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LHS exchange student shares perspective on war in Ukraine

By Mavis Fodness

Former exchange student Stepan Orletsky told Luverne High School Principal Ryan Johnson that he and his family are safe for now, but he's apprehensive about the future of his home in Ukraine.



Stepan Orletsky

"I am afraid of Russian troops coming here — there will be huge damage to my town, and we are not a safe place anymore," Orletsky said in a Zoom conversation March 3.

"Now it is a safe place, and a lot of people came and many of us are afraid more people will be killed because they gathered here."

The Russian military began a full-scale invasion of Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, on Feb. 24.

Orletsky's home is in Luzhany, an urban settlement of about 4,800 people near Chernivtsi, about 337 miles to the south and west of the capital.

"They (Russia) actually started attacking us eight years ago when they occupied Crimea and the southeast regions of Ukraine," Orletsky said. "It wasn't like actual war. It wasn't as bad as it is right now."

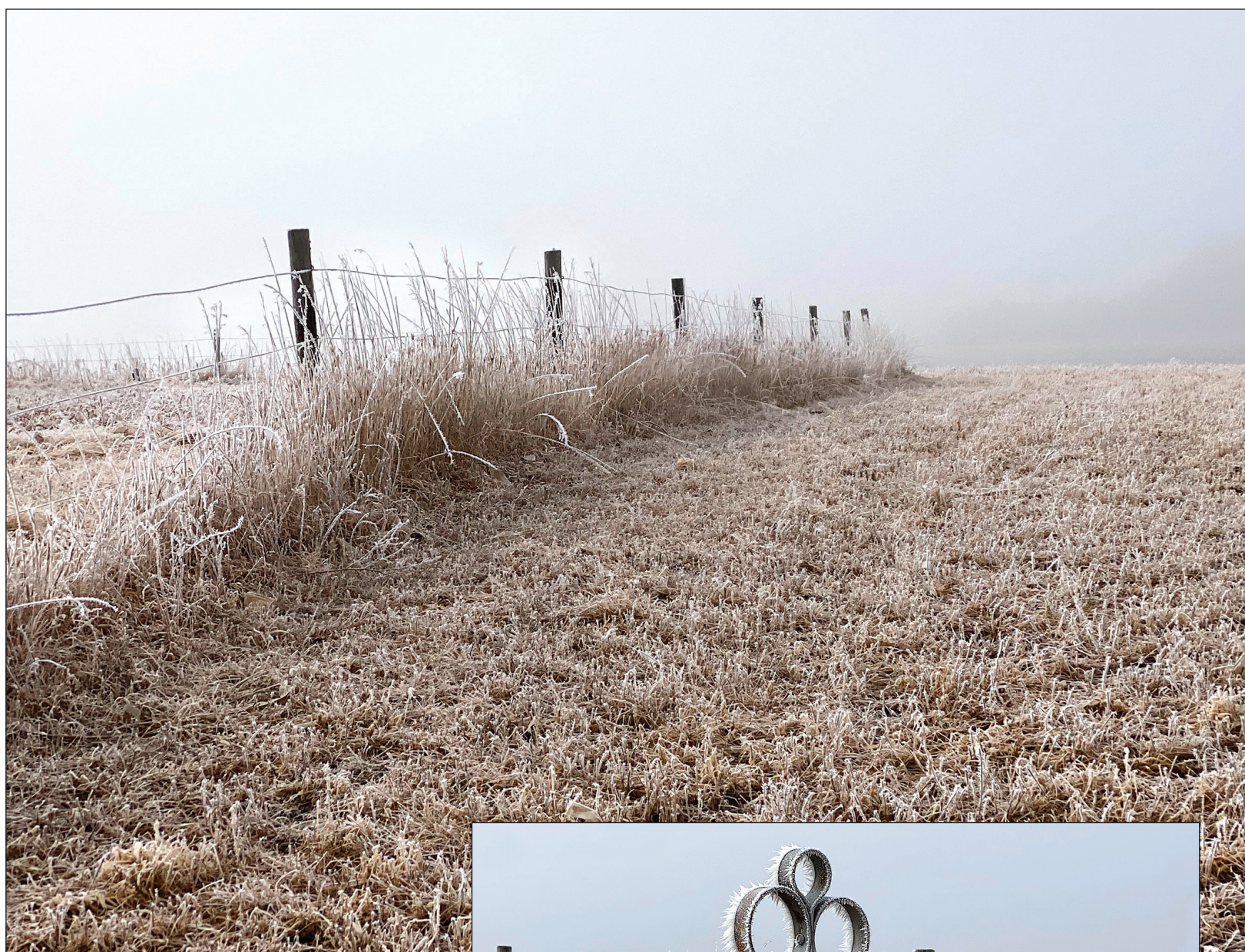
The actual bombing and gun fire in Kyiv are an attempt to control the capital and install a government sympathetic to Russian interests.

Orletsky said Russian sympathizers who primarily live in eastern Ukraine are led to believe the Russian invasion is "saving Ukraine from itself."

"It actually sounds ridiculous," Orletsky said. "Why would Ukraine — our country tries its best to work on infrastructure, to work on different citizen projects to become a greater country, to become a part of the European Union — attack itself and ruin everything we've been working on for years?"

Orletsky said he and others in Ukraine are uncertain about Russian President Vladimir Putin's intentions, but he has suspicions about why the Russian military would seize the Ukrainian capital.

Ukraine student/see page 2



Lori Sorenson photos/0317 frost

Thawing, freezing, ... frosting

After several days of below-normal temperatures, Monday began a week of thawing and above-normal temperatures that indicated spring is coming.

Tuesday morning dawned with fog and a covering of frost on fencelines and grasses, and when the sun broke through, the artistic effects were revealed. These images were captured north of Beaver Creek at Palisade Prairie Cemetery along County Road 5.



City offers assistance for website development

By Lori Sorenson

Help is on the way for local businesses seeking to improve their online presence.

At Monday's meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority, director Holly Sammons proposed a new program to help businesses develop or improve their websites.

She told the LEDA board that a business's online presence is as important as its "brick and mortar" presence, but many small operators struggle with website

development.

"It can be overwhelming, time-consuming and intimidating," Sammons said. "In the ever-evolving world of technology, businesses need an online presence to remain relevant and visible to their customers."

When working with new businesses, Sammons said they often have questions about starting a website, especially since the pandemic's impact on small businesses.

"It is now more important than ever

before for businesses to have an online presence, engage with their customers, and be able to market their goods and services online to earn revenue outside of the traditional brick and mortar store," Sammons said in her report to the board.

"This presents an opportunity for the LEDA to provide some financial assistance and professional services to business owners by helping them establish a website."

City website assistance/see page 3

'Welcome to Beaver Creek'

New signs welcome motorists to Beaver Creek community

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Beaver Creek will soon have new "Welcome to Beaver Creek" signs near the elevator and by the SpringBrooke entrance.

Andrew Blank has been working on the project and brought three design options to the Beaver Creek City Council meeting Wednesday, March 9, for consideration.

All three designs featured sketches of a beaver and a "Welcome to Beaver Creek" message, but council members ultimately chose one with neutral colors and a larger image of the beaver.

The other two versions had smaller sketches that might not be visible to passing motorists, and the lettering was blue and red, which they associated with Hills-Beaver Creek School District's blue and red colors.



Quality Printing designed the new "Welcome to Beaver Creek" signs.

"I think you should stay away from that, just for the simple fact that this is just Beaver Creek," Blank said.

"I'm a Patriot, my kids are Patriots, I'm all for Patriots, but this is one thing that we can really own that is ours."

He's been fundraising to offset costs for the city and so far has approached local business owners about donating between \$25 and \$100 toward the community welcome signs.

Beaver Creek sign/see page 14

H-BC expands preschool offering for 2022-23

By Mavis Fodness

For the next school year, parents of preschoolers ages 4 and 5 will have another learning option for their children at the Little Patriot Academy in Beaver Creek.

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board approved expanding their community education offerings Monday night to include a half-day, five-days-a-week preschool option.

The program will be a pilot for the 2022-23 school year.

"This is definitely a one-time thing, and we'll see how it works out," said Board Chairman Arlyn Gehrke.

The added afternoon option will double the current preschool budget from

\$39,991 to \$81,352 for the nine-month program.

A program deficit of \$27,701 is expected, and the district will apply for ESSR funds to cover a portion of the added cost.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus said he was very conservative with the budget numbers, indicating the deficit amount could change if enrollment numbers are higher than estimated.

Currently 31 children are enrolled in the two preschool offerings at the Little Patriot Academy. Nine students are estimated to enroll in the new five-day program, with 16 choosing one of the two original options.

H-BC preschool/see page 2



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Compassionate Friends will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 21, at the Luverne Area Community Foundation Office next to the Palace Theatre. The group provides support, understanding and hope to grieving parents and grandparents after a child dies — of any age and any cause. The meetings are free, confidential and open to anyone interested. Call 605-254-2072 or email pat.saum@gmail.com.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Presbyterian Church Friendship Room for a program on propagating plants. Call 507-597-6378 for more information.

Free food for seniors March 17

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in a drive-through format in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Household income guidelines have changed. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

New Life Celebration Church offers food at ATLAS March 17

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is now at the ATLAS building at 101 W. Maple Street in Luverne. The next distribution is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the WEST side of the building. (Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot.) Food will be loaded into vehicles which will then exit via the alley going WEST toward Estey Street. Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

Community Ed seeks class information by March 21

The summer Luverne Community Education brochure will be published in May, and those with ideas for requests for classes should email li.nath@isd2184.net or call 283-4724. Those wishing to teach a class or update information for class should email c.arends@isd2184.net.

All information is due by March 21. The most recent brochure (and past brochures) is at www.isd2184.net under the Community Education tab.

Kindergarten Round-Up is March 24

Luverne Kindergarten Round-Up will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Luverne Elementary School. Parents and children will participate in an informal "meet and greet" open house. A staggered schedule is as follows:

- 5:30 to 6 p.m. for last names beginning with A-G
- 6 to 6:30 for last names beginning with H-M
- 6:30 to 7 for N-Z

Children must be 5 years old before Sept. 1, 2022, to register for kindergarten. Call 507-283-4497 with questions.

'More than Sad' suicide prevention event March 28

Cassie Linkenmeyer of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be in Luverne again from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 28, at Luverne Community Education.

Parents, educators and students will learn how to recognize signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiate conversations and get help. Register by calling 507-283-4742. Fee is \$5.

Free tax prep at library

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

Mobile dental clinics scheduled

Mobile dental clinics will be in Luverne Wednesday, April 6 and Thursday, April 7, at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room.

These clinics provide dental care for adults and children ages infant through 100. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance accepted. The clinics are organized by the #Luv1LuvAll initiative, Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Bos earns state rural water recognition

The Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recently honored Luverne's Doug Bos at the association's annual technical conference.

Doug Bos of the Rock County Soil & Water Conservation District received the state Large Public Water Supply System Source Water Protection Award for his role in protecting the Rock County Rural Water wellhead protection area.

The award is given annually to recognize the importance and value of source water protection efforts in Minnesota and to recognize individuals, public water systems and organizations that have shown long-term commitment, initiative, leadership, sharing of successes and initiation or participation in activities that result in protecting or improving their source water.

Bos wears many hats in Rock County, serving as county feedlot officer, conservation technician, Disaster Recovery Assistance Program coordinator and Rock County Comprehensive Local Water Plan coordinator.

Among other duties, he also handles competitive grant writing for



the district and coordinates surface and groundwater monitoring and modeling programs.

Bos has been instrumental in obtaining funding and assisting with easements and agriculture Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the Rock County Rural Water Wellhead Protection Area.

He helped secure over 900 acres of perpetual easements to reduce nitrate loading to the aquifer.

According to MRWA officials, he worked diligently to educate and secure funds for local farmers and co-ops so they could implement

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Minnesota Rural Water Association officials in honoring Doug Bos

agriculture BMPs.

Bos has hosted numerous field trips and meetings with state agencies to ensure decision-makers understand the importance of drinking water protection.

"Doug has been an important voice in southwest Minnesota, helping to make sure drinking water protection is included in planning efforts," MRWA officials wrote in announcing Bos's award.

"Congratulations to Doug Bos for his fine efforts toward protecting the drinking water supply."



Farm Bureau supports Rock County Food Shelf

Rock County Farm Bureau President Kurt Elbers presents a \$500 check to Katie Baustian at the Rock County Food Shelf on Maple Street Monday, March 14. Farm Bureau donated the funds as part of the organization's annual Food Awareness Months in February and March. Farm Bureau creates activities during this time to bring awareness to food — from the farmers who grow it, to food safety and availability and hunger. Through the Hunger Solutions Grant program, the organization has donated \$37,500, more than 13,000 pounds of food and 47,000 meals to nearly 50 counties throughout Minnesota.

H-BC preschool expands/ continued from page 1

Registration for the new preschool offering begins next week.

H-BC will continue the two-day 3- and 4-year-old preschool classes and the three-day 4- and 5-year-old classes that are now offered in the afternoon. For the 2022-23 school year, these classes will be conducted in the morning.

Tuition will increase, as approved by board members. Board member Tim Bosch was absent.

Tuition for the two-day Tuesday/Thursday option increases from \$90 per month to \$105. The three-day Monday/Wednesday/Friday option increases from \$110 to \$125 per month.

Monthly cost for the new five-day preschool option is \$195.

Transportation is

available for all three classes, with costs ranging from \$30 to \$75 per month.

In other business, the H-BC board:

- purchased a 2023 IC 77-passenger bus for \$103,000 with delivery expected this fall. The new bus will be purchased through ESSR dollars.
- approved hiring

TeamWorks International of Centerville to complete an enrollment and demographics study at a cost of \$3,500.

- hired Melanie Kruse as a special education teacher for the 2022-23 school year at a salary of \$48,423.
- changed the start time of the March 28 school board meeting from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. due to the elementary band and vocal concert.

LHS exchange student reports from Ukraine/continued from page 1

"Russia is a huge country and they don't use all potential they have there," Orletsky said. "They try to get more land and occupy Kyiv, our capital, so he can put down our government and place his own rules on our land and so on."

The fighting, instead, has united people in Luzhany, Orletsky said, and they support current Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

"He was an actor/comedian before he became president and a lot of people didn't believe an actor could be a great president," he said.

"They admire him, respect him ... because he would not leave Ukraine. He will stay in Kyiv and try his best to solve the situation. A lot of people changed their minds and believe in him and hope he will make everything end this war soon."

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Why would Ukraine — our country tries its best to work on infrastructure, to work on different citizen projects to become a greater country, to become a part of the European Union — attack itself and ruin everything we've been working on for years?"

— Stepan Orletsky former LHS exchange student

The U.N. reports more than 1,300 civilian casualties have occurred since the invasion began three weeks ago.

University students like Orletsky no longer attend college classes, and the city is under a curfew banning anyone on the streets from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The equivalent of the National Guard patrols the

streets during the overnight hours.

"They will protect us before the more experienced and qualified Army will come here and protect us," Orletsky said.

His family is also helping those fleeing the fighting in Kyiv.

"In my house we have prepared some rooms for people. If they like to stay with us, they are welcome,"

he said.

"In my local school, we have made special nets for military objects so they can be covered by those and it would be hard to see them."

As of Saturday, Orletsky said his school will begin distance learning and businesses are beginning to reopen.

Orletsky was a FLEX (Future Leaders EXchange) student during the 2019-20 school year when the pandemic prompted distance learning in March.

He returned home a few weeks later but said his U.S. experience was favorable, albeit short.

"I would be really happy to come to Luverne again," Orletsky said.

He said those who are interested in helping could check with the Ukrainian Embassy in the U.S. for information about what resources are needed for the Ukrainian residents to reclaim their country.

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Pool and fitness center construction nearly complete

By Lori Sorenson

Construction on the Luverne Aquatics and Fitness facility is reaching final stages, according to recent City Council discussion.

The council approved an \$80,000 payment to Hoogendoorn Construction during its regular meeting March 8.

Work completed this pay period includes the final cleanup, painting, acoustical ceiling tile, splash pad equipment, HVAC work and electrical work.

Hoogendoorn Construction from Canton, South Dakota, submitted the low bid of \$4,327,150 for the project in January 2021.

The city is financing the project with general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5.2 million to be retired over a 20-year period.

Improvements to the facility included in the construction plans are:

- an outdoor splash pad on the south side of the pool.
- new locker rooms.
- four family changing rooms.
- flat space rooms for group aerobic exercise.
- new office space and staff area.
- larger rooms for both 24-hour weightlifting and aerobic exercise machines.
- new mechanical and heat, ventilation and air-conditioning for the facility.

City Administrator John Call told the council the project is at the stage where furniture will be delivered soon. The weight equipment will be delivered the week of March 14, and a final "punch list" of remain-

ing items is being formulated.

The facility will be opened up for staff training and private community tours during the last couple of weeks in March, and a grand opening will be scheduled sometime in April.

Power plant update

In other business at the March 8 meeting, Call updated the council on progress at the city's power plant.

He said contractors were doing a lot of excavating on the bridge side of the building, preparing to pour footings for future stacks, walls and radiator in the area that sits north of the generator room.

The control building was delivered earlier this month and is in place.

This week two new 3,100 kW generators at \$1.5 million each were scheduled to be delivered with a large crane.

"Once the generators go in there, we'll have something to look at, so we can take the council down there for a tour," Call said.

In the area where the two generators will be installed, the north wall has been removed.

The improvements are part of an \$11 million investment that will ensure Luverne's backup generators keep the city's lights on in the event of a power outage.

They will allow the city to provide increased backup power for Missouri River Energy Services, which contracts with Luverne for that energy.



Submitted photo

The Luverne High School math league returned to the Minnesota High School Mathematics League Tournament Monday. Participants were (front, from left) Anja Jarchow, Hope Thorson, Kristin Rud, Ella Hoogendoorn, (back) Jaydon Johnson, Logan Ommen, Parker Carbonneau and Ethan Rahm, along with adviser Aaron Perkins. Not pictured is Trygve Gangestad.

Luverne math league returns to state for second straight year

Cardinals take eighth place among 11 teams

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School math league members returned to the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League Tournament Monday.

It was the second straight year a Luverne team advanced beyond the regular season.

Luverne went up against 11 other teams, placing eighth, one placing better than last year.

Adviser Aaron Perkins said this year's competition was a close one.

"Everyone was within 10 points (of each other) with the exemption of the bottom, which were within 15 points," he said.

The team competed at the in-person state event at South Saint

Paul High School.

State team participants included seniors Olivia Huisman, Kristin Rud, Hope Thorson, Ethan Rahm, Trygve Gangestad, juniors Parker Carbonneau, Anja Jarchow, Logan Ommen, and eighth-graders Ella Hoogendoorn and Jaydon Johnson.

At the state meet students competed in two written tests and one team event.

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

Adviser Perkins said the 2022 season matched last year's performance, when LHS returned to the

state meet for the first time since 2009.

"This year we won our division and were runners-up (to Blue Earth Area) in the section," he said.

"We are currently ranked seventh in the Division A in the state."

Division A consists of 54 schools, where Luverne competes in the Dynamic South Division. LHS had 56 students score this year for the team.

"All participants scored a total of 614 points (over five rounds), which is an average of 13 points per student," Perkins said.

"Our top 15 all scored over 20 points for the season."

Luverne Economic Development Authority to offer website development program/from page 1

She recommended a Website Development Program to connect business owners with a local professional website developer to set up web pages for them.

The program offers a startup grant for new and existing businesses to establish a website with the understanding that they'll be responsible for maintaining and managing their website going forward.

LEDA partners with Luverne website developer for program

Sammons recommended working with Luverne's Brock and Ashley Benson who started Benson Tech Solutions in 2019.

"They understood what our goals were in helping a business get a website established," she said.

"Just as important is the ability to maintain it and have it be relevant within their budget in the scope of their business and

workload."

With bachelor's degrees in Computer Science, the Bensons have a combined six years of professional software development experience and three years of business ownership.

They specialize in creating and maintaining websites with mobile-responsive layouts, analytics, social media integration, monthly maintenance and email accounts.

Websites they've developed for local companies include Quality Printing and Sterling's Grille and Café.

Mary Brown with her bridal boutique, First Comes Love, was the first business to try the LEDA website program.

How the LEDA website assistance works

The standard multi-page website costs about \$1,200 to set up, along with a \$60 monthly maintenance fee.

The LEDA program offers a \$750 grant to help cover a portion of the initial setup costs.

A 50-percent down payment is required to begin developing a website, as well as an agreement to pay the monthly hosting fee going forward.

Any additional services would be the business owner's responsibility.

The LEDA will assist businesses with gathering all necessary information and files during the in-take and application process to ensure an efficient setup process once the content is turned over to the website developer.

Sammons said each business has its own unique goals for its website. Some want to sell and ship products, but in Brown's case, she wanted to showcase gowns and encourage shoppers to set up appointments.

Defining a goal is part

of the "story brand worksheet" businesses need to complete before meeting with the website developers.

"My hope is to streamline the process and make sure that when businesses are ready to start a website, they're prepared," Sammons said.

This would include a call to action, photographs, a brand, a logo, content and examples of websites they like.

"Simply packaging that initial starting content will hopefully maximize their time and efficiencies building their website to get a nice turnaround on it," she said.

Only Luverne businesses and organizations qualify for the LEDA website assistance program.

It's for new or existing businesses who want to start a new website or improve an existing online presence.

Websites are important part of business and economic development

Sammons said website support is no different from other city programs that help entrepreneurs and small local businesses.

"In addition to the financial assistance, the structured process and professional partnerships have proven to be helpful for local businesses," Sammons reported to the LEDA Monday.

She listed the Historic Facade Improvement Program, the Sign Design Program and the Logo Design program as examples of successful supports for businesses.

"These programs have offered technical assistance and professional expertise to our local businesses."

Mayor Pat Baustian praised Sammons' proposal at Monday's meeting.

"Holly, you have done a

phenomenal job of understanding the website development from start to finish," he said.

"Working with Brock and Ashley and a local presence is an immense opportunity for our businesses. ... It's direct economic help for our community at relatively low cost, and we're supporting a local [web developer]. What an opportunity for both sides!"

The LEDA board approved a resolution at Monday's meeting to establish the website program as presented.

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Luverne Baseball Traveling Team SIGN UP

Monday, March 21
5-7 p.m.
at **Take 16 Event Center**

Traveling baseball team sign up and parent meeting for anyone grades 3-6 interested in playing traveling baseball, Legion / Jr Legion and Community Education Baseball

Any questions please contact Tim Jarchow 507-220-1310

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World situation puts focus on survival

Like most of you, I've been keeping a pretty sharp eye on world news lately and it doesn't look good.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

That's why I've started reading books written for preppers.

Preppers are people who prepare for long- or short-term emergencies by having storage closets full of food, bunkers in the woods and ammo.

For a few days or a few months, preppers desire to be prepared when "the stuff hits the fan."

(Some might argue the stuff is hitting the fan right now. It's hard to tell.)

They say dried foods are one of the keys to successfully surviving an emergency. So, while standing in line at Walmart the other day, I decided to make my first "prepper" purchase – a bag of Spicy Hot Cheetos.

I figured the Cheetos met a lot of prepping criteria. They have a shelf life of thousands of years, and the spiciness would keep me warm if the power goes out.

An unanticipated flaw in my plan was that I ate them on the way home.

So much for shelf life.

As for toilet paper, I still have several dozen packs left from the Covid Panic of 2020.

There was an incident involving a mouse that borrowed a few bits of toilet paper

for a small home in a rolled up rug. What's left of the TP stash is secure.

Regarding personal protection, I'm not really much of a gun person.

I'm not opposed to guns. I just figure if I ever had to use one in a crisis situation, I'd probably blow my own foot off.

So instead of buying ammo, I've set up an elaborate network of shoes, boots and recycled boxes in our entryway – intended to cause a potential home invader to tumble head over heels and leave us alone.

We know this plan works because we test it daily.

If the internet goes down, we're going to have to read books again.

Here's advice from one of my favorites:

"Don't save treasures for yourselves here on earth. Moths and rust will destroy them. And thieves can break into your house and steal them. Instead, save your treasures in heaven, where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them." Matthew 6:19-20

I think, along with reading the world's news, I'll start spending more time reading this "prepper" book and less time reading the others.

Next week is 'Farm Week at the Library'

Rock County Farm Bureau, library team up March 21-25 to celebrate local farmers

The foundation of our well-being in general depends on the domestic production of food. Our farmers and ranchers provide us with an abundant, nutritious food supply throughout the year.

In recognition of this achievement, members of the Rock County Farm Bureau and Rock County Library will celebrate Farm Week next week.

On Monday, March 21, stop in for giveaways and coloring contest sheets. Patrons are encouraged to bring in farm toys and/or wear farm shirts and tell library staff about the items.

On Tuesday, March 22, join the farm scavenger hunt at the library.

On Wednesday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m. a special story time will feature guest farmer Peter Bakken of rural Beaver Creek.

On Thursday, March 24, at 4 p.m. enjoy the classic farm movie "Charlotte's Web," with snacks provided.

Farm Week wraps up Friday, March 25, with Bronwyn's 10:30 a.m. story time. Coloring contest

winners will be announced along with book giveaway winners.

Among other things, Farm Week at the Library will celebrate the productivity and efficiency of ag producers as they continue to maintain a stable supply of food in our communities.

Their dedication and skill levels have overcome a difficult marketplace, weather extremes and plant and animal pests and diseases.

Their effective natural resource management increasingly provides crucial environmental benefits to a growing area of sensitive water supplies.

Farm families achieve these successes despite receiving a steadily smaller portion of the retail grocery dollar.

According to new U.S. Department of Agriculture data, in 1973

farmers and ranchers received approximately 30 cents out of every dollar spent on food. By 2018 the share farmers and ranchers received had declined to approximately 10.4 cents.

The pattern remains the same for this year. Off-farm costs – processing, packaging, transportation, wholesaling and retailing – account for the majority of the food prices consumers pay.

Most of the recent increases in retail food prices have been the result of higher prices of energy needed to process, haul and refrigerate food.

Our bountiful domestic food supply is the product of skill and dedication. We invite readers to join us in celebrating the farmers who grow our healthy and nutritious foods.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL



How to properly use, install child car seats

By Sgt. Troy Christianson
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I am a new parent and I am not sure if I am doing this child car seat thing properly. Is there somewhere I can go to find out if I am doing it right? Thank you.

Answer: Congratulations on parenthood! I know the feeling and there will only be more questions as time goes on. For child passenger safety, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety has a map that you can click on for your area, and it will bring you to a "car seat check." <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/child-passenger-safety/Pages/car-seat-checks.aspx>

If this doesn't work out, a person can always check with their local police department/sheriff's office, local public health department or any hospital and clinic. If they are unable to help, they should be able to point you in the right direction.

Minnesota child car seat law and steps:

•In Minnesota all children must be in a child restraint until they are 4'9" tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

•Rear-facing child seats: Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer.

•Forward-facing seats: Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child

is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether. Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer.

•Booster seats: Use after outgrowing a forward-facing harnessed restraint; safest to remain in a booster until 4 feet 9 inches tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

•Seat belts: Use when children can sit with their back against the vehicle seat and have their knees bent comfortably over the edge with their feet touching the floor.

For the safety of your children:

- Be an attentive driver.
- Always buckle up.
- Always secure your children in the proper restraint for their age, height and weight.
- Always have your children sit in the back seat.

You can avoid a ticket – and a crash – if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.

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

Meinerts informs readers of historic event, 'People's Convoy'

To the Editor:

Since the Star Herald did not deem the People's Convoy as newsworthy, I will do my best to inform the readers of this potentially historic event.

Having participated from Beaver Creek to Albert Lea, I can say that seeing so many people waving flags on every overpass and the hundreds of cars waiting to receive the convoy in Albert Lea was an inspirational and heartwarming experience.

It shows that if we do unite, there is hope for America. For those who are interested, there are several live streams going on daily which cover the important stories ignored by the mainstream media. I personally recommend WYSIWYG TV, Oreo Express, and Sasnak on YouTube.* There are many heartwarming stories of patriotism and community stemming from this convoy and the honorable people within it. It has all been extremely peaceful and law abiding. For those who don't know, there were, are, and will continue to be meetings taking place between the convoy organizers and our elected officials in D.C.

In true Star Herald fashion, I give our local paper a huge thumbs down for not

covering this.

In regard to our mayor's letter* in the March 10th edition of the Star Herald: It is interesting to see that our democrat-led city is referencing our workforce fleeing to red states.

Maybe it has less to do with schooling opportunities and more to do with freedom. Maybe we should mandate freedom and opportunity as opposed to stifling local small business owners and supporting increased government spending, which seems to be counterproductive.

Todd Meinerts, Luverne

Editor's notes:

*WYSIWYG TV is operated by right-wing streamer Christopher Brow who participated in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Oreo Express describes itself as "Patriots on the frontline standing against the communist left that is trying to destroy our country," and Sasnak is a trucker's social media post.

*The March 10 "mayor's letter" is a news story about southwest Minnesota mayors organizing to support businesses experiencing labor shortages and to encourage students to study and work in Minnesota.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 4

- Complainant on Blue-mound Avenue and Luverne Street flagged down a deputy for assistance.

- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported threats via phone.

March 5

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious items found.

- Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

March 6

- Complainant on W. Virginia Street requested a deputy to contact family.

- Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported an activated carbon monoxide detector.

- Complainant on 160th Avenue, Luverne, requested extra patrol.

- Complainant on E. 4th Street, Hills, reported suspicious activity at location.

- Deputy reported an equipment outage.

- Complainant eastbound on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

March 7

- Complainant in Nobles County, Worthington, reported subject with a Rock County warrant.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a Crime Stoppers tip.

- Complainant on N. Estey Street reported harassing communication.

- Complainant had questions about child custody agreements.

- Complainant on 150th Avenue, Luverne, reported a refrigerator in ditch at location.

- Complainant on W. Hat-

ting Street reported welding parts were stolen.

- SFPD reported a stolen vehicle may be in Luverne.

March 8

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported receiving counterfeit money.

- State patrol assisted another department on Highway 23.

- State patrol assisted another department westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne.

March 9

- Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported theft.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported employee is threatening her.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly at location.

- Complainant on 180th Avenue, Magnolia, reported a vulnerable adult situation at location.

- Complainant on 101st Street, Magnolia, reported a suspicious vehicle.

- Deputy out with two vehicles at location on S. Kniss Avenue.

March 10

- Complainant in Minneapolis requested out-of-county 911 assistance.

- Complainant on 180th Avenue, Magnolia, reported a vulnerable adult situation at location.

- Complainant on E. 4th Street, Hills, reported possible threats.

March 11

- Metro reported a 911 text in Jasper.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 escort, 5 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 3 fingerprint requests, 14 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 1 alarm, 5 drug court tests, 6 purchase and carry permits, 51 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 OFP and 3 follow-ups.



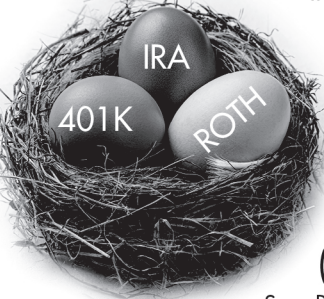
Travis Helgeson photo

Beaver Creek elevator coming down piece by piece

Larson Crane Services, Worthington, continues demolishing the grain elevator in Beaver Creek Tuesday afternoon. The 125-foot-tall wooden elevator hasn't stored grain for over a decade; it was being used only for its office and scale. New Vision put up three new bins — with a total grain storage capacity of 1.1 million bushels — 15 to 20 years ago. The old elevator will be replaced with a new office and scale in time for harvest this fall.

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GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, March 21: Chicken wild rice, broccoli, pineapple, dinner roll, cookie.

Activities: A.C.E. of SW MN-Rock Co.: 8:30 a.m. Quilters.

Tuesday, March 22: Tater tot hotdish, green beans, warm peaches, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

Activities: 12:30 p.m. Bunco; pinochle.

Wednesday, March 23: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert.

Thursday, March 24: Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, sage dressing, dessert.

Friday, March 25: Barbecue pork on a bun, baked beans, pears, dessert.

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

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

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

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Magnolia woman earns business accolades

Rock County native Wendy Wills among the Top 25 Women in Business for 2022 named by Prairie Business Magazine.



"We are grateful for her leadership, dedication to our customers, and support of the Sioux Falls community," was the Facebook by First International Bank & Trust, Sioux Falls, where Wills is "Chief Experience Officer."

The annual contest honors creative and successful businesswomen in North Dakota, South Dakota and western Minnesota and the impact they have on industry and economy in the region, according to Prairie Business.

Recipients are

selected through nominations based on professional achievement, community contributions and volunteerism.

The 25 honored women come from finance, health care, manufacturing and a number of other industries and professions.

"Each of the women listed has made exceptional contributions in their chosen careers and communities," according to the magazine.

Wills is the daughter of Dennis and Norma Remme, Magnolia, a graduate of Luverne High School and Concordia College.

She and her husband, Thomas Wills, live in Sioux Falls.



Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary students place money inside the appropriate classroom collection boxes during a recent Penny War fundraising competition. Classrooms received positive points for pennies and/or paper money placed in their boxes with points subtracted for silver coins. Pictured (clockwise from left) are Nora Sheppard, Ben Sheppard, Nahomy Aguilar, Mallorie Boeve, Jessamy Dwire, Bryce Metzger, Maddox Baker, Amie Acosta, Ruby Mitchell, Elise Anderson and Chris Sheppard. Submitted photo

H-BC Elementary students learn even pennies can have big impact

By Mavis Fodness

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School learned that even pennies can have a positive impact in their community.

As a school, students raised \$1,676.09 over a three-week period in February and donated the money to Game Plan 4 Hope in Hills.

In Penny War fundraising, students deposit pennies and paper money in their classroom's collection box while sabotaging other boxes with silver coins.

Second-grade teachers Danielle Kneip and Renee

Edmundson organized the event as part of the school's monthly Lift Off assembly program. This year's theme is "Soaring with Kindness."

Each month, a grade level completes a special group activity.

Kneip and Edmundson chose to conduct the school-wide Penny War for their February activity. Thoughts of Valentine's Day were blended with lessons of kindness and hope by giving to a local organization.

"It was the most giving and moving event," Edmundson said. "It was so cool."

Students embraced the strategy of positive and negative points during the Penny

War.

"So many of the kids took money out of their own piggy banks," Kneip said, "or asked their grandparents (for paper money)."

Students in the classroom with the highest point total receive a prize — a can of silly string to spray on Principal Todd Holthaus during a special award assembly.

Security Savings Bank staff in Hills counted the pennies and unveiled results at the assembly.

Fourth-graders won the Penny War with 7,284 points. Fifth-graders finished with a point total of a negative 806 points.

"They (fifth grade) raised

the most money but ended up in last place," Edmundson said. "The fourth-graders just kind of got overlooked."

Game Plan 4 Hope organizers Heather Erickson and Missy Bass received the check during a Feb. 28 presentation.

"We were so amazed at the excitement and passion the students put into this fundraiser," Erickson said.

"Since both of our sons, Trenton and Ethan, were students at H-BC Elementary, it held a special place in our hearts to see them want to help others. Our vision for Game Plan 4 Hope were that our sons' stories would inspire

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

A series of unfortunate sports injuries led Luverne High School junior Jake Guy to launch his own extra-curricular activity.

In the fall of 2010, as a sophomore athlete, he suffered two football concussions, followed by another in winter wrestling, prompting him to call it quits in sports.

This fall, when Jake's friends returned to school sports, he found himself with extra time on his hands, so he followed up on a small business venture.

The Game Trailer, officially launched this month, is a self-contained mobile gaming theatre that is delivered directly to clients' doorsteps. ...

Jake looked around the Sioux Falls and Tri-State Area and discovered there weren't any such businesses in the area, so he began the process of starting one of his own.

25 years ago (1997)

Luverne and Beaver Creek fire departments were called to the elementary school in Beaver Creek Monday morning when a fire broke out in a crawl space near the roof of the building.

Beaver Creek fire chief Rick Tatje speculated that sparks from a cutting torch used by workers in the building may have kindled the fire overnight.

The fire broke out in the old part of the building which is about to be demolished, but it was close enough to the new part of the building to get people nervous.

50 years ago (1972)

A proposal to discontinue kindergarten at Hardwick and have Hardwick kindergartners bused to Luverne brought a delegation to the school board meeting Friday night to voice their objections.

The proposal was made at the February meeting of the board, when the matter of per pupil costs was raised. Hardwick has a potential of 14 kindergarten pupils for next year. Supt. Harvey Eitrem had questioned the validity of retaining that small a class in Hardwick when it could be absorbed in

the Luverne school which is also experiencing a downtrend in kindergarten enrollment.

A recent meeting of the Hardwick Parent Teachers Association voted 65-0 in favor of maintaining the kindergarten through sixth grade elementary program in the Hardwick school. At that time, a committee comprised of Alan Slieter, Gerald Baker, Harold Kindt, Kenneth Hoime, Don Pap and Sigfried Johansen, was named Principal William DeBates to meet with the board to voice objections to the proposal.

DeBates told the board that a full discussion was held at the PTA, and that voting was by secret ballot.

75 years ago (1947)

Southwestern Minnesota is the setting for the new novel of Feike Feikema, "This Is the Year," which is being placed on sale today throughout the nation. And here last week for a two day picture taking assignment were Ray Swan and John Cotton, photographer and picture editor of the Minneapolis Star. Four local people were selected to re-enact scenes from the novel which will appear within a few weeks in the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune. If the Minneapolis paper, in its pictorial story about the novel, uses full color photos the layout will appear in the feature section in about six weeks. If black and white pictures are used, the feature will appear in about three weeks.

100 years ago (1922)

A new kindergarten department of the Luverne public schools will start Monday morning Mar. 27, and all children who will be five years old by April 1st, and therefore eligible to start school work next fall, may enroll in the new department.

The basement of the Presbyterian church has been secured for the kindergarten department, and it will be taught by girls of the normal department of the high school, thereby eliminating the expense of employing a teacher especially for this purpose.

The establishment of the new department was authorized at the meeting of the school board held Tuesday evening, and Supt. Bell has leased the church quarters for a period of nine weeks, which will be the length of the kindergarten course for the present term.

1902: Skeletons, relics found near Kanaranzi hill

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on June 13, 1902.

Relic hunters have been busy the past week unearthing Indian skeletons which were discovered by a road crew engaged in excavating a road through Kanaranzi hill, about two miles north of town, says the Rock Rapids Review.

"The skeletons found are similar to those found in the mounds on the Sioux river in the west part of the county, save for the fact that their condition would indicate that they have been longer in the ground than have those on the Sioux.

Another difference is that in the instance of the remains found no beads or other relics with the skeletons, while these are almost invariably found in the mounds in the west end of the county. Altogether since the first discovery of the relics nine or ten skeletons have been excavated, several of them having been found in the pasture of the poor farm.

Old settlers state that in the earlier days of this community it was nothing uncommon to find these skeletons at this location,



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

"but it has been so long since they were known that the recent find created quite an amount of excitement. The skeletons thus far found have been placed with the heads to the north, a characteristic common wherever the remains of deceased Indians have been found."

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.

OBITUARIES

Anna Van Batavia

Anna VanBatavia, 79, Luverne, died Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A funeral service was Tuesday, March 15, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Luverne.



her work at the bank, where she worked nearly every position. She moved from part time to full time in 1971, working as a security loan officer, then a consumer loan officer, and eventually rose to the position of consumer mortgage lender vice president.

Anna was born on Nov. 4, 1942, to John and Henrietta (Smeins) Brommer. When Anna was an infant, her father was killed in a car accident. Anna was then adopted by Chris DeGroot, who married Henrietta and raised Anna as his own. She spent her childhood in Luverne. Music became a very important part of her life, and she played tenor drum in band in high school. She also worked as a car hop at A&W Drive-in and cleaned the Rock County Bank. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1960.

After retirement in 2007, Anna worked part time for Manitou Carpets and remained very active in the community.

Anna was a member of the American Reformed Church for many years, serving as first-grade Sunday school teacher for much of that time. Her love of music brought her many opportunities to serve, from the Tri-State Band Committee from 1986-2013, then as People's Choice Judge from 2014-2017, and as a Parade Marshall in 2009. Anna was also an active member of the Luverne Chamber of Commerce and the Rock County Bankers Association. She participated in bowling league for many years and really enjoyed long rides in her convertible.

She immediately started working part time for the Rock County Bank as a teller and was employed by the bank until her retirement in 2007.

Anna married Virgil VanBatavia on Nov. 2, 1962. The couple later divorced but remained good friends. Anna took great pride in

The most important thing to her was her family. She supported her grandchildren and great-grandchildren by going to all of

their events and spending as much time with them as she could. She was known for her quick wit, sense of humor, goofy pranks and laugh.

Anna was never afraid to talk to people and had a special gift at bringing out the best in those around her. She loved dressing up as the good witch for Halloween and baking hundreds of cupcakes to deliver around town to the nursing homes, businesses, hospice cottage and more. Anna also loved animals, especially her cats, Toby and Muffy.

Anna is survived by her daughters, Tammy (Tom) Johnson of Hardwick and Debbie Pantekoeck of Pipestone; seven grandchildren, Lyndsie (Brandon) Deragisch, Brandie (Justin) Hulstein, Kaila Hamann, Emilee (Nate) Haraldson, Nic (Melanie) Johnson, Torri (Austin) Raatz, and Jamie (Mason) Pantekoeck; six great-grandchildren; and many friends.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Henrietta DeGroot; her biological father John Brommer; and her brother, Lloyd DeGroot.

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

(0317 F)

Donald Weinkauf

Donald "Wino" Weinkauf, age 66, of Hardwick, Minnesota, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2022, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home - Luverne Chapel. A short memorial service will be held at 3:45 on Sunday, March 13, 2022, with burial to follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To view a complete life history and sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com



miles around to buy it. It was during these years that Don developed very deep friendships and gained the nickname Wino. He was passionate about fast-pitch softball and loved the night lights of the ball diamond.

Wino spent many hours sharing this love with his girls by playing catch in the backyard.

Don went to work at Bayliner Marine in Pipestone to build boats, celebrating 25 years of employment with them. He again developed very close relationships with friends and co-workers that lasted the test of time.

He then moved into the role of the facilities manager of the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. He retired from the home in July 2020. It was here where he really found his calling. He was very proud of his work, even being selected as Employee of the Year in 2014. He retired from Good Sam in July 2020.

Wino loved spending time with his girls and especially loved music. They enjoyed concerts and saw many of the greats: Heart, Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Fleetwood Mac and The Stones. Don was fun-loving and down to earth; he could

talk to anyone and always had a smile on his face. He would say, "Do what makes you smile."

Don is fondly remembered by his daughters, April (Heath) Kooiman, Amber (Brian) Hoogestraat, and Arrin Weinkauf (Tony Buchholz); granddaughter Macy Kooiman; grandsons Elliot, Hudson and Cooper Hoogestraat; and bonus grandchildren Dane and Vail Buchholz. Wino is also lovingly remembered by so many friends that call him brother.

He is survived by his siblings Pam (Jim) Schloendorf of Pipestone, Deb (Doug) Sorenson of Madison, South Dakota, and Jerry (Shawn) Weinkauf of Woodstock, Minnesota, and sister-in-law Kristie (Dennis) Weinkauf of Jasper and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Duane and Ramona Weinkauf, his brothers Dennis Weinkauf and Brad Weinkauf, grandparents, nephew Justin Weinkauf, and brother-in-law Sam Comp.

Blessed be his memory. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Hardwick Community Fund. https://luverne.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1396

(0317 V)

Iva Elbers

Iva Jean Elbers, 83, Luverne, died Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



A funeral service was Saturday, March 12, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

and married Edwin Elbers on Sept. 9, 1960, at State Line Presbyterian Church. They made their home initially in Sacramento, California, while Ed was in the Air Force. They returned to Rock County in 1962. They lived in the towns of Steen, Hills and Luverne during their marriage.

Iva was known for her kind nature, her ready smile, her artistic talents, and her love for crafting and decorating. She was also known for her sense of humor and had no problem laughing at herself, one of her most endearing traits.

She battled for 35 years against the effects of rheumatoid arthritis and for many

years with dementia, yet retained her sunny nature and could often be heard humming as she worked on household chores or on one of her latest craft projects. When she needed additional care, she moved to the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

She created a warm and caring home. She loved her family and the family reunions and holiday gatherings to the fullest.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin; three children and their spouses, Deb (Jim) Garvin, Jeff (Linda) Elbers, and Joel (Jill) Elbers; five grandchildren, Dan (Laurin) Garvin, Kaitlyn Garvin, Jenna Elbers, Joe Elbers, and Breanna Elbers; her siblings Norman Wessels, Enore Boelman, Lowell Wessels, Harold Wessels, Doug Wessels and David Wessels; her

sisters-in law Gert Wessels, Theresa Wessels, Bev Wessels, Nelvina Kroese, Betty (Harold) Babbitt and Ruth Verbrugge; brothers-in-law Don Schouwenburg and Vern Verbrugge; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father- and mother-in-law, Ed and Verna Elbers; brothers Stan Wessels, Darrel Wessels and Dale Wessels; sisters Vernice Wessels and Phyllis Schouwenburg; sisters-in-law Joyce Wessels, Jolene Wessels, Sharon Wessels and Ginny Wessels; and brothers-in-law Edwin Boelman, Chuck Kroese and Wilmer Elbers.

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

(0317 F)

Don't be tempted by warm weather to get head start on garden

We are predicted to have a week of wonderful spring weather, and I am sure some of you really want to plant some seeds to get a head start for your vegetable garden.



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

But I beg you to wait until early April.

I don't have a weather crystal ball, but I do have knowledge about starting seeds too early, resulting in spindly, weak plants you will have to "baby" to survive when you plant them in the garden.

Two problems emerge here, the first being too warm in our homes, and the second is not having enough direct sun unless you are using a grow light setup. Waiting another three weeks will be a good payoff later.

The spring chore you can and should be tackling is pruning your landscape.

Many of our landscapes have Karl Forester orna-

mental grass, which is a cool-season grass, meaning that it starts growing early in the season.

Cutting last year's growth down to the ground now will result in a fresh new look for the plant for the coming growing season. Cutting back after it starts growing will not necessarily hurt the plant, but it will limit the height for the season, and if you don't cut it back as far, you end up with a collar of dead leaves and stems around the bottom.

Cleaning off last year's growth from all perennials can be done now. For German iris, if you had a problem with iris borers last season, be sure to remove ALL of last year's leaves because the borer's eggs overwinter in the leaves. By removing

those leaves, you also remove the eggs.

During the growing season, tan spots on the iris leaves are evidence of borer damage. The larvae hatch and leave a spot where they enter the leaf. They feed inside of that leaf, moving down toward the rhizome, and their chomping results in a brown streak following their activity.

As they feed in the rhizome, the bulb begins to rot and the telltale smell is not pleasant.

So even if you haven't noticed this problem with your iris, doing a thorough cleanup is a good preventative investment.

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

COLLEGE NEWS

Students graduate from SDSU

Several area students graduated from South Dakota State University, Brookings, following the Summer and Fall 2021 semesters.

The following graduates are listed with honors, degree and hometown:

Dakota Steensma, Master of Science, graduate school, Hills; Colton Kunkel, Bachelor of Science, agriculture, food and environmental science, Kenneth; Hunter Harvey, Bachelor of Science, education and human science, Luverne; Jasmine Lingen, Bachelor of General Studies, arts, humanities and social sciences, Luverne; Danielle Watts-Boll, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science, arts, humanities and social sciences, Luverne; Tanner Wiese, Bachelor of Science, engineering, Luverne.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Sanford Luverne named 2022 top critical access hospital

Sanford Luverne Medical Center has been named a 2022 Top 100 critical access hospital by the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

This is the sixth time in the past seven years that Luverne has made the top 100 list.

"I am incredibly proud of the team that we have at Sanford Luverne and the hard work and dedication they demonstrate every day to provide quality health care in our community," said Tammy Loosbrock, senior director at Sanford Luverne.

"I am reminded every day how grateful we are to have a strong team of caregivers in Luverne, but having an organization like Chartis recognize their hard work as well is remarkable."

The Chartis Center uses the Hospital Strength Index to determine the list, which assesses performance in eight areas including inpatient and outpatient market shares, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge and financial efficiency.

4-H NEWS

Seven area students receive 4-H scholarships

Seven area high school seniors received 4-H scholarships as selected annually by the Rock County 4-H Executive Committee.

Recipients for 2022 include:

- Morgan Gonnerman, Luverne, member of the Willing Workers 4-H Club and daughter of Mike and Paula Gonnerman and Andy and Heather Hess.
- Danette Leenderts, Hills, Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, daughter of Dave and Dawn Leenderts.
- Donavon Leenderts, Hills, Blue Ribbon, son of Dave and Dawn Leenderts.

- Drew Leenderts, Hills, Blue Ribbon, son of Dave and Dawn Leenderts.

- Justin Mente, Magnolia, Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club, son of Dave and Stacy Mente.

- Samantha Moser, Beaver Creek, Blue Ribbon, daughter of Stuart and Karen Moser.

- Grace Sandbulte, Keneth, Magnolia Juniors, daughter of Derek and Angie Sandbulte.

Scholarship sponsors include Sunshine Foods, Luverne, and the Marcel Reich Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Left: As the winners of the H-BC Penny War, the fourth-graders earned the honor of spraying silly string on Principal Todd Holthaus during a school assembly Feb. 28. Right: The end result of 26 cans of silly string. Submitted photos

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others to reach out and give hope and support when people are in need."

Trenton Bass, at the time a high school senior at H-BC, was injured during a football game in 2017, leaving him a quadriplegic.

Ethan Erickson died from leukemia at age 12 in 2019.

Together the families formed the nonprofit organization, Game Plan 4 Hope, as a way to support families who are in despair following a life-changing event.

The group focuses on directional, spiritual, emotional, as well as physical needs.

The money raised by the elementary students will purchase comfort items given to patients and their families while going through treatment or spending time in the hospital.

At the assembly, Erickson and Bass told their sons' stories and the mission behind Game Plan 4 Hope.

They left the elementary students and staff with an important message.

"I wanted them to know how sharing some of their earnings will make a difference in the lives of others," Erickson said.

"Giving can be so rewarding, and I could see the pride on those faces."



Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary second-grade teachers Renee Edmundson (far left) and Danielle Kneip (far right) present a check from the Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School's fundraiser to Game Plan 4 Hope organizers Missy Bass (center left) and Heather Erickson. Submitted photo

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Unsafe and stinky water is not OK; conservation lands help improve quality

When out on my wild-life rides, I routinely stop at bridges to check water clarity and to see if northern pike can be seen getting ready to spawn.

Pike are about the first fish in our area to spawn and will often stage in the shallows under the ice when there is open water near shore. This happens even when the lake is still ice-covered.

This time of year, most of the water I see is usually pretty clear. Even if the water looks high quality, the tale of the microscope or a chemistry lab might very well tell a different story.

One of the No. 1 issues in the heavily row-cropped areas of southwest Minnesota is nitrates. This is a chemical that is very dangerous to children and expectant mothers.

Water treatment plants can treat this pollutant out of drinking water supplies, but it is very expensive to do so.

Another water quality issue is phosphorus, a chemical in fertilizers that is normally transported in eroded soils. When dirt is washing down a stream, it moves phosphorus with it. This chemical is the one credited for creating algae blooms in our lakes during late spring and into the summer.

Grass buffers and other undisturbed grasslands slow down this moving water and, in many cases, allow the soils suspended in the water to settle out on land before reaching a lake or stream.

Storm water or flood retention ponds also capture large rain events and hold that water for a predetermined amount of time. As the water is allowed to pause in these areas, much of the suspended solids that carry phosphorus are allowed to settle to the bottom of the



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

temporary holding area.

It was a really big deal years ago when Gov. Mark Dayton created the buffer bill. This was a regulation that required landowners to leave a 16-foot strip of grass along drainage ditches and also required a 50-foot-wide buffer along natural streams, creeks, rivers and lakes.

In many cases this required setback had been in Minnesota law for decades but was never enforced. This regulation removed from production the acres that were right along water flows, some big and some small.

Some farm programs compensated producers for lost income from these buffer acres. Other buffers could be hayed or grazed. The buffer law is kind of old news today as it was implemented in 2015, and compliance is very high.

So, as we work to try to protect our water resources from all kinds of different threats — chemical pollution, erosion, manure and the like — I often wonder just how much difference we are making with these efforts.

Almost all the public and private surface waters

in southwest Minnesota are not fit to drink or swim in. In many cases they cannot support the normal aquatic life that would live in them. The EPA did this study, and you can easily find it with a Google search.

Even as we implement different processes to protect water, the quality of our water is still very, very bad.

Almost all the lakes in the southwest region carry multiple warnings not to let your dog or your children swim in them after the first of August.

Lake property owners and other recreational users deal with the smell of rotting algae for two months a year. It would seem to me that this would have everyone up in arms, and it is just not the case.

When did we get to the point where we just accepted unsafe, stinky water as OK? This is now just the way it is? When will cleaning up our lakes and rivers become a high enough priority to actually prompt action on a scale big enough to make a difference? I have no idea. All I can say is that we should not accept undrinkable and unswimmable waters as the norm.

Conservation lands are very often acquired in some of the most sensitive water quality locations, like well-head protection areas.

I will keep doing my part to champion clean water as a primary benefit to public conservation lands and do my very best to direct those who do this work to always make clean water an important part of any decision regarding their acquisition.

Scott Rall, Worthington, can be reached at scottall@gmail.com.

Nielsen places fifth at NCAA wrestling championships, calls it a 'perfect ending'

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School graduate Solomon "Solo" Nielsen earned his third All-American honor Saturday during the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championship.

Crowds in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse chanted, "Thank You, Solo," when he accepted his fifth-place trophy during the ceremony in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Tony Valek, who recruited Nielsen to Augsburg University in Minneapolis after the LHS wrestler graduated in 2017, watched the awards ceremony as the chanting began.

"The reaction from his teammates and the Augsburg wrestling extended family of parents, alumni and fans on the podium when they chanted 'Thank you, Solo' and at the social following the championship definitely was not common," Valek said.

Nielsen, a fifth-year senior, fell short of the goal he set for himself this season of a Division III NCAA Wrestling Championship title, but he came away from the weekend tournament with more than a fifth-place trophy.

"I didn't feel disappointed at all," said Nielsen who competed at 174 pounds.

"I wanted to accomplish my goal but accepted the fact that it was my last time competing and to enjoy my love for the sport."

He won both his bouts



The top eight wrestlers at the national championships earn All-American status, and Luverne High School graduate Solomon Nielsen (on podium, second from right) received his third All-American distinction Saturday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Right: Solomon Nielsen (top) closes his college wrestling career Saturday against Zach Stedeford at the NCAA Division III National Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Nielsen pinned Stedeford in the last second of the third period to secure a fifth-place finish in the 174-pound weight class.

Photo courtesy of Augsburg University



Friday night before losing the next two, which dropped him into the bout for the fifth-place trophy.

Nielsen, grandson of Ann and Jerry Rigney, Luverne, said he heard the crowd's chanting. "It made my experi-

ence so much better. I've put so much into the program, and I am satisfied with how much I achieved throughout my career," he

said, "They have given me so much in return — it was a perfect ending." Coach Valek said Nielsen's final match in

the All-American round was his favorite moment that weekend when three other Augsburg athletes were also crowned as All-Americans.

"Solo ended his wrestling career with a pin in the last second of his NCAA All-American placing match," Valek said.

"I'll be even more proud to see him walk across the graduation stage and receive his diploma this spring."

Nielsen said he is finishing an internship in the classroom at Burnsville High School, the last requirement for his physical education degree.

After working in the Twin Cities this summer, he hopes to begin a teaching and coaching career, his ultimate goal.

Nielsen will be an example for other wrestlers to follow.

"The Augsburg University (Minneapolis) wrestling program has produced 268 All-Americans in our program's history, and Solo will go down as one of our most well-liked and appreciated because of the way he treats his teammates and everyone he comes in contact with," Valek said.

"Solomon is a perfect example of a student-athlete, which is what NCAA D3 athletics is all about."



Luverne High School boys' hockey all-conference honor recipients are Owen Sudenga, Patrick Kroski, Tyler Arends and Brock Behrend.

Two boys' hockey players achieve all-conference honors

Luverne's Brock Behrend, a junior, and Patrick Kroski, a sophomore, were among 13 boys' hockey players chosen for the 2021-22 Big South All-Conference team.

Receiving honorable mention honors were LHS sophomores

Tyler Arends and Owen Sudenga.

Luverne posted a 13-3 record for 2021-22 and finished second in the Big South Conference behind New Ulm, 16-0.

Other teams in the conference include Fairmont, Marshall, Waseca, Windom Area and Worthington.

LHS hockey girls earn athletic, academic honors

The Luverne girls' hockey team won the Section 3A Academic Award for being the team with highest average GPA in the section.

Individually, Luverne senior Cheyenne Schutz was academic all-state for having a GPA of 3.9 or higher.

In other conference honors, Coach Ellen Wenninger was the recipient of the Section 3A assistant coach of the year, voted by section coaches.

Kamryn Van Batavia was named to the Minnesota all-state team, which is recognized by the Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Association.

She and her teammates Reghan Bork and Payton Behr were selected for the Big South Girls' Hockey All-Conference Team for their performances during the 2021-22 season.

Senior Cheyenne Schutz and junior Mallory Nelson were named to the honorable mention team. New Ulm also had



Girls' hockey honor recipients are (from left) Payton Behr, Mallory Nelson, Kamryn Van Batavia, Cheyenne Schutz and Reghan Bork.

three players on the all-conference team, with two players from Marshall, Minnesota

River and one player each from Fairmont, Windom and Worthington.

Three Luverne gymnasts earn all-conference honors

Three gymnasts from Luverne High School were named to the Big South Conference All-Conference Team.

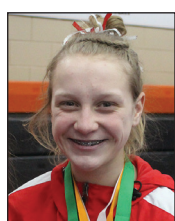
Sophomore Sarah DeCesare and freshmen Amira Cowell and Ella Reisdorfer were among the 15 athletes named to the west division team.

Pipestone had three gymnasts listed on the team along with Big South team champions Worthington.

Marshall and Jackson



Gymnastics: Sarah deCesare, Amira Cowell. Above, right: Ella Reisdorfer



named to the east division team for the 2021-22 season.

East division schools include New Ulm, Fairmont-Martin County West, Blue Earth Area, St. Peter and Waseca.

County Central had two athletes named to the team and Redwood Valley had one athlete.

They join 14 other gymnasts

Ripka earns all-conference wrestling honors

Luverne High School senior Braydon Ripka is the only Cardinal wrestler to be named to the list of 54 students earning all-conference honors for their efforts in the Big South Conference.

Conference team champion Jackson County Central led the list with 10 all-conference wrestlers followed



(one) and Windom/Mountain Lake (one).

by Fairmont/Martin County West (eight), New Ulm (six wrestlers), St. Peter (six wrestlers), Pipestone (five), Worthington (four), Waseca (four), Marshall (four), Blue Earth Area, (two), Redwood Valley (two), St. James Area (one) and Windom/Mountain Lake (one).

Star Herald CHURCH

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Fear leads to all sorts of poor choices

In Exodus 19 it is recorded that God descended on Mount Sinai. When this happened, the mountain was covered in dark clouds; there were flashes of lightning and thunder. There was smoke because the Lord descended on the mount in fire, and the people of Israel were afraid.

Fear can cause us to make all kinds of poor choices.

Can you think of a time when fear has led you to make the wrong decision?

In Exodus 32 we have a biblical example of the Israelites making this kind of mistake.

"When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, 'Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.'" (Exodus 32:1 NIV)

This statement is made in fear.

Moses, their leader, was nowhere to be found. What would they do? Where would they turn? The answer they came up with was to tell Aaron, the priest, to make them a new god to lead them. Basically, in fear the people of Israel looked for a human solution to their problem. They took matters into their own hands.

We need to challenge ourselves to reflect on how we as a nation have responded to the plague we have labeled as COVID-19.

When people got sick and the world panicked in fear,

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jeremy Wiersema, Reformed Church of Steen

Fear can cause us to make all kinds of poor choices.

where did we turn? Who did we turn to for answers? Did we respond to our fears like the Israelites by taking matters into our own hands? Did we look to other human beings for the answers to this huge problem?

It is clear that the Israelites, because of fear, took matters into their own hands. They demanded that Aaron make a god to lead them.

What could the Israelites have done differently?

Imagine if the Israelites chose to pray for help and to pray for Moses' safe return. Imagine if they chose to reach out to God in the midst of their fear. How might their story have ended differently?

What if we turn to God for help in the midst of our fears and choose to trust in God's love, grace and mercy? Then how will our story end differently than the story we read in Exodus 32?

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

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

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Thursday, March 17: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Worship Service with baptism. 10 a.m. Sunday School and fellowship coffee. 10 a.m. 5th grade First Communion class. 5 p.m. Worship service. 6 p.m. Senior blanket making. Monday, March 21: Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, March 22: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5 p.m. Altar guild meeting. Wednesday, March 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 5-6:30 p.m. Lenten supper. 6:45 p.m. Lenten service. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834 Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

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

Thursday, March 17: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tykes. Friday, March 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. 7 p.m. Middle school gathering. Sunday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, March 22: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 1 p.m. Piece Out. Wednesday, March 23: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Thursday, March 24: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tykes. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church (formerly First Assembly of God) 1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4 Ph. 612-800-1255; email info@rockrivercommunity.church Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

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

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

Saturday, March 19: 10 a.m. Baby shower for Kristin Ruppert. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, March 21: Messenger deadline. Tuesday, March 22: PPR meeting. Wednesday, March 23: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten service at UMC with First Presbyterian. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

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

Sunday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Wednesday, March 23: 5:15 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Choir. 6-8 p.m. Youth fellowship. 7 p.m. Lenten service at United Methodist Church. Session to follow

service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Saturday, March 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible class; Sunday School. 11:20 Junior Choir. Monday, March 21: Newsletter deadline. 1 p.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Wednesday, March 23: 9:30 a.m. Bible study. 10:30 a.m. Newsletter assembly. 6 p.m. Lent Worship. 6:30 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. Kids for Christ; Confirmation; Choir. 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

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

Sunday, March 20: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. 10 a.m. Sunday school. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFcU4>

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

Sunday, March 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFcU4>

First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 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 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, March 22: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, March 23: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Social/dessert time. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship service.

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Sandbulte brings forth land patent benefit

We, Dale and Jodi Sandbulte, are bringing forth our Land Patent Benefit. If interested see www.minnesotaaassembly.net/public-notice.
(02-10, 02-17, 02-24, 03-03, 03-10, 03-17, 03-24, 03-31)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 28

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 9, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$0.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Justin Birger, Her Husband and Laressa Birger, His Wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Dacotah Bank, its successors and assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: February 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 178607
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Colonial Savings, F.A.
Dated: January 19, 2017
Recorded: February 13, 2017 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 190119
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 10079350000021541
Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Dacotah Bank
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Colonial Savings, FA
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 302 E 7th St, Hills, MN 56138
Tax Parcel ID Number: 15-0316-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Two (2) of Parkview Second Addition to the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$196,677.55
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that this is registered property;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 28, 2022 at 1:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N. Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 28, 2022, or the next business day if October 28, 2022, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
DATED: February 22, 2022
MORTGAGEE: Colonial Savings, F.A.

Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200
Woodbury, MN 55125
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 050335-F1

(03-03, 03-10, 03-17, 03-24, 03-31, 04-07)

Conditional use permit hearing set for March 28

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:00 p.m., Monday March 28, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Wm. Scepaniak, Inc.
Property Owner: Kevin Rozeboom
Location: W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Gravel mining, stockpiling, and processing
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Hard Rock Aggregate, Inc.
Property Owner: Southwest Minnesota Land Partnership, LLP
Location: E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Extraction, processing, and stockpiling quarried aggregates
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Spring Lake Express
Location: NW 1/4 of Section 13 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

Applicant: Central Specialties
Property Owner: Bremik Materials, Inc.
Location: E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(03-17, 03-24)

Notice of delinquent taxes

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Rock County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Rock County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus interest and costs, or file a written objection with the district court administrator. The objection must be filed by April 20, 2022, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 9, 2022. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property). It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown St, PO Box 509, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0509. You may also contact the Auditor-Treasurer at (507) 283-5060 or ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us.

/s/ Natalie Reisch
District Court Administrator
Fifth Judicial District
Date: February 8, 2022
District Court Seal

DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
The following table contains a list of real property located in Rock County on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, 2022. Interest calculated from January 1, 2022, and county costs must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of real property to be removed from the delinquent tax list.				
NAME OF OWNERS, TAXPAYERS & INTERESTED PARTIES	PARCEL NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	TOTAL TAX AND PENALTY	
TOWN OF BATTLE PLAIN				
KARI M LEWIS-MATHEWS & CHRISTOPHER W MATHEWS	01-0093-000 SEC-22 TWP-104 RNG-44 5.76 A TR IN N 760' OF W 330' OF NW 1/4 EXC 0.29 A TR #75 & EXC 0.11 A CSAH #2	2021	177.62	
CONNOR BRADLEY HOFFMAN	01-0113-200 SEC-19 TWP-104 RNG-44 4.02 A TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT W QTR COR SEC 19; S ALG W LN OF SW 1/4 200'; ELY 33'; CONT ELY 842'; NLY 200' TO N LN OF SW 1/4; WLY ALG N LN OF SW 1/4 842'; CONT WLY ALG N LN OF SW 1/4 33' TO POB	2021	1,783.04	
TOWN OF BEAVER CREEK				
ROCK COUNTY ENERGY, LLC	02-0093-200 SEC-17 TWP-102 RNG-46 2.01 A TR IN W 350' OF S 250' OF NW 1/4	2021	384.75	
ROCK COUNTY ENERGY, LLC	02-0093-300 SEC-17 TWP-102 RNG-46 TR IN NW 1/4 DESC AS: S 350' OF W 550' EXC W 350' OF S 250'; E 190' OF W 740' OF S 350' EXC 2.81 A TR DESC AS: E 350' OF W 740' OF S 350' 1.13 ACRES	2021	114.75	
JOHN & KAREN RUDDY	02-0295-000 SEC-22 TWP-102 RNG-46 6.48 A BLDG SITE TRACT IN SE CORNER OF E 1/2 OF E 1/2 LESS 0.20 A CSAH #17 6.48 ACRES	2021	431.21	
TOWN OF CLINTON				
VERLYN ENNINGA & CRAIG ENNINGA	03-0040-000 SEC-09 TWP-101 RNG-45 5.77 A TR IN SE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SE COR OF SE 1/4; N 1320' ON E SIDE OF SE 1/4 TO POB; N 412' ON E SIDE OF SE 1/4; W 610' = S SIDE OF SE 1/4; S 412' = E SIDE OF SE 1/4; E 610' TO POB	2021	487.92	
MARILYN LOUISE SHEEHAN	03-0216-000 VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 4	2021	249.75	
JEFFREY KRUGER	03-0220-000 VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK S 1/2 OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 4	2021	4.50	
ELIZABETH KRUGER	03-0224-000 KITTERMAN'S ADDITION VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK LOT 3	2021	6.75	
JEFFREY KRUGER	03-0228-000 KITTERMAN'S ADDITION VILLAGE OF ASHCREEK SOUTH 100' OF LOT 6	2021	460.04	
TOWN OF DENVER				
HEATH C & KERI K PETERSEN	04-0018-000 SEC-12 TWP-104 RNG-45 E 667' OF S 358' OF SE 1/4 5.48 ACRES	2021	1,734.48	
DOUGLAS DEAN LAFRENZ	04-0052-000 SEC-04 TWP-104 RNG-45 A 4.44 A TR IN S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 COM AT + OF C L OF US HWY 75 WITH S LN OF SEC 3, NWLY ON C L 1236.6', WLY 75' TO POB, WLY 15', NWLY 123.24', WLY 467.38', SLY 190.20', SELY 199.17', SLY 170.63', SELY 504.27', NWLY 389.87' TO POB	2021	616.28	
HEATH PETERSEN	04-0068-100 SEC-13 TWP-104 RNG-45 THAT PART OF NE 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NE COR OF SEC 13; WLY ALG N LN OF NE 1/4 33'; CONTN WLY ALG SD N LN 516.96'; SLY 149.99' ELY 516.96'; CONTN ELY 33' TO E LN OF NE 1/4; NLY ALG SD E LN 149.99' TO POB 1.89 ACRES	2021	58.32	
JAMES WM BROOMFIELD & PATTY A BROOMFIELD	04-0143-000 SEC-29 TWP-104 RNG-45 7.80 A TR IN NE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT NE COR OF SD NE 1/4 AS POB; S ALG E SEC LN 546'; W 390'; N 43'; W 250'; N 503'; E 640' ALG N SEC LN TO POB	2021	276.06	
TOWN OF MAGNOLIA				
WAYNE A & PEGGY J HARMS	07-0127-000 SEC-04 TWP-102 RNG-44 S 386' OF E 540.5' OF W 1337' OF SW 1/4 4.79 ACRES	2021	312.44	
TOWN OF SPRINGWATER				
CHAD WILLIAMSON & TROY WILLIAMSON & TRAVIS WILLIAMSON	11-0102-000 SEC-23 TWP-103 RNG-47 THAT PART OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 23 & LOT 1 IN SEC 22 DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 23; WLY ALG N LN OF SD LOT 1 IN SEC 22 263.59' TO NW COR OF SD LOT 1 IN SEC 22; S ALG W LN OF LOT 1 1205.33'; E 54.89'; SELY 466.85'; SELY 180.38'; SELY 53.92'; SE 97.77'; SELY 232.76'; SELY 377.29'; SELY 111.06'; SELY 502.86' TO S LN OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SEC 23'; ELY ALG S LN 236.16' TO SE COR OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4; NLY ALG E LN OF W 1/2 NW 1/4 2654.67' TO NE COR OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4; WLY ALG N LN OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 1335.19' TO POB LESS 0.52 A HWY #20 71.54 ACRES	2021	457.92	
LEO SWENSON C/O ANDY SWENSON PERS REP	11-0183-000 SEC-35 TWP-103 RNG-46 THAT PART OF NE 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NE COR OF SEC 35; SLY ALG E LN OF NE 1/4 2636.57' TO E QTR COR; WLY ALG S LN OF NE 1/4 804.6'; NLY 930.35'; SELY 515'; NWLY 1680'; CONTN NWLY 50' TO N LN OF NE 1/4; ELY ALG SD N LN 320.83' TO POB 29.09 ACRES	2021	1,189.44	
CITY OF BEAVER CREEK				
BERTHA ALICIA CAMPOS	13-0032-000 ORIGINAL PLAT W 135.5' OF BLOCK 5	2021	225.00	
CITY OF HARDWICK				
TRAVIS SCHOOLMEESTER	14-0099-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION LOTS 9 & 10 & E 1/2 OF LOT 11 BLOCK 1	2021	1,368.00	
TRAVIS SCHOOLMEESTER	14-0100-000 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION W 1/2 OF LOT 11 & ALL OF LOTS 12 THRU 14 BLOCK 1	2021	180.83	
JAMES PETERSEN	14-0110-100 ROSS'S SECOND ADDITION S 40' OF LOT 17 & ALL OF LOT 18 BLK 2	2021	130.50	
JAMES A HOLLOWAY & NICOLE HALVERSON	14-0125-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 1	2021	826.04	
DANIEL SPRIK	14-0127-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOTS 6 THRU 8 BLOCK 1	2021	868.50	
JONNA DULL	14-0130-000 HALVERSON'S ADDITION LOT 1 BLOCK 2	2021	213.12	
CITY OF HILLS				
MILDRED KESTERSON	15-0047-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 5 & N 1/2 OF LOT 6 BLOCK 2	2021	1,347.75	
JERRY & SHIRLEY J JOHNSON	15-0212-000 HELGESON'S & QUALLEY'S ADDITION N 92' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 28	2021	789.66	
JUD DUNN	15-0234-000 QUALLEY ADDITION N 34' OF LOT 11 & S 38' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 2	2021	2,828.25	
CITY OF JASPER				
DENNIS & RHONDA GALLOP O - BERNICE HONKEN ET AL	16-0047-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION LOT 4 BLOCK 17	2021	1,267.28	
MARTINEZ CONCRETE LLC	16-0051-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION COM AT PT 155' N OF NE COR OF BLK 14 IN ROSE DELL ADDITION & BNG POB; N 75'; W 150'; S 75'; E 150' TO POB	2021	625.50	
MAURICIO MARTINEZ	16-0053-000 ROSE DELL ADDITION W 75' OF E 225' OF LOWER PARK	2021	1,912.50	
CITY OF KENNETH				
JAMIE LYNN ARCHAMBEAU % CARLY NEAL	17-0014-100 SEC-02 TWP-103 RNG-44 W 60' OF E 360' OF OUTLOT 1 & TR DESC AS: COM AT NE COR OF SD O L 1; WLY 300' TO POB; NLY 40'; WLY 60'; SLY 40'; ELY 60' TO POB 0.15 ACRES	2021	93.31	
SHANE THOMAS CONKLIN	17-0037-000 ORIGINAL PLAT N 1/2 OF LOT 14 & ALL OF LOTS 15 & 16 BLOCK 2	2021	141.05	
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS O - MICHAEL JOHN CONKLIN	17-0039-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 3	2021	106.56	
CITY OF MAGNOLIA				
JAMES C & LISA M FISCHENICH	18-0035-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 6 BLOCK 1	2021	216.00	
DALE D & PATRICIA M AUCH	18-0057-000 ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 9 THRU 11 & W 10' OF LOT 12 BLOCK 3	2021	123.69	
DYLAN FITZPATRICK	18-0118-000 GUTZLER'S ADDITION LOT 1 & 2 BLOCK 6	2021	514.29	
CITY OF STEEN				
CODY SCHOLTEN	19-0007-704 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT THE NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1055.22 TO POB; SLY 208.08'; WLY 92.48'; NLY 206.31'; TO N LN OF NW 1/4; ELY ALG N LN 92.45' TO POB	2021	175.50	
CODY SCHOLTEN	19-0007-705 SEC-32 TWP-101 RNG-45 COMM AT THE NW COR OF SEC 32; ELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 1055.22'; SLY 208.08' TO POB; SLY 124.22'; WLY 152.12'; NLY 128.24'; ELY 152.17' TO POB	2021	175.50	
JOE D GENTRY	19-0019-100 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT 48 RDS W OF C OF S LN OF SEC 29; N 20 RDS; W 12 RDS; S 20 RDS; E 12 RDS ON SEC LN TO POB EXC TR DESC AS: BEG AT PT 60 RDS W OF S QTR COR OF SEC 29; N 119'; E 93.41'; S 119' & W 93.41' TO POB & EXC THAT PART OF SW 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT S QTR COR OF SEC 29; WLG ALG S LN OF SW 1/4 792' TO POB; CONTN WLY ALG S LN OF SW 1/4 104.59'; NLY 152'; WLY 45.82'; NLY 177.50; ELY 150.41'; SLY 330' TO POB 0.26 ACRES	2021	83.25	

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JOE D GENTRY	19-0020-000 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 0.26 A TR IN SW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT PT 60 RDS W OF S QTR COR OF SEC 29; NLY 119'; ELY 93.41'; SLY 119'; WLY 93.41' TO POB	2021	450.00
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0031-000 SEC-29 TWP-101 RNG-45 THAT PORTION OF UNPLATTED PORTION OF CITY OF STEEN IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 32-101-45 DESC AS: COMM AT NE COR OF LOT 6 BLK 1 OF ORIG PLAT; N ALG W LN OF MAIN ST 77.50' TO POB; CONTN N ALG SD W LN 97.22'; CONTN N 33' TO N SEC LN OF NW 1/4; WLY 80.34'; S 33'; CONTN S 97.77'; ELY 80.34' TO POB	2021	846.30
TOMMY R & TRISHA M BEANER	19-0057-000 ORIGINAL LOT 1 BLOCK 7	2021	74.25
REMINGTON CAIN	19-0059-000 ORIGINAL LOTS 4 & 5 BLOCK 7	2021	22.50
ROBERT A BROESDER	19-0068-000 ORIGINAL LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 9	2021	794.22
ROBERT A BROESDER	19-0068-100 ORIGINAL LOTS 13 THRU 15 BLOCK 9	2021	6.75
RANDY & KATHY MARSHALL	19-0073-000 ORIGINAL BLOCK 10	2021	275.59
RANDY & KATHY MARSHALL	19-0102-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE1/4; S 1036.5' TO POB; S 134.25'; E 96'; N 134.25'; W 96' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 10	2021	17.36
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0103-000 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION TR IN NE1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SD NE 1/4; S 1036.5', E 96' TO POB; S 134.25'; E 48'; N 134.25'; W 48' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 3 BLOCK 10	2021	273.42
RANDY & KATHRYN MARSHALL	19-0104-100 UNRECORDED DRIES BOSCH ADDITION 2 PRCLS IN NE 1/4 OF 32-101-45 DESC AS: ALL THAT PART OF FORMER RR R/W LNG IN SD NE 1/4 DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF N 1/2 OF SD NE 1/4 AS POB; ELY ALG S LN OF SD N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 96' TO POB; CONTN E ALG SD S LN 26.5'; NLY = W LN OF SD NE 1/4 44'; WLY = S LN OF SD N 1/2 26.5'; SLY = W LN OF SD NE 1/4 44' TO POB & COM AT NW COR OF SD NE 1/4; S 1182.75'; E 96' TO POB; S 90.25'; E 26.5'; S 44'; E 21.5' N 134.25'; W 48' TO POB SAID TR ALSO DESC AS LOT 6 BLOCK 10	2021	6.51
CITY OF LUVERNE			
MATTHEW HALSTROM	20-0134-000 CO AUD PLAT LUVERNE OUTLOTS 11-102-45 E 67.5' OF W 135' OF S 118' OF OUTLOT 5	2021	446.22
CHRISTINE HOLTER O - ROBERT J & DARLA FABER	20-0241-000 BARCK, ADAMS & HOWE'S ADDITION S 86.5' OF LOT 1 BLOCK 2	2021	386.28
BRIDGET L CONNELL	20-0304-000 BARCK, ADAMS & HOWE'S ADDITION S 63' OF LOT 2 BLOCK 8	2021	1,125.00
CAROL L JORGENSON-EHLERS	20-0741-000 CHARLES O HAWES' ADDITION N 110' OF E 62 2/3' OF LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 5	2021	645.21
CORRINE COLVIN	20-0979-000 P J KNISS ADDITION S 152' OF LOT 4 BLOCK 4	2021	2,567.11
EVELYNNE VANDEN BERG	20-1325-000 H SNOOK ADDITION E 136.5' OF LOT 4 BLOCK 2	2021	278.20
JESSICA BEHR-LIMING	20-1469-000 VAN EPS AND VARY'S ADDITION S 1/2 OF LOT 4 BLOCK 26	2021	73.78
AMANDA J MC TIGUE O - EMILY R EVERS	20-1540-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 3 BLOCK 2	2021	328.49
LEO SWENSON C/O ANDY SWENSON PERS REP	20-1582-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION W 22' OF LOT 17, ALL LOT 18 & E 18' OF LOT 19 BLOCK 7	2021	1,923.75
ROSALIA BAUMGARD	20-1611-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION LOT 5 BLOCK 10	2021	591.75
DEVIN D MC GUIRE	20-1663-000 WARREN AND KNISS' ADDITION N 86' OF LOT 6 BLOCK 13	2021	351.54
SARP LLC	20-1852-000 TR IN NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 14; S ALG W LN OF SD SEC 322.63'; SELY 357.47' TO ELY R/W LN OF CSTPM&O R/W; NWLY ALG SD WLY R/W LN 317.39' TO N LN OF SD SEC; NWLY ON SD N LN 322.43' TO POB EXC A 0.56 A TR DESC AS: COM AT NW COR OF SEC 16; SELY ALG N LN OF NW 1/4 263' TO POB; CONT SELY 59.12' TO E R/W LN OF ABND RR; SELY ON SD E R/W LN 317.69'; WLY 94.41'; NWLY 316.97'; TO POB 1.35 ACRES	2021	30,622.50
SARP LLC	20-1941-000 SATER'S CREEK ADDITION BLOCK 6	2021	14,699.25

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Ashley Kurtz, being duly sworn, deposes, and says that she is the Auditor-Treasurer of the county of Rock; that she has examined the foregoing list, and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true and correct.

(Official Seal)
/s/ Ashley Kurtz, Auditor-Treasurer
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of February, 2022.
(Notary Seal)

/s/ Vanessa J. Luettel
Notary Public, Nobles County, Minnesota

City Planning Commission public hearing set for March 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following:

1. A Preliminary Plat of the Schmuck Addition.
 2. Amendments to City Code Chapter 153, Section 153.055, Residential Uses, (D) Residential; Accessory Structures and Uses, (2) Attached/detached accessory structures and uses.
- All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building Official, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.
- By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 17th day of March, 2022.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(03-17)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 26

ORDINANCE NO. 26, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF CITY ELECTION WARDS, AMENDING CITY CODE, SECTION 30.04 THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Whereas the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, has completed the 2020 Census, the City Council, in compliance with Minnesota Statutes 204B.135 and City Charter Section 1.05, hereby reapportions and redistricts the City election wards by the adoption of this ordinance.

SEC. 2. City Code, Sec. 30.04, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SEC. 30.04. ELECTION WARD BOUNDARIES. In compliance with State law and City Charter, the City of Luverne shall be divided into two wards by a line running generally in an easterly and westerly direction.

A. Ward Number 1 (North) shall consist of that portion of the City lying north of the following described line:

Commencing at the center line of Dodge Street and the west boundary of the City's corporate limits; thence east along the center line of said Dodge Street to the intersection of Kniss Avenue; thence south along the center line of Kniss Avenue to the intersection of Crawford Street; thence east along the center line of Crawford Street to the intersection of Blue Mound Avenue; thence south along the center line of Blue Mound Avenue to the intersection of Main Street; thence east along the center line of Main Street to the most easterly portion of the east boundary of the City's corporate limits.

B. Ward Number 2 (South) shall consist of all that part of the City which is not located within Ward Number 1 described above.

C. New Annexations. Unless otherwise specifically provided by ordinance, any newly annexed property to the City lying north of the dividing line between Ward Number 1 and Ward Number 2 and the easterly and westerly extensions thereof shall be upon such annexation a part of Ward Number 1, and any property lying south of said boundary line and the easterly and westerly extensions thereof shall upon said annexation be part of Ward Number 2.

D. This section shall be effective and shall govern the 2022 City and State primary election and all elections held thereafter, and shall further, in accordance with the City Charter, govern the election of City officials to be elected at the City's general election in 2022 and thereafter.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.
(03-17)

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CARDS OF THANKS

I am so grateful for all those who sent me cards—for family that came for my 90th birthday, for those who worked hard to plan my 90th. I am so blessed by everyone's loving care. Thank you over and over again!
Betty Luethje
(3.17-3.19)

Thank you all for the birthday wishes! I am so thankful to be blessed with such amazing friends and family.
Dorothy Klosterbuer
(3.17-3.19)

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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED: The City of Hills is accepting job applications for part-time seasonal maintenance help at \$15 per hour. Must be 16 or older to apply. To request an application contact the Hills City Office, P.O. Box 172, 301 S. Main Ave., Hills, MN 56138 or call 507-962-3290. Applications accepted until position is filled. (3.12-4.7)

Bartender Wanted
Eagles 3403 is looking for part-time Bartender
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EMPLOYMENT

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MEDICAL CAREERS INSTRUCTOR (PART-TIME) opening at SWWC Service Cooperative with placement in Luverne, MN. The SWWC Service Cooperative is advertising for an instructor to teach a high school Medical Careers course for approximately 93 days, from 7:30 – 9:15 am. Holding a Minnesota Medical Careers (grades 7-12) teaching license is preferred, but not a requirement. Applicant must have a passion for working with high school age students, a background in the medical and healthcare field, strong technology skills, the ability to establish community partnerships, and the creativity to deliver the course so it is highly engaging for students. Online application can be filled out at www.swwc.org/application. Position will remain open until filled.
Contact Kari Bailey, Staffing Coordinator at 507-828-6374 or kari.bailey@swwc.org for more information. EOE

EMPLOYMENT

FULL TIME SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST TEACHER

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for a full-time Speech/Language Pathologist Teacher to begin with the 2022-2023 school year.

Minnesota licensure or the ability to become licensed is required.

The certified application form can be found at: https://www.isd2184.net/about_ips/open_employment. Please submit your letter of application, completed application form, 3 letters of recommendation, and transcripts to Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent, Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne MN 56156. EOE

EMPLOYMENT

FULL TIME DISTRICT WIDE ELL TEACHER

Luverne Public Schools in Luverne, MN is seeking a **FULL TIME ELL TEACHER** for the 2022-2023 school year.

Qualifications: Applicant must hold a current Minnesota Teachers license or have the ability to acquire. Position open until filled.

Questions may be directed to Craig Oftedahl: c.oftedahl@isd2184.net.

District application can be found at the following link: https://www.isd2184.net/about_ips/open_employment

Send letter of application, 3 current letters of recommendation, college transcripts, and completed district application to Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent of Schools, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne MN 56156. EOE

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CARING HANDS DENTAL CLINIC
of Pipestone is under construction and is searching for **LICENSED DENTAL ASSISTANTS.**

The new Clinic is located at 301 - 11th Street NE and we hope to have staff in place in May. Caring Hands serves all people of all ages with high quality, award winning dental care and education.

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EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted

Wild Rose Home Care LLC is looking for a part-time **Personal Care Attendant (PCA)** in Luverne.

Part-time hours 5-10 hours a week and every other weekend working with a female client. Must be able to pass a background check.

Qualified individuals must be dependable and reliable.

Call for application 507-337-1101



We are looking for creative, inspiring people to join our staff

Adrian Middle/High School has the following positions open :

MS/HS Admin Assistant
MS/HS Paraprofessional

MS/HS Math Instructor (2022-2023)

Please submit a letter of application, resume, current letters of reference, and a completed district application found at https://www.isd511.net/292455_2

Send materials to: Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110.

For additional information, please contact Cate Koehne, principal, at c.koehne@isd511.net



HELP WANTED

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- Laundry Aide
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CALL 507-967-2482

FULL TIME ELEMENTARY (K-5) TEACHER

Luverne Public Schools in Luverne, MN is seeking a **FULL TIME ELEMENTARY (K-5) TEACHER** for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Qualifications: Applicant must hold a current Minnesota Elementary Teachers license or have the ability to acquire.
- Description: This position will be a classroom teacher at the elementary level. The position may be assigned to any openings at Luverne Elementary School and is not specific to a grade level at this point.
- Application Deadline: Position open until filled
- Start Date: Fall 2022

District application can be found at the following link: https://www.isd2184.net/about_ips/open_employment

Send letter of application, resume, letters of reference, transcripts, and completed district application to Craig Oftedahl, Supt. of Schools (c.oftedahl@isd2184.net), 709 N. Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. EOE

WE ARE HIRING! Join Our Team

We are looking for a part-time person to join our team as an Account Representative. Work with existing clients for the Rock County Star Herald, Luverne Announcer and Blue Mound Digital on both traditional print ads as well as digital advertising. Basic computer skills required. Sales experience preferred but not required. Familiarity of our local business community is important.

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Submit resume to Rick Peterson at rick@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.

NOW HIRING! SPORTS REPORTER

The Rock County Star Herald in Luverne, Minnesota, is looking for the right person to help navigate the fast-paced world of community sports reporting.

Our weekly award-winning newspaper covers two local districts and their high school sports teams, along with community outdoors and recreational activities.

We're working to enhance our daily presence with social media posts, sports column/blog and occasional streamed coverage with athletes, coaches and fans.

Our vision is to be on the local scene of whatever sports-related news is happening — whenever and wherever it occurs — and share that experience with sports fans to read and watch on social media and to enjoy in print and online pages.

If you share the same vision of a local sports news presence, and if you're passionate about sports with the ability to write about it and share it with others, you may be the person we're looking for.

We're accepting applications now for this **full-time position**. Sports reporting and photography experience is preferred, along with some knowledge of InDesign, PhotoShop and social media platforms.

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

CITY OF LUVERNE

SEASONAL LAWN AND PARK CREW MEMBERS

The City of Luverne is seeking applicants for the 2022 summer season in the Public Works Department.

Job duties include various types of physical labor and operation of light equipment in the maintenance of City streets, parks, and landscaping. These are seasonal positions and not intended to last beyond late summer or early fall. Desirable qualifications: Valid Class D driver's license, building or grounds maintenance experience and good driving record.

Pay will be based on experience and qualifications; \$12.50-\$17.13/hr. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled, first review date March 25, 2022. Application packets are available online at www.cityofluverne.org or from City Clerk Jessica Mead at City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 449-9898. EOE.



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Rock County Library announces happenings

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

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

Read or listen to 12 books checked out from the Rock County Library and win a fabulous prize.

Winter Reading Bingo will also be played. Bingo sheets are available now at the library.

Story Time with Bronwyn is at 10:30 a.m. Fridays through April 29.

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

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



Mavis Fodness photo/0317

Casey's new brand eliminates 'general store'

Workers from Indigo Signs spent three days last week changing the Casey's General Store signage to a basic red and white color on the South Highway 75 store in Luverne. According to the Casey's website, the Luverne store is one of more than 2,200 locations to drop "general store" from its official name along with the yellow and black painted barn logo. The new rebrand comes from customer surveys in 2020 where people did not understand what a general store is and view Casey's as a convenience store, gas station and pizzeria. Workers completed the work March 8-10 before moving to rebrand the Casey's in Pipestone.

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The other two options (pictured with the wrong date) featured more prominent reds and blues, and a less prominent beaver.

Beaver Creek welcome signs/continued from page 1

"I had really good response, actually, from a lot of them," Blank said. "I had them look at the three options, asked them to initial the ones they liked the most."

Most of them liked the design with the larger beaver sketch and the neutral colors.

"I like that one, too," said council member Pat Bender. "That really stands out to me also."

Blank initially proposed two signs, but considering the angle of County Road 4, he suggested a V-sign would be visible to both eastbound and westbound motorists.

Dysthe suggested a two-sided sign rather than a V-sign at that location. He said this would cover the supports on the back sides of the signs and they would share the same posts, which would be

easier to mow around.

At an earlier meeting council had initially approved two signs at approximately \$1,000 to \$1,400, but a third sign would increase costs to over \$1,400, possibly up to \$2,000.

Blank said he believed there was adequate support in the community to raise funds for the signs, and the city could publicly recognize the donors after the signs are up.

The council voted to approve the three signs in the design with neutral

colors and the larger beaver sketch.

Quality Printing can complete the signs in 10 days once the council gives the nod to begin printing. They'll be erected once the ground thaws enough for posts to go up.

The 4-by-8 outdoor, hard surface signs have a reputation of lasting roughly 10 years.

"Thank you for doing this, Andrew," Bender said. "It's very nice. They do good work at Quality Printing. These are really nice. We're lucky to have them."

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