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Have spring projects? Local teens ready to help

Rock the Edge Youth gear up for Service Over Self mission week

By Lori Sorenson

Local teens with Rock the Edge Youth are seeking projects for their 2021 Service Over Self mission week June 21-25.

Rock the Edge is a group of youth leaders and teens from Rock County in Minnesota that gather for service and fellowship. The summer work for residents and organizations in Rock County is their primary shared mission.

Projects in the past have included painting, repairing, gardening, landscaping, cleaning, organizing and more.

The first mission summer was in 2018 when 54 teens and 24 adults volunteered with 47 local projects. In 2019 there were 90 youth and 50 adults who worked on more than 70 projects.

Last summer, despite pandemic restrictions, Service Over Self week brought together 75 youth and 35 adults for more than 50 local service projects, all of them outdoors for safe social distancing.

"Service Over Self touches many lives," said Wanda Jarchow, a member of the planning team, at the close of the 2019 mission week.

"Mark 10:45 says, 'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.' And that is our mission - to serve others."

The teens learn the value of volunteering while learning new skills, and project recipients experience Christian generosity and grace.

One team of workers helped a Luverne resident clean a backyard in pouring rain, and that person later described being overwhelmed and grateful.

"They wiped out in a single

Rock the Edge/see page 2



Easter eggs sprinkle courthouse lawn



100 hunters find 1,500 eggs

Luverne Chamber volunteers spent five hours filling 1,500 brightly colored plastic eggs for Saturday morning's Easter egg hunt on the lawn of the Courthouse Square. The event attracted roughly 100 children who filled baskets, pails and bags with the eggs stuffed with candy and stickers.

Mild temperatures and sunshine were ideal egg-hunting weather for the activity sponsored by Security Savings Bank and Sunshine Foods.

At left, Cecilia McKee of Adrian works with her mom to pick up eggs. At far left, friends Gavyn Gainey (left) and Devin Sengvongxay pose with the Easter bunny (aka Luverne High School sophomore Averill Sehr).

Food shelf volunteers make progress on new building

By Lori Sorenson

Staff and volunteers at the Rock County Food Shelf will soon move to their new location at 209 West Maple Street once building renovations are complete.

Food Shelf board member Katie Baustian shared architect drawings of the building showing how it will be utilized.

"It will be like having a storefront where people can

enter with dignity," she said. "We won't be tucked away in a church basement."

The drawings were provided free of charge through the Foundation for Essential Needs, a Minneapolis non-profit that works with organizations to improve food distribution in communities.

"They came down to see our building and were pretty excited about our space, especially the

back room with the overhead door," Baustian said.

She said the board is grateful for the foundation's expertise. "This is what they do; they work with food shelves on utilizing space for shelving and flow."

The 40-by-46-foot building is about 50 percent bigger than the food shelf's current space in the Methodist Church basement and will allow for coolers to

accept meat, produce and dairy donations.

The organization has so far raised more than \$145,000 toward the \$225,000 needed for renovation.

The work includes new doors and windows, shelving, a bathroom, commercial refrigerators and freezers,

Food shelf building/see page 5

Sixty years later Blue Mounds still plays big role in Minnesota bison conservation

By Mavis Fodness

Sixty years after three bison arrived north of Luverne, a new herd of the woolly mammals is starting in another Minnesota location.

The Zollman Zoo in Olmsted County near Byron joins Minnesota's Bison Conservation Herd.

The long-term goal of the program is to build a conservation herd of 500 purebred bison to ensure its long-term stability in Minnesota.

Currently the program consists of 130 bison.

Hunted to the brink of extinction, the American bison numbered in the hundreds in the U.S. before conservation efforts began.

The Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley, which rebuilt its bison



Mavis Fodness photo/0408 bison at blue mounds

Bison graze in the Blue Mounds in this 2020 Star Herald file photo.

herd using offspring from the Blue Mounds bison, oversees the conservation program's health care and breeding.

"It's the Minnesota Zoo's

mission to protect wildlife around the world, and it's exciting to be able to contribute

Blue Mounds bison/page 8

Luverne Veterans Home has new administrator

By Lori Sorenson

Scott Buchanan took over the reins at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne in January amid a pandemic that had upended nursing home operations everywhere.

But the new director took it in stride, having come from the Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls where the same pandemic procedures had been implemented.

"COVID has been difficult for nursing homes everywhere, and the team here in Luverne had a lot of good processes and systems in place," Buchanan said.

"Many were similar or identical to what we were doing at the veterans home in Fergus Falls, so I was able to transition rather smoothly into what we were doing here."

He said local diligence paid off in that Luverne's veterans home



Scott Buchanan

has kept COVID-19 at bay, and most residents and staff have been vaccinated.

"I feel very fortunate that I

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COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,202	2	+1.0%
Pipestone	1,058	2	+0.9%
Nobles	3,936	3	+0.5%
Minnehaha (SD)	30,025	63	+0.8%
Lyon (IA)	1,521	3	+1.2%

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

Date Range	2/14-2/27	2/21-3/6	2/28-3/13	3/7-3/20
Rate	9.56	15.94	14.87	13.81

Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY

- People with at least one dose: 3,033
- People with completed series: 2,006

Data as of 04-14-2021

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

School Status

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

Current data as of April 6, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Shearer retires as longtime coach of Blue Mound Figure Skating

By Mavis Fodness

To Cathy Shearer ice-skating is not for the faint of heart.

“Hard work always pays off — eventually,” she said last week. “Kids get jumps, then lose them. Sometimes for weeks or months they can’t land them anymore, then they get them back and learn that they have to fight to keep them.”

Shearer has dedicated herself to instructing youth how to skate for the past 35 years — 17 of those years with Blue Mound Figure Skating in Luverne.

But mastering the ice is only one lesson Shearer taught.

“As my skaters got older, I spent time in each lesson explaining why I teach them something a certain way — I want them to come away from their skating here in Luverne with the ability to coach themselves someday,” she said.

The Alaskan native taught herself how to ice skate on frozen lakes near her home in Kasilof.

She was a student at Kenai Peninsula Community College in Soldotna, where the first indoor ice rink was built and where she first became an instructor and coach.

“I started going there during lunch for fun, and then got to taking some lessons from a lady who



Submitted photo

After 35 years of teaching youth how to ice skate, Cathy Shearer of Luverne decided to put her red suede skates on the shelf and retire from Blue Mound Figure Skating.

moved down to Soldotna to coach,” Shearer recalled. “I took lessons from her for three years. Then when she left, I took over the head coaching for the Denali Ice Club.”

Shearer coached skaters according to the U.S. Figure Skating and the Ice Skating Institute guidelines and rules.

As her own four children grew older, skating became a family affair.

Husband Marty, while not officially a skater, operates the Zamboni to prepare the ice for skating.

Daughter Sarah is a teacher and lives in Alaska with her husband and two children.

Son Jason lives in

Luverne and works for Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia.

Daughter Katie lives in Sioux Falls and coaches skating with BMFS.

The youngest, Shaid, is a senior at Luverne High School and an ice hockey player. He’ll continue skating next year at the college level.

Shearer is uncertain what drew her to skating, but memories of teaching herself to do tricks on the ice transformed to introducing others to skating while instilling in them the desire to work hard and not to quit.

“Figure skating starts out with big improvements that happen quickly, but after a while the improvements become harder to see and harder to achieve,” she said. “Figure skating is not for the faint of heart either. You fall ... over and over and over.”

A summer 2003 vacation trip to LeMars, Iowa, to visit family members prompted the Shearers to consider moving to the lower 48 states the following year.

Marty worked for BP Alaska and was able to commute to the BP office based in Sioux Falls.

During the move to Iowa, Shearer looked for an ice rink to continue her

Shearer retires/see page 8

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Pleasant View Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 12 at the cemetery. This will be potluck. If weather is bad the meeting will be moved to the home of Brent and Jodi Taubert.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, in the township hall.

Luverne American Legion Auxiliary Post #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Pizza Ranch. Contact Dianna at 283 1934.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. April 15 at the home of Greg Talsma.

Nutrition for seniors April 15

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN will from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 15, via drive thru distribution in parking lot at Generations 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne.

Free food offered April 15

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne.

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

Prairie Ally pruning workshop

Prairie Ally food forest will host a fruit tree pruning workshop from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at 308 N Blue Mound Ave. in Luverne led by Blackshire Farms’ Sean McFarland. The cost is \$12 per individual or \$18 per family. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pruning-workshop-tickets-142596593249> or call 605-951-0227.

‘Stay Active For Life’

ACE of Southwest Minnesota will offer a free eight-week balance and fitness class via Zoom from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 5 through May 28. Call 1-855-215-2174 to register for class #2380. Or go online: <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/2380>. There is no cost to attend these classes, however donations are welcomed.

April 14 and 15 dental clinic

#LuvLuvAll Rock County Oral Health Task Force organized dental clinics on Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 15, at Rock County Health and Human Services. These clinics provide dental care for all ages. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. Exams, X-rays and general services will be provided. All forms of insurance accepted.

Rock the Edge Service over Self mission/continued from page 1

night something that would have taken me two years to do on my own — and they did it under monsoon rains.”

Volunteers painted the house later in the week, and the resident described the work as a “fresh start” toward helping maintain the property.

“I prayed a lot about this — about how I could do it,” the resident said.

“I don’t have the words to describe what this means to me.”

Background

Jarchow said area churches came together in 2015 to form the Rock the Edge youth group “to bring area youth leaders and students together in Christian unity to organize community-wide events for area youth groups to attend.”

Youth leaders and students from area churches meet monthly to plan events, such as “See You at the Pole,” prayer day at schools, Christian films at the Palace Theatre, youth rallies, Christian music concerts and more.

In 2018, Service Over Self was added as a group activity after a local business owner suggested the idea of the stay-at-home mission trip.

“We have lots of local



A group of teens with Rock the Edge Youth paint a house and repair a porch railing during the 2019 Service Over Self mission week in Rock County. The group is accepting project proposals for the 2021 mission June 21-25. See the Rock the Edge Facebook page for details.

people that need help,” Jarchow said. “Why go to other places?”

Here’s how to help

Jarchow, 507-227-1978, and fellow organizer Becky Ossefort, 605-26-4000, are accepting project requests

for the 2021 Service Over Self Week. Inquiries and signups are also accepted at rocktheedgegm@gmail.com.

Adults interested in volunteering can call Nicole Henrichs at 401-500-3427. Monetary donations to

help pay for supplies can be sent to: UMC Compassion Fund, 109 N. Freeman, Luverne, MN 56156.

The Rock the Edge Facebook page provides timely updates about Service Over Self and other projects.

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Minnesotans still need to renew after COVID-19 driver's license extensions end

State says 113,814 people have invalid driver's licenses, instruction permits or ID cards

Minnesotans who received an extension because of COVID-19 and have not yet renewed their driver's license or ID card need to do so right away. Their licenses are invalid as of April 1.

No testing is required as long as a driver's license is expired less than one year and was in good standing prior to expiring.

Legislation extended the expiration date on all Minnesota driver's license or ID cards that would have expired between March 13, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021. Current legislation does not allow further extensions.

Minnesotans have options to renew and should renew as soon as possible.

•Renew online –

The quickest and easiest renewal option is to renew online at drive.mn.gov. This option is available for standard driver's license or ID card renewals that do not require name, address, signature or driver's license number changes. A per-

son's record is updated as soon as the online application is complete.

•Renew in person – Minnesotans must renew in person to make changes to their driver's license or ID card or apply for REAL ID or enhanced driver's license or ID card.

Pre-applying online at drive.mn.gov will reduce the time spent in the office.

Exam stations accept renewal applications on a first-come-first-served basis. No appointments are required.

Deputy registrar and driver's license agent offices are independently owned and operated.

Many require appointments for services and have limited appointments available.

Those who did not obtain an appointment by March 31 should check for offices that do not require appointments, renew at an exam station or renew their standard license online.

Vets home director/from page 1

was able to be vaccinated as a health care employee," he said.

"I would encourage anyone who has access to the vaccine to please get the vaccine — if not for yourself, for those around you. Our elderly population is more susceptible, and the more people we have vaccinated, the easier it will be to keep infection rates down. That does have a big effect on nursing homes."

Buchanan's new position in Luverne puts him closer to his hometown of Sioux Falls, where he and his wife, Chelsea, live with their two small children.

And he's glad to be doing the job he enjoys and also have the benefit of extended family nearby.

"I very much enjoy what I do," he said. "In long-term care the best part is the longevity of the staff, typically, and you have residents who are with you for hopefully years, as opposed to in a hospital, where they're in and out in a couple days."

He describes relationships with staff and residents in the home as being part of a big family.

"I've always liked that. Especially in smaller communities where everybody learns a little bit about everybody else," Buchanan said. "You just become

a family over time, and that's what I've liked about long-term care, is getting to know the residents and staff."

And he's enjoying the unique camaraderie of residents who are veterans.

"In veterans homes, the guys are typically coming to stay with us for a number of years, so you really get to know them," Buchanan said.

"Those who are willing to share their stories about war time, it's just amazing to sit down with them. ... The veterans are extra special, and it's really fun to chat with them about their time in the service."

He said working with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs has been a good experience.

"The MDVA has always been a team approach. We have a great team of leaders that oversees the veterans homes in Minnesota, and we have great leadership in the homes," Buchanan said.

"I've been here for only two months, but it's very apparent we have a caring staff here. Residents are happy. Families are happy and this is just a good place to be, and I just feel



Mavis Fodness photo/0408 Vasshaus Candles Opening Luverne Chamber members welcomed Vasshaus Candle Co. to downtown Luverne April 1 with a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the grand opening. Pictured from left are Annie Opitz, Shelly Nibbelink, Tyler Bush, Sherry Standiford, Julien Booker, Jesse Booker (holding Avery), Shawna Marshall, Mark Standiford, Cris Oeltjenbruns and Becky Walgrave.

Vasshaus Candle Co. open on Main

By Mavis Fodness

There were no April Fool's jokes at the April 1 ribbon-cutting ceremony for Shawna Marshall and Jesse Booker, owners of the Vasshaus Candle Co.

Luverne Area Chamber members greeted and congratulated the new business owners on Main Street Thursday morning at the Mall on Main.

It marked the first day of in-person sales for the couple who started their business last September online.

The couple said their homemade candles smell and look as they're named.

"We try to be really authentic with our scents," Marshall said. "So if we say it smells like pumpkin pie, it smells like pumpkin pie."

Booker is the candle maker, creating wax melts for the two sizes of glass jar candles from shaved wax, fragrant oils and a coloring die.

He brings his experience as a songwriter and guitar teacher at Luverne Street Music to the candle-making process.

"When you're writing a song, you have different layers of sounds you are working with, and that is how it is with each scent blend — you have low notes, middle notes and high notes that come through."

Booker assembles each candle and wax melt by hand, using melted soy wax, fragrant oils and



Jesse Booker (left) and Shawna Marshall opened Vasshaus Candles.

ultraviolet-resistant color dyes. He said the soy-based candles are more eco-friendly and burn longer with a warmer glow and lower temperature.

In another eco-friendly service, the couple also has a recycling program where customers who bring the glass jars back to the store receive discounts on their next purchases.

Candles are a hobby for Booker, who works as a research and development process technician at Raven Industries in Sioux Falls. Marshall is a therapist with Southwest Mental Health in Luverne. They have two young children, Avery and Julien.

The coronavirus pandemic gave the couple time last summer to perfect their first fragrance — pumpkin pie.

Each of the Vasshaus (which means reed house in Nordic countries) fragrances is subtle, yet effective.

"We don't like to be overpowering, in your face," Marshall said. "Something you would like your home to smell like."

Some Vasshaus scents emphasize experiences, such as strawberry champagne, eggnog cheesecakes, chocolate-covered cherries and hot chocolate. Other scents emphasize memories, such as Grandma's kitchen, clean kitchen, By the Fireplace, First Snow, and Winter by the Woods.

A line of aromatherapy scents — tranquility and clarity — have also been created for the home.

The couple launched a website — Vasshaus Candles — in September.

Since then, several of their scents became available at Wildflowers Coffee Boutique in Luverne and at small businesses in Worthington, Currie and Canton, South Dakota.

Framework around the storefront in the Mall on Main already looks like an outline of a house, similar to Vasshaus Candles' logo. Marshall calls the existing décor fate.

"It's too perfect to pass up," Marshall said. "With COVID people have been stuck inside for a year, and they are wanting to get out and go somewhere ... and shop local."

The store size allows room for a work area in the back for making candles as well as room to offer future candle-making classes to the public.

The store will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays through April with possible weekday hours beginning in May.



Jar sizes come in 3.5 oz. and 9 oz., which is guaranteed to burn for a minimum of 40 hours. Scents like Debauchery are created by layering fragrances of bourbon, smoke and cherry into one year-round offering.

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Staying connected as family expands with more grandchildren not an easy task

The weekend provided a wonderful time for renewal, and the warm weather gives a glimpse



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, reporter

A grandparent fills a fun role in assisting the next generation

into a bright and wonderful summer — so much different from last year.

At this time 365 days ago, the coronavirus pandemic made me stop and evaluate how to safely interact with my grandchildren.

It often meant I didn't make car trips to Iowa and opted instead for FaceTime, packages in the mail and promises to see the young ones soon.

While technology is wonderful, it can't replace actually being face-to-face with the grandchildren.

I've missed the added dimension and excitement of sticky fingers, high-pitched screams and the energy in the room.

This year, as the pandemic continues, I'm still cautious in my travels, making few if any stops along the way. If I do, I wear a mask and wash my hands as soon as I arrive and before I even pick the wee little ones up for a hug and a kiss.

My grandson Logan turns 2 this weekend. I didn't attend his party last year but wrote him a letter explaining why he didn't see Papa and Mmmmm-aw (his way of saying MeeMaw) in the flesh for his first birthday.

But we have continued to bond throughout the strange year that was 2020. Now 2021 is bringing on the babies.

By the end of the year I will have three additional great-nieces or great-nephews, and if that is not exciting enough, there will be a third grandchild.

And this one's parents don't live three hours away; they're just a quick 30-minute drive to Adrian. I've already warned my son that grandparents have visitation rights any time of the day.

As the number of grandchildren grows, so does the fear that I won't be able

to effectively develop that MeeMaw relationship with each of them.

What happens if there get to be just too many?

Right now three is not a large number.

Each week I read the obituaries in the Star Herald, and one recent tribute listed 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

I wondered if she was able to meaningfully connect with each one of them? And if she did, how did she do it?

I don't have any experience developing connections between generations since my grandparents were all gone by the time I was 2 years old. But I am going to try my hardest and think creatively with each one of them.

Psychologists say a child's bonding with grandparents can lead to happier adulthood. What better way to combat anger in our society than grandparenting the next generation to be kind and considerate and mind their manners.

A connection can be made even if communication is done digitally or, as my personal favorite, by the written word through emails, text messages or even letters as the grandchildren get older.

Children need a person outside of their parents in whom they can confide feelings rather than act out in the world around them.

A grandparent fills a fun role in assisting the next generation, and I'm up for the challenge — even as the numbers increase.

Government waste or quality of life investments?

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

It's always trendy to criticize government — its taxes, spending and general overreach and control over the lives of hard-working American citizens.

And, sometimes criticisms are warranted.

But sometimes government does accomplish good things, and this week the Star Herald shines light on a few government projects with positive impacts on the community.

For example, we have an update on the Rock County Food Shelf's renovation of a city-owned building.

The city of Luverne purchased the former dental office in 2017 for \$36,000 and added it to the stock of property for potential development.

Yep. It was more government spending on more city property to be maintained by tax payers, and more reasons to criticize "the government."

For the casual observer, the story might end there. But those paying attention to the long game can see the end result of that investment.

Often the city buys blighted

property and improves the lot for sale to a business that constructs something with taxable value. Everybody wins.

But there are other investments that pay dividends in ways without dollar signs.

Like the city's investment in the former dental office building on West Maple Street.

As we've been reporting, the city will lease it to the Rock County Food Shelf for \$1 per year.

Will the taxpayers get a return on that \$36,000?

That depends whom you ask and what you consider to be a "return on investment."

The Food Shelf operators can now do more with their volunteers and their donations, and they can help more local families access fresh meat and produce in an atmosphere with some semblance of dignity and grace.

While the public-private

arrangement is new to the food shelf, it's not a new concept for local government.

The city has several arrangements with non-profit organizations that operate in city properties.

Examples are the Palace Theatre, Redbird Field, Blue Mound Ice Arena and the Carnegie Cultural Center.

Examples of more direct subsidies are the pool and fitness center, the city park and pocket parks and the Luverne Loop Trail. All totaled, they take a respectable bite out of the city budget.

Are these losing propositions?

That depends whom you ask and what you consider to be a return on an investment.

The city calls them "quality of life" investments. Considering the positive impact of these investments on local culture, recreation, health and wellness, what would you call them?

Smith: 'Normally I get a chuckle and move on'

To the Editor:

As a recent transplant to Luverne, I have been amused by Mr. Todd Meinerts' weekly letters to the editor.

While I have not found his letters to be particularly cogent, I normally get a chuckle and move on. However, his most recent letters warrant a brief response.

First, downplaying the current pandemic as "just a virus" and questioning the safety of the approved COVID-19 vaccines is at best ignorance and at

worst willful malfeasance. Mr. Meinerts has zero qualifications to issue creditable medical guidance, and readers should consult their primary care medical provider if they have questions about vaccines.

Second, Mr. Meinerts seems to have an issue with the 1.9T American Rescue Plan. As is widely understood, this bill provides temporary direct payments to most Americans. He asks, "Did anyone get a \$5,722 check? I didn't..." The absurdity of this question is that a quick Google search will reveal that Mr. Meinerts

has taken over 75K in federal farming subsidies.

I have zero problems with farming subsidies. I do, however, have problems with people that bemoan federal spending and the national debt without first acknowledging that they have taken more in federal government payouts than 99 percent of American citizens.

Might I humbly suggest that any future opinions on government spending start with a bit of self-reflection or a perusal of Matthew 7.

Tom Smith, Luverne

Radisewitz: 'Don't let these events define you'

To the Editor:

I thought Lori Sorenson's recent article about local youths wrecking Christmas displays was right on the mark. Yes, it was heart-breaking. Yes, the young people should be held accountable, and yes, this doesn't have to be the end of the story.

To the young people, friends and family.... Don't let these events define you. Let me share stories about others who walked in your shoes.

South Dakota had a former governor who was arrested more than once in his youth. He joined

the marines, found his calling and became the longest-tenured governor in that state's history (16 years).

A friend named Charlie was in a similar embarrassing situation in a small town. He vandalized some properties and his antics made the front page. Charlie paid his dues, reformed, and went on to be one of the most successful investment advisers in the country. He now lives in Beverly Hills and his clients are TV/movie stars we watch every day.

In high school a member of my class made some bad decisions. She paid her dues, focused on her future, and today is a highly regarded judge

for the state of California.

These three plus many others owned up to their mistakes but didn't let those actions define them.

As a community, I hope we can let these youths and their families heal. Many of us know that but by the grace of God we could be in their shoes.

Life is not defined by when you hit rock bottom but how far you rebound.

Mother Theresa said it best: "Don't spend time judging others; that gives you less time to love them."

Cary Radisewitz
Luverne

Packing winter items away gives feeling I made it through another winter

Next to hunting season this is my favorite time of the year. I like to call it "change-over season."

It's time to put all the winter gear away. Snow boots, coats, hats and gloves have been stowed away for another year.

Putting the snow blower and shovels away is especially satisfying in that it gives me the feeling of "I made it through another Minnesota winter."



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, Tollefson Publishing general manager

I know, I know. There is always the chance of one or maybe two more snowstorms, but I'll deal with that if it happens. Of course, before the snow blower can go into the shed, the lawn mower has to come out. If it were possible for

lawn mowers to smile, I would swear when I rolled the mower out into the sun this past weekend, it seemed to be smiling.

There is always a bit of winter residue in the yard that needs to be cleaned up, but even that is enjoyable because you can look forward to green grass, trees budding and flowers and shrubs coming to life.

There is also the "change-over" in apparel that is underway as well.

Sweatshirts, sweaters and long-sleeved shirts are put away and short sleeves and shorts

become the attire of the day.

I must admit sweatshirts and sweaters do a better job of covering up the winter added poundage than shorts and T-shirts do.

Golf clubs, fishing rods, bicycles and ball gloves are pulled out of storage, dusted off, and are put to use.

I suppose maybe I am enjoying the start of the spring season more this year, because last year — as with many things we took for granted — spring seemed to be put on hold.

Spring is here; enjoy it.

Frakes: One party rule here

To the Editor:

I can't understand why everyone is running down China. Aren't their politics the same as we have here? Don't we also have one party rule? What the top dog says is law? Doesn't our government want to control all our energy sources, churches, businesses and the citizens up to and including when and where we can work and where we can't, and even how to breathe and where we can breathe and where we can't. Hello!???

Bill Frakes, Luverne

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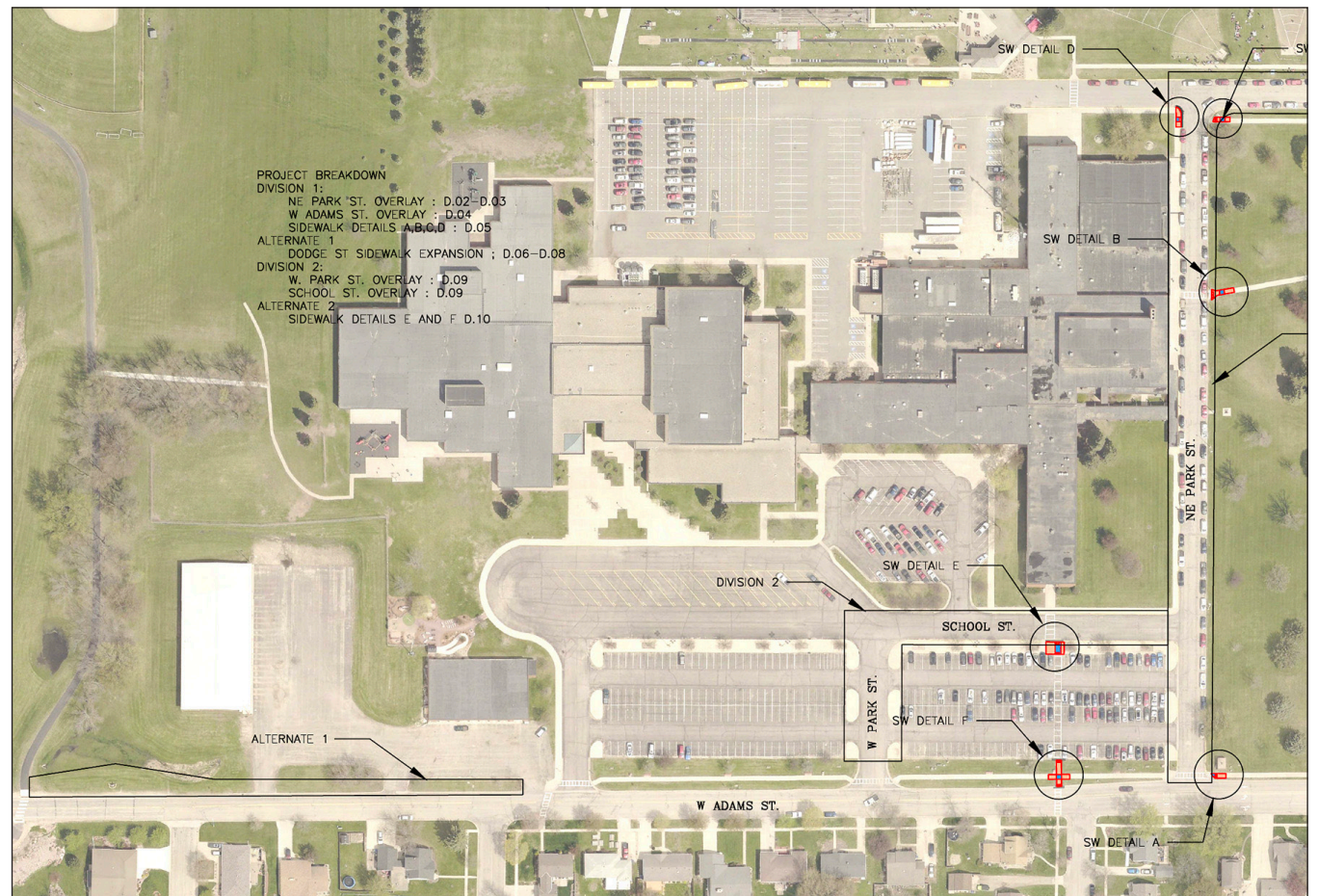
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VOICE OF OUR READERS

Dispatch report

March 25
 •Complainant on County Highway 4, Magnolia, requested deputy patrol area due to speeding trucks.
 •Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a man with a knife.
 •Suspicious activity was reported at location on Estey and Lincoln streets.
 •Complainant on S. Estey Street reported a motor vehicle theft.
 •Complainant on State Highway 23 requested we pull a dead deer off the road.
March 27
 •An accident with property damage was reported at Oakley and Howe.
March 28
 •Complainant north-bound on Highway 75 from Luverne reported an emergency vehicle driving erratically.
 •Complainant on W. Barck Avenue reported a loud fight and threats of assault at location.
March 29
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a possible fraud.
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported someone is messing with thermostats in the building.
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Magnolia, reported harassing behavior.
 •Complainant reported a broken window.
 •Complainant one mile west of Luverne reported a fire at location.
 •Complainant on 160th Avenue, Edgerton, reported a fire.
 •Complainant on Cedar Street reported a set of keys found on roadway.
 •Complainant on E. War-

ren Street reported a probation violation.
 •Complainant on S. West Park Street reported a disturbance and verbal altercation.
March 30
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about an ongoing issue.
 •Complainant on 3rd Street E., Jasper, would like to file a theft report.
 •Another department requested information.
March 31
 •Subject was arrested on Watonwon County warrant.
 •Complainant on 121st Street reported a scam phone call.
 •Complainant on 191st Street reported a microwave was dumped in ditch near location.
April 1
 •Narcotic law violation was reported at location on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne.
 •Property damage was reported at location on S. Kniss Avenue.
 •Complainant on Walnut Avenue reported theft of property at location.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported a parking issue.
April 2
 •Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue and W. Hatting Street reported a controlled gas purge at location.
 In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 6 escorts, 20 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 10 burn permits, 2 alarms, 4 drug court tests, 11 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 10 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 5 tests, 1 welfare check and 1 OFP.



The city portion of the project consists of mill off and overlay of both West Adams and North East Park streets. An alternate project would put a new sidewalk or trail connector from the bus barn area to the Luverne Loop to the West. The new sidewalk will pick up where the current one ends at the bus garage driveway and continue west until it meets the paved path west of the bus garage. It will create a safer environment for pedestrians.

City, district team up to repair streets in school area

By Lori Sorenson

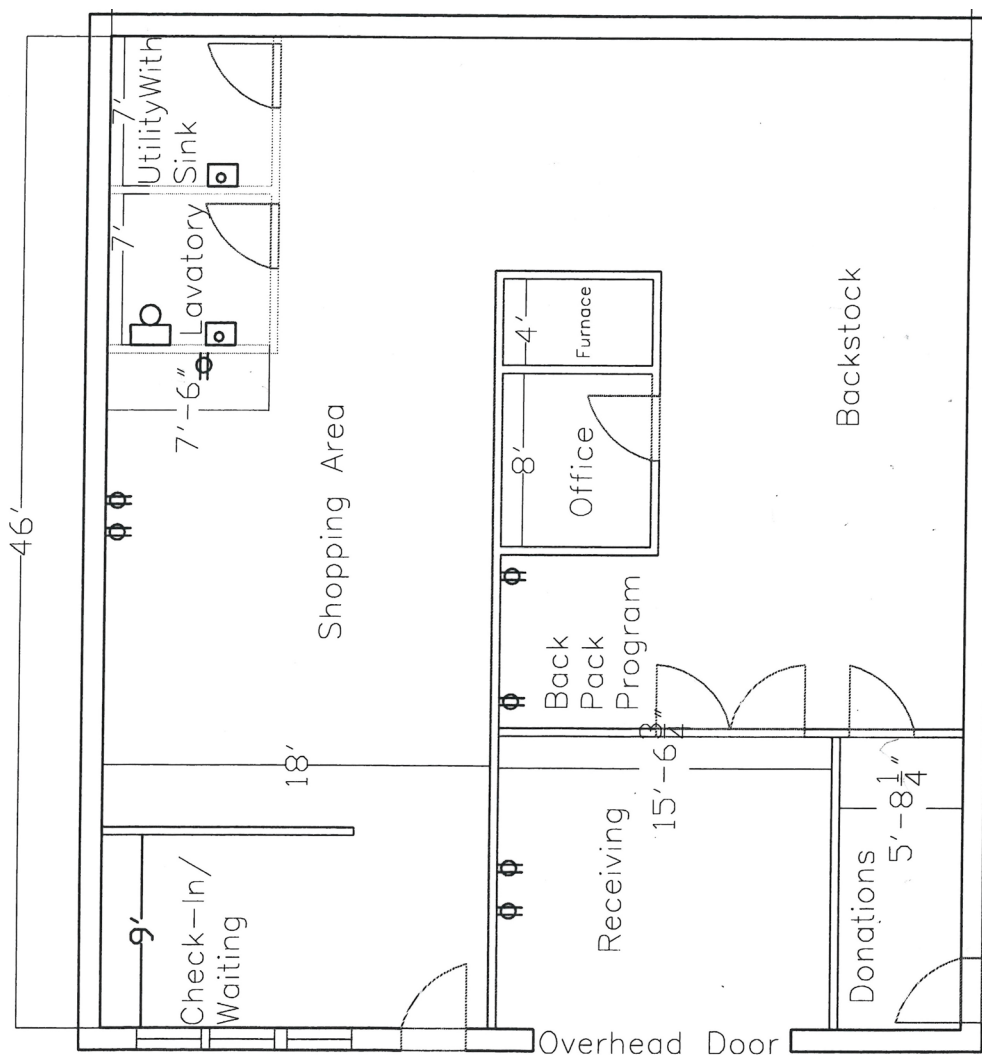
The city of Luverne and the Luverne School District are teaming up on a joint project to improve streets around the school that have been torn up because of the school construction project. The city project consists of mill off and overlay of both West Adams and North East Park Streets. An alternate project would put a new sidewalk or trail connector from the bus barn area to the Luverne Loop to the West. The new sidewalk will pick up where the current one ends at the bus garage driveway and continue west until it meets the paved path

west of the bus garage. Council member Caroline Thorson said the extra piece of sidewalk will be a welcome piece along a busy County Road 5/West Dodge Street. "When you're heading west on Dodge in the evening, that sun hits you right in the face, and if someone's walking on the edge ... it will be nice to have the sidewalk." Council member Dan Nath said the connection will create safer pedestrian access to soccer fields, softball diamonds and cross country trails on the west edge of the school campus. "With all the activities out

there, that sidewalk will be very well used," Nath said. The total cost of the city's portion of the work is estimated at \$213,500. City and school leaders hope to save money by using the same engineer, bidding the project together, and using the same general contractor. Both entities will pay separate contracts for their own work on their own properties. Plans and specifications were approved last month, and bids were opened Tuesday morning. Council members will take action on the low bid at their next meeting April 13.

Rock County Food Shelf continues work on new location, gets new help/continued from page 1

insulated walls and a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning unit. Baustian said the Foundation for Essential Needs is connecting the Rock County Food Shelf with a donated cooler and other resources. "They can connect us with a lot of things we weren't even aware of," she said. **Funds vs food — volunteers reduce stock before move** Meanwhile, Food Shelf Board President Mary Gehrke said the current church location continues to serve hungry families and individuals through donations of food and funds. "We appreciate the giving tradition of our county and wouldn't be able to continue this ministry without those donations," Gehrke said. Now, she asks that community focus on financial donations rather than actual food deliveries ahead of the move to Maple Street. "We plan to minimize our stock to make the transition a little easier," Gehrke said. "Our new location will have a donation area available for drop-offs after we move." The Luverne Area Community Foundation is facilitating the fundraising campaign, and financial donations can be dropped off at or mailed to LACF at PO Box 623, Luverne, MN 56156. "When we started fundraising, we thought, 'Oh my gosh, we'll never get there,' and now we have people who have pledged donations for five years out," she said. "The Luverne Area Community Foundation has been wonderful about managing that for us. ... This is a community where



The 40-by-46-foot building is about 50 percent bigger than the food shelf's current space in the Methodist Church basement and will allow for coolers to accept meat, produce and dairy donations. The organization is fundraising for the \$225,000 needed for renovation.

people work as a team together." Gehrke said she's enjoyed working with the city and also with generous community members to see the project through. **Background** The city of Luverne purchased the former dental office in 2017 for \$36,000 and the blighted lot next door (on the corner near NAPA Automotive) for \$32,500. The corner lot was razed and seeded with grass, and the brick building was deemed in solid shape and added to the city's stock of property for potential development. Baustian's husband, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, and their children volunteered after the pandemic started, giving the mayor a first-hand glimpse of the space shortages in the Methodist Church basement. "I used to say to Pat, 'If I win the lottery, we're going to build a new building for the Food Shelf,'" Katie Baustian said. "And he

said to me one day, 'Katie I think we have a building you might be able to use.'" The mayor proposed using the building as a food shelf to the council last fall. "It really opened my eyes to the need out there," he told council members, who unanimously supported the arrangement. The city's relationship with the food shelf would be similar to its arrangements with other non-profit organizations that operate in city properties like the Palace Theatre, Redbird Field and Blue Mound Ice Arena. Luverne Building and Zoning Director Chad McClure is serving as the general contractor for the work on the building, which the city is leasing to the Food Shelf for \$1 per year. Information about the move and about donations is updated regularly on the Food Shelf Facebook page, Rock County Food Shelf.

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Deeply missed by family & friends

Pet rabbit helps family ready for Easter

Rollie, the large pet rabbit of the Pat and Angela Swyter family in Luverne, helps with the trimming of the landscape Saturday in preparation for the Easter holiday the following day. Normally housed in the family garage, Rollie enjoyed the weekend's 80-degree temperatures by staying in the family's front yard under the watchful eyes of and close proximity to Chloe and Pat Swyter. "He doesn't go anywhere," Chloe said. **Below:** Winnie, Chloe, Reese and Pat Swyter completed lawn work as the family's pet rabbit, Rollie, checked out branches and leaves cleaned from the home's landscaping.



Mavis Fodness photos/0408 Bunny Help

Rollie the Rabbit (above and at left) chews on a branch as Winnie Swyter cleans up branches Saturday.



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Many of Rock County's bridges are nearly 70 years old, and those structures are not only showing wear, but they're not safe for heavy loads.

During Tuesday's Rock County Board meeting, commissioners received a list of bridges that are posted as unsafe for heavy loads.

Of the 320 bridges in Rock County, 27 are considered unsafe for loads normally allowed on roadways and bridges up to 80,000 pounds. ...

County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr said the bridges are safe for normal traffic, but they are posted with signs prohibiting heavy loads.

"These bridges were built in the 1940s and '50s with timber supports and pilings, and they weren't designed for the truck types, heavy equipment and machinery we use today," he said.

"Those supports are rotting at the water level and are showing their age; they're deteriorating faster than we can replace them."

25 years ago (1996)

•Luverne is again making its mark on foreign lands — this time in the southeastern European country of Turkey.

Izmir, a city of 3 million people located on the Aegean Sea, has contracted with Luverne Fire Apparatus, Brandon, S.D., to purchase 20 pumpers, two rescue trucks, two tankers and

one aerial ladder.

The contract is one of the biggest orders the business has ever filled, according to Steve Reedy, vice president of Luverne Fire Apparatus.

"It's going to have a real positive impact on the whole operation of our company," Reedy said.

At noon on Friday, five men from Turkey visited Brandon to inspect their first shipment. They also met with Luverne Fire Chief Jim Johanssen to learn how a volunteer fire department works in a rural community.

50 years ago (1971)

•The names of Vickie DeGroot and James Johnson, Luverne High School band members, were omitted in a news release printed in last week's Star-Herald concerning scholarships to participate in the annual Dorian Music Camp at Luther College in Decorah, Ia., on June 20-26.

The scholarships were awarded students who performed in an outstanding manner for the 22nd annual Dorian Instrumental Festival at Luther in March.

75 years ago (1946)

•Mrs. Ralph Duba announced that she had purchased the fixtures and equipment of Etta's Café from Mrs. Etta Dehmlow. She stated that she planned to dispose of the fixtures at a public auction Monday.

Mrs. Duba has rented the location, formerly occupied by

Mrs. Dehmlow, and in the near future would open a ladies ready-to-wear store there.

Mr. Duba emphasized that the ladies ready-to-wear store will be solely his wife's and that he would continue to operate his Duba's Service Station and Café.

Mrs. Dehmlow stated that she had no definite plans for the future, other than that she was going to take a vacation. She had been in the café business here for the past six years, the last three of which were spent in her present location.

100 years ago (1921)

•According to present expectations, try-out work preliminary to the organization of the American Legion baseball club that is to represent Luverne during the coming season is to start about April 15th, or as soon thereafter as weather conditions will permit.

An organization to take charge of the project has been effected, with Ray Engan, Esq., as business manager and secretary; A. T. Suurmeyer, treasurer, and Leo Dressen, manager-player. At the present time there are about twenty-six candidates for positions on the team.

So far as possible the club is to be composed of members of the American Legion, who with the exception of possibly the pitching staff, are to be non-salaried players, and is hoped to be able to avoid asking the public for any direct donations for the maintenance of the team.

1892: July celebration includes aeronaut

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on June 24, 1892.

Grand Balloon Ascension One of the Attractions for the 4th at this Place — Additional Committee

It gives the Herald much pleasure to announce that the committee in charge of the Fourth of July celebration to be held at this place have been fortunate enough to secure for that occasion Prof. A. L. Ward, of Sioux City, Ia., one of the most celebrated and daring aeronauts in the country, who is now under contract to be at Luverne at the time stated and make one of his famous balloon ascensions and parachute jumps. The balloon to be used on this occasion is in the neighborhood of thirty feet in height and is equipped for the performance of the most daring feats ever witnessed in the country.

On the way up Prof. Ward gives a thrilling performance on the trapeze and takes with him a trained dog which creates much amusement and interest in making a



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

parachute descent of his own.

After going as high as his balloon will carry him, Prof. Ward discharges a number of explosives and then jumps from his balloon with a parachute. The exhibition will be one of thrilling interest and no one should fail to witness it.

The programme for the day will include many other features of interest, and the Herald feels safe in assuring the public that the celebration will be an exceptionally good one. The programme in full will be completed in a few days and will be ready

for publication in the next issue of this paper. A meeting of the general committee was held at the town hall last Saturday evening and the following additional sub-committees were appointed:

On transportation, Geo. S. Bell, L. J. Okre, and Albert Barck;

On ground, F. L. Dobell, Frank Fritz, and the committee on sports; On decorations, S. B. Nelson, John Houg, Chas. Bartlett, Frank Hinkly, Mary Gillham, Babe Shawver and Mabel LaDue;

On programme, L. S. Nelson, A. Ross and R. B. Hinkly;

On reception, W. F. Kendall, P. Hawes, P. J. Kniss and J. R. Wright.

By direction of the committee the president was requested to extend an invitation to the fire department, Co. H, and each of the civic societies to join in the procession.

Half rates will be given on all the railroads and efforts are being made to secure special trains.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



Lori Sorenson photo/0408 farm store check to backpack and food shelf

Pancake Day turns into donation

Nate Golla of the Luverne Farm Store presents a \$1,200 check to Backpack volunteer Rhonna Jarchow (left), Rock County Food Shelf volunteer Katie Baustian and LACF Director Emily Crabtree Thursday morning, April 1, in the Luverne Area Community Foundation office. Golla presented the check in honor of the 2021 Pancake Day, which was canceled for the second year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the funds that would have been spent on Pancake Day will now benefit the Backpack Program and Rock County Food Shelf instead. He noted that the Farm Store's customer appreciation event continued for 55 consecutive years prior to 2020, and the donation at least marked the Farm Store's community commitment. "We're making the donation in honor of our customers," Golla said.

OBITUARIES

Emma Blomgren

Emma Jean Blomgren, age 82, of Ellsworth, Minnesota, died Thursday, April 1, 2021, at her home in Ellsworth.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, with Msgr. Gerald Kosse celebrating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Elkton, South Dakota.

A time of visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church on Wednesday morning.

Sept 7, 1938, on a farm close to Elkton, I was born into the Clarence and Margaret (Houselog) Blomgren family. I joined my sister, Audrey and my big brother, Clarence Jr. When I was old enough to attend school, I went to Elkton Public School, graduating high school in

1956 along with 26 other classmates.



After high school I attended General Beadle State Teachers College in Madison, South Dakota and began my teaching career after receiving a 2-year certificate, in Oldham, South Dakota. Along the way of the teaching career I made stops in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Fort Dodge, Iowa, and on to Ellsworth, Minnesota.

When I finished my 4-year degree GBSTC had changed to Dakota State. I furthered my graduate education receiving an MA from USD. I added another 30 graduate hours from

Mankato State.

During my younger years, beginning with my job at Oldham, I joined the Locke Electric Women's fast pitch softball team. We had many successful seasons, playing in the larger cities such as St. Paul, Omaha, Sioux City, Fargo, Rapid City. We also were in the Sioux Falls league and usually won the city championship. We had many State Championship trophies to hand to our sponsors, Lloyd and Gladys Locke. They attended as many of our travels as they could and were wonderful examples for all of us. We also played city league basketball for them in Sioux Falls.

After retiring from teaching in Ellsworth, I worked in two supermarket meat departments, one in Worthington, Minnesota, and the other in Luverne. I met many

wonderful people as co-workers and customers at both stores.

I was so fortunate to meet so many wonderful people along my journey friendships formed from childhood lasted until I left this world.

My fiancé, Kenny Anderson Sr., my parents, sister Audrey Lorden, and brother Clarence Jr. all preceded me in death.

I am buried in the cemetery of the church where I was baptized, Our Lady of Good Counsel St. Mary's Cemetery.

My hope is that people who knew me will recall at least one time that I made them laugh out loud.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home, jurrensfuneralhome.com

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Nelvin Schelhaas

Nelvin Albert Schelhaas, 82, Luverne, died Saturday, April 3, 2021, at Ava's House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A celebration of life service with food and fellowship to follow will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Burial with military honors will be at Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Per Minnesota Executive order, masks will be required.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Nelvin Schelhaas was born on May 9, 1938, to John and Lena (Van Rockel) Schelhaas in Pipestone County, Minnesota. He was raised on the family farm and attended school in Edger-

ton. After school, he began working for Harold Nissen on a farm near Woodstock. He married Geneva



Hubers on Nov. 30, 1963, at the American Reformed Church in Woodstock. The couple moved to Gaza, Iowa, for a short time. They then moved back to Pipestone, where Nelvin began working at Sturdevants. In 1975 he bought a shop and began Nelvin's Radiator and Small Engine Repair until retiring in 2003.

At this time, Geneva accepted a new job and the couple moved to Hawarden, Iowa, for seven years. They then moved to Luverne, to enjoy their retirement. Geneva died on May 17, 2012. Nelvin continued living in their home until 2019, when he moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to live with his daughter and son-in-law.

Nelvin was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. He honorably served his country from 1961-1967 in the United States Army. He and Geneva enjoyed bowling on a couple's league for many years. He also enjoyed walking, taking bus tours, tinkering with engines and visiting with people.

Nelvin is survived by his children, Duane Schelhaas of Pipestone, and Kay Thomas (Rick Heidelberger) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; four grandchildren, Darrick (Danielle) Thomas, Zachary Thomas, Shania Schelhaas and Derrick Heidelberger; brother Jake (Gladys) Schelhaas of Jasper; and other family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geneva; his parents; an infant brother; and three sisters, Janice Posthuma, Caroline DeGrote and Laura Posthuma.

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Albert Boeve

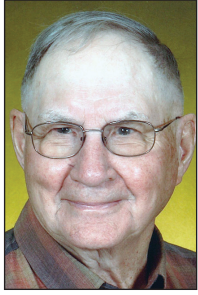
Albert Boeve, 97, Luverne, died Saturday, April 3, 2021, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors follows at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Per MN executive order, masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

Albert Boeve was born on the family farm north of Hull, Iowa, on March 30, 1924, to Henry and Ella (Bos) Boeve. He was the fourth of fifteen children. He attended country school through the eighth grade and then worked for area farmers.

Albert was drafted into the United States Army in February 1945. After basic training, he was sent to the Pacific war zone and served his time guarding the ruins of Hiroshima. Later he vol-

unteered to be a military police officer in Tokyo, Japan, and stood guard at the war criminals. He was honorably discharged as a corporal in December of 1946.



Albert married Cynthia Intveld on Feb. 14, 1947. They made their first home on a farm near Sheldon, Iowa. In March of 1948 they moved to a farm south of Luverne. In 1981, after 34 years on the farm, they moved to Luverne, but Albert continued farming for several more years. Cynthia preceded Albert in death on Nov. 13, 2010.

Albert was a charter member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne in 1955. He served as a deacon

on the first consistory and was also a Sunday school superintendent and a member of the men's brotherhood. In his young years, he played fast-pitch softball. Albert enjoyed going to the sale barn and having daily coffee with friends in his free time.

Albert is survived by his three children, Allen (Elaine) Boeve of Steen, Randall (Becky) Boeve of Slayton, and Myron (Shirley) Boeve of Luverne; seven grandchildren, Lynette (Paul) Schultz, Craig (Nancy) Boeve, Heather (Jim) Hoekman, Melanie (Ross) Behrends, Matthew (Dana) Boeve, Melissa (Nate) Buckland, and Brittany (Cody) Neumiller; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers Arthur Boeve of Hills and C. James Boeve (fiancee Janice Lustfield) of Beaver Creek; sisters Doreen (Arnold) Hulshuf of Sioux Center, Iowa, Eleanor Warntjes of Hull, Iowa, and Helen Overman of Rock Rap-

ids, Iowa; brother-in-law Bill Ostra of Winnonka, Wisconsin; and sisters-in-law Joan Boeve of Hills, Lois (Roger) Baatz of Rock Rapids and Arlene Traber of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

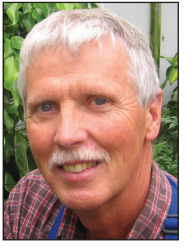
He was preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia Boeve; his parents; brothers Henry C. (Joanna and Darlene) Boeve, Case (Elizabeth) Boeve, Donald Boeve, Everett Boeve, Merlin Boeve, Gary Boeve, and Ervin (Sara) Boeve; sisters Gertrude (Gilbert) Leusink and Lois Ostra; brothers-in-law John Warn-tjes and Tunis Overman; and sisters-in-law Henrietta Boeve and Sharon Boeve.

Memorials are preferred to the American Reformed Church in Luverne or Sanford Luverne Hospice.

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Fertilizer becomes deterrent for pesky deer



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

this is not the place for them to live happily ever after.

It rained last night or I would be out planting my potatoes, onions, lettuce, radishes and brassica crops (cabbage, broccoli, kale, etc.). These are all garden vegetables that benefit from early outdoor planting while the soil is cool. A light frost will not hurt them, although I do cover the started brassica plants with milk jugs to prevent the wind from beating them up.

The milk jug cover is what it says ... cut three sides along the bottom and fold the fourth back like hinge. Set it over the plant and pile loose soil on the folded-out flap to keep the jug in place. Remove the cap so heat doesn't build up during the day.

I leave them in place for a couple of weeks until the plant is trying to get out of the hole. Great way to recycle the jug, and I reuse them year after year.

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

MENU

Monday, April 12: Chicken and noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie.

Tuesday, April 13: Vegetable soup with crackers, meat sandwich, oranges, brownie.

Wednesday, April 14: Chicken a la king, biscuit, carrots, pears.

Thursday, April 15: Tater tot casserole, green beans, bread, peaches.

Friday, April 16: Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, frosted cake. Half Price Day sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals. Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

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

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

Learn how to keep your yard looking fresh from George Bonnema at the **Pruning Shape Up** class on April 13. Fee is \$10. Using glaze, heat, flames and cooling, transform a pottery piece into an **Amazing Raku Treasure** on April 17. Fee is \$5 plus the cost of a piece of pottery.

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As weather pattern shifts from wet to dry, pay attention to trees under stress

**By Michael Walgrave
Rock Soil and Water
Conservation District
engineering technician**

Spring is here. The soil is warming. Frost could impact vegetables and crops, but this is the right time to plant trees.

If you ordered trees from our office this past winter, they will be available for pickup April 9.

In the following weeks, the Rock SWCD will be planting trees around Rock County for conservation and land-improvement projects.

Landowners should be aware that trees are experiencing more stress than usual as a result of weather extremes in the last five years.

We have seen historically wet conditions in back-to-back years. In the last six months, we have seen drought conditions.

Weather events stress trees, which then makes them more susceptible to diseases.

As a result of recent climate extremes, we have received more calls than usual regarding tree mortality and needle/leaf drop.

The University of Minnesota Extension has a few tips to help trees survive and thrive.



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Water trees first and second year

The most important time to water trees is in their first and second year to help roots get established.

Within 24 hours after planting, the soil around the tree should be thoroughly soaked past the roots. Filling the hole with water and letting it soak in before planting the tree is a good strategy.

Your new planting should be watered every other day for the first two weeks.

Trees should be watered weekly if there is less than 1 inch of rain for the week.

One way to see if you are watering enough is by sticking your finger in the soil a couple of inches. The soil should at least be moist two inches into the ground.

If water is ponding on the surface and does not soak in within a few hours, the soil could be saturated and may have drainage issues.

Mulch around trees

Three to four inches of hardwood mulch under the tree is recommended to help maintain and regulate moisture in the soil.

There should be a 2-to-3-inch space between the mulch and the

tree trunk, so that the mulch will not hurt the tree.

A circle of mulch around the tree should be as wide as the branches reach.

Along with moisture control, mulch also helps prevent diseases found in the soil from splashing up on the lower branches and killing new growth.

Increase airflow

Thin out evergreen trees so that their branches are not touching. Some tree diseases thrive in humid conditions. Increasing airflow by thinning out trees will decrease humidity in the canopy and thereby decrease disease pressure.

Add cover crops

If you don't want to mulch around your trees, you might want to consider planting a low-growing pollinator mix around the tree. A diversity of plant roots in the soil is good for soil health and tree health.

If the area had been tilled for planting the tree, cover crops can help get your soil structure back in to shape. Good soil structure allows water to infiltrate the soil to

the trees roots.

Don't forget about the critters. Tree tubes seem to be the best defense against rabbits and deer.

How to plant more trees

Tree orders for the spring should be placed in the fall of the previous year. We recommend contacting our office in October. Popular trees tend to run out by November.

You can see what our nursery can ship to us by visiting SchumachersNursery.com

We only order 2-to-3-foot bare root (\$1.85-each) and 1-gallon potted evergreen trees (\$8.50-each).

We do have a few extra trees this year. The bare root trees we still have are American plum, apricot, elderberry, American hazelnut, hackberry, nannyberry, golden willow, blue willow and laurel leaf willow.

Larger trees still available are red oak and American linden, paper birch, black walnut and cottonwood. We also have a few extra evergreens including white spruce.

You can reach me at the Rock County Land Management Office by calling 507-283-8862.

Blue Mounds bison/from page 1

to the collaborative project to help a rare species right here in our own backyard," said Tony Fisher with the Minnesota Zoo.

Rock County was the first in the state to have purebred bison 60 years ago when three from Fort Niobora National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska relocated to the Mound Springs Recreational Area north of Luverne on Nov. 3, 1961.

According to news accounts at the time, that same year the park's name changed to Blue Mounds State Park.

Don Gordon was the park's manager 60 years ago. He worked with the park committee and the Minnesota Conservation Department (predecessor of the MnDNR) to bring the bison to Minnesota.

Luverne officials encouraged the conservation department to purchase 50 acres of native prairie that came up for sale near the recreation area and establish a bison herd.

"I'm sure it will be an outstanding attraction," Gordon said in 1961, "not only for the people of the community, but for people from all over the country who visit the park every

summer."

Bison lead to 2020 record park visits

The initial bison herd to Blue Mounds — one bull and two cows — has grown to 100 cow-calf pairs, yearling and breeding stock.

In 2020 Blue Mounds recorded 268,000 visitors, the most since the program opened.

Current park manager Chris Ingebretsen said park officials were updated last month about the bison conservation program and the importance the Blue Mounds herd has in the program's continued success.

"Blue Mounds State Park will always be a key part of it," Ingebretsen said.

Currently 540 acres of the 1,000-acre park is dedicated to the bison. The park is at the maximum number of bison and sells about 30 head each fall.

Genetic testing completed in 2012 by the Minnesota Zoo shows the current bison herd is free of cattle genetics. This makes them rare among modern bison and key to the success of the conservation herd.

Minneopa State Park near Mankato received Blue Mounds bison for the herd program in 2015.

Shearer retires/from page 2

coaching and a place for her four children to continue their skating lessons.

Her rink search ended through a chance meeting with Luverne's Diana Erickson at the ice arena in Sioux Center, where her children Brianna and Jim were skating.

Erickson put her in touch with the BMFS director Mary Tilstra, "who called me right away and the rest is history."

After four years of commuting to Luverne twice a week, the Shearer family moved to Luverne in 2008.

Shearer became an instructor for the Learn to Skate and competitive figure skating programs at Luverne, later adding skating for hockey players. She also helps organize the group's annual ice show.

BMFS recently completed its 29th annual performance March 19-20, where Shearer's retirement

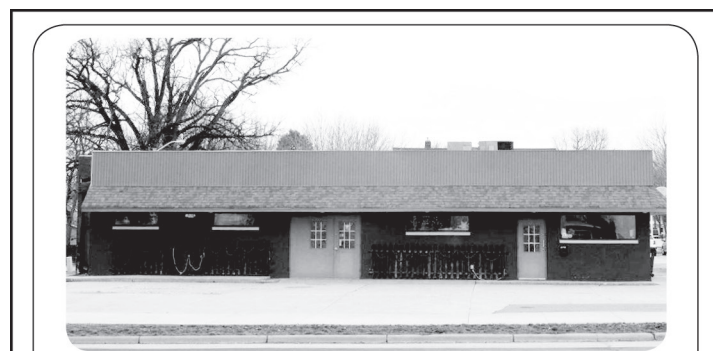
was officially announced.

"She (Shearer) has dedicated a good amount of her life to not only making her athletes better skaters, but to become better people through hard work and adversity," were the words written in the event program.

Several of Shearer's former students have become instructors and coaches for BMFS.

"I feel I am leaving the program in great hands," Shearer said. "I've loved every minute of it but can't wait to get on with this next step in our lives."

The Shearers are currently building a barn-dominium (conversion of a barn into living space) near Platte, South Dakota, look forward to visiting their two granddaughters in Alaska, plan to travel in an RV during the winter and watch son Shaid play college hockey.



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Rock County well represented for all-conference

By Brennen Rupp

The Big South Conference recently announced its All-Conference teams for boys' and girls' hockey, wrestling and gymnastics, and multiple Luverne athletes made the list.

The Red Rock Conference released its All-Conference teams for basketball. Several Hills-Beaver Creek athletes were named to the team.

Gymnastics

In gymnastics, Amira Cowell and Ella Reisdorfer both earned all-conference honors.

Wrestling

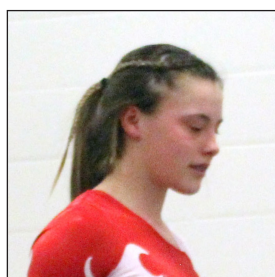
In wrestling, Riley Cowell earned all-conference honors. Cowell finished his senior season with a 25-6 record.

Girls' Hockey

Kamryn Van Batavia, Reghan Bork and Rylee Gee were all named to the all-conference team. Van Batavia finished the season with 47 goals and 40 assists.

Bork finished the season with 28 goals and 41 assists.

Gee finished her senior season with 20 goals and 16 assists.



Brennen Rupp photo/0408 AC Luverne's Amira Cowell earned first-team all-conference in gymnastics.

Boys' Hockey

Shaïd Shearer earned all-conference honors. The senior goalie finished the season with 871 saves.

Cade Wenninger earned all-conference

honorable mention. Wenninger finished his senior season with 31 points.

Red Rock Conference

Boys' Basketball

H-BC Patriot Cole Baker earned first-team all-conference honors.

Oliver Deelstra and Zander Wysong both earned honorable mention.



Brennen Rupp photo/0408 H-BC's Cole Baker earned all-conference in basketball.

Girls' Basketball

Kenadie Fick, Taryn Rauk, and Abby Knobloch all earned all-conference honors.

Annie Bos earned all-conference honorable mention.



Spring sports are back in Rock County. After getting their seasons cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the spring sports teams are happy to be back practicing this spring in preparation of the upcoming season.

Brennen Rupp photo/0408 Spring photo

Spring sports are back on track after year off due to COVID-19 pandemic

By Brennen Rupp

High school spring sports are back in Rock County.

A year after the 2020 spring season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring sports teams for Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek are back practicing in preparation for the upcoming season.

"It's exciting to have the kids back at it," Luverne track coach Pete Janiszski said.

"It feels great to be working with the kids and helping them strive toward their goals and becoming their best."

The first official day of practice for the spring sports teams was on March 29. The first

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Luverne track coach Pete Janiszski

contests will be Thursday, April 8. The Luverne softball

players will open their season Thursday, April 8, when they hit the road to take on Blue Earth.

The baseball team for Luverne will open the season in Windom on Friday, April 9.

The track and field team for the Cardinals will open the season with an away meet in Blue Earth on Thursday, April 8.

The boys' tennis team for Luverne will open the season on April 8 when they welcome Fairmont to Luverne.

The girls' golf team will open the season on Saturday, April 10, when they travel to Worthington.

The boys' and girls' golf teams will both

have a home meet on Tuesday, April 13, at the Luverne Country Club.

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team will open the season on Thursday, April 8, in Westbrook.

The H-BC track athletes will open their season on Friday, April 9, in Slayton.

Janiszski said the focus for his team is to get better each day.

"Right now we're just taking things one day at a time and trying to help the kids find their niche," Janiszski said.

"We just want the kids to focus on leaving practice each day a little better than they were to start the day."

In addition to 'sit,' 'stay' and 'heel,' puppies need socialization

I figured it was time to give you all an update on my newest Labrador puppy, Ghost. He just reached the 9-month mark and is doing all the things puppies like to do.

If you give him a free minute, he will run down the hall and hide under my bed and then destroy anything he found there or took with him on his way there.

He is so big he can barely fit under there but squeeze he does.

Most of the time his destructions are mild.

The biggest loss was a 1-week-old pair of hand-knitted wool socks I had worn only once.

I even put them up on the dresser and he found them and had a "Big And Rich" time in puppy terms.

He did chew the top off of a pretty good pair of ankle high hunting boots.

Good thing my pants still cover the damage.

I have spent the last few winter months working on "here," "sit" and "heel." This was done inside my shed.

He has graduated to the point where he will walk at "heel" off lead with pretty good success.

What I would like to share today are some other very important things you need to be doing as that dog grows from the puppy stage to an adult dog which happens in about one year's time.

I have been socializing him at every opportunity. I have a saying that "... anything a puppy is properly exposed to in the first six months of their life, they will most likely not be scared or timid for the rest of their life."

This can be loud noises,



thunder, train whistles, shop vacuums, gunfire, fireworks and other things that many dogs will freak out from.

There is a proper way and many terrible ways to do these introductions

When it comes to loud noises like those listed earlier, it takes more than one experience to be successful.

I start my shop vacuum in another room.

I gather up my puppy in my arms and starting at a long distance, I will slowly walk toward the noise.

I am petting him and gently talking to him.

I say, "What is that sound? Should we go check it out?"

At the first sign of apprehension, I start backing up and the lesson is over for the day.

It might take a few efforts, but in no time he will think the noise is no big deal.

The same method works for introduction to gunfire.

I leave the puppy in a kennel in the truck with the windows closed.

I walk about 100 yards away and fire a gun in the opposite direction of the truck.

If you have a helper, you can sit with the little one and have your helper shoot the gun.

THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist



Scott Rall's labrador puppy Ghost will turn 10 months old on Thursday, April 15.

If the puppy starts to get nervous, back away; that session is over for that day.

It took about four exposures to gunfire, each time with the gun a little closer, and soon Ghost would sit right next to the trap thrower while my friends did their best to dust the clays as they were propelled skyward.

When they are no longer afraid of the sound of a gun, I then add in some fun bumper retrievers.

As a helper shoots the gun,

"Anything a puppy is properly exposed to in the first six months of their life, they will most likely not be scared or timid of for the rest of their life. This can be loud noises, thunder, train whistles, shop vacuums, gunfire, fireworks and other things that many dogs will freak out from."

I would throw a bumper in a slightly different direction.

The excitement of the retrieves is then associated with the sound of the gun, and as a result, all of my dogs get excited when they see a gun.

Intro to gunfire is certainly not the only socialization your puppy needs.

Controlled contact with other people, other dogs and new places is also important.

Dog introductions need to be done with both the puppy and the

introduction dog on a leash.

You never really know how the new dog might react when an energetic puppy starts wanting to play.

I saw the results when the puppy was cut loose with a new dog and ended up with a big dog canine puncture wound right through the top of its nose into the nasal cavity of the little one.

Surgery fixed up the little guy, but there was a serious lesson learned by that new owner that day. Not all of those "gone bad" introductions end up with a good outcome.

With no prior introductions, the puppy had just arrived two days earlier, an associate of mine had the neighbor's dog bust loose from their back yard, and within 15 seconds her puppy was killed by the neighbor dog.

It is normally not that serious of an outcome, but dog introductions are very important and then need to be done the right way.

In a few weeks I will share Ghost's first experience in the water.

It was a grand affair and more than a few laughs were had. Stay tuned.

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 scottall@gmail.com, or on Twitter @ [habitat champion](#).

Judicial branch expands payment options

The Minnesota Judicial Branch is making it easier and more convenient for more people to make payments on their court-ordered fines and fees in criminal cases.

Individuals who have a court-ordered fine or fee in a criminal case charged by complaint and are on a payment plan can now make a payment through the Court Payment Center's phone

line, or online at the Judicial Branch's PayFines web page. Prior to this expanded payment option, only individuals charged by citation could make payments online or by phone.

Distracted driving getting worse

Enforcement campaign operates through April 30

Question: What is being done about distracted driving? It seems like it is getting worse.

Answer: When we think of distracted driving, most of us think of someone holding a phone up to their ear or scrolling through their social media feed. But distracted driving takes a lot of different forms. When you fiddle with your car stereo, you're taking your eyes and attention off the road. Same with cleaning up a spill from that barbecue sandwich you're trying to eat. Setting your navigation while driving also distracts from the road, and even passengers can distract you.

The Minnesota State Patrol, along with law enforcement across the state is currently conducting an extra distracted driving enforcement campaign that runs through April 30.

Troopers, deputies and officers will be looking to educate those drivers who are distracted and enforce Minnesota's hands-free law that went into effect

ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

In 2019, Law enforcement cited 19,778 drivers for failing to comply with the hands-free law in 2020.

Hands-free cell phone law

The law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone. Remember, hands-free is not necessarily distraction-free.

•\$100 or more including court fees for a first offense.

•\$300 or more including court fees for a second and/or subsequent offense.

•If you injure or kill someone while violating

the hands-free law, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or homicide.

We want people to drive smart and focus 100 percent of their attention on the road to help avoid a tragedy that could change a family's life forever. Distracted driving contributes to an average of 31 deaths and 192 life-changing injuries a year (2016-2020).

Please park the phone, turn it off, put it out of reach, or use a hands-free device. Pre-program your radio stations, and adjust your mirrors and vents before you leave. Map out your destination and route in advance. Avoid messy foods and secure your beverage. Model proper driving behavior for your kids, and ask your passengers to help with anything that might take your attention away from the road.

With just a few adjustments, you can stay safe on the road and decrease your chances being involved in a crash.

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



Another week passes by and more Luverne residents have received their first dose and many more have received their second dose. Just this past week there were 165 first-dose appointments at Grand Prairie Events and in addition to that, a second dose was offered to the K-12 staff. On March 25, 80 employees at Minnesota Premium Pork received their shots. It seems like so long ago but just a year ago we weren't able to celebrate Easter with our families or attend Easter Sunday services. As we gather this Easter with family and in church, please continue to stay safe. Wear your mask to church, social distance while around others and wash your hands. Happy Easter!

Govs. Walz and Pawlenty get COVID shots side by side

From NPR News, March 30, 2021 — Minnesota's current governor and a former one rolled up their sleeves Tuesday to get their vaccines while encouraging others to do it, too.

DFL Gov. Tim Walz waited until eligibility was open to all residents 16 and older before getting his single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine. He brought former Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty with him to a vaccination clinic at the Minnesota Vikings training facility in Eagan.

While the two exchanged some banter, a pair of nurses delivered the doses — in the left arm of Walz and the right arm of Pawlenty.

Noting that more than 1 million Minnesotans have now been fully vaccinated, Walz said he expects to see vaccination numbers climb quickly.

"We've got an opportunity over the next three to four weeks to potentially vaccinate another million and a half, or close to it, of Minnesotans, give that many shots out there," Walz said. "That starts getting us to that number that we all know we want to get to, the 70 to 80 percent of Minnesotans vaccinated that really provides safety."

Pawlenty said now that everyone 16 and older is eligible, there's no reason to avoid taking the vaccine.

"Getting vaccinated is not just Minnesota nice — it's Minnesota smart," Pawlenty said. "It's what we need to do to make sure that the hopeful light at the end of this COVID tunnel keeps getting brighter and bigger each day as our state and our nation moves toward exiting this pandemic and getting back to full normal."

Pawlenty and Walz both got the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Walz said all three vaccines are safe and effective, and Minnesotans should take whichever one they are offered.

As for remaining restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Walz said he's inclined to wait a few more weeks before he eases off, adding that he has an eye on coronavirus variants contributing to recent case growth.

"I think the question we're asking is — how much impact has the vaccine made by taking the vulnerable out of the risk pool?" Walz said. "And how much difference does it still make by masking up?"



Photo by Glen Stubbe, Star Tribune

Former Governor Tim Pawlenty (left) and Governor Tim Walz (right) receive their Covid-19 vaccine on Tuesday, March 30, at the Minnesota Vikings training facility in Eagan.



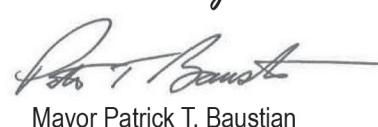
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Luverne's Peyton Behr handles the puck in the state tournament matchup against Proctor/Hermantown on Friday, March 26. The Cardinals lost to the Mirage 8-0.

Cardinals reach state tournament second straight year

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals girls' hockey team reached the state tournament for a second straight year and for the third time in program history this season.

It was a season like no other.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there was serious doubt if there would even be a season, let alone a state tournament.

The Cardinals handled each obstacle thrown their way and finished the regular season with

a 14-4 record.

They earned the No. 1 seed in Section 3A.

After defeating Windom Area in the semifinals, the Cardinals disposed of Mankato East in the section championship to stamp their ticket to the Class A State Tournament.

"We knew coming into the season that everybody was going to be after us," Luverne head coach Tony Sandbulte said.

"Everybody was going to want to beat us because we were the team that went to

state last year. You get yourself to the point where you're the number one seed. You did everything right. We just stayed on it and finished through to the end."

In the opening round of the state tournament the Cardinals lost to Proctor/Hermantown, a team that entered the contest with an 18-0 record.

The Cardinals were able to navigate through uncharted waters this season thanks in large part to the strong senior leadership.

Six seniors, Brynn Thier, Regan Feit, Roz Oye, Rylee Gee, Shelby Kracht and Sophie Holmberg led Luverne.

"They were a really special group," Sandbulte said. "They've been on the team since seventh and eighth grade, winning 125 to 15-games. Their team play on the ice, dedication in the classroom and commitment to the community is second to none. Their leadership will truly be missed. They've set a great example and raised the bar extremely high for future senior

groups to reach.

Thier finished her final season as a Cardinal with 14 points by scoring three goals and recording 11 assists.

"She's a strong defender," Sandbulte said. "She's another physical player for us. She's a stay at home defenseman."

Feit, who has been playing since she was a seventh-grader, finished her final season with seven assists and three goals.

"She's just a hard worker,"

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Sandbulte said. “She’s very strong and athletic. If we are facing a top line, we want Regan on the ice against them.”

Oye finished her senior season with 13 goals and 12 assists.

“We can always count on her in the defensive zone,” Sandbulte said. “She really rises on big occasions. The tougher the team, the tougher she plays.”

Gee was third on the team with 20 goals. She also recorded 16 assists. The senior speedster also earned Big South All-Conference honors.

“Her speed is her greatest strength,” Sandbulte said. “She’s very quick on her skates. She can just get up and down the ice.”

Kracht finished her senior season with 12 assists and four goals.

“She’s been very flexible,” Sandbulte said. “We feel comfortable having her on offense or defense. She’s got a lot of strength. She’s just very physical.”

Holmberg finished her senior season with seven assists and one goal.

“She adds depth to this team,” Sandbulte said. “She’s kind of a spark plug for us.”

It will be a challenge for Luverne to replace the leadership and production those six seniors brought to the ice.

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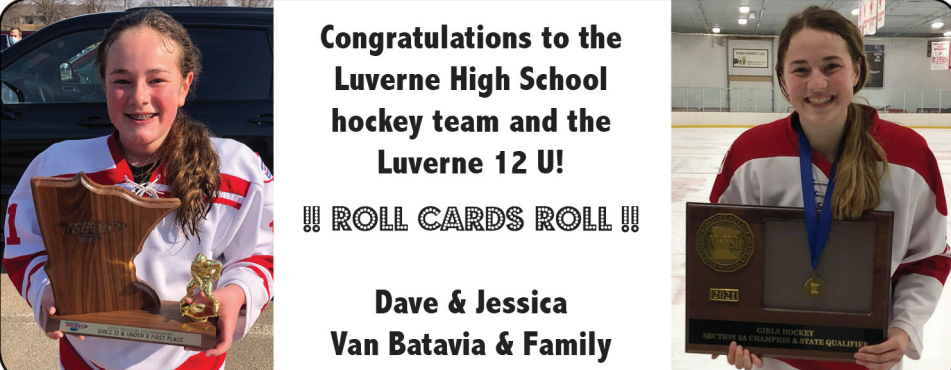
The six Luverne seniors on the roster pose for a photo after winning the section championship against Mankato East 7-2 on Friday, March 19. They are (from left) Brynn Thier, Sophie Holmberg, Shelby Kracht, Roz Oye, Rylee Gee and Regan Feit.



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The good news for the Cardinals is they'll have plenty of talent returning for the 2021-2022 season as they look to make it to state for a third straight year.

Kamryn Van Batavia, who earned Big South All-Conference honors this season, is one of those returning players.

Van Batavia led the team in goals (47) for a fourth straight year. She also recorded 40 assists.

Van Batavia's 47 goals and 87 points led the state of Minnesota.

Reghan Bork will also return. Bork earned Big South All-Conference honors for her efforts during her sophomore season.

Bork led the team with 41 assists. She finished second on the team with 28 goals.

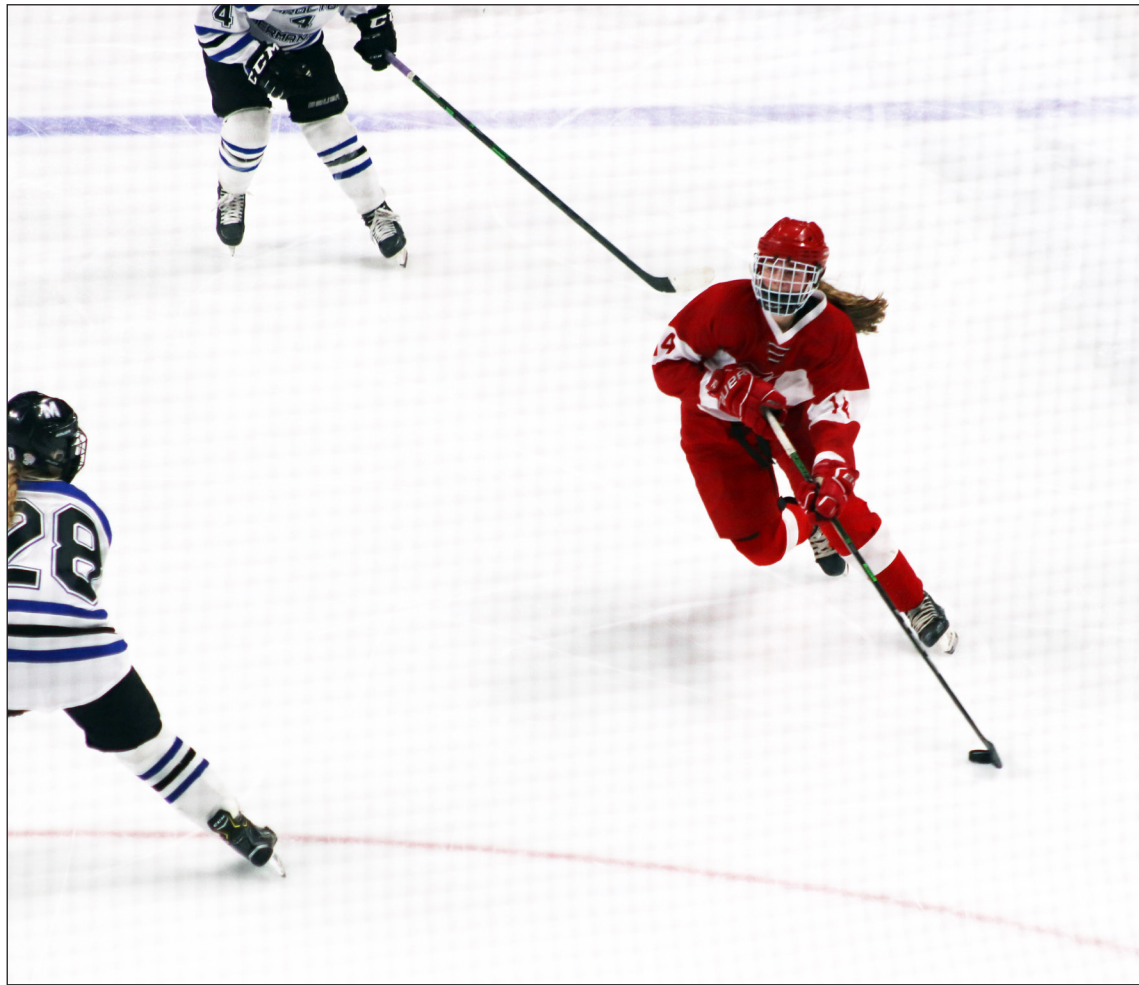
That duo will give the Cardinals one of the most dynamic combinations in Class A next season.

As an eighth-grader, Peyton Behr finished third on the team with 21 assists. Behr also scored 17 goals.

Mallory Nelson was a strong defenseman as a sophomore. Nelson finished this past season with five goals and 10 assists.

During her freshman campaign, Anika Boll scored three goals and recorded four assists.

Zariah Holmgren and Brenn Siebenahler will also return to provide quality depth.



Luverne's leader in goals, Kamryn Van Batavia handles the puck during Luverne's state tournament contest against Proctor/Hermantown. Van Batavia finished the season with a state-leading 47 goals.

Brennen Rupp photo/0408 RB photo

"They were a special group. They've been on the team since seventh and eighth grade, winning 125 to 150 games. Their team play on the ice, dedication in the classroom, and commitment to the community is second to none. Their leadership will truly be missed. They've set a great example and raised the bar extremely high for future senior groups to reach."

- Luverne head coach Tony Sandbulte on what the six seniors meant to the team.

The Cardinals will return both of their goalies. Cheyenne Schutz recorded 258 saves and Mallory Von Tersch recorded 170 saves.

Let's take a look at how the Cardinals reached the state tournament for a second straight season.

LHS 6, Windom Area o

The Luverne Cardinals opened the regular season with a 6-0 shutout victory over Windom Area.

It took the Cardinals 17 minutes to light the lamp during their season opener against the Eagles on Tuesday.

In the opening 17 minutes, the Cardinals and Eagles were deadlocked at 0-0. Then in the second period, the Cardinals had an offensive explosion, scoring four goals.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored the team's first goal of the season. It was the first of

her state-leading 47 goals of the season.

Kracht scored the second goal of the game. Peyton Behr recorded the assist on the goal.

Behr then notched the team's third goal of the game

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to put the Cardinals up 3-0. Van Batavia and Reghan Bork both notched an assist on the goal.

Bork scored the fourth goal of the period to put the Cardinals up 4-0. Van Batavia and Kracht both recorded an assist on the play.

Van Batavia opened the scoring in the third period to put the Cardinals up 5-0. It was the sophomore's second goal of the game.

Bork wrapped up the scoring with a power-play goal to put the Cardinals up 6-0.

Van Batavia, who has been on the varsity squad since she was a seventh-grader, scored her 100th career goal in the game.

Cheyenne Schutz recorded 20 saves for the Cardinals.

Rochester Lourdes 4, LHS 2

It was a battle of Top 10 teams inside Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne's second game of the season. Rochester Lourdes, the 10th-ranked team in Class A, defeated Luverne, the ninth-ranked team 4-2.

With just three seconds left in the first period, Rochester Lourdes scored the game's first goal.

With 12:05 left in the second period, Van Batavia scored a short-handed goal to tie the game at 1-1. Bork recorded the assist on the goal.

Rochester Lourdes scored the next three goals to build a 4-1 lead.



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Students at Luverne Middle-High School tuned into the live-streamed broadcast Friday afternoon, March 26, to watch classmates compete in the first round of the girls state hockey tournament against Hermantown-Proctor. In addition to the choir room (pictured above), students watched the game in the gym and individual classrooms.

Van Batavia scored her second goal of the game in the closing moments to make it a 4-2 game.

Mallory Von Tersch recorded 19 saves.

LHS 5, MN River 2

The Bulldogs struck first on an even-strength goal from Darbi Dunning.

Regan Feit evened the game for the Cardinals by scoring a power-play goal. Mallory Nelson recorded the assist on Feit's goal.

Behr put the Cardinals up 2-1 when she scored a power-play goal in the second period. Van Batavia notched the assist on Behr's goal.

The Bulldogs answered right back with a goal to tie the game at 2-2.

Bork scored the first of her three goals in the game to put Luverne up 3-2 in the second period. Behr and Van Batavia both recorded an assist on Bork's goal.

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Bork opened the scoring in the final period to put Luverne up 4-2. Van Batavia notched her third assist of the game on the goal.

Bork picked up the hat trick by scoring the final goal of the game to put Luverne up 5-2. Van Batavia recorded her fourth assist of the game on the goal.

LHS 9, Morris/Benson 0

The Cardinals had three players record hat tricks during their shutout victory over the Storm.

Luverne's offense erupted for five first-period goals to put the game out of reach for the visiting team right out of the gate.

Bork opened the scoring to put Luverne up 1-0. Behr and Van Batavia both recorded an assist on the goal.

Van Batavia scored the next two goals to put the Cardinals up 3-0.

Bork scored her second goal of the period to put the Cardinals up 4-0. Behr and Van Batavia each notched an assist on the goal.

Oye wrapped up the scoring in the first period to put Luverne up 5-0. Nelson recorded the assist on the final goal of the period.

Oye scored a short-handed goal in the second to put the Cardinals up 6-0. Bork and Nelson both recorded an assist on the goal.

Van Batavia scored her third goal of the game when



Mallory Nelson looks to pass the puck to a teammate during Luverne's state tournament contest against Proctor/Hermantown.

Brennen Rupp photo/0408 MN photo

she opened the scoring in the third period. Bork recorded the assist on the goal.

Bork scored her third goal of the game to put Luverne up 8-0. Van Batavia recorded the assist on the goal.

Oye wrapped up the scoring by notching her third goal of the game. Rylee Gee and Sophie Holmberg both recorded assists on the goal.

Von Tersch recorded 11 saves in the win.

LHS 7, MN River 0

The Cardinals used a strong first period to pick up a 7-0 victory on inside Blue Mound Ice Arena. Luverne scored four goals in the opening frame and never looked back en route to the shutout victory.

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

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

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

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

Von Tersch recorded 17 saves for the Cardinals.



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Dodge County 4, LHS 1

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

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

Von Tersch recorded 40 saves for the Cardinals.

LHS 13, Worthington 0

It was all Luverne, all the time, at Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The Cardinals scored nine first period goals to blow out the Trojans 13-0.

It took the Cardinals less than a minute to score the first goal of the game. Behr got the Cardinals off and rolling with a goal 56 seconds into the game. Van Batavia and Bork recorded assists on the goal.

Van Batavia scored the next two goals for the Cardinals to give the home team a 3-0 lead.

Thier scored the fourth goal of the period for the Cardinals.

Rylee Gee put the Cardinals up 5-0. Anika Boll and Roz Oye both recorded assists on the goal.

Regan Bork scored the next two goals for the Cardinals to increase Luverne's lead 7-0.

Behr scored her second



Brennen Rupp photo/0408 Zariah photo

Luverne's Zariah Holmgren prepares for the puck to drop against Proctor/Hermantown on Friday, March 26 at the Xcel Energy Center. The Cardinals lost to the Mirage 8-0.

goal of the period to put the Cardinals up 8-0.

Bork scored her third goal of the period to put the Cardinals up 9-0. Kracht and Thier both recorded assists on the goal.

Boll opened the scoring in the second period to put the Cardinals up 10-0. Holmgren and Bork both recorded assists on the goal.

Bork scored her fourth goal of the game to put Luverne up 11-0. Boll recorded the assist on Bork's fourth goal.

Nelson wrapped up the scoring in the second period to put Luverne up 12-0. Holmberg and Oye both recorded an assist on Nelson's goal.

It was Gee scoring the team's final goal in the third period to close out Worthington 13-0. Holmberg and Kracht both recorded an assist on the final goal of the game.

Von Tersch recorded 14 saves for the Cardinals.

LHS 11, Morris/Benson 0

The Cardinals used a seven-goal second period to pull away from the Storm.

The strong second period helped the Cardinals pick up an 11-0 road victory.

It didn't take long for Van Batavia to open the



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scoring for the Cardinals in the first period 1-0. Bork and Behr both recorded assists on the game's opening goal.

Oye followed up Van Batavia's goal with a goal of her own to put the Cardinals up 2-0. Bork recorded the assist on Oye's goal.

Van Batavia scored her second goal of the first period and Kracht scored the final goal of the period to give the Cardinals a 4-0 lead.

Von Tersch opened the scoring in the second period to give the Cardinals a 5-0 lead. Van Batavia and Behr both recorded assists on the goal.

Nelson scored an even-strength goal to give Luverne a 6-0 lead.

It was Behr scoring a power-play goal to put the Cardinals up 7-0.

Van Batavia scored her third goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 8-0.

Thier scored her first goal of the game to get in on the scoring parade to put Luverne up 9-0.

Oye scored her second goal of the game to give the Cardinals a 10-0 lead.

Von Tersch wrapped up the scoring with her second goal of the game to put Luverne up 11-0.

Schutz recorded 18 saves for the Cardinals.



Brennen Rupp photo/0408 Roz Oye photo

Luverne's Roz Oye waits for the official to drop the puck during Luverne's state tournament matchup against Proctor/Hermantown. Oye finished her senior season with 25 points. Oye is one of six seniors that the Cardinals will lose to graduation this spring.

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LHS 11, Worthington 0

After defeating the Trojans 13-0 on Thursday, Feb. 11, the Cardinals topped Worthington 11-0 five days later.

The Cardinals scored six goals in the first period and never looked back.

Van Batavia scored the first two goals of the game to put the Cardinals up 2-0. Bork recorded the assist on both goals.

Kracht scored the third goal of the game to put Luverne up 3-0. Behr and Van Batavia recorded assists on the goal.

Gee scored the fourth goal of the period to give Luverne a 4-0 lead. Nelson and Feit both recorded assists on the goal.

Bork picked up her third point of the period by scoring Luverne's fifth goal of the game.

Oye wrapped up the scoring to give the Cardinals a 6-0 lead at the end of the first period. Gee recorded an assist on the goal.

Van Batavia picked up the hat trick by scoring her third goal of the game to open the scoring in the second period. Gee recorded the assist on the goal.

Behr put the Cardinals up 8-0 after scoring a power-play goal. Van Batavia notched the assist on the goal.

Gee opened the scoring in the third period to put the Cardinals up 9-0. Oye recorded an



Brennen Rupp photo/0408 Shelby photo

Luverne senior Shelby Kracht handles the puck during the state tournament matchup against Proctor/Hermantown. Kracht finished her senior season with 12 assists and four goals. Kracht is one of six seniors on the Luverne roster that will graduate this spring.

assist on the goal.

Oye scored the 10th goal of the game for the Cardinals to put Luverne up 10-0. Van Batavia recorded an assist on the goal.

Behr wrapped up the scoring by scoring the team's 11th

goal. Van Batavia recorded the assist on the goal.

Cheyenne Schutz recorded 12 saves for the Cardinals.

With the win the Cardinals completed the season sweep of the Trojans. Luverne outscored Worthington 24-0 in

those two games.

LHS 10, Waseca 0

The Cardinals scored five goals in the first and second periods to pick up the 10-0 shutout victory over Waseca.

Van Batavia opened the scoring for the Cardinals. Bork

and Behr both recorded an assist on the goal.

Gee scored the team's second goal of the game to put Luverne up 2-0. Van Batavia recorded an assist on the goal.



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The Luverne Cardinals got a proper send-off on Thursday, March 25, from the Luverne community before they hit the road to St. Paul for the Class A State Tournament.

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Feit put the Cardinals up 3-0 when she found the back of the net. Oye recorded the assist on the goal.

Bork scored the fourth goal of the first period to put the Cardinals up 4-0. Van Batavia recorded her third point of the game by recording an assist on the goal.

Oye wrapped up the first period with a goal to put the Cardinals up 5-0. Gee record-

ed the assist on the goal.

Behr opened the scoring in the second period to put the Cardinals up 6-0. Van Batavia recorded the assist on the goal.

Van Batavia scored the next two goals to put Luverne up 8-0. Behr recorded an assist on Van Batavia's first goal.

With the two goals, Van Batavia extended her hat trick streak to three games. The sophomore has now recorded

a hat trick in five games this season.

A Nelson goal put the Cardinals up 9-0.

Gee wrapped up the scoring to put the Cardinals up 10-0. Oye and Nelson both recorded assists on the goal.

Von Tersch recorded 13 saves for the Cardinals in the winning effort.

LHS 11, Waseca 0

After defeating Waseca in Waseca, the Cardinals returned home on Tuesday, Feb. 23, and once again shut out the Blue Jays 11-0.

The Cardinals scored seven goals in the first period, leaving little doubt which team would leave Blue Mound Ice Arena as victors.

Bork scored the first goal of the period and was assisted by Van Batavia.

Van Batavia scored the second goal of the period. Kracht and Behr both recorded assists on the goal.

Bork scored her second goal of the period to put the Cardinals up 3-0. Van Batavia and Kracht both recorded assists on Bork's goal.

Oye put the Cardinals up 4-0 and was assisted by Gee


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LHS team members include (front row, from left) Brenn Siebenahler, Rylee Gee, Regan Feit, Sophie Holmberg, (second row) Mallory Von Tersch, Shelby Kracht, Rozilyn Oye, Cheyenne Schutz, (third row) Zariah Holmgren, Mallory Nelson, Kamryn Van Batavia, Brynn Thier, Anika Boll, (back row) assistant coach Ellen Wenninger, Reghan Bork, Payton Behr and coach Tony Sandbulte.

12U



Luverne 12U team members include (front, laying down) Emma Saarloos, (kneeling) Ava Schmid, Marlee Nelson, Hannah Woodley, Ella Apel, Macie Edstrom, Izzy Steensma, Ellie Van Batavia, Tenley Behr, (standing) Greta McClure, Rylee Kurtz, Kassidy Saarloos, Trinely Vanderburg, (coaches in back) Dave Van Batavia, Matt McClure and Eric Edstrom.

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Luverne senior Rylee Gee passes the puck to a teammate during Luverne's state tournament matchup against Proctor/Hermantown at the Xcel Energy Center.

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and Nelson on the goal.

Bork scored her third goal of the period. This time it was a short-handed goal to put the Cardinals up 5-0. Van Batavia and Regan Feit both notched assists.

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

Gee wrapped up the scoring in the first period to put the Cardinals up 7-0.

Bork opened the second period by scoring her fourth goal of the game. Kracht and Siebenahler both recorded assists on the goal.

A goal from Boll put the Cardinals up 9-0. Holmgren

and Bork both notched assists on the goal.

Oye opened the third period by scoring her third goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 10-0. Sophie Holmberg and Gee both recorded assists on

Oye's goal.

Feit scored the final goal of the game to make the final score 11-0. Von Tersch and Van Batavia both recorded assists on Feit's goal.

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Schutz recorded 10 saves for the Cardinals.

New Ulm 4, LHS 1

The Cardinals struck first against the Eagles when Van Batavia put one between the pipes to give the Cardinals a 1-0 lead. Bork recorded the assist on Van Batavia's goal.

With 13 seconds left in the first period, the Eagles got on the board to tie the game at 1-1. New Ulm's goal was the first goal the Cardinals had given up in 17 periods.

The Eagles scored a goal four minutes into the second period to go up 2-1.

In the third period, the Eagles added two more goals to secure a 4-1 road victory against the Cardinals.

Von Tersch recorded 34 saves for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals finished the game with 28 shots on goal.

The Eagles finished the game with 38 shots on goal.

New Ulm's goalie recorded 27 saves for the Eagles in the winning effort.

New Ulm 4, LHS 3

The Eagles scored the first two goals of the game in the second meeting between the two teams.

Van Batavia got the Cardinals on the board nine minutes into the first period to cut New Ulm's lead to 2-1.

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



Cheyenne Schutz plays in net during Luverne's section championship contest against Mankato East on Friday, March 19. The Cardinals defeated Mankato East 7-2 to punch their ticket to the state tournament for a second straight season.

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second quarter.

Nelson opened the scoring in the second period to get the Cardinals back within one. Holmberg and Boll both

recorded assists on the goal.

Gee tied the game at 3-3 when the senior put one between the pipes in the second period. Behr and Van Batavia

both recorded assists on the goal.

A New Ulm goal 11 minutes into the second period gave them a 4-3 lead. That

one-goal lead would hold as neither team was able to score in the final period.

Schutz recorded 29 saves for the Cardinals.

LHS 5, Marshall 0

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

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

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

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

Van Batavia wrapped up the scoring in the second period to put the Cardinals up 4-0.

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

Von Tersch recorded 19 saves in the game.

LHS 12, Fairmont 0

The Cardinals scored two goals in the opening minute en route to a seven-goal first period. That first period scoring barrage helped the Cardinals pick up a 12-0 victory over Fairmont.

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

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

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

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

Thier scored the fifth goal of the first period to put Luverne up 5-0. Bork and Behr both notched assists on the goal.

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

Behr scored the seventh and final goal of the first period.

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

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

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

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

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

LHS 7, Fairmont 0

Bork scored the opening goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 1-0. Van Batavia and Behr both recorded assists on the goal.

Van Batavia scored the second goal of the game to put



Luverne senior Brynn Thier handles the puck during Luverne's section tournament contest against Windom Area on Wednesday, March 17. The Cardinals defeated the Eagles 11-0 to advance to the section championship game.

the Cardinals up 2-0.

Neither team recorded a goal in the second period. Luverne's offense erupted for five, third-period goals to come away with the 7-0 win.

Gee opened the scoring in the final period to put the Cardinals up 3-0. Bork and Van Batavia both notched assists on the goal.

Bork scored her second goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 4-0. Van Batavia and Gee both recorded assists on Bork's goal.

Van Batavia scored her second goal of the game to

give Luverne a 5-0 lead. Bork and Thier both recorded assists on the goal.

Gee scored her second goal of the period to put Luverne up 6-0. Regan Feit and Van Batavia both recorded assists on Gee's goal.

Behr scored the final goal of the game. Oye and Holmberg both recorded assists on the goal.

Cheyenne Schutz recorded 22 saves for the Cardinals.

LHS 4, Marshall 1

The Cardinals defeated Marshall in Luverne 5-0 ear-

lier in the season. The Cardinals completed the sweep of Marshall on Thursday, March 11, with a 4-1 victory.

Van Batavia scored the lone goal in the first period for the Cardinals.

It was Van Batavia again in the second period to put the Cardinals up 2-0. Bork recorded the assist on both of Van Batavia's goals.

Marshall opened the scoring in the third period to cut Luverne's lead to 2-1.

Van Batavia recorded the hat trick by scoring her third goal of the game to put the

Cardinals up 3-1. Thier and Oye both recorded assists on the goal.

Gee scored the final goal of the game to make the final score 4-1. Mallory Nelson and Bork both recorded assists on the goal.

Schutz recorded 21 saves in the win for the Cardinals.

LHS 10, Windom 2

The Cardinals wrapped up the regular with a 10-2 victory over the Eagles in Windom.

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The Luverne Cardinals celebrate after defeating Mankato East 7-2 in the Section 3A Championship Game on Friday, March 19, inside Blue Mound Ice Arena.

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first three goals of the game to jump out to a 3-2 lead.

Behr scored the opening goal of the game to put Luverne up 1-0 five minutes into the game. Nelson recorded the assist on the goal.

Van Batavia scored the next two goals for Luverne to put the Cardinals up 3-0.

The Eagles scored the final two goals of the first period to make it a 3-2 game after the first 17 minutes.

Van Batavia recorded the hat trick by scoring her third goal of the game to open the second period. Gee recorded

the goal.

Bork scored the second goal of the second period to put Luverne up 5-2. Van Batavia and Feit both recorded assists on the goal.

Behr scored her second goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 6-2. Feit recorded the assist on the goal.

Van Batavia scored her fourth goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 7-2.

Behr opened the scoring in the third period by scoring her third goal of the game to record the hat trick and put the Cardinals up 8-2.

Gee scored the final two goals of the game to make the final score 10-2.

LHS 11, Windom o

In the two regular season matchups the Cardinals out-scored Windom 16-2.

Luverne defeated the Eagles 6-0 to open the 2021 season.

The Cardinals then wrapped up the 2021 regular season by defeating Windom 10-2.

The Cardinals continued their dominance over Windom

in the section tournament by defeating the Eagles 11-0.

The Cardinals scored six goals in the first period to shutdown any hopes that the Eagles may have had of pulling an upset.

Oye scored the first goal of the game. Bork and Nelson both recorded assists on the senior's goal.

Bork put one between the pipes four minutes later to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead. Van Batavia and Thier both recorded assists on the goal.

Bork scored her second goal of the period two minutes

later to put the Cardinals up 3-0. Van Batavia and Feit both recorded assists on the goal.

Van Batavia put the Cardinals up 4-0. Bork and Oye both recorded assists on the goal.

Gee scored a goal two minutes later to put the Cardinals up 5-0.

Van Batavia scored her second goal of the game with less than two minutes left to play in the first period to put the Cardinals up 6-0.

Bork and Thier both re-

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“To win a section championship on your home ice is pretty cool. It’s never been done before. It has to be a special feeling for those girls to leave this rink.”

- Luverne head coach Tony Sandbulte

corded assists on the goal. Oye opened the second period by scoring her second goal of the game. Bork recorded the assist on Oye’s goal. Behr put the Cardinals up 8-0. Thier recorded the assist on the goal. Van Batavia scored her third goal of the game to put the Cardinals up 9-0. Bork and Thier both recorded assists on the goal. Gee’s second goal of the game gave the Cardinals a 10-0 advantage. Behr and Holmberg both recorded the assist.

LHS 7, Mankato East 2 Section Championship
For a second straight year, the Luverne Cardinals girls’ hockey team is heading to the Xcel Energy Center for the Class A State Tournament.

The Cardinals punched their ticket to the state tournament by defeating Mankato East 7-2.

“To win a section championship on your home ice is pretty cool,” Sandbulte said. “It’s never been done before. It has to be a special feeling for those girls to leave this rink.”



Regan Feit handles the puck during Luverne's contest against Minnesota River on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The Cardinals defeated Minnesota River 7-2. Feit is one of six seniors on the roster that will graduate this spring.

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It was a battle for the Cardinals just to get to the section championship. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was unclear if there was going to be a

winter sports season. If there was a winter sports season it was unclear if there would be postseason play. Mankato East scored the game’s first goal to take a 1-0

lead over the Cardinals. Van Batavia scored a power-play goal to even the score at 1-1. Bork and Kracht both recorded assists on the goal.

Mankato East scored the first goal of the second period to take a 2-1 lead. Bork scored the equalizer

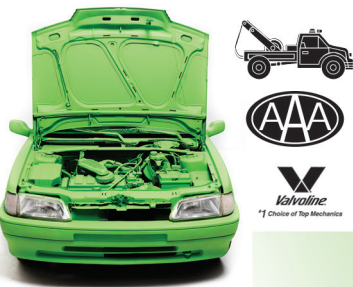
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four minutes later to tie the game at 2-2. Van Batavia and Thier both recorded assists on the goal.

With Mankato East on the power play, Van Batavia scored a short-handed goal to put the Cardinals up 3-2. Following Van Batavia's second goal of the game the Cardinals never looked back.

"We didn't make a lot of adjustments," Sandbulte said.

"We liked where our game was. Mankato East is a really good team. It was back and forth there. We just stayed with it. We were down 1-0. We were down 2-1. The girls kept fighting. We knew once we got the lead we weren't going to look back."

Van Batavia scored her third goal of the game to wrap up the scoring in the second period to give the Cardinals a 4-2 lead.

Behr scored the first goal of the third period to put Luverne up 5-2.

"That fifth goal, Peyton Behr buried it," Sandbulte said. "That broke their back. We just went from there."

Van Batavia scored the next two goals for the Cardinals to put the final touches on the section championship victory.

The talented sophomore finished the game with five goals and one assist.

"We were really waiting for her to shine against a good opponent," Sandbulte said.

"She showed it tonight. When she's going watch out."



Brennen Rupp photo/0408 coach photo
Luverne head coach Tony Sandbulte looks on as his team takes on Proctor/Hermantown in the opening round of the Class A State Tournament on Friday, March 26.

Proctor/Hermantown 8, LHS 0 State Tourney

For the second straight year, the Luverne Cardinals girls' hockey team made the trip up to the Xcel Energy Center for the state tournament.

Last year, the Cardinals opened the state tournament against Breck, the eventual state champions.

The Cardinals fell to Breck 8-1. In the consolation

bracket, the Cardinals lost to South St. Paul 8-4.

Fast forward a year and the Cardinals fell to undefeated Proctor/Hermantown 8-0 in the opening round. Proctor/

Hermantown, like Breck went on to win the state championship.

The opening period was a competitive affair with the Cardinals killing off two penal-

ties in the first 10 minutes.

With the game tied at 0-0, it appeared that the Cardinals and the Mirage were going to head into the locker room deadlocked.

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Luverne's Reghan Bork and Kamryn Van Batavia celebrate after Van Batavia scored a short-handed goal to put the Cardinals up 3-2 over Mankato East in the section championship game on Friday, March 19. Van Batavia finished the game with five goals for the Cardinals.

Then, with 43 seconds left in the period, Proctor/Hermantown's Alyssa Watkins put one between the pipes to give the Mirage a 1-0 lead. Macy Sieger recorded the assist on

the goal.

In the second period, the Cardinals simply had no answer for Watkins and the Mirage. Watkins scored a goal 14 seconds in the period to

extend their lead to 2-0. Izy Fairchild and Sieger both recorded assists on the goal.

Watkins scored four more goals in the period and her teammate Reese Heltzman

added one for good measure to put the Mirage up 6-0 after the first two periods.

In the third period, the Mirage added two more goals to make the final score 8-0.

With the loss, the Cardinals finished the season with a 16-5 record. Of their 16 wins, 12 of them were shutouts.

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