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City electric supervisor Brian Remme shared this photo of a generator sliding into place on a series of pipes that were used to guide it into place Tuesday, March 15, in the power plant.

New generator deliveries mark progress for electric capacity

By Lori Sorenson

East Main Street at the Rock River Bridge was a busy place Tuesday and Wednesday when two 50,000-pound generators were installed by crane in Luverne's power plant.

The two 3-megawatt generators joined the city's existing 1960s 3-megawatt generator in the power plant.

The combined 9-megawatt continuous capacity of the three generators will ensure Luverne's backup generation can carry a major part of the city's total electrical load in the event of an outage.

Feeding the grid

The new generators will also allow the city to provide more backup power for Missouri River Energy Services, which contracts with Luverne for that energy.

This service was needed in February of 2021 when Luverne's backup generator was called into action during the polar vortex.

Luverne's generator ran for 78 hours straight to support the regional power grid under pressure from the record cold snap in the south where millions of homes and



Lori Sorenson photos/0324 generator at power plant
A crane eases a 50,000-pound Caterpillar generator into the Luverne power plant Tuesday afternoon on East Main Street. Another just like it was delivered Wednesday.

businesses in 10 states were without power.

Electric utility supervisor Brian Remme and his crews worked alternate shifts around the clock to monitor the generator and keep it fueled.

The backup generator is started every month to make sure it will generate power when needed, but city officials don't remember a time when the Luverne generator was used in this capacity to support a widespread power

shortage.

It told its members to begin controlled outages and reached out to its member utilities for helping to generate power for the grid.

MRES currently pays the city \$75,000 per year to keep its generators in working condition for backup power in peak usage

Power plant improvements/See page 8

Henning moves dirt in industrial park for new growth

By Lori Sorenson

Four bulldozers have been working in Luverne's industrial park to move dirt in preparation for the Lineage Logistics construction this spring.

"They have moved a boatload of dirt out there already," Mayor Pat Baus-tian said during the March 8 City Council meeting. "Just wait for this week."

The city's role in the process is to extend Dakota Avenue 500 feet to the Lineage Logistics property line and to provide city utilities as well.

"It's not a very long stretch of road, but it goes through kind of a low area, and we'll need culverts, and there's extension of water and sewer and all those types of electrical utilities," City Administrator John Call said at a recent meeting.

During a March 10 bid letting, Henning Construction of Adrian was the low bidder at \$775,000.

"That was somewhat fortuitous for the city, because Henning is also doing the site work for Lineage Logistics," Call said. "So, they'll already be on site out there. They may want to truck some things in to the site before the road is even done."

The city also learned that it will receive a Minnesota BDPI public utilities grant that will cover half of the cost.

Lineage Logistics storage warehouse will be 230,000 square feet. It will open within a year with 75 employees.

Board approves flashing speed sign for Hills

By Mavis Fodness

Two solar-powered feedback signs will be placed near Hills, alerting drivers to the speed their vehicle is traveling as it enters the city limits.

The flashing signs are similar to the solar feedback signs located along County Road 4 through Magnolia.

In Hills one feedback sign will be located west of town on County Road 13 just before vehicles cross over the bridge as they enter town.

The other sign will be located on the east side of Hills along County Road 6 to alert drivers about their speed entering the city limits from the south.

Cost of the signs is \$11,163 and will be paid for by the county.

According to county engineer Mark Sehr, the Hills City Council requested the signs due to concerns that drivers are entering the city at speeds exceeding the limits.

'Those Crazy Ladies' come to Palace April 1-3, 7-10



Submitted photo

The Green Earth Players will present "The Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner" April 1-3 and 7-10 at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Cast members for the production include (front, from left) Terri Ebert, Shannon Baack, DJ Luethje, (back) Colette Hansen, Gordie Hansen, Jim Harsma, Denise Deitchman, Tyler Johnson and Dean Luethje.

By Mavis Fodness

The Green Earth Players community theater group will bring "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner" to the Palace stage the first two weekends in April.

Director Sue Sandbulte said the idea for the play came to her during a recent road trip.

"I was traveling on I-90 and just got off when I saw the sign for 'Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner' and thought, 'How fun,'" she said.

The nine-member cast in Patrick Cook's play also appealed to Sandbulte. "I like to direct small casts," she said. "It's a chaotic and busy play — there is so much going on."

The 90-minute comedy centers on three geriatric sisters, Lydia, Maggie and Dora (played by Shannan Baack, DJ Luethje and Terri Ebert respectively) and their doctor (Jim Harsma) who attempts to lower the sisters' blood pressure through more activity.

He convinces his nurse, Jean Mitchell (Colette Hansen), to move into the sisters' house on the corner.

'Those Crazy Ladies'/See page 5



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, April 4, at Poplar Creek Care Center. Masks are required.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the Rock County Library for a tour of the library and computer lab. The quilters' meeting and show-and-tell will follow.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in the township hall.

Community meal is March 23

The Free Community Meal is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the Luverne United Methodist Church, 109 N. Freeman Ave. A pick-up option is available. For more information contact the church office at 507-283-4529.

Luverne 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 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 will learn how to recognize signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiate conversations and get help. There is no fee, but register to reserve a spot by calling 507-283-4742.

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 April 6, 7

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 #LuvLUvAll initiative, Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Community Ed

Students in grades K-12 can sign up now for summer community ed T-ball, baseball or softball before March 28. Fees are lower in March and this ensures placement on a team. Call Cindy at Luverne Community Education, 507-283-4724, to register for classes. The website is www.isd2184.net, select Luverne Community Education under schools.

Rock County Library announces upcoming 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.

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

Reminiscence Kits are available featuring various topics such as gardening, pets, baking, sewing, farming and hunting. The kits are designed to use with a loved one experiencing memory loss, encouraging the loved one to open up about activities they once loved in the past.

Seeing green



It was a great day for a parade Thursday afternoon, March 17, with mild spring temperatures hovering around 50 degrees — a rare weather occurrence for Luverne's Irish tradition. The warm weather brought hundreds of people downtown for the parade that featured dozens of entries and plenty of candy for everyone. (Lori Sorenson photos)



At left, Marv Fuerstenberg flashes a peace sign before riding with the Blue Mound Cycling Club in Thursday's parade. Below center, Will and Audrey Wynia ride in style for the parade. Below right, LaDonna Van Aartsen celebrates her 60th along the parade route for St. Patrick's Day Thursday, March 17.



Farmers Union Agency honors Steve Cattnach with service award

Farmers Union Agency honored agent Steve Cattnach with Cattnach Insurance Agency on serving his customers and the Luverne community for 40 years.



Cattnach was recognized with his service award on March 3 in celebration with his peers at the Farmers Union Agency 2022 Awards Dinner at Mystic Lake Conference Center in

Prior Lake.

"Steve has seen many things change in his 40 years in the insurance industry, but one thing remains constant," said Josh Vickerman, president of

Farmers Union Agency.

"He sets the standard with the care, professionalism and service he devotes to all of his customers. His example of great character, grit and excellence is an inspiration."

Allow flowering shrubs to bloom before pruning

Last week I encouraged you to get started cleaning up and pruning your landscape.

There are a few plants that I do not want you to prune now. This list includes all forms of lilacs, weigela, forsythia, spring-blooming spirea, mock orange, azaleas, and rhododendron. All of these shrubs have their flower buds formed in the buds of new growth, and any pruning now will remove potential flowers. For this list of shrubs, the only time to prune is immediately after they have finished blooming.

If you're not sure if your landscape includes these shrubs or what they look like, google an image so you know before you go out with your pruning shears.

I have written before about some clump-forming



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

perennials that get too thick and consequently lose their vigor and bloom capacity. Dwarf daylilies are an excellent example.

Often in the process of installing a landscape, plastic or fabric is used on the soil surface and covered with rock or some other mulch. A hole is cut in the fabric or plastic and the shrub or perennial is planted in that spot. The size of the hole determines how much space that plant gets to grow in.

For a single-stemmed shrub, that is not a prob-

lem. However, for a clump-forming perennial, when the plant reaches the edge of the space it is planted in, it starts to complain.

Some perennials just continue growing on top of the fabric and through the rocks, which causes its own problem. Others just start to decline because they are landlocked.

Ornamental Karl Forester Grass is a good example. As the clump grows, it spreads to the outside, leaving a dead spot in the center where it started. The base begins to

look like a donut. For this perennial, you dig the entire clump, use your spade to divide it into quarters, and plant just one quarter back in the spot where you took it out.

If you do this early (before much new growth emerges), you will end up with a beautiful specimen the same growing season ... do it later, and the plant will still appreciate the renewal but will probably not recover quite as quickly.

The same procedure works well for dwarf daylilies and hosta.

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Land values sharply higher into 2022

By Kent Thiesse
Farm management analyst

Farmland values in the Upper Midwest have reached or surpassed their highest levels in nearly a decade during the past 12 months, after several years of uncertainty from 2014 to 2020.

Average sales for high quality farm land in many portions of the Midwest and Northern Plains states are up by 20 to 40 percent in the past year.

Land values in 2021 increased at the highest year-over-year percentage rate since 2013, which followed the high farm income years from 2011 through 2013.

Many areas of the Upper Midwest experienced solid yields combined with the highest crop prices in several years to boost final 2021 farm income, which also contributed to sharply higher land values.

Land values have also been enhanced by continued relatively low long-term interest rates and very strong buyer interest in 2021 and early 2022.

There was also a limited supply of land being offered for sale during the first half of 2021; however, sales volume increased later in the year after land prices began to increase and due to concern over potential changes in tax policy by the federal government.

Southern Minnesota land values, similar to those in Iowa, were much higher in 2021 due to much higher commodity prices and average to above average crop yields in many areas.

In recent months, there have been some isolated land sales across southern Minnesota that have rivaled the highest land values per acre ever recorded.

Even with the higher land values, there has continued to be a gap between the average land price for high quality and well-drained farm land compared to low quality and poorly drained land.

One of the best sources of farm real estate values in Minnesota is the University of Minnesota's "Land Economics" website at landeconomics.umn.edu.

This site accesses a database of various land values reported by county assessors throughout the state – adjusted annually based on actual land sales in a given county.

Data released in late 2021 by the Federal Reserve districts across the U.S. showed similar trends in average land values in the Upper Midwest, compared to a year earlier. The highest 12-month percentage increases at the end of 2021 were Iowa at 28 percent, Minnesota at 26 percent, and South Dakota at 23 percent.

Recent data from private sources shows that

land values have continued to increase during the first three months of 2022. Some areas are showing an increase of 7 to 10 percent or more in land values since harvest was completed in the fall of 2021.

There have been numerous land sales at \$10,000 to \$14,000 per acre in Iowa and southern Minnesota, as well as other portions of the Midwest, with even higher isolated land sale values in portions of Iowa and Illinois.

Buyer interest in purchasing land has remained strong by both farm operators and investors.

Currently, most signs point toward continued increases in land values in the next 12 months.

However, there are some lingering "caution flags" that could potentially reverse this optimistic trend and revert to more downward pressure on land values. These potential challenges include:

- return to lower crop prices and lower profitability in crop and livestock farming.

- the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as well as for other global political unrest.

- several increases in long-term interest rates by the Federal Reserve Bank in the next year.

- changes in federal policies, such as estate taxes, capital gains taxes, or 1031-exchange policies.

- reduced interest to purchase farm land or a large increase in the amount of land being offered for sale.

- lack of confidence in the land market by farmers, investors and lenders.

The U.S. Federal Reserve recently increased the prime interest rate by .25 percent, up to a revised prime rate of 3.50 percent. This was the first increase in the prime rate in about three years.

Many economists are predicting that there could be as many as five to seven more increases in the prime interest rate in the next 12 months.

The longer-term farm land real estate interest rates, which have already increased by nearly one percent in the past year, are usually based more on interest rate changes in the bond market for 10-year U.S. Treasury notes.

The future trend in crop prices, the level of 2022 crop yields, and profitability in livestock production, along with the potential increases in interest rates and possible changes in government policy, will likely determine if there is further strength in land values later this year.



Mavis Fodness photo/0224 H-BC Spring Play 2022

Hills-Beaver Creek High School students will perform "The Crazy Quilt Club" April 1 and 3 at the school in Hills. Cast includes (front, left) Isabella DeBoer, Lexxus Wessels, Lexi Drake, Madison Gaugler, Kadence Rozeboom, (back) Tyrae Goodface, Sarah Prohl, Caidence Ellis, Joy Taubert, Tahliya Kruger, Leif Tollefson and Britton McKenzie.

H-BC students embrace theater

'Crazy Quilt Club' performed April 1 and 3

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek High School will return to in-person public performances next month — and it's no April Fool's Day joke.

"Our students are excited," said director Amy Comp. "This is a new opportunity for a lot of our students, and they were excited to get to work on it. ... It's definitely been an extracurricular that students were interested in, but we did not have established."

Comp chose the murder-mystery comedy, "The Crazy Quilt Club," by Pat Cook for the performances scheduled for April 1 and 3.

For several weeks the nine-member cast has rehearsed, built

the basic set and learned tips about acting on stage.

"This play was selected because we felt it was a good fit for our students. It's got some great comedy as well as some more serious dialogue," Comp said.

"We knew it would be a good play to start with in our theater department at H-BC."

Junior Britton McKenzie spearheaded bringing a spring play production back to the school's student offerings. He serves as the play's student director.

"They have all come together to make the dream a reality," McKenzie said. "It is so exciting to see everyone take on the task of making sure we can succeed."

"I am proud that each of them is enjoying their time and making it worthwhile for themselves and their cast."

H-BC's last theatrical production was completed in 2019.

Comp, the district's 5-12 band instructor, embraced leading students in an activity many have not experienced.

"It's been a lot of work, and a lot of learning for me, but I feel we definitely need to have a theater department at H-BC so these students have as many performance opportunities as possible."

The comedy centers around Veronica Blather (portrayed by sophomore Tahliya Kruger), a sweet little old lady who spends most of her time knitting and writing murder mysteries.

Blather, however, also likes to solve murders, most of which occur whenever she shows up. Under-

standably Blather has a problem finding a place to live and when her niece, Dr. Joyce Lydecker (junior Tyrae Goodface), invites her to stay at a retirement home for old knitters, the situation seems ideal — until one of the old knitters dies from drinking poison punch.

Who did it? Is the murderer the president of the Crazy Quilt Club, Matilda Thibedeaux (junior Lexi Drake) or Lydia Thornedyke (sophomore Joy Taubert), who likes to die on Tuesdays?

Or could the murderer be Clara Quinten (eighth-grader Caidence Ellis), who's a compulsive liar, or the wise-cracking Sarafina Litton (eighth-grader Sarah Prohl), who doesn't trust anyone and carries a rifle just to be sure?

What about Myrtle Ipswitch (freshman Lexxus Wessels), who's a bit of a snoop, or even Viola Underwood (sophomore Madison Gaugler), who has a tell-tale allergy.

It's a good thing Lt. Jack McCoy (junior Leif Tollefson) shows up to help and is determined to solve who put poison in the punch bowl.

Freshmen Isabella DeBoer and Kadence Rozeboom are part of the backstage crew.

"I hope that the audience has fun with it," said student director McKenzie. "This is a fun show and a fun cast. Hopefully they appreciate the work that everybody is putting into this."

Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at the high school in Hills.

Tickets cost \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.



Dr. Joyce Lydecker (left, portrayed by Tyrae Goodface) checks the pulse of one of the Quilt Club members, Clara Quinten (Caidence Ellis).



In the photo at left, Lt. Jack McCoy (portrayed by Leif Tollefson) questions Matilda Thibedeaux (Lexi Drake) and Veronica Blather (Tahliya Kruger) about who placed poison in the punch bowl during a meeting of "The Crazy Quilt Club." Pictured at right, Madison Gaugler (left), Lexi Drake, Sarah Prohl, Caidence Ellis and Lexxus Wessels rehearse the opening meeting scene of "The Crazy Quilt Club" last week at Hills-Beaver Creek High School in Hills.



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THINK GREEN

Who will YOU elect as our next U.S. Rep?

Field of 20 makes getting to know the candidates difficult, choices hard

In two months voters in Congressional District 1 (which includes Rock County)



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

...I predict most of us will not care enough about politics to even participate.

will face the first of several ballots to fill the U.S. representative vacancy.

I say "several" ballots because in the middle of filling the vacancy for five months, another vote will take place to fill the same position during the November general election for the two-year term beginning in January.

The best scenario would be that the same person is selected in both elections, giving that person 2.5 years to settle into the position.

Until the elections, the process and vote schedule will be confusing, and I predict most of us will not care enough about politics to even participate.

I am determined to not only participate but also to be an informed voter.

Just days into the task, I'm already overwhelmed.

In the upcoming May 24 primary, 20 people plunked down the \$300 filing fee to have their name included on the ballot.

At a glance, 10 candidates are registered Republicans, eight are Democrats and two are from parties who want to legalize cannabis in the state.

There are three women

and 17 men.

The candidates themselves range from former legislators to spouses of former legislators.

Getting to know the candidates personally is impossible. Technology is the quickest avenue to get to know the candidates.

Even the internet is proving to be limited.

Not all the candidates have websites dedicated to introducing themselves to the 679,000 people who live in CD 1.

Some have been covered by the statewide news agencies while others have stories available from their hometown media outlets. Still others have nothing on the worldwide web or in print.

I am not giving up on making an informed decision. I hope you won't either. Their names appear on the Minnesota Secretary of State website, sos.state.mn.us.

Star Herald doles out thumbs for fuel prices, tree trimming, dog sledding and more

Thumbs up — to Casey's new bright red awning and sign. It's a bright, shiny improvement to our South Highway 75 "gateway" into Luverne.

Thumbs down — to rising gas prices. They're taking a huge bite out of family budgets at a time wages finally nudged upward but are being gobbled up furiously by across-the-board inflation. And along those lines ...

Thumbs down — to small-minded people eager to politicize rising fuel costs. Oil prices are always subject to multiple influencers, but post-covid pent-up demand combined with the global effects of Russian sanctions are combining to raise havoc at the pumps. These factors are beyond the control of a single person in U.S. leadership.

Thumbs up — to Luverne Middle School English teacher Deb Hoogendoorn and her innovative lesson plan involving sled dog racer and Minnesota native Brent Sass. Sass zoomed with local students talking about sled dogs and competing in Iditarod. Students tracked his progress in this year's race and last week watched him cross the finish line in Nome, Alaska, in first place. "We watched him win LIVE this morning in my room," Hoogendoorn said. "It was soooo exciting!"

Thumbs down — to those who take their dogs on walks around town without using a leash.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Not all adults and kids feel comfortable around dogs, especially those they don't know, and an unwelcome "visit" from an unleashed dog can ruin an otherwise enjoyable walk.

Thumbs up — to the Luverne City Council for pursuing a solution to the day care shortage. Residents and businesses have sought solutions for years, but a push from city leadership is bringing the possibility of a group day care to our community. Their negotiated purchase of the former Total Card Inc. building on Blue Mound Avenue also brings a purpose to a very large and empty building.

Thumbs down — to the rail authorities who authorized "trimming trees" in the railroad right of way. The current mode of operation is to hack at branches with a shredder, leaving the rail-facing sides of the trees mutilated. If we want to kill the trees, then we should remove them altogether. Leaving them in this state not only looks terrible, but it will prompt suckers as the trees attempt to heal themselves.

Thumbs up — to city of Luverne public works policies that focus on tending to trees year-round to keep them trimmed and healthy

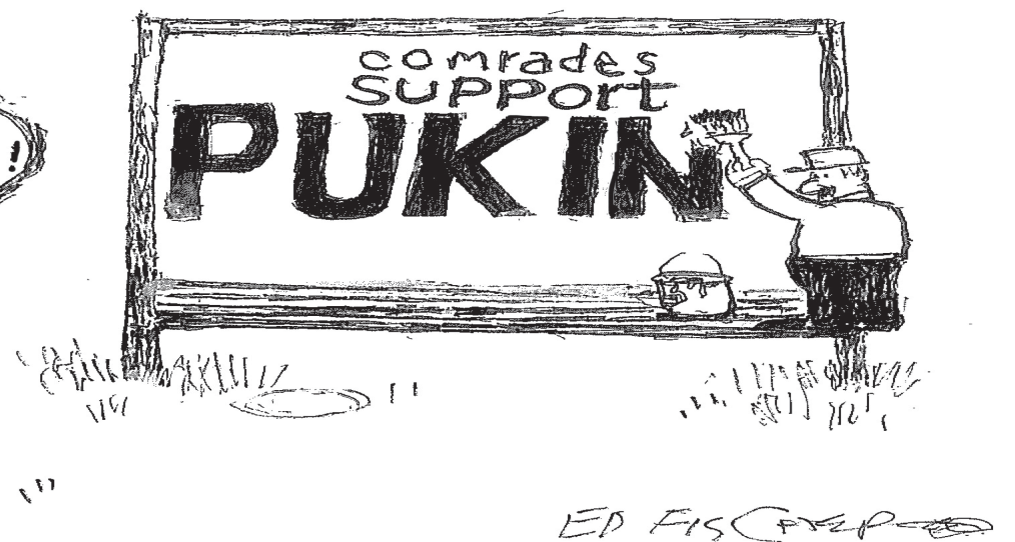
— and removed when necessary, to keep our boulevards safe and attractive.

Thumbs down — to distracted drivers all over town. They don't stop for stop signs, which means they likely won't see other drivers or pedestrians. Stay alert!

Thumbs up — to the Golla family whose Farm Store legacy lives on through the thoughtful sale of the feed mill and lawn service to local individuals who will carry on those two services that area residents have come to rely on.

Thumbs down — (and hopefully jail time) for those who keep stealing merchandise from Bomgaars and ACE Hardware. Due to the businesses not being able to stay fully staffed, out-of-town "customers" are taking advantage of those helping legitimate customers and walking out with merchandise.

Thumbs up — to Andrew Blank and the Beaver Creek City Council members for sprucing up their community welcome signs. Thumbs up also to the talented designers at Quality Printing for creating the signs and to local businesses who ponied up donations to cover production costs.



All current signs point to arrival of grilling season

In the span of less than two weeks we turned our clocks ahead an hour, pretended to be Irish for a day, and celebrated the first day of spring. All good signs of longer, brighter, warmer days ahead.

All of those are signs that the outdoor grilling, smoker and flat top griddle season is here.

Remember the good old days when all you had for outdoor cooking was a round charcoal grill on a flimsy aluminum-legged tripod. If you were living on the right side of the tracks, you probably had a four-legged grill, two of which had wheels.

The real key to old-fashioned grilling was the charcoal briquets and lighter fluid.

Kingsford charcoal and lighter fluid was my dad's choice. One of my most cherished memories is of my dad



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General manager

teaching me the proper way to light the charcoal for grilling.

What kid wouldn't be interested in dirty charcoal, lighter fluid, matches and fire?

I suppose the way my dad started his charcoal isn't much different than the way others did, but in my eyes, it was his

way, so that became my way.

I don't currently have a charcoal grill, but if I did, this is the way I would start my charcoal: First I'd pile the charcoal in a teepee in the center of the grill. Then I'd give it a good dousing of lighter fluid and let it soak in for 5 to 10 minutes. Finally, I'd give the pile of charcoal a little squirt of fluid and then stand back and throw a lit match on the pile.

After the charcoal burns for about 15 minutes, most of it should be turning gray and the center of the charcoal teepee should be red hot.

Now it's time to spread the charcoal out, put the grill grate back on over the hot coals, let the grill grate heat up for a few minutes, and then throw those 39-cent Corn King hot dogs on the grill. We lived on the three-legged side of the tracks.

Even under Trump, Putin will not be stopped

To the Editor:

Comments I have heard lately like, "If Trump was in charge now, Putin would not have invaded Ukraine," couldn't be further from the truth. This letter to the editor that appeared in The Land newspaper I received is so spot-on that I decided to submit it to the Rock County Star Herald.

Donald Reker, Jasper

The following is the letter referenced and submitted by Reker:

There is the appearance that Putin and Trump worked as a tag team to undermine Ukraine. Trump illegally asked Russia for help in his 2016 campaign. When Trump entered office, he worked to lift the current sanctions on Russia in exchange for nothing. Trump said he would not necessarily defend new NATO members from a Russian attack. Trump gave Putin what he wanted in Syria. Trump left Putin with full dominance and a bi-partisan House majority voted to rebuke Trump for it. Trump attacked U.S. allies for not admitting Russia into

the G7 economic group. Putin and Trump held several private conversations with no note taking. Trump talked about pulling the United States out of NATO but was warned by his aides that it would be politically dangerous. Trump reportedly said, 'We'll do it in the second term.'

Newly elected President Zelensky resisted Trump's blackmail attempt. So Trump illegally refused to give Ukraine the military aid that Congress had approved.

U.S. intelligence agencies blamed Russia for interference in the 2016 presidential race. Trump and Putin blamed Ukraine. Trump often attacked Ukraine as "corrupt." This weakened American support for Ukraine and emboldened Putin.

Trump attempted to smear the Biden-Ukraine connection as corrupt. Republicans' own investigation found Trump's claims to be baseless. John Bolton said that if Trump had been re-elected, Trump would have simply given Ukraine to Putin. Thank goodness for President Biden.

Greg Rendahl, Ostrander, Minnesota

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

March 11

- Metro reported a 911 text from Jasper.
- Complainant in Luverne reported a missing person.
- Complainant on E. Dodge Street requested information on local electricians.
- Complainant on E. Main Street, Hardwick, reported stolen mail.

March 12

- Deputy assisted SFPD on W. Main Street.
- Complainant on E. Main Street reported vandalism.
- Report of a vulnerable adult on 180th Avenue, Magnolia.
- Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported theft.
- Complainant on W. Main Street reported suspicious activity.

- Deputies assisted with pursuit westbound of Interstate 90, Magnolia.

March 13

- Complainant on 20th Avenue, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported an intoxicated driver.
- Report of a vulnerable adult on 180th Avenue, Magnolia.

March 14

- Complainant on W. 4th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, requested information from RCSO.
- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 408, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported an abandoned vehicle.

- Complainant reported a vulnerable adult.
- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported children playing on the ice.

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a child walking against traffic in bike lane.
- Complainant on 180th Avenue, Magnolia, reported trespassing.

- Complainant on W. Barck Avenue reported subjects breaking things at location.

- Complainant on Warren Street requested information on services in Rock County.

March 15

- Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported theft.
- Complainant on W. Main Street, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity at location.

March 16

- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on W. Virginia Street.
- Complainant on W. Lawn Park reported neighbor kids are picking on her kids.
- Complainant on N. Estey Street reported loud music.

March 17

- Complainant on 200th Avenue, Edgerton, reported a barn fire.
- Complainant reported driver's license in lost and found.

- Complainant on W. Main Street reported an intoxicated driver at location.

- Complainant on County Highway 4, Magnolia, reported a weapons issue.

- Complainant on S. Ross Street, Hardwick, reported theft.

March 18

- Complainant reported stolen checks were used at location.

- Complainant on County Road 4, east of Magnolia, reported a pickup losing debris.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a returned check.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 3 escorts, 8 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 20 burn permits, 4 vehicle impounds, 4 alarms, 11 drug court tests, 11 purchase and carry permits, 22 traffic stops, 17 abandoned 911 calls, 1 welfare check, 2 reports of cattle out and 5 follow-ups.



Squirrels try on their costumes Monday night. Pictured are Angie Nolz (left), Sophia Nolz, Isabella Nolz, Madison Peters (in front) with Haley Boltjes adjusting her tail, Lauren Peters, Rory Nolz, and play director Sue Sandbulte.

GEP to perform 'Those Crazy Ladies'/continued from page 1

Mitchell, however, has a secret, which she tries to hide as the women work to reunite Jean with her boyfriend, Calvin Murphy (Gordie Hansen).

Soon Jean has the sisters making party plans, pulling pranks and wearing jogging suits in attempts to race each other around the house on the corner.

Their fun is interrupted by Lydia's son (Dean Luethje) who shows up and tells the sisters he wants to sell the house.

Rounding out the cast are Jessie (Denise Deitchman) and Blue (Tyler Johnson), the grocery boy.

Sandbulte adds her own special touch to the play with a "squirrely" intermission scene that keeps the energy and laughs transitioning into the second act of the play.

Sandbulte tapped her grandchildren (Lauren and Madison Peters) and her neighbor's children (Sophia, Rory and Isabella Nolz) to play the five squirrels for the intermission.

"It's really funny," Sandbulte said.

The play takes place Friday-



"We're training for the Olympics," says Dora (left, portrayed by Terri Ebert) in rehearsals Monday night for the upcoming GEP production along with Shannon Baack (left), Tyler Johnson, Dean Luethje and DJ Luethje.

Sunday, April 1-3, and Thursday-Sunday, April 7-10.

Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. and the others begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for students and \$12 for adults and can be purchased by calling the Palace Box Office, 507-283-4399, or online at palacetheatre.us.



Lori Sorenson photos/0324 bad art night

Library hosts 'Bad Art Night' at Take 16

The Rock County Library hosted "Bad Art Night" Thursday, March 17, at Take 16 Brewing Company in Luverne. The object was to create the worst piece of art with assortment of materials provided. "This was all stuff that we already had at the library," said Library Director Calla Jarvie. Items ranged from silk flowers, to pipe cleaners to wrapping paper and more. First-place honors went to Ayla Nelson. Mallory VonTersch was second and Madden and Charlie VonTersch were third. Above, (clockwise from left) Freddi Stroh, Alex Mann, Bridget Mann and Deb Stroh work on their art. Below, Erin Hamann strikes a pose with her work. Below right, Charlie and Kim Von Tersch rummage for supplies.



REQUEST FOR BIDS

Class 5 crushed gravel, pit run and crushed rock to be spread on

Clinton Township roads.

Submit bids on or before

Monday, April 4 at 8 pm

to Clinton Township

1161 21st Street, Steen, MN 56173

Rock County

2022 Board of Appeal & Equalization Schedule

Monday, April 11, 2022

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Beaver Creek Township Hall 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

VIENNA TOWNSHIP

Kenneth Community Center - Kenneth 10:00 to 10:30 A.M.

BATTLE PLAIN TOWNSHIP

Justin Prins Residence - 1941 231st St, Edgerton 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

Township Hall - Steen 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP

Springwater Township Hall 2:00 to 2:30 P.M.

MAGNOLIA TOWNSHIP

SW Health & Human Services Bldg - Luverne 4:00 to 4:30 P.M.

DENVER TOWNSHIP

Hardwick City Hall 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

LUVERNE TOWNSHIP

Pizza Ranch, 110 E. Main St., Luverne 11 to 11:30 A.M.

Thursday, April 13, 2022

OPEN BOOK MEETING AT COURTHOUSE

Kanaranzi, Martin, Mound, Rose Dell Township, Jasper, Kenneth, Steen City 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION

Rock County Courthouse, Luverne 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.



Christina Aukes' first-graders (from left) Jenna Goembel (hidden), Ellianna Kopp, Bruce Rensch, Gavyn Gainey, Henry Graves, Kenrik Stanley, Daniel Eggebrecht, John Carlos Preston and Gunner Johnson interact Thursday afternoon during their classroom visit to Luverne Lanes, where they practiced the game of bowling for an hour.

First-graders try skills at Luverne Lanes

The first-grade classrooms at Luverne Elementary School took a field trip to Luverne Lanes last week to learn about the game of bowling. Each classroom selected a day last week where the students (and teacher) were able to bowl as many frames as possible in an hour. The bowling experience was made possible through ESSR money received by the district.



Right: Gavyn Gainey takes a sit-down approach to bowling

Below right: Gunner Johnson (center) reacts as his bowling ball strikes the pins as classmates Jacob Deutsch (left) and Kenrik Stanley (right) watch.

Above: John Carlos Preston prepares to release the bowling ball down the lane at Luverne Lanes Thursday afternoon.

Below: Brooke Zeutenhorst (center) high-fives teacher Christina Aukes after her strike. Maggie May (left) also celebrates the feat.



Mavis Fodness photos/0324 First Graders Bowling



CELEBRATIONS

Card Showers

Steven and Dianne Carlson will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 27. Greetings may be sent to 615 N. Oakley Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Peter and Kristie Jessen will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 27. Greetings may be sent to 707 181st Street, Jasper, MN 56144.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower for **Paige Tweet** (bride-to-be of Tucker Oeltjenbruns) will be Saturday, April 2, at Take 16 Brewery, 509 E. Main St., Luverne.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, March 28:

Orange chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, cookie.

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

Tuesday, March 29:

Goulash, peas, tropical fruit, garlic bread stick.

Activities: 12:30 p.m. Fast Track; Pinochle.

Wednesday, March 30:

Chicken fiesta casserole, corn, pears, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church.

Thursday, March 31:

Chicken-fried steak

with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread, dessert.

Friday, April 1: Fish patty on a bun with tartar sauce, cheesy hashbrowns, baked beans, 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.

FFA NEWS

Ag mechanics earns state FFA trip

The five-member Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter ag mechanics team will compete at the state career development contest April 24-26 in the Twin Cities.

The team of JT Remme, AJ Ossefoort, Ryan Los, Lucas Hansen

and Nicholas Hansen placed third out of the 11 teams at the Region 6 ag mechanics contest March 8 at the Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Jackson.

Remme placed fifth overall as an individual.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sanford Health accepting scholarships

Students in select Sanford Health Network locations are invited to apply for a health network scholarship. The \$2,000 scholarships are for students pursuing a post-secondary degree

in a health care-related field. Each participating Sanford network facility will sponsor one student with a scholarship. Email educationalassistance@sanfordhealth.org for info.

1902: Welcomed rain puts vigor into growing crops

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on July 4, 1902.

Condition of the Crops. The Reports are Generally Encouraging Recent Rain and Warm Weather Have Given Vigorous Impetus to the Growing Grain and Wrought Marked Improvement in the General Crop Conditions—Interviews with Well-Informed Farmers and Land Owners.

Another heavy rain Tuesday night, followed Wednesday by sunshine and higher temperature, gave new vigor to the growing crops and fresh impetus to the growth which had been to some extent retarded by too cold weather. The effect is shown in marked and most gratifying improvement in the condition and appearance of crops of all kinds. The large acreage of corn which was not injured by frost is in fine condition and it is quite safe



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

to say, so far as this part of the crop is concerned, that corn never looked better at this season of the year than it does at present. Much of the corn which was struck by the frost is recovering rapidly and with favorable weather will give a good average yield. The outcome,

Bits, go to on page 8

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Luverne seventh-grader Knute Oldre has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semi-finalists eligible to compete in the 2012 Minnesota National Geographic Bee.

Oldre, son of Kyle and Sara Oldre, excelled in the Luverne spelling bee earlier in the school year and now will compete in the geography contest at the state level on March 30 in St. Cloud.

To advance to state competition, he took a qualifying test for the National Geographic Society.

25 years ago (1997)

•Push is coming to shove for the planned hospice cottage to be built near Luverne Community Hospital.

The land is purchased, the architect has been hired and a spring ground breaking is scheduled. The next item on the agenda is the annual Charity Dinner and Auction on April 11 to raise money for the project.

That night will also feature the grand unveiling of the architect's drawings for the cottage. Baldrige and Associates of Sioux Falls was hired for the architect work. It is the same group that refurbished the Rock County Courthouse several years ago.

The drawings will detail a five-bedroom, one-story, wheelchair-accessible house to be built on the corner of Luverne and Oakley streets.

50 years ago (1972)

•Luverne Senior Co-Captain Dick Iveland received state-wide honors last week when he was named to the WCCO 1972 All-State Basketball Team of the Year. Iveland along with 34

other players will be honored with the featured guests at a special dinner at the University of Minnesota on March 25.

75 years ago (1947)

•Jack Kent announced this week that he had contracted to sell the Luverne Recreation Alleys to Elmer Schmuck, farmer living near Luverne. The new owner will take possession about June 1. Mr. Kent, who had owned the alleys the past year, has no definite future plans.

100 years ago (1922)

•Two new entries were made in the political arena the past week, when A. S. Hoime, of Springwater township, and Julius Stoterau, of Beaver Creek township, filed as candidates for the office of the county commissioner from the Second district, comprising the townships of Beaver Creek and Springwater. Mr. Hoime filed Wednesday of last week, and Mr. Stoterau filed Tuesday of this week.

O. I. Godfrey, of Beaver Creek, the present commissioner from this district, announced some time ago that he intends to file for re-election, and the two filings above mentioned therefore make certain a contest in the primary election. It has been known for several months that Mr. Stoterau has had an ambition to represent his district as a commissioner, and as he has been prominently identified with the affairs of his township for a number of years, is well known to the voters.

Mr. Hoime is one of Springwater's best known and most progressive farmers, and his entrance in the contest is said to be due to the insistence of many friends, who contend that if a change is to be made in the commissionership, it should go to a Springwater man.

OBITUARIES

Virgil Christensen

Virgil Christensen, age 94, formerly of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society – The Lodge at Prairie Creek in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, Minnesota. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com

Virgil Joseph Christensen was born on September 20, 1927, to Roy and Blanche (Anderson) Christensen in Kossuth County, Iowa. In 1930 the Christensen family moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where Virgil was raised and graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1945. He spent a brief time in the United States Navy before receiving a medical discharge. Virgil then returned home and enrolled in Northern State University in Aberdeen.

On June 1, 1947, Virgil was united in marriage to Beverly Wood at First Baptist Church in Aberdeen. The couple moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where Virgil continued his college education, graduating from the University of Nebraska in 1950 with a B.S. degree in architectural engineering.

Virgil and Beverly moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to start their family and career. Virgil worked for a

consulting firm until 1955, at which time Virgil was employed by Rolph Construction. In 1958 Virgil, Beverly and their children relocated to Luverne, Minnesota, and founded The Christensen Corporation in 1960. Virgil was the developer and builder of many buildings throughout southwest Minnesota and surrounding areas in Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Virgil attended First Baptist Church while living in Luverne. He gave back to the Luverne community in many capacities throughout his years as a resident, including as a volunteer firefighter and county commissioner. He had a deep sense of appreciation for and gratitude to the Luverne community.

Virgil and Beverly enjoyed going to their cabin at Lake Sarah and their home in Maui, Hawaii, and traveling throughout the United States and abroad. Virgil was very talented and enjoyed woodcarving, woodturning and creating stained glass creations in his workshop in Luverne.

In 2013 Virgil and Beverly returned to Sioux Falls and resided at The Lodge at Prairie Creek. Virgil enjoyed his Prairie Creek community and continued his woodworking and glasswork there. Beverly passed away on December 22, 2016.

On Saturday, March 19, 2022, Virgil died peacefully at the Good Samaritan Society – The Lodge at Prairie Creek, Sioux Falls at the age of 94 years, 5 months, and 29 days.

Virgil was well-respected, innovative, and a man of his word. Although he was very accomplished in his career and hobbies, he was most proud of his children who were all with him at the time of his death.

Virgil is lovingly remembered by his seven children, Carol Christensen and her husband, Adolfo Gallego of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Paula Christensen of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, David Christensen and his partner, Duane Hardy, of Bagley, Minnesota, Carla Casanova and her husband, Mike, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Jolene Ver Steeg and her husband, Bruce, of Lone Tree, Colorado, Jayne Christensen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Mark Christensen of Fort Collins, Colorado; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Al Kundert of Pierre, South Dakota.

Virgil was preceded in death by his loving wife of almost 70 years, Beverly; his parents; a sister, Beverly Kundert; and two brothers, Cleo Christensen and Gerald Christensen.

All memorials will be given to the Beverly and Virgil Christensen Scholarship of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars.

(0327 V)

Donald Lafrenz

Col. Donald W. Lafrenz, age 83, of Luverne, Minnesota, died Friday, March 18, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Visitation will be Thursday, March 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Funeral service will be Friday, March 25, at 11 a.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To view Don's life tribute video or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Col. Donald Wayne Lafrenz was born on March 5, 1939, to Henry and Martha (Meins) Lafrenz in Springwater Township of Rock County, Minnesota. At a young age, the family moved to a farm northwest of Luverne, Minnesota. Don attended District 8 Country School through the eighth grade. During his youth, Don was involved in the FFA and 4-H programs and received the 4-H Grand Champion Steer and Gilt State Champions. Don graduated from Luverne High School in 1958.

As his father's health declined, Don remained at home to help his father on the farm. Don fell into love with auctioneering after going to the sale barn with his dad for

many years. So much so, that Don went to Reisch's School for Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa, graduating in December 1959 earning the title Col. Donald W. Lafrenz. He returned home after completing the course and began his life of farming and auctioneering. He owned and operated Lafrenz Auction Service for 55 years.

On February 14, 1960, Don married Patricia Letcher at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick, Minnesota. The couple first bought a house and moved it onto Don's parents' farm. They moved to various other farms until settling for 16 years on a farm near Hardwick, Minnesota. At this time they joined Zion Lutheran Church and Don coached the church softball team as they had back-to-back state runner-up finishes in the middle '70s.

In 1989 the couple moved to Luverne. Throughout his life Don farmed along with auctioneering. Later in life, he worked part time at Engbretson-Hartquist Funeral Home. Following that, Don enjoyed helping his son, Darin, build a day care in Larchwood, Iowa.

Watching and cheering on his grandkids at their sporting events was his pride and joy. Don also enjoyed going to auctions, antique stores and loved going to toy shows.

You could always find Don tinkering and restoring old John Deere toy tractors and equipment. He couldn't wait for the Toy Farmer magazine to arrive so he could read it front to back, and then take a long nap in his chair. He also enjoyed restoring furniture, cheering on the Minnesota Vikings, and NASCAR from his love of racing his hobby stock at Huset's Speedway.

In late 2021, Don began having health issues. On Friday, March 18, 2022 he died peacefully, with his wife by his side, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at the age of 83 years and 13 days.

Don is lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years, Pat; four sons, Wayne (Deb) of Parkersburg, Iowa, Doug of Hardwick, Minnesota, Darin of Larchwood, Iowa, and Waylon of Moscow, Tennessee; seven grandchildren, Brandon (Carrie), Bree (Blake), Jesse (Whitney), Spencer, Trevor, Tysen and Courteney; 12 great-grandchildren: Avery, Taylor, Harlie, Lila, Georgia, Morgan, Rylee, Ella, Evan, Braxton, Ava and Alexander; special friends, Mike and Jolene Cronin; special cousin, Wanda; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving daughter-in-law, Judie; parents, Henry and Martha; and brother, Dwight.

(0324 V)

Marvin Klooster

Marvin Frederick Klooster, 91, Adrian, died Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital in Luverne.



A funeral service was Saturday, March 19, at Adrian United Methodist Church in Adrian. Burial with military honors followed at Adrian Cemetery.

Marvin Klooster was born July 17, 1930, to Herman and Tillie Klooster at the family farm outside of Adrian. He attended and graduated from Adrian Public School.

Shortly after graduation, Marvin enlisted in the Army National Guard. He fought with the 2nd infantry division in the Korean War, where he was shot in the chest by enemy fire. His life was saved by the pocket Bible and ammunition clip he carried in his chest pocket. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Award for

his service. After his military service, he drove a semitrailer for his brother, Richard Klooster.

He married Ramona Peterson in October of 1956. Together they built a house in Adrian and lived there until 1964 when they purchased a farm south of Adrian. Marvin and Ramona raised two sons, Kevin and Kenny, on the farm. They milked cows, raised hogs, grew crops and enjoyed family, friends and fun. Marvin continued to farm and drive road grader until his retirement in 1993.

Marvin enjoyed hosting the Fourth of July festivities including a fireworks display at the family farm. He also enjoyed bowling, card club and fishing with his church family.

Marvin and Ramona loved to travel. Their travels

included the continental United States, Hawaii, a cruise to the Caribbean and Germany.

He loved his family and farm. He worked hard and enjoyed the fruits of his labor.

He is survived by his two sons, Kevin Klooster (Gwen Mulder) of Adrian and Kenneth (Jill) Klooster of St. Peter; grandsons Cody Klooster, Kory Klooster, Chandler Klooster and Cameron Klooster; many nieces and nephews and other family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ramona Klooster; his parents; his brothers, John (Mary) Klooster, Richard (Marge) Klooster and Melvin (Angie) Klooster; and his sisters, Gesina (Vernon) Baumgard and Ann Klooster.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

(0324 F)

Joyce Mulder

Joyce Mulder, 86, Luverne, died Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 27, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 28, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne with burial to follow at Maplewood Cemetery.

Joyce Rust was born July 24, 1935, to Ben and Tina (Tjepkes) Rust in Adrian. She attended elementary school at Magnolia Public School and transferred in eighth grade to Adrian Public School. She graduated from Adrian High School in 1952. After graduation, Joyce moved to Oklahoma where she met and married her first husband, Lee Jepson, in 1959. They moved to Connecticut where they were blessed with a daughter, Cindy. In 1968, after Lee's untimely death, Joyce and Cindy moved back

home to be closer to family.

Joyce married Duane Mulder on Oct. 17, 1975. They concentrated on raising their girls, Cindy and Lori, Duane's daughter, and running their farm and auction business. For more than 40 years, Joyce clerked thousands of auctions and settled them out as well. She took the required real estate education and became a real estate salesperson in Duane's real estate firm.

Joyce kept a strong faith, taught Sunday school, and was active in the church activities. Duane and Joyce were Sunday School counselors for a number of years.

They valued their family time, enjoying trips to town in the evening for a root beer float, going fishing after chores, playing a game of pinochle, or going camping and fishing with their girls on weekends. Joyce loved the holidays and planned far in advance for Christmas. She hosted the auction company Christmas party for years.

Joyce was a past president of the Minnesota State Auctioneers Auxiliary and past president of the Luverne Eagles Club Auxiliary. During the last several years, Duane kept her at home and was her caregiver as a lung disease ravaged her body. She passed away at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Duane; daughters, Cindy (Dale) Reverts and Lori (Jim) Von Holtum; grandchildren Micheal (Christine) Reverts, Amanda (Adam) Breheny, Matthew (Stephanie) Reverts, J.J. (Jacob) (Amy) Von Holtum, and Adam Von Holtum; eight great-grandchildren, a brother, Melvin (Dorothy) Rust; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lee Jepson; her parents; a sister, Dolores Dreesen; and a brother, Marvin Rust.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

(0324 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Patricia Aning

Patricia Aning, 62, Luverne, died Friday, March 18, 2022.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 24, from 5-7 p.m. at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne; and also one hour prior to service at the First

Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Funeral service will be 1:30 p.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial will follow in the Luverne Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

(0324 DN)

Lions donate diabetes camp tuition

The Luverne Lions Club recently donated \$750 for local student Nick Lenz to attend Camp Gilbert this summer near Waubay, South Dakota. The camp, located at Camp Nesodak, is for children ages 8 to 18 living with Type 1 diabetes. Pictured Wednesday, March 16, in the Rock County Library are (from left) Luverne Lions Club President Steve Cattnach, Janelle and Nick Lenz, and Luverne Lion's Club member Gordon Mulder.



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Lori Sorenson photo/0324 generator at power plant Dec. 16 photo

City electric supervisor Brian Remme offers a tour Dec. 16 of the power plant before construction began. The two new 3-megawatt generators will join an existing 1960s generator that also has a 3-megawatt capacity. The three working together will have a combined capacity of more than 9 megawatts, enough to power the entire city in the event of an outage.

Power plant improvements/continued from page 1

times. In a new capacity agreement, MRES will pay Luverne \$6.7 million over 30 years, which will help pay for roughly half the \$11.8 million total cost of the project.

In addition to the new generators, that work includes:

- modernizing the east substation and the associated switchgear.
- a new control building (the prefabricated building was delivered March 2).
- necessary improvements to the power plant to house the generation equipment.

Rice Lake Construction is the contractor for work that most recently included removal of the coal bunker building, other selective demolition, miscellaneous interior concrete construction, interior steel construction and mobilization costs.



Ask a Trooper: All licensed Minnesota vehicles need front license plates, even electric cars

By Sgt. Troy Christianson
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Why do all of the Teslas I see in Minnesota lack the required front license plate? I see lots of other all-electric vehicles from other manufacturers and they all have a front plate. I know several people who have collector cars, and they all complain that they have to use a front plate, but I have yet to see a Tesla with one.

Answer: Teslas are required to have a front license plate in Minnesota. This is

a common equipment violation. Minnesota State Statute (M.S.S.) 169.79 states: "No person shall operate, drive or park a motor vehicle on any roadway unless the vehicle is registered in accordance with the laws of this state and has the license plates or permit confirming that valid registration or operating authority has been obtained."

Vehicles that are allowed to display only one license plate include motorcycles, a dealer's vehicle or vehicle in-transit, classic car, collec-

tor car or a vehicle that is of model year 1972 or earlier that is not registered as a collector vehicle and is used for general transportation purpose.

License plates must be displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. They cannot be displayed in the front windshield or rear window. The plates must be securely mounted and displayed horizontally with the identifying numbers and letters visible. License plates issued to vehicles must also

display the month of expiration in the lower left corner of each plate and the year of expiration in the lower right corner of each plate.

The plate must be unobstructed and free from grease, dust or other blurring material (dirt, mud, snow, etc.) so the lettering is visible at all times. It is unlawful to cover assigned letters and numbers or the name of the state of origin with any material, including any clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectiv-

ity. This also includes license plate brackets that block the state of issuance and tabs.

Why do we have two license plates? First and foremost, it is the law in Minnesota M.S.S. 169.79. From a law enforcement perspective it is safer to have two plates for several reasons:

- If an officer needs to run vehicle information they can get the plate information from the front or rear of the vehicle.
- It makes a suspect vehicle easier to identify if it is

encountered from the front or the rear.

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however, in the fields most seriously injured can not as yet be predicted. A fair idea of the general conditions may be gained from the information and opinions given in the following interviews:

E. N. Darling: "The frost didn't hurt my corn at all. I am going to have between fifty and sixty bushels to the acre of good corn. Wheat, barley and oats are doing fine and will be a big crop."

Fred Kreps: "The frost didn't touch me, except a little strip in a gully. If the weather warms up pretty soon I will have one of the best corn crops I ever raised. The small grain is coming along fine and will yield above the average."

T. H. Crosswell, Beaver Creek: "Take it as a whole I will have a very good crop, especially of small grain. The frost hurt my corn a little, probably ruining about one-fifth of it, but the rest with favorable weather will make first class corn. I think this year's crop will compare very favorably with that of last year."

O. A. Hulett: "I don't believe the frost hurt my corn a bit. It may have delayed it a couple of weeks, but that is all. All of the small grain is fine. The recent rains have done wonders to the crops changing conditions so much that in some instances it is hardly possible to recognize the same fields. I think we'll have just as good a crop this year as last."

Ira Crawford, Beaver Creek: "It would be pretty hard to say just how much damage was done by the frost over our way. There are a lot of pieces that are probably entirely ruined. On the whole, however, I don't believe that the damage is very great. The freezing of the leaves won't hurt it except to make it a little late. If the tassel in the center of the stalk isn't frozen it will be all right and will make pretty fair corn no matter how hard the leaves were hit. All the other grain is first class and we will have a big crop if the weather continues favorable."

A. H. Turner, Magnolia: "The frost hit us pretty hard out our way. I believe that it

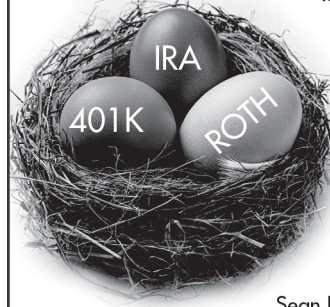
hurt all of the grain. Almost every field of corn was hurt more or less. If everything is favorable from now on—that is if we have plenty of rain and warm weather—we will probably get about half of the usual corn crop. The recent rain came just right and has, no doubt, done a great deal of good, although it does not now show up owing to the continued cold weather. I am afraid the wheat crop will be light; possibly not over two-thirds of a full crop. The barley and oat crop will be good, and fully up to the average."

J. A. Kennicott: "I don't believe the corn crop is hurt half as bad as a lot of them say. Of course the frost hit a lot of it pretty hard, in some places killing it outright, but in most instances just the tops of the leaves have been touched, which with a little warm weather will come out all right and make pretty fair corn. I believe that five per cent would be a large estimate of the corn that was completely ruined by frost. Other grain will be good—about the same as last year, I should think—which means a very fair average crop. Of course, everything depends upon the weather. To make it come out right we will have to some warm weather pretty soon."

James Hagedorn: "We're going to have about a half crop this year. I don't believe that it will be to exceed that. The long dry spell cut down the yield a great deal more than most people think. No, the frost didn't hurt my corn much. I have seen some pieces that were completely ruined, but there are not very many that were. We can always raise corn here. I went down to Davenport a few weeks ago to sell my farm in the vicinity so as to buy more land in Rock county. I didn't make the sale, but I will in a short time, and when I do I will buy here. I wouldn't buy land anywhere else than in Rock county. It is the best I ever saw, and I have traveled all over the United States during the past ten years. I can raise fifty bushels of good corn to the acre without any trouble, and so can others."

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Luverne 12U girls are Minnesota Hockey State Champions

By Matt Lais,
For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' 12U team won the state championship in Virginia over the weekend, accomplishing a feat no other youth hockey team has ever done in the history of the Luverne Hockey Association.

The Luverne girls opened state tournament play at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center with a 4-2 win over Woodbury Black Friday afternoon.

That set up a semifinal game Saturday afternoon when the Cardinals wasted no time putting pucks in the net, winning 15-2 over Alexandria.

Luverne took on Apple Valley-Burnsville-Eastview on Sunday in the state championship game, claiming an early 3-0 lead after the first period before cruising to a 4-0 win.

It was a huge accomplishment for the Cardinal girls, who outscored their opponents 23-4 and outshot them 113-34 during the state tournament.

The Luverne girls finished the season with an impressive 36-1-1 record.



Luverne's 12U hockey girls include (front, from left) Kloe Brockberg, Kassidy Saarloos, Brynlee Lass, Nylah Vannelli (Redwood Valley back-up goalie), Tenlee Pick, Trinley Vanderburg, Tenley Behr, Rylee Kurtz, Ellie Van Batavia, Marlee Nelson and Izzy Steensma. Head coach is Dave Van Bataiva (back left) and assistant coach is Mark Steensma.

Members of the 12UB State Championship Team are Tenley Behr, Elly Van Batavia, Kassidy

Saarloos, Kloe Brockberg, Rylee Kurtz, Tenlee Pick, Marlee Nelson, Trinley Vanderburg, Izzy

Steensma and Brynlee Lass. Coaches for Luverne are David Van Batavia and Mark Steensma.

Luverne goalie earns prestigious character award

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne sophomore hockey goalie Tyler Arends received the High School Hobey Baker Memorial Award for his performance on and off the ice this past hockey season.

Candidates for a High School Hobey Baker Award are selected by their coaches, based on coachability, strength of character, integrity, commitment, teamwork, community leadership and outstanding sportsmanship.

Luverne Head Coach Phil Paquette shared his nomination information with the Star Herald Tuesday.

"Tyler was the lone goaltender for the Luverne Cardinals during the 2021-2022 hockey season. There was no backup for him and no solid backup plan in the event that he would be unable to play. Tyler never missed a day all season," Paquette wrote.



Tyler Arends

"He battled his way each and every day even when dealing with illness or injury; he was there for us without complaint. Tyler suffered a hamstring injury

during the middle of the season and worked hard to get healthy and strengthen that muscle. He was able to recover from that injury and has now finished the 2021-

2022 season playing all games while making save after save."

Arends received the Big South Conference honorable mention award as one of the top goalies in the conference.

"Tyler's coachability, accountability, relentless determination, and selfless commitment to our team made him a deserving nominee for the Hobey Baker Award. I look forward to two more hockey seasons with him on the net."

Girls' All-Conference team includes two LHS players

Two Luverne High School girls' basketball team players earned Big South All-Conference honors for their play during the 2021-22 season.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg, a senior, and Elizabeth Wagner, a junior, were among 10 players in the west division to be named to the All-Conference team.

Junior Chris-



Luverne girls' basketball honorees are (from left) Kira John, Elizabeth Wagner, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Christina Wagner

tina Wagner and sophomore Kira John received honorable mention.

Luverne finished the year with a 9-3 record and was second in the west division.

Other west division schools include first-place Marshall (12-0), Worthington, Jackson County Central, Windom Area, Pipestone Area and Redwood Valley.

Two Patriots named to boys' All-Conference Team list

Hills-Beaver Creek High School seniors Cole Baker and Oliver Deelstra are among the list of 15 boys' basketball players selected as All-Conference picks for the Red Rock Conference.

The Patriots ended the 2021-22 season with a 9-7 record.

Southwest Christian,

Edgerton, was 15-1 on the season and leads the list with three all-conference selections. Mountain Lake Area Comfrey, Murray County Central, Westbrook Walnut Grove and Heron Lake-Okabena Fulda all had two all-conference picks. Adrian-Ellsworth had one player on the all-conference team.

Ahrendt makes Big South All-Conference list

Luverne High School junior Gannon Ahrendt was named to the 2022 Big South Conference All-Conference list for this boys' basketball season.

Ahrendt was one of 10 athletes from the West Division making the All-Conference list. Luverne went 2-10

in the West Conference led by 10-2 Marshall High School.

Redwood Valley had three all-conference athletes, Marshall had two, Pipestone Area two, and one each for Jackson County Central, Worthington and Windom Area.

H-BC's Fick named to All-Conference girls' basketball team

Hills-Beaver Creek High School senior Kena-die Fick was named to the 2022 Red Rock Conference All-Conference Team.

Teammate sophomore Lanae Elbers received

honorable mention.

The Lady Pates ended the 2021-22 season with a 11-5 record, tied for second with Edgerton High School.

Southwest Christian,

Edgerton, led the conference with a 16-0 record and received four selections on the all-conference team.

Red Rock Central, Edgerton and Heron

Lake-Okabena had two all-conference players. Mountain Lake Area Comfrey, Westbrook-Walnut Grove, Murray County Central and Adrian-Ellsworth each had one all-conference player.

Practice makes perfect

Hone shooting skills now to be a better shot for hunting season later

What can you do this time of year that is outdoors-related? One of them is to start practicing whatever shooting discipline you enjoy.

I have a really hard time understanding how some of my avid pheasant hunting friends will comment when they head out on opening day that they never practiced shooting all summer.

I am a shotgun guy through and through. I expend hundreds if not thousands of rounds practicing so when that wily rooster pops up in front of me, he ends up in my hunting vest.

When it comes to rifle shooting, I am a complete amateur. I have never really had a desire to be one of those super intense guys or gals that can put five shots on a target at 500 yards or longer and all of the bullet holes touch each other in the bull's eye.

This was until about three years ago. My Pheasants Forever chapter hosts a veterans appreciation hunt every year, and I met a guy named Todd Van Langen. He is a 25-year special forces veteran who is now completely disabled. He still gets around OK but can no longer serve his county. The man is well recognized as one of the best shooters in the world.

As a thank you for inviting him to our event, he offered to put on a long-range shooting clinic as a fundraiser for our chapter. This will be the third year he has traveled from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Worthington to instruct such a class. The dates of this year's class are May 21 and 22.

The class is limited to 12 participants, and the cost is \$750 per shooter. A husband-wife team is counted as one shooter, and any adult child pairing is also considered one shooter for fee purposes. I watched and organized the first class and actually took the class the second year.

We had a variety of different skill level participants over those two years, ranging from dedicated shooters wanting to improve their skills to the average deer hunter wanting to gain some confidence when putting the crosshairs on a big deer, elk or other big game.

The class touts that any participant will be able to make accurate shots out past 700 yards with confidence.

I looked at myself and said that sure isn't going to be the case for me. Todd went back to North Carolina and built me a rifle from a vast array of spare parts he had accumulated over the years.

They are called skeleton guns. I have a hard time telling a \$10,000 rifle from an \$800 one. Other shooters had some specialty guns made specifically for long-range shooting, and others had \$350 guns purchased from their uncles.

The two-day class has a half day of class time instruction and 1 1/2 days of pure range shooting. I have a range set up on one of my wildlife properties that allows for shots out to 880 yards.

Todd once told me that long-range rifle shooting is all math. You do the calculations, make adjustments and pull the trigger. Wing shooting, on the other hand, is all instinct.

There is no ballistics table you can use to determine the lead on a pheasant winging 45 mph angling away at 45 degrees with an uphill trajectory of 20 degrees in a 30-mph wind.

We used some very sophisticated apps on my phone to dial in all of the math calculations for the velocity, weight and ballistic coefficient of the bullet along with wind speed and direction. After a basic understanding on my part, I went to the range with 11 other shooters to see what we might be able to accomplish.

Ten of the 12 participants had never shot at a target more than 300 yards away. By the end of the two days, each and every shooter including me was hitting the 880-yard target three out of every five attempts on average. Some did even much better than that.

I am now hooked deep into this very challenging pastime. The limiting factor for me is the competition for time from other outdoor activities and the cost of ammunition.

If you would like some more information about this very unique opportunity, reach out to me at scottarall@gmail.com. All proceeds will benefit wildlife habitat across Minnesota.

The class is limited to 12 participants, and three of the spots are already filled. Act now to become a better shooter even if your goal is small holes in paper targets or a clean kill on the buck of a lifetime. You might very well get hooked like I did.

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



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

Easter celebrates our salvation won by Jesus

Easter gives us great joy and at the same time immense sorrow. Jesus' death, burial and resurrection are all part of the Easter account.

Easter and the season of Lent reminds us of the sinful state of humanity.

Adam and Eve couldn't keep one command. They were told not to eat of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, yet they blatantly rejected God and ate of the fruit. This resulted in every person being born a sinner. "Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all man (humanity) because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)

The Apostle Paul tells us that "no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." (Romans 3:11-12) The Bible says we will all — every person who has lived, is living or will live, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, popular or unpopular, kind or mean — everyone will give an account to God for their life.

As you reflect on your life this season of Lent, remember what the Bible says about every person who has ever lived, is living or will live in the future. We are all sinners and have turned our back on God. The account doesn't stop with us wallowing in sin with no hope. Yes, we are all sinners, but the great news of Easter is that Jesus came to earth and lived a sin-free life, went to the cross to atone for our sins.

We do not deserve God's love. We cannot

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

Easter gives us great joy and at the same time immense sorrow. Jesus' death, burial and resurrection are all part of the Easter account.

earn his love. No matter how good we are, we can never do enough.

Lent reminds us of our sinfulness and Easter the celebration of the forgiveness of sin for all who "confess with your (their) mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your (their) heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart, one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." (Romans 10:9-10).

Remember you sin, confess your sin, repent of your sin and rejoice in the free gift of salvation because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross of Calvary.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

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

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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.

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

Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
Thursday, March 24: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, March 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service with baptism. 10 a.m. Sunday School and fellowship coffee. 10 a.m. 5th grade First Communion class. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Night. 5 p.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. Tuesday, March 29: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 5th grade break-making after school. 5-6:30 p.m. Lenten supper. 6:45 p.m. Lenten service. Voices of Grace rehearsal after 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 24: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tykes. Friday, March 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, March 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Monday, March 28: 2 p.m. Movie Monday. 6:30 p.m. VBS work night. Tuesday, March 29: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, March 30: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Thursday, March 31: 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

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. Saturday, March 26: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, March 27: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Tuesday, March 29: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, March 30: 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 27: 8-9:15 a.m. Senior high French toast brunch. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Monday, March 28: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Quilting group. Wednesday, March 30: 5:15 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Choir. 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
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Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, March 26: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, March 27: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible class; Sunday School. 11:20 Junior Choir. Monday, March 28: 1 p.m. Quilting. 3 p.m. Youth Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. Wednesday, March 30: 9:30 a.m. Bible study. 6 p.m. Lenten 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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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

Sunday, March 27: 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 27: 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 27: 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>

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201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
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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
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Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
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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 27: 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 blehills.org. Tuesday, March 29: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, March 30: 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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Rock County Commissioners meet Jan. 25

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse Jan. 25, 2022

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the January 25, 2022 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the County Board minutes of January 04, 2022, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Alpha Wireless Radio Service Agreement - \$7,500
2. MNBWSR/DNR Block Grant - \$71,736
3. 2022 Pay Equity Report

The County Board was introduced to (3) new employees: Haley Boltjes, Land Records Office Administrative Assistant, Lee Tapper, Land Management Office Engineering Technician, and Brett Heikes, Highway Department Equipment Operator. The County Board welcomed them to the county's workforce.

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BIDDER	PURCHASE PRICE	NET INTEREST COST	TRUE INTEREST COST
(TIC) PIPER SANDLER & CO Minneapolis, MN	\$4,632,163.45	\$906,470.40	1.9385743%

Syndicate: Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P.; Trust Financial Corporation

STIFEL, NICOLAUS & CO
, INC.; Birmingham, AL

ROBERT W. BAIRD.
& CO., INC; Milwaukee, WI

RAYMOND JAMES &
ASSOCIATES, INC Memphis, TN

After additional discussion, motion by Burger to approve Resolution 04-22, for the Issuance and Sale of \$4,505,000 GO Bonds, Overgaard seconded the motion and Resolution 04-22 was approved on 5-0 vote, and declared carried.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JANUARY 25, 2022 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$6,999.38
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	4,900.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	5,800.79
CHS	8,582.87
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	8,330.00
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	2,633.03
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	10,310.00
EVERBRIDGE INC	4,129.17
FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,682.33
HERMAN MOTOR CO	2,429.14
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	11,067.30
LUVERNE/CITY OF	45,836.26
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	16,055.18
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	181,109.45
MN COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN	3,183.00
MN SHERIFFS ASSN	4,793.83
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	3,558.35
REVIZE LLC	2,200.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	3,260.57
ROCK MOTOR SPORTS LLC	5,375.21
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	34,516.37
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	2,908.38
STREICHER'S	2,569.40
SW MN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD	4,000.00
SWPTSA	3,365.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,196.99
TOWMASTER	2,240.72
91 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	31,516.29
TOTAL	\$416,549.01

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected year end settlement and the February bond payments. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested approval Resolution No. 03-22, a grant application for Help America Vote Act (HAVA); motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger to approve Resolution No. 03-22, declared carried on a voice vote.

Doug Bos, LMO Assistant Manager and Ryan Holtz, Rural Water Systems Manager, informed the County Board that an Administrative Penalty Order of \$9,650.00 was issued to Cody Penning d/b/a Penning Hauling from MN Pollution Control for violations of MN environmental requirements. The contamination occurred within the Rural Water well field and Bos and Holtz were pleased to state that due to immediate corrective action taken, the contaminants' never reach the rural water wells.

Bos and Holtz also presented information regarding a pilot program sponsored by Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Department of Health designed to protect well head areas. Parcels within Sections 12 and 13 (110 acres) located in Clinton Township, will be enrolled into a 30-year contract with restrictions on the production of the property. The state grant payments to the land owner will be based on RIM valuation formulas, along with other cash funds from Rural Water, and SWCD. At the end of the 30-year agreement, an easement will stay with the property. No action was required by the County Board.

Holtz provided a Rural Water activity update stating that the system distributed 294 million gallons in 2021. They have located a new and deeper well and are moving forward with MPCA to commission the new well. The new well project will ensure that the rural water system has a local backup plan in the event of water shortages. Holtz is currently applying for grant to assist with the well commissioning project along with the construction of a new water tower on the west side of the system.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding ARPA funding stating that the final rule from the federal government has a broader discretionary guideline on how to spend the funds. The final rules states that ARPA funds cannot be used for reserves or to service debt. Rock County received its first allocation and designated the funds to be allocated using the preliminary rules which was more restrictive. After considerable discussion, motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard to amend the APRA Phase I rules (adopted 09/21/2021) and follow the same rules adopted by the Federal Final rules in spending the ARPA funds, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board determined the need to meet with city and township officials regarding the Final Rule of ARPA funds, it was determined the County Board would host a meeting on February 22, 2022 at 6:00PM in basement of the Rock County Community Library. The County Board meeting of February 22nd will begin at 4:00PM to coincide with the city and township officials meeting.

The County Board briefly discussed the Revive 2030 event sponsored by Sioux Valley Electric; no action was taken.

The Administrator briefly discussed the process for re-districting stating that the county is the last unit of government to draft their new boundaries; more information will be presented as it becomes available.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve 2022 Boards & Committee appointments, declared carried on a voice vote

Advocate Connect Educate

Sherri Thompson
Greg Burger (Alternate)

AS400 Computer Committee

Kyle Oldre
Ashley Kurtz
Rachel Jacobs
Shawn Sweeney
Lana Henrichs

Association of Minnesota Counties

All Commissioners
Kyle Oldre
Mark Sehr
Susan Skattum

AMC Policy Committees

Environmental & Natural Resources –
Overgaard
General Government – Reisch
Health & Human Svcs – Thompson

Public Safety – Burger
Transportation – Williamson

AMC District VIII Committees

Ag & Transportation – Overgaard
Ag & Rural Development Task Force- Burger & Overgaard
ATP – Burger (alternate)
Land Use – Overgaard
Health & Human Services - Thompson

Audit Committee

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre
Susan Skattum
Ashley Kurtz
Lana Henrichs

Budget Committee

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre
Ashley Kurtz
Susan Skattum

Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority

Stan Williamson
Sherri Thompson
Kyle Oldre, Exe Sec
Ashley Kurtz, Treas
Susan Skattum

Buildings Committee

Jody Reisch
Stan Williamson
Kyle Oldre

Children's Justice Initiative

Stan Williamson
SWHHS Rep

Compliance Committee

Eric Hartman
Ashley Kurtz
Racel Jacobs

911 Committee

Greg Burger
Evan Verbrugge
Aaron Blank
Dave Van Batavia
Kyle Oldre
Harlan Vande Kieft
Jeff Bass
John Call

Extension Committee

Gary Overgaard
Stan Williamson
Kurt Elbers
Lynette Jauert
Anna Haas
Matt Jessen
Kory Kruse
Jordan Papik
Nathan Kingsinger (youth)
Justin Mente (youth)

Judicial Ditch Advisory Board

Stan Williamson
Gary Overgaard
Eugene Peterson
Dean Wenzel
Roger Brockberg
Robert Williamson

Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed

Bill Jansma

Law Library Committee

Jody Reisch
Tim Connell
Damon Eisma

Luverne City/County Liaison Committee

Jody Reisch
Gary Overgaard
Kyle Oldre

Luverne Community Economic Development Corporation

Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre (Alternate)

Lyon County Regional Landfill

Gary Overgaard
Greg Burger (Alternate)

Multi County HRA

Jody Reisch

Personnel Committee

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Jeff Haubrich
Kyle Oldre
Daryl Fuerstenberg
Highway Union rep
Arlyn Gehrke
Ashley Kurtz

Personnel Board of Appeals

Craig Oftedahl
John Call
Todd Holthaus

Private Industry Council Chief Elected Officials Board

Sherri Thompson

Planning & Zoning Committee

Gary Overgaard
Cliff Schilling
Brad Petersen
Gordon Mulder
Kurt Wenzel
Dave DeBoer
Mark Vander Pol
Mary Thompson (non-voting member)
Eric Hartman (non-voting member)
Jeff Haubrich (non-voting member)

Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

Overgaard
Brad Petersen
Gordon Mulder

Mark Vander Pol
Kurt Wenzel
David DeBoer

Plum Creek Library Committee

Sherri Thompson
Greg Burger (Alternate)

Rock/Pipestone County Collaborative

Jody Reisch
SWHHS Rep
SW Mental Health Rep
PIC Representative
Todd Holthaus
Neal Steffl
Craig Oftedahl
Jon Ramlo
Bonnie Christensen
Kyle Oldre

Rock County Community Library

Sherri Thompson
Barbie Meinerts
Marilyn Bergman
Molly Carbonneau
Margie Fuerstenberg
Holly Anderson
Vonnie Nergaard

Rock County FDA Committee

Gary Overgaard
Jody Reisch
Tammy Johnson
Keith Elbers
Tim Gust
David Riphagen
Lanette Elbers
Chad Overgaard
Josh Tuene
Kyle Oldre (ex-officio)
Ashely Kurtz (ex-officio)
Jeff Haubrich (ex-officio)

Rock County Opportunities

Nancy Walker

Rock County/HBC School Liaison

Stan Williamson
Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre
Ali Breuer
Scott Johnson
Jeff Haubrich
Evan Verbrugge

Rock County Historical Society Advisory

Gary Overgaard

Rock County/Luverne School Liaison

Sherri Thompson
Gary Overgaard
Kyle Oldre
Stacy Schepel
Jeff Haubrich
Evan Verbrugge

Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Advisory Board

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Jeff Haubrich
Jon Ramlo

Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Executive Board

Greg Burger
Jody Reisch
Jeff Haubrich

Rock County Rural Water

Stan Williamson
Chad Overgaard
Shelia Steinhoff
Matthew Sorenson
Andrew Hoyme
Wayne Thompson
Scott Loosbrock

Rock County Veterans Memorial

Rick Peterson
Annabelle Frakes
Gregg Groepel
Kyle Oldre

Safety Committee

Kyle Oldre
Susan Skattum
Highway Union Rep
Deputy Union Rep
Arlyn Gehrke
Justin Feikema
Al Hartz
Gary Kurtz

Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Stan Williamson

SWCD/Rock County Liaison

Stan Williamson
Jody Reisch
Roger Hoff
Jim Veldkamp

Southern Prairie Community Care

Greg Burger
Sherri Thompson(alt)

Southwest Health & Human Services

Sherri Thompson
Greg Burger

Southwest Health & Human Services Nursing Hands Committee

Greg Burger

Southwestern Mental Health Center

Greg Burger
Stan Williamson
Jane Lanphere

Southwest MN Adult Mental Health Consortium

Greg Burger

Southwest Minnesota Opportunities Council

Jody Reisch

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Southwest Regional Development Commission

Sherri Thompson
Keith Elbers

Emergency Communications Board

Jody Reisch
Kyle Oldre (alternate)

Southwest Regional Radio Committee

Evan Verbrugge

Southwest Regional Rural Energy Task Force

Gary Overgaard
Greg Burger (Alternate)

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT)

Gary Overgaard

The Administrator informed the County Board of an upcoming BRRRA meeting scheduled for January 27, 2022, and that he has been exploring some economic development opportunities utilizing the rail.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Next Era, Community Corrections, Southwest MN Opportunity Council, City/County Liaison, Revive 2030 event.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health and Human Services, Next Era, Revive 2030 event.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Land Use, CERT, Next Era, Rural Energy, Solid Waste, City/County Liaison, Revive 2030 event.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health and Human Services and Revive 2030 event.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Rural Water, Next Era, SWCD, Revive 2030 event.

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

(03-24)

Southwest Solid Waste Board

Gary Overgaard
Greg Burger (Alternate)

Southwest Regional EMS Board

Harlan Vande Kieft
Jody Reisch (alternate)

SWMN Tourism

Jane Lanphere

Transit Advisory Committee

Jody Reisch
Gary Overgaard
Tammy Johnson
Todd Holthaus
Mike Altena
Molly Peterson
Kyle Oldre

Luverne City Council sets assessment hearing April 12

NOTICE OF HEARING PROPOSED ASSESSMENT
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA, MARCH 8, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the council will meet at 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2022, at Luverne City Offices, 305 E Luverne St. Luverne, MN to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for Improvement No. 371231, the improvement of 131st Street principally by constructing water and sewer mains therein in order to serve a new private housing development. Adoption by the council of the proposed assessment may occur at the hearing. The following is the area proposed to be assessed:

The amount to be specially assessed against your particular lot, piece, or parcel of land is \$200,000 shown in the attachment to this notice. Such assessment is proposed to be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 10 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January 2023, and will bear interest at the rate of four (4) percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. To the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2023. To each subsequent installment when due shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments.

You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor-treasurer, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the city clerk. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of this assessment. You may at any time thereafter, pay to the county auditor-treasurer the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given above the rate of interest that will apply is four (4) percent per year. The right to partially prepay the assessment according to City Code Sec. 33.37, (A) is available.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$200,000. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal to district court may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

Under Minn. Stat. §§ 435.193 to 435.195 and City Code Sec. 33.36 the council may, in its discretion, defer the payment of this special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older, one retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability, or a member of the National Guard or other reserves ordered to active military service for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law and City Code, all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law and City Code Sec. 33.36 may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the city clerk for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on his/her property.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

/s/ Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(03-24)

Magnolia Board of Appeal (and Equalization) meets April 11

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Magnolia, will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, the 11th day of April, 2022, at the Magnolia City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value of classification is in correct, please first contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Given under my hand this 8th day of March, 2022.

/s/ Glenda Schomacker,
Magnolia City Clerk
(03-24)

Sandbulte brings forth land patent benefit

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

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

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks paint bids by April 18

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
C.P. 067-401-025

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 18th, 2022.

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

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

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Quantities of Work are: 2,128 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint – White & 1,333 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Centerline Pavement Marking Paint – Yellow.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, https://www.co.rock.mn.us/departement_directory/highway_department/index.php.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$50.00

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-401-025"**.

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

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(03-24, 03-31, 04-07)

H-BC School Board meets Feb. 28

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
Feb. 28, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:04 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN.

Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Fransman, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member Gehrke was absent.

Motion by Harnack, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed addition: 8.1. Consider/Approve ending contract with SWWC Cooperative for Payroll Services effective end of business day on June 30, 2022 There were no visitors to the meeting.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-FFA Week-February 21-25
-Elementary Penny War Fundraiser for Game Plan 4Hope

Board Committee Meeting Reports:

-Personnel/Finance 2/23; Building/Grounds 2/23, Transportation 2/23

Motion by Bosch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:
-Minutes—02/14/2022

-Bills and Imprest Cash

-District School Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year

-Spring coaching assignments: Golf—Dan Ellingson, Caleb Ellingson as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach, Track—Rex Metzger--Head Coach, Dalton Bass--Assistant Coach, Darin DeBoer--Junior High Coach

-Resignation of Jill Stiefvater as Special Education Teacher at the end of the 2021-2022 School Contract Year.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve ending contract with SWWC Cooperative for Payroll Services effective end of business day on June 30, 2022.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report
•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2022
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 28, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(03-24)

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks road materials bids by April 18

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.A.P. 067-604-033; S.A.P. 067-618-011; S.A.P.067-634-001; S.A.P. 067-636-001;
C.P. 067-401-023; C.P. 067-401-024

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, April 18th, 2022.

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The Major Quantities of Work are: 43,607 Sq. Yds. Mill Bituminous Pavement; 7,622 Tons Type SP 12.5 Bituminous Wear Course Mix; 6,243 Sq. Yds. Remove Bituminous Pavement.

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

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be **\$50.00**.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal. Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-604-033; Etc.**

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

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(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. Scepianiak, 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)

www.Star-Herald.com

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: 100793500000021541

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)

Rock County Commissioners meet Jan. 4

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse Jan. 4, 2022

The meeting was called order by Administrator Oldre with Commissioners Gary Overgaard (District 1), Stan Williamson (District 2), Greg Burger (District 3), and Jody Reisch (District 5) present, Sherri Thompson (District 4) present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Mavis Fodness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The Administrator requested nominations for the County Board Chair; Commissioner Burger nominated Commissioner Reisch. The Administrator called three times for nominations for County Board Chair; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Reisch to serve as the Chair, declared carried on a voice vote. The meeting was turned over to Chair Reisch.

The Chair requested nominations for Vice Chair of the County Board; Commissioner Overgaard nominated Commissioner Thompson. The Chair called three times for nominations for Vice Chair; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Thompson to serve as Vice Chair, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the January 04, 2022 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the December 28, 2021 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 01-22, a Housekeeping Resolution
Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff led a discussion regarding the non-renewal of the law enforcement contract with the City of Kenyon. After considerable discussion to include the County Attorney, it was determined the Sheriff will notify the city council of what law enforcement services his office will and will not provide.

Senator Bill Weber and Representative Joe Schomaker discussed the upcoming 2022 legislative session stating that it is a bonding bill year, but it will take a super majority and that they do not anticipate much getting done due to non-partisanship. The state has a large surplus, however a good share of those funds are due to the federal stimulus; and re-districting will impact current legislative staff. The County Board stated they would like to see an increase in funding for Mental Health services to include long term treatment; they would also like to see ARPA funds dedicated to water and highway infrastructure. The County Board thanked Weber and Schomaker for their time in attending the meeting.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer reviewed the claims listing of December 30, 2021, and January 4, 2022; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the claims, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

DECEMBER 30, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	\$2,625.00
BEAVER CREEK/CITY OF	9,580.13
BMO HARRIS COMMERCIAL CARD	3,423.68
BUFFALO RIDGE CONCRETE	3,560.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	4,039.04
DAKOTA DIESEL SERVICE INC	3,864.87
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	2,058.01
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	9,250.19
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	4,750.00
HARDWICK/CITY OF	6,525.00
HILLS/CITY OF	2,645.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS	3,400.85

LSQ FUNDING GROUP LC	3,446.96
LUVERNE/CITY OF	5,765.28
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	10,720.00
OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES	16,967.47
POWERPLAN	2,733.91
REKER CONSTRUCTION & AGGREGATE LLC	24,832.47
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,126.70
SANDERS INC	2,238.60
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	2,247.55
81 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	27,578.93
TOTAL	\$154,379.64
JANUARY 4, 2022 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	\$9,548.00
HEAT TACTICAL TEAM	2,260.85
KRUGE AIR INC, A DIVISION OF NCI	2,378.00
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	6,520.00
WEX BANK	3,666.39
15 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	4,516.02
TOTAL	\$28,889.26

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 02-22, setting the statutory minimum salaries for elected County Attorney at \$5,000 and County Sheriff at \$4,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to accept the cash gift from the K.A.H.R. Foundation for repair work to be conducted on the tunnel and terrace within the Courthouse Square, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board briefly reviewed a draft of the Boards and Committee assignments; presented as information only.

The Administrator informed the County Board that he had met with the New Vision manager regarding an expansion and improvements to the New Vision Feed Mill located west of Magnolia; Oldre stated that they will be submitting a tax abatement application.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Meals on Wheels delivery

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Meals on Wheels delivery

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Meals on Wheels delivery

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Meals on Wheels delivery

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

(03-24)

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks road projects bids by April 18

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.P. 067-604-031

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday April 18th, 2022.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair Discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in any state, on any single working day during the previous 12 months, you must have a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights to bid on any job in this advertisement. Please contact the Department of Human Rights immediately if you need assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of 1.6% Good Faith Effort to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 119,233 Sq. Yds. Mill Bituminous Pavement; 23,102 Tons Type SP 12.5 Bituminous Wear Course Mix; 9,073 Tons Aggregate Shouldering Class 1; 31,982 Lin. Ft. 4" Perforated P.E. Pipe Drain; 4,116 Tons Aggregate Base Class 5(B).

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

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$50.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SP 067-604-031."

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

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(03-24, 03-31, 04-07)

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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.

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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 PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. SEEKING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

The City of Kerkhoven, MN, Public Works Department, is seeking a full-time Public Works Supervisor starting immediately. A complete job description and benefits package is available upon request.

Minimum requirements: Possess a MN Class D Water Operator's and Class C Sewer Operator's License and able to obtain a Class B Driver's License within 6 months of employment. Have a valid MN Class D Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record. All applicants will be required to have a physical and are subject to a drug test. **Starting wages \$53,830-\$71,780 per year/DOQ**, plus excellent benefits. This is a non-union position.

TO APPLY: All applicants must complete and submit an application for employment packet. Application forms can be obtained at City Hall Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-noon or by calling 320-264-2581 or by email: kerkhovenclerk@gmail.com.

Submit completed applications in drop box or by mail to: City of Kerkhoven, 208 N 10th St, PO Box 116, Kerkhoven, MN 56252. The City of Kerkhoven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Iva Elbers would like to thank family members, friends, and neighbors who offered their kindness and support through calls, visits, and gifts during this difficult time. A special thank you to the staff at Sanford Clinic and Hospital, Tuff Memorial Home, and Sanford Hospice Cottage for their caring support through Iva's illness and passing. Our deepest gratitude goes to Pastor Dan Leininger, musicians Todd Wessels and Barb Antoine, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Hartquist Funeral Home, and Tony's Catering for all their help in Iva's celebration of life. Finally, the family would like to thank all who sent cards of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes and gifts. Your caring acts of kindness are greatly appreciated. Memorials may be sent to The Arthritis Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Luverne Alumni News.
The family of Iva Elbers
(3.19-3.24)

In memory of Gary Akkerman—The family of the late Gary Akkerman wish to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. There are really no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring support from everyone. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Patstor Booe, Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne Hospice Cottage and Luverne Sanford Hospital.
Love,
The Akkerman Family
(3.19-3.24)

The Overgaard family would like to express our gratitude for your prayers, cards, flowers and words of support and encouragement, as we mourn the loss of our father, grandfather, son, brother and Uncle Glenn. A special thank you to all the staff at Parkview Manor for all your love and care, Pastor Ann for her comforting words, the Grace Lutheran Women for serving the lunch and Hartquist Funeral Home for their extraordinary care. Your kindness will be remembered. Please consider this our personal thanks.
The family of Glenn Overgaard
(3.24-3.26)

GARAGE SALES

Rummage Sale: Fri., April 1 and Sat., April 2; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. DIY items, wood benches, cream cans, lockers, old toys, galvanize pails/tubs, chicken feeders, cast iron cookware, street signs, much miscellaneous; NO clothes or glassware. Located 1-3/4 miles east of Kanaranzi. 2074 61st Street, Magnolia, MN. (3.24-3.26)

FOR SALE

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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)

HELP WANTED

Age 55+ workers
needed for
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at the Adrian & Beaver Creek
rest areas on I-90
**Contact Green View
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PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for **Part-time Food Service Worker**

Position open until filled.

Application form available at https://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment.

Submit letter of application and application form to Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent of Schools, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne MN 56156 or c.oftedahl@isd2184.net.
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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_lps/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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COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for **Community Education Administrative Assistant**

- Applicant must have customer service and technology skills.
- Skills in Microsoft Access and Adobe InDesign in addition to prior office management experience is preferred.

Position open until filled.

District application form available at https://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment.

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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



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for **Middle/High School Administrative Assistant**

- Applicant must be familiar with technology and be willing to train in student information systems.
- Applicant must have customer service and communication skills
- Prior office management experience preferred.

Position open until filled.

District application form available at https://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment. Submit letter of application, resume, and application form to Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent of Schools, 709 North Kniss,

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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. Great work environment. Competitive pay. Flexible, weekday hours. No nights, weekends or holidays.



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

ROCK COUNTY SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Rock County is accepting applications for summer help positions at the Highway Department until April 15, 2022. The positions are full-time temporary/seasonal and will work with a variety of projects in providing assistance with the following activities: general maintenance duties at the Highway Department and Transfer Station; may also provide assistance with the engineering department of the Highway Department. Applicants must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and have the ability to stand for long periods of time, along with bending, stooping and the operation light equipment; minimum pay is \$12.88 per hour.

Applications are available online at www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/; for additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's office at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota at 507-283-5065 or by email to susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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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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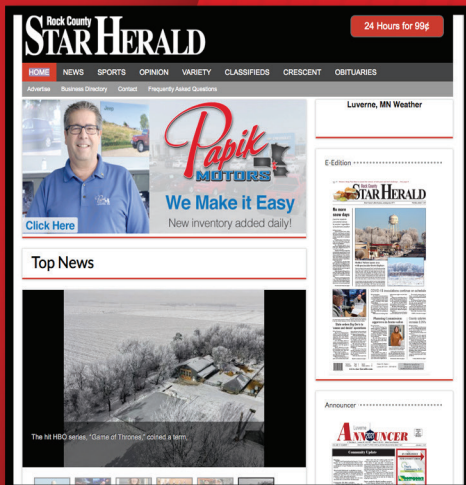
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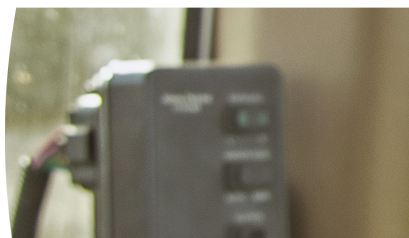
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