Avenue reported a female standing in the middle of the road.
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant reported theft.
- Accident was reported at location on N. Kniss Avenue.
- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Adams Avenue reported found social security card.
- Vandalism was reported on S. McKenzie Street.
- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported theft.
- Missing person was reported at location on E. Christensen Drive.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a possible drunk driver.
- Dispatch confirmed a warrant.

March 4

- Complainant on W. Virginia Street reported house was egged by vandals.
- Accident was reported at location on 20th Avenue, Valley Springs.

March 5

- Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and W. Gabrielson Road reported pedestrian light malfunction.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about license issue.
- Complainant on 171st Street, Jasper, reported a suspicious vehicle in area.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 transports, 9 escorts, 24 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 16 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 gas drive-off, 3 alarms, 2 drug court tests, 5 purchase and carry permits, 19 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 2 welfare checks, and 1 follow-up.



Scoutmaster Miki Loosbrock (center) was honored Sunday by her scouts and families for leading four of her six boys to become Eagle Scouts. From left are Tyler DeCesare, Brody Loosbrock, Blake Madison and Mason Wieneke.

Eagle Scouts thank troop leader for encouraging their success

By Lori Sorenson

Miki Loosbrock, Scoutmaster of Troop 32, had six boys in her troop, and four of the six earned Eagle Scout Rank, which is no small task in the world of scouting.

Her troop members and their parents recently recognized her contributions with a glass plaque and personal thank-you letters at a Pizza Ranch gathering Sunday.

“Miki encouraged each scout to work toward their Eagle Scout rank through the years,” said Michele Wieneke.

“An Eagle Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges ... Lots of paperwork and reports over the years, which Miki was happy to do.”

Her son, Mason, updated the city of Wilmont’s 50-year-old Christmas street lights for his Eagle Scout project.

Three other Eagle Scouts emerged from Troop 32:

- Tyler DeCesare, son of Joel and Gina DeCesare of Luverne, built a Little Free Library in Luverne.
- Blake Madison, son of Les Madison and Dawn Anderson of Adrian, built a life-sized chessboard for the Adrian Campground.
- Brody Loosbrock, son of Brian and Miki Loosbrock of Wilmont, built a gaga ball pit for the Adrian Campground.

The other two scouts in Troop 32 are Mason Wenzel, son of Rob and Bronwyn Wenzel of Luverne, and Beau Loosbrock, son of Brian and Miki Loosbrock of Wilmont (brother

of Brody).

Loosbrock presented each of them with a small bronze statue of a scout raising an eagle on his arm.

Wieneke said the little troop was active in all kinds of scouting activities and trips. For example:

- They attended the Winter Klondike Derby — always placing and winning it a couple of times.
- They camped outdoors in the winter.
- They butchered their own hog and cooked it while camping at Newton Hills.
- They camped with the National Guard.
- They took a four-night canoe trip down the river in Yankton, South Dakota.
- They traveled to Custer, South Dakota, where they biked 22 miles to earn a merit badge.
- “They had so many unique experiences with scouting,” Wieneke said.
- “With the help and guidance of Miki and the Boy Scouts parents, Troop 32 was able to raise funds for a trip of a lifetime to Canada where they took a plane into the back country and portaged canoes in the Boundary Waters in July 2017.”
- She said during many overnight camping trips Loosbrock, being the only female, would sleep in her pickup.
- While Sunday’s event was to honor Loosbrock, Wieneke thanked all the parents and volunteers who contributed to the troop’s success.

Schomackers/ from page 1A

Schomackers bought the business, the building and the equipment, keeping the same staff and hiring a new manager to replace Bork.

Their business expansion project includes removing a section of the wall between the two retail stores and creating a large doorway between the Sewing Basket and Schomacker Home Galleries.

“This will allow both customers and sales staff to go back and forth and will create efficiencies in running both businesses,” Sammons said.

Additionally, the project includes installing a lift in the back of the store for deliveries and storing appliances and inventory in the basement space for warehouse and storage.

Schomacker’s Home Galleries and the Sewing Basket have two full-time and eight part-time jobs.

The scope of the business expansion project includes:

- create structurally sound access between both retail stores.
- cut hole in floor, create and install lift for moving appliances and inventory to the basement.

The EDA unanimously approved the \$25,000 Gap Loan Monday.

Terms of the loan will be 2-percent interest for a 10 year-term with monthly installments.

The loan will be secured with a mortgage. The project is being financed in partnership with a bank loan and owners’ equity.

The Schomacker gap loan was one of three \$25,000 loans the LEDA approved Monday.

ATLAS received a loan to help with its expansion into the former Kawasaki building, and Big Top Tent Rentals received a loan to support its expansion of indoor and outdoor onsite rental space in the former Bomgaars building.

Luverne Counseling facade improvement project /from page 1A

for someday in the future,” Sammons said in her report.

In 2019 she said they again revisited the colors to find the right theme for the building.

Project developers had hoped for a spring 2020 project, but COVID delayed those plans, Sammons said. “Everyone in the business community was left wondering what this meant for their business operations,” she said of the pandemic.

By fall Luverne Counseling owners were able to get loans and grant approval and start construction. They worked on the project through the winter and finished last week with the awnings and lights.

“The most important part of a successful project is the planning and preparation, and they executed their project to perfection,” Sammons said.

Luverne Counseling, owned and directed by clinical counselor Erica Hough, opened six years ago in the former Myhre Studio building on West Main Street.

It provides psychotherapy and a wide range of counseling services, and employs several counselors and therapists in various lines of specialty.

On the Luverne Counseling Facebook page, a Feb. 24 post announced the project completion.

“Thanks, Dave Nessink and crew at Superior Caulking. Thank you, Holly Sammons from city of Luverne, for helping us through the process,” it said.

“And a huge thank you, Jackie Pizel, our assistant office manager, for coordinating so much of this. We love it.”

The facade improvements cost roughly \$76,800 and Luverne Counseling received the

maximum grant and loan allowed through the program — a \$21,000 grant and a \$21,000 loan. The business invested \$29,800 of its own equity.

The loan, at 2-percent interest, will be repaid over a period of seven years.

To date, Sammons said the Historic Façade Improvement Program has supported 23 façade projects between 2015-2021.

The LEDA has loaned out \$158,000 and granted \$321,000 during the course of the program.

The private sector has invested over \$531,000 in equity into the projects, totaling over \$1 million of investment into Luverne’s Main Street.

Background

The Historic Façade Improvement Program was developed in 2014 to support the revitalization of Main Street and downtown Luverne while restoring buildings as closely as possible to their historic appearance from 1878-1948.

The city covers architectural costs for a professional design proposal to ensure projects align with the goal of a historic Main Street.

Funding provided through the program can be used for materials, construction, awnings, signage and lighting.

One-third of qualifying projects is paid by a grant, one-third by a low-interest loan, and one-third is owner equity.

Big Top Tents/from page 1A

for indoor events with renovation.

The large building also offers space to add business offices, restrooms, and storage and catering rooms.

Big Top currently employs four full-time and three part-time employees.

The scope of the business expansion project also includes:

- adding offices, break room, catering room, storage room and new ADA-compliant bathrooms.
- upgrading and installing plumbing, HVAC, electrical and fire sprinklers to meet code requirements.

The expansion project will cost \$310,000 and the LEDA approved two loans totaling \$30,000

to support it. The LEDA approved a \$25,000 Gap Loan at 2 percent interest for 10 years with monthly installments.

The Big Top Tent Rentals project also qualifies for a \$5,000 Rural Business Assistance Loan at zero percent interest for five years with monthly installments.

The loans, secured with a mortgage on the property, were approved unanimously by the LEDA. “Congratulations and good luck,” Mayor Pat Baustian told the Smidts.

The project is also being financed in partnership with a bank loan, an SBA loan and owners’ equity.

JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY BRUNCH
SUNDAY,
MARCH 14TH
10 AM - 1PM
EVERYONE WELCOME!
1-855-336-1275

SpringBrooke Events Golf Grill

A REMINDER FROM
THE CITY OF
Luverne
STREET DEPARTMENT

It is the responsibility of all motorists to arrange for off-street parking so the Public Works Department can plow the city streets.

Please remove all vehicles from the street if it's snowing or snow is in the forecast.

Vehicles not removed from the street may be ticketed.

We ..list it. ..show it. ..sell it.
It's that simple!

907 N McKenzie St, Luverne, MN
\$114,000

3 Beds • 2 Baths • 1951 sqft
Large older 3 bedroom home on a lot and a half property. Single Detached garage. House has a half bath main and full bath upper floor. All 3 bedrooms are on the upper level. Beautiful hardwood flooring throughout main floor.

Cragoe Realty
Selling Real Estate in the Heart of the Prairieland

Gene Cragoe, broker/owner 507-920-3815 | Sherri Thompson, realtor 507-227-6830
info@cragoe.com | 507-283-2647 or 800-689-2647

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Virginia "Jean"
Knips will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, March 25. Greetings may be sent to her at 4513 Prince of Peace Place, Boulder Creek #7, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

MENU

Monday, March 15:
Spaghetti, green and wax beans, fruit cocktail, garlic bread, cookie.

Tuesday, March 16:
Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, fruit crisp.
Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

Wednesday, March 17:
Chef's choice, vegetable, fruit, bread, St. Patrick's Day dessert.

Thursday, March 18:
Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli, bread, bar.

Friday, March 19:
Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, beets, dinner roll, cake.

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.

Local students participate in historic mock trial state tournament

Luverne High School alumna presides over event's organization

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School mock trial students made history last week when they competed in the state mock trial tournament from their homes in front of their computers.

Dyan Ebert, current president of the Minnesota State Bar Association, who organizes the mock trial program, noted the historical significance of this year's tournament.

"You will forever hold a very unique honor of having participated in the MSBA's first virtual mock trial tournament," she said.

"Your ability to pivot to this format has been nothing short of impressive, and I dare say my fellow attorneys and colleagues in the MSBA can learn from your experience and your willingness to accept and embrace the change that was forced on you this year."

Instead of organizing in-person competitions at area courthouses, the 2020-21 season and the March 3-4 state tournament were completed using Zoom.

Ebert, a 1986 graduate of Luverne High School, spoke with students, parents and advisers during the virtual awards ceremony on YouTube March 4.

She recognized each of the 16 schools participating in the state tournament including Region 4 winner Luverne, which compiled a 5-0 regular season record.

After the tournament, Ebert (nee Carroll) was excited to see her hometown still represented at



Judges at the state mock trial tournament recognize two students from each participating high school for their performances at the annual event. Luverne High School students Chance Tunnissen (left) and Luke Thorson are this year's recipients of the all-state attorney and all-state witness trophies respectively.

the state tournament. This year is LHS' seventh-straight appearance.

"I must admit one of the first things I do is check to see if the Luverne team qualified," she indicated by email. "It is also fun to review the team roster to see if I recognize any names — or know their parents."

Ebert is an attorney with Quinlivan & Hughes in St. Cloud.

In the Youtube ceremony, Ebert also named the 32 students who earned all-state attorney and all state witness recognition at the event.

Chance Tunnissen and Luke Thorson earned the attorney and

witness awards respectively for Luverne.

The all-state awards are based on judges' scores after each round of state competition.

This year's case is "Payton Knox vs. Nixon Lodge Catering Inc."

Tunnissen, a junior, is one of the three attorneys on the plaintiff team. He cross-examined the defense witness Bobby Stuart and directed the questioning of Jordan Knox, mother of the plaintiff Payton Knox.

Thorson, also a junior, portrayed the witness Payton Knox, whose wedding was affected

by the coronavirus pandemic and restrictions placed on the large event by Nixon Lodge Catering. In dispute was the contract signed between the two parties.

"I think our performances at the three state trials were our best performances of the year," said LHS adviser Jason Berghorst.

"The level of experience and preparation that we faced while competing against three metro schools is always an eye opener, but our students responded very well."

Luverne compiled a 1-2 record at the state tournament. Its defense opened Round 1 with a morning match March 3 against Benilde-St. Margaret High School and lost the round 360 to 341.

The afternoon round against Lakeview North High School had the LHS plaintiff team losing 361 to 335.

A win came during the morning and final round March 4 against Woodbury East Ridge High School. LHS plaintiff team earned a 328-318 victory.

"Our comfort level with the virtual competitions increased throughout the season," Berghorst said.

"It was good to end this very unique season on a high note by facing great competition and representing our small school very well at the statewide level."

Eagle Ridge Academy, Minnetonka, won the 35th annual tournament over Apple Valley High School. Eagle Ridge will represent Minnesota at the virtual National High School Mock Trial Competition in May.

1932: Residence becomes funeral home

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Aug. 26, 1932.

Burial Association Buys Long Residence Property

Commodious Dwelling on West Main Street Will be Converted into Modern Funeral Home

Through the purchase of the L. D. Long residence property on West Main street, known as the Wright place, the latter part of last week, the Rock County Co-Operative Burial association arranged for the establishment of a funeral home with undertaking parlors. In this connection it is announced that the association's headquarters in the Kennedy building will be vacated and in addition to the undertaking parlors,



BITS BY BETTY

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

Manager Lloyd Johnson will occupy an apartment in the new location.

The burial association has had the establishment of a funeral home under consideration for some time and the purchase of the Long residence property had been pending for the last few weeks. In acquiring the property the association plans to thoroughly remodel the large residence and convert it into a modern, convenient funeral home in every respect.

Possession is to be given

September 1st, when Mr. and Mrs. Long will move to their other residence on the west end of Main street, known as the Watson place. The sale to the burial association was made through the agency of Wm. Larkin.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Warmer weather means time for pruning; hoping extreme cold killed ash borer

I haven't been submitting any garden articles for the paper for a year because I thought I had all of you educated enough so I could retire.

Someone recently reminded me that we are humans and we forget ... "so what's wrong with refreshing our memories?"

Well, that's not a hard task for me, so here goes. ...

We have survived winter, and if there is one good thing about extreme cold (other than higher profit for the power companies), I am hoping the emerald ash borer population took a beating!

It is March and it is spring so now is the perfect time to prune trees.



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

**By George Bonnema,
Luverne Horticulturalist**

Remember that removing low branches when they are small leaves a much smaller wound that will heal quickly. It amazes me how we duck under low branches while we are mowing without considering eliminating those obstacles before they take the skin off the top of your head.

The great thing about pruning now is that you can see what you are doing

without interference of the leaves.

Maple trees can be pruned without damage although they will "bleed" sap from the wound. Prior to the leaf buds opening, there is internal pressure in the xylem layer under the bark. That is the reason sugar maples are "tapped" to make maple syrup. Once the leaf buds open, the

Pruning, go to page 7A

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Local Green Earth Players community theater actors are rehearsing for their upcoming musical performance of "Gilligan's Island." ...

"Phil Voigt plays Mr. Howell," Ceynowa said. "Normally he plays more conservative roles, but for this, he's just a riot." Some scenes call for Mr. Howell to hula dance and join a Conga line, and Voigt plays the part.

"We have had so much fun with him," Ceynowa said about Voigt, who normally shies away from dancing.

She said that Jim Harsma, who plays Gilligan, has grown out his hair and looks exactly like the original Hollywood actor. Longtime Green Earth Players actress Leah Gath plays the role of Ginger, the movie star, and wears much of her own wardrobe — glitzy dresses and matching shoes — for the production." She's just been great in the role," Ceynowa said.

Following is the complete cast list: Gilligan—Jim Harsma; Skipper—Jim Bartels; Professor—Bradley Hustoft; Thurston Howell III—Phil Voigt; Mrs. Lovey Howell—Anissa Hanson; Ginger—Leah Gath; Mary Ann—Katie Walgrave; Alien Gilligan double—DJ Luethje; Headhunter, Voice of Radio and Alien—Tim Ceynowa; Head-hunter's Harem—LaDonna Iveland, Harvine Gluff, Carol Ceynowa, DJ Luethje and Cheryl Nath.

25 years ago (1996)

•Luverne Senior High School Principal Gary Fisher asked the School Board last week to consider starting an alternative

high school in Luverne. Currently, 23 full-time students from Luverne are enrolled in Pipestone's alternative school. ...

As Fisher explained it, an alternative school is a way for students who have not been able to meet their district's requirements for graduation to complete classes. Some students attend during the day, and others attend classes at night.

Fisher said in recent years 33 students from Luverne have dropped out of school or haven't been able to meet graduation requirements. He said students learn in different ways and can experience success through alternative approaches to learning.

"If an alternative school is in the community, kids are more likely to get into the program," Fisher said.

50 years ago (1971)

•Professional actors will be seen and heard this summer on the stage at the Palace Theatre, marking the return of live entertainment, after an absence of about a half century.

The Blue Mound Arena Theatre, newly-formed organization in Luverne, negotiated this week with Continental Theatre Company of Manhattan, Kansas, for five weeks of plays to be given at the Palace Theatre starting Aug. 3. ...

Plans call for presenting different plays on different nights for six nights each week. An extensive advertising and promotional campaign will be conducted to attract audiences from a 100-mile radius.

75 years ago (1946)

•E. T. Corwin, who lives near Luverne, in Rock county, is featured in a story in the March issue of Capper's Farmer, entitled, "Toughens Chicks." His plan has resulted in hardier and better feathered chicks. "I used to keep the house too warm," he is quoted as saying by the nationally circulated magazine, "and got into a lot of trouble. Now I used bottled gas as brooder heat, keep only the space under the brooders warm and have low losses. Chicks get under the hover to warm up, but go into the cold room to eat. They soon put on a good feathered coat and become tough enough to stand low temperatures. The brooders are equipped with a pilot light and thermostat control."

100 years ago (1921)

•Two tourists, said to be well-known Sioux City whiskey runners, were held up early Monday evening about two miles north of Ashcreek, forced to disgorge \$312 in checks and cash, and their new Dodge roadster was taken away from them, according to information filed with Sheriff Wiggins that evening.

The story told by the two men was that as they neared the point where the holdup occurred, they observed four cars ahead of them, and that before they realized it they found themselves in a pocket created by two of the cars dropping back to the rear of their car. The front cars then stopped, and when they came up to them, they were confronted by a man with a gun who ordered them to get out of their car, and with the aid of occupants of the other cars, proceeded to collect their wealth.

OBITUARIES

Douglas Bork

Douglas Allen 'Doug' Bork, 59, rural Beaver Creek, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, at his home.

A public visitation was Friday, March 5, and a private family service was Saturday, March 6, at Hartquist Funeral Home. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery near Luverne.



Douglas Bork was born on July 21, 1961, to Orville and Barbara (Bruxvoort) Bork in Luverne. He was the oldest of four children and spent his childhood years with his family on various farms throughout Rock County. He was baptized at Luverne Christian Reformed Church, attended grades K-8 at Hills-Beaver Creek School and then graduated from Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton in 1979. He helped farm for a few years and in 1982 embarked on a road trip to California with friends that ended up lasting over 1 1/2 years and included working on a dairy farm. Doug returned to the family farm between Luverne and Beaver Creek and started farming. He later bought his own acreage near his parents' home place and farmed.

On April 4, 1992, he married Marcia Swank in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The couple lived on Doug's acreage. In addition to farming, Doug worked for

12 years in real estate with Town & Country and Keller Williams Realty in Brandon, South Dakota, and four years until the present as a dispatcher for Blachowske. Doug loved the outdoors and horses from old-time farming to homestead days – he liked bareback riding, taking trail rides and buggy rides. He enjoyed going to the "Point" for camping, fishing, bowling, playing darts, studying history and ancestry as well as stopping in to browse at antique stores. Doug loved to shop for his nieces and nephews for Christmas.

Doug is survived by his wife, Marci, of Beaver Creek; children James Swank of San Diego, California, and Eric (Elizabeth) Bork of Rockport, Texas; his parents, Orv and Barb Bork of Luverne; siblings Wendy (Patrick) Hathaway of Storm Lake, Iowa, and Nicholas (Annie) Bork of Luverne; sister-in-law Mary (Randy) Bork-Sawyer of Story, Wyoming; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his brother Brian Bork and his grandparents.

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

(0311 F)

Myron Smook

Myron Edward Smook, 68, Magnolia, died Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



Per Myron's request, no services will take place.

Myron Smook was born on May 19, 1952, to Harold and Marjorie (Donth) Smook in Luverne. Myron lived in Magnolia all his life except for a few years living in Fargo, North Dakota, when he was in his late teens. At the age of 25 Myron built his house from the ground up. He worked as a mechanic at Connell Chevrolet and Herman Ford. Most of his working years were spent as a truck driver, working for Midwest Coast and IBP. His other jobs included working for Cenex and as a welder for Sioux Falls Construction, Midwest Railcar Repair, and finally Wheeler Tank before retiring in 2020.

Myron enjoyed living on

his property in Magnolia. He loved his dogs. They kept him company and were his family when no one else was around. He loved to work on cars and built two different hot rods. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was always willing to help others, whether it was fixing something or giving advice.

Myron is survived by his children, David (Karen) Smook of Brandon, South Dakota, Scott Smook of Minneapolis, and Jennifer (Kendall) Rhyne of Rockville, Maryland; eight grandchildren; and siblings Curtis (Mary) Smook, Dennis (Arlene) Smook, Randy (Vicky) Smook, Kevin Smook, and Jenalee (Allen) Klein.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

(0311 F)

Kenneth Bowen

Kenneth Elwynn Bowen, 82, rural Edgerton, died Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at his home.



A funeral service was Monday, March 8, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Kenneth Bowen was born on April 27, 1938, to Clinton and Matilda (Smook) Bowen in Luverne. He graduated from Magnolia High School in Magnolia in 1956. He worked as a carry out/delivery boy at the Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store from 1956 to 1958 and as a welder for A.R. Wood Manufacturing in Luverne from 1958 to 1962. He was baptized on July 17, 1960, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

On August 14, 1960, Ken married Ardyth Hansen at Grace Lutheran Church. In 1960 he enlisted in the Army National Guard and served for six years. From 1962 until 1968 Ken worked for K & R in Canton, South Dakota, as a welder. Shortly after his honorable discharge from the National Guard, Ken began his career of farming near Edgerton. He loved farming and with his welding experience, he was able to weld at home and make many repairs on his own farm equipment. In the winter months he

worked part time at W & W Welding in Luverne. Due to health issues he retired in 2019.

Ken was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. He loved bowling and was on several leagues in Edgerton over the years. Ken bowled a 300 game and attended regional and national bowling tournaments. He also played in a pool league, enjoyed pinochle, solving Sudoku and crossword puzzles, and reading. He cherished coffee in the morning and a beer in the afternoon with his friends, and he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Ardyth; a son, Bradley (Judy) Bowen of Pipestone; two step-grandchildren, Heather Hiniker of Pipestone and Holly (Dan) Vos of Hendricks; seven step-great-grandchildren; and sisters Sandra Jederberg of Sheldon, Iowa, Judith Berkhof of Mitchell, South Dakota, Joyce Hawes of Sibley, Iowa, and Dianna (Larry) Brandenburg of Lake Crystal.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Cleon Bowen; and a brother, Bryce Bowen.

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

(0311 F)

Mary Johnson

Mary Kay Johnson, 67, Brandon, South Dakota, died Friday, March 5, 2021, at the Sanford Foundation Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A funeral service was Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Spirit of Truth Lutheran Church in Brandon. Interment was Wednesday, March 10, at St. Leo's Catholic Cemetery in Pipestone.

Mary Kay Lichtsinn was born on Sept. 10, 1953, to Harm and Vidaleen (Paradis) Lichtsinn. She grew up in Ihlen and attended school in Pipestone, graduating in 1971.

Mary married Dennis Johnson on Oct. 26, 1972. Throughout her adult years Mary worked at Ben Franklin, Good Samaritan Nursing Home and the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. Her job titles included transportation for residents, CNA, physical therapy aide and homemaker. She retired from the Minnesota Veterans

Home in Luverne in 2013. She moved to the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls on Feb. 18, 2021.

Mary enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and spending time outdoors.

Mary is survived by three children, Christy (George) Petersen, Troy (Amalia) Johnson, and Derrick (Jennifer) Johnson, all of Brandon; a daughter-in-law, Amy (Johnson) Lueck of Lake Benton; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and siblings Patricia Meyer of Lake Benton, Debra (Kevin) Morin of Ihlen, and Dawn (Mike) Petroff of Tea, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dennis Johnson; her son, Travis Johnson; and sisters Judith Lichtsinn and Elizabeth Lichtsinn.

Arrangements were provided by Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon, heartlandfunerals.com

(0311 F)



Submitted photo

BMAT benefits from Give Grant Program

Bill Stegemann (left) hands a \$300 Give Grant check to Blue Mound Area Theater president Deb Aaenson recently. The Give Grant, through CenterPoint Energy, recognizes current and former employees' volunteer service. Stegemann, a retired CenterPoint Energy employee, logged at least 40 volunteer hours including donating time at the Palace Theatre and with BMAT.

Pruning/from page 6A

pressure is relieved and the bleeding stops.

Fruit trees benefit from annual pruning: the tree shape and size is determined, the fruit quality is improved, and the long-term health of the tree is assured.

Apple trees produce flower buds from a spur. If there is an apple on the spur this year, there will not be one next year. Thus, some trees produce a huge crop of apples overloading the tree one year and none the next.

Other varieties are naturally self-thinning; therefore there are apples every year. Thinning the tree will help limit the quantity of fruit preventing branch breakage.

Considering which branches to remove, look for stems that are rubbing against each other. Also, eliminate branches that grow toward the center of the tree. When shortening a branch, make the cut just above and outward facing bud. The resulting new branch will grow outward, opening the canopy of the tree.

I like to limit the height of the tree as well. The best apples are always at top, so the top should be within

reach, whatever that height is for you.

I know that seed packets have appeared in stores and we can't wait to get planting. Let me remind you that planning before planting is necessary. Yes, buy the seed now so you get them while you can.

For plants that benefit from an early start, suggested sowing date is 6 to 8 weeks before the estimated last frost date. For us, that is usually just after mid May. If you do the math, you will realize that we are still too early.

Given the fact that outdoor temps drop at night and our home thermostats don't allow that coupled with less available sunlight, seedlings that get growing too early often "stretch" for the afore-mentioned reasons and those spindly stems have one heck of a time acclimating to the beating they take when planted in the garden.

A couple of weeks here makes a huge difference in success later.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iw.net.

COLLEGE NEWS

Students make U of M-TC dean's list

Several area students were named to the Fall 2020 dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.66 or higher on a 4.0 scale with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

The following students were named to the list: Adrian: Dylan Gyberg, senior, liberal arts. Luverne: Hans Bakken, senior, science and engineering; Makayla Huisman, senior, food, agriculture and natural resources science; Sierra Schmuck, junior, Carlson School of Management; Carly Serie, senior, nursing; Grace Sweeney, sophomore, liberal arts; Jordan Winter, freshman, Carlson School of Management.

DEATH NOTICE

Delores Kindt

Delores H. Kindt, 90, of Kenneth, died on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at her home in Kenneth. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, services will be private.

Funeral arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

(0311 DN)

Gertrude 'Gert' Bruynes

Gertrude "Gert" Bruynes, 86, Luverne, died Monday, March 8, 2021, at her home in Luverne.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

(0311 DN)

Rebates to brighten your day

Our Bright Energy Solutions® rebate program helps you save money, improve comfort and protect the environment.

ENERGY STAR® Appliances

- Air Purifier: \$25
- LED bulb: \$1.50 – \$4
- Clothes washer: \$25
- Room air conditioner: \$25
- Dehumidifier: \$25
- Smart thermostat: \$25

Additional Rebates

- ChargePoint® Home Electric Vehicle Charger: \$500
- Central air-conditioner: \$200 – \$400
- Air-Source heat pump: \$200 - \$1,300
- Heat pump or A/C tune-up: \$30
- Geothermal heat pump: \$200 per ton
- Heat pump water heater: \$150

We have rebates for businesses, too!



GET SCREENED

Colorectal health

Even without a family history or risk factors, you can get colorectal cancer. That's why those at average risk should start regular screenings at age 50. A preventive screening is the best way to find an issue early, before symptoms begin. All it takes is one day and one screening to safeguard your health.



HEALTH CARE
SAFETY COMMITMENT

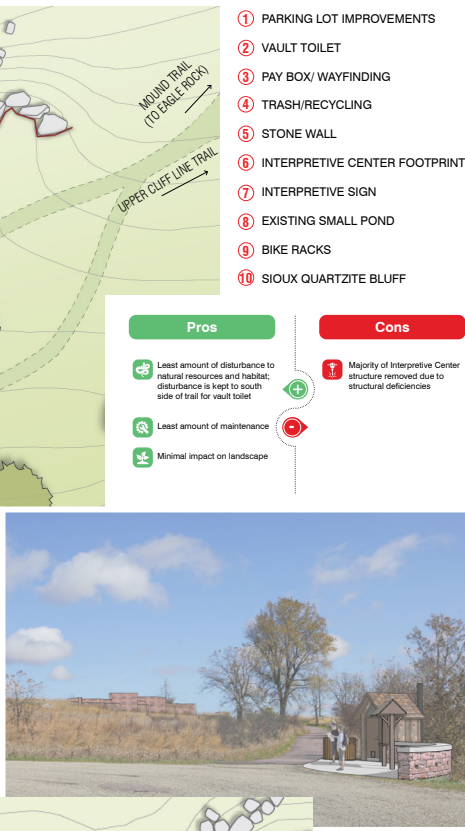
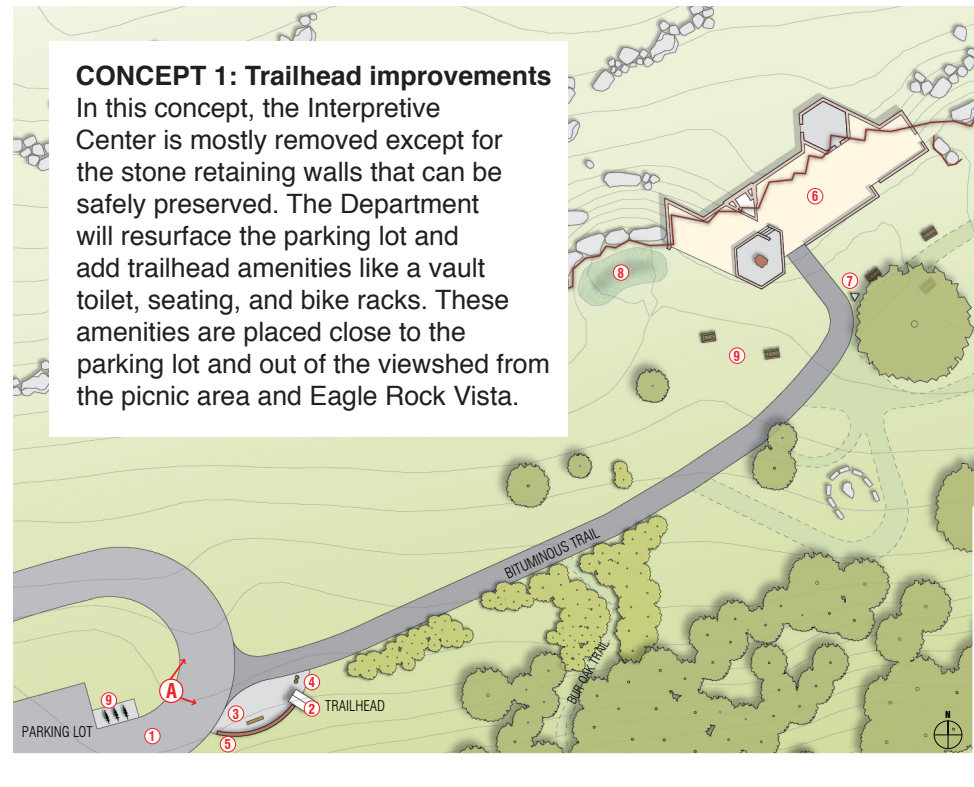
Visit sanfordhealth.org to see how you're protected.

Call (507) 283-4476 to schedule your screening at Sanford Luverne Clinic.

SANFORD
HEALTH



State plans call for 'deconstruction' of former Manfred home at new 'Eagle Rock Vista' / from page 1A



include saving or rehabilitating the building.

"We understand the attachment that some people feel toward Frederick Manfred's former home," said Blue Mounds State Park supervisor Chris Ingebretsen.

"However, its very unique design made it susceptible to water intrusion, which severely compromised the building's structural integrity over many years, to the point that restoration isn't feasible."

'Save the Manfred House Inc.' wants more time

Meanwhile, a small group with ties to Luverne has organized over the past 15 months to seek grant funding to save the building as a historically significant site.

"We're concerned the DNR isn't interested in preserving the house under any circumstance," said former Luverne resident Tom Brakke, who is vice president of Save the Manfred House Inc.

"We feel that because of the historical significance of the house, the decision should have been more publicly vetted."

Freya Manfred and her husband, Tom Pope, are president and secretary/treasurer of the group respectively. Several members are from Luverne or formerly lived there and have an interest in saving the former Manfred home.

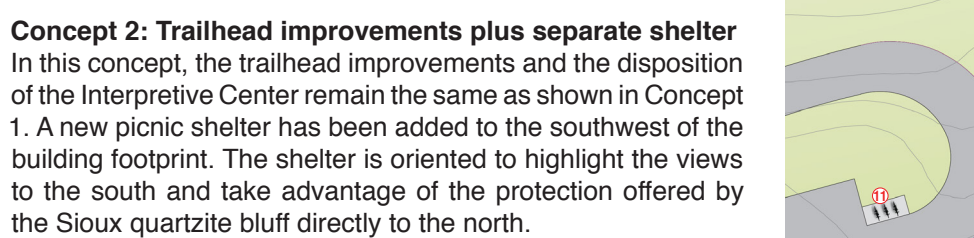
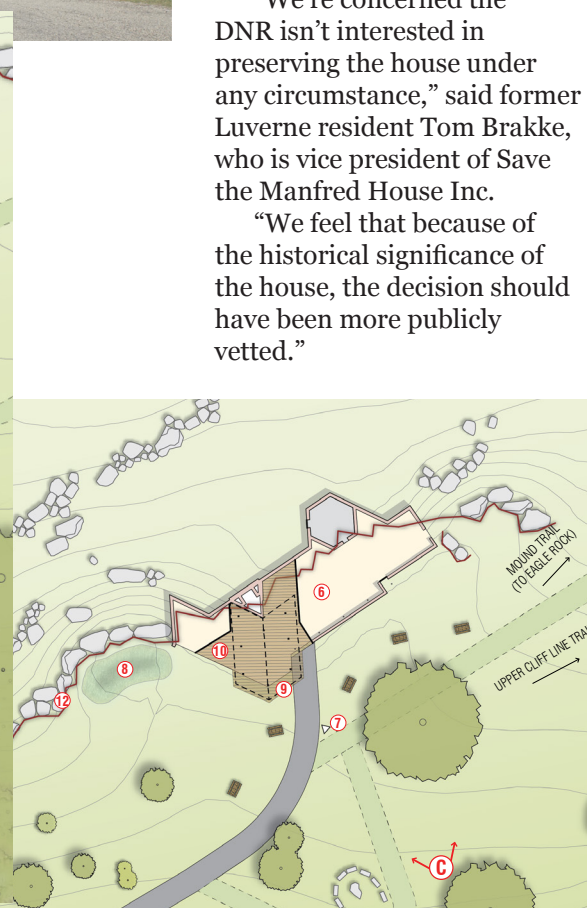
Brakke said they question the process that determined the building can't be saved, and he said it appears the state rushed to a conclusion "in order to get what it wanted — to get rid of the building."

He laments that a public comment period of four weeks isn't long enough to hear all voices.

"It seems like a very rushed job for such a significant project ... once it's gone it's gone. This is too important," Brakke said. "We don't feel that [the process] has been open."

The "Save the Manfred House" group reached out to Rolf Anderson, Minneapolis, who has an architecture degree and studies buildings to see if they're eligible for

State park/see below



Concept 3: Trailhead improvements plus integrated separate shelter: In this concept, the trailhead improvements and the disposition of the Interpretive Center remain the same as shown in Concept 1. A new picnic shelter has been added to the Interpretive Center footprint in the location of a former sunken living room. The location takes advantage of the same vantage point as the living area and incorporates the triangular fireplace. A new floor for the shelter would be built over the existing heaving slab to provide an accessible, uniform surface.

State park plans/continued from above

listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

His evaluation concludes that it is eligible for the register under both literary and architectural criteria.

Anderson hasn't been inside the building since before it closed, but he said it deserves a closer look.

"I would want to know, was the proper expertise

brought to the table, like a historical architect?" he said Monday. "We feel that would really be key to knowing if it can be preserved."

In his assessment he said the Manfred house architecture is on par with Frank Lloyd Wright, and he called it an "organic, site-responsive design, integrated into the surrounding landscape" with "unprecedented use of living stone."

Brakke said regardless of its historic designation, he encourages people to get online and comment on the state's form. He also encourages people to reach him at tom@tjblc.com.

Design proposals and the comment form are at dnr.state.mn.us or type "Eagle Rock Vista Public Input Form" into a Google search.

Hard copies are also available at the Rock County Library, Luverne.

XTREAM
POWERED BY Mediacom

Special offer for Luverne

Hot speeds for your cool tech.

XTREAM INTERNET

\$19.99*
starting at a month for one year

Plus activation, installation, modem rental, taxes & fees.

- ▶ Fast download speeds from 60 Mbps up to **1 GIG**†
- ▶ Powerful **In-Home WiFi**
- ▶ Fiber-rich, 100% **gigabit technology network**
- ▶ **99.99%** network reliability*

CALL BY MARCH 31!
877-307-7466

*Internet Offer: The advertised monthly price of \$19.99 applies to Access Internet 60 and is good for one year. Thereafter the monthly price increases to the standard rate then in effect (currently, \$29.99). Advertised price does not include standard installation fee (\$109.99, more if special work needed); a one-time \$10 activation fee; or other one-time fees that may apply because of options you select nor does it include the following recurring monthly charges: (i) modem fee, currently \$12; (ii) taxes and other amounts required by law to be collected or paid; or (iii) fees for optional services or equipment you may want. All these monthly charges may increase from time to time. After the first year, if our standard rate for your service increases or we institute a new fee for service subscribers generally, we can pass that increase or new fee along to you. †Internet Service Usage Allowance & Speeds: Access Internet 60: 200 GB per monthly billing period. 1 GIG Internet: 6,000 GB per monthly billing period. Excess usage will be billed at \$10 for every increment of up to 50 additional gigabytes used. For example, if usage exceeded the allowance by 51 gigabytes, the additional charge would be \$20. Usage allowances and excess usage charges are subject to change at any time. See <https://mediacomcable.com/usageallowance> for more information about usage allowances. Download and upload speeds may vary; see <https://mediacomcable.com/openinternet> for information on factors that could cause speeds to vary. *99.99% Network Reliability: 2020 Mediacom Executive Summary Outage Exception Report. Offer Availability: Offer may change or be terminated any time without notice. Offer may not be available in all areas, cannot be combined with any other offer, is not transferable and is void where prohibited. Available only to residential customers who have not received any offered service within prior 90 days and meet applicable credit and other requirements. Customer must agree to all applicable subscriber terms and policies. Other terms and conditions may apply. CA Consumers: Visit <https://mediacomcable.com/legal/copa-privacy-notice/> to read our Privacy Notice for California Consumers.

NO Annual Winter Carnival

Luverne Music Boosters

Online Auction

March 22 - 26

GREAT ITEMS - GREAT CAUSE

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!

LuverneMusicBoosters

LUVERNE TRAP TEAM

SPRING LEAGUE

Spring Trap Team Meeting

Monday, March 15 at 7pm
at Grand Prairie Events
COVID restrictions apply - 1 adult per child

OPEN TO 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
(must have firearms safety certificate or take the SAFE program through the Minnesota Clay Target League)

for more info
Email - luvernetrapteam@gmail.com
Head Coach Scott Loosbrock - 507-360-5418
Luverne School Trap Shooting Club



**THE
OUTDOORS**

By Scott Rall,
Outdoors columnist

**Some success found
in this year's pike
spearing season**

I have just finished up my northern pike spearing season here in Minnesota. From an opportunity perspective I had a pretty good year. I made it out to the spearing house about 15 sits.

To me a sit is a spearing opportunity that lasts anywhere from about 3-5 hours. I spearfished on four different bodies of water this winter. A few weekends were spent up in Crow Wing County near Brainerd and the other efforts were all in southwest Minnesota.

From a "how many fish did I get to eat" perspective, it was a terrible year. Of the 15 opportunities, I saw a northern pike on about 10 occasions. When spearing in the lakes county region, I saw pike and whitefish every time I was out. In the northern Minnesota's pike zone, you can harvest up to nine or 10 fish, but they basically need to be little ones.

There is a fish or two you can harvest in the slot, but they have a fisheries management plan that calls for the removal of the many hammer handles that really create an underwater environment that allows very few fish to grow to a large size. Up on Cross Lake I speared 2-3 little fish each outing.

Back closer to home the limit is two northerns per day, and they have a minimum size of 24 inches. Fish in these warmer water shallow lakes grow pretty fast, and the larger ones are easier to overfish, thus the very small daily limit. I only harvested about five pike in this area. This is not to say that I never saw any fish.

Over the course of the winter, I would estimate I saw 50 smaller pike.

Now is the time I start listing my excuses. First, the ice in my area really did not get suitable until about the first week of January. We had super warm temperatures and did not have 8 inches of travelable ice until mid-January. This cut the season about in half of a normal year.

The second excuse I am spouting is that our water quality was very poor most of the season. Of the 50 or so lakes within 60 miles of my house, there are fewer than 10 with water clear enough to spear in and with a measurable pike population. Water clarity is considered good in my book if you can see the bottom of the lake in 7 feet of water.

Due to the very dry fall, the lake I did my best in last season in 4 to 5 feet of water had only 15 inches of water under the ice this year, and it was so stirred up that you could not see your decoy in 6 inches of that water. I am surprised that the oxygen content of this lake was still very high last week when it was checked. It looks like the fish might survive this winter without a winter kill. This leaves hope for this lake next year.

The most interesting reason for poor water clarity this season was one I had never experienced. I called a guy who called a guy who is a fisheries biologist, and he explained that the reason the water was so dingy was as a result of winter time algae blooms.

We are familiar with a late summer algae bloom that covers the lake in green and blue slime and can kill your dog. It also smells really bad. I had never seen one in the winter. He explained that due to very late ice conditions and the fact that the ice was not very thick and had almost no snow cover, the sunlight was able to penetrate and cause an algae bloom.

It seemed like a very reasonable explanation. The question that remained with me though was how the lake could be clear one day, clear the next day and murky as all get out on the third day. This happened about five different times this season. We also had spots with clear water and only 300 yards away you could not see sikkim. These examples were all far away from the lakes' aeration systems so it was not a factor that they might be in stirring up sediment.

All in all, it was a pretty difficult year and I am not the only one who experienced this. Spearers are not all that numerous in my neck of the woods, but most of my spearing mentors took their houses off several weeks ago and just cashed in the season waiting until next year.

The old saying that a bad day fishing is still better than a good day at work can be used here. Even though I did not spear many pike, it was cool to see a pike slide into the hole looking to see what I was offering. I also got to see lots of white fish, largemouth bass, walleyes, perch and bluegills and even a bullhead or two.

Looking down in the water at what looks like a 62-inch big screen TV of the underwater world will always be a way I want to spend my time when the pheasant hunting season is complete. In a month we will start our prescribed fire efforts, and that needs planning too. I think I will do that next.



Contributed photos

Bailey Spykerboer (left), Mazzi Moore and Tatyana Williams try to find a solution for one of the robotic tasks.

**First-year Hills-Beaver Creek robotics
team focuses on value building, not winning**

*Students compete in first
contest on Saturday*

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek sixth- through eighth-graders will focus on learning rather than winning at their first LEGO robotics competition Saturday.

The new team is called HELP, which is an acronym for Healthy Electronic Learning Playmate.

Heroes makes its debut after five months of organization, recruiting, building and practicing.

Lexi Moore, district media paraprofessional, is the team's first coach.

"It is great to have the community supporting our robotics team," she said.

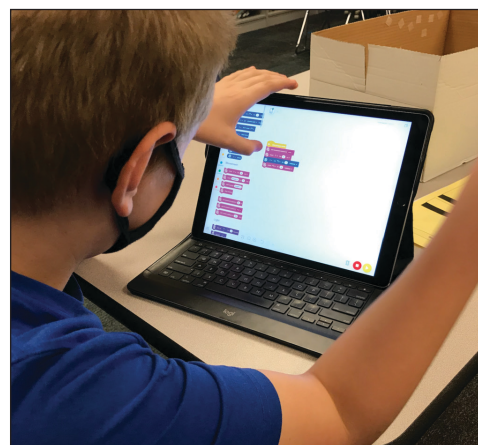
"I feel this program benefits all types of thinkers — from the creative to the logical students. It really offers something for everyone."

Moore's daughter, Mazzi, an eighth-grader, wrote a \$5,000 grant to the Frank Boon Trust to purchase the LEGO robotic equipment and potentially sustain the program for five years.

The duo used experience from working with the Rock County 4-H Robotics Team to organize a team based at H-BC Secondary.

The H-BC School Board approved the team's organization a year ago.

"We want to thank the Frank Boon Trust and the H-BC School Board for giving our team the opportunity to try something new," Lexi Moore said. "Their support has made an easy start to a new program."



Gavin Voss works on programming.

The First LEGO League competitions focus on three areas: the robotics games, a real-world project and the league's core values of discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork and having fun.

"I tried really hard to keep the focus on these values," Moore said.

"They help build better people and, regardless of our performance at the competition, these students have all experienced a great deal of growth and fun."

The H-BC nine-member team began meeting in September three to four times a month with the number of practices increasing recently in preparation for Saturday's event.

In addition to the robotics game, team members worked on a group project, which they will present to judges focusing on the theme: Play.

"This year's focus was getting

kids outside to play — regardless of their limitations," Moore said. "Team members explored activities they could do in different spaces. The bottom line "Get out and PLAY."

The H-BC students developed an application called "H.E.L.P. Heroes," which encourages users to complete various physical or educational activities outdoors.

As activities are completed, app users are rewarded with points or badges of success. The app also connects with "friends" or other children using the app looking to "play."

For the robotics game, H-BC students have programmed their LEGO robot named Pistachio to complete various tasks or missions. The more difficult the mission, the more points the team earns. Teams with the most points win the competition.

Moore said team members focus themselves in certain areas.

"They each bring something unique to the table and I notice they find joy in different areas," she said.

Some students like the LEGO building aspect, others enjoy programming and setting up the missions, some work on the presentation and others organized the team building activities.

Team members for the 2020-21 school year include eighth-graders Mazzi Moore, Bailey Spykerboer, Gracie Fagerness, Rebekah Swenson, seventh-grader Gavin Voss, and sixth-graders Carielynn Merson, Ava Steinhoff, Tatyana Williams and AJ Foote.



Students involved in the First LEGO League team at H-BC Secondary School are (front, from left) Carielynn Merson, Tatyana Williams, AJ Foote, Ava Steinhoff, (back) Mazzi Moore, Gracie Fagerness, Bailey Spykerboer, Rebekah Swenson and Gavin Voss.

H-BC girls' basketball goes 3-0, Rauk hits 1,000-point milestone

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team went 3-0 this past week to improve to 13-2 overall.

H-BC opened the week with a 59-24 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda on Friday, March 5, in Hills.

The next day the Patriots defeated Red Rock Central 45-42 in Lamberton.

On Monday, March 8, the Patriots ran away from Murray County Central, 63-27 in Hills.

H-BC 59, HLOF 24

The Patriots outscored HLOF in the first half on Friday, 27-13. In the second half the Patriots kept their foot down on the gas and outscored HLOF 32-11 to pick up the 59-24 victory.

Taryn Rauk finished the game with 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals for the Patriots.

Abby Knobloch reached double figures with 11 points. The senior post player also grabbed nine rebounds.

H-BC 45, RRC 42

Red Rock Central defeated H-BC earlier this season in Hills, 60-57. The Patriots got a little revenge in Lamberton on Saturday by beating the Falcons 45-42.

The two Red Rock Conference rivals played to a 19-19 tie in the first half. In the second half the Patriots outscored RRC, 26-23 to secure the 45-42 road

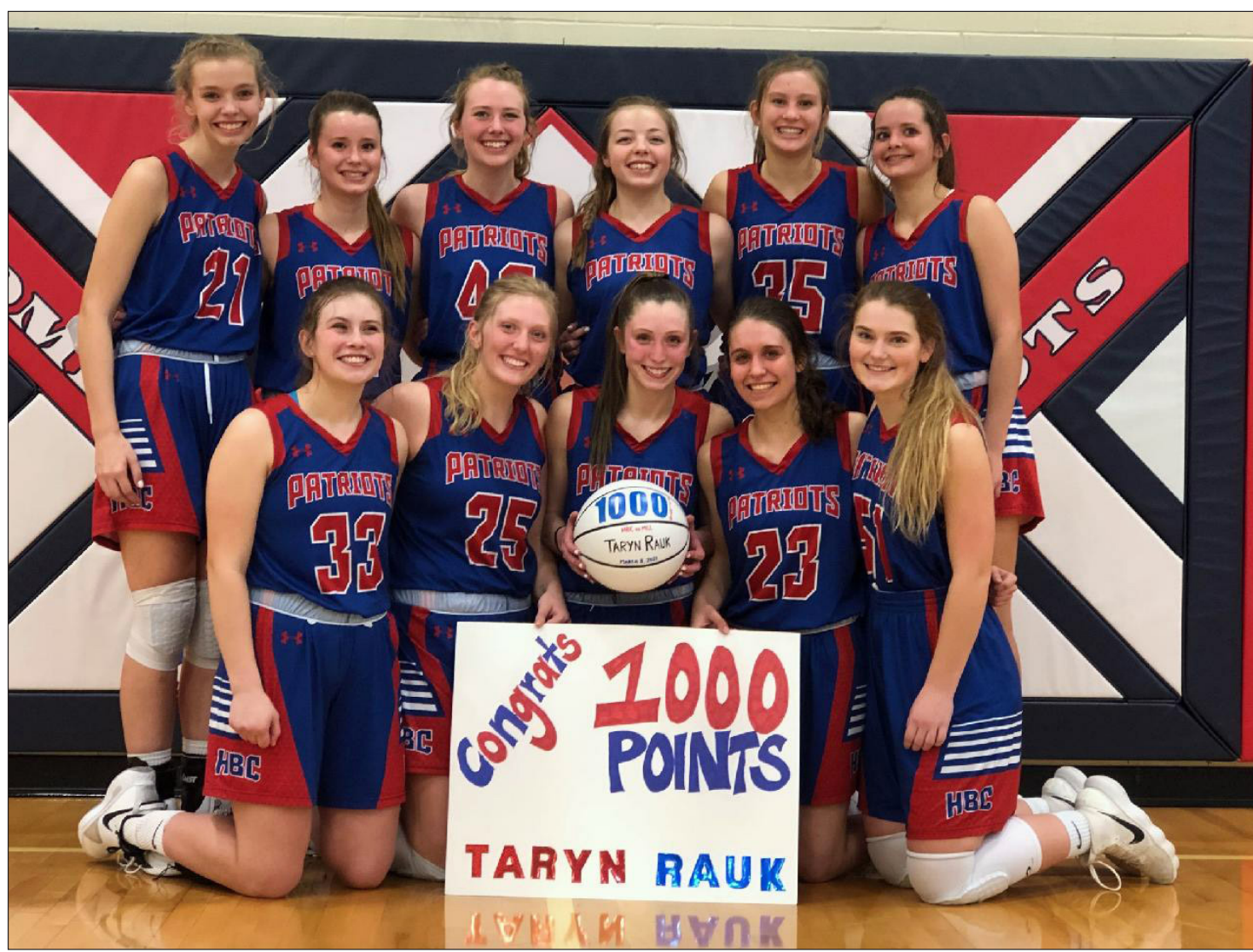


Photo Courtesy Kale Wiertzema/0311 HBC

H-BC senior Taryn Rauk reached the Patriots' 1,000-point club on Monday, March 8 against MCC. Pictured (front row, left) are Lauren Tatge, Abby Knobloch, Taryn Rauk, Annie Bos, Allie LaRock, (back), Mackenzie Vos, Kenadie Fick, Sam Moser, Olivia Bork, Lanae Elbers and Layla Deelstra.

victory.

Kenadie Fick led the way for the Patriots with 19 points. Fick also grabbed seven rebounds.

Knobloch recorded a double-double for the Patriots, scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

H-BC 63, MCC 27

It was all H-BC all the time on Monday, March 8.

Rauk scored the first four points of the game for the Patriots and MCC didn't score until the 14:40 mark of the first half.

Following MCC's first

basket, the Patriots went on an 8-0 run to open a 12-2 lead.

With the Patriots holding an 18-4 lead, MCC went on an 8-0 run to trim H-BC's lead to 18-12. Fick answered with a three-pointer that kickstarted a

14-0 run for the Patriots.

At the half the Patriots led MCC 38-15. Rauk led the Patriots with 20 points and six steals in the first 18 minutes. "I thought we did a better job of getting movement offensively tonight,"

H-BC head coach, Kale Wiertzema said.

"That opened up some outside shots and we were able to make five three-pointers in the first half. The girls did a nice job of finding Taryn in transition. Taryn also got a few easy ones on steals in our press."

Rauk also reached a career milestone. The do-it-all senior reached 1,000 career points.

"Taryn has worked really hard to elevate her game to where she is now," Wiertzema said.

"It was great to see her reach the Hills-Beaver Creek 1,000-point club. She's also been blessed with great teammates that do a great job of encouraging and finding her when she's open."

In the second half H-BC outscored MCC 25-12 to pick up the 63-27 victory.

**H-BC 27 32 59
HLOF 13 11 24**

**Scoring: Rauk 22; Knobloch 11; Deelstra 5; Elbers 5; Moser 5
Rebounds: Knobloch 9; Rauk 8; Bos 7
Assists: Knobloch 4
Steals: Rauk 4; Bos 3; Knobloch 3**

**H-BC 19 26 45
RRC 19 23 42**

**Scoring: Fick 19; Knobloch 15
Rebounds: Knobloch 10; Rauk 7; Fick 7
Assists: Bos 4
Steals: Moser 4; Bos 3; Rauk 3**

Luverne boys' basketball edges Redwood Valley 69-68

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinal boys have lost three games all season, with two of those losses coming at the hands of the Marshall Tigers.

Marshall defeated Luverne at home on Tuesday, March 2, 69-50.

Luverne bounced back with an 83-50 win over Fairmont on the road on Thursday, March 4.

On Monday, March 8, the Cardinals edged Redwood Valley 69-68 in Redwood Falls.

Marshall 69, LHS 50

The Cardinals battled

LHS BB/page 3B



Brennen Rupp photo/0311 LHS BB

Luverne's Jayson Rops gets off a shot in the paint during the Cardinals' contest against Marshall on Tuesday, March 2.

LHS girls' basketball wins thriller over Redwood Valley

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne girls' basketball team went 2-2 this week to bring their overall record to 7-9.

The Cardinals opened the week on the road with a 76-26 loss to Marshall on Tuesday, March 2.

Following their loss to Marshall, the Cardinals lost in overtime to Fairmont 29-27 on Thursday, March 4.

On Saturday, March 6, the Cardinals defeated Adrian/Ellsworth 66-39.

The Cardinals wrapped up the week with a dramatic 50-48 victory over Redwood Valley on Monday, March



Brennen Rupp photo/0311 LHS GBB

Emma Beyer drives to the basket during Luverne's home game against Adrian/Ellsworth on Saturday, March 6. The Cardinals defeated the Dragons 66-39.

LHS GBB/page 4B

Hills-Beaver Creek boys win four straight, improve to 8-7

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team went 3-0 this past week to bring the overall record to 7-7.

On Tuesday, March 2, the Patriots defeated Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey 68-63 in overtime.

The Patriots defeated Adrian/Ellsworth on Thursday, March 4, 66-52.

On Saturday the Patriots picked up their third straight win with a 72-52 victory over Red Rock Central.

The Patriots earned a hard-fought win over Edgerton on Monday, March 8. H-BC edged the Plying Dutchmen, 43-42 to pick up their eighth win of the season.

H-BC 68, MLA 63

The Patriots outscored

MLA 32-25 in the first half on Tuesday, March 2.

In the second half the home team outscored H-BC 35-28.

In overtime, the Patriots outscored MLA 8-3 to pick up the 68-63 victory.

Cole Baker hit four three-pointers and scored a team-leading 35 points for the Patriots. Baker also grabbed five rebounds and recorded five steals.

Zander Wysong scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Ty Bundesen scored eight points, grabbed seven rebounds, and recorded four steals.

H-BC 66, A/E 52

On Thursday, March 4, the Patriots built a 15-point halftime lead against Adrian/Ellsworth. That 15-point lead helped the Pa-



Brennen Rupp photo/0311 H-BC BB

Oliver Deelstra looks to drive to the basket during H-BC's home game against RRC on Saturday, March 6. The Patriots defeated RRC 72-52.

trio defeat the Dragons 66-52.

Baker hit four three-pointers and scored a team-leading 25 points for the Patriots. Baker also grabbed five rebounds and recorded five steals.

Bundesen reached

double figures with 11 points and grabbed five rebounds.

Wysong chipped in with nine points and recorded eight assists.

H-BC BB/page 4B

LHS gymnastics team tripped up by Redwood Valley 127.255-125.25

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne gymnastics team competed against Redwood Valley on Friday, March 5. The Cardinals lost to Redwood Valley 127.255-125.25.

In the vault the Cardinals had three gymnasts finish in the Top Five.

Ella Reisdorfer finished second in the vault with a score of 8.900.

Amira Cowell finished third in the vault with a score of 8.800.

Tiana Lais tied for fourth in the event with a score of 8.700.

Reisdorfer finished second in the bars with a score of 8.100.

Cowell tied for third with a score of 7.400.

In the beam, Reisdorfer

finished third with a score of 7.875.

In the floor routine the Cardinals had three gymnasts finish inside the Top Five.

Reisdorfer finished second in the event with a score of 8.425.

Cowell finished third in the event with a score of 8.300.

Kianna Woods finished fourth in the event with a score of 8.050.

In the all-around Reisdorfer finished second with a score of 33.300.

Cowell finished fourth in the all-around with a score of 31.750.

The gymnastics team will be back in action on Thursday when they host Blue Earth Area.

After losing to New Ulm, LHS girls pitch back-to-back shutouts

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne girls' hockey team went 2-1 this past week to improve to 11-4 overall.

The Cardinals opened the week with a 4-3 loss to New Ulm in New Ulm on Tuesday, March 2.

Luverne bounced back from the loss to the Eagles with a pair of shutout victories. The Cardinals blanked Marshall 5-0 on Friday, March 5. They then defeated Fairmont 12-0 on Saturday, March 6.

New Ulm 4, LHS 3

The Eagles scored the first two goals of the game on Tuesday, March 2. Kamryn Van Batavia got the Cardinals on the board nine minutes into the first period to cut New Ulm's lead to 2-1.

The Eagles added one more goal in the opening period to take a 3-1 lead into the second quarter.

Mallory Nelson opened the scoring in the second period to get the Cardinals back within one. Sophie Holmberg and Anika Boll both recorded assists on the goal.



Brennen Rupp photo/0311 LHS GHockey
Anika Boll handles the puck behind the back of the net on Friday, March 5, during Luverne's matchup against the Marshall Tigers. The Cardinals defeated Marshall 5-0.

Rylee Gee tied the game at 3-3 when the senior put one between the pipes in the second period. Peyton Behr and Van Batavia both recorded assists on the goal.

A New Ulm goal 11 minutes into the second period gave them a 4-3 lead. That one-goal lead would hold as neither team was able to score in the final

period. Cheyenne Schutz recorded 29 saves for the Cardinals.

LHS 5, Marshall 0

Luverne's Reghan Bork scored the lone goal in the first period. Bork was set up by a beautiful pass off the stick of Van Batavia.

The Cardinals scored

three goals in the second period to build a 4-0 lead.

Van Batavia opened the second period with a goal to put the Cardinals up 2-0.

Gee scored the team's third goal of the game to put Luverne up 3-0. Brynn Thier recorded an assist on the goal.

Van Batavia wrapped up the scoring in the second

period to put the Cardinals up 4-0.

Van Batavia scored her third goal of the game to open the third period to wrap up the scoring and give the Cardinals a 5-0 lead.

Mallory Von Tersch recorded 19 saves in the game.

LHS 12, Fairmont 0

The Cardinals scored two goals in the opening minute en route to a seven-goal first period on Saturday, March 6.

Van Batavia scored 27 seconds into the game to put the Cardinals up 1-0 before the fans could settle into their seats.

It took 30 seconds for the Cardinals to score their second goal of the game. Gee's goal put the Cardinals up 2-0.

Bork scored the third goal of the period. Van Batavia recorded the assist on Bork's goal.

Gee scored her second goal of the period to put the Cardinals up 4-0.

Thier scored the fifth goal of the first period to put Luverne up 5-0. Bork

and Behr both notched assists on the goal.

Van Batavia scored her second goal of the first period to put the Cardinals up 6-0. Bork recorded the assist on Van Batavia's goal.

Behr scored the seventh and final goal of the first period. It was Behr opening the scoring in the second period to put the Cardinals up 8-0. Zariah Holmgren and Van Batavia both recorded assists on the goal.

Holmberg scored the ninth goal of the game. Van Batavia and Roz Oye both recorded assists on the goal.

Bork scored her second goal of the game to wrap up the scoring in the second period to put Luverne up 10-0.

Anika Boll opened the scoring in the third period to put Luverne up 11-0.

Behr scored her third goal of the game to wrap up the scoring. Van Batavia recorded the assist on the goal.

Luverne will play its final home game Tuesday, March 9, against Fairmont.

LHS boys' hockey goes 2-1 with wins over Marshall and Fairmont

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne boys' hockey team went 2-1 this past week to bring their overall record to 6-9. The Cardinals are now 3-2 in their past five games with both losses coming against a New Ulm team that's currently on a 13-game winning streak.

The Cardinals opened the week with a 7-0 loss to New Ulm at home on Tuesday, March 2.

Luverne then won the next two games with a 5-3 victory over Marshall on Friday, March 5, and an 11-2 victory over Fairmont on Saturday, March 6.

New Ulm 7, LHS 0

New Ulm defeated Luverne 4-3 in overtime in their first match-up of this season.

The two teams looked to be in for another tightly contested game on Tuesday after they failed to score a goal and went into the locker room tied 0-0 after the first period.

New Ulm erupted in the second period by scoring four goals. Then in the third period New Ulm added three more to pick up the 7-0 victory over the Cardinals.

LHS 5, Marshall 3

The Cardinals picked up their fifth win of the season on Friday, March 5, with a 5-3 victory over the Marshall Tigers.

Marshall opened the scoring with a goal at the 15 minute mark of the first period to take an early 1-0 lead.

A few minutes later Cade Wenninger tied the game at 1-1. Brock Behrend recorded the assist on Wenninger's goal.

Behrend scored a short-handed goal right before the end of the first period to give the Cardinals a 2-1 lead.

The Tigers tied the game at 2-2 seven minutes



Brennen Rupp photo/0311 LHS Hockey
Brock Behrend handles the puck against Fairmont on Saturday, March 6. Luverne topped Fairmont 11-2.

into the second period.

A Cooper Arends goal gave the Cardinals a 3-2 lead. Zach Kruse recorded the assist on Arends' goal.

The Tigers opened the scoring in the third period to tie the game at 3-3.

A Henry Hartquist goal gave the Cardinals a 4-3 lead. Behrend and Wenninger both recorded assists on Hartquist's go-ahead goal.

Carlton Oftedahl wrapped up the scoring to put the Cardinals up 5-3.

Behrend and Hartquist both recorded assists on the goal.

Shaid Shearer recorded 58 saves for the Cardinals.

LHS 11, Fairmont 2

In the battle of the Cardinals it was Luverne coming out on top Saturday, March 6, 11-2.

The Cardinals scored six goals in the opening period and never looked back en route to their sixth win of the season.

Behrend scored the first two goals of the game for the Cardinals to get them off and rolling.

Kruse scored the third goal of the period to put Luverne up 3-0. Hans Hoven recorded the assist on the goal.

Behrend scored his third goal of the period to put Luverne up 4-0.

Fourteen seconds after Behrend's third goal of the period, Fairmont got on the board to trim Luverne's lead to 4-1.

The Cardinals answered right back by scoring a goal 15 seconds later. Wenninger's goal put the Cardinals up 5-1.

Behrend wrapped up the scoring by notching his fourth goal of the opening period to put the Cardinals up 6-1.

It took the Cardinals 55 seconds to score the first goal of the second period. Arends put the Cardinals up 7-1. Oftedahl recorded the assist on the goal.

A Spencer Kracht goal put the Cardinals up 8-1. Kruse recorded the assist on the goal.

Behrend scored his fifth goal of the game to put Luverne up 9-1. Wenninger recorded the assist on Behrend's goal.

Following a Fairmont goal, Behrend scored his sixth goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 10-2.

Behrend scored the lone goal in the third period to make the final score 11-2. Shearer recorded 28 saves for the Cardinals. Shearer currently leads the state of Minnesota with 654 saves.

The Cardinals will take on Fairmont once again on Tuesday, March 9.

LHS boys' hoops/Continued from page 2B

against Marshall on Tuesday, March 2, but ultimately were tripped up by the visiting Tigers 69-50.

A Bailey Cowell three-pointer put the Tigers up 3-2. Cowell hit another three-pointer to give the Cardinals a 10-5 lead.

A Gannon Ahrendt three-point play put the Cardinals up 13-8 lead.

An Ahrendt basket gave the Cardinals a 19-8 lead.

Following Ahrendt's basket, the Tigers went on a 19-2 run to take a 27-21 lead.

At halftime, the Tigers led the Cardinals 30-26.

A Cowell three-point play trimmed Marshall's lead to 32-29.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals the Tigers slowly pulled away from Luverne to pick up the 19-point victory.

Cowell finished the game with 19 points. Ahrendt reached double figures with 14 points.

LHS 83, Fairmont 50

The Cardinals scored 41 points in the first half to build a 41-29 lead against Fairmont Thursday.

The Cardinals kept their foot on the gas to outscore Fairmont 42-21 to pick up the 83-50 victory.

Jayson Rop scored a team-leading 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Ahrendt reached double figures with 18 points.

Nathaniel Cole-Kraty scored nine points. Cole-Kraty also grabbed eight rebounds and recorded three steals.

Cowell scored eight points and dished out



Brennen Rupp photo/0311 LHS BB1
Luverne's Gannon Ahrendt looks to drive to the basket against the Marshall Tigers on Tuesday, March 2. The Cardinals fell to the Tigers 69-50.

eight assists and recorded four steals.

LHS 69, RV 68

Redwood Valley outscored Luverne 34-32 in the first half of Monday's game.

Luverne outscored Redwood Valley 37-34 in the second half to edge Redwood Valley 69-68.

Ahrendt and Cowell both scored 20 points to lead the Cardinals. Cowell also dished out eight assists.

Ethan Beyer reached double figures with 12 points. Beyer also dished out six assists.

With the win the Cardinals improved to 12-3 overall.

The Cardinals will wrap up the regular season on Thursday, March 11, when

they head to Pipestone to take on the Arrows. Pipestone defeated Luverne earlier this season 64-51.

LHS 26 24 50
Marshall 30 39 69
Points: Cowell 19; Ahrendt 14; Cole-Kraty 7; Rops 6

LHS 41 42 83
Fairmont 29 21 50
Points: Rops 20; Ahrendt 18; Cole-Kraty 9; Cowell 8; McClaughlin 6; Beyer 5
Rebounds: Cole-Kraty 8; Rops 7
Assists: Cowell 8
Steals: Cowell 4; Cole-Kraty 3

LHS 32 37 69
RV 34 34 68
Points: Ahrendt 20; Cowell 20; Beyer 12; Bose 5
Rebounds: Cole-Kraty 10
Assists: Cowell 8; Beyer 6
Steals: Ahrendt 3
Blocks: Ahrendt 2

Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund Announces Grant & Scholarship Opportunities

Information and Applications can be obtained at www.prairierosecommunityfund.com or by emailing Lorna Bryan, Director at lornabryan@alliancecom.net

Applications must be received by May 1st 2021.

833-314-1217

BOGO 40% OFF

Renewal by Andersen
WINDOW REPLACEMENT an Andersen Company
The Better Way to a Better Window

INJURED AT WORK? DISABILITY DENIED?

Contact Us Today For Free Advice

Workers' Compensation
Long-Term Disability
Social Security Disability

507-923-4169
www.GetFields.com

THINK Spring

Call a Northland Sales Rep today for the best value in economical post frame buildings!

Quality buildings at a fair price!

Local Sales Rep
MICHAEL LUFT
WORTHINGTON, MN WA
1-800-736-4510

Hurry! Schedules fill up fast!

northlandbuildings.com



Brennen Rupp photo/0311 wrestling Rayden Boyenga grapples with an Ortonville wrestler during Luverne's home triangular on Friday, March 5.

Luverne grapplers go 0-4 in two triangulars

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals' wrestling team competed in two triangulars this past week going 0-4.

In Pipestone on Thursday, March 4, the Cardinals lost to Pipestone Area 60-9 and Marshall 57-15.

In Luverne on Friday, March 5, the Cardinals lost to Ortonville 42-27 and Marshall 60-18.

PAS 60, LHS 9

Riley Cowell won by fall over JJ Martens in the 126-pound division.

Braydon Ripka won by forfeit in the 145-pound division.

Marshall 57, LHS 15

Cowell won by technical fall (17-1) over Christian Vlaminck in the 126-pound division.

In the 145-pound division, Ripka won by fall over Josh Kraft.

Hunter Baker won by major decision (12-1) over Lukas Stelter.

Ortonville 42, LHS 27

After losing the first two matches of the dual, Cowell got the Cardinals on the board with a pinfall victory over Dylan Honetsclager in the 126-pound division.

Ripka won by decision (8-2) over Austin Eastman in the 145-pound division.

In the 160-pound division, Baker won by fall over Gavin Klefsaas.

Marshall 60, LHS 18

Cowell wrapped up his perfect week (4-0) with a pinfall victory over Brett Regnev in the 126-pound division.

Baker won by fall over Lukas Stelter in the 152-pound division.

In the 170-pound division, Jacob Madison won by fall over Mitchell Bouwman.

H-BC boys/From page 2B

H-BC 72, RRC 52

The Hills-Beaver Creek defense shined through on Saturday against Red Rock Central. The Patriots recorded 17 steals and gave the Falcons' offense fits all game en route to a 72-52 victory over their Red Rock Conference foe.

The Patriots outscored the visiting Falcons 47-31 in the first half. In the second half H-BC outscored RRC 25-21 to secure the 20-point victory.

Wysong scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the Patriots.

Baker scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Oliver Deelstra scored 15 points and dished out five assists.

With the win over RRC, the Patriots picked up their third straight win and improved to 7-7 overall.

H-BC 43, Edgerton 42

The Patriots trailed 34-26 late in the second half against Edgerton on Monday, March 8. H-BC slowly chipped away at

that lead, closing the game out on a 17-8 run to pick up the 43-42 victory over Edgerton.

With the win the Patriots extended their winning streak to four games and improved to 8-7 overall.

H-BC 32 28 8 68
MLA 25 35 3 63

Points: Baker 35; Wysong 17; Bundesen 8

Rebounds: Leenderts 10; Wysong 8; Harris 7; Baker 5
Steals: Baker 5; Bundesen 4; Wysong 3

H-BC 35 31 66
A/E 20 32 52

Points: Baker 25; Bundesen 11; Wysong 9; Leenderts 7

Rebounds: Durst 7; Raymon 7; Harris 6; Baker 5; Bundesen 5
Assists: Wysong 8; Harris 4
Steals: Baker 5

H-BC 47 25 72
RRC 31 21 52

Points: Baker 16; Wysong 16; Deelstra 15; Durst 6; Harris 6; Leenderts 6

Rebounds: Wysong 9; Baker 8; Leenderts 5
Assists: Deelstra 5; Leenderts 5
Steals: Baker 4; Deelstra 4; Harris 3; Wysong 3

Luverne's Shelby Kracht commits to play softball at Dordt University

By Brennen Rupp

For as long as she can remember Shelby Kracht has had a glove in one hand and a bat in the other.

The Luverne High School senior has long enjoyed the game of softball, which has opened the door to endless possibilities for her.

She said it's also led to a lot of great friendships along the way.

"There are a lot of things I like about softball," Kracht said.

"Even during the summer, I play on a summer softball team. I like getting to know the other girls and meeting new people."

Kracht will get the chance to continue playing softball at Dordt University after she graduates from Luverne.

At Dordt she'll play third base on the diamond, and study animal science in the classroom.

"I picked Dordt for a number of reasons," Kracht said.

"It's pretty close to home. It's a Christian college. It's got animal



Photo Courtesy Bobbie Kracht /0311 Softball

Luverne's Shelby Kracht recently committed to play softball at Dordt University. Pictured (front from left) Larry Kracht, Shelby Kracht, Bobbie Kracht, standing Spencer Kracht.

science. I have plans to attend Iowa State University to get my doctorate to hopefully become a veterinarian."

Kracht, like many prep athletes, was robbed

of a spring season in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

She said words can't describe how excited she is to take to the field with her teammates for the first time

this spring.

"I'm really excited to get back on the field with my teammates," Kracht said.

"Our goal this season is to win as many games as we can and get as far as we can."

Luverne girls' basketball/Continued from page 2B

8. An Emma Beyer three-point play put the Cardinals up 50-48 with 4.3 seconds left to play.

"This week was a grind," Luverne head coach TJ Newgard said.

"Starting at Marshall, against one of the best teams in class 3A. We just try to work on things and remain positive in a game like that."

Marshall 76, LHS 26

The Cardinals ran into a buzzsaw on Tuesday, March 2, in Marshall when they fell to the Tigers 76-26.

The Cardinals trailed 42-15 at halftime and only scored nine points in the second half to fall to their Big South Conference foe.

Christina Wagner scored five points and grabbed six rebounds for the Cardinals.

Fairmont 29, LHS 27

Luverne lost the battle of the Cardinals on Thursday, March 4.

Luverne and Fairmont were tied at 26-26 at the end of regulation. Fairmont outscored Luverne 3-1 in overtime to pick up the 29-27 victory.

"Fairmont was a big game for us," Newgard said. "They are a team that reminds me a lot of ourselves. They play good, hard defense, but struggle

on offense from time to time. Holding a good team to less than 30 points should give you a chance to win a game. I thought we played well enough to win, but they just made one more play than we did."

Kira John led the Cardinals with 13 points. John also grabbed seven rebounds.

LHS 66, A/E 39

The Cardinals defeated the Adrian/Ellsworth Dragons 66-39 on Saturday, March 6.

Elise Ferrell scored the first six points of the game for the Cardinals to give them an early 6-0 lead.

Averill Sehr hit back-to-back three-pointers to give the Cardinal a 14-0 lead.

The Dragons finally got on the board at the 12:50 mark to trim Luverne's lead to 14-3.

Sehr hit her third three-pointer of the first half to put the Cardinals up 19-11.

The Cardinals closed out the first half on a 19-4 run to take a 36-21 lead into the locker room.

Luverne outscored the Dragons 30-18 to pick up the 66-39 victory.

"We knew we would have a little bit of an advantage over Adrian," Newgard said. We wanted to set the tone early with our press. I thought we did a great job of doing that

We had a bit of a lull in the middle of the game, but we were able to find that spark again and really put them away with our pressure."

Elizabeth Wagner scored a team-leading 20 points and recorded five steals.

Sehr scored 13 points. Emma Beyer scored 10 points. Ferrell scored 10 points and recorded four steals.

LHS 50, RV 48

Redwood Valley was at the free throw line clinging to a 48-47 lead. The visiting Cardinals missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw attempt.

Luverne gathered the rebound and passed the ball up court to Emma Beyer who made a layup through contact to put the Cardinals up 49-48 with 4.3 seconds left to play. Beyer knocked down the free throw to complete the three-point play to put Luverne up 50-48.

"Down one, we were just trying to create some pressure, get a trap and try for a steal," Newgard said. "If we didn't get it we had to foul. Luckily they missed the front end of two one-and-ones. From there it was just girls making a play. Averill (Sehr) hit Emma (Beyer) in stride and Emma did what she does. She finished through contact

around the rim."

Redwood Valley's heave at the buzzer did not go through the basket and Luverne picked up the 50-48 victory.

The Cardinals will wrap up the regular season on Thursday, March 11 when they play host to the Pipestone Arrows. The Cardinals defeated the Arrows earlier this season 68-59.

Marshall 42 34 76
LHS 15 9 26

Points: Wagner 5
Rebounds: C. Wagner 6; E. Wagner 6
Blocks: C. Wagner 3

Fairmont 29
LHS 27

Points: John 13
Rebounds: C. Wagner 12; John 7; Sehr 6
Assists: Sehr 5; Ferrell 4
Steals: C. Wagner 3; Sehr 3

LHS 36 30 66
Adrian 21 18 39

Points: E. Wagner 20; Sehr 13; Beyer 10; Ferrell 10; C. Wagner 7
Rebounds: John 12; C. Wagner 5;
Assists: Sehr 3

LUVERNE TRAVELING BASEBALL SIGN-UP NIGHT

MONDAY, MARCH 22
5-7PM
TAKE 16 EVENT CENTER

PLEASE ATTEND DURING THE ASSIGNED TIME FOR YOUR GRADE LEVEL.

3rd grade 5:00-5:30
4th grade 5:30-6:00
5th grade 6:00-6:30
6th grade 6:30-7:00

Due to COVID safety regulations, food will not be served this year.

Be Part of the Parade!

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Wednesday - March 17- 4:30 pm
Main Street - Downtown Luverne

All businesses, individuals & families invited to participate!
No pre-registration required!
Meet in the parking lot of LIVING ROCK CHURCH between 4 & 4:30 pm.

PARADE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 4:30 PM.

Parade will end at the Palace Theatre!
Children to adults, animals...all are welcome!

Decorations don't have to be complicated... just wear some green and have some fun!

Get your family, friends & neighbors to join in the fun!

Every parade participant will receive a GOLD DOLLAR COIN at the end of the parade courtesy of the Chamber!

For additional information
Luverne Area Chamber
507 283-4061
luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us



Rock County
STAR HERALD

home,
lawn and
garden

Take part in this Special Section!
Contact Chantel or Rick at
507-283-2333.

Ad deadline is March 17th.
Publication is April 1st.

The Star Herald reached out to churches for their worship information in the absence of in-person worship services, due to coronavirus social distancing. Those that responded are listed here. Those that would like to have information posted here should call the Star Herald or email editor@star-herald.com.

Read the tablet ... find the cross

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Mike Geiger
Cross and Crown Lutheran
Church, Georgetown, Texas

nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20:8-11)

In a 24/7 society this has become increasingly difficult ... not just to rest, but to rest with the Lord. Remember what Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Martin Luther helps us understand God's purpose of the third commandment: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

A rhythm of physical and spiritual rest is beneficial for our bodies and souls. Long periods of work are not good for our bodies. Long periods away from the Word of God and worship with his people is not healthy for our souls. We have been through a challenging time with COVID. I am grateful for technology to bring the Word of God to your homes, but let me encourage you to return soon to worship God in his house. God has designed us to be in community with each other. The writer to the Hebrews (10:25) encourages us: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Have a blessed day honoring the name of the Lord and worshipping the name of the Lord! Lord, thank you for your invitation to find rest in you. Lead me to do that regularly and meaningfully. Amen.

The post *Lead Me to the Cross... Find Rest in the Name of the LORD!* appeared first on *March 8, 2021, on Cross & Crown Lutheran Church in* Georgetown, Texas.

No one likes their name to be misused. We work hard to build a solid reputation. We are pained when false information is spoken about us. We are discouraged when someone gets the wrong impression of us, even when they don't know us.

Our name is a powerful thing. It is a summation of all we are and what we do.

God's name ... even more so. "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name." Exodus 20:7

Without even thinking, we can utter (excuse the phrases to make the point) an "Oh my God!" or a "God damn it" or "Jesus Christ!" or even "Gosh" and we're not "calling on the Lord in a day of trouble" or beginning a prayer. We are just flippantly uttering God's name.

Martin Luther put it this way: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks."

We love when our name is used to call us to help, affirm our work, or acknowledge with thanks and praise what we've done. How much more the name of the Lord.

The name of the Lord represents all he is and all he's done. The name of the Lord is the center of the salvation story and our personal salvation. The name of the Lord is the one who created and sustains us. The list goes on.

Think of the person you respect most. In no way would you misuse their name. Magnify that thought by 100 and we have reasons to properly use God's name to pray, praise and give thanks.

Idolatry destroys our loyalty to God. Misusing his name diminishes the power of his name. Avoiding time with his name keeps us disconnected from his name.

Modeled after creation week, God directs his people to a Sabbath rest: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals,

posted. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday, March 16: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Wednesday, March 17: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, March 18: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf curbside.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpciuverne.com

Jason Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, March 14: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. Monday, March 15: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Tuesday, March 16: 6:30 p.m. Esther Circle. Wednesday, March 17: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle. 7 p.m. Lenten service. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor
Saturday, March 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, March 14: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study. 11 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal. 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. Monday, March 15: 3:15 p.m. staff meeting. 7 p.m. Parish planning council. Wednesday, March 17: 6 p.m. Lenten Midweek Service. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Sunday, March 14: 9 a.m. In-person Worship at First Lutheran Church. Masks are highly recommended. 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

Sunday, March 14: 10:30 a.m. In-person Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Masks are required. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

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

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

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

Sunday, March 14: 9 a.m. Tuff Chapel service. 10 a.m. Worship service at Bethlehem. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 5:30-7 p.m. 9th-12th grade Youth Night. 6 p.m. 8th-9th grade Youth Night. 7-8:30 p.m. 6th-8th grade Youth Night at Bethlehem. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, March 16: 2 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 2:45 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. Wednesday, March 17: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Lenten service; council meeting following service.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor
Public mass will be celebrated with a limit of 50 percent capacity of the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stscluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccr.com — office@luverneccr.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

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

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org

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

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

Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Thursday, March 11: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, March 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. In-person worship service in Sanctuary. Sunday, March 14: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10-10:45 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. First Communion class in FH. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom. 6-8 p.m. Senior blanket-making. Tuesday, March 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, March 17: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring visitor's meeting. 3:30 p.m. 5th grade bread making. 6:45 p.m. Lenten service. Thursday, March 18: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 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
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Mondays, 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 Altana, Pastor

Thursday, March 11: 9 a.m. Classis meeting. Friday, March 12: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, March 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Sunday school. 2-4 p.m. Middle school gathering. Tuesday, March 16: 12 Noon staff meeting. Wednesday, March 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.

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

Thursday, March 11: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf curbside. Friday, March 13: Saturday, March 13: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday March 14: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services

These weekly church page messages are contributed to God's Work through the Church and by these concerned and responsible citizens & businesses:

Call Rick or Chantel to place your ad!

283-2333

Read us online!

Rock County
STAR HERALD
www.Star-Herald.com

Trust in Him



Papik Motors
283-9171
PAPIK.COM
Luverne, MN
Rock Rapids, IA

HSS HILLS STAINLESS STEEL & EQUIPMENT CO., INC.
506 W. Koehn, P.O. Box 987, Luverne, MN
PHONE 507-283-4405
Church is Important - Please Attend!

Buffalo Ridge Insurance
507-283-2381
www.buffaloridgeins.com E-mail: info@buffaloridgeins.com

McClure Electric
Alan M. Aanenson, owner
Farm, Home & Commercial Wiring
Luverne, MN Phone 507-283-4716

TUFF MEMORIAL HOME
A HOME WITH A HEART!
Hills, MN • 507-962-3275

MINNWEST BANK
116 East Main Street • Luverne • 507-283-2366
Hwy. 75 • 800 South Kniss • Luverne • 507-283-9131
www.minnwestbank.com • Member FDIC • MoneyLine 888-616 BANK

Advertise Here

SECURITY SAVINGS BANK
bankwithssb.com 507.449.6000
Member FDIC Luverne, MN

HARTQUIST
Funeral and Cremation Services
Pipestone • Luverne • Lake Benton • Jasper • Tyler
www.HartquistFuneral.com

Pizza Ranch
110 E Main, Luverne 507-283-2379

CWG Business Insurance
Tri-State Region Period!

MANLEY TIRE & OIL SERVICE
Manley Minnesota
1-800-615-3704
Open six days a week - Closed on Sundays
To God be the Glory.

Luverne ANNOUNCER

First Farmers & Merchants
303 E. Main, Luverne, MN
507-283-4463
www.fmbank.com
We believe in you.™
Member FDIC. And the community.

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Page 6B March 11, 2021

Bode probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of:
Pamela Jo Bode, a/k/a Pamela Josephine Abell,
a/k/a Pamela Jo Abell a/k/a Pamela J. Abell, a/k/a Pam Abell,
a/k/a Pamela Jo Virkus,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-21-41

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP
AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN
SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the 29th day of March, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Paul Jon Reif, whose address is 1355 280th St., Odebolt, Iowa 51458, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrators shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Date Filed: March 3, 2021

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt

District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

Paul A. Vis
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #297550

(03-11, 03-18)

Will dated, April 17, 2019, and for the appointment of James B. Willers, whose address is 1406 Evergreen Drive, Luverne, MN 56156 and Lisa M. Hoff, whose address is 415 100th Avenue, Steen MN 56173, respectively, as personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses; sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representatives or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Date Filed: February 25, 2021

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry Vajrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator
By: /s/ Jennifer Thode

Willers probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT
DISTRICT COURT

Court File No. 67-PR-21-39

In Re: Estate of Burdell D. Willers,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE
OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 Brown East, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's

/s/ Katherine A. Morgan
Attorney Katherine A. Morgan
Bonander Law, PC
PO Box 186
Larchwood, IA 51241
Attorney License No: MN #393289
Telephone: (712) 477-2902
FAX: (712) 477-2301
Email: katie@bonanderlaw.com

(03-04, 03-11)

Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT

JERKE CONSTRUCTION CO. IS LOOKING FOR HEAVY FORKLIFT OPERATORS AND RIGGERS

Position is responsible for the lifting and maneuvering large and heavy equipment with forklift and/or skates in manufacturing companies.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Self starter with ability to set own goals and tasks.
- Able to follow and effectively provide verbal direction and instructions
- Ability to safely maneuver and operate industrial forklifts.
- Perform routine maintenance on equipment and able to determine when maintenance is required
- Ability to work long hours as needed
- Must be willing to travel and stay overnight as needed on occasion
- Must be able to obtain a Class A CDL license and have a clean driving record
- Perform other related duties as assigned
- Ability to lift at least 50 lbs
- Hard worker

BENEFITS INCLUDE: Competitive Wages (DOE), Family Health insurance (100% paid after 30 days), Paid Holidays, Paid Vacation (1 week after 1 year of employment), Growth opportunities



Contact us at (605) 336-9010 or email
jccsd@jerkeconstruction.com
2808 W 6th St Sioux Falls, SD 57104



NOW HIRING!

Opportunities near
Kenneth, MN



OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN OUR COMPANY! PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER

OBJECTIVE: Learn and develop individual and leadership skills to lead assigned unit and employees for maximum production, safety, efficiency and profitability.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Develop the skills to follow production protocols and procedures maximize production and efficiencies
- Communicate effectively with area employees and farm management
- Complete production paperwork accurately and on time
- Adhere to all bio-security protocols and give input to lead person in area for items out of compliance
- Regularly monitor the environment and provide input to lead person in area to achieve optimum comfort for the animals

Learn more how you can become a leader in our company.

ALSO AVAILABLE: **ENTRY LEVEL SWINE TECHNICIANS**
Full-time & Part-time opportunities with full benefit package

Apply at www.pipestone.com.

Call 866-918-7378 to explore your future with us.

PIPESTONE
Management



FT/PT openings with PIPESTONE TRANSPORT WASH BAY

New competitive wage & bonus opportunity
No experience necessary, will train the right person



WWW.PIPESTONE.COM

Apply online at www.pipestone.com or call Human Resources at 507-825-2532
Pre-employment background screening required.

HELP WANTED

- \$4,000 sign on bonus for a full-time night nurse
- \$1,000 sign on bonus for a full-time PM Certified Nurse Aide
- Bonus is paid 50% at 90 days and 50% at 6 months. Benefits include: Health insurance, PERA retirement and PTO.
- Part-time Business Office Manager (20 hours per week). Responsible for private pay billing, payroll and resident trust. (Medicare, Medicaid and Insurance is billed by an outside agency). Prefer training and/or experience in accounting.

Send resume to:

Parkview Manor
308 W. Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, MN
Phone 507-967-2482 | Fax 507-967-2141
parkviewmanor@frontiernet.net

Adrian Public Schools

are looking for creative, inspiring educators to join our staff.

We have the following positions open for the
2021-2022 school year:

**Chemistry
English/Language Arts
K-12 ELL/Interventionist
Paraprofessionals**

Please submit a letter of application, Resume,
current letters of reference and a completed district
application found at

<http://isd511.net/district/isd-511/employment>.
Send materials to Adrian Public School, PO Box 40,
Adrian, MN 56110.

For additional information please contact Molly
Schilling, Superintendent at m.schilling@isd511.net.

NOW HIRING!

Country Cupboards of Luverne, Inc.
is HIRING:

INSTALLERS & IN SHOP WORKERS
Benefits include: Medical Insurance, 401k,
Paid Vacations, PTO, and Flexible Hours.
Duties would include all aspects of Custom
Cabinet manufacturing. No experience needed.
Call 507-283-8176, or stop out and apply!

Country Cupboards

2 miles south of Luverne on Hwy. 75 • Phone 507-283-8176

MN VETERANS HOME LIVERNE, MN

Resident Assistant/Homemaker

Create a positive atmosphere for the residents by assisting with dining and activities on the evening shift (4:00 pm – 8:00 pm).
Hourly wage: \$15.02 + \$0.65 shift differential

Apply online:

<https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/>
Application deadline:
March 18, 2021.

For additional information call
507-920-0000.
AA/EOE



Luverne Public Schools

is seeking applications for an
**ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT**

- Full-time during the school year.
- Coordinate work with administrators, teachers and families.
- Requires technology/computer skills (including student data systems).
- Requires attention to detail.

Submit letter of application/resume to Luverne Public Schools,
709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. EOE

Luverne Public Schools

is seeking applications for an
**DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS**

- Schedule and supervise maintenance and grounds staff.
- Assist in management and budgeting of facilities and facility maintenance equipment.
- Requires training or experience in HVAC and facility management.
- Must hold a boilers license.

Submit letter of application/resume to Luverne Public Schools,
709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. EOE

EMPLOYMENT

Habilitative Services, Inc. is hiring a FT RN or LPN in Luverne. Good benefits. Competitive higher wage. Apply online at jobs.thementornetwork.com

HELP WANTED
Age 55+ workers needed for part-time custodial work at the Adrian & Beaver Creek rest areas on I-90
Contact Green View
651-639-1913

www.star-herald.com

EMPLOYMENT

New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has full time insulation installer positions available. Monday-Friday; Health insurance, vacation pay, holiday pay, retirement plan, bonus, opportunities; will train. Call 605-376-3006. (tc)

Help Wanted: Marketing Representative. Stop in at Culligan at 206 West Main, Luverne, MN for more information. (2.20-3.11)

Great Plains Processing in Luverne is looking to hire a Quality Control Technician to work Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Benefits package includes health, dental and vision insurance, PTO, holiday pay, 401k, and more! Wage is DOE and qualifications. Visit us online to fill out an application at www/gpp-co.com/career-opportunities/. (3.6-3.25)

FOR SALE

For Sale: 7x15 fiberglass garage door - \$125. Hardwood table and four chairs - \$100. Air compressor - \$50. Phone 507-215-2619. (2.27-3.18)

MOVING SALE

414 W. Luverne St., Luverne, MN. Saturday, March 20; starting at 9 a.m. Camping equipment, maple kitchen set, Christmas and craft items, tools, antiques, extension ladder, bookcases, lighted curio, three tires, lawn tools and mower, collectible dolls and more. Cash only; masks required. (3.13-3.18)

RENTALS

Apartment for rent: One-bedroom, ground floor apartment with garage. No pets; no smoking. 507-283-9720. (tc)

For Rent: Two-bedroom house now available for rent with single garage; stove and refrigerator furnished. No smoking; no pets. Call 507-283-4095 or 507-290-1948. (tc)

INDEPENDENT LIVING IN LUVERNE
CENTENNIAL APARTMENTS
GET ON THE WAITING LIST FOR 1 BEDROOMS TODAY!
For those 50+ or Disabled Includes ALL Utilities!
507-283-2652
Equal Housing Opportunity
LloydManagementInc.com

MISCELLANEOUS

HAVE A UNIQUE SERVICE OR BUSINESS? Get the word out to over 1.4 million households. Call WIDE AREA CLASSIFIEDS today, 507-359-7326. (tc)

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of ORV DREESEN would like to thank our family, friends, neighbors, and customers for all the texts, cards, visits, food, flowers, and gifts. We are very blessed to live in such a caring area. The memorial gifts will be donated to the Luverne Hospice. A special thank you to Dr. Powell, the Hospice Crew, Stacy Domeyer, Tasha Domeyer, Brian Chapa, Pastor Scott, Beaver and Sandi Schweitzer, Dell and Marge Harms, Larry and Lorna Harms, Mary Boom, Rhonda Groen, the Feikema families, Lila Bauer and the Dingmann Funeral Home.
Karen Dreesen,
Randy and Tania Heikes Family,
Kevin and Glenda Dreesen Family
Chad and Becca Dreesen Family,
Jerry Dreesen (3.4-3.13)

Place a classified!
Call
283-2333



GKN Armstrong Wheels, Inc. is seeking career minded individuals! Our fast-paced heavy manufacturing of steel wheels for off-highway applications is BOOMING! Opportunities within our Armstrong & Estherville, Iowa locations

- EHS Manager • Design Engineer
- Drafter • Supervisor

Please send cover letter, salary expectations and resume to: WS-ARM-DG-Recruiting@gknwheels.com GKN will only contact individuals who meet qualifications and appear to be a fit for one of the positions.

- Hiring Night Shift Production at \$18/hour

GKN Armstrong Wheels is an EEO employer; women, veterans, and minorities are encouraged to apply.

New Position

Wild Rose Home Care LLC is looking for a part-time *Personal Care Attendant (PCA)* in Luverne.

5- 10 hrs early AM hours per week working M-F. Every other weekend rotation. Flexible hours working with a female client. Must be able to pass a background check. This is a new position, qualified individuals must be dependable and reliable.

Call for application
507-337-1101



MCAN

Minnesota Classified Advertising Network



EMPLOYMENT

KMS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

has FT elementary teaching position available August 2021. Apply online: www.kms.k12.mn.us; or send letter of interest, resume, transcripts, three letters of recommendation to: KMS, Box 168, Kerkhoven, MN 56252

HELP WANTED - DRIVERS

CDL CLASS A

Tanker Truck Driver. Annual compensation exceeds \$80,000.00, home weekends, benefits like no other. We haul our products! Contact Tony 608/935-0915 Ext 16

SEED/FEED/GRAINS

PROTECT YOUR YIELD

from soybean white mold and SDS. Ask your seed dealer for Heads Up® Seed Treatment. Cost-effective. Proven results. HeadsUpST.com/plant21 or 866/368-9306

ONLY \$279 to reach a statewide audience of 1.7 million readers!!! 1-800-279-2979

ADOPTIONS

ADOPTION: CALIFORNIA COUPLE promises baby loving home, secure future, educational opportunities, devoted grandparents, gentle pets. Generous living expenses paid. Ed/Danielle 818/356-6981 or attorney 310/663-3467

MISCELLANEOUS

AT&T WIRELESS

Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&T's Buy one, Give One offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464

TIMESHARE

CANCELLATION EXPERTS

Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt & fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package & learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 833/619-1117

MISCELLANEOUS

FREON WANTED:

We pay \$\$\$ for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Certified Professionals. Call 312/291-9169 or visit: RefrigerantFinders.com

DONATE YOUR CAR

truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501

DISH NETWORK \$64.99

for 190 Channels! Blazing fast internet, \$19.99/mo. (where available.) Switch & get a FREE \$100 Visa gift card. FREE voice remote. FREE HD DVR. FREE streaming on ALL devices. Call today! 855/562-4309

4G LTE HOME INTERNET

Now available! Get GotW3 with lightning fast speeds, plus take your service with you when you travel! As low as \$109.99/mo! 844/960-4698



Read
Recycle
Reuse

Please recycle your newsprint when finished with the paper.

WE HAVE DEADLINES

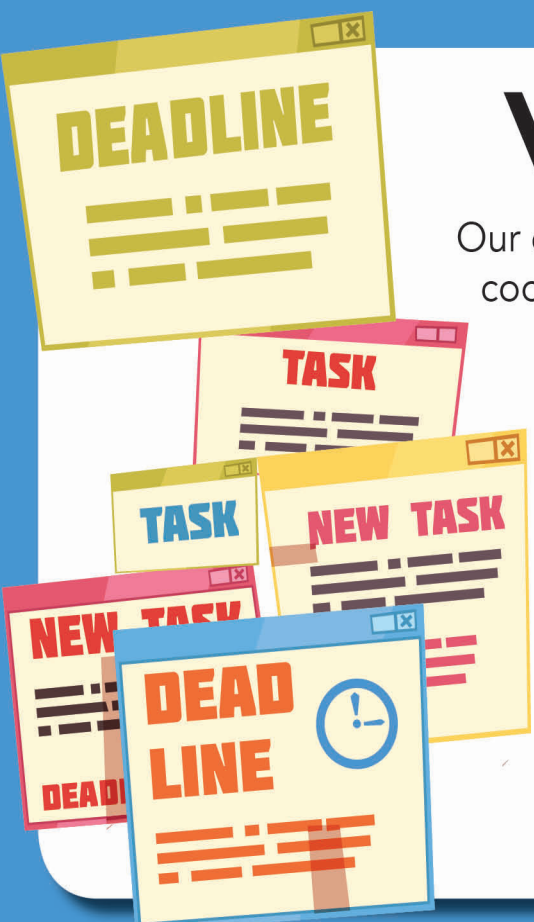
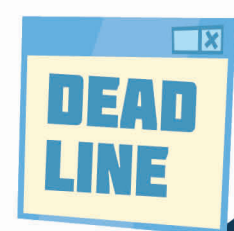
Our deadlines for the Announcer and Star Herald are as follows. We appreciate your cooperation in getting us any advertising or legals in a timely manner. Thank you!

ANNOUNCER

DEADLINE FOR
DISPLAY ADS AND CLASSIFIEDS
THURSDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

STAR HERALD

DEADLINE FOR
DISPLAY ADS, CLASSIFIEDS AND LEGALS
MONDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.



MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK SMARTER.



HERITAGE BUILDER ANNUITY

- 2.00%** 3 year guaranteed interest rate
- 2.85%** 5 year guaranteed interest rate
- 3.00%** 7 year guaranteed interest rate

Plus: includes access to your money with Free Withdrawal options and full account value death benefit. \$25,000 minimum.

PUT YOUR MONEY TO WORK TODAY.

Call today for more information:



Christina Koedam
Main Street Financial Services
MN Insurance #40467489
212 E Main St, Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-9590
mainstreet@mainstreetfinancial.net



RETIRE IN STYLE.

Rates effective 03-13-2020. Rates subject to change. This product is underwritten by Investors Heritage Life Insurance Company, Frankfort Kentucky. The product is not available in all states and product features may vary by state. Surrender and withdrawal fees may apply to early withdrawals and withdrawals may be subject to federal and state income tax and or penalties. Neither Investors Heritage Life Insurance Company nor its representatives provide legal or tax advice. You should consult your attorney or your tax advisor if you have questions. Policy forms: ICC18-SPDA1, SPDA1-FL, SPDA1-ND, SPDA1-SD.

24/7 ... Rain or Shine ...

Your local, independent agent will be there.

Working for you - meeting your needs.



Buffalo Ridge INSURANCE

South Hwy. 75, Luverne, MN • Ph. 507-283-2381

Auto-Owners INSURANCE

LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS



Interested in Advertising?
Call Rick or Chantel at 283-2333



Now Hiring!

- Quality Technician
- Press Operator
- Press Assistant
- Finishing Operator
- Plate Mounter
- Maintenance Technician
- Warehouse

Visit www.cclabelsf.com for a full listing our job descriptions.

Complete an application online or at the address below M-F 8 AM – 4 PM.

1209 W Bailey St. Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 336-7940 • sfhr@cclind.com

Give Where You Live
today, tomorrow & beyond

LUVERNE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31, 2021

Who can apply?

Not-for-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, academic and research institutions located within Rock County are among the organizations eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation invites applications that will enhance the quality of life in the following areas:

- Arts & Humanities
- Community & Civic Affairs
- Social & Economic Growth
- Nutrition
- Environment
- Recreation
- Education
- Support Programs - children to senior citizen
- Community Health & Wellness including physical & mental health

How to apply?

APPLY ONLINE AT:
<http://www.luvacf.org/application-information.html>

or contact Emily Crabtree at
507- 220-2424 or emily@luvacf.org

LUVERNE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
P.O. Box 623 | 102 E. Main | Luverne, MN | 507-220-2424

Office Hours: T-TH 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00

www.luvacf.org

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



More good news is on the horizon, soon there will be three COVID-19 vaccines available in Minnesota and that is welcome news. Earlier this week the second dose of the vaccine was provided for 300 of our local residents age 75 and older. In addition to that, 150 doses of the vaccine were provided for K-12 staff, day care providers and others in the 1a group. It was just a little over a year ago that we had our first shut down due to the pandemic and none of us would have imagined what the coming year would be like. As we continue to make progress to overcome the pandemic, let's continue to social distance, wear a mask and wash our hands.

State to Vaccinate 70% of Seniors by End of March Before Expanding Vaccine Eligibility



February 25, 2021 — Governor Tim Walz announced today that Minnesota will remain focused on vaccinating most of the state's seniors before expanding eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine. Governor Walz issued guidance to vaccinate 70% of adults 65 years of age and older before expanding eligibility, and aims to reach this goal by the end of March. The directive is the latest commitment of the Walz-Flanagan Administration to vaccinating seniors and keeping them safe.

The state has made tremendous progress in vaccinating our most vulnerable population. As of Thursday (Feb. 25), Minnesota has vaccinated more than 43% of Minnesotans aged 65 and over. Severe illness and death in our long-term care settings have plummeted as we vaccinated these most at-risk Minnesotans: deaths are down 97% from their November peak, and cases are down 89%.

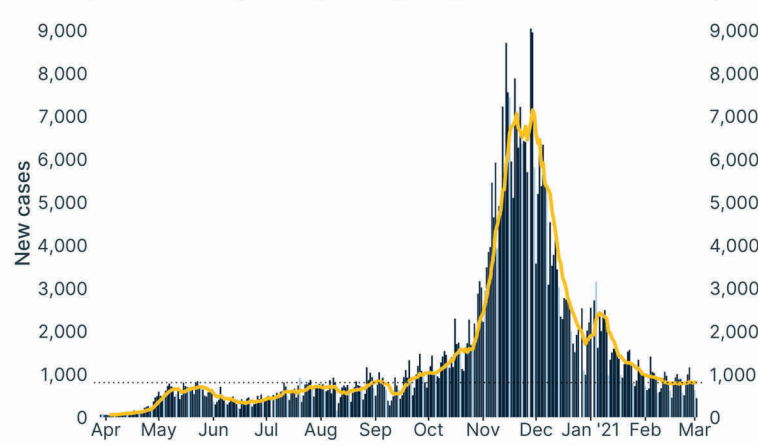
Nearly 90% of COVID-19 deaths in Minnesota have come from those aged 65 and over. In January, following relaxed federal guidance, Governor Walz directed healthcare providers to begin vaccinating this group of Minnesotans, ensuring maximum impact for the small number of vaccines the state receives each week.

Once 70% of the state's seniors have received the vaccine, Minnesota will expand eligibility based on underlying health conditions and workplace exposure risk. Based on current projections, the next group of Minnesotans eligible for a vaccine will begin getting them in April, and every Minnesotan should be able to get a vaccine by this summer.

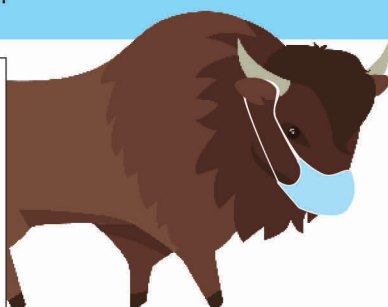
"One year into this pandemic, I want to thank Minnesotans for their incredible work rising above and beyond the challenges presented to them and supporting their friends, family and neighbors through one of the most difficult times this state has ever seen," continued Governor Walz. "We can see the finish line and we have the roadmap. I know we can get there together."

New COVID-19 cases in MN by date reported

Based solely on cases confirmed by the MN Department of Health. Line represents 7-day rolling average. Light blue bars are Mondays.



Source: Minnesota Department of Health. Graphic by David H. Montgomery | MPR News
MPRnews
Data as of March 1, 2021



Walz calls Johnson & Johnson vaccine approval a 'gamechanger,' shipments could come this week

From FOX 9, KMSP — Minnesota's COVID-19 vaccination effort just got a boost on Saturday (Feb. 27) as the FDA approved Johnson & Johnson's vaccine for emergency use.

Governor Walz's says shipments of the vaccine could start going out as soon as this coming week, and the approval of the third vaccine for COVID-19 will give the state another tool to ramp up doses. Setting the new vaccine apart from the other two that have approved, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose.

"Authorization of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a game-changer in our fight to put an end to the COVID-19 pandemic," Walz said in a statement on Saturday. "This vaccine is safe and highly effective at preventing severe illness and death. Because it requires only one dose, it will also help us quickly provide immunity to even more Minnesotans who have been waiting so long for protection against COVID-19."

Walz believes the new approval will help push Minnesota towards the "broad community protection" needed to "rein in" the COVID-19 pandemic and return to normal.

The governor says the state is waiting on CDC recommendations to determine allotment decisions.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is the third COVID-19 vaccine to get government approval for emergency use. The FDA has already given the go-ahead for Pfizer's and Moderna's vaccines.

Johnson & Johnson

DISTRIBUTION



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

Luverne
MINNESOTA
Love the life!

Sincerely,

Mayor Patrick T. Baustian