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Renovated city pool and fitness center grand reopening May 2

By Lori Sorenson

Staff members at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness are only days away from opening the newly remodeled and expanded facility on North Blue Mound Avenue.

Director Sam Honerman and supervisor Michelle DeKam hosted a Thursday morning tour for the Luverne Area Chamber's monthly Networking Coffee.

"We're pretty excited about it,"

Honerman told the group.

Hoogendorn Construction broke ground on the \$5 million project in April 2021, and crews are wrapping up final punch-list items before the grand opening Monday, May 2.

Improvements include an outdoor splash pad, new locker rooms, four family changing rooms, flat space rooms for group aerobic exercise, new office space

and staff area, larger rooms for 24-hour weightlifting and aerobic exercise machines and a new mechanical and heat, ventilation and air-conditioning system.

Honerman led the group through the facility that's now 10,000 square feet bigger.

24/7 fitness access

An updated spacious lobby connects to a 1,600-square-foot

weight room with all new equipment, a cardio room with all new equipment and 1,500-square-foot multi-purpose cardio area, all accessible by 24/7 key cards.

"This is the first time we've ever had a large room for aerobics," Honerman said. "We are very excited about this room. This room will be utilized a lot."

The room has mirrored walls and large screen for video-aided

classes, and six newly hired trainers will offer a range of classes.

They include Tabata, Zumba, Bootcamp, Advanced Cycling, Silver Cycling, Cycling, Sculpt Yoga, Vinyasa Yoga, Power Sticks, Spinning and Seniors in Motion.

The open room can be utilized for its SMARTFIT System that offers more than 200 on-demand

Pool and fitness center/see 3A

Aggregate, wind production taxes for county lower in 2021

By Mavis Fodness

Taxes garnered annually on aggregate materials and wind production in Rock County were lower in 2021, according to information presented at the April 5 County Board meeting.

Aggregate tax in 2021 was \$145,174, down from the 10-year high of \$189,969 in 2020.

The wind production tax was \$767,870 for 2021, down from \$792,326 in 2020 and considerably less than the high of \$896,429 in 2015.

A portion of the aggregate tax (\$58,614) is divided among the townships.

Mound Township received the highest aggregate tax amount of \$20,499 followed by townships of Denver \$16,767, Vienna \$9,092, Battle Plain \$6,348, Luverne \$3,454, and Clinton \$2,452.

The townships of Beaver Creek, Kanaranzi, Magnolia, Martin, Rose Dell and Springwater each receive \$500.

Of the aggregate tax, Rock County received \$58,614 for the road and bridge fund with \$20,687 placed in a special reclamation reserve fund and \$7,259 for administrative fees.

Northern Con-Agg was the highest aggregate taxpayer in Rock County at \$48,067 followed by Bremik Materials Inc. at \$41,529, Henning Construction \$20,284, Buffalo Ridge Concrete \$15,723, Reker Construction \$9,513, W&N Construction \$8,557, and Central Specialties \$1,501.

Of the wind production tax, Rock County received \$614,296, which is divided between the highway department equipment fund and the countywide broadband bond.

Townships where the wind turbines are located split \$153,574.

Denver Township received \$81,620 followed by Rose Dell \$58,664, Springwater \$11,478, Luverne \$1,397, and Martin \$415.

The planned Walleye Wind Farm in western Rock County is scheduled to be completed this fall.



Star Herald photos by Mavis Fodness

Elementary students talk about kids and lambs at one of the Ag Day stations in Beaver Creek April 12.



H-BC FFA hosts Ag Day at elementary

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School FFA students on April 12 hosted Ag Day for elementary students in Beaver Creek. Students rotated through five stations, where they learned about animals and tractor safety. "The officers wanted to put this on to encourage younger students to take part in FFA and to learn about animals and a bit about farm safety," said FFA adviser Cloey Anderson.



At far left, FFA'er Olivia Bork allows AJ Ochalib to hold a kid goat while Ellie Metzger watches. At left, second-grader Ben Fick is all smiles as he and fellow classmate Astrid Aanning pet the lamb held by FFA'er Lanae Elbers.



Donovan Leenderts holds his Angus cow, Peanut, for the H-BC students to get an up-close look. Leenderts and fellow FFA'er Andrew Harris (far left) talked about cattle and Peanut's calf at her side.

Grant supports flexible seating pilot at H-BC Elementary

By Mavis Fodness

Second-graders at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary will have a new seating arrangement next year, thanks to nearly \$24,000 in donations.

H-BC School Board members formally accepted the funds at their April 11 meeting.

Teacher Renee Edmundson will pilot a flexible seating project that utilizes standing desks, wobble chairs, portable lap desks, floor rockers and table seating

with white board tops.

"This wouldn't be possible without all of these generous people," she said. "I've dreamed about a classroom like this."

Edmundson applied to the Frank Boon trust, receiving \$17,195. Midwest Railcar and Repair added \$5,000, with Kevin and Robin Baum giving \$250 toward the pilot. The district itself approved \$1,500.

Since the pilot program's approval, Edmundson has been

busy ordering the new classroom furniture, the majority of which will arrive this fall.

"Flexible seating creates inclusion for all students," Edmundson said.

"No matter what student walks in, they will find a place to fit in."

Studies on flexible seating indicate students feel empowered by having a seating choice, which leads to more engagement in their education.

"Sometimes, when kids are wiggling, it is when they're paying their best attention," Edmundson said.

Flexible seating also enhances physical movement by allowing the increase of oxygen flow to the brain, blood flow throughout the body and the improvement of core strength.

Due to easy mobility, flexible seating can be moved into collab-

Grant for flexible seating/5A

City takes action on new annexed land on north side

By Lori Sorenson

City officials recently annexed 8.42 acres of Mound Township land into the city of Luverne for housing development, and plans are in place to connect those four lots to city utilities.

Landowners Alan Schmuck and Patrick Widboom had requested the annexation of their ground for residential development and will be responsible for a large share of the cost of the improvements.

At their Tuesday, April 12, meeting, the council conducted a public hearing on assessments for water and sewer improvements for the new private housing development.

No one attended the hearing or offered written testimony, and the council took action to approve the preliminary plat for what is known as the Schmuck Addition.

Henning Construction, Adrian, submitted the low bid of \$247,000 to connect the four-lot subdivision with city water and sewer along the north side of the lots.

This will open up 400 acres to the north for more land for gravity flow of sewer to the north of Luverne and creates a residential growth area for the city.

The city is also seeking a utility easement to allow for utilities for a potential future 13-lot development to the north.

The existing site along the north side of 131st Street is farmland consisting of row crops. Currently there is no water or sanitary sewer service to the property.

A feasibility report shows that the city of Luverne is continuing to grow, and as new businesses choose the community, housing needs also increase.

The new development is advised to keep up with demand.

At their Tuesday, March 8, meeting, council members set a \$200,000 assessment for landowners in the development to help cover the cost of bringing utilities to the four-lot subdivision.

The assessment will be paid by property owners over a 10-year period at an interest rate of 4 percent.

The city will be responsible for all costs over \$200,000 because it's sized for expansion in the future, and it's advantageous for the city's tax base.

The infrastructure work will be completed during the 2022 construction season.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Harmony Gardens with Noreen Hawes giving a lesson on growing and using herbs. Call 507-597-6378 for more information.

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

Friendship Club (formerly TOPS) meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. New members welcome. Contact Karen at 507-935-2004 for more information.

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

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer free food through its Nutrition Assistance Program 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.

Food giveaway at ATLAS April 21

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is now at the ATLAS building at 101 W. Maple Street in Luverne. The next distribution is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

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

Free state parks April 23

The Blue Mounds State Park, along with all Minnesota state parks, will offer free admission Saturday, April 23, to encourage people to get outdoors and enjoy nature.

LWML Spring Rally April 23 in Luverne

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

Community meal is April 27

The Free Community Meal is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the Luverne United Methodist Church, 109 N. Freeman Ave. A pick-up option is available. For more information contact the church office at 507-283-4529.

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. Southwest Crisis Center is committed to sexual violence prevention.

Rock County Library events

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

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

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

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

Sanford Health scholarships

Students in select Sanford Health Network locations are invited to apply for a health network scholarship. The \$2,000 scholarships are for students pursuing a post-secondary degree in a health care-related field. Each participating Sanford network facility will sponsor one student with a scholarship. Email educationalassistance@sanfordhealth.org for info.



The Rock County Sheriff's Office graduated seven residents from its citizens academy on March 29. The graduates and instructors include (front, left) Mavis Fodness, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, JoEllen Benson, (back) Deputy Jeff Stratton, Mike Rofshus, Cody Lanoue, Mark Willers, Rick Peterson, Deputy Chad Kempema and Deputy Lee Christians.

Citizens academy gives 11 participants up-close look at Rock County Sheriff's Office

By Mavis Fodness

After a two-year delay, the Rock County Sheriff's Office recently graduated its first class of citizens law enforcement academy.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge organized the unique law enforcement class originally set to begin in March 2020, but because of the pandemic it was postponed until last month.

The citizens academy is a nationwide program that's organized through local law enforcement to familiarize the public with what officers do.

"This is an opportunity for the public to meet with those that do protect and serve," said Verbrugge.

"And get to know the deputies/sheriff on a one-on-one training to see who we really are — while getting a firsthand look on how the sheriff's office works."

Seven Rock County residents graduated March 29 from the first citizens academy. They are JoEllen Benson, Mavis Fodness, Mike Rofshus, Cody Lanoue, Mark Willers, Rick Peterson and Scott Deeb.

"I would highly recommend others to take this opportunity to get a real behind-the-scenes understanding of what it takes

"Also, we are striving for the community to trust the sheriff's office and support us so that, when things are being said, such as 'all we do is just drive around,' the citizens academy graduates can use their experiences to explain what the day-to-day duties of the deputies are."

— Evan Verbrugge
Rock County Sheriff

to be a law enforcement officer," Rofshus said.

"This class gives us the opportunity to get to know our officers on a more personal level, which in my opinion is a very good thing."

The graduates spent up to three hours on three consecutive Tuesdays at the law enforcement center in Luverne.

Participants toured the building and patrol cars and learned about equipment carried by deputies. Classroom time included information sessions conducted by several sheriff's

office deputies.

Sergeant Jeff Wieneke, investigator for the past 19 years, shared how he does his job and how technology has made distributing information easier.

Deputies Jeff Stratton, Chad Kempema and Lee Christians discussed the state's Toward Zero Deaths program, use of force continuum, active shooter response and the civil process.

Two new deputies, Conner Braaksma and Dominic Castellano, were introduced.

Each nightly session

ended with questions from the participants.

"I learned that being in law enforcement has many challenges and today's environment is quite different from when many of our officers started in their careers," Rofshus said.

"Knowing that every day they put on that uniform that they could possibly have to make a decision in seconds that has lifelong outcomes is not taken lightly."

Verbrugge said he hopes the citizens academy strengthens communication between the sheriff's office and the public.

"Once the public is comfortable with law enforcement, then they start to see things going on and hopefully will call into our office with concerns," Verbrugge said.

"Also, we are striving for the community to trust the sheriff's office and support us so that, when things are being said, such as 'all we do is just drive around,' the citizens academy graduates can use their experiences to explain what the day-to-day duties of the deputies are."

The next citizens academy is planned for February 2023.

Green Earth Players gets grant funding from SMAC

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council board awarded a total of \$39,515 in grant funds to five organizations and six artists in the southwest Minnesota region for a total of eleven grants awarded.

The Green Earth Players community theater group was among several to receive an equipment and facilities improvement grant.

These grants provide up to \$10,000 to arts

organizations for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvements that will strengthen the organization's capacity to serve the arts needs of the SMAC region.

In Rock County, the Green Earth Players of Luverne was awarded \$6,508 to make updates to their rehearsal space.

Funds will be spent on replacing the stage floor with a more permanent material, buying materials

to build a stronger and safer stage floor.

Funds will also go toward the purchase of speakers and a small-scale sound mixing board, a new electric piano/keyboard and basic shop tools.

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council (SMAC) is a non-profit organization supporting the arts in the 18 counties of southwestern Minnesota with funds and technical services to enable local organizations, edu-

cational institutions, and individuals to sponsor and/or create and promote the arts in their communities.

SMAC receives funding from individuals, businesses, organizations, schools, cities, counties, private foundations including the McKnight Foundation, an allocation from the state of Minnesota, and a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, made possible by the voters of Minnesota.

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USDA to provide payments to livestock producers impacted by drought or wildfire

New Emergency Livestock Relief benefits to be delivered through two-phased approach; compensation for 2021 forage losses

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that ranchers who have approved applications through the 2021 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for forage losses due to severe drought or wildfire in 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments for increases in supplemental feed costs in 2021 through the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) new Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP).

"Producers of grazing livestock experienced catastrophic losses of available forage as well as higher costs for supplemental feed in 2021. Unfortunately, the conditions driving these losses have not improved for many and have even worsened for some, as drought spreads across the U.S.," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"In order to deliver much-needed assistance as efficiently as possible, phase one of the ELRP will use certain data from the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), allowing USDA to distribute payments within days to livestock producers."

Congress recognized requests for assistance beyond the existing program and provided specific funding for disaster-impacted livestock producers in 2021.

ELRP eligibility: Phase One

To be eligible for an ELRP payment under Phase One of program delivery, livestock producers must have suffered grazing losses in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a D2 (severe drought) for eight consecutive weeks or a D3 (extreme drought) or higher level of drought intensity during the 2021 calendar year, and have applied and been approved for 2021 LFP. Additionally, producers whose permitted grazing on federally managed lands was disallowed due to wildfire are also eligible for ELRP payments, if they applied and were approved for 2021 LFP.

As part of FSA's efforts to streamline and simplify the delivery of ELRP Phase One benefits, producers are not required to submit an application for payment; however, they must have the proper forms on file with FSA.

ELRP payment calculation: Phase One

To further expedite payments to eligible livestock producers, determine eligibility, and calculate an ELRP Phase One payment, FSA will utilize livestock inventories and drought-affected forage acreage or restricted animal units and grazing days due to wildfire already reported

by the producer when they submitted a 2021 CCC-853, Livestock Forage Disaster Program Application form.

Phase One ELRP payments will be equal to the eligible livestock producer's gross 2021 LFP calculated payment multiplied by a payment percentage, to reach a reasonable approximation of increased supplemental feed costs for eligible livestock producers in 2021.

The ELRP payment percentage will be 90 percent for historically underserved producers, including beginning, limited resource, and veteran farmers and ranchers, and 75% for all other producers. These payments will be subject to a payment limitation.

To qualify for the higher payment percentage, eligible producers must have a CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, form on file with FSA for the 2021 program year.

Payments to eligible producers through Phase One of ELRP are estimated to total more than \$577 million.

ELRP: Phase Two

Today's announcement is only Phase One of relief for livestock producers. FSA continues to evaluate and identify impacts of 2021 drought and wildfire on livestock producers to ensure equitable and inclusive distribution of much-needed emergency relief program benefits.

Emergency Relief Program (ERP) assistance for crop producers

FSA is developing a two-phased process to provide assistance to diversified, row crop and specialty crop operations that were impacted by an eligible natural disaster event in calendar years 2020 or 2021.

This program will provide assistance to crop producers and will follow a two-phased process similar to that of the livestock assistance with implementation of the first phase in the coming weeks. Phase One of the crop assistance program delivery will leverage existing Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program data as the basis for calculating initial payments.

Making the initial payments using existing safety net and risk management data will both speed implementation and further encourage participation in these permanent programs, including the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Rainfall Index Crop Insurance Program, as Congress intended.



Director Sam Honerman (foreground) hosted a Thursday morning tour for a Luverne Area Chamber group.

Pool and fitness center tour/continued from page 1A

fitness classes that are all available 24/7. "So, if you want to do kickboxing at 2 a.m., you can," Honerman said.

Improved locker rooms and four family changing rooms

The new locker rooms (with 96 lockers with key code access) include several private showers and changing areas, handicap features, suit spinners (to dry out wet suits) and antimicrobial floor surfaces.

The women's locker room is larger than the men's with an extra vanity area with mirrors, a counter and seating.

The facility now has four family changing rooms, which have long been in demand among members.

"It's something really exciting for us, for our patrons, for families with little kids, for people with Sanford therapy and for anyone who provides assistance for someone swimming or coming to work out," Honerman said.

"I think it's imperative in this day and age to have something like this. The fact that we have four is huge."

Pool improvements

She toured the group through the existing pool area, which had deck improvements and behind-the-scenes mechanical upgrades, but otherwise appears the same.

The pool is 25 yards long and is three feet deep on the shallow end and 11 feet deep on the deep end.

Amenities include a 1-meter diving board, a rock climbing wall, a wading pool with a slide, a hot tub and the facility's iconic



Lori Sorenson photos/0421 pool and fitness center tour

The Luverne Area Chamber's monthly Networking Coffee group pauses in one of the facility's lounge areas to finish up their meeting. The ceilings in lounge areas feature circular "clouds" that serve as sound baffles.

30-year-old frog slide.

"He's been fixed, refurbished, fixed again and painted," Honerman said. "We can't get rid of the frog slide."

Water classes include lap swimming, senior swimming, swimming lessons, H2O Spin, Aqua Nutz, H2O Walk Class, H2O Intense, Wall Workout and Bogofit.

Splash pad

The outdoor splash pad will use reclaimed water that is sanitized and reused. There are a variety of water features for a variety of ages. For example, several rocks serve as

"bubblers" for little ones who might be afraid to be splashed.

A large clear bucket up high slowly fills and eventually dumps on waiting children below. And there are several water cannons and other splash features.

A new climate-controlled observation room is larger than the previous one and includes a play area for small children.

A party room, with an adjacent lounge area, can be rented just off the pool area, and a back lounge

Pool and fitness tour/see 5A



The outdoor splash pad will use reclaimed water that is sanitized and reused. There are a variety of water features for a variety of ages. For example, several rocks serve as "bubblers" for little ones who might be afraid to be splashed. Above, Sam Honerman discusses the antimicrobial flooring in the women's locker room.



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CITY OF HARDWICK ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Hardwick, will meet at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 2022, at the Hardwick City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

Given under my hand this 20th day of March, 2022.
Tammy J. Johnson, Hardwick City Clerk

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ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

criminal Amazon deforestation and unfettered factory emissions in urban China.

Friday, April 22, is Earth Day — a time for global reflection on the millions of small ways we can collectively make a big difference.

In honor of Earth Day Friday, April 22, an organization called Green Citizen suggests a few ways we can all do our part to save Planet Earth.

•**Avoid single-use disposable plastic.** It's probably the most impactful sustainable living choice a single individual can make. Refill and reuse permanent water bottles and coffee mugs. Use canvas bags for groceries and request paper "to go" boxes instead of Styrofoam.

•**Avoid all single-use disposable items** where possible. For example, instead of paper towels and wet wipes, use reusable kitchen towels or make cleaning rags from old T-shirts or socks

•**Eat local, or better yet, prepare a meal to eat at home.** Processed food in the U.S. travels over 1,300 miles while fresh produce takes about 1,500 miles to get to your table. That's a lot of carbon emissions from transport, storage and refrigerating. Fewer "food miles" means fewer carbon emissions.

•**Take shorter showers and stop leaks.** The average person wastes up to 30 gallons of water every day without even realizing it. Make it a goal to scrub and rinse in under five minutes (turn off the water while shampooing or shaving).

Drop by drop, an average American home can leak more

than 10,000 gallons of water through inefficient plumbing.

•**Choose online billing and statements.** About 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S. Much of it is utility bills, brochures and catalogs that no one ever reads.

•**Use LED bulbs.** They use 75 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and last up to 25 percent longer.

•**Reduce home emissions** (and save money) by making it more energy efficient. Use a programmable thermostat to save energy at bedtime and when no one's home. Ceiling fans also help circulate air for more efficient heating and cooling.

•**Plant a garden.** Large-scale food production depends on pesticides and industrial fertilizers, while excessive tillage leads to soil erosion and loss of nutrients. Home gardening goes hand in hand with composting, which solves another environmental problem — food waste.

•**Plant trees.** At the current deforestation rate, the world's rainforests could completely disappear by 2100. Forests trap carbon dioxide and prevent soil erosion and are also home to diverse ecosystems. Also, leafy trees on the south and west sides of a home provide shade and save on air conditioning.

•**Finally, go outside on Earth Day.** We often have little time to appreciate the world around us. Step outside, breathe deeply and feel thankful. Reflect on the beautiful world and think about ways to keep it that way.

'Rock County volunteers are some of the best of the best'

If you want happiness for an hour ... take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day ... go fishing.

If you want happiness for a year ... inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime ... Help Somebody!

This is what I believe epitomizes the true joy of being a volunteer, "Helping Others".

Our A.C.E. of SW Minnesota - Rock County volunteers are some of the best of the best!

In 2021, 590 amazing volunteers — who ranged in age from 13 to 94 — graciously served 44,917 hours of service at one or more of the 59 volunteer stations here in Rock County. (44,917 hours of volunteer time equates to 21+ full-time employees.)

Using the 2020 Minnesota value of Volunteer Time (\$30.98/hr.), A.C.E. of SW Minnesota volunteers in Rock County donated \$1,391,529 dollars of service in 2021.

It is so humbling to share this

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Linda Wenzel, A.C.E. of SW Minnesota
Rock County program manager

information. I don't believe any of us realize the impact these hard working, purpose driven folks have on our community, and I have the privilege of working with them every day.

Volunteer work not only benefits people in our communities, but it also provides an opportunity to meet new people. It keeps your mind and body active by learning and developing new skills.

Volunteers bring years of experience through every aspect of their diverse careers, hobbies, and accomplishments.

Volunteer opportunities range from occasional one-hour commitments to routine multiple-

hour weekly commitments. The quality of your life will be enriched by active participation in community service and Rock County will benefit by your willingness to share your time and talents.

Volunteer opportunities are available in several areas of interest at 59 volunteer sites throughout Rock County.

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota — Rock County thanks all those dedicated individuals who are so willing to help and serve others.

For more information on volunteer opportunities in Rock County, please contact our A.C.E. of SW MN -Rock County office at 507-283-5064.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Public invited to Betty Mann Day at History Center

To the Editor:

After 27 years Betty Mann is stepping down as president of the Rock County Historical Society, and you are invited to an open house to honor Betty at the History Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, Betty's 92nd birthday!

There are so many reasons to celebrate with Betty. She has recently been awarded the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding work in promoting Rock County history (see last week's front page story).

We also thank and honor Betty for her dedication, leadership and accomplishments as president of the Rock County Historical Society for the past 27 years. And we get to wish her a Happy 92nd Birthday on the very day, May 1!

Besides greeting Betty, enjoy a

Celebrate, continued on page 5A

Mayors propose common sense workforce development

To the Editor:

As mayors of southwest Minnesota cities, we frequently hear from employers about the shortage of employees, and help wanted signs are everywhere. Sign-on bonuses are increasing, as are starting wages.

For jobs that require a two-year accreditation or four-year degree, many businesses are paying all or part of workers' education in exchange for a commitment to work. New or struggling businesses may not readily have the financial resources to hire these employees.

The pandemic exacerbated a problem that existed for years: The exodus of young people from greater Minnesota and a worker shortage that is threatening a rural way of life.

Greater Minnesota provides manufacturing and an agricultural economy that is second to none in this nation, and greater Minnesota provides the outdoors

and recreational areas that are the envy of the nation. We can't afford to let greater Minnesota communities struggle.

The states of Iowa and South Dakota that border southwest Minnesota have for several years lured our youngest and brightest students, providing free two-year degrees in exchange for a three-year work commitment in those states.

The chances of getting these employees back to Minnesota are slim to none. If companies in our region cannot find quality trained employees, they will be forced to close or relocate.

In November of 2021 the unemployment rate in our region reached a record low of 1.7 percent. This unheard-of unemployment rate illustrates the severe workforce shortage in our region and likely many

Mayors, go on page 5A

We are such creatures of habit; try to 'change your routine a bit' challenge

I'm not sure if it's muscle memory or just that we're creatures of habit, but there are things we do every day without giving it any thought.

Challenge yourself to pay attention to how many daily routine things you do the same way and don't even realize it.

Here are a few of the things I do every day and never really notice as to how or why I do them the way I do.

I shave the right side of my face first, I brush my teeth on the left side of my mouth first, then



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

the front and finish on the right side.

I put my sock on my left foot first, then the right ... same with my shoes.

Recently I and seven others participated in the Citizens Acad-

emy course with the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

We met at the Law Enforcement Center for three two-hour sessions.

I found it interesting that while we could sit in any of the

25 or so seats available, for each of the three sessions we all sat in the same seat that we did the week before. I call that the "church pew syndrome."

I bet you park your car on the same side of the garage every night. Ever wonder why?

If you need to put gas in your car, do you stop and think about which station to go to? Me neither. I always go to the same one.

Do you use salt and pepper? If so, which one do you put on first?

When you set the table, how do you align your silverware? Is the blade of your knife facing toward the plate or away? I bet you do it the same way every time.

I know people who go for a walk every day and take the same route every day. (I do too, by the way.)

So, part of my challenge to you is to take notice of the things you do without giving it a thought.

Now, moving forward, try to change your routine a bit. We can call it the new norm.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 8

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

•Complainant on E. Highway 34, Pierre, South Dakota, reported a subject with a Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on W. Edgehill Street reported theft.

•Complainant reported unsafe driving on County Road 4.

•Complainant on S. Fassett Street reported his son threatened him.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, reported car partially blocking ramp.

April 9

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a Microsoft computer scam.

•Complainant on 20th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported harassment/ threats.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and Interstate 90, Luverne, reported person wearing dark jacket is walking near interstate bridge.

April 10

•Driving complaint was reported westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia.

•Complainant on 161st Street, Luverne, reported a grass fire.

•Complainant on S. Estey Street requested to speak with a deputy about neighbor issues.

April 11

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported a parking issue at location.

•Parking complaint was reported on W. Main Street.

•Complainant on 61st Street and 20th Avenue, Manly, reported dangerous driving in the area.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported property damage.

•Complainant on 31st

Street and 50th Avenue, Hills, reported a grass fire.

April 12

•Complainant on 91st Street, Beaver Creek, reported an attempted theft.

•Complainant on 1st Street, Hardwick, reported a fire at location.

•Complainant reported a scam.

•A weather bulletin was issued.

April 13

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported a civil issue/harassing communications.

•Subject was arrested on an out of state warrant.

April 14

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue heard guests yelling in parking lot.

•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported a chemical spill.

•Complainant on W. Maple Street reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a trespasser.

•Complainant reported trucks hauling dirt with uncovered loads.

April 15

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported loud music at location.

•Complainant on W. Maple Street reported a crime in another county.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported property damage.

In addition, officers responded to 7 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 14 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 alarm, 7 drug court tests, 9 purchase and carry permits, 20 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 3 welfare checks and 1 OFP.

City continues work on Dakota Industrial Subdivision for Lineage Logistics warehouse

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Tuesday, April 12, meeting to further develop the Dakota Industrial Subdivision in the city's industrial park.

In an addendum to the agenda, they approved a resolution allowing the waiver of city subdivision requirements and recording of subdivided property.

The action approves the plans and allows development of the 235,000-square-foot Lineage Logistics cold storage warehouse.

The company purchased two tracts of land owned by the Luverne Economic Development Authority along the Minnesota Southern Railroad.

The purchase price of the EDA land, totaling 5.43 acres, was \$118,265. Closing was Wednesday.

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

The road goes through a low area and will need culverts, along with the extension of water and sewer electrical utilities.

Henning Construction, which is doing site work for Lineage, was the low bidder for that work at \$775,000.

The city will receive a BDPI public



A trio of Henning Construction bulldozers team up to move dirt for Dakota Road in the industrial park ahead of the Lineage warehouse construction.

utilities grant that will cover half of the cost.

According to plans shared with city leaders, Lineage is acquiring additional, larger tracts of property from Driftless Meats near Premium Minnesota Pork in a separate pri-

vate transaction.

Lineage has indicated it will create up to 75 new "quality-paying" jobs in the community to support the operation.

The company expects complete construction by early 2023.

Pool and fitness center tour/continued from page 3A

area offers a comfortable space (with a coffee kiosk) for adults waiting to pick up their children from swimming.

"This has become one of our favorite parts of the building," Honerman said.

The pool and fitness staff members now have

more space for office work, storage and a staff lounge.

Honerman and supervisor Michelle DeKam are the only full-time employees at the facility. In addition, there are eight supervisors and 56 part-time workers who are lifeguards and/or front desk workers.

Memberships costs, which will be posted on the facility's website, are expected to rise slightly due to the new amenities.

However, the city is committed to keeping rates low by subsidizing operations to make the facility affordable to all community residents.

The open house on May 2 will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during which time refreshments will be served and people can sign up for classes and memberships.

Regular facility hours start on Tuesday, May 3, with all fitness and water activities available.

Grant for H-BC elementary flexible seating/continued from 1A

orative seating for pairs or small group projects.

The portable lap desks can be carried by students outside on nice days for outdoor lessons.

As a pilot, Edmundson's

choice of seating may not be for all teachers.

She said the flexible classroom can create more "chaos" as students move around the room finding their seats and getting to

work.

Edmundson, who is in her seventh year of teaching at H-BC, knows she'll need to develop more expectations for her students as they get used to new

seating arrangements.

Measuring the pilot's success may rely on student feedback as well as possible learning growth captured by standardized tests.

Esther Frakes letter to the editor about Betty Mann's event May 1/continued from page 4A

self-guided tour of the History Center and a birthday treat while you're at the History Center!

If you wish to give a card/special donation to the ongoing work and future projects of the Rock County Historical Society in honor and appreciation of Betty, checks may be written to Rock County Historical Society or to LACF Rock County Historical Society (tax-deductible). A "birthday basket" will be available for cards and gifts.

Under Betty's leadership for 27 years, the Histori-

cal Society has achieved some remarkable growth. Back in November 1994 the Historical Society housed all artifacts in the Hinkly House, the only building that was owned by the group at that time.

The first project of the Historical Society under Betty's leadership was to purchase the Masonic Temple in 1996 for \$1 as headquarters for a work center as well as a display area. The Hinkly House was then renovated and restored to its original beauty.

Going forward, several

historic buildings were acquired for the Rock County fairgrounds, including a country schoolhouse, a summer kitchen, the Fitzer barn and the Ordung barn.

But the most challenging project was the acquisition of the former Herman Motor Company building in 2014, now known as the History Center.

Under Betty's leadership, a fundraising project was undertaken to raise \$1.1 million for a major renovation of the building, and the generous people of Rock County and others with Rock County ties stepped up and gave generously.

The beautiful History Center has become a reality!

Betty gives countless hours of time and energy to the work of the Historical Society and plans to continue serving on the board and volunteering her time.

She is always willing to lead tours or meet with those who are looking for records of information.

The Christmas Haus was opened at the History Center under Betty's leadership as a way to raise additional funds for the general operation of the Historical Society, and of course her do-

nation of the nutcracker collection, last count over 4,600, has been a tremendous tourist attraction to the center.

We hope you are able to celebrate with Betty Sunday, May 1, but if you aren't able to come, you may send cards and gifts to the Rock County Historical Society at 312 East Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Or donations may be sent to LACF Rock County Historical Society at 102 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Esther Frakes
Luverne

Kuhle and Baustian letter to the editor about workforce initiative/continued from page 4A

other regions of the state.

A few months ago, many of the mayors in southwest Minnesota introduced language and a bill in the Senate and House (SF4153 & HF4512) to address workforce development.

These bills are laser focused on the current employment needs of our businesses and the ability of our higher education institutions to provide these associate degrees.

This five-year pilot program would pay for a two-year associate degree in carpentry, electrical, me-

chatronics, plumbing, diesel mechanics, automotive and autobody.

The free education in these fields would come with a commitment to work in southwest Minnesota.

Each of our communities and private businesses would also invest in this program as partners with the state with local dollars.

The bill would provide funds from the state to our Southwest Initiative Foundation to be administered.

As we all know, workforce needs in our communities can and will change from year to year. During

"We need to provide education that benefits our young people and our local economies with a more targeted approach that spends only \$3.5 million over five years in southwest Minnesota where it's needed most."

— Pat Baustian and Mike Kuhle,
Southwest Minnesota mayors

the five-year pilot program the SW MN Private Industry Council will evaluate the education degrees that are needed by our businesses and can adjust education specialties as needed (maybe

animal vaccine technicians, medical lab technicians, dental hygienists or electrical linemen).

The point is, we focus our precious tax dollars on education that will enhance

economic development and grow our communities.

The House DFL leadership has proposed a \$30-plus million program to pay for all community college costs for our residents.

It's a noble idea, but as we understand it, it would need to be funded on a yearly basis, it's extremely expensive, it doesn't target businesses' employment needs and it doesn't require a commitment to work in our state and benefit our local communities.

We need to provide education that benefits our young people and our local

economies with a more targeted approach that spends only \$3.5 million over five years in southwest Minnesota where it's needed most.

Even if this tuition initiative is rolled out to all six regions in the state that are most likely in need of qualified trained employees as we are, the cost to the taxpayer would still be minimal.

Mike Kuhle, mayor
of Worthington

Pat Baustian,
mayor of Luverne

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MENU

Monday, April 25: Tater tot casserole, green beans, warm peaches, dessert, dinner roll.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

Tuesday, April 26: Fiesta chicken casserole, carrots, Spanish rice, pineapple.

Wednesday, April 27: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Romaine salad with dressing, Tropical fruit, Texas toast, dessert.

Thursday, April 28: Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, dinner roll, dessert.

Friday, April 29: Barbecue pork on a bun, potato salad, pears, dessert.

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

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

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

FFA NEWS

Luverne-Adrian FFA'ers travel to Little I

Three teams from the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter traveled to Brookings April 1 for the South Dakota State University's Little I contests.

Nine members participated in the general livestock competition including Jaden Reisch, Brianna Sieve, Andrew Kinsinger, Lucas Hansen, Tucker Remme, Layne Saker, Lacey Saker, Ayden Bonnett and Nathan Kinsinger.

Bonnett was the team's high individual, placing 83rd out of 346 participants.

The team placed 45th out of 79 teams.

The veterinary science team of Maren Stegenga and Andrea Luitjens also took part in the Little I contest.

The team placed 27th out of 39 teams. Stegenga had the high individual score for the team, placing 59th.

The horse judging team of Cash Bonnett, Emma Deutsch, Julia Hoogland, Morgan Bonnett and Sawyer Saker placed 15th out of 45 teams.

Hoogland was the team's high individual, placing 20th overall.

FFA'ers attend Region 6 contest

Four members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter traveled to South Dakota State University-Brookings April 8 for the Region 6 FFA General Livestock contest. Team members included Ayden Bonnett, Lacey Saker, Andrew Kinsinger and Layne Saker.

The team placed 14th out of 18 teams. Bonnett was the high individual for the team, placing 29th out of 78 contestants.



Mavis Fodness photo/0416 State Speech Preview 2022
Luverne High School will send seven students to this weekend's Minnesota State Speech Tournament in Apple Valley. They are (from left) Burke Johnson, Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Luke Thorson, Rylee Anderson, Mia Wenzel and Chance Tunnissen (inset below).

LHS sends record number of students to this weekend's state speech meet

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School's state speech qualifiers are quick to thank former participants for the path this year's team followed to success.

The speech team recently won the Section 3A Championship for the second year in a row and will send seven students to the state tournament Friday and Saturday in Apple Valley.

Competing at the state tournament for Luverne are seniors Chance Tunnissen (extemporaneous speaking), Luke Thorson (humorous interpretation), Mia Wenzel (serious poetry), Rylee Anderson (great speeches) Burke Johnson (discussion), junior Parker Carbonneau (extemporaneous speaking) and eighth-grader Zander Carbonneau (extemporaneous speaking).

"Coming back stronger every year is a result of a winning culture," said Tunnissen. "Whenever someone does well, we're all equally excited. Our success is a result of a shared culture of success and support."

The culture intensified in 2021, when the entire speech season was conducted virtually.

Luverne, as well as other speech students across the state, met at their own high schools, competing in front of a computer in an empty classroom.

The virtual experience, however, helped bond Luverne students together, but the virtual experience wasn't fun for everyone.



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— LHS senior and four-time state speech qualifier Chance Tunnissen

Johnson said his discussion category relies on hearing everyone in the room and watching facial and body movements. All those elements weren't possible via Zoom.

"I am not going to lie, virtual discussion was really difficult," he said.

As a result, the team's participant numbers dropped in half as the 2022 season opened in February.

"I think Covid was a big test that you can tell a lot of dedicated people stuck with speech, because it wasn't great online," Parker Carbonneau said. "We had a lot less numbers this year but you can tell it in people who really stuck with it."

Team captains Tunnissen, Wenzel and Thorson prepared for a transitional season with a small team.

They needed to find a rhythm as meets moved to in-person competition and the team lost key senior mentors last year. They were preparing members to expect fewer team wins this season.

"We had to acknowledge

the victories that we did have — like being proud of our second-place wins or third-place wins," Thorson said.

The team didn't have to wait long before finding their winning way again.

They came away with another section championship on April 9, and seven qualified for the state tournament, including the team's five seniors.

"It is crazy to think our team of 13 people did what a team of 40 people wasn't able to do," Anderson said. "That made me emotional — we looked up to those kids and to think that we were able to do what they never did."

Wenzel said she messaged graduated speech competitors about the team's win.

"I feel like our mentors from previous years are super happy," she said. "We looked up to them so much."

For eighth-grader Zander Carbonneau, this season was the first time he competed in person after starting his speech participation last year.

"In the first couple of meets

it was kind of weird but after that you get kind of used to it," Carbonneau said. "They (Chance and Parker) always give me good constructive feedback and hype each other up."

Carbonneau and his brother, Parker, competed in the state tournament virtually last year along with Thorson and Tunnissen, who is competing in his fourth state tournament.

Tunnissen recommends that his teammates compete at the final meet of the season with confidence.

"We are all in speech because we enjoy what we do, and if we can show the judges that enjoyment and confidence, I think we'll do great," he said.

Luverne's seven students join the state's top 24 speakers in their respective categories.

They are going into the state meet feeling accomplished.

"If we can choose one word to describe the year we've had this year and our experience, it would be 'proud,'" Thorson said. "I think we are all proud."

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Geronimo Wind Energy's Main Street office in Luverne was abuzz with activity last week.

Owners of the land where wind turbines will be located were signing final contracts, learning the turbine locations and hearing construction site safety guidelines.

Geronimo Wind Energy President Blake Nixon said that activity will soon be evident in the rest of the community.

25 years ago (1997)

•A handful of Grand Forks flood refugees are making their temporary homes in Luverne.

About 20 employees of American West Insurance Company in Grand Forks are working out of the Tri-State Insurance Office, Luverne, trying to handle claims and conduct business as usual.

American West was acquired by Tri-State in 1987 as a sister company. It operated independently until a year ago when Tri-State in Luverne began to manage it under company President Curt Bloemendaal, Luverne.

50 years ago (1972)

•It's cold and it's dry, but Rock County farmers are fairly close to schedule, according to County Agent Kent Ringkob and ASC Executive Director Jim Lewis.

Farmers got off to a fast start this spring and there has been a lot of oats seeded already, Ringkob reported. Both men added that there has been a great deal of fertilizer already applied to fields, a sign that work is really on the way.

"We've had a good start on plowing," Ringkob said, "and a lot of farmers have told me the soil is 'mellow' and works up well."

75 years ago (1947)

•Announcement was made this week that Jake Schoon has purchased the Pontiac dealership franchise for Luverne from H. A. Shelby, and that he has leased the new building, owned by Alfred Shelby, on the corner of Cedar and Maple Street.

Schoon, who is now located in the former Masnon-Nesgute garage, just across the street from the new building, said he expected to move within the next 30 days. Work on the interior of the structure is being completed at the present

time.

The new building will give Schoon Motor Sales 6,800 square feet of floor space. Mr. Schoon said he would have a display and parts room, in an area 40 by 50 feet, and the remainder of the building would be utilized as an up-to-date repair shop. For the present, however, he intends to retain possession of his present location, he said.

100 years ago (1922)

•Two of Luverne's manufacturing concerns, the National Concrete Materials Co. and the Quartzite Quarries, Inc., have secured substantial contracts for their products during the past week.

The National Concrete materials Co. was awarded a \$36,000 contract for drainage pipe as a part of a \$69,000 drainage system project let last week by the Nobles county board of commissioners.

The Quartzite Quarries, Inc. contract consists of an order secured this week by Manager Harper Shaffer for about two hundred carloads of crushed rock, to be shipped to Omaha, Neb., for use on the roads of Douglas county. An order also was secured for crushed rock to be shipped to Sioux City.

1943: Diamond Club Member group (ages 75+) debuts in Luverne

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. This is continued from last week's edition of the Star Herald.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

Mr. Kennedy was married May 4, 1894, at Luverne to Susie Kean, a native of Village Creek, Ia. and they made their home on the farm at the east edge of Hardwick until they moved to Luverne about four years ago.

When Mr. Kennedy bought the place, it was unbroken prairie and had no improvements. He broke all the sod, however, and built all the buildings. He modernized it by piping water to the buildings from a spring 80 rods distant, and by installing electric lights as soon as electricity was

available in Hardwick.

Very few have had the privilege to watch a village grow as Mr. Kennedy did. He recalls when there was nothing at Hardwick except a station platform. After several had settled there, Mr. Kennedy and some of the others organized the first village council. After that time, Mr. Kennedy served in various capacities but mostly as mayor, an office which he held for 22 years.

"You learn a lot of things when you hold an office like that," Mr. Kennedy said, "and if I had it to do over

again, I don't think I'd ever want to go through it. Now that it is done, though, I guess it was worth it."

Through the efforts of Mr. Kennedy and fellow council members, Hardwick became the first village in Rock county to have electric lights and a water system. Because they had the foresight to spend \$7 and \$8 per foot for drilling a well through solid rock to a depth of 410 feet, the village now has one of the finest water supplies in the county, and has over three miles of water mains to serve its residents.

The time the council got into the most "hot water" was when they bought trees with village funds and gave two to each lot owner. Although some of the taxpayers didn't like the idea of spending money for such items as trees at that time, they have since changed their minds, because Hardwick now has as beautiful a residential section as any village its size.

Mr. Kennedy also served on the school board at the time the present Hardwick school building was built. He and another board member decided to look at other school buildings in the county before letting the contract, and this gave him an opportunity to take his first ride in a car. They came by team to Luverne and here hired a car from an "auto livery." Not only was that Mr. Kennedy's first trip in a car, but it was the first time he had

ever seen Beaver Creek or Hills.

Although Mr. Kennedy devoted considerable time to the bettering of his community, he still had time to handle his farming affairs. He enjoyed raising livestock, and always had large numbers of cattle, horses and hogs on hand. He raised a considerable number of horses and mules.

Although farming has been his business all his life, Mr. Kennedy states he earned one of his first dollars as a mason's assistant. He was a youth in his teens when a man by the name of Smith asked him to help mix mortar for laying rocks in a basement in Luverne. He worked for him for about three days, and earned about a dollar a day. His employer he recalls came to Luverne as a peddler, and later became a leading builder in this area. He later built the Calumet

building in Pipestone, according to Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are the parents of four children, all of whom are living. They include Emmet Kennedy, Luverne; Leo Kennedy, Hardwick; Neva, at home; and Mrs. Rufus (Virginia) Putnam, Rawlins, Wyo. They also have seven grandchildren.

Of seven children in his father's family, Mr. Kennedy is one of five still living. They include Mrs. Frank (Kate) Kennedy, Luverne; Robert Kennedy, Pipestone; Thomas Kennedy, Ellsworth; and Mrs. Ronald (Elizabeth) Kean, of Los Angeles.

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.

OBITUARIES

Curtis Smook

Curtis H. Smook, age 72, of Magnolia, Minnesota, went to his home in heaven on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, while at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne, Minnesota.

Visitation will be Friday, April 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Funeral service will be Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial will be held at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne at a later date. To view Curt's life tribute video livestream of service, or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquist-funeral.com

Curtis "Curt" Harold Smook was born June 4, 1949, to Harold and Marjorie (Donth) Smook at the (Old Wooden) Luverne Community Hospital in Luverne. Curt was raised in Magnolia and attended school there. He helped his grandfather with shelling corn, scooping corn, and baling hay. He played youth sports, mainly football and basketball. He absolutely loved working on cars with his buddies and driving them hard. Curt volunteered for the SeaBees, a branch of the U.S. Navy, from 1968-1971. He served in Vietnam from January 1969 to September 1969.

Curt met his future wife one October at a Halloween party. On March 26, 1971, Curt was united in marriage to Mary Jane Hogenson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, Minnesota. The couple began their married



life in a rented apartment in Luverne. Curt worked at the Mobile Truck-stop on Cliff Avenue on the north side of I-90 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He then worked on the farm for Gene Cragoe and then worked for Hansen Silo for a season.

In the fall of 1971, Curt began trucking over-the-road hauling grain. At this time, the couple moved to Dilworth, Minnesota. In 1974 they returned to Luverne, and Curt worked for Midwest Coast Transport trucking out of Sioux Falls. In November they moved to a house in Magnolia where they made their permanent home. In 1977 Curt stopped drinking and continued his sobriety for the remainder of his life. In 1984 Curt bought his own truck and leased it to Midwest Coast for six years. Then he started hauling to the West Coast for American Midwest out of Willmar, Minnesota, and Midwest Transport out of New Ulm, Minnesota. The last six years before his retirement, he worked for B & G Transport out of Madison, South Dakota, taking routes to Kalamazoo, Michigan.

He officially retired in July of 2014 but continued working part time to keep himself busy and to help various people including CHS Elevator in Magnolia, Steve Bendts Trucking and Don Arends Trucking.

Curt was a member of the United Methodist Church in Magnolia. He en-

joyed camping and going on cruises. He enjoyed a hobby of collecting model railroad trains. His love for travel often included stops at train museums and other places that had particular history in regard to trains.

He was the proud owner of a 1965 Cushman Super Silver Eagle Scooter. He belonged to the state and national Cushman clubs. In 2017 he entered it in the local parade.

Curt loved his wife, Mary, very much and he affectionately called her "his little sweetie," which she loved (she was only 5'1"). Often he would mention to others a joke he saw on Facebook, "Short girls are like cuddly little teddy bears until you make them mad. Then they become rabid chipmunks."

Curt is survived by his wife, Mary; children Jane (Randy) Baker of Steen, Minnesota, Matthew (Ann) Smook of Luverne, and Kay (Craig) Wynia of Rock Rapids, Iowa; grandchildren Emma, Cole, and Kelsey Baker, Jacob Munger and Marissa (Derek) Tuttle, and Braden (fiancée Brianna Van Veldhuizen), Mason and Melanie Wynia; siblings Randy (Vicki) Smook of Luverne, Kevin Smook of Magnolia, and Jenalee (Allen) Klein of Ft. Myers, Florida; sister-in-law Arlene Smook; and numerous relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Marjorie Smook; brothers Myron and Dennis Smook; and grandparents Ed and Jenny Donth and Henry and Tillie Smook.

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Henry 'Wayne' Baker

Henry "Wayne" Baker, 1962. 86, Luverne, died Monday, April 11, 2022, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Henry "Wayne" Baker was born May 15, 1935, to Joe and Edna (Vander Haar) Baker on the family farm in Rock County. He was baptized into the faith at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. He grew up on the family farm by Luverne and attended Country School District #4. He attended one year of high school at Luverne High School before leaving school to work on the farm after his father suffered a farming accident.

Wayne enlisted in the National Guard and served with the Luverne unit for the next nine years. He was honorably discharged in



In addition to farming the land, Wayne and his father were partners in raising turkeys and laying hens for several years.

On April 24, 1959, Wayne married Margie Miersma at the Valley Springs Reformed Church in Valley Springs, South Dakota. The couple first settled on a farm near Luverne and then moved to Leota in 1973. Wayne farmed and worked at Tinklenberg Lumber and also did some truck driving for several individuals in the area.

After retiring in 2005, Wayne and Margie moved back to Luverne.

Wayne was a charter member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne and was a member of the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota while the family lived there. Wayne served as a deacon and elder at both churches. He attended men's Bible study and belonged to a local Bible study group of couples. Wayne volunteered at Justice for All and was a school greeter at Luverne Public Schools.

He really enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting and school activities, and he loved taking drives through the countryside to look at the crops.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margie Baker of Luverne; son Brent Baker of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; daughter Beth (Kenneth) Allerton of Luverne; three grandchildren, Markus (Kora), Kelly, and Brandon Staeffler; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Nelva Baker of Orange City, Iowa, and Lorraine (Sid) Jiskoot of Sioux Center, Iowa; sisters and brothers-in-law Morla Baker of St. Louis Park, Janice Vink of Luverne, Shirley (Wally) Kienast of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Dennis (Judy) Miersma of Valley Springs, South Dakota; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law Paul and Jennie Miersma; brother Donald Baker; and a brother-in-law, James Vink.

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

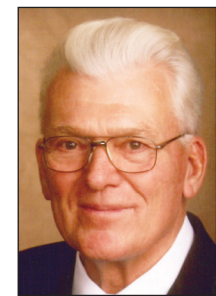
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Clarence Fluit

Clarence Fluit, 86, Dakota Air National Guard Luverne, died Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Netherlands Reformed Congregation of Rock Valley, Iowa. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery of Rock Valley. Visitation, with the family present, will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Porter Funeral Home of Rock Valley.

Clarence Fluit, son of Henry and Anna (Wolf) Fluit, was born Jan. 24, 1936, at Rock Rapids, Iowa. He grew up on a farm by Lester, Iowa, and attended country school through the eighth grade. During his youth, Clarence enjoyed fishing and hunting with his brothers. He served in the South



three children.

Clarence was a lifetime member of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation where he served in the consistency. He also served as a school board member for the Netherlands Reformed Christian School as well as the FHA board. Clarence's family and church life were very important to him.

Clarence is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joyce; three children, Kevin (Tina) Fluit of Rock Rapids, Cheryl (Keith) Van Der Brink of Alford, Iowa, and Brent (Dorenda) Fluit of Luverne;

10 grandchildren, Kaylee Fluit, Katrina Fluit, Kenley Fluit, Brett (Joann) Van Der Brink, Alisha (Tony) James, Devon (Trina) Fluit, Shain (Emily) Fluit, Shania Fluit, Emily Fluit, and Jared Fluit; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anna Marie Kaster and Joyce (Greg) Hetrick; and four siblings-in-law, Sylvia Fluit, Evelyn Fluit, Donald (Lavonne) Jansen, and Lila Jansen.

Preceding Clarence in death were his parents, Henry and Anna Fluit; infant granddaughter Nicole Fluit; four brothers, Tuenis (Elizabeth) Fluit, Wilmer Fluit Sr., John Fluit, and Henry (Deanne) Fluit; parents-in-law, Gilbert and Bertha Jansen; and two brothers-in-law, Ladell Kaster and Ronald Jansen.

Arrangements are provided by Porter Funeral Homes of Rock Valley, www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

(0421 F)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Virgil Christensen

Virgil J. Christensen, 94, formerly of Luverne, died Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society - The Lodge at Prairie Creek in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Inurnment will be in the Maplewood

Cemetery in Luverne.

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

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

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DEATH NOTICE

Gerald Tokheim

Gerald "Garry" Tokheim, 85, of Alcester, South Dakota, died Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at the Alcester Care Center in Alcester.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Palisade Lutheran

Church in rural Beaver Creek.

Arrangements are provided by Chapel Hill Funeral Home of Sioux Falls. www.chapelhillfuneralhome.com

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County approves redistricting; all commissioners up for election

By Mavis Fodness

Commissioners approved the redistricting map for the county's five districts at their regular meeting Tuesday.

As a result, each commissioner will be up for re-election.

Redistricting is based on the 2020 census that put Rock County's population at 9,704 people. Because the city of Luverne changed precinct boundaries due to the population shifts, the county also had to shift commissioner district boundaries.

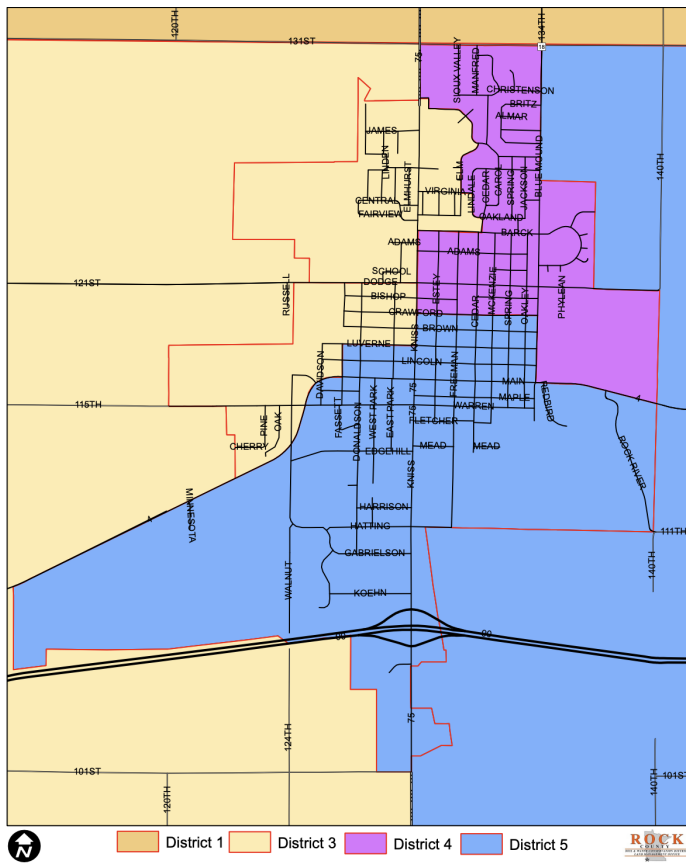
Commissioners received their first look at the new district maps at their April 5 meeting.

"Each commissioner's district, in a perfect world, would represent 20 percent or 1,941," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. "We do have a range of 10 percent around that number, with a high of 2,134 people to a low of 1,746 is what you can represent."

The largest shift occurs in Kanaranzi Township, which now becomes a part of District 1 to meet the required population range.

Slight changes occur within District 5, which loses residents on Cashin Drive to District 3.

"They didn't drastically change," Oldre said.



If approved, the new district lines would be in effect for this fall's election.

Population by district will then be:

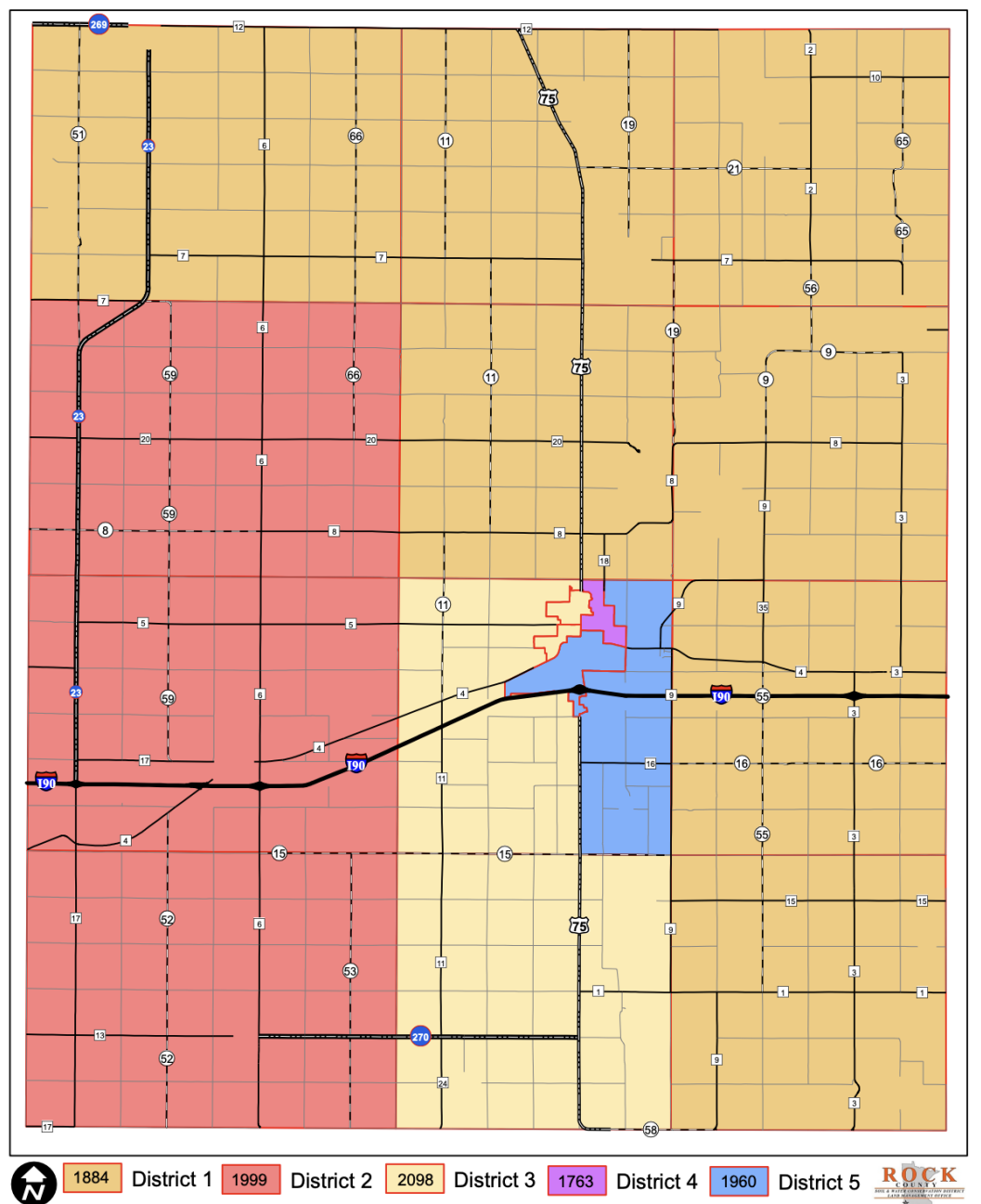
- District 1, 1,884.
- District 2, 1,999.
- District 3, 2,098.
- District 4, 1,763.
- District 5, 1,960.

Each district will elect a commissioner to either a two- or four-year term.

Up for re-election to four-year terms are Stan Williamson (District 2) and Sherri Thompson (District 4.)

Up for election to two-year terms are Gary Overgaard (District 1), Greg Burger (District 3) and Jody Reich (District 5.)

Copies of the proposed county redistricting map are available on the county's website, www.co.rock.mn.us



Luverne voting maps reflect population changes in city limits

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's population grew more in some parts of town than others, according to 2020 Census block data, affecting the city's ward and precinct boundaries for voting purposes.

By statute, cities with wards must redistrict ward boundaries to ensure compliance with ward population equality and other legal requirements after completion of the decennial Census.

The 2020 Census shows a 14 percent difference between

the city's North and South Ward over the past 10 years since the 2010 Census.

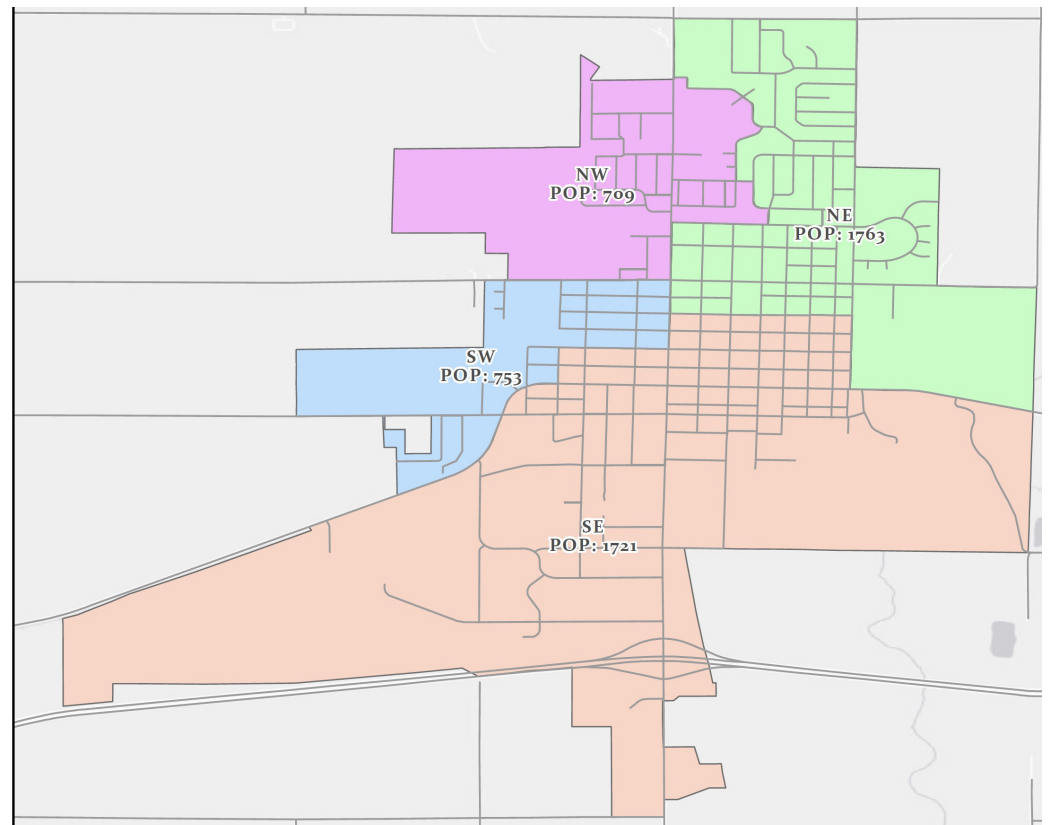
Per Luverne's city charter and state law, wards must be as equal in population as possible, so the ward boundary was moved to the north one block from Highway 75 and Brown Street to Highway 75 and Crawford.

In March Luverne City Council members adopted an ordinance to redistrict city election wards, bringing the North Ward population to 2,472 and the South Ward

population to 2,474.

Because precincts are compact and contiguous with wards, the ordinance also changes precinct boundaries, which were realigned to accommodate population changes.

Adding a block to the northwest precinct and adding two blocks to the southwest precinct brings the northeast precinct to a population of 1,763, the northwest precinct to a population of 709, the southeast precinct to a population of 1,721, and the southwest precinct to a population of 753.



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- **THURSDAY, APRIL 28** - - - - Route 4: Barck Avenue and to the North
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Crews may work ahead of schedule, but will return to each route on the scheduled day to pick up remaining items.
Call 449-2388 with questions.

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Sun shines on Easter egg hunt in Hills

Chilly temperatures didn't stop the 40 children who participated in the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club's Easter egg hunt Saturday morning at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills. The 4-H'ers hid 300 plastic eggs filled with candy in the home's courtyard, where Tuff residents were able to watch the festivities from windows. A special treat for participants was a picture with the Easter bunny along with up-close views of some chicks and ducklings.

At right: Jordan Schoenrock asks sisters Brinlee, 5, and Emeri, 2, to smile with the Easter bunny (4-H'er Ava Steinhoff) as he takes a quick picture for the girls' mother.

Above, left: CJ Barber hugs a duckling.

Above, right: Lucy Arndt gets some help from her mom, Katie, in holding a young chick after the egg hunt was complete.

Mavis Fodness photos/0421 Hills Egg Hunt



Chamber hosts indoor Easter Egg Hunt in Luverne

The Luverne Area Chamber hosted the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt indoors in the Luverne Elementary School commons where 2,000 candy-filled eggs were disbursed to hundreds of children and their families.

The event was originally planned for the courthouse lawn, but winter-like temperatures prompted the change of venue. Because the eggs could not be "hidden" for a hunt, children gathered them by ages and colors. At the end, they were allowed to pick up all remaining eggs before greeting the Easter Bunny.

At left, Cailin McCullers enjoys a hug from the Easter bunny.

Lori Sorenson photos/0421 easter egg hunt at school

Below left, Maeslyn Hartle meets Saturday morning's special guest, the Easter bunny, following the egg hunt in the school commons.



Above, Sutton Stoffel (left) and Zaharra Harnack patiently wait for the Easter egg activities to begin. At right, Ava Wegner and her dad, Andrew, were among hundreds at the Luverne Area Chamber's Easter Egg Hunt in the elementary school.

Cardinal Relays shortened by weather in Luverne

Sandbulte breaks his own sprint record in 100-meter

By Blaine Radtke
For the Star Herald

The Cardinal Relays on Tuesday, April 12, had been underway a while when the event experienced a one-hour lightning delay.

The teams returned to the track only to have the remaining events canceled because of ongoing threatening weather.

The events that did not take place were the 4-by-400 relay, 3200, 200, 800, and 300 hurdles for both boys and girls, and the 400 for the boys.

The Luverne girls won the team title at Tuesday's shortened event, and the boys finished second to Southwest Minnesota Christian-Ellsworth.

A meet highlight was that Ashton Sandbulte broke his own school record in the 100-meter dash with a 10.95, which was also a new Cardinal Relays record.

Tenley Nelson also set a new Cardinal Relays record with her 5:21.08 first-place finish in the 1600-meter run.

Jenna DeBates followed



LHS track senior Ethan Rahm gets his first jump of the meet during the Cardinal Relays April 12. Matthew McClure photo for the Star Herald

Nelson in third place with a time of 5:30.22.

Tiana Lais won the 400-meter dash in 1:05.08.

Jadyn Hart (114-4) and Jocelyn Hart (104-2) finished first and second in the discus respectively.

Their sister, Kaitlyn Hart, is the Cardinals' throwing coach.

"Of course, they've already both thrown farther than me in both the shot put and the discus, which has irritated me and delighted both of them, but absolutely no hard feelings," coach Hart said.

"It's been great watching them set goals for themselves and reach those goals, even if they knock me off the leader-

board."

Out of 30 athletes Hart has only three juniors and seniors (including her sisters and Jordan Friedrichsen), and she said she has emphasized the importance of weight training with every practice.

"It's very fun to see these

Luverne track, go to 3B

Cardinal tennis team splits with South Dakota teams

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Cardinal boys' tennis team hosted two teams from South Dakota this past week.

LHS had little trouble defeating Madison on April 12 before falling to a strong Sioux Falls Lincoln team on Monday.

The Cardinals, now 4-1 on the season, have a busy week ahead.

Luverne is scheduled to host Blue Earth on Thursday before hosting both Yellow Medicine East (10 a.m.) and Montevideo (1 p.m.) in separate meets on Saturday.

LHS is then scheduled to travel to Fairmont on Monday and to Worthington on Thursday, April 28.

Luverne 7, Madison 0

The Luverne Cardinals enjoyed a quick, lopsided victory over the Madison, South Dakota, Bulldogs when the two teams met in Luverne on Tuesday, April 12.



Boys' tennis senior Griffen Jarchow at No. 2 singles prepares to return volley against the Madison Bulldogs April 12. Matthew McClure photo for the Star Herald

The Cardinals swept their guests 7-0, winning each of the seven scored matchups in two sets each.

"Madison was a very young team," said Lucas Larson, LHS

head coach.

"Even though it was not the most competitive meet we will have this year, it was a good chance for players to be out on the court early in

the season," Larson said.

At No. 1 singles, Pierce Cunningham won 6-2, 6-1. Griffen Jarchow swept his opponent 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

At No. 3 singles, Blake Frahm won 6-3, 6-2 and Ethan Nath came out on top 6-2, 6-0 at No. 4 singles.

In doubles play, Logan Ommen and Chance Tunnissen swept the No. 1 match 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 2 doubles, Kyle Ferguson and Jase Arp won 6-2, 6-0, and at No. 3 doubles Luke Bosch and Levi Thielbar came out on top 6-0, 6-1.

Sioux Falls Lincoln 5, Luverne 2

Luverne suffered its first loss of the season when Sioux Falls Lincoln came to town to play in cold, windy conditions on Monday.

The Patriots defeated the Cardinals 5-2.

Luverne tennis, go to 7B

H-BC track team competes in weather-shortened Cardinal Relays

By Dalton Bass
For the Star Herald

The Patriots track team traveled to Luverne Tuesday, April 12, to compete in the Luverne Cardinal Relays. The meet was cut short after the girls' 400-meter race due to weather.

Eleven teams from across Section 3 competed that day, but due to the meet being cut short, the final team results were incomplete.

In girls' competition, seventh-grader Brynn Bakken turned in a first-place performance in the 100 meter with a time of 12.93.

She was also on the first-place 4-by-100-meter relay team with Brynn Rauk, Olivia Deelstra and Abbie Harris with a time of 53.90.

The same group of girls teamed up in the 4-by-200-meter relay for third place in 1:57.25.

Harris, an eighth-grader, placed fourth in the 400-meter-race (1:07.28) in the rain just before the meet was called off.

The 4-by-800-meter relay team (Kenadie Fick, Taylor Durst, Bailey Spykerboer, Emma Deelstra) turned in a fourth-place finish with a time of 11:36.25

Sophomore Larissa Steinhoff placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 81-6 and senior Kenadie Fick also placed sixth in the open 400 at 108.88.

On the boys' side, the 4-by-20-meter relay team of Liam Raymon, Luke Fuerstenberg, Eli Taubert and Cooper Gehrke finished in third place with a time of 1:38.29.

The 4-by-100-meter relay team of Brock Harnack, Fuerstenberg, Gehrke and Raymon also came in third with a time of 48.08.

Raymon was third in triple jump with a jump of 40-1.

Other results from the Cardinal Relays are as follows:

Girls
100 12. Brynn Rauk 14.11 26. Larissa Steinhoff 14.60
400 13. Taylor Durst 1:12.55
Discus 13. Ally Birger 75-8 7. Izzy Wysong 69-0 315.
Tyrre Goodface 54-9
High Jump 7. Larissa Steinhoff 4-4
Long Jump 10. Abbie Harris 13-11 1/4 11. Brynn Rauk 13-8 3/4 31. Olivia Deelstra 11-0 1/2
Triple Jump 7. Brynn Bakken 29-11 1/4 11. Emma Deelstra 28-2 12. Bailey Spykerboer 28-0

Boys
100 7. Cooper Gehrke 11.96 14. Eli Taubert 12.25 15. Luke Fuerstenberg 12.32 26. Bode Kruger 12.97
4x100 7. Sawyer Bosch, Beau Bakken, Jackson Gacke, Blake Leenderts 51.22
4x200 12. James VandenBosch, Bosch, Gacke, Leenderts 1:52.05
Shot Put 11. Brayden Metzger 36-2 12. Max Scholten 35'6 1/2 17. Beau Bakken 34-2 1/2 25. Alex Harris 29-11
Discus 7. Max Scholten 105-5 12. Brayden Metzger 84-0 15. Riley Tatge 77-0 19. Cameron Allen 52-6
High Jump 10. Eli Taubert 5-4 11. Cooper Gehrke 5-0 14. Jackson Gacke 4-8
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Cardinals fall to Windom Eagles in 13 innings

By Jason Berghorst
For the Star Herald

It took 13 innings and over three hours to determine a winner when the Windom Eagles baseball team came to Redbird Field on Tuesday, April 12, to take on the Luverne Cardinals.

The two longtime conference foes were tied 2-2 after the seven scheduled innings were complete and would play almost a second seven-inning contest before Windom scored five runs in the top of the 13th inning to take the lead.

When Luverne was unable to score in the bottom of the 13th frame, Windom earned the 7-2 victory in its first game of the season.

The Cardinals fell to 0-2 on the young season.

Windom scored first in the game after the Eagles' Josh Garrison walked, stole second base and then scored when Wyatt Haugen bunted and reached base on a Luverne error in the top of the second inning.

Luverne tied the game in the bottom of the third stanza when Jacob Stroh scored his team's first run of the season.

Stroh reached second base on a fielder's choice and then stole third base. He scored when Braydon Ripka grounded to second base.

Each team scored a single



LHS senior pitcher Kaden Anderson records another strikeout in the third inning. Matthew McClure photo for the Star Herald

run in the fourth inning to reach the 2-2 score that would last for nine innings.

Conner Connell scored for the Cardinals when Kaden Anderson hit a line drive RBI single.

Each team had only four batters go to the plate during each of the eighth, ninth and tenth innings and no runs were scored.

In the top of the 12th inning, Windom loaded the bases, but the Eagles were unable to score a run when the third out was made at home plate to end the

inning.

Luverne's Zach DeBoer hit a double in the bottom of the 12th inning, but the Cardinals were unable to advance DeBoer, and the inning ended with the game still tied at two.

The Eagles finally opened up the game in the top of the 13th stanza.

After the first Windom batter grounded out, the next six batters reached base. After five of those Eagles

Cardinal baseball, go to 3B

Patriot girls' and boys' golf teams compete in three-team meet

By Dalton Bass
For the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' and girls' golf teams traveled to Fulda on April 12 to compete in a three-team meet against Heron Lake-Okabena Fulda/Westbrook Walnut Grove and Mountain Lake Area Comfrey at the Fulda Town and Country Golf Course.

The Patriots boys picked up a win against Mountain Lake by a score of 205 to 208.

However, they fell to HLOF/WWG who shot a 173.

"The boys' varsity went 1-1 for the day, shaving 12 strokes off their score from the first meet earlier in the week," said coach Ellingson

Senior Jacob Axness led the way for the Patriots by shooting a 50.

The next four Patriots were again a group of seniors consisting of Austin Allen (53), Ethan Kruger (53), Daniel Martinyuk (57) and Robbie Drake (65).

Senior Carter Drent from HLOF/WWG led all scorers with a score of 36.

The H-BC girls' team did not have enough players to fill a team.

"The girls' team was incomplete. But Tess Van Maanen was a medalist in her first meet of the year," coach Ellingson said.

Van Maanen shot a 48 to earn the top score at the meet.

Senior Danette Leenderts shot a 66 while sophomore Taylor Spykerboer shot a 96.

Both Patriot teams will host their first home meet Tuesday night in Larchwood.

Softball team notches two wins against Eagles

By Stacy Olson
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School softball team took a pair of wins in Windom on Tuesday, April 12.

The Cardinals won the first game of the doubleheader 13-4 after being down 1-0 after two innings.

In the third inning Billi Connell's bat came alive with a two-run home run to take the lead for LHS.

In the fourth inning the Cardinals had runners in scoring position; however, they couldn't get anything across the plate.

The Cardinals busted the fifth inning open with five runs off another homerun by

Connell and a pair of singles from Reghan Bork and Gracie Nath.

The Cards finished strong in the sixth inning and plated seven more runs with hits from Connell, Behr, Olson, Bork, Boll and Serie.

Gracie Nath pitched all six innings for the Cardinals. She allowed four hits and four runs. She struck out nine and walked one.

Box score	AB	R	H	RBI
B Connell	4	3	2	4
P Behr	4	2	1	0
C Olson	4	1	1	1
R Bork	4	2	1	2
B Smidt	2	1	0	1
A Boll	3	2	2	1
G Nath	4	0	0	0
T Serie	4	0	1	1
E Reisdorfer	2	2	0	0
J Smith	1	0	0	0

Game 2 was a long battle for the Cardinals, going nine full innings.

The Cardinals secured a 6-5 win with a walk-off single from Jacey Smith.

The Eagles started off the game with a two-run home run in the top of the first inning.

Luverne was unable to score and only had one hit in the first inning from Payton Behr.

Windom scored one more run off one hit and two Luverne errors in the second inning. Luverne was able to get a run back with a hit by Belle Smidt and an RBI single from Smith.

The third and fourth in-

nings were scoreless by both teams. LHS was able to put one run on the board in the fifth inning with singles from Olson and Bork.

In the sixth inning Windom tacked on two runs to their total.

The Cardinals responded with two runs as well off hits by Reisdorfer, Behr and Olson. The Cardinals went into the seventh inning down by one and were able to score the tying run to keep the game going. A hit by Smidt and an RBI single from Nath put the game into extra innings.

The eighth inning was scoreless by both teams.

Softball, go to 7B

High-tech vs old school



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

April is designated "Think about open water fishing in May" month. Tinkering with your fishing equipment and restringing fishing rods is far better than shoveling snow.

I took my brother's boat out on a recent nice day to help him unload it before the ramp docks were in.

High-tech gadgets are common on many boats these days. I have an older GPS and sonar unit that works just fine, but \$3,000 to \$5,000 is not unheard of for electronics today.

After we got both engines running and everything was in working order, we decided to try to cast some small jigs for crappies that were just starting to show an interest before the big blow moved in.

There is kind of a war of the minds today as to what kind of fishing line is the best. Fishing line is labeled by pound test, the weight at which the line will break.

For example, 6-pound test would be able to lift a dead weight of about 6 pounds before it breaks, and 20-pound test should be able to lift about 20 pounds before it breaks. The higher the pound test, the thicker the line will be.

In the old days all the heavy lines were dacryon and lighter lines were monofilament. Today braided lines are all the rage. Monofilament by its construction has a fair amount of stretch in it.

If you get snagged, you might stretch the line 6 to 10 feet before it finally breaks off. This type of line can be clear and difficult for the fish to see. When fishing in deep water, the stretch in this line type makes feeling a bite harder to detect.

Braided lines, on the other hand, have almost no stretch. They also allow you to have higher breaking strength in a smaller diameter line. Thinner line makes your lures sink faster and with no stretch makes feeling the bite easier.

If you compared monofilament line in a 6-pound strength to a braided line of 25-pound test, they would most likely have about the same diameter.

Braided lines allow you to use stronger line that casts and acts like lighter line, which is why it is so popular.

The one thing I don't like at all about braided line is that if you do get snagged, you almost have to tie the line off to the anchor hook on the boat gunnel and drive away in order to break the line.

The other thing I don't like about braided lines is that you cannot cut them with a normal clipper or other tool. They require sharp instruments to trim. Braided line does not allow me to use my teeth like monofilament line does.

Still, most anglers have switched to braided lines. The cost is about four times higher, but you certainly don't break off as often. The higher visibility of braided lines in my opinion is a negative.

Some anglers will say it does not matter at all if the fish can see the line tied to your hook or bait. I disagree.

When I go crappie fishing, I use a very limp 4-pound test mono line. This allows the jig to move more freely in the water. You can dance the jig a little better with

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scored runs, Luverne made a double play to end the half inning with a 7-2 Windom lead.

In the bottom of the inning, Casey Sehr hit a fly out to center field, Connell struck out and Connor Overgaard hit a single before Anderson struck out to earn the third out and end the inning and game.

Anderson was the starting pitcher for Luverne. He spent five innings on the mound and gave up no hits, two runs, three walks and struck out eight Windom hitters.

Sehr replaced Anderson on the mound at the start of the sixth inning. Sehr pitched six innings offering three hits, no runs, two walks and he struck out two batters.

When Sehr reached the pitch count limit, sophomore Stroh replaced him at the start of the 12th inning. Stroh pitched the final two innings, giving up five hits and five runs while striking out two Eagles.

"I've been really happy with our pitchers during the first two games. They threw strikes and put us in a position to win both games," said Phil Paquette, LHS head coach.

Anderson and DeBoer led the offense for LHS with two hits each. Connell and Stroh scored on a run each, while Ripka and Anderson each had one RBI.



Cardinal baseball sophomore Will Serie hits a single during a home game against Windom.

"We were solid defensively with a few areas for improvement," Paquette said.

Luverne was scheduled to host a doubleheader with Redwood Valley on Tuesday, April 19, after this edition of the Star Herald went to press.

The Cardinals are scheduled to play in Pipestone today (April 21), and then travel to Blue Earth for a

doubleheader on Saturday, to Windom for a single contest on Monday and to Adrian for a single game on Tuesday during a very busy stretch.

"We need to have more productive at bats and find ways to produce runs in order to win baseball games," coach Paquette said.

"We'll have plenty of opportunity to do that this week with

five games on the schedule."

Windom	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7
Luverne	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

	AB	R	H	BI
Ripka	3	0	1	1
Sneller	6	0	0	0
Sehr	6	0	1	0
Connell	5	1	0	0
Overgaard	5	0	1	0
Anderson	6	0	2	1
Serie	4	0	1	0
DeBoer	5	0	2	0
Stroh	4	1	0	0
Buss	1	0	0	0
Domagala	1	0	0	0

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athletes push themselves to get stronger and to see that impact their goals for throwing for the season," Hart said.

Isabella Oye had a second-place finish (13:34) in the 100-meter dash.

The 4-by-800-meter relay of Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley, Ella Schmuck and Maria Rops finished first (10:52.18).

The boys 4-by-200-meter relay of Lucky Dara, Gavin DeBeer, Eli Radtke and Sandbulte finished first (1:37.33).

Mia Wenzel tied for first in the high jump (4-6) and was part of the 4-by-100-meter relay with Anna Banck, Isabella Oye and Sarah Stegenga which finished second in a time of 53.97.

Alexis Hultgren finished second in the pole vault (7-0).

The rest of Luverne's results are as follows:

- LHS boys
100 4. Eli Radtke 11.52
9. Lucky Dara 12.05 21. Micah Andersen 12.62 22. Ashton Hood 12.79 25. Coulter Thone 12.95 29. Trayton Sayavong 13.62
1600 15. Sage Viessman 5:43.21 20. Marcus Papik 6:07.03 22. Eli McLendon 6:10.44
4x100 10. Ethan Rahm, Noah Mehlfaff, Tyler Rolfs, Zachary Terrio 54.94 12. Trayton Sayavong, Chris Bonilla, Dawson Holtz, Jace Tofteland 55.60
4x200 8. Ashton Hood, Coulter Thone, Anyuon Atem, Micah Andersen 1:46.73
4x800 3. Camden Janiszkeski, Ryan Fick, Sage Viessman, Leif Ingebretson 9:27.55
Shot put 9. Elijah Woodley 36-11 25. Ryker Johnson 29-11 33. Dawson Holtz 26-1 1/2 35. Damien Ahrendt 25-0 38. Aaron Kindt 23-6 39. Logan Willi 21-10 40. Hunter Cope 20-1 1/2
Discus 6. Jordan Friedrichsen 110-6 8. Elijah Woodley 95-8 14. Dawson Holtz



Luverne junior Tiana Lais leads the pack during the 4x800 at the Cardinal Relays April 12 in Luverne.

- 78-10 18. Logan Willi 57-10
High jump 11. Gavin DeBeer 5-0
14. Darius Dolo 4-8
Pole Vault 2. Anyuon Atem 9-0
3. Leif Ingebretson 9-0 5. Tyler Rolfs 8-6 11. Treven Bell 7-6 14. Sage Viessman 7-0
Long jump 14. Gavin DeBeer 17-3 17. Ethan Rahm 16-6 1/4 20. Anyuon Atem 15-11 3/4 24. Isaac DeBates 15-1 1/2 27. Darius Dolo 14-7 1/2
Triple jump 9. Ethan Rahm 36-7 1/2 10. Gavin DeBeer 36-2 1/2

- LHS girls
100 8. Mia Wenzel 13.75 13. Hailey Como 14.21 23. Morgan Hadler 14.50 34. Olivia Lund 15.43 35. Skylar VanderSteen 15.47 38. Marlee Nelson 15.90 40. Brooke Vos 16.31 42. Morgan McTigue 16.73 45. Kailee Sandbulte 17.82
400 5. Maria Rops 1:08.03 9. Rose-lynn Hartshorn 1:11.00 24. Josie Anderson 1:25.73 25. Jessica Tunnissen 1:28.75 27. Bridget Thielbar 1:41.61
100H 7. Kendra Thorson 18.83 9. Augusta Papik 19.20 10. Roselynn Hartshorn 19.91
4x100 7. Alexis Hultgren, Adelyn



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	Silent Movie Harold Lloyd "For Heaven's Sake" featuring Organist, Leona Hoek Sunday, April 24 2:00 pm Tickets: \$5

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Doubt

Last Sunday was Easter Sunday, and every year, the story of "Doubting Thomas" is the reading for the Sunday after Easter. (John 20:19-31)

The risen Christ appears to the disciples on Easter evening, even though the doors were locked. Jesus said, "Peace be with you," then he breathed the Holy Spirit on them. But Thomas was not there, and he did not believe it when his friends told him they had seen the Lord.

The following Sunday evening, Thomas was with the rest of the disciples, and Jesus again appears to them. He again says, "Peace be with you," and then he tells Thomas to put his fingers and hands in his wounds, saying, "Do not doubt but believe." Thomas responds, "My Lord and my God!"

Thomas is usually called "Doubting Thomas" because he did not believe his friends. The assumption is that doubt is a bad thing, and that if someone doubts, they have no faith. But doubt is not the opposite of faith. Thomas still had faith, even though he doubted, did not believe, what his friends said – until he saw for himself.

Thomas is not the only one to have faith, yet not always believe. In Mark 9:24, a father has brought his son, who had an unclean spirit, to Jesus to heal. He asked, "If you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus replied, "All things can be done for the one who believes." The father replied, "I believe; help my unbelief!" and Jesus healed the boy.

In Matthew 28:17, Jesus is about to ascend to heaven. He and the disciples are on a

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ann Zastrow, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

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mountain, "and when the disciples saw Jesus, they worshiped him; but some doubted." They had faith, but they also had some questions. Questions are not bad!

As humans, we are not perfect and cannot have belief 100 percent of the time. We believe something, but sometimes something casts doubt on what we believe, so we ask questions to learn more, and often believe again. Or we may find we trusted something that was not trustworthy, so we believe something else.

One other thing to notice about Thomas, though, is his response: "My Lord and my God!" That expression of faith sounds like something we may expect to hear from Peter's mouth! But Thomas had the reputation of backing Jesus (John 11:16), when he urged the disciples to go with Jesus to see Lazarus, "that we may die with him (Jesus)" in Jerusalem. It is unfortunate that he is remembered for being human, for being like us, having faith, but not always having belief.

Doubt and questioning is part of life. We believe – help our unbelief!

St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org

Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

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

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982

www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com

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

First Baptist Church

103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne

Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org

Walt Moser, Pastor

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

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, April 21: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 5:30 p.m. Executive Ministry meeting. Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship Service with 3rd grade milestone. 10 a.m. Semi-Annual meeting. Sunday School. 5 p.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship practice. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. Tuesday, April 26: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, April 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 6:30 p.m. Voice of Grace rehearsal. Thursday, April 28: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834

Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. 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

Friday, April 22: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, April 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, April 26: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, April 27: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Thursday, April 28: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. 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

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, April 23: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, April 24: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Tuesday, April 26: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 6 p.m. **Wednesday, April 27: 5 p.m. FREE Community Meal.** 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Worship and music meeting at Felicia's. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Saturday, April 23: 9 a.m. Church spring clean-up. Sunday, April 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. 4 p.m. Family, Feast and Fellowship. Monday, April 25: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Wednesday, April 27: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. In-person Worship service and live on Face-

book. 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

Saturday, April 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 11:15 Junior Choir. Monday, April 25: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, April 27: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne

Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtvlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 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=LHDQwVxFuU4>

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Thursday, April 21: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA. Sunday, April 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFuU4>

First Presbyterian Church

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

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lorig.firspres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blhills.org. Tuesday, April 26: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, April 27: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Social/dessert time. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship service.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

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Henrietta Bos,
Deceased

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. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

Attorney for Petitioner /s/ Natalie Reisch
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(04-14, 04-21)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 27

ORDINANCE NO. 27, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 153. ZONING, SECTION, 153.055 RESIDENTIAL USES, (D) RESIDENTIAL; ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That Section 153.055. Residential Uses, (D) Residential; Accessory Structures and Uses, (2) Attached/detached accessory structures and uses, (a) 2. of the Luverne City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(D) Residential; accessory structures and uses.

(1) Opt-out. Pursuant to authority granted by M.S. § 462.3593, subd. 9, as it may be amended from time to time, the city opts out of the requirements of M.S. § 462.3593, as it may be amended from time to time, which defines and regulates temporary family health care dwellings.

(2) Attached/detached accessory structures and uses.

(a) 1. Private garages and storage sheds provided that all garage and storage space, attached and detached, excluding storage space which is a part of the interior of the principal main building or structure including the basement and attic thereof, shall not exceed 1,200* square feet of floor space; provided also that any accessory building more than 120 square feet must have a minimum three-foot rise over a 12-foot distance pitched roof and a minimum six-inch eave and it must rest on a permanent foundation of wood or concrete material and is erected in its entirety in accordance with the state's Building Code and finished with comparable materials as the principal structure.

2. *Note to division (D) (2) (a) 1., above: Allows up to 5% of lot square footage, with a maximum of 1,200 square foot attached and detached accessory structures not to exceed finished, above grade square footage of principal structure.

SEC. 2. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(04-21)

H-BC School Board meets March 28

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

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 8:17 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Fransman, Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member Bosch was absent.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve the agenda. No Visitors

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-Elementary Band/Vocal Music Concert 3/28

-End of Quarter 3

-Winter Awards Banquet 3/29

Board Committee Meeting Reports:

-Building Grounds-3/15, Upcoming Community Ed-3/30, Staff Development/TAB 4/6

Motion by Knobloch, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

-Minutes—03/14/2022

-Bills and Treasurer's Report

-Student Activity Accounts Report

-Resignation of Caitlin Slaba, teacher, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year

-Resignation of Tyler Johnson, teacher, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year

-Civil rights complaint procedure

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Harnack, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Solar Energy Project at both the Elementary and Secondary School.

Motion by Rauk, second by Harnack, and carried to approve FLR Sanders quote to refinish Secondary School Gym Floor.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report

•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

•Legislative update - Rozeboom

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 11, 2022

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 25, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk

(04-21)

Sunrise Extended Stay assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: Sunrise Extended Stay

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

114 Sunshine Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA

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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(04-14, 04-21)

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. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner

Eisma and Eisma
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Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #158343

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(04-14, 04-21)

Severtson applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Sterling and Denise Severtson have made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NE 1/4 of Section 11 in Vienna Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of open lots with runoff controls to house 150 head of feeder cattle, 324 head of finishing cattle and 290 head of calves. The proposed modification will be add 176 head of finishing cattle to the open lots with runoff controls and 160 cow/calf pairs in a total confinement building. Manure storage from open lot and total confinement will be pack on lot. The site will house 500 head of finishing cattle and 160 cow/calf pairs equaling 619 animal units.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(04-21)

SKM Hog Farms LLC applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, 116.07, subd. 7 (a), that SKM Hog Farms LLC has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 31 in Martin Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot, as required by Minnesota State Law.

(04-21)

Rock County Commissioners meet March 8

Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.

March 8, 2022

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

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the March 08, 2022 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the February 22, 2022 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to pay the claims, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

MARCH 8, 2022 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,647.47
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	2,857.12
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	3,323.88
DAN HAMANN CONSTRUCTION	24,100.00
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING LLC	3,569.80
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	11,172.48
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	8,760.00
ROCK COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	2,648.10
SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS INC	6,773.10
52 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	20,084.21
TOTAL	\$85,936.16

Kurtz informed the County Board that her office has served eviction notices on tax-forfeited properties located in City of Hills, City of Luverne and Martin Township. Kurtz stated that owners will have an opportunity to purchase back the property from the State of Minnesota before the tax-forfeited properties are transferred back to the county.

Mark Sehr, Engineer requested to bid let the 2022 Bituminous Mill Overlay projects, with a bid let date of April 18th at 10:00 A.M.:

- SAP 067-604-033: Main Street, TH 75 to Blue Mound Avenue.
- SAP 067-618-011: Blue Mound Avenue, Main Street to Fairway Drive.
- SAP 067-634-001: Warren Street, Cedar Street to Blue Mound Avenue.
- SAP 067-636-001: Blue Mound Avenue, Warren Street to Main Street.
- CP 067-401-023: Rock County Library Parking Lot.
- CP 067-401-024: Rock County Highway Department Parking Lot.

Also requesting the bid let SP 067-604-031, a mill overlay project on CSAH 4, from Rock River Bridge to Nobles County on April 18th at 11:00 A.M. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve both bid letting dates, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested authorization to move forward in replacing (3) CAT 140M AWD motorgraders and presented the following price quote off the state bid from Ziegler Motor Grader:

Machine #1	\$464,099.00
Machine #2	\$457,739.00
Machine #3	\$457,739.00
Trade 3 CAT 140M AWD	(\$391,068.00)
Total	\$988,509.00

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to authorize the Engineer to move forward with the purchase of (3) motorgraders and accept the bid from Ziegler of \$988,509.00, declared carried on a voice vote. The expenditure is to be paid from 2022 CIP bond proceeds.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 08-22, in Support of Lights and Dedicated Turn Lanes at the Intersection of US Highway 75 and Main Street (CSAH 4) in the City of Luverne, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of information regarding the Opioid settlement and a proposed allocation formula from the MN Attorney General's office; Rock County's proposed allocation of the settlement is \$453,668.98 which will be distributed over the course of 18 years. The proceeds will have a restricted use and the allocation still has the potential to change; a distribution timeline is forthcoming.

Administrator Oldre briefly discussed with the County Board the state's \$9.2 billion surplus and update of the 2022 Legislative Conference. Oldre also stated that 46 legislators have announced their retirement due to redistricting.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve a 2022 contract renewal with Safe Assure for \$6,773.10 to conduct safety training, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented updates on the following: EDA Committee had met and they are considering to conduct a county housing study, so they will be requesting some operating funds; continues to work with ACE on the relocation to the new Generations building; needs to discuss an easement issue with the County Attorney's office regarding the BRRRA and Lineage; rodent proofing is scheduled to begin on 03/18 and air duct cleaning at the Human Services Building begins on 03/11.

Commissioner Williamson offered a comment stating that the county should consider reserving a portion of the ARPA funds to assist with various projects to include an appropriation to the EDA Committee.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: all county government meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: all county government meeting; also discussed a request from the Chamber to host an Ice Cream Social for the Rock County 150th Anniversary/Rock County Hall of Fame Induction.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: all county government meeting, Walleye Wind pre-construction, Luv1 Luv All event, City/County Liaison, EDA and went out with the County Engineer for a culvert inspection.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Burger stated that the Southern Prairie Annual meeting is scheduled for March 25th and that he is not available to attend and strongly suggested that Rock County have a representative to present; it was determined that Commissioner Thompson would attend.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: (2) EDA meetings and a City/County Liaison.

After adjournment of the meeting, the County Board was scheduled to tour the proposed Day Care facility located in Luverne.

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

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Page 6B April 21, 2022

Rock County Commissioners meet March 22

Herred Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse March 22, 2022

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the March 22, 2022 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the March 08, 2022 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to recess and call a Public Hearing meeting to order at 9:05 A.M., declared carried on a voice vote.

Purpose of the meeting was to hear comment on a Tax Abatement Request for the addition of a 1.5 million bushel grain bin and 200ft x 90ft building structure located in Section 15-102-44, Lot 0 of Magnolia Township; the estimated amount of the abatement is \$74,095.00 over a period of nine years. No attendees were present. Commissioner Williamson led a conversation regarding the terms of the abatement and had reservations pertaining to the length of the abatement.

Following the discussion, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to close the Public Hearing at 9:21 A.M. and reconvene the County Board meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 12-22, approving the Tax Abatement for New Vision Coop, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Williamson voting nay.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and Per Diems of \$800.00; upon a review of the claims, motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the claims and per diems, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office. **MARCH 22, 2022 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000**

CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$2,212.62
CHS	7,548.53
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,755.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	7,273.00
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	3,959.00

FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,399.15
KEMP ELECTRIC	2,980.89
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	12,252.22
LIVERNE BUILDING CENTER, INC	2,544.79
LIVERNE/CITY OF	8,665.54
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	13,875.44
M-R SIGN CO INC	11,163.35
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	7,305.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	3,206.01
POWERPLAN	5,911.49
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,085.20
TITAN MACHINERY INC	3,641.71
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	6,064.54
WEX BANK	3,627.74
ZIEGLER INC	9,523.96
75 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	32,421.02
TOTAL	\$160,416.20

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

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board of a request from Sara Misterek of her intent to repurchase tax-forfeited property, located in the City of Luverne; Kurtz stated that all taxes, penalties and interest totaling \$10,719.39 have been paid and recommends approval of the re-purchase of property. Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 09-22, approving the repurchase of tax forfeited property, parcel 20-1000-00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board of a request from Sheri Rozeboom of her intent to repurchase tax-forfeited property, located in Martin Township; Kurtz stated that all taxes, penalties and interest totaling \$10,089.43 have been paid and recommends approval of the repurchase of property. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve Resolution No. 10-22, approving the repurchase of tax-forfeited property, parcel 08-0269-000, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board of a request from the City of Jasper to purchase tax forfeited property, parcel number 16-0045-200 within the City of Jasper, Rock County for the purpose of correcting blighted conditions pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.01. Correction plans include demolition of the building, capping off the utilities, and grading for a shovel-ready lot for redevelopment. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve Resolution No. 11-22, authorizing the conveyance of tax-forfeited parcels to the City of Jasper, declared carried on a voice vote.

Kurtz requested approval of a contract from Trimin for IFS software support for 2022-2024 for an annual cost of \$5,320; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the Frederick and Maryanna Manfred House located at 1431 Quarry Road, in Mound Township (in Blue Mound State Park) will be considered by the State Historic Preservation Review Board (SHPRB) for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The County Board is invited to attend the SHPRB virtual meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Listing of the properties provides recognition of their historic importance and assures protective review of Federal and State project that might adversely affect the character of the properties. If listed in the National Register, certain Federal and State investment tax credit for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply.

The Administrator presented a legislative update regarding Rural Water's request for state bonding for \$2 million to assist with construction of a new water tower; the request is identified as H.F. number 4280 and the next step is to get a hearing. As to date, there are no other legislative updates.

The County Board was informed of the Annual Road & Bridge hearing scheduled for March 22nd at 1:00 P.M. in the basement of the Rock County Community Library.

The Administrator updated the County Board on the following activities: duct cleaning is completed at the Human Services building; rodent proofing will begin at the Courthouse building; Luv1LuvAll organization received opioid settlement dollars; has been active in legislative testifying for EMS funding; will be meeting with contractors for an assessment and price for repairs to the tunnel and Kahler Terrace; has worked out details between A.C.E and Generations with their location move; and has been meeting with vendor for security cameras at the Courthouse Square.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: One Water One Plan, Rural Water

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Chief Elected Officials/Private Industry Council, Southwest Health & Human Services, Southwest Regional Development Commission.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Magnolia Township, Denver Township, Kenneth City Council, Extension and Daycare facility tour.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: (3) Southwestern Mental Health, Community Corrections.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Community Corrections.

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

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Luverne tennis/continued from page 2B

“Although neither team had their strongest roster playing, it was a good match for our team,” said Larson.

“Playing the perennial South Dakota state champions is a tremendous experience for early in the season and I thought we battled hard in less-than-ideal conditions,” Larson said. “It felt like we were playing tennis in the ice arena.”

Luverne’s Cunningham earned the lone singles win of the match for the Cardinals at No. 1 singles, defeating his opponent 6-1, 6-2.

At No. 2 singles, Frahm lost 6-3, 6-7. Ethan Nath came up short at No. 3 singles 6-0, 6-4 and Spencer Kracht, playing at No. 4 singles, was defeated 6-1, 6-0.

The LHS doubles team of Logan Ommen and Chance Tunnissen earned their team’s win in doubles when they defeated their opponents 5-7, 6-3, 10-8 in the No. 1 slot.

Kyle Ferguson and Jase Arp were defeated 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles and Luke Bosch and Levi Thielbar lost 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles.



Matthew McClure photo for the Star Herald
Luverne tennis senior Pierce Cunningham, playing No. 1 singles, sets up a serve.

Rall column continued from page 3B

lighter mono line than a braid will allow. When fishing in the Missouri River in 25 feet of water, a braid would be a better choice as bite detection is better in deep water and braid telegraphs the bite better with no stretch.

Each line type has its special place. Until the weather improves, every fishing rod, regardless of line type, is going to be hiding out in the garage or storage shed. I have tried about six different times to make it out to central South Dakota, but the wind just keeps ruining my plans.

Use this blustery weather to get your equipment ready so when the wind finally blows itself out, you can hit the water.

Fishing opener in Minnesota is May 14. I, like thousands of others, will be hoping for fair skies and light winds. I am looking forward to comparing my old-school fishing tendencies to those of my high-tech brother. He might catch more fish, but I will still be able to afford a burger and a beer when we are done.

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

Luverne softball/continued from page 3B

The Cardinals remained strong defensively in the ninth and held the Eagles at 5. Luverne was able to score the winning run with singles from Smidt and Nath. Jacey Smith had the final hit to score the winning run.

Ella Residorfer started on the mound for Game 2. Ella pitched 6 1/3 innings, allow-

ing three hits and five runs. Reisdorfer struck out three and walked four.

Gracie Nath came in to finish the game and pitched 2 2/3 innings of relief, allowing three hits and no runs. Nath struck out one and walked one.

The Cardinals were scheduled to take on the Pipestone Arrows in a doubleheader at 4

p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at home.

Box score	AB	R	H	RBI
B Connell	3	1	0	0
P Behr	5	0	3	0
C Olson	5	1	2	1
R Bork	5	0	1	0
B Smidt	5	3	3	0
A Boll	3	0	0	0
G Nath	5	0	0	1
J Smith	4	1	2	0
E Reisdorf	4	1	2	0

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