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Betty Mann gets Lifetime Achievement Award for history work

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums will honor Rock County historian Betty Mann on April 26 with the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award for her efforts in preserving and sharing local and regional history.



Rock County History Center director Wendel Buys submitted her nomination.

"Betty Mann is a lifetime resident of Rock County, and as such she is a local treasure trove of history. Her 26 years as a public school teacher gave her a love for learning and sharing what she has learned," Buys wrote.

"This has become invaluable as she has spent many hours in research, and most of what she has learned she retains and shares with others."

He said Mann's teaching degree also enabled her to give meaningful history talks to many groups over the years and to provide research results for many people, ranging from those seeking family history to those creating documentaries and television programs."

Mann retired from teaching in Luverne in 1993 and became the Historical Society president in 1994, retiring from that leadership position this year after 27 years.

"Her love for history is infectious and shows as she gives tours in the Rock County History Center or presents at local businesses

Betty Mann award/see page 8A



Mavis Fodness photo/0414 M & M Repair Retirement

Mel (far left) and Minnie Van Batavia retired from their M&M automotive repair business in Steen on April 1 and sold to Dylan Tieszen for Tieszen Automotive LLC, which opened on April 4.

M & M Repair changes hands in Steen

By Mavis Fodness

Mel and Minnie Van Batavia were ready to close the doors on their automotive repair business in Steen when Dylan Tieszen approached the retiring couple.

"Dylan walked in one day ... and asked, 'Do you want to sell?'" Mel Van Batavia recalled. "And I said, 'Yeah, but I didn't know anyone would buy it.'"

After 45 years in business, M & M Repair closed April 1 and became Tieszen Automotive LLC on April 4.

As a student at Hills-Beaver Creek High School, Tieszen often thought about operating his own business.

After graduating in 2018, he completed an automotive technology degree at Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls and was working at Papik Motors in Luverne when he learned about the Van Batavias' retirement.

"I took some business courses in school so I always knew what I was doing and kind

Steen repair business sold/see page 2A

City leans on legislators for day care funding boost

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne is committed to developing a day care center in the former Total Card Inc. building on Roundwind Road, just off Blue Mound Avenue.

The city purchased the 30,000-square-foot facility in March for \$515,000 for child care and will own and maintain the building to be leased to a child care operation.

Now city leaders are seeking financial support in the forms of grants and legislative action.

Rep. Joe Schomacker, Luverne, jacketed a bill relating to capital investment, appropriating money for a child care center in the city of Luverne, authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

H.F. No. 4417 was read at the House Capital Investment Committee hearing on March 31 and the Early Childhood Finance & Policy Committee on April 5.

The draft bill requests \$3,477,946 in state funds for acquisition, renovation, furnishing and equipping a facility in which to provide child care services for Luverne and Rock County.

Mayor Pat Baustian and EDA director Holly Sammons testified at both hearings with the following key points:

- Child care is essential to economic development and a critical part of the social infrastructure of a healthy community.

- Employers are having difficulty attracting and retaining staff due to lack of day care.

- In-home day care providers in Rock County are declining rapidly — from 56 providers (662 slots) in 2016 to 37 (572 slots) in 2019 to the current 28 providers (336 slots) in 2022.

Luverne day care/see page 2A

Singer, dancer introduces students to Native American culture

By Mavis Fodness

Jackie Bird, a renowned Native American singer, has performed on various world stages including the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Monday afternoon she performed several Native American songs and dances for elementary through high school students at Luverne Public Schools for the first time.

She also included the playing of the popular '60s song, "Wipe Out," with her son, Sheldon, leading the rapid drum solo with his hands beating on the cajon.

"I am so glad he used to bang on his high chair as a baby. He is so good," Bird said.

Elementary students imitated the drum solo by patting their hands on their laps.

Bird's visit and presentation in the performing arts center was the idea of the district's American Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

Sue Reisch serves on the committee and suggested Bird's appearance in Luverne.

Native American singer and dancer/see page 3A

"I used to listen to her as a little girl while I was growing up in Luverne. It made my heart happy to be a part of bringing some Native American culture to Luverne to share with students and staff."

— Sue Reisch, LHS grad American Indian Parent Advisory Committee



Mavis Fodness photo/0414 Jackie Bird Jackie Bird's blue costume symbolizes confidence, wisdom and authority and represents the sky, moon and water.

LEDA assists with 'Old City Hall' building improvements

By Lori Sorenson

Members of the Luverne Economic Development Authority on Monday approved additional support for V&D Properties LLC for restoration work at 203 E. Main Street, the former Cragoe Building.

Business partners Brant Van Dyke and Stephen Dekker last month purchased the building where Dekker's wife, Rachael, operates Novo Aesthetics on the second floor.

They applied to the LEDA for Historic Facade Improvement funds to replace four exterior windows and add a projecting sign with lighting.

The custom projecting sign, designed by A-1 Jet, Luverne, will allow for multiple tenants to be included in the signage. The total project cost is \$15,681.

V&D Properties partners request-

ed a grant of \$5,490 and are choosing to forgo the loan option.

This LEDA support is in addition to a \$5,000 five-year rural business assistance loan to make interior updates to make the building on Main Street Luverne viable for commercial tenants.

Novo Aesthetics is the only tenant currently operating in the building. It's a medical spa that offers services such as botulinum toxin injections, injectable dermal fillers, microdermabrasion with platelet rich plasma and chemical peels.

Other commercial areas will be available for rent in the two-story building in the future.

The business loan will be used to remodel space in the Cragoe Realty building as well as purchase additional medical equipment and inventory.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Maplewood Cemetery Association annual meet-ing will be Monday, April 18, in the Atlas Community Room on Maple Street in Luverne. Lot owners meet at 12:30 p.m., board meets at 1 p.m. Use the door on the west side of the building.

Compassionate Friends Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Mon-day, April 18, at the LACF Office in Luverne. Guest speaker Courtney DeBoer will present “Grief and Well-ness.” Meet-ings are free, confidential and open to an-yone. The group provides support, understanding and hope to grieving parents and grandparents after a child dies - of any age and any cause. For questions, call 605-254-2072 or email: pat.saum@gmail.com

Luverne Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the LHS Choir Room. Every-one is welcome. Contact Heather Johnson with questions, 507-920-6825.

Kenneth Cemetery annual meeting will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Kenneth Commu-nity Center.

Friendship Club (for-merly TOPS) meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at the Luverne Piz-za Ranch. New members welcome. Contact Karen at 507-935-2004 for more in-formation.

Easter egg hunts in Luverne and Hills April 16

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, in the Tuff Memorial Home courtyard in Hills for children ages 10 and younger.

Participants will be di-vided into age groups and complete the hunt at differ-ent times. There will be spe-cial boys' and girls' prizes given away. The Easter bunny will also visit.

The Luverne Area Chamber and sponsoring local businesses will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, on the Courthouse Square at the corner of Cedar and Luverne streets for chil-dren 12 and younger.

The Easter Bunny will make a guest appearance. The event will move into the Elementary School com-mons in case of inclement weather.

Free food for seniors at new A.C.E. location

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer free food through its Nutrition Assistance Pro-gram for Seniors (NAPS) 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the new location in the former Grand Prairie Events, now the Generations building.

Enter the east lot from Maple Street and look for the pallet of NAPS boxes by the new ACE of SWMN office door on the northeast corner of the building. Call 507-283-5064 with questions.

New Life Celebration offers food giveaway at ATLAS April 21

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is now at the ATLAS build-ing at 101 W. Maple Street in Luverne. The next distribu-tion is at 4:30 p.m. Thurs-day, April 21.

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

LWML Spring Rally April 23

Pipestone Zone LWML Spring Rally is at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Servant event, “Je-sus’ Love ... Our Hands” will be preparing hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train. Bring a dark-colored bath towel and wash-cloth; other items will be provided. All are welcome. RSVP for noon lunch count at stjoh@iw.net.

Crisis Center event April 28

The Southwest Crisis Center will host an open house at its Luverne location, 114 W. Main St., from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28.

April is sexual assault awareness month. South-west Crisis Center is commit-ted to sexual violence pre-vention.

Free tax prep at library

AARP volunteers offer free tax preparation for low-income individuals and sen-iors at the Rock County Li-brary on Mondays through April 15. Call 507-449-5040 for appointments. Bring docu-ments, including last year's tax return, and a form of identification to doc-ument social security num-ber. Masks are required.



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City day care leaders seek legislative funds/from page 1A

•Young families are choosing to live in Brandon and Sioux Falls for more child care options.

Baustian and Sammons said local leaders are com-mitted to facilitating a local child care center that will serve the needs of Luverne and Rock County.

They pointed to the fol-lowing facts:

•The private sector alone is unable to acquire or build a child care center based on costs, local rates and wages

•The city of Luverne acquired a 30,000-square-foot facility that is well-suited to be repurposed as a child care center.

•Local resources alone cannot support the signifi-cant investment needed for one-time capital investment

for renovation.

•Luverne is requesting \$3,477,946 in state funds for acquisition, renovation, furnishing and equipping a facility in which to pro-vide child care services for Luverne and Rock County.

•The city is committed to supporting the ongoing operations once the center is established to ensure the sustainability and success of the center.

•The city will sign a management contract with a non-profit and lease the building for \$1 per year.

•A non-profit will acquire a child care license and carry out daily op-erations to offer child care services.

•The city and the non-profit will partner with local businesses and organiza-

tions to help support the center to address a critical need for child care.

A local non-profit board is working on plans to remodel the building and operate a child care center.

While no specific plans have been approved, two concepts have been de-veloped showing how the open-floor building can accommodate up to 186 children ages 0 to school age and the support staff.

Specific rooms would be developed for infants, preschoolers, toddlers and school-aged children. An indoor gymnasium would also be designed in the facility.

The existing building already has an enclosed vestibule, offices, a kitchen area, a conference room, a

bathroom and a garage.

More bathrooms would be added along with out-door play areas developed on the large green space on the building's south side.

At Monday's meeting, the LEDA members dis-cussed the fact that legisla-tive support — if approved — wouldn't materialize until March of 2023, so local leaders will continue seek-ing other funding sources.

Project timeline

Summer 2022: Engi-neering plans and specs

Fall 2022: Advertise project.

Winter 2022: Begin construction.

Spring 2023: Substan-tial completion.

Spring – Summer 2023: Open child care center.

Auto repair business changes hands in Steen/from page 1A

of wanted to do my own thing — to see what I can do,” Tieszen said.

Van Batavia shares some similarities with Tieszen, including a love of Pontiacs and wanting to work for himself.

“Dylan is the same age as when I started,” Van Batavia said. “He’s going to have the same thoughts that I have that there isn’t going to be enough work.”

That was never the case for the Van Batavias, who through the years became the only auto mechanics located in the Steen and Hills areas.

“He’s going to come in the morning and have 14 cars lined up in front of the shop,” said Van Bata-via, who has already given Tieszen a nudge in business among local residents.

“A couple of guys wanted a couple of big jobs done and I said ‘No,’” Van Bata-via said. “They talked with Dylan, so he’s got a couple of weeks’ worth of work already.”

Tieszen won’t be alone in the new business adven-ture, as soon-to-be wife, Jenna, who works in Rock Rapids, will complete most of the bookkeeping, much like Minnie Van Batavia did when M & M Repair opened in 1976.

Minnie also worked in Rock Rapids, retiring from

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— Mel Van Batavia, M&M Repair

the Rock Rapids elevator earlier this year after 26 years in the bookkeeping department.

Gregory Van Batavia, one of Mel and Minnie’s four sons, sees history pos-sibly repeating as the Ties-zens take over the business.

“Hopefully when she is doing your books, it goes a little better than with these two,” he said. “Always — the time when mom’s doing books — we left.”

Minnie said she had a valid reason to scold her good-natured husband, who allowed some repair bills to be charged.

“I put up a sign that reads, ‘Strictly cash,’ and I don’t think it lasted a day,” she said.

M & M Repair also

got its start when the newly-wed Van Batavias purchased the auto repair business on Steen’s Main Street from Clarence and Silvia Erickson, who were retiring.

Mel, who grew up in Steen (as did Minnie), worked for Erickson after school and on weekends.

After graduating from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1971, Mel at-tended the Jackson Vocational-Technical School and earned a two-year degree. Minnie graduated from H-BC in 1974 and also attended Jackson Vo-Tech for bookkeeping.

Three years of work-ing in the repair depart-ment for a car dealership convinced Mel to purchase

Erickson’s business.

“I was there 13 years and then, guess what, comput-ers came out in cars,” Mel said.

For about 18 months, the Van Batavias lived near Alexandria.

It didn’t take long be-fore Mel enrolled in classes to learn to automotive technology. They returned to Steen in 1990, building and moving into the current shop in 1991.

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Since the announce-ment of M & M Repair clos-ing, the Van Batavia boys — Brian, Kevin, Gregory and Joel — have reminisced about growing up in a small-town repair shop.

“It was never a dull mo-ment around here, that’s for sure,” Gregory said.

Mel has also retired as mayor of Steen after 25 years while Minnie con-tinues to be the treasurer for the town of 224 people. They will continue to live in Steen.

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Rock County Hall of Fame to induct new members

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Hall of Fame Committee has announced a new class of members to be inducted into the 2022 Rock County Hall of Fame.

The following individuals (listed alphabetically) will be inducted into the 2022 Rock County Hall of Fame on July 17.

Dries "Dutch" Elbers, fast-pitch softball player, a founder of the world fast-pitch league and one of the first commissioners.

Wendell Erickson, ag instructor, Rock County commissioner and Minnesota legislator.

Andy Gabrielson, storm chaser.

Arlen Olson, art instructor and artist.

Sheldon and Elnora Sandager, who worked with the USDA to establish seed farms in third world countries.

Lloyd Voss, professional football player.

The induction ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at the Historic Palace Theatre. The public is invited to attend.

The Rock County Hall of Fame was formed in 1992 under the auspices of the Rock County Historical Society.

The Hall of Fame Committee, named by the Rock County Historical Society Board of Directors, is appointed to select the inductees.

The first class was inducted in 1992, with

inductions in 1995, 2000 and 2009.

To select a class for induction in 2022, the Rock County Hall of Fame accepted nominations from July 1, 2021, through Feb. 28, 2022.

The Rock County Hall of Fame Committee has been meeting since the end of February to decide on the candidates who will be inducted into the Class of 2022.

As per bylaws, nominees who were not selected at this time will be reviewed during the next nomination period.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize current and former residents and individuals who have "made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, brought honor and prestige beyond the borders of Minnesota through their lives and have exhibited such qualities of character and action as to be outstanding role models for our citizens."

Members of the Rock County Hall of Fame are recognized at the History Center on Main Street in Luverne.

Members of the Rock County Hall of Fame Committee include Greg Burger, Chairman, Everett Brandenburg, Wendel Buys, Ed Elbers, Keith Elbers, Laurie Gangestad, Mary McLaughlin, Larry Nelson, Bruce Olson, Patti Pierson, Dave Smith and Jane Wildung Lanphere.



Mavis Fodness photos/0414 Jackie Bird

Luverne middle and high school students participate in a hoop dance Monday afternoon in the performing arts center with Native American dancer and singer Jackie Bird (center) and students (from left) Alex DeWispelaere, Trinley Vanderburg, Zach Kruse, Audrey DeBates and Nathaniel Cole-Kraty. Elementary students completed a similar hoop dance Monday.

Native American singer, dancer visits school/from page 1A

"I used to listen to her as a little girl while I was growing up in Luverne," the LHS 2000 graduate said.

"(Bird's performance Monday) made my heart happy to be a part of bringing some Native American culture to Luverne to share with students and staff."

Reisch used the Lakota word, cantemawaste, which means "my heart is happy" to describe students' reactions to Bird's performance.

"Jackie did a wonderful job engaging the students with her laughter, love and light, all the while incorporating our song and dance," Reisch said. "Overall, it was a message of healing and togetherness. It was beautiful."

The parent advisory committee was organized late last year as a way to



Students were brought on the stage of the performing arts center by Native American dancer Jackie Bird (far left) for a traditional hoop dance. Helping Bird are elementary students (from left) Kameryn Franz, James Lindsey (standing) and Rory Nolz.

help Native American students in Luverne make a connection with their culture.

Reisch said such introductions were not a part of the Luverne curriculum 20 years ago when she was a

student. She learned about the Lakota culture when she returned to her hometown of Eagle Butte, South Dakota, after earning a nursing degree in 2017.

She returned to Luverne this fall and became a member of the parent advisory committee.

Reisch will lead a beading class for interested students as part of the middle school-high flex program.

"In our culture, beading is a form of our art and culture," she said. "A way to be creative and then you wear your art."

Bird grew up in Pipestone, graduating from Flandreau Indian School. She makes her home in Brookings. Her upbeat message to students Monday was a simple one: "We are all in this world together to work for world peace and world healing. Come out and enjoy life."

Prairie Rose Community Fund grants awarded

Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund grants and scholarships of more than \$40,000 were awarded from 2022 disbursements.

The Community Fund board of directors met recently to conduct the annual disbursement of student scholarships and organization grants.

Two scholarships totaling \$1,750 were awarded, one to high school senior Chance Tunnessen, and a second to college student Jacob Raak.

The Hardwick and Jasper communities shared over \$40,000 in grants.

The city of Hardwick received grants for Christmas lights, a message center at the campground and a landscaping project.

The Hardwick Com-

munity Club received funds for Jubilee Days and Santa Claus Day.

The Hardwick Fire Department received funds for dry-and-store hose racks, hoses and three nozzles.

The Jasper Fire Department received funds for four thermal imaging cameras and two rescue augers.

Jasper Ambulance received funds for a Lucas 3 machine.

Application forms for the 2023 award period can be found at prairierosecommunityfund.com.

Recipients must meet qualifications of connection to the Prairie Rose Wind Farm footprint in Rock County, which includes Hardwick and a portion of Jasper and the townships of Springwater, Rose Dell and Denver.



Jackie Bird, who is with the Mandan-Hidatsa-Dakota tribe, keeps up with her son, Sheldon, Monday afternoon while talking about their Native American heritage. Along with traditional Native American love songs, the Birds also did their rendition of "Wipe Out" for the Luverne elementary through high school students.



A friendship dance is performed with elementary students Monday afternoon in the Luverne Schools performing arts center. Jackie Bird, center, sang a traditional friendship song.

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'Team Tiger' rides again

Tiger Woods' return to competitive golf at last weekend's Masters tournament is both awe-inspiring and motivating.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

ourselves "Team Tiger." Admittedly, I was the enthusiastic one about the name and had it embroidered on red shirts.

Each week we became more confident on the course, improving in the team standings and having a lot of fun.

Fast forward to 2003 when horse showing replaced golf after we moved to the family farm. My enthusiasm for improving my golf game transferred to the show ring.

I have vowed to return to golf when I am no longer physically able to care for and prepare the horses for weekend shows.

Lately those physical aches and pains seem to be more prevalent as I continue to age. I've found myself sitting on the couch more frequently, watching others participate in events that they love.

Tiger's return to competitive golf made me realize that sitting on the couch is not how one should live. We all need to take a lesson from Tiger to be more physically active each day.

The taste of spring in the air also helps get one off the couch and outside into the fresh air.

So, thank you, Tiger, for inspiring me this week to get off the couch and back into the saddle so I feel like Team Tiger rides again.

Tiger could have easily retired from golf after each of his injuries, but he's returned after each one, more determined and more fit to possibly win yet another major tournament.

I watched him walk the Augusta, Georgia, course and listened to him talk with his caddy about club choice and wind conditions. Tiger appeared to be serious about winning.

He first showed that attitude to the world 25 years ago when he won his first Masters. I became an instant fan and continue to be impressed by how Tiger views golf as a sport and not just a weekend activity.

He looks to be in excellent physical condition, which leads me to believe Tiger is back and will continue his professional golf career for many more years to come.

I, too, aspire to someday return to golf.

Decades ago, as Tiger's career took off, I was a young mom who golfed occasionally. I enjoy the game, and as I watched Tiger then, I was inspired to improve my golf swing and read the greens when putting.

I joined a golf league, which allowed me a weekly appointment to be outside, riding a cart for 18 holes.

My partner and I dubbed

Three cheers to our local volunteers

April 17-23 is National Volunteer Week; however, we should honor those who give their time every day. Maybe, however, they deserve kudos daily

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power volunteers have in our communities.

These are selfless servants who tackle society's greatest challenges such as lessening the effects of poverty on individuals and families and making sure everyone has access to dental services.

Volunteers assist in building stronger communities by making sure everyone is able to eat fresh food and buy affordable clothing.

Some are inspired to raise funds to help anyone in need or provide a place where loved ones can spend their last days in comfort.

National Volunteer Week, established in 1974, has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled through-

out the week in honor of those who serve.

We at the Star Herald recognize that many organizations could not complete their missions without volunteers.

Our volunteers put in an unbelievable number of hours, some of which come in the middle of the night.

Volunteering is a selfless act; individuals give their time, skills, experience and passion to help others without expecting anything in return.

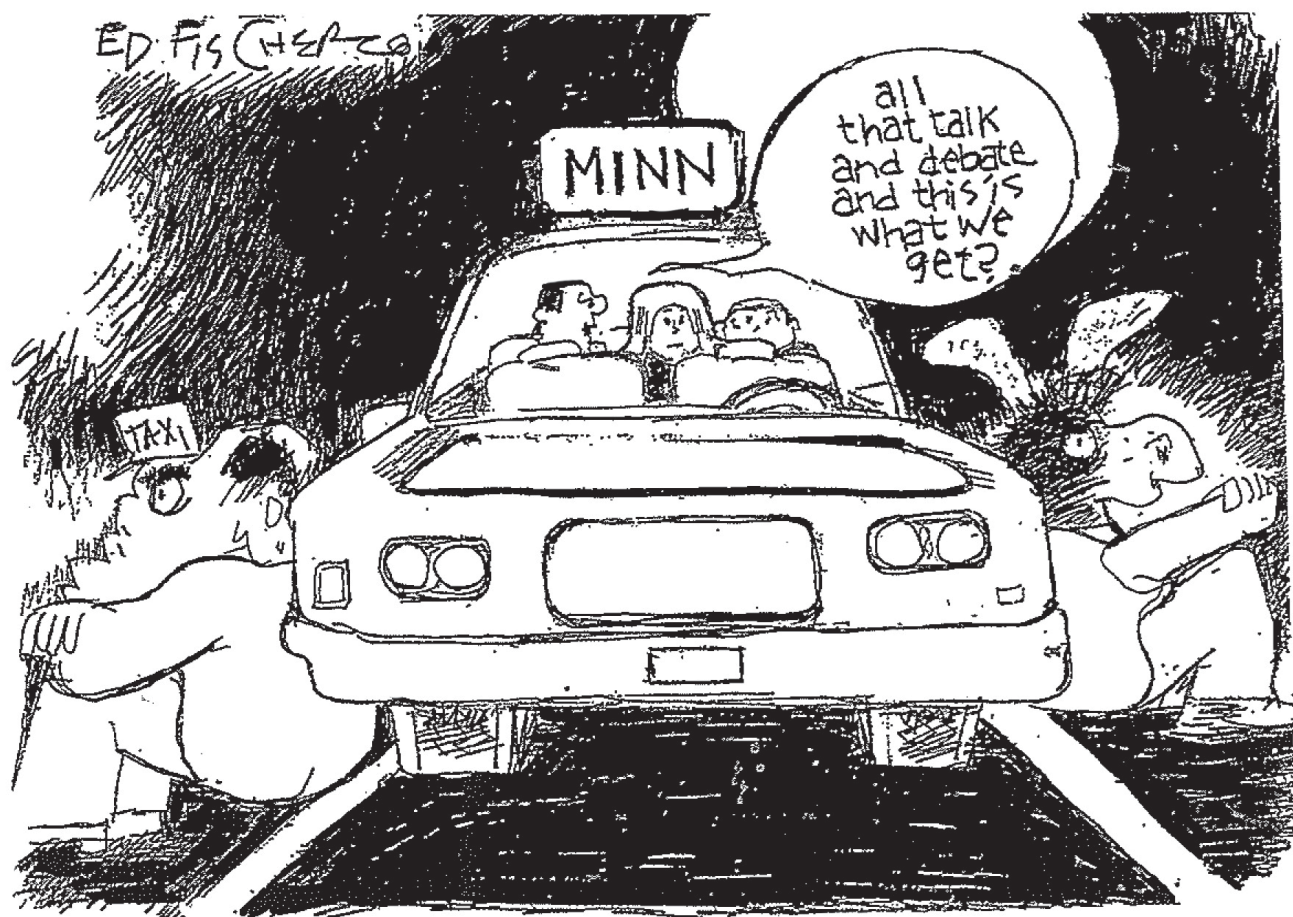
And while volunteering is a form of service, many volunteers

will tell you that "you get more than you give."

There's also magic in volunteering.

Our volunteers bring immeasurable social and economic value to each and every one of our communities that have an active volunteer group. These communities prosper because of the giving, and they are alive with activity and pride which emanates for everyone who lives there.

A big thank you to all our volunteers — we couldn't be the nice communities we are today without you.



Flash flooding can occur unexpectedly; drivers should know what to (or not) do

Question: With spring being here and the melting snow, can you talk about what a person should do when coming across water on roads?

Answer: Flooding can occur when streams and rivers flow over their banks, when dams or levees break, when there is run-off from deep snow, or any time there is heavy rainfall. Floodwaters can be found on roads, bridges and low areas. Flash floods can come rapidly and unexpectedly. They can occur within a few minutes or hours of excessive rainfall.

•Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded roadway ahead, turn around and find another route to get to your destination.

•Be cautious, especially at night, when the visibility is limited.



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

•Remember, 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.

•Two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks.

•Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, do not attempt to cross a flooded road. Water can hide dips, or worse,

floodwaters can damage roadways by washing away the underlying road surface.

•If there is no other route, proceed to higher ground and wait for the waters to subside.

Question: I saw your recent article about flooded roads. Do you have any advice on what a person should do if their vehicle plunges into the water?

Answer: The dynamics of such an incident are ever-changing, so there is no one answer that will cover it all. Having witnessed and responded to these types of situations, here is what I would recommend.

Most vehicles will float on the water's surface for 30 to 60 seconds. If your vehicle enters deep water, make every attempt to get out immediately. If possible, exit the vehicle through open windows before the water reaches the window level.

If your vehicle becomes submerged, try not to panic. Vehicle doors cannot be opened until water pressure inside the car is equal to that pressure outside. When the vehicle is completely filled, doors can be opened if there is no structural damage.

The engine's weight will cause the front end of the car to sink first. The rear passenger compartment may provide an air pocket while you plan your escape strategy. If there are other people in the vehicle, determine their condition and try to exit the vehicle together.

I would advise everyone to take swimming lessons. This is a life skill that can save your life and the life of someone else.

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

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Tired of cleaning, doing laundry?

Local partnership tackles common household chores

By Mavis Fodness

A local organization is lending help around the house for area residents who need a hand.

Clients with Rock County Opportunities of Luverne are completing light housekeeping chores and laundering services for local residents for a fee.

"We clean floors, bathrooms, vacuum or whatever is needed, depending on the household," said RCO Administrative Director Adria Benson. "We don't do dishes."

RCO pairs clients and their abilities with employment opportunities like laundry service that includes pick-up and drop-off of laundry.

For its cleaning services, a three- or four-person team with a staff member completes house-cleaning tasks within an hour. They also clean for area businesses.

Laundry services were recently added along with document shredding for individuals and businesses.

"Our (RCO) clients are ready," Benson said.

RCO partners with Essential Senior Services

A partnership with a private business helped kick off the laundry service.

Last fall RCO completed a pilot grant with Essential Senior Services, a private errand service started by Marriah Aggen from her home near Rushmore.

Aggen started her business in November 2020 specifically for seniors 60 and older to stay in their homes longer.

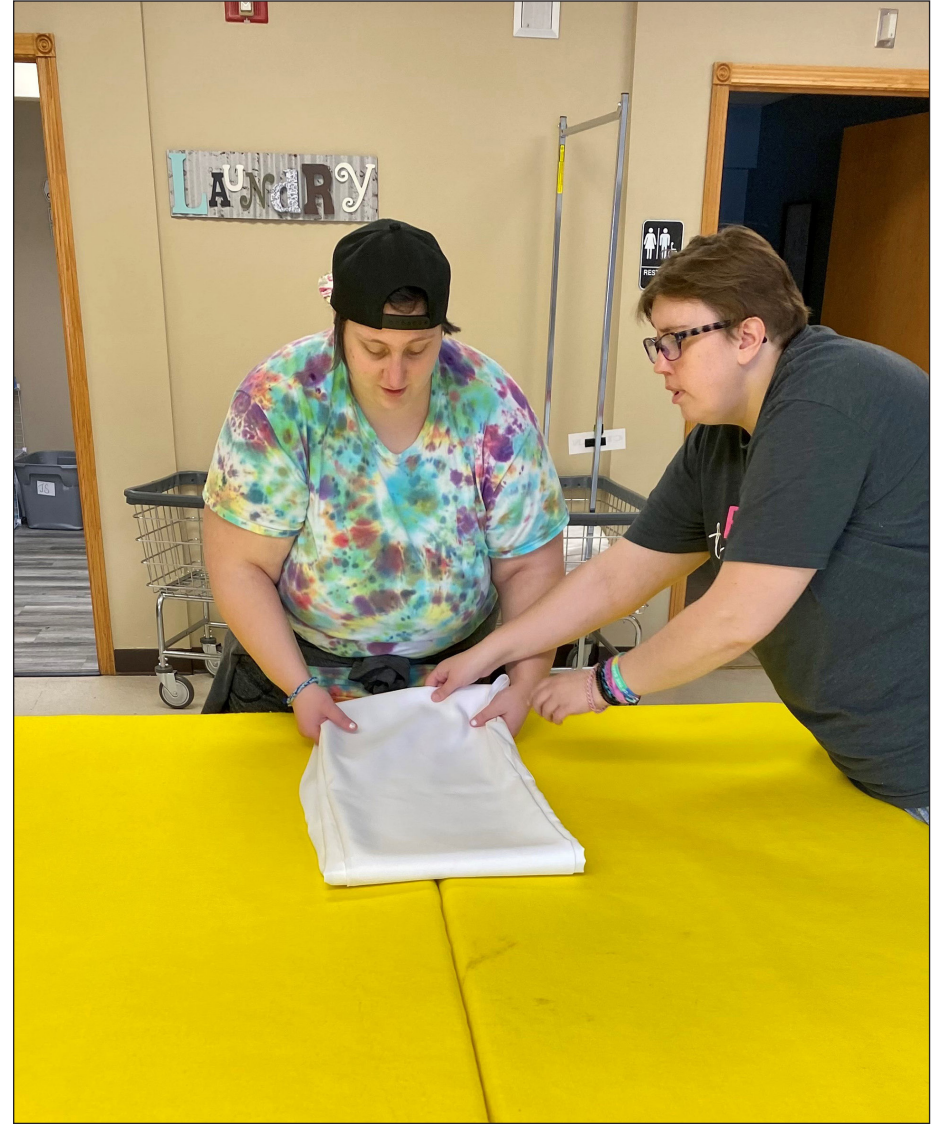
"Because it was the first year of Covid, there was a huge need to complete personal shopping and errands for senior adults," she said.

Aggen worked more than a decade at long-term care facilities, where she witnessed how much residents missed the independence of living in their own homes.

Many of those residents



Cara Simpson with Rock County Opportunities measures laundry detergent for the commercial service RCO operates at its Luverne facility. At right, two people are needed to iron and fold the freshly laundered tablecloths belonging to Springbrooke Events, Golf and Grill in Beaver Creek. Dani Handy (left) and Cara Simpson finish folding one large table cover. The laundry is one of several services that Rock County Opportunities has available to the public.



could have stayed in their homes longer if someone could have completed small tasks for them on a regular basis.

Often the tasks fell to family members, who quickly became overwhelmed or lived too far away to help on a regular basis.

A desire to begin her own business prompted Aggen to start Essential Senior Services from her home. She focused on shopping for groceries and personal items, pharmacy pickups, stops at the post office or picking up pet supplies.

Within weeks Aggen noticed that clients also needed light housekeeping and laundry help.

She subcontracted with RCO in Luverne and Advanced Opportunities in Worthington to

complete in-house tasks.

A \$25,000 grant from Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging in 2021 allowed Aggen to expand her offerings through subcontracted services that included laundry in Adrian.

"People were reluctant at first to hand off their laundry, but once they tried the service, they were OK with it," she said.

Commercial-sized machines at RCO allowed large items such as comforters and rugs to be laundered with ease. The pick-up and drop-off service returned items to the customer ready to use.

Program pilot in Adrian expands services

Through the pilot in Adrian, subcontractors for lawn care and

snow removal were also added to Aggen's service options.

A larger, six-figure grant for 2022 through MRAAA expanded Aggen's business to a six-county area, although Aggen prefers to focus on her 50-mile radius from her home, which puts the focus on Rock, Nobles and Murray counties.

Through the 2022 grant, residents over age 60 and living on their own are able to tap into services on a sliding fee basis.

This project is made possible, in part, under the Federal Older Americans Act through an award from the Minnesota River Agency on Aging under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

In the first quarter of 2022, Aggen and her subcontractors are working with 80 clients, 30 percent of whom live in the Luverne area.

"Luverne has definitely showcased a need," she said.

Aggen subcontracts with Luverne Lawn Care for light yardwork, and RCO may expand into personal shopping depending on need.

To contact for services

For RCO laundry, document shredding and/or cleaning services, call Adria Benson at 507-283-4582.

For Essential Senior Services, call Marriah Aggen at 507-360-1949 or email maggen@essentialseniorservices.com.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 1

•Complainant on 41st Street and 50th Avenue, Luverne, reported a train blocking intersection near location.

•Complainant requested identity theft record be removed.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a student refusing to go to school.

•Complainant on 150th Avenue, Steen, reported cattle rustling.

•Complainant on E. 6th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a gas pump not working correctly.

•Complainant on County Road 6, Hills, reported a parking issue.

April 2

•Complainant on Kansas City Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, requested info on subject for investigation.

•Complainant on 161st Street, Luverne, reported finding sunglasses and bones.

•Complainant on S. West Park Street reported a parking violation.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported someone broke into her house.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a man in her backyard near her garbage.

April 3

•Complainant on S. Cottage Grove Avenue reported a garbage complaint.

•Complainant on E. First Avenue, Beaver Creek,



Mavis Fodness photo/0414 Officer Braaksma Swearing In

'I do solemnly swear ...'

Worthington native Connor Braaksma (left) was sworn in by Sheriff Evan Verbrugge April 2 as the newest deputy in the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Braaksma graduated from the law enforcement program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in 2021 and previously worked at the Cottonwood County jail. He recently completed in-house training and is now on patrol.

April 4

•Complainant on 201st Street, Jasper, reported a railroad crossing blockage.

•Complainant on 20th Avenue reported a road closure.

•Complainant on 61st Street, Hills, reported a

driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a building tenant is harassing her.

•Complainant on S. Main Avenue, Hills, reported damage to mail.

•Complainant on 231st Street, Luverne, reported a road closure at train crossing.

•Deputy on S. Kniss Avenue requested to assist state patrol on a traffic stop.

April 5

•Complainant on W. Dakota Street, Beaver Creek, reported a garbage complaint.

•Complainant reported a theft.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported lost or stolen packages.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a man took a picture of her house.

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street request-

ed deputy to speak to a client about driving without a license.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported property dispute and harassing communications.

•Deputy eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, assisted a motorist parked along roadway.

April 6

•Complainant on N. Spring Street filed a noise complaint.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a trespassing issue at location.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street requested a locksmith.

•Complainant on W. 2nd Street, Hills, reported a scam phone call.

•Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Walnut Street filed a parking complaint.

•Complainant on E. Christensen Drive reported a runaway.

•Complainant on 61st Street and 50th Avenue, Luverne, reported road closure.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a semi with hazards on roadway.

April 7

•Report of statewide tornado drill for severe weather awareness week.

•Subject arrested on North Dakota warrant.

April 8

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported an abandoned vehicle.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 16 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 10 burn permits, 3 alarms, 7 drug court tests, 7 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 33 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 5 tests, 2 welfare checks and 2 OFP.

Rock County Eye Clinic, locally owned, community involved, clearly different.

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Photo courtesy of the Buckeye, Arizona, Police Department
 Autumn Wenzel (center) receives a lifesaving award from the Buckeye Police Department's Chief of Police Larry Long (right) and Assistant Chief Bob Sanders in recognition of saving a girl's life in July 2021. Wenzel, an LHS Class of 2011 graduate, is a patrol officer with the Buckeye Police Department in Buckeye, Arizona.

Luverne native receives lifesaving award as peace officer in Buckeye, Arizona

By Mavis Fodness

As a student at Luverne High School, Autumn Wenzel gravitated toward the medical profession with thoughts of becoming a registered nurse.

Instead, the 2011 graduate works as a peace officer with the city of Buckeye, Arizona.

She recently used her medical skills to save a young girl's life.

"I was assisting another agency who received a medical call of a young teenage girl who had stopped breathing," Wenzel said.

The girl had no pulse when Wenzel began chest compressions.

"I kept wondering where my backup was and hoping, hoping, hoping I was doing the right thing," she said.

Within a minute, the girl gasped and began breathing on her own just as Wenzel's backup

was arriving. They took the still lethargic girl to the hospital.

Wenzel's supervisor, Sgt. Darren Smith, recommended her for the lifesaving medal for quick medical actions.

"Ofc. Autumn Wenzel is a dedicated and hardworking member of our team. In just a short amount of time she has become a well-respected officer who is known for her willingness to do whatever it takes to assist her community and fellow officers," Smith said.

"Her commitment and drive are both impressive and inspiring."

Wenzel graciously accepted the medal.

"It's definitely an honor," she said. "I did what any other officer put in that position would have done."

Wenzel also received a meritorious commendation for

her work on two 2021 homicide incidents that happened just a couple of weeks apart.

"I was just doing my job," Wenzel said. "I was just helping that family whose life was made more difficult through the death of a loved one and who had no understanding of why the homicide occurred."

And it is not just her superiors who notice Wenzel's work. Others from the community of 91,502 just west of Phoenix have written comments to the Buckeye Police Department's social media page.

"She is a sweetheart, too," wrote Summer Stranges.

"She responded to our neighborhood park where a bunch of teenagers were getting out of hand. She was extremely friendly ... as well as professional. Her parents/family should be proud. We're lucky to have her protect-

ing us here in Buckeye."

Wenzel's path to Buckeye began shortly after graduating from LHS when she entered the Minnesota Army National Guard.

She first served with the 224th Transport Company in Olivia and then deployed in 2013 to Afghanistan with the 114th Transport Company based in Duluth.

There they escorted contractors delivering supplies. She retired from the military as a sergeant in 2019.

"I liked the National Guard," Wenzel said. "I looked at joining law enforcement on the home front for the same military feel."

She also considered resuming her high school plans to become an RN, but friends encouraged her to enter law enforcement.

Wenzel chose her future retirement designation of Arizona when she was unable to find affordable housing and join the

state patrol in Minnesota.

After graduating from the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy, she joined the Buckeye Police Department in November 2020 and is one of 100 officers on the police force.

Wenzel doesn't seek recognition for doing her job.

"I honestly came on expecting to do my job and help as many people as possible," she said, maintaining her "Minnesota Nice" upbringing, as witnessed by Buckeye resident Jenifer Broussard.

"I just saw you helping that older gentleman at Circle K. You are very kind," Broussard wrote on the department's social media page.

Wenzel is the daughter of Gayle Wenzel, Luverne, and Kevin Wenzel, Sioux Falls. She is the granddaughter of Russell and Doris Wenzel, Luverne.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Southwest Minnesota Habitat for Humanity has announced that the Sheryl Staeffler family will become the owners of the house scheduled to be built in Luverne this summer.

Habitat has three principal criteria for family selection, which are need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner with Habitat.

Habitat sells its houses to homeowners with 20- to 30-year mortgages at zero percent interest.

Monthly principal payments are made to Habitat and are used to pay for the construction of other homes.

The new owners also make monthly payments toward property taxes and hazard insurance.

Staeffler and her three children will contribute 300 hours of their own time and labor toward the completion of their home.

25 years ago (1997)

•Two speech veterans, Matt Ebert and Matt Tilstra, will represent two Rock County schools in the state speech tournament in Shakopee Saturday.

The 1995 and 1996 State Champion Ebert, representing Hills-Beaver Creek High School, is returning for a third run for top honors in the great speeches division with a speech called "An Indefensible War," by Eugene McCarthy. Ebert is a senior.

Tilstra, a senior from Luverne High School, took top honors in discussion in the section tournament in Marshall April 12. He participated in the state speech tournament in discussion in 1996, where he took sixth place. This year the discussion topic is America's Changing Work Force.

50 years ago (1972)

•Planting of Luverne's newest "little park" is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of next week. It is one of several

community beautification projects now under way. The park is to be known as Moccasin Park. Designed by Mrs. Chester Holm, it is being established in memory of the late Mrs. Al Winters.

75 years ago (1947)

•Four Rock countians were aboard the luxury liner, the "Queen Elizabeth," when she went aground in a fog at the entrance of the bay at Southampton, England, Monday.

They are Mr. and Mrs. George Haakenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Haaken Haakenson, of Luverne, who left April 3 with Norway as their ultimate destination.

They planned to be in England for two days, and then sail from Newcastle for Norway on April 16 aboard a Norwegian passenger ship for Bergen and Tysness, Norway, where the brothers have a sister and other relatives. They are expected to return after a three months visit.

100 years ago (1922)

•In tearing down the old residence on the former Jas. Marshall farm near Beaver Creek, now owned and occupied by County Commissioner O. I. Godfrey, a copy of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, published in New York December 15, 1877, was found between the walls.

Leslie's was then an eight-page paper with fourteen-inch columns to the page. Three of the pages were given over to illustrations. It was a splendid publication from an editorial standpoint, with well balanced advertising columns.

While rather dilapidated looking, the copy carries its age well. The front page consisted of a cartoon entitled "The Balance of Power in the United States Senate," with the dividing line much in evidence. It portrayed the ship of state in a storm—with the ballast becoming unmanageable. Strong editorials on "The Battle in the Senate," "The Russo-Turkish War," and "The Influence of War on Inventions" were published.

1943: No truth that James jumped Devil's Gulch

The following article is part of the Diamond Club Member group that began in the January 7, 1943, issue of the Rock County Star Herald. Members of this group consist of persons of age 75 and older.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
 president Rock County
 Historical Society

The visit of Jesse and Frank James, two of the most noted robbers in the 1870's, to Rock county was recalled this week by James P. Kennedy, Luverne.

Although he did not actually see the men, he recalls how a neighbor came galloping to their farm on a gray horse to spread the news that the James brothers had eaten breakfast that Sunday morning at the Charles Rolph home in Battle Plain township, about 12 miles north of Luverne. It was Mr. Rolph who notified Ezra Rice, then sheriff of Luverne, according to Mr. Kennedy, and a posse was formed to apprehend the bandits. As the story goes, only one Luverne man got close enough to see them. He was Jack Dement. They trailed them to a point near Larchwood, Ia. And there

one of the brothers fired at Dement, hitting the horse he was riding.

There's no truth in the stories that James hid in a cave in the Mounds or jumped the Devil's Gulch at Garretson with his horse, Kennedy states.

Mr. Kennedy was a boy of 12 when the famed desperadoes made their escape after the Northfield bank robbery. Born in Clayton county, Ia. Jan. 26, 1864,

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OBITUARIES

Joanne Johnson

Joanne Johnson, 89, of Aneta, North Dakota, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Northwood Deaconess Health Center in Northwood, North Dakota.



A visitation was Friday, April 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. with a 7 p.m. prayer service at the church. A funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Sundahl Lutheran Church in Aneta. Burial was at Silent Hill Cemetery, rural Aneta.

Joanne Lusty was born June 14, 1932, at rural Bemidji near Solway, Minnesota. She was the fifth child of William and Sophia (Rice) Lusty. When she was age 3, the family moved to rural Mentor, Minnesota. She attended LaBelle country school through fifth grade and then went to school in Mentor. Joanne was confirmed in the Mentor Lutheran Church. Her family moved to Oslo, Minnesota, and she graduated from Oslo High School in 1950.

After graduation, Joanne moved to Aneta. She attended hairdressing school in Fargo in 1951 and worked in hair salons in Mayville and Aneta throughout the years.

In 1951 Joanne married the love of her life, Freeman Johnson. She became a farm wife and raised her family in Ora township, Randall in 1953, Jeffrey in 1955, Mary in 1961, and Nancy in 1963. Her nephews, Jon and Joe Lusty, lost their parents, Gorden and Bev (Berman) Lusty and came to live with them in 1976. All the children graduated from Aneta High School. Freeman passed away in 2003 and Joanne continued to live on the farm for 10 years before moving into an apartment in Aneta in 2013.

Joanne taught Sunday

School for 25 years and served on the Sundahl Church Council as treasurer and financial/secretary. She wintered in Texas and Arizona for 28 years. Joanne's faith in the Lord was strong and she was witnessing to people right up until her death. She was active in the Aneta American Legion and Silent Hill Cemetery Auxiliary, homemakers, and other community activities. After her children grew up, she started Joanne's Wearable Art and attended many craft shows.

Survivors include her sons Randy (Debbie) of Aneta and Jeff (Sheri Hallgren) of Hatton, North Dakota; daughters Mary (Doug) Mahan, McVile, North Dakota, and Nancy (Cory) Berg, Pierre, South Dakota; nephews Jon (Deb) Lusty, Luverne, and Joe Lusty, West Fargo, North Dakota; brother David Lusty, Dewitt, Minnesota; sisters-in-law Lu Lusty, Minot, North Dakota, and Arlene Eisenbeis, Hillsboro, North Dakota; grandchildren Amy (Lane), Emily (Yohanna), Isaiah (Torrie), Stacey (John), Patrick, Lindsey (Jon), Marisa (Chris), Craig (Kelly), Alexa (Scott), Connor, Katie, Emma, and Corbin; great-grandchildren Lyric, Talia, Sorren, Cecelia, Sydney, Chance, Zane, Ava, Otto, Carson, Anika, Brenden, Teagan, Tucker, Jensen, Lillie, Madison, Elias, Rania, Mya, and one on the way; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her sister, Adeline, in 1986; brother Eber, killed in World War II in 1943; brother Gorden in 1976 at the age of 51; brother Gene in 2020; her mother, Sophia, in 1976; and her father, William, in 1989.

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Margaret Pick

Margaret Mary Pick, 72, Luverne, died Monday, April 4, 2022, at the Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, Arizona.



A funeral Mass was Tuesday, April 12, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with burial at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Margaret was born on Dec. 7, 1949, the 12th child of Floyd and Alma (Wieneke) Madison. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from St. Adrian Catholic High School in 1967. She took a financial secretary course at Pipestone Area Vo-Tech.

Margaret married Gerald Pick on June 28, 1969, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. She worked for A. R. Wood Manufacturing, where she was encouraged to give blood and did so until she surpassed nine gallons over the years. She later started a home day care business for 35 years.

Margaret was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She loved spending time with her family and always enjoyed a good card game with friends. Margaret liked to travel and often brought home a rock from her trips.

Her husband, Gerald, died in 2013.

She reunited with a very good friend from Pipestone, Gene Van Heuvelen. She was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy and CHF in March of 2018.

Margaret is survived by four children, Steven (Jennifer) Pick of Spencer, Iowa, Kevin (Nicole) Pick of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Brian (Rena) Pick of Luverne, and Joleen (Rick) Mueller of Mitchell, South Dakota; ten grandchildren, Kaylee, Madison, Carson, Spencer, Carter, Ashton, Mason, Reagan, Kennedy and McKinley; her friend Gene Van Heuvelen of Pipestone; siblings Morris (Brenda) Madison of Aurora, Colorado, Earl (Marilyn) Madison of Adrian, Rita Becker of Pueblo, Colorado, and Joyce Faragher and her friend Harold of Worthington; in-laws Dennis (Deanna) Pick of Kenneth, Linda (Gerald) Schmuck of Gulfport, Mississippi, Lori Pick of Luverne, and Diane (Dennis) Strassburg of Magnolia.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Submitted photo

For the second year the LHS speech team earned the Section 3A championship. Team members are (front, left) Maddy Schepel, Nora Louwagie, Brianna Kinsinger, Roselynn Hartshorn, Mia Wenzel, Rylee Anderson, Jessika Tunnissen, Lizzy Mulder, (back) Burke Johnson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Zander Carbonneau and Parker Carbonneau.

Luverne High School speech team repeats as Section 3A champions

By Mavis Fodness

In a close contest Saturday, the Luverne High School speech team earned its second consecutive Section 3A championship and will send a record-setting seven students to the state tournament.

Students who placed in the top three in their categories advanced to the state meet. Two Luverne students took section championships.

Section results included:

- Luke Thorson, first, section champion, humorous interpretation.
- Chance Tunnissen, first, section champion, extemporaneous speaking.
- Burke Johnson, second, discussion.
- Parker Carbonneau, second, extemporaneous speaking.
- Mia Wenzel, third, serious poetry.
- Rylee Anderson, third, great speeches.
- Zander Carbonneau, third, extemporaneous speaking.
- Brianna Kinsinger, fourth, creative expression.

• Roselynn Hartshorn, fifth, original oratory.

• Jessika Tunnissen, sixth, informative speaking.

Also competing on Saturday and not making the final round were Maddy Schepel, Lizzy Mulder and Nora Louwagie.

Coaches Gavin Folkestad and Caroline Thorson knew the possible win came down to numbers.

"We brought 13 kids to compete and there were some schools that had 16-24 kids," Folkestad said. "We needed a good number to not only advance to the final round but to also place well."

Luverne had 10 students reach the final rounds, and rival Windom had 12 students in the finals.

Luverne earned a one-point victory.

"I told the students not to do anything differently in regard to their speeches," Folkestad said. "Their success throughout the season is what got them to this point — don't change it up now."

All five of the team's senior members earned a trip to state tournament.

"To have all five seniors, who have been in speech since middle school, make it to state is so thrilling," Thorson said.

The seniors include Chance Tunnissen, Burke Johnson, Mia Wenzel, Rylee Anderson and Luke Thorson.

Luke is coach Thorson's son. Earlier this month Thorson announced she will retire as speech coach after eight years.

"I cannot think of a better note to leave my coaching duties on than this," she said. "Of course, like any parent, I am thrilled for Luke, too. He really wanted to go back to state and especially an in-person experience, so this is just so much fun."

The state tournament takes place April 22-23 in Apple Valley.

Luverne will need two Suburbans to transport the seven qualifiers to state meet, the most qualifiers in more than a decade.

Last year Luverne had six competitors in the state's virtual event.

"To be able to bring our entire senior class (speech team) to compete, I am absolutely elated," Folkestad said.

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he came with his father, a brother and a neighbor to Rock county in March, 1876, which was the same year as the robbery. That same year, the railroad was built into Luverne from Worthington.

Mr. Kennedy's father had bought a farm two miles north of Luverne near the Mounds, and this was their home for six or seven years.

Mr. Kennedy had attended school about three terms in Iowa, and after coming to Rock county, resumed his education when school was in session. The building in which he first attended school was constructed like a chicken coop

with one side high and the other side low. It was located on the south side of the Mounds, a short distance from Luverne.

In 1883 or '84, Mr. Kennedy's father filed a homestead and tree claim in Pipestone county, northwest of Edgerton, and sold his Rock county land. Mr. Kennedy lived at home with his parents and helped with the farm work until he and his brother bought a farm near Hardwick in 1891, to which they moved the following spring. They farmed in partnership until after they were both married, and they then divided their property and

began operations individually.

The two brothers did some "railroading" on the side. One winter, they hauled lumber and timber for the branch railroad between Hardwick and Wilmont. Every bit of piling, lumber and ties that is used in the bridge across the Rock river east of Hardwick was hauled by Mr. Kennedy, brother, and two other men who had been hired to help them with the hauling.

This, however, was not Mr. Kennedy's first experience working on a railroad construction crew. The year the Great Northern built

the line from Sioux Falls to Ihlen, he helped haul rock for every culvert and bridge for the entire stretch of track. He was paid at the rate of \$3 per day, and board, but he had to furnish feed for his horses.

This article will continue in next week's publication of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

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Betty Mann to receive Lifetime Achievement Award for history contributions/from page 1A

or in classrooms in the schools of Rock County," Buys wrote.

"Her love for collecting has also put Luverne on the map as the home of the third-largest nutcracker collection in the world."

He said Mann's experience and wisdom is encapsulated in a quote she often uses: "We can't live in the past, but we need to learn by it."

Mann said on Wednesday she was humbled and a bit "uncomfortable" to learn about the award.

"I like to do things for other people; I don't do things for awards," she said. "It's going to be hard for me to accept this. ... I'm uncomfortable, but thrilled. ... Maybe I have done something to help preserve our history."

Mann will be honored at a reception at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center in Alexandria on

April 26 during the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums annual meeting and conference.

The organization will honor four local history projects with a Minnesota History Award and Mann as the individual with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Deserving of recognition

The Alliance issued a formal announcement last week about Mann's award.

"Betty is an important voice for her organization in the community and contributed greatly to the historical research that had a nationwide impact through her work with Ken Burns," the committee wrote.

Mann helped Burns research local history for the documentary film, "The War," that featured Luverne as one of three U.S. communities and the effects of World War II on the home front.

Among the considerations for Lifetime Achievement Awards are the honorees' contributions to history outside their communities.

"She also shared her experiences by forming a regional organization and providing guidance to those historical societies so they could strengthen their operations and physical facilities," the committee wrote about Mann.

Nobles County Historical Society Board member Jerry Fiola supported Mann's nomination for the award.

"She helped to shape our operational vision and assisted the members in arriving at a consensus on how best to get started. Since then, we have been holding regularly scheduled meetings three to four times a year," Fiola wrote to the Alliance.

"This ongoing regional networking group is another

of Betty's many legacies to the history preservation field."

After Rock County's History Center was successfully opened, Fiola said Mann shared advice for the Nobles County Historical Society move into the National Guard Armory in Worthington.

"Betty's invaluable mentoring undoubtedly contributed to our organization's success in completing this relocation project," he said about the \$4 million Armory renovation.

May 1 open house to honor Mann's 27 years as Historical Society president

Mann recalls that Don Klosterbuer had asked to attend a Rock County Historical Society meeting 27 years ago.

"I went to that meeting and came out president," she said. "I took the position

on one condition — that I would step down after we found a larger space."

At the time, in 1994, the Victorian Hinkly House was the only local museum in the community and it was overcrowded with artifacts.

She said Jake Boomgaarden once overheard her bemoaning the lack of space and approached his fellow Masons about selling the Masonic Lodge for a museum and the Masons could continue meeting upstairs.

Once the museum was established in the Masonic Lodge, Mann soon discovered that handicap accessibility was an issue, and the search was on for another location.

Along the way she spearheaded several additional Rock County history attractions — the move of two Historical Society buildings to the fairgrounds as well as the building of two others there.

In 2014 the current building — the historic Ford Motors garage — was purchased and remodeled over the course of the year.

"Under Betty's direction, the funds were raised to purchase the building, the remodeling was completed, and the mortgage was paid off within five years," Buys said, adding that Mann's work is never done.

"Betty is at the Rock County History Center ev-

ery day volunteering her time in collecting and preserving information for our research center, giving tours, doing research in response to requests, caring for and creating displays, archiving, and a multitude of other activities," he wrote in his nomination letter.

"At 91, Betty is tireless in her efforts to keep things running smoothly at the museum."

Mann reflected on progress over the past 20-some years and said she's relieved that local history finally has a beautiful, functional and accessible home on Main Street.

However, she said the collections at the museum are already outgrowing their space and she said an expansion will likely be necessary.

"But," she qualified, "someone else will have to be in charge of that."

On the heels of her Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony on April 26, her May 1 open house in Luverne will be from 1 to 4 p.m.

To celebrate Mann's contributions to history, the Historical Society will accept donations for additional storage space at the History Center.

"Currently the building is overflowing with exhibits and artifacts in storage waiting for their turn to go on display," Buys said.

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Mavis Fodness photos

This year's third-graders at Luverne Elementary School were learning the songs and movements for "Bada Bing, It's Spring!" as first-graders in March 2020 when the pandemic prompted state officials to close all schools and begin distance learning. The students were finally able to perform the song, "What has Happened to Spring," from the program that began two years ago, in front of friends and family Friday afternoon in the school's performing arts center.

Luverne first- and third-grade students debut in their first public performances Friday



Singing "Mum's the Word" are third-graders (from left) Logan Kempema, Cylus Nieman, Kamdyn Chapa, Kali Johnson, Emersyn Roos, Sawyer Nath and Thone Tucker.



Kenzi Petersen, dressed as a dandelion, explains what happens to the weeds (a dandelion) when spring appears and people pull dandelions out of the ground by their heads.



First-graders Hank Petersen (left), Korie Schomacker, Baxter Meinerts and Ayden Garcia sing "Marching Orders."



Holding their "Cozy Special Friend" as they sing the song are first-graders (front, left) Carter Hamm, Roni Chapin, Evren Janiszkeski, (back) Satriela Rodas Chicas, Mary-Jane Waddington and Dominic Rigney.



Dandelion queen Grace Van Batavia explains why the third-graders depicting dandelions are not weeds.



Standing in the back row performing the song "Weeds" are third-graders Jaeva Evans, wearing a hat depicting a gardener, dandelion Ashlyn Hemme and bird Otto Lund.



Pajama Party!

Luverne Elementary first-grade students performed "Pajama Party" for their very first singing program for parents and friends Friday afternoon in the school's performing arts center. Director Beth Capistran told those in attendance that the students began practice six weeks ago, spending 25 minutes each day on the program. "Pajama Party," with students dressed in sleepwear and holding their favorite stuffed animal, centered around activities at a sleepover that included "staying up all night long," Capistran said.

Cardinal tennis opens with tournament championship

By Jason Berghorst
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinal boys' tennis team opened its 2022 season with a 3-0 record and earned the team championship at the St. James tournament Saturday.

Luverne defeated New Ulm 4-3, Winona Cotter 7-0 and St. James 5-2.

The three Cardinal singles players won all nine matches during the day.

"After not having practice for most of the week (due to weather), I was quite happy with the performances," said Luverne head coach Lucas Larson.

"Our singles players all did awesome. They continue to show why they are some of the best players in our corner of the state."

Luverne, which opened the season as the eighth-ranked team in Minnesota Class A boys' tennis, was scheduled to host Madison, South Dakota, on Tuesday, April 12, and will face Sioux Falls Lincoln at home on Monday.

Luverne 4, New Ulm 3

LHS won a close contest in its first match of the season. The Cardinals defeated the New Ulm Eagles 4-3 in the opening match of



Submitted photo

The Luverne Cardinal boys' tennis team opened their season by winning the St. James tournament Saturday. Team members pictured are (from left) Pierce Cunningham, Jase Arp, Elijah Henrichs, Logan Ommen, Hunter Gaffaney, Ethan Nath, Spencer Kracht, Ross Bergman, Terran Siebenahler, Levi Thielbar, Luke Bosch, Griffen Jarchow, Caleb Kracht, Blake Frahm and Kyle Ferguson. Team manager Sam Emery is pictured in front of the team.

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— Lucas Larson,
tennis head coach

the St. James tournament Saturday.

The Cardinals swept the singles matches in the contest.

At No. 1 singles, Pierce Cunningham defeated New

Ulm's Ben Brownfield 6-2, 6-1. Griffen Jarchow defeated Thomas Schwartz 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles and Blake Frahm downed Rylen O'Neil 6-0, 6-0 at third singles.

In doubles play, the Cardinals' Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen defeated the Eagles' Nathaniel Janssen and Keenan Davis 7-6, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles. At No. 2 doubles,

Maverick Johnson and Sabastian Smith defeated Luverne's Kyle Ferguson and Jase Arp 6-0, 6-2.

Luke Bosch and Spencer Kracht of Luverne lost to Joey Kotten and Mitch

Schotzko at No. 3 doubles, 6-0, 6-0.

New Ulm's No. 4 doubles team of Dylen Carreon and Marcarious Amaoh defeat-

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H-BC Patriot girls' and boys' track teams compete at Garretson

By Dalton Bass
For the Star Herald

The Patriots track team traveled across the border to participate in the Jesse James Invitational Saturday in Garretson, South Dakota.

The large 15-team meet included several smaller schools in southeast South Dakota, plus Hills-Beaver Creek and Southwest Christian.

The Patriot girls placed 10th while the boys' team finished 12th.

"It's always fun to compete against teams other than the ones we see all the time," coach Rex Metzger said about the meet on Saturday.

Girls' results

The 4-by-200-meter team made up of Brynn Rauk, Olivia Deelstra, Brynn Bakken and Abbie Harris turned in a second-place finish with a time of 1:54.93.

Seventh-grader Brynn Bakken also placed third in

the 200-meter dash (28.55) and sixth in the long jump (14'11").

The medley relay team of Larissa Steinhoff, Olivia Deelstra, Taylor Durst and Kenadie Fick came in fifth with a time of 5:01.03.

The 4-by-800-meter relay team of Kenadie Fick, Taylor Durst, Bailey Spykerboer and Emma Deelstra turned in a sixth-place finish with a time of 11:46.80.

Boys' results

The boys' 4-by-200-meter relay team of Liam Raymon, Luke Fuerstenberg, Eli Taubert and Cooper Gehrke finished in third place with a time of 1:38.71.

Sophomore Cooper Gehrke placed fifth in the 200-meter dash (25.52), while Brock Harnack, Luke Fuerstenberg, Blake Leenderts and Liam Raymon also came in fifth in the 4-by-100-meter relay with a time of 48.47.

Sophomore Brock Harnack rounded out the top finishers for the Patriots



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H-BC Patriot Luke Fuerstenberg hands the baton to Eli Taubert Saturday at the Jesse James Invitational in Garretson during the boys' 4-by-200 relay.

with a sixth-place finish of 49.31 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Girls
200 26. Aspen Shimp 33.70
400 21. Bailey Spykerboer 1:16.00
28. Emma Deelstra 1:17.55
32. Aspen Shimp 1:19.46
4x400 7. Abbie Harris Kenadie Fick Brynn Rauk Taylor Durst 4:43.28
Discus 17. Ally Birger 75'10"
20. Larissa Steinhoff 71'11" 38. Izzy Wysong 58'8" 45. Tyrae Goodface 51'3"

High Jump 7. Larissa Steinhoff 4'4"
Long Jump 11. Abbie Harris 14'6" 16. Brynn Rauk 13'9" 25. Bailey Spykerboer 12'5"
Triple Jump 11. Emma Deelstra 28'6.5" 18. Olivia Deelstra 26'4" 20. Bailey Spykerboer 26'2"

Boys
200 29. James VandenBosch 28.77
300 Hurdles 13. James VandenBosch 54.68
4x400 Eli Taubert Sawyer Bosch Blake Leenderts Jackson Gacke 4:12.11
Discus 10. Max Scholten 104'9"
33. Riley Tatge 76'6" 35. Brayden Metzger 75'7" 39. Alex Harris 67'7"
High Jump 8. Eli Taubert 5'6"
Long Jump 13. Cooper Gehrke 17'10.5" 21. Eli Taubert 17'1" 28. Sawyer Bosch 16'2" 36. Jackson Gacke 13'6"
Triple Jump 8. Brock Harnack 35'7" 9. Sawyer Bosch 34'6" 13. Blake Leenderts 33'10.5"

Cardinal runners turn in winning performances at Saturday's Brandon Valley track and field invitational

By Blaine Radtke
For the Star Herald

The Cardinals competed in the Brandon Valley Lynx Invitational on a cold Saturday, April 9, against the stiff competition of all AA South Dakota schools.

Despite the condition, LHS athletes turned in some winning performances.

Ashton Sandbulte won the 100-meter dash in 11:47 and Jenna DeBates was the champion in the 3200 (11:21.68).

Eli Radtke turned in a second-place finish Saturday at 13' 6" — a second all-time school best, next to Matt Hup's pole vault school record of 14' 3 1/4.

LHS pole vault coach Ken Hup has 26 vaulters he is working with this year.

"I believe in giving everyone a chance," said Hup, who's in his final season



Images by CD photo

Tenley Nelson runs the final leg of the 4-by-800 relay for the Luverne Cardinals in the Brandon Valley Lynx Invitational April 9, a cold Saturday, against all AA South Dakota schools.

of coaching. "You can't rule anybody out, because you never know who will

develop into a good vaulter by the time they are a junior or senior."

Camden Janiszkeski had

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H-BC boys open 2022 golf season in Pipestone

By Dalton Bass

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team traveled to Pipestone to compete against the Arrows Monday night at the Pipestone Golf and Country Club.

The Patriots dropped their opening match by a score of 170 strokes to 217.

"The boys did well for the first time out," said H-BC golf coach Dan Ellingson. "Pipestone is one of the better teams we will have a chance to play against all year."

He said the team was missing a golfer due to a conflict with another school activity, and he said all the girls' varsity players will be

back next meet.

"We are looking forward to greens being cut on the courses and more practice outside," Ellingson said.

"Our next goal is to get back under 200 as a team score," said Ellingson.

Senior Austin Allen led the way for the Patriots by shooting a 48, followed by seniors Jacob Axness (52), Daniel Martinyuk (55), Ethan Kruger (62) and Robbie Drake (66).

Junior Braxton Thompson for Pipestone led all scorers with a score of 36.

Both the boys' and girls' H-BC golf teams travel to Fulda on Tuesday.

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a fifth-place finish in the 800 meters (2:10.78) and sixth in the 1600 (4:48.27).

Tenley Nelson was fourth in the 1600 (5:27.82). Nelson and DeBates teamed up with Tiana Lais and Elizabeth Wagner for a third-place finish in the 4-by-800-meter relay.

Wagner, a first-year hurdler, placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (49.33), marking another early-season success.

Hurdler coach Corey Nelson said it's difficult to recruit athletes to the event, which presents the challenge of sprinting 300 meters while clearing hurdles.

Currently he only has a couple of boys practicing and not yet competing in meets.

"You need hurdlers especially for the upcoming True Team competition because you don't want to have zero points in any events," Nelson said.

Jadyn Hart had a good day placing second with a personal record in the discus (107-11) and seventh in the shot put (33-04.00).

The rest of Luverne's results are as follows:

LHS boys
100 26. Lucky Dara 12.78 27. Noah Mehlfaff 13.15
200 19. Lucky Dara 25.13 22. Zachary Terrio 25.51 24. Tyler Rolfs 26.89
800 18. Owen Janiszkeski 2:15.40
1600 8. Owen Janiszkeski 4:53.95 14. Ryan Fick 5:06.37
4x100 8. Ethan Rahm, Zachary Terrio, Tyler Rolfs, Anyuon Atem 49.35
4x200 7. Lucky Dara, Gavin DeBeer, Eli Radtke, Ashton Sandbulte 1:35.83
4x400 9. Owen Janiszkeski, Camden Janisz-



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Luverne Cardinal Elizabeth Wagner runs the third leg in the 4-by-800 relay Saturday at the Brandon Valley Lynx Invitational. The relay team raced to a third-place finish.

eski, Ethan Rahm, Ashton Sandbulte
Shot put 23. Elijah Woodley 35-08.50 24. Keaton Ahrendt 34-03.75
Discus 23. Elijah Woodley 91-07 26. Keaton Ahrendt 73-11
Pole vault 7. Noah Mehlfaff 10-00
Long jump 16. Gavin DeBeer 17-08.05 21. Anyuon Atem 16-06.50
Triple jump 18. Ethan Rahm 34-00.50
High jump 14. Gavin DeBeer 5-4

15.82
200 9. Sarah Stegenga 28.74 23. Reinha John 31.41 25. Skylar VanderSteen 32.36
400 18. Makena Nelson 1:09.82 23. Brynn Boyenga 1:19.97
800 14. Cassi Chesley 2:40.24 17. Ella Schmuck 2:41.94 18. Maria Rops 2:42.04
1600 13. Kayla Bloemendaal 6:05.44 14. Ella Schmuck 6:05.50
4x100 8. Sarah Stegenga, Hailey Como, Reinha John 55.12
4x200 7. Makena Nelson, Hailey Como, Anna Banck, Sarah Stegenga

1:57.58
4x400 7. Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley, Maria Rops, Tenley Nelson 4:27.56
100H 17. Kendra Thorson 20.36
300H 17. Kayla Bloemendaal 1:01.45
Shot put 24. Rayann Remme 23-09 25. Andrea Luitjens 23-03.50
Discus 22. Rayann Remme 67-05
25. Hannah Woodley 62-05
Triple jump 10. Kendra Thorson 30-11 15. Makena Nelson 29-09

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ed Luverne's Ross Bergman and Levi Thielbar 6-0, 6-1.

Luverne 7, Winona Cotter 0

The Cardinals had little trouble with Winona Cotter in the second match of the St. James tournament Saturday.

LHS swept the Ramblers 7-0.

At No. 1 singles, Cunningham defeated Jon Besek

6-0, 6-2. At No. 2 singles, Jarchow bested Hamilton Brewer 6-2, 6-2. Frahm defeated Logan Granseth 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

In doubles play, Nath and Ommen came out on top of Ema Stankova and Mateo Vila 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, Ferguson and Arp defeated Goktug Ozkan and

Joseph Row 6-0, 4-6, 10-7 in an exciting match.

Bosch and Kracht bested Spencer Briggs and Barrett Schmidt 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles.

At No. 4 doubles, Hunter Gaffaney and Bergman defeated Iren Oliveras and Minh Nguyen 6-4, 6-1.

Luverne 5, St. James 2
 Luverne defeated the

host St. James Saints 5-2 to win the tournament championship Saturday.

Playing in their third match of the day, the trio of senior Cardinal singles players swept all three of their contests.

Cunningham, currently ranked 10th individually in Class A, defeated Preston Wegner 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.

At No. 2 singles, Jarchow swept Andrei Rivera 6-0, 6-0, and Frahm defeated Christian Pineda 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

The Cardinals and Saints split the four doubles matches in the final contest.

Luverne won at No. 1 doubles when Ommen and Nath bested Payton Brown and Vince Brown 6-4, 6-2.

At No. 2 doubles, Lu-

verne's Ferguson and Arp defeated Zech Ciske and Devon Olson 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

St James' Dylan Reid and Noah Sauer defeated Bosch and Kracht 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 doubles.

Luverne's Thielbar and Gaffaney lost to Caleb Fast and Rylan Meyer 6-0, 6-3 at No. 4 doubles.

Get involved in adopting a public land in your area and see positive things happen

By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist

It is pretty amazing how a little thing can turn into a big thing. This can happen when a small issue or discovery really turns and stuff hitting the fan. Every once in a while, though, a little thing can become a big thing in a positive way.

When this happens it can really make your day, and I am going to share one of those little things that turned into a very great outcome.

Last spring, I was visiting a friend of mine, Kenny Reed, who has a lake place in Pine County Minnesota about 90 minutes north of the Twin Cities.

We decided to go for what I call a Rall Real Tree Road Trip, a side-by-side ride to visit citizen-owned lands managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Most people call them Wildlife Management Areas. As we were enjoying the ride and seeing what wildlife might be out for our viewing we pulled into a WMA.

There was a sign attached to one of the posts in the parking lot area that explained that this particular WMA had been adopted by the Kanabec County Pheasants Forever chapter. My best friend, Scott Roemhildt, who was present on this ride,



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist

is the southern region director for the DNR and I asked just what was going on with this adoption sign.

He was going to look into it for me and a few weeks later I got the skinny. Back in 2011 the legislature directed the DNR to start a program that allowed volunteer organizations to help with minor maintenance on these public areas.

The program only had a few participants and for all practical purposes had been shelved. No one in the agency was promoting the program and the public was totally unaware of this

program's existence.

I was directed to a section of the DNR's website, and low and behold, there were about four or five WMAs in my county available for adoption.

I called the area wildlife manager for my area, Bill Schuna, and in a matter of a few months my local chapter of Pheasants Forever had adopted every single WMA in my county.

This random stop at one public area brought the adopt a WMA program back to the front burner with a decent amount of heat underneath it.

In the past there was always a fear that someone would get hurt working on a public land and the result would be that they sued the state for damages. In other areas wildlife managers past history was that working with volunteers was more work than it was worth for the amount of work completed by those groups.

It was a combination of little agency support and lack of public knowledge about the program that allowed it to fallow for almost a decade.

The details of the program look a little like this: Interested volunteers contact their area wildlife manager to express their interest in helping. Based

on that group's experience they can sign a no-fee contract with the department spelling out what kind of work they are allowed to pursue.

It took me about four to five months to finally get the contract I wanted. My group has lots of experience in this area and I wanted the ability to utilize motorized vehicles to get the greatest amount of work done.

This included side by sides and tractors if needed. It also allowed us to spray noxious weeds, remove invasive trees, plant food plots and other general maintenance.

Not every no-fee contract allows for the scope of work we are allowed to do. Each organization has to prove itself capable of delivering on promises in a way that does not disturb or deteriorate the habitat in these areas.

My group has logged over 2,000 hours of volunteer effort on public lands over the past three years, mostly on property bought by Pheasants Forever before the land was actually turned over to the DNR.

We can now operate in the same manner when the state actually owns the property.

Pheasants Forever's

they purchase a license.

All firearms turkey hunters can participate in Hunt F if they have an unused tag from one of the earlier hunt periods.

Archery-only license holders may hunt statewide for the entire season (April 13-May 31). Hunters cannot purchase both a firearms and archery-only license.

Licensed hunters age

17 and younger may hunt statewide for the entire season (April 13-May 31) with firearms or archery equipment, including in Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater WMAs during the A through C seasons.

More information about turkey hunting in Minnesota can be found at mndnr.gov/Hunting/Turkey.

LHS baseball opens season with 3-0 loss in Fairmont

The Luverne Cardinal baseball team opened the 2022 season with a 3-0 loss in Fairmont Monday night.

Braydon Ripka, Casey Sehr, Riley Sneller and Will Serie had one hit each for the Cardinals.

Fairmont, which had only three total hits in the game, scored one run in the first inning and two runs in the sixth of the seven-inning contest.

Sophomore Conner Connell was the opening pitcher for LHS. He gave up three hits and three runs while striking out eight Fairmont batters during five and two-thirds innings on the mound.

Senior Casey Sehr pitched in relief for Connell in the final one-third of the last inning, striking out one batter.

Luverne (0-1) was scheduled to host Windom at Redbird Field on Tuesday, April 12.

The Cardinals will host Redwood Valley in a double-header on Tuesday, April 19, and travel to Pipestone Area next Thursday, April 21.

Additional details and box score for the Fairmont game were not available at press time.

insurance is the one who carries the liability for any accidents. This is how the state got over their hesitations.

You can read about many different organizations utilizing the no-fee contract to help improve and maintain the lands the state currently manages. This has always been an item of contention with politicians who claim the state cannot take care of the lands they already have so they don't need anymore. This argument just went out with the trash.

Get involved in adopting a public land in your area. It can be an individual, an organization or even your individual business. Each of these areas will be signed so everybody will see your commitment. It is a great win-win and it developed into a great success

after on little ride with friends in Kanabec County. A big "Thank you" to Scott Roemhildt and his DNR team for helping rejuvenate a great program that had just never gotten off the ground.

Just think what we might accomplish when we a 100 or more entities helping do maintenance. A huge side benefit, allowing area wildlife managers to concentrate on their most important tasks while others to some of the more mundane work will result in the highest quality habitat.

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Spring turkey hunting begins April 13, runs through May 31

Minnesota turkey hunting begins this week, with opportunities available from Wednesday, April 13, through Tuesday, May 31.

The season is divided into six hunt periods, A through F. A spring turkey license will provide the opportunity to hunt all permit areas in the state, with the exception of three major wildlife management areas.

Permits are required for firearms turkey hunters age 18 and older in Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater WMAs during the A through C seasons. Permits for these three WMAs have already been issued through a lottery.

Firearms hunters age 18 and older must choose their hunt period when

He gave it all

When we think about Jesus, especially at Easter, some have a vision of a man hanging on a cross with blood dripping from his side. Some may think he was arrested, tried and crucified, which is absolutely true! However, there is so much more to the story that unfolds over the hours prior to his death.

Just after the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples went to the Mount of Olives. He took three disciples with him into the olive grove. Of course, Jesus is distraught. After all, this would be the last time he would be with them before his arrest. Jesus steps away from the three to ask his Father to "... take this cup from me," or as we would say, "Is there any other way?"

Jesus knows what horrific circumstances will evolve over the next several hours. As Jesus waits for his betrayer to come, a crowd enters the olive grove. There he is, Judas, the betrayer, to meet him with a kiss.

Jesus, arrested and bound, was first taken to Annas' home. Annas did not know what to do with him, so he sent him to his son-in-law, Caiaphas, the High Priest. Caiaphas found false witnesses to testify; their evidence would be all lies. Caiaphas continues to question Jesus, asking him to defend himself. Jesus remained silent. Caiaphas asked if he was the Messiah. "I am," Jesus replied. Caiaphas shouts, "Blasphemy, why do we need more evidence?" The crowd shouted, "He is worthy of death." Blindfolded, brutally beaten, spit on and mocked, they continued the assault, saying to him, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" Jesus remained compliant.

However, Caiaphas did not have the authority to put him to death. He sent Jesus, beaten, bloody and exhausted, to the Roman governor, Pilate. By now, it's early morning. Jesus is questioned by the governor. The crowd

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Bob Junak
Rock River
Community Church,
Luverne

who followed continues to hurl lies. Pilate listens but finds no basis to charge Jesus. The angry crowd told Pilate Jesus had caused trouble all the way from Galilee.

It just so happened, Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, was in Jerusalem. Jesus, beaten, bloody and exhausted, was sent to Herod. Herod was excited to see Jesus do some sort of miracle; however, Jesus would do no such thing. Herod and his soldiers joined the taunting by mocking and dressed him in a robe. Finding no reason to put him to death, Herod sent him back to Pilate.

Succumbing to the pressure of the crowd, Pilate released Jesus to be mercilessly whipped. The whip had several straps with pieces of bone or metal on the ends to rip flesh away from the bone with every strike.

Making Jesus carry the cross, the soldiers led him to a place called Golgotha to be crucified. Exhausted from relentless beatings, Jesus was led bound and bloody from place to place. The soldiers would not cease the abuse. They nailed him to a cross for public display.

At noon darkness came over the land. The Temple curtain tore from top to bottom and the earth shook. At 3:00 in the afternoon Jesus would take his last breath.

This Easter, let's be reminded of the journey of torture, ridicule and exhaustion he endured for all of us to live free from the condemnation of sin.

Today is a perfect time to follow Jesus, the risen Savior!

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor
Thursday, April 14: 5 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass. 3 p.m. Good Friday Prayer and Communion Service. 4:30-7 p.m. KC Good Friday Fish Fry in Doyle Hall. 8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. Easter Bunny visit after mass. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stecluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com
Friday, April 15: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service. Sunday, April 17: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service. Monday, April 18: 7 p.m. Council meeting. Tuesday, April 19: 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 20: 6:30 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time. Wednesday, April 20: 7-8 p.m. Youth Group; Men's Bible Study. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

First Baptist Church
103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, April 14: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Coffee at Wildflowers. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for Zambia. Friday, April 15: 6 p.m. Good Friday Service. Sunday, April 17: 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast. 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service. Tuesday, April 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Thursday, April 21: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Coffee at Wildflowers. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for Zambia. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org
graceluverne@iw.net
Ann Zastrow, Pastor; Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
Thursday, April 14: 5:30 p.m. Seder meal for 4th graders and parents. 6:45 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion. Friday, April 15: 6:45 p.m. Good Friday Service. Sunday, April 17: 7 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion. 8 a.m. Light brunch in Fellowship Hall. 9 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, Grade Notes deadline. Tuesday, April 19: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, April 20: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne; Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship. Friday, April 15: Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Sunday, April 17: 8 a.m. Easter Sunday Song Service. 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Thursday, April 14: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service. Friday, April 15: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, April 17: 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, April 18: 6:30 p.m. VBS work night. Tuesday, April 19: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, April 20: 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 pm. Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups. 7:30 p.m. Awards Night for Pioneer Clubs. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
(formerly First Assembly of God)
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Ph. 283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor
Friday, April 15: 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service. Sunday, April 17: 10 a.m. Worship Service. Children's church for ages 3-6th grade and nursery for ages 0-3 provided during our services. All services are in-person and all are welcome.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, Ph. 283-4529
Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service. Friday, April 15: 7 p.m. Good Friday Service. Saturday, April 16: AA meeting. Sunday, April 17: 8 a.m. Easter Youth Service. 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast. 9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt. 10:30 a.m. Celebration

Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, April 18: Messenger deadline. Tuesday, April 19: 10:30 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6 p.m. Trustees meeting. 6:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, April 20: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. No confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net
Thursday, April 14: 9 a.m. PW Coordinating team. 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Methodist church. Sunday, April 17: 8-9:15 a.m. Easter Sunrise Breakfast. 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, April 20: 9:15 a.m. Circle. 1:30 p.m. Circle. 5:15 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:15 p.m. Session. Committee meetings following service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor
Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Worship Service. Friday, April 15: 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service. Saturday, April 16: 9 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter Service. Sunday, April 17: 7 a.m. Easter Sunday Divine Service. 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast. 9 a.m. Divine Service. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion. Friday, April 15: 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service. Sunday, April 17: 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Holy Communion. Easter Breakfast to follow. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday joint service at First Lutheran Church. Friday, April 15: Good Friday joint service at Palisade Lutheran Church. Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Easter Sunday Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFeU4>

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 12th St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday joint service at First Lutheran Church. Friday, April 15: Good Friday joint service at Palisade Lutheran Church. Sunday, April 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFeU4>

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek, Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia; Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor
Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills; Ph. 962-3270
Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion. Friday, April 15: Good Friday Worship Service. Sunday, April 17: 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion with breakfast to follow. 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Tuff Chapel Worship. Tuesday, April 19: 2 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:30 p.m. Bible Study at Village.

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Rock County Board of Commissioners to meet April 19

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR REDISTRICTING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 375.01 TO 375.025
Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of April, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., the Rock County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the Herreid Board Room, 204 East Brown Street, in the City of Luverne, for the purpose of considering preliminary plans for the redistricting of Rock County Commissioner Districts. A copy of the preliminary plans with all attachments and supporting documentation shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the County Board during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the Rock County website at www.co.rock.mn.us. Any citizen intending to submit a plan for consideration in the redistricting of Rock County Commissioner Districts must do so no later than the 15th day of April 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Notice is also given that the Rock County Board of County Commissioners will meet in the Herreid Board Room, 204 East Brown Street, in the City of Luverne, on April 19, 2022, for the purpose of redistricting Rock County Commissioner Districts. Dated: April 5, 2022

(04-07, 04-14)

Van Wyhe probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Raymond Van Wyhe,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-76

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of May, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated January 13, 2021, and for the appointment of Carol Van Wyhe, whose address is 808 US Hwy. 75, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: April 5, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D.#158343

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(04-14, 04-21)

Bos probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Henrietta Bos,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-79

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 205 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent dated, November 22, 2013, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Douglas B. Bos, whose address is 1191 121st Street, Luverne, MN, 56156 and Ronald J. Bos, whose address is 643 21st Street, Hills, MN 56138 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Date Filed: April 7, 2022

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
Judge of District Court

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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(04-14, 04-21)

H-BC School Board meets Feb. 14

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
Feb. 14, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN.

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

Chair Appointed Acting Clerk: Tim Bosch.
Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness from the Star Herald.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

- Honor Band in Mankato 1/28/22--Tess VanMaanen, Tara Paulsen, Dallas Page, Danette Leenderts, Tyrae Goodface, Lexi Drake
- Board of Education Recognition Week February 21-25
- Elementary Penny War Fundraiser for Game Plan 4Hops.

Board Committee Meeting Reports:
-Personnel/Finance 1/24; Building/Grounds 1/26, Staff Development 2/2, Community Education 2/8
Motion by Knobloch, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:
-Minutes—01/24/2022
-Bills and Imprest Cash
INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:
Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve ending contract with SWWC Cooperative for Payroll Services effective end of business day on June 30, 2022.
Motion by Fransman, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Revised Budget Income and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2022.
Motion by Bosch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Donation Resolution:
\$300.00 from Alliance Communications for Students in Need
\$1,000.00 from PTO for Elementary Pride Store
\$20.00 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Secondary Student Council
\$50.00 from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Elementary Student Council
\$100.00 from Anonymous for Secondary Care Closet
DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:
*Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2022
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 7, 2022
Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Tim Bosch, Acting Clerk
(04-14)

Sunrise Extended Stay assumes name

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MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Chantel Connell

Address: 1190 N. River Road, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

Name: Jesse Connell

Address: 805 121st Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

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Signature : /s/ Chantel Connell

CONTACT PERSON: Chantel Connell

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(4.14-4.16)

EMPLOYMENT

K-12 Music Instructor - The Ellsworth Public School District is seeking a full-time music instructor for the 2022-2023 school year. The successful candidate will teach elementary general music, 5-12 band, and 7-12 choir. A full job description and how to apply can be found at: <https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm>. (3.31-4.16)

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EMPLOYMENT

At-Risk Coordinator - The Ellsworth Public School District is seeking an At-Risk Coordinator. The At-Risk Coordinator will work with students, families, and other agencies to prevent truancy, drop outs, at-risk behaviors, criminal activities, and tardiness. A full job description and how to apply can be found at: <https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm> (3.31-4.16)

Ag Instructor - Ellsworth Public School District is seeking a full-time Ag instructor for the 2022-2023 school year. We have a growing FFA program. There are also opportunities for extracurricular activities. A full job description and how to apply can be found at: <https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm> (3.31-4.16)



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EMPLOYMENT

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

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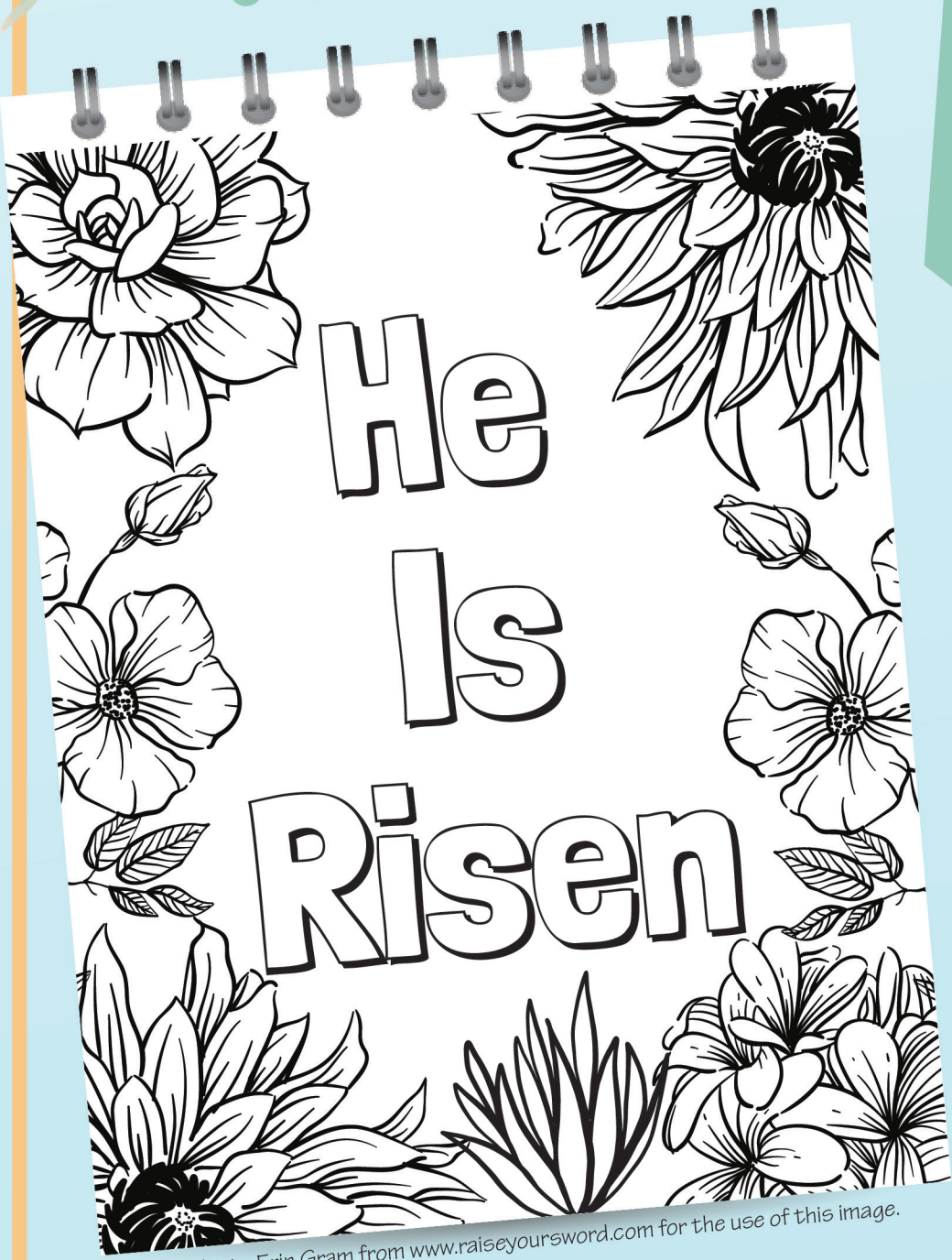
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RECIPE

Easter Bunny Popcorn Bars

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tbsp. butter
- 1 (10-oz.) bag mini marshmallows, divided
- Pinch kosher salt
- 8 c. kettle popcorn
- 1/2 c. mini Cadbury eggs
- 1/2 c. mini Robin Eggs
- 1/2 c. peanut M&Ms
- 1/2 c. white chocolate chips
- 1 tsp. coconut oil
- 1 tbsp. sprinkles

DIRECTIONS

Line a 9"-x-13" baking pan with parchment. In a large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Reserve 1 cup marshmallows, then add all remaining marshmallows and salt to pot and stir until completely melted. Reduce heat to the lowest setting and fold in popcorn until well coated. Immediately pour half the popcorn mixture into prepared pan and top evenly with half the candy and 1/2 cup marshmallows. Pour in remaining popcorn mixture and smooth top, being careful not to pack mixture into the pan too much. Top with remaining candy and marshmallows and press gently to adhere. In a microwave-safe bowl, melt white chocolate and oil together in 20-second intervals until smooth. Drizzle all over popcorn, then top with sprinkles. Let cool completely until chocolate has solidified before cutting into 12 bars.

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