



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Financial assistance available for those who lost loved ones due to the coronavirus

By Lori Sorenson

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, 19 Rock County residents have died of COVID-19.

Now help is available for their families through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The agency is providing financial assistance — up to \$9,800 per family, for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020.

Rock County Emergency

Management Director Kyle Oldre said the aid will be a welcome relief for those who qualify.

“For those who were impacted, it could be a really big deal,” he said.

Among other things, family members must have a death certificate that shows the cause of death was COVID-19.

Jordan Dingmann of Dingmann Funeral Home has already assisted families with the FEMA applications.

“This has been a wonderful

surprise for families we have served who have lost a loved one due to the coronavirus,” he said.

Eligible expenses covered by the grant include:

- transportation for up to two people to identify the deceased individual.
- the transfer of remains, a casket or urn.
- a burial plot or cremation niche.
- a marker or headstone.
- clergy or officiant services.

- the arrangement of a funeral ceremony.

- the use of funeral home equipment or staff.

- cremation or interment costs.
- costs associated with producing multiple death certificates.

Call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333.

For fastest service following application, documents can be submitted online through Disasterassistance.gov.

## Plans to revitalize Hills Rez underway

By Mavis Fodness

Hills city officials are asking volunteers to help clean, repair and revitalize a popular recreation area west of the city.

The first groups will help with spring cleanup Friday and Saturday.

Council member Stacen Burgers outlined his ideas at the city council's April 13 meeting.

“I think it will be a great start to get some groups in there and do a little polishing,” he said.

The council also discussed ideas to improve the public's experience camping, swimming, hiking and fishing at the Hills Rez Park.

“There are so many people that go down there,” said council member Vicky Busswitz. “The place just needs to be kept up.”

Students from the Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary will complete the initial cleanup on Friday, weather permitting. The action is part of the school's Earth Day cleanup lessons.

“Giving back to our community and being good stewards of the environment are important to our students and school,” said Principal Andrew Kellenberger.

Beaver Creek Sportsmen members will work with Burgers Saturday to set the dock into the water and begin work on the larger improvement projects such as tree trimming, mowing, weeding and reconditioning the sand at the beach.

“It just needs to be turned over and then some fresh (sand) added to it,” Burgers said.

The council will also examine the current playground, walking path and fishing conditions.

Burgers said he talked with an aquatic specialist, who indicated that the Rez is an ideal fishing location but sediment is a concern.

“The little pond is a great fishery,” he said. “The water quality is there. The little things we can do (will help.)”

The city council is gathering costs for the improvements and materials, and as many projects will be completed this year as possible within the current budget.

In 2019 the parks and recreation fund had revenues of \$42,000 and expenses of \$33,000.

Council members suggested “Adopt a Pad” program, where individuals and groups would fund improvements to one or more of the seven camping pads located at the Rez.

Burgers will develop a detailed revitalization plan as work

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Mavis Fodness photo/0422 the lake dirt work

Henning Construction earth moving crews tackle the northwest shoreline of The Lake in Luverne Tuesday afternoon, April 13. The city of Luverne's “green space reclamation” project will replace a steep bank with a more gently sloping area that can be seeded with grass and used for recreation.

## Additional shoreline coming to The Lake

Project part of ‘green space reclamation’

By Lori Sorenson

Henning Construction has been moving dirt along the northwest shoreline of The Lake in Luverne as part of efforts to improve that area for local recreation.

Luverne City Council members discussed the “green space reclamation” at their Tuesday, April 13, meeting, noting that it will turn the sharp drop-off into a gently sloping shoreline.

City Administrator John Call

updated City Council members at their Tuesday, April 13, meeting, noting that the water level of the lake is low this year, presenting an opportunity to reshape the dirt.

“That area is hard to mow and a little bit unsightly, so what we hope to do in the next week or so is basically shape it into a nice gradual incline down to the lake,” Call said.

“Public works can handle the rest of the seeding and getting some grass there.”



The roughly \$20,000 project will be paid for out of the Luverne Loop budget as part of trailhead improvements along the path.

“Hopefully it will be a nice area to be used a little more for recreation, rather than just

**Shoreline, continued on 2**

## Robotic pets bring comfort to area residents without need of food, water, walking



The robotic dog barks, turns its head when it hears a voice, and wags its tail. A beating heart can be felt in its chest when petting it.

By Mavis Fodness

The new housing manager of The Oaks and Poplar Creek Estates, Elena Heronimus, introduced herself to each one of the assisted living residents and visited with each one over the past couple of months.

She asked about family, careers and hobbies, receiving heartfelt answers from each resident.

However, one new resident kept herself isolated in her room,

seemed confused and often cried during Heronimus' visits.

As a result, Heronimus brought her a dog earlier this year.

“When I presented the dog to this particular resident, her eyes lit up,” Heronimus recalled. “The dog brought life back to her.”

The Joy for All companion pet pup is not a live animal, but a voice-activated robotic pet designed to bring comfort to older adults.

The local SW MN Dementia

Awareness Network provided Joy for All companion dogs and cats to area nursing homes and a robotic baby to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

The cat became a useful tool at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Jocelyn Jacobi said one resident was agitated and angry about the pandemic restrictions to spend more time isolated from other residents.

Jacobi gave the resident a

robotic cat, which brought instant comfort to the resident.

She said the robotic cat now sleeps in the corner of the resident's room, providing a calming feeling and distracts the resident from his agitated feelings.

When awake, the cat purrs when its fur is stroked, its head moves when it hears a voice, and meows in reply. When asleep, its chest rises and falls as if breath-

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# COVID CORNER

| County         | Total Cases | DAILY average in last 7 days | Percent Change |
|----------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Rock           | 1,231       | 3                            | +1.4%          |
| Pipestone      | 1,100       | 4                            | +2.0%          |
| Nobles         | 4,008       | 6                            | +0.8%          |
| Minnehaha (SD) | 30,909      | 57                           | +1.0%          |
| Lyon (IA)      | 1,549       | 2                            | +0.6%          |

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

| Date Range | 2/28-3/13 | 3/7-3/20 | 3/14-3/27 | 3/21-4/3 |
|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Rate       | 14.87     | 14.87    | 15.94     | 18.06    |

**Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY**

- People with at least one dose: 3,345
- People with completed series: 2,654

Data as of 04-18-2021

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

**School Status**

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

Current data as of April 20, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Submitted photo

Blue Mound Quilters (from left) Leola Sweeney, Jill Willers, Mary Crawford, Verla Fick, Debbie Scholten and Arlene Bendix recently completed their new wall hanging quilts in The Cottage. Each quilt's design and color were taken from the patient room in which it will hang. The former quilts needed to be removed in order to meet pandemic disinfecting requirements.

## Quilt art completed for The Cottage

Members of the Blue Mound Quilters Guild recently completed new wall hanging quilts for the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

The women designed their own 40-by-40-inch quilts, selecting patterns and choosing colors and fabrics inspired by rooms they were assigned to make

quilts for.

Leola Sweeney, Jill Willers and Mary Crawford worked collaboratively on a quilt titled "Leaves."

Debbie Scholten created a quilt called "Sparklers," Verla Fick's quilt is titled "Log Cabin," and Arlene Bendix created a "Celebration Sampler" quilt.

Hospice volunteer coordinator Helen Saum said the final step in the process will involve framing the quilts to protect them and to present each quilt uniquely as a piece of artwork.

"When the quilts are completed, they will be hung in the patient rooms at The Cottage for patients,

families and visitors to enjoy for years to come," Saum said.

She shared a quote from an unknown author about quilting.

"It's the art of stitching together little pieces of yourself — your heart, soul, talent, vision — using threads of love."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Spring weight restrictions lifted

Spring weight restrictions are lifted in Rock County on all county roads, effective April 20. Restrictions were put in effect as the warmer spring weather removed frost from under the roadways. Call the Rock County Highway Department, 507-283-5010, for more information.

### Parade entries sought for Hills event

Entries are being sought for the Hills Friendship Days parade 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, May 31, to [kaelbers@alliancecom.net](mailto:kaelbers@alliancecom.net) or by calling Keith at 507-962-3433 or Annette at 507-962-3432. Questions can be directed to same email address and phone numbers.

### Rock the Edge seeks service projects

Rock The Edge Youth's Service Over Self will be June 21-25, and the group is seeking a variety of community projects, such as painting, cleaning, organizing, yard work or other projects. Call 507-227-1978, 605-261-4000 or email [rocktheedgegem@gmail.com](mailto:rocktheedgegem@gmail.com).

### Wednesday is free community meal

The Luverne United Methodist Church will host its monthly free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, with a pickup option available. Call 507-283-4529

### Grief support group meets Mondays

Sanford Luverne Hospice Grief Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through May 10 at Sanford Luverne. This group is for anyone grieving the death of a loved one, whether they were involved with hospice or not. Meetings are free and facilitated by Jill Roemen, licensed social worker. Call to register at 507-283-1805.

### Crisis Center needs board members

The Southwest Crisis Center is seeking passionate community members to serve on its Board of Directors. The group encourages applications from people of diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and professional skills to oversee the organization's general operations. For more information, visit [mnsbcc.org](http://mnsbcc.org) or email [sara@mnsbcc.org](mailto:sara@mnsbcc.org).

### Road closed east of Hardwick

County Road 7 between Kenneth and Hardwick is closed between 190th and 200th avenues for construction beginning April 12. Closure is expected to be for two weeks. This section of roadway is located 1 1/2 miles north of Kenneth. There is no official detour; use alternate routes. Call the highway department at 507-283-5010.



Lori Sorenson photos/0422 beaver creek banners on display

New "Welcome to Beaver Creek" light pole banners are now on display in Beaver Creek. The city solicited support from local businesses and organizations to sponsor banners for \$125 apiece, and nearly 30 banners were spoken for. This photograph was taken Wednesday night, April 14, after the Beaver Creek City Council meeting.

## Shoreline/from page 1

being a steep drop-off," Call said.

Council member Scott Viessman also suggested that the newly sloped ground could offer a new sledding hill for local families in the winter time.

### Storm sewer pipe for Towne Square

In other dirt work for the city, Henning Construction is working on a storm sewer pipe project behind the Econolodge near the Hatting Street and Highway 75 intersection.

Henning workers are

installing a structural storm sewer pipe that will help serve the Towne Square development in the former Sharkee's and Mert's Repair properties.

Call told the council that the work will take longer and cost a bit more, given the low-lying area, but he said it will be a good project to get done.

"It's an area that is naturally very wet, almost like ground springs, so right now they're trying to drain the area. ... But they might have to haul in some aggregate and rock."

## New banners welcome visitors to Beaver Creek

Businesses, organizations, families sponsor banners displayed until winter

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly 30 red, white and blue light pole banners are on display in Beaver Creek, welcoming people to the community.

Local businesses and organizations sponsored the two-sided banners for \$125 apiece.

The 18-by-45-inch banners are the same size as the previous "Welcome to Beaver Creek" banners, which means existing hardware could be used for most replacements.

The artwork, designed by Quality Printing in Luverne, features a red-and-blue Patriot, which is the Hills-Beaver Creek School District mascot,

and space at the bottom is reserved for the sponsoring business, organization or family.

Banners are displayed on First Avenue and Fourth Street, which have about 20 poles, and they're also hung on nearby streets, some only on one side of a pole.

Letters were mailed to local businesses and organizations to seek sponsorships, and banners were ordered this winter and hung in the first part of April.

They will remain on display until winter, when they'll be taken down and replaced with holiday decorations.

## The Rez/from page 1

progresses.

"This is something I am passionate about," he said.

### Cabin available for rent at the Rez

The Hills City Council approved the purchase of a 12-by-24-foot cabin to be placed in the Rez Park and rented for overnight stays.

The cabin arrived April 13 and was moved into place on the park's west side.

"I think it will be a great addition," said Mayor

Keith Elbers.

Cost of the cabin was \$6,200 plus the costs of adding bunk beds, electricity and cabinetry inside the cabin.

The cabin is anticipated to be ready by Memorial Day weekend, Elbers said.

Council members set rental at \$50 per night with a 10-day maximum stay. Reservations and a \$100 deposit can be made at the Hills City Offices by calling 507-962-3290.

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# Construction begins on pool expansion; completion in May 2022

## Luverne Fitness makes temporary home in former Casey's building

By Lori Sorenson

Progress continues on Luverne's \$5 million pool and fitness center improvement project.

Footings are poured on the northeast side of the building, and the former cardio equipment room has been removed and demolished.

Meanwhile, a temporary fitness center has been set up in the city's trailhead building on Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue (formerly Casey's).

Improvements to the facility included in the construction plans are:

- an outdoor splash pad on the south side of the

pool.

- new locker rooms.
  - four family changing rooms.
  - flat space rooms for group aerobic exercise.
  - new office space and staff area.
  - larger rooms for both 24-hour weightlifting and aerobic exercise machines.
  - new mechanical and heat, ventilation and air-conditioning for the facility.
- Hoogendorn Construction from Canton, South Dakota, is the general contractor for the work.
- According to the proposed project timeline, work will be completed by May of 2022.



Lori Sorenson photos/0422 pool and fitness construction

Construction continues last week on Luverne's pool and fitness center improvement project with footings poured and the former cardio equipment room removed. The \$5 million project is expected to be complete in May 2022.



**Below:** A temporary fitness center has been set up in the city's trailhead building on Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue (formerly Casey's). **At left,** staff member Andrew Wagner is on hand to monitor equipment and assist members at the fitness center's temporary location.



## Vehicle's fog lights need to be positioned correctly, not too bright for oncoming traffic

**Question:** I see a lot of people that have their fog lights on, and when I am meeting them on the road, some are very bright and make seeing the road very difficult. Some of them appear to be out of alignment and are blinding. What is the law that covers this?

**Answer:** If the fog lights are aimed too high and/or are too bright, they are illegal even if they are in compliance with the rest of the law. All vehicle lights allowed by statute must also be approved by

### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Minnesota law states that any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed two fog lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than 12 inches nor more

than 30 inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands and so aimed that, when the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high-intensity portion of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle shall at a distance of 25 feet

ahead project higher than a level of four inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes. Lighted fog lamps meeting the above requirements may be used with lower headlamp beams.

Minnesota law also states that when a motor vehicle equipped with headlamps, as (herein) required, is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps, spot lamps or any other lamps on the front thereof projecting a beam of intensity greater than 300-candle power, not

more than a total of four of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway.

It's the law to have headlights and taillights on during rain/snow and when visibility is reduced. Anytime your vehicle's height is altered by adding larger tires/rims or any type of suspension lift, your headlights and fog lights may need to be adjusted so they are not blinding to other motorists.

*You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.*

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



Lori Sorenson photo/0422 atlas redeemed remnants ribbon cutting

## ATLAS Ministries celebrates new location

ATLAS of Rock County Ministry Center celebrated its grand opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 15, 16 and 17, with a ribbon-cutting Thursday morning at 101 West Maple Street in Luverne. Chamber Board members, ATLAS ministry center staff and volunteers and community supporters present at the ribbon-cutting include (front, from left) Tony Schomacker, Mark Opitz, Jeane Leslie, Dawn Nath, Deb Boomgaarden, Greg Hoogeveen, Michael Blank, Loree Ness, Brenda Winter, Jean Staeffler, Carole Bosch, Carol Walgrave, Kay Umbreit, Nan Walgrave, Missy Merrill, Tyler Bush, (back) Shelley Nibbelink, Bonnie Berghorst, Cris Oeltjenbruns, Nancy Van De Berg, Donna Honken, Becky Walgrave and Karen Bosch.

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## What does it mean to be a Minnesotan?

In 1975 a band called Northern Lights recorded the hit song "Minnesota." You might recall some of the lyrics.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

*Is there a way to find common ground that we are all Minnesotan? That we share a beautiful place with 'northern lights and starry skies?'*

"Minnesota, I can almost smell the air. I can feel her hand, and my feet in the sand in the lakes under trees back home.

"Minnesota, how I miss those sail-on days. I miss the stormy nights and the Northern Lights in the starry skies back home."

I've updated some of the lyrics for 2021.

"Minnesota, there is tension in the air. I hear the demands, and the fear in the land in the streets under curfew back home.

"Minnesota, how I dread these lock-down days. I dread riots at night and the flares and the lights in the smoke-filled skies back home. ...

OK, I'm not a songwriter, but the memories of our beloved state conveyed in the song "Minnesota" seem to be fading.

We are still the state of lakes and trees (and of course, corn and soybeans in our region) but we've also become the state of shootings, riots and way too much national news coverage.

I've begun asking the question, "What does it mean to be Minnesotan?"

The first thing that comes to mind, of course, is our accent and funny phrases. "You betcha!"

But how accurate is our picture of ourselves? The state at one time was inhabited

by natives, then the French, Germans, Dutch, Irish and Norwegians.

The Hmong joined us in the 1970s. Along came Hispanics, southern Blacks, Africans and other Asians.

Do the Lutheran jokes, the "uff dahs!" and the "oh for Pete's sakes!" really sum up who we are?

Do others have new stories to add to ours but perhaps we're not listening?

I don't know.

But here we are, some of us looking at others of us down the barrels of guns.

Some of us pray for peace while others plan to riot.

Is there a way to find common ground that we are all Minnesotan? That we share a beautiful place with "northern lights and starry skies?"

Or do we really need to burn the whole place down and start over?

I guess that's up to us.

## It's National Volunteer Week

*'The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.' – Gandhi*

National Volunteer Week 2021 is this week, April 19-24, and it is an opportunity for volunteers and organizations to raise awareness of the contribution volunteers make in their communities. It is also a chance to celebrate these efforts and to promote their work in our communities.

Week after week, the Star Herald has the honor and privilege of sharing stories about the local people and causes that inspire us to serve, and we applaud and thank our volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in the lives of others.

This past year in particular, we have seen particularly touching ways people have supported family, friends, neighbors and strangers.

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974, and today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office or the local food bank, doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

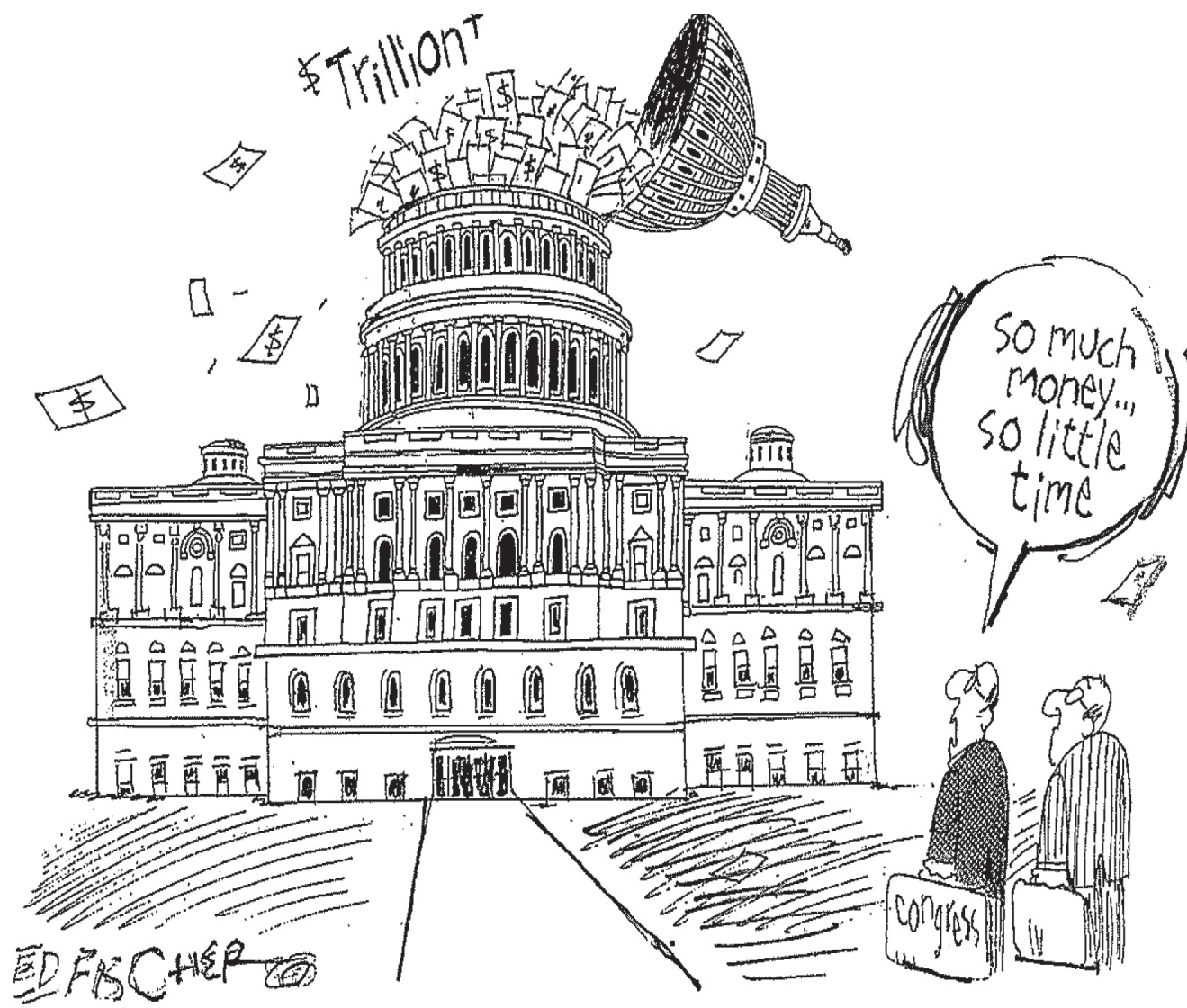
Literally hundreds of people in Rock County volunteer their time and talents to help make the world a better place. When they volunteer, they help to improve the lives of others. And when they volunteer, they

also gain a greater sense of belonging to their communities.

And we sincerely thank them.

We recognize the value of the caring and compassion that each one has shown another, and we recognize the power of people, organizations and sectors working together.

And we challenge others to take their turn at self-sacrifice, because, in the words of Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."



## Enjoy spring sports as long as the sun shines

It's always been a challenge to get high school spring sports games, matches and meets in due to weather. And last year the spring sports season was washed out altogether, thanks to COVID.

This spring things looked promising. Games, matches and meets were scheduled and the early April weather gave everyone hope that soon players, coaches, parents and, in my case grandparents, would be outside enjoying the events.

There are COVID-19 protocols in place, but that really didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirit. I mean spring sports with protocols is better than no spring sports at all.

Apparently Mother Nature had other plans. The nice early April weather turned to crappy weather, and games, matches and meets were postponed and rescheduled.

Mary and I are in a somewhat



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson  
Tollefson Publishing general manager

peculiar position. While we are Luverne Cardinal fans most of the time, we do cheer for the Redwood Valley Cardinals when the two redbirds meet.

Our three grandsons play football, basketball, baseball and hockey for the Cardinals to the north.

When the two Cardinal teams square off against each other, Mary and I take the approach that we are in a win-win position as Cardinals.

When the northern Cardinals play the southern Cardinals in Luverne, that's like a double home game for us.

We get to watch both Cardinal teams, and no matter who wins, it's okay with us. Well, that is, if the Peterson Cardinal has a good game, of course.

Anyway, hopefully Mother Nature gets this weather thing straightened out and we hear "Play ball!" instead of "Sorry, the game has been postponed."

## Meinerts: 'Don't give up the fight'

To the Editor:

The first amendment is first for a reason. I think Mr. Smith's letter illustrates very well why there is no hope for unity in America. The left will personally attack you for anything they find offensive or don't agree with.

There are many highly credited people who don't support masks, vaccines, excessive handouts, or any of the nonsense going on in this country. Spend a little time investigating and make a common sense conclusion. Might I suggest DuckDuckGo, they don't censor like Google and the rest of big tech. The media is clearly behind

the left's agenda and communism paints a very clear picture of what that does. The sheep will vote for the farmer who feeds them even though he is the one who ultimately slaughters them.

Conservatives, keep taking the high road, good does prevail in the end, don't give up the fight. I will continue my fight for your right for free speech, even when we don't agree.

The 2nd amendment is there to use if they try to take the first away. Know your rights and read your Bible, not just the newspaper.

God bless you all.  
**Todd Meinerts, Luverne**

## Sasker poem: 'Trouble lies ahead'

To the Editor:

Economics come and go  
You have the high  
You have the low  
This will always be so.  
But when the morals of the land

are ignored or erased by man  
And we disregard our maker's command  
Trouble lies ahead  
Whether you support the blue or red.  
**Marilyn Sasker, Luverne**

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# In odd occurrence, two public hearings scheduled for Walleye Wind project

By Mavis Fodness

Two public hearings will take place next week for the proposed Walleye Wind Farm project in west central Rock County.

The Minnesota Utilities Commission is conducting the meetings to gather public input as to whether the project should be issued a site permit and a certificate of need for the proposed project to move forward.

The hearings are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 4.

"The hearings will be identical in that they will provide identical presentations and address the same information," said Michael Kaluzniak, senior energy facility planner for the PUC. "The only difference would be the public comments received and their responses at the hearings."

Kaluzniak stressed that it is not necessary for the public to participate in both hearings.

"Administrative Law Judge James Mortenson decided that in light of the COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges in conducting remote hearings during the pandemic, it would be appropriate to hold a second hearing to provide an additional opportunity for the public to participate."

Participation can be by telephone to listen and provide verbal comments or by internet for video only and no audio. To both hear and see the presentations, participants must sign on to both.

"It was also decided to extend the comment period on the project for seven days to enhance the public participation opportunities," Kaluzniak said.

The hearings are one of the last steps before commission members vote on whether to grant the permit and certificate for the project to proceed.

## Hearing seeks comment on three questions

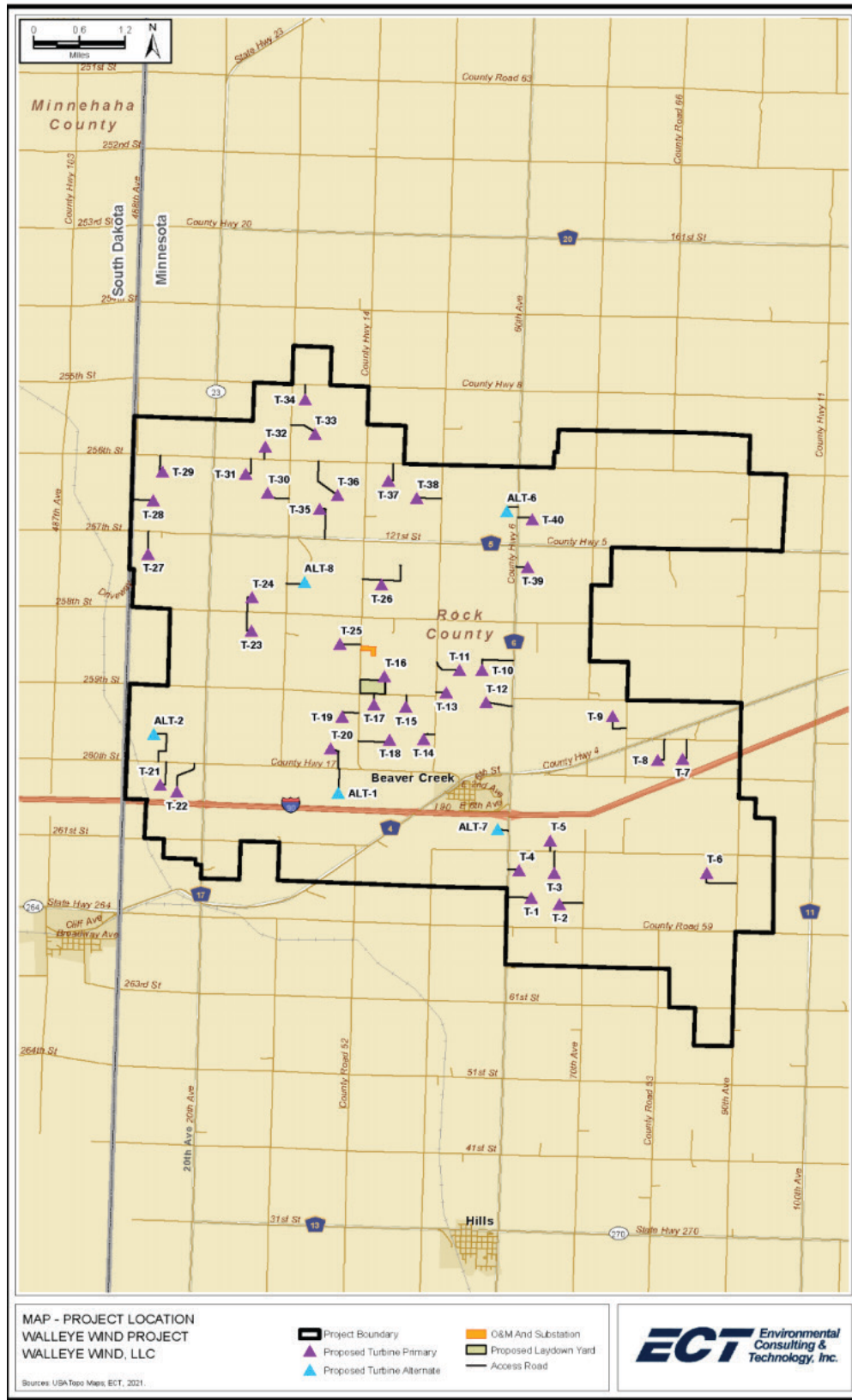
The commission is seeking input on three questions:

- Should the commission issue a certificate of need for the proposed large wind energy conversion system?

- Should the commission grant a site permit for the proposed large wind energy conversion system?

- If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in the permit?

NextEra Energy Resources based in June Beach, Florida, are the developers of the Walleye



Graphic courtesy of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

The proposed Walleye Wind Farm consists of 40 wind turbines encompassing 31,000 acres in the Rock County townships of Beaver Creek, Martin, Luverne and Springwater. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is conducting two public hearings May 4 to gather additional input into whether to grant a site permit and certificate of need necessary for the project to begin construction this fall.

Wind Farm project.

NextEra filed for the site permit and certificate of need in July 2020. An environmental impact hearing was conducted in December 2020 with the final report completed in March 2021.

The report is available on the PUC website, [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc).

Instructions on how to participate in the May 4 public hearings was printed in the April 15 Rock County

Star Herald.

Deadline for written comments is 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 14.

## About the Walleye Wind project

The proposed 109.2 megawatt wind farm will involve the construction of 40 wind turbines over 49 square miles (31,000 acres) in the townships of Beaver Creek, Luverne, Martin and Springwater.

## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

April 9

- Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported a reckless driver.

- Complainant on S. Fourth Street, Beaver Creek, reported items taken from vehicle.

- Complainant on S. Fourth Street, Beaver Creek, requested to speak to a deputy about a property issue.

- Complainant reported camera issues.

April 10

- Complainant on E. Barck Avenue reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on E. Maple Street reported an open door.

- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne, reported debris in roadway.

- Suspicious activity was reported at location on 91st Street, Magnolia.

- Underaged drinking and drug use was reported at location on 241st Street, Jasper.

April 11

- Disorderly subject was reported at location on S. West Park Street.

- Complainant on Memorial Circle requested a deputy for assistance with a displaced person.

- Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported loud music.

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a patient attempting to leave is aggressive with staff.

April 12

- Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on Main Street and Rock River Road reported he lost a part of a hay load near location.

- Complainant on County Road 4 and 170th Avenue, Luverne, reported an obstruction on the roadway.

- Complainant on W. Hating Street reported a non-resident dumping garbage at location.

- Complainant reported lost keys.

- Complainant on 180th Avenue, Ellsworth, requested deputy assistance.

- Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, reported debris in roadway.

- Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a student assaulted an employee.

- Complainant reported road closed from Cedar to McKenzie.

April 13

- Complainant on County Road 4 and County Road 11, Luverne, reported vehicles for hazardous driving.

- Complainant on State Highway 23, Garretson, South Dakota, reported a truancy family issue.

- Complainant on 2nd Street, Garretson, South Dakota, requested to speak with a deputy.

- Complainant on First Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported threats from subject.

- Complainant on E. Main Street, reported a found cell phone.

- Complainant reported a camera system outage.

- Complainant on 121st Street reported someone knocked on his door and left.

April 14

- Complainant on 111th Street reported an abandoned vehicle.

- Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported a tenant harassing landscaping crew.

- Complainant on County Road 11 and 51st Street reported a fire in the ditch at location.

- Complainant on County Highway 4, Luverne, spoke with a deputy.

- Complainant on 134th Avenue reported a black dog carrier was in the ditch.

- Brookings police department requested information.

- Complainant on Britz Drive reported threats at location.

April 15

- Complainant reported threats at location and at hospital.

- Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue and Barck Avenue reported an accident with no injuries.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on 51st Street, Hills, reported someone stole his pickup.

- Complainant on S. Main Avenue, Hills, reported threats.

- Complainant on 141st Street, Magnolia, reported threats by someone with a gun.

April 16

- Complainant on Village Drive reported loud music from an apartment building.

- Complainant on 31st Street, Hills, reported a vehicle but nobody around.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 vehicles in ditch, 6 escorts, 17 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 11 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 22 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 gas drive-off, 1 alarm, 3 drug court tests, 14 purchase and carry permits, 5 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out and 1 follow-up.



Esther Frakes photo/blue mound tower crane

## Blue Mound Towers construction about to start

A crane lifts AT&T equipment from the roof of the Blue Mound Towers Friday, April 16, ahead of renovation work that is about to begin on the building. A temporary tower has been erected on the city parking lot east of City Hall, and a smaller device will remain on the roof to transmit signals to and from the temporary tower. The skylights on the building are set for replacement in May, and window replacement in the building could start next week. The improvements are part of an overall renovation of the apartment complex built in 1971.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Hospice auction planned for August 28

The Annual Hospice Dinner and Auction typically held in April is being planned for Aug. 28 to allow for expanded Minnesota COVID-19 guidelines. More details will be announced this summer, or call the Hospice office at 283-1805.

### Tax assistance available for residents

United Community Action Partnership will be providing free online virtual tax assistance for residents living in Rock County and surrounding communities. See website for details at <https://www.unitedcapmn.org/services/community-family-services/tax-clinic/>

The number to make an appointment and to get intake forms sent via mail is 507-537-1416 ext. #2163. Or email Courtney Newgard at [Newgardcourtney.newgard@unitedcapmn.org](mailto:Newgardcourtney.newgard@unitedcapmn.org).

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Rock County Ambulance crew members welcomed Sgt. First Class Jeff Thacker home from his National Guard deployment during their April 6 training meeting. Thacker and ambulance director Harlan Vande Kieft are kneeling in front. Ambulance personnel are (front, from left) Sheila Westfield, Jill Johnson, Tricia Huiskes, Cody Tinklenberg, Dan Fick, Dalton Bass, (back) Matt Goembel, Ranae Johnson, Callie Rathjen, Lexie Severtson and Sheila Meyer.

## Luverne serviceman presents flag to fellow ambulance personnel

*Gift displayed in emergency services offices*

Sgt. First Class Jeff Thacker returned to Luverne in March after 18 months overseas with the Army National Guard.

He presented a combat mission American flag to the Rock County Ambulance to be displayed in Sanford Luverne Emergency Services offices.

"Everyone was really supportive of me while I was gone and I wanted to

show my appreciation for them," Thacker said.

The flag was flown by a combat aviation brigade with crew members throughout Iraq, Jordan and Syria.

The flag was aboard a United States UH-60M Blackhawk Helicopter on a Medivac mission supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Thacker has been with

the Army National Guard since 2005 and has been an emergency medical technician at Sanford Luverne since 2015.

He lives in Luverne with his wife, Cheryl.

Fellow ambulance crew members welcomed Thacker home with a supper, cake and gift card during their monthly training meeting April 6 at Sanford Luverne.



A welcome home supper, cake and gift card were presented to Sgt. First Class Jeff Thacker earlier this month in honor of his return from an 18-month overseas deployment with the Army National Guard.

Sgt. First Class Jeff Thacker (left) presents an American flag to Harlan Vande Kieft, Sanford Luverne manager of EMS Operations, on April 6 at Sanford Luverne after Thacker's return to the states from an 18-month deployment with the Army National Guard.



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County  
Historical Society

#### 1941: Local officers raid Chez Paree Night Club

*The following appeared in The Rock County Star on April 3, 1941.*

#### Raiding Officers Hit Chez Paree Night Club Proprietor Will Appear Before District Judge Next Tuesday

Robert Morris, operator of the Chez Paree night club here, is under a \$300 bond pending hearing in district court Tuesday on three charges alleging sale of alcoholic liquor without a license.

Morris appeared before Judge O. E. Ferguson Monday morning and waived preliminary examination in municipal court. Arrested Saturday he had been released Sunday on a \$300 bond.

The charges had been brought by County Attorney Skewes and City Attorney Engan and the complaints had been signed by State Liquor Inspector R. F. Crogswell. Morris was arrested at 11 p.m. Saturday in a raid, in which state, federal, city and county officers participated, climaxing three weeks of investigation by an undercover agent at the night club.

The charge of sale of liquor without a license is a gross misdemeanor and conviction carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine. The county attorney indicated that a fourth charge will be filed in which Morris will be charged with possession for sale of a quantity of liquor. This charge is a misdemeanor and conviction carries a penalty maximum of a ninety-day jail term or \$100 fine.

The raid was scheduled for 11 p.m. Watches of the members of the raiding party were synchronized

Bits, continued on 7

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

•Officials from Sanford Health attended Luverne's City Council meeting Tuesday to discuss the logo change on the water tower north of the hospital.

The water tower was erected in 2003 to serve the needs of the new hospital and residents in northern neighborhoods of Luverne.

It was painted with the logos of what was then Sioux Valley Hospital on two sides, and the city of Luverne's logo on the other two sides.

With the hospital organization's name change from Sioux Valley to Sanford, the logo on the water tower still remains to be changed to reflect the new corporate name.

### 25 years ago (1996)

•Walkers may be able to enjoy new sidewalks in town after this summer. The Luverne City Council on Monday approved construction of two segments along Kniss Avenue.

A section will be installed on the north end of town from Cashin Drive to Veterans Drive and on the south end of town from Hatting Street to Koehn Avenue.

The cost for construction on the north section will be split, with half paid by the state of Minnesota and half by the Minnesota Veterans Home. Ninety percent of the cost for the south portion will be paid by the Minnesota Department of

Transportation, and the remaining 10 percent will be shared by the city and property owners.

### 50 years ago (1971)

•The bid of Standard Steel Industries, Inc., Three Rivers, Mich., to install new bleachers at the football field, was accepted by the school board Friday night. Standard Steel's bid was \$12,252 for the new section which will provide 1,020 seats on the north side of the football field, and which will be built with provisions of adding a press box at a future date.

Three bids were submitted. The other two included one from Bartley Sales, Inc., Minneapolis, for \$16,250, and Havenstein and Burmeister, Minneapolis, for \$13,450. The successful bidder is the same firm that made the installation at Worthington, and has contracts for installations this year at Sheldon and Britt, Iowa, Supt. Eitrem told the board.

### 75 years ago (1946)

•After serving the Pleasant View community of over 73 years the Pleasant View Evangelical church will be relocated into the city of Luverne.

The recommendations of the administrative council of the Evangelical churches of Minnesota to relocate the church was formally approved by the congregation at its annual business meeting last week.

No definite selection of a Luverne location for the church property has yet been approved.

"The move is due to the fact that it is the belief of the church, that the Pleasant View Evangelical church can better serve its constituency and broaden its field of activity by moving the church to Luverne," said Rev. F. E. Nordby, pastor.

### 100 years ago (1921)

•Preliminary practice work began in earnest the first of this week, when about twenty-five men were out to participate in the try-out at Athletic park. Practice work has been continued every night this week under the direction of Leo Dressen, manager-pitcher. The catcher has not yet been decided upon, and it is not planned to assign places on the team definitely until some time later, perhaps after the first game.

The list of players who have signed up at the present time are as follows: Leo Pengra, James L. Knowiton, Ed Sodemann, Ed Smith, Hiney Van de Velde, Paul Myers, Harry Reid, Roy Finke, Charles Soutar, Geo A. Soutar, A. D. Soutar, C. J. Rierison, William Welzenbach, Jack Kent, Clarence Ford, Raymond Wiggins, Ole Boysen, William Kemmie, Ed Soutar, Dr. G. Butler, A. H. Berger, Dr. R. K. Hawley, Otto Roen, Ivan Hansen and Leo Dressen. A number of others are expected to sign up later. Tony Suurmeyer is treasurer of the organization.



## OBITUARIES

### Lennis 'Red' Arndt

Lennis "Red" Arndt, 72, Luverne, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at Ava's Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A celebration of life service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at Grace Lutheran Church, with a luncheon following in the church basement. A private burial of cremains will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Springfield on Sunday, May 2.

In lieu of flowers, any memorial donations will be used to honor Red's favorite causes.

Lennis "Red" Arndt was born May 1, 1948, to Edwin and Edna (Beilke) Arndt in Springfield. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1966. He also attended Worthington Junior College.

In 1983 he married Lisa Turbes. They raised a family together and were married for 26 years, remaining each other's closest friend for the remainder of his life. Red started working for Springfield Public Utilities in 1967 as a power lineman and later

line foreman. He was on the



Springfield Fire Department during which time he served as the fire chief for three years. He served

on Springfield's Planning & Zoning Commission for five years and on the Board of Education at Springfield Public Schools for three years. He moved to Fairfax, where he was the city manager from 1986 to 1989. He managed the electric, water and wastewater utilities along with other city services and facilities. Red moved to Luverne in 1989 to be the city's utility superintendent. In 1990 Red was instrumental in the design and construction of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, serving in many vital capacities including board chairman from 2006 until his death.

Red was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in

Luverne. He enjoyed fishing, the Minnesota Twins and Vikings, spending time with his granddaughters, family and friends, traveling, time in his man cave, and feeding the squirrels.

Red is survived by the mother of his children, Lisa Arndt; three sons, Joshua (Tamara) Arndt, granddaughters Rebecca and Leah, Dickinson, North Dakota, Justin (Katie) Arndt, granddaughters Cassidy and Lucy, Richmond, and Jacob Arndt, Nashville, Tennessee; two sisters, Sandie Mielke, Sioux Falls, and Paulette Levasseur, Sartell; brother-in-law, Tasissa Moti, Brooklyn Park; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Geraldine Moti; a brother, Douglas Arndt; sister-in-law Donna Arndt; and two brother-in-laws, Larry Levasseur and Richard Mielke.

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

(0422 F)

### Bruce Rye

Bruce Allen Rye, 58, Luverne, died Friday, April 16, 2021, at his home under hospice care.

A funeral service was Sunday, April 18, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial was Monday, April 19, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Bruce Rye was born on Oct. 8, 1962, to Isak and Irmtraut "Trudy" (Kondert) Rye at the Luverne Community Hospital in Luverne. He was baptized on Oct. 28, 1962, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. He grew up in Luverne and attended Luverne Public Schools. In April of 1977, he moved to Glacial Ridge Training Center and attended Willmar Public Schools in their special education programming un-

til the age of 21.



May of 1994, he settled into his new home at Hiawatha Manor in Luverne and continued his employment. In January of 2017 he moved into the Christensen House in Luverne.

Bruce liked to listen to music and books on CDs. He enjoyed watching "Gunsmoke" episodes on television and catching action movies. He also liked football.

Bruce returned home to Luverne in January of 1991 and began working at Rock County D.A.C. In

Bruce loved spending time with his family, and his family loved spending time with Bruce.

Bruce is survived by his mother, Irmtraut "Trudy" Rye of Luverne; his sister, Idella Rye, and her special friend, Terry Hastings, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; nieces and nephews Jessica Rye and her special friend, Jeremy Dobernecker, and family, Jason Remme and his wife, Brittany, and family, Brian Remme, and Becky Jo Nelson and her husband, Curt, and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Isak Rye.

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

(0422 F)

### Henrietta Huenink

Henrietta Jeanette Huenink, 98, Steen, died Monday, April 12, 2021, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery in Valley Springs, South Dakota. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, with the family present, at the church.

Henrietta Korthals was born on March 13, 1923, to Fred and Dena (Zorgdrager) Korthals in George, Iowa. She attended country school through the eighth grade.

She then worked in private homes and later in the Holland Home in Sheldon, Iowa, for the elderly for three years.

Henrietta married Henry Bodewitz on Aug. 31, 1945. To this union eight children were born, Alvin, Kenneth, Judith, Stanley, Glenda, LaVonne, Norma and JoAnn. Henrietta and Henry lived on the family farm by Valley Springs for 17 years before moving to town. Henry died on June 14, 1964.

Henrietta married Pres-

ton Huenink on June 1,



1967, and they lived in Steen. Three of Preston's children were added to her family, Audrey, Delwyn

and Verlyn Huenink. Preston died on Aug. 15, 2000.

Beginning on June 1, 1968, Henrietta was an organist for Steen Reformed Church. She enjoyed working in her garden, sewing, and doing needle work. She especially loved spending time with her family.

On Oct. 2, 2010, Henrietta entered the Tuff Memorial Nursing Home in Hills, where she resided until her death.

She is survived by her seven children, Alvin (Donna) Bodewitz of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Kenneth Bodewitz of Valley Springs, Judith (Peter) Boeve of Sioux Falls, Stanley (Dottie) Bodewitz of Union, Missouri, Glenda

(John) Madsen of Fairmont, Norma (Wayne) Van Wyhe of Lester, Iowa, and JoAnn (George) Nuffer of Johnstown, Colorado; three stepchildren, Audrey (Glenn) Winters of Little Rock, Iowa, Verlyn (Mary) Huenink of Glenwood, and Delwyn Huenink of Worthington; 27 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; three siblings, Edward (Thelma) Korthals of Buffalo, Fredrick Korthals of Worthington and Morris (Ruth) Korthals of Omaha, Nebraska; many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Henry and Preston; daughter LaVonne Breck; daughter-in-law Gwynn Bodewitz; four grandchildren, Jamie Nuffer, Adam Bodewitz, Bonnie Bultena and Scott Kiesow; and one stepgreat-granddaughter, Mercedes Ann DeNoble.

Arrangements are provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(0422 F)

### Shirley Young

Shirley (Loger) Young died Jan. 6, 2021, in Portland, Oregon, at a local hospital from complications from surgery in December.

Shirley was born on Dec. 31, 1927, to Anneas and Tena Loger. She attended Luverne High School for three years and then her family moved to Portland, where she graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1945.

She married Joseph Bochater on Sept. 29, 1953, divorcing in 1956.

Shirley moved to Sac-

ramento, California, and worked as a bookkeeper for California Builders Supply.

After moving back to Portland, she married Thomas Young on Nov. 8, 1958, and they had two children, Dale and Michael. She divorced in 1967.

Shirley and her family

moved back to Luverne in 1969 but returned to Portland in 1970.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Blue Mound Inn, Luverne, as well as many other companies in Portland, retiring from Globe Lighting Supply in 1993.

Shirley is survived by her son, Michael, Portland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Audrey Christensen, and her son, Dale.

No services were held. (0422 F)

### Hannah Dooyema

Hannah Violet Dooyema was called home to heaven on April 10, 2021, at 20 weeks 3 days gestation.

At 12:02 a.m. on April 12, she was delivered into the arms of her parents. Hannah weighed 1 pound, 1 ounce and was 10 inches long.

Although Hannah's life was cut short on this earth, she was strong, fighting long enough to be able to meet her parents. She was stubborn and sassy at all of her appointments and up to her

delivery.

Hannah will be missed dearly but she is now with Jesus, and her parents rest in the truth that they will see her again.

Hannah is the daughter of Sam and Jackie (Trego) Dooyema, of Nashville, Tennessee, and the granddaughter of Doug and Pam Dooyema of Luverne and Curt and Shelly Trego of Watertown, South Dakota. She is deeply loved by her parents, grandparents, great-grandparents,

aunts and uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Memorial services will be held at The Gospel Church, Nashville, Tennessee on April 15, 2021, at 9 a.m. and preceding her interment at Hills of Rest Cemetery, Sioux Falls, South Dakota on April 19, 2021, at 11 a.m.

Sam and Jackie ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Gospel Church's benevolence fund: thegospelchurch.com/give. (0422 F)

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Stratton completes leadership program

Rock County deputy sheriff Jeff Stratton was recently recognized for his completion of the Institute for Credible Leadership Development Program.

The program sharpens the skills of the guardian-servant through a scientific, sustainable, affordable, achievable and reliable development model. The program promotes leading with compassion, ethical decision-making, emotional intelligence, moral courage and promotes cohesiveness.

The ICLD is an online course through the National Sheriffs' Association and is a four-phase program.

Stratton, who resides in Luverne, joined the Rock County Sheriff's Office in January 2020 after serving 12 years with the Carver County Sheriff's Office based in Chanhausen.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge and deputy Lee Christians have also completed the leadership development program from the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

### Take and Make bird treat kits

Stop by the Luverne Area Chamber at 213 East Luverne Street to pick up one or more Take and Make bird treat kits. Kits are free, but a \$5 to \$10 donation is welcome to benefit Project Food Forest in Rock County. (Or donate online at <https://donorbox.org/support-pff>)

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earlier with the understanding that every man was to carry out the role assigned to him promptly at 11 p.m.

Cogswell, the state agent, had been given the task of standing inside the front door ready to unlatch it at 11 to admit the members of the raiding party. Participating in the raid were: State Liquor Agents Hedlund and Cogswell, Federal Agent Nelson, Schneekloth, Paulsen, McKay, Ryan, Roberts and Moeller.

It was not necessary for Cogswell to make a move, however, as the door was opened promptly to the sheriff's knock.

Moving swiftly, Officers Ryan Schneekloth, State Agent Hedlund and Federal Agent Nelson made a rush

for the bar. They declared that nearly a dozen bottles of liquor were taken there.

The warrant was served by Sheriff Roberts who was assisted by Deputy Sheriff Moeller. Taking his post at the front door to prevent anyone from leaving was Chief of Police Paulsen.

As a matter of fact, members of the raiding party said, very few of the large crowd of patrons realized that a raid was in progress.

Cogswell did not reveal his identity as an officers during the progress of the raid, choosing to circulate thru the crowd. After the raid was nearly over Cogswell got a laugh out of the warning given him by a couple of young men.

"Buddy," one chap told

the state agent, "it looks like raid is going on, if I was you, I'd dump any liquor you got."

Raiding officers said they recognized very few Luverne people among the night club's patrons.

The under cover agent, who is said to have been frequenting the club for nearly three weeks, was at the Chez Patee Saturday night but did not take any part in the raid.

Richard Torrison represented Morris in municipal court.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [mannmade@iw.net](mailto:mannmade@iw.net).

## MENU

**Monday, April 26:** Sub sandwich, peas and cheese salad, fruit, cookie.

**Tuesday, April 27:** Kielbasa with sauerkraut, dinner roll, dessert.

**Wednesday, April 28:** Beef roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, California Nornandy, bread, bar.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

**Thursday, April 29:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, broccoli salad, baked beans, cookie.

**Friday, April 30:** Chicken Alfredo, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, Rice Krispie bar.

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# Luverne speech team takes section title

Six students move on to Saturday's state tournament

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne students earned the Section 3A speech championship trophy Saturday, the first team title for coach Gavin Folkestad in his 10 years of advising the speech team with Caroline Thorson.

Due to pandemic restrictions, Luverne earned the team title while competing alone at their own school.

"While it would have been nice for students to walk up to the stage to receive their awards and be recognized by all the competitors and coaches, they made up for it by loudly cheering for and celebrating with the finalists when their names were called," Folkestad said. "At normal awards ceremonies, the kids have to show more restraint when cheering for their teammates."

Folkestad said the announcement of the team title was overwhelming.

"Everyone went wild with excitement when they announced that Luverne



Submitted photo

Luverne Speech Team wrapped up the 2020-21 season with the Section 3A team trophy Saturday with 13 students contributing to the team score. They are (front, from left) Brianna Kinsinger, Roselynn Hartshorn, Rylee Anderson, Mia Wenzel, (second) Destiny Matthiesen, Xavier Carbonneau, Josie Golla, (back) Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau and Burke Johnson. Not pictured is Bethany Behr.

was the section champion," he said.

Folkestad began coaching the local team in 2011 and Thorson joined him six years ago.

"This is the first section championship in both mine and Gavin's ten-

ure," she said. "Also, we believe this is the most students from Luverne that have qualified for state at one time."

Seventeen Luverne students competed in Saturday's section tournament with 13 entering

the final round and adding to the team's winning score.

Luverne joined 14 other schools competing with an overall total of 124 students in the section tournament. Students competed in three rounds

with the top six students in each of the 13 speech categories competing in a final round. The top three finishers in each category move on to the state tournament.

The six LHS state tournament qualifiers — Chance Tunnissen, Parker Carbonneau, Zander Carbonneau, Luke Thorson, Josie Golla and Xavier Carbonneau — will compete at home Saturday.

Results from the sectional competition by category include:

- Discussion: Burke Johnson, fourth.

- Dynamic Duo: Brianna Kinsinger and Bethany Behr, fourth.

- Extemporaneous reading: Destiny Matthiesen, sixth.

- Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first; Parker Carbonneau, second; Zander Carbonneau, third.

- Great speeches: Rylee Anderson, fourth.

- Humorous: Luke Thorson, third.

- Serious poetry: Mia Wenzel, fifth.

- Serious prose: Josie Golla, third.

- Storytelling: Xavier Carbonneau, second; Roselynn Hartshorn, fifth.

## Third quarter 2021 honor rolls released for area students

### Luverne High School A Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Russell Aanenson, Zachery Ahrendt, Kaitlyn Anderson, Cooper Arends, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Brody Bonnett, Simon Boyenga, Xavier Carbonneau, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Emma Hinz, Katarina Horn, Gretchen Jacobsma, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Camron Kopp, Hailey Kruger, Alex Mann, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Carlton Ofedahl, Rozilyn Oye, Sadie Reisdorfer, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Paige Sandbulte, Ethan Teunissen, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Cade Wenninger, Gracie Zewiske.

**Juniors:** Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Morgan Gonnerman, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Megan Janshen, Griffen Jarchow, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Grace Sandbulte, Lacey Saker, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Brenn Siebenahler, Jacey Smith, Macy Stratton, Macie Swenson, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklyn Ver Steeg, Mia Wenzel, Olivia Wieneke.

**Sophomores:** Justis Ahrendt, Mariam Alinzi, Abigail Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Brady Bork, Avarie Brecher, Parker Carbonneau, Egypt Forrest, Jady Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszski, Anja Jarchow, Katharine Kelm, Isabella Lanoue, Reese Louwagie, Lacey Morseman, Ethan Nath, Carly Olson, Logan Ommen, Alvia Renken, Averill Sehr, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Tersch, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

**Freshmen:** Morgan Ahrendt, Tyler Arends, Zoey Berghorst, Kayla Bloemendaal, Abby Boltjes, Morgan Bonnett, Brynn Boyenga, Kai Buss, Conner Connell, Jenna DeBates, Henry Hartquist, Uriel Hernandez, Julie Hoogland, Addison Huiskes, Kira John, Patrick Kroski, Emma Lusty, Jacob Madison, Makena Nelson, Sawyer Saker, Tori Serie, Elizabeth Smidt, Kiesli Smith, Sarah Stegenga.

### B Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Riley Anderson, Trey Bierman, Brennan Brecher, Trinity Carson, Bailey Cowell, Ann Dara, Matthauss Dobbe, Justin Dohlmann, Jonathan Dolo, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, Cassie Flanagan, Mia Halverson, Sophie

Holmberg, Shelby Kracht, Anthony Kramer, Destiny Matthiesen, Nathan Meeker, Jaime Palmquist, Katlin Petronek, Crystal Sayavong, Shaid Shearer, LaShad Smith, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Leslie Van Engelenhoven, Lauren VerSteege, Leah Wynia.

**Juniors:** Hunter Ahrendt, Rylee Anderson, Christopher Aning, Jase Arp, Hannah Baker, Reghan Bork, Luke Bosch, Paige Bruhn, Lauren Buss, Timothy Eisma, Kyle Ferguson, Hunter Gaffaney, Jacob Hansen, Kyle Kephart, Justin Mente, Chase Overgaard, Jonathan Saarloos, Ashton Sandbulte, Alenya Sayavong, Gannon Ahrendt, Josie Anderson, Zachary DeBoer, Sarah Gehrke, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Yoselyn Gonzales Quintana, Lauren Hansen, Nicholas Hansen, Grace Ingebretsen, Tiana Lais, Cole Mann, Jocelyn Mann, Mallory Nelson, Isabella Oye, Joseph Remme, Mason Smith, Ryenn Stegenga, Harrison Uithoven, Kamryn Van Batavia, Kaylee Voorhees, Ryan Vos.

**Freshmen:** Tucker Banck, Anika Boll, Hailey Boll, James Bullerman, Cassandra Chesley, Sarah de Cesare, Elliot Domagala, Brendan Eidem, Ryan Fick, Morgan Hadler, Michael Halsne, Elle Halverson, Isaiah Kluever, Ava Loosbrock, Gracie Nath, Tyler Rolfs, Dennie Sandbulte, Mitchell Sauer, Zachary Terrio, Perceyis Trierweiler.

### H-BC High School A Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Bryce Bennett, Tyson Bork, Annie Bos, Chase Bosch, Thomas Dysthe, Hannah Fick, Ethan Gray, Ashlee Kelderman, Kathleen Kiers, Abby Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Allison Laroek, Taryn Rauk, Lauren Tatge, Brandon Taubert, Avery Vis, Zander Wyson.

**Juniors:** Taylor Durst, Kenadie Fick, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen.

**Sophomores:** Olivia Bork, Devon Dysthe, Jenifer Martinyuk, Brayden Metzger, Amalia Ternus.

**Freshmen:** Grace Anderson, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Brynn Rauk, Larissa Steinhoff.

**Eighth Grade:** Beau Bakken, Gracie Fagerness, Jackson Gacke, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Mazzi Moore, Jack Moser, Bailey Spykerboer, Rebekah Swenson, Amber Wiersema.

**Seventh Grade:** Micah Bush, Claire Knobloch, Abigail Olson, Ella Sammons.

### B Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Calvin Erickson, Seth Klarenbeek, Tory

Knobloch, Abigail Olson, Shayla Rainford, Jacob Sheppard, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Gavin Wyson.

**Juniors:** Austin Allen, Jacob Anness, Troy Durst, Leeanna Gaugler, Ethan Kruger, Donavon Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Dallas Page, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Mackenzie Voss.

**Sophomores:** Luke Fuerstenberg, Cody Moser, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

**Freshmen:** Lanae Elberts, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Tahliya Kruger, Ty Leuthold, Damion Meinerts, Justin Roelfs, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

**Eighth Grade:** Cameron Allen, Sawyer Bosch, Isabella DeBoer, Lukas Hubbard, Harli Rozeboom, Kadence Rozeboom, Gracie Wilhelmi, Ava Zomer.

**Seventh Grade:** Callum Bartels, Ally Birger, Mya Erickson, Bode Kruger, Jack Kruger, Gavin Leuthold, Ethan Meinerts, Donavan Mess, Jamin Metzger, Austyn Pap, Hadley Spath, Joshua Ternus, Jacob Tiesler, Nate Van Maanen, Gavin Voss, Jacob Wallin, Eduardo Wegener, Isabel Wyson.

## MDA reminds Minnesotans to use pesticides and fertilizers with care

Many Minnesotans are thinking about their lawns, trees and gardens this time of year. Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) urges everyone to safely use pesticides and fertilizers on your property by following all label directions.

Pesticide and fertilizer labels specify how to use products safely and effectively. In Minnesota it is unlawful to apply products without following label instructions. The label is the law.

If you hire a professional lawn care provider, do your homework. State law requires pesticide applicators and their company to be licensed by the MDA in order to commercially apply pesticides and fertilizers, including weed and feed product. Licensed applicators know and understand state and federal regulations regarding all aspects of pesticide and fertilizer handling, application and disposal.

The following are helpful tips for a safe spring season.

If you do it yourself:

- Test your soil to determine fertilizer needs.

- Carefully read and follow all label directions.

- Do not apply pesticides in windy or adverse weather conditions. High wind can cause products to drift and potentially harm people, pets or plants.

- Do not apply if heavy rain is expected.

- Do not overwater following application.

- Sweep sidewalks and hard surfaces of any dry or granular product after you apply the product to the intended site. Pesticides or fertilizers left on hard surfaces easily wash into our water supply.

- Place signage after the treatment.

- Buy only what you need. Unused products must be stored according to the label, can lose effectiveness over time and be difficult to dispose of safely.

If you hire a lawn care professional:

- professionals applying pesticides must be licensed by the MDA and carry their pesticide applicator license with them. The company they work for must have a fertilizer license to apply fertilizer. Check the MDA website at [mda.state.mn.us/licensesearch](http://mda.state.mn.us/licensesearch) for fertilizer license verification. Also ask to see a pesticide applicator's license before they apply pesticides.

- Be cautious of people who claim their products are completely safe or pressure you to sign a service contract.

- Recognize posted warning flags in areas that have been chemically treated. Make sure your hired professional places warning signs after your lawn treatment.

- Lawn care professionals are required to provide an application record to you, the customer. Review the records, including products used and the amounts applied.

- Be sure the professionals sweep the sidewalks and hard surfaces clean of any dry or granular products.

For information about applicator licenses, call the MDA at 651-201-6615. To report unlicensed applicators, file a complaint on the MDA website at [www.mda.state.mn.us/pestfertcomplaints](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/pestfertcomplaints) or call 651-201-6333.

## Experts predict farm custom rates likely to remain steady for 2021

By Kent Thiesse

Due to the high cost of investment in farm machinery, an ever-increasing number of farm operators are hiring other farm operators to provide some or all of their machinery resources for their farm operation. This is especially true with new and younger farm operators, as well as with children that decide to start farming with their parents. In addition, some land investors are choosing to operate a farm themselves rather than cash

renting the land to another farm operator, thus hiring a farm operator under a custom farming agreement.

Custom farming agreements usually include tillage, planting, some weed control, harvesting, and delivering grain to a specified location. Some farm operators also hire custom work for specific farm operations with another farm operator, such as planting, combining, or hay baling.

One of the best resources for average custom rates

is the annual "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" that is coordinated and analyzed by Iowa State University. Earlier this year, 559 custom operators and farm managers were sampled regarding expected 2021 custom farm rates for various farm operations. The survey summary lists the average custom rate, as well as a range, for various tillage, planting, fertilizer and chemical application, grain harvesting, and forage harvesting functions on the farm. The survey also in-

cludes many miscellaneous farming practices, average per hour farm labor rates, and includes a formula for calculating rental rates.

The survey lists the average custom farming rates for corn, soybeans, and small grain. The average custom rates for farm operations in most other areas of the Upper Midwest tend to be very close to the average Iowa custom rates.

Average 2021 farm custom rates for some typical tillage, planting, and harvesting

practices, as well as custom farming rates, are listed in the adjoining table. The complete 2021 "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" for all farming practices is available online at the following Iowa State University website: <https://www.extension.ia-state.edu/agdm/crops/html/a3-10.html>

Based on the Iowa State data, average custom rates for tillage, planting, and harvest operations in 2021 are expected to decrease by about 3 percent, compared to the rates for similar operations in 2020. The custom farming rates for corn and soybean production are expected to decrease by about 1 percent compared to a year earlier.

For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Sr. Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal, MN. Phone: 507-381-7960. Email: [kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com](mailto:kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com)

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## Luverne track team competes against three schools at first home meet of season

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals welcomed the track teams from Marshall, St. James and Blue Earth to Luverne on Friday, April 16. The home meet was the second meet of the season for the Cardinals and put together a strong performance.

Ashton Sandbulte took home first place in the 100 meters and 200 meters. Sandbulte clocked a time of 11 seconds, 53 milliseconds in the 100 meters. In the 200 meters, he finished with a time of 24.75.

Arekel McLaughlin finished second in the 200 meters with a time of 24.82.

In the 400 meters, Ethan Rahm took home third place with a time of 1:01.98.



Luverne's William Fischer competes in the shot put during the Cardinals' home meet on Friday, April 16. The Cardinals hosted St. James, Marshall and Blue Earth Area.

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## Cardinals' baseball off to hot start with wins over Pipestone and TMB

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals baseball team improved to 3-0 on the young season by winning a pair of games this past week.

The Cardinals opened the week on Thursday, April 15, with a 3-2 victory over Pipestone Area in Luverne. The next day the Cardinals dismantled the visiting Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Panthers 22-0 in five innings.

**LHS 3, PAS 2**

Neither team was able to put any runs on the board in the first inning.

The Arrows scored the game's first run in the top of the second inning. The Cardinals answered with a run of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

Luverne scored another run in the bottom of the third to claim a 2-1 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Cardinals scored another run to build a 3-1 lead.

The Arrows made things interesting in the top of the seventh, as they scored a run, but they were unable to get the equalizer.

Connor Overgaard went 2-2 at the plate and drove



Luverne's Bailey Cowell stands in the box during the Cardinals' matchup against Tracy-Milroy-Balton on Friday, April 16. The Cardinals defeated the Panthers 22-0 in five innings.

in a run for the Cardinals.

Connor Connell drove in a run for the Cardinals and went 1-2 at the plate with a walk.

Ethan Beyer collected three hits for the Cardinals and scored a run. Beyer also pitched three innings and recorded a pair of strikeouts.

Casey Sehr pitched four innings for the Cardinals and recorded four strikeouts.

**LHS 22, TMB 0**

It was all Luverne, all the time on Friday, April 16. The Cardinals' bats caused the scoreboard at Redbird Field to malfunction on

Friday.

The Cardinals scored four runs or more in every inning en route to a 22-0 home victory over the Panthers.

The Cardinals scored

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## Rock County golf teams square off at Luverne Country Club

**By Brennen Rupp**

Due to inclement weather, the Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams haven't competed in as many meets to open the season as they had hoped.

On Thursday, April 15, the two Rock County teams squared off at the Luverne Country Club.

The Luverne boys topped H-BC 167-200. On the girls' side of things, it was Luverne defeating H-BC 210-241.

For the Cardinals, Henry Hartquist finished atop the boys' leaderboard by shooting a 40.

Luverne's Brady Bork finished one stroke behind Hartquist, with a final score of 41.

Luverne's Owen Sudenga and Cooper Arends both shot a 43.

Colin Schoeneman shot a 47 for the Cardinals.

Thomas Dysthe was H-BC's top golfer with a final



Luverne's Jocelyn Mann hits a shot during the Cardinals' home meet against Hills-Beaver Creek on Thursday, April 15.

score of 48.

Jacob Axness finished with a score of 49 for the Patriots.

Tyler Arends and Dal-

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## H-BC's boys' track takes second in Pipestone

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Hills-Beaver Creek track team competed at a meet in Pipestone on Saturday, April 17. The Patriots were one of five teams that competed at the Paulson Field.

The boys' team finished in second place, while the girls finished fourth.

Tyson Bork took home first place with a time of 11 seconds, 74 milliseconds in the 100 meters.

Liam Raymon finished second in the 400 with a time of 57.41. Raymon also finished second in the 800 with a time of 2:23.84.

Brandon Taubert finished second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 19.52. Taubert also took home second place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.53.

Brock Harnack finished

third in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 50.65.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Bork, Cole Baker, Raymon and Ty Bundesen took home first place with a time of 46.85.

The same group of four runners took home first place in the 4-by-200 relay with a time of 1:41.32.

Caesy Kueter won first place in the shot put with a throw of 41-04.25. Max Scholten finished in fifth place with a heave of 39-06.00.

Scholten took home first place in the discus with a throw of 115-01.

Baker recorded a distance of 19-09.00 in the long jump to finish in second place. Bork finished

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## LHS softball drops a pair against Arrows

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals softball team had no answer for the Pipestone Area Arrows on Thursday, April 15.

The Arrows, a perennial powerhouse, outscored the Cardinals 25-1 in two games on Thursday in Pipestone.

The Arrows won the first game 10-0 and then completed the sweep with a 15-1 victory over the Cardinals.

In the first game, the Arrows limited the Cardinals' typically potent lineup to two hits. With the Luverne bats silenced, the Arrows cruised to a 10-0 victory.

The Arrows jumped on the Cardinals right out of the chute by scoring six runs in the first inning. Pipestone added two more runs in the third and fourth innings.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Arrows limited the Cardinals to four hits.

The Arrows opened the game by scoring two runs in the top of the first.

Pipestone added one

more in the top of the second to build a 3-0 lead.

In the third inning, Pipestone scored five runs to push their lead to 8-0.

The Arrows pushed across two more runs in the fourth inning to build a 10-0 lead.

Pipestone scored five more runs in the top of the fifth inning. The Cardinals got on the board with one run in the bottom half of the fifth inning.

Carly Olson drove in the lone run for the Cardinals.

Roz Oye went 1-2 at the plate with a double.

With the two losses, the Cardinals stand at 2-2.

The Cardinals will play their first home games of the season on Thursday, April 22, when they welcome St. James to town.

At press time St. James owned a 5-0 record and won their last game over Redwood Valley 20-1.

**Box Score PAS 10, LHS 0**  
Hits: Olson 1, Kracht 1

**PAS 15, LHS 0**  
Hits: Connell 1; Robinson 1; Olson 1; Oye 1  
Doubles: Oye

## Tennis team wins three matches, improves to 5-0

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne tennis team improved to 5-0 on the season with three match victories this past week.

The Cardinals defeated Blue Earth 5-2 in Blue Earth on Thursday, April 15.

In Granite Falls on Saturday, April 17, the Cardinals defeated Montevideo 7-0 and Yellow Medicine East 4-3.

**LHS 7, Blue Earth 2**

Pierce Cunningham won the first set of his match 6-1 and picked up the win with a 6-1 second set victory over Blue Earth's Vern Johnson.

Griffen Jarchow took his match with 6-2 and 6-0 set victories over Nick Frundt.

Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow topped their opponents 6-3 and

6-4 in their match.

Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen won a back and forth first set 7-5. They then won the second set 6-2 to pick up the victory over Calvin Forrow and Seth Mathews.

Jayson Rops and John Miller won their match in straight sets. The duo won the first set 6-0. They then took the second set 6-3 to pick up the 2-0 victory over Jerry Passe and Brady Lorenz.

**LHS 4, YME 3**

The Cardinals edged the Sting tennis team on Saturday 4-3.

Cunningham dropped his first match of the season to Ean Clarke. Cunningham won the first set of the match 6-3. Clarke then took the second set 6-4. In the third set, Clarke topped Cunningham 10-7.

Griffen Jarchow won

his match in straight sets. Jarchow won the first set 6-1 and the second set 6-0 to pick up the victory over Tyler Syring.

Miller won his match in straight sets. Miller won his first set 6-0 and the second set 6-2 to pick up the win over Austin Canatsey.

Frahm and Ben Jarchow took the first set of their match 6-4. The Luverne duo dominated the second set 6-0 to pick up the victory for the Cardinals.

Nath and Ommen won their match with scores of 6-0 and 6-2 to pick up the victory.

**LHS 7, Montevideo 0**

The Cardinals didn't lose a match against Montevideo on Saturday.

Cunningham won his

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## Colton Arends competes at Bristol Speedway

By Brennen Rupp

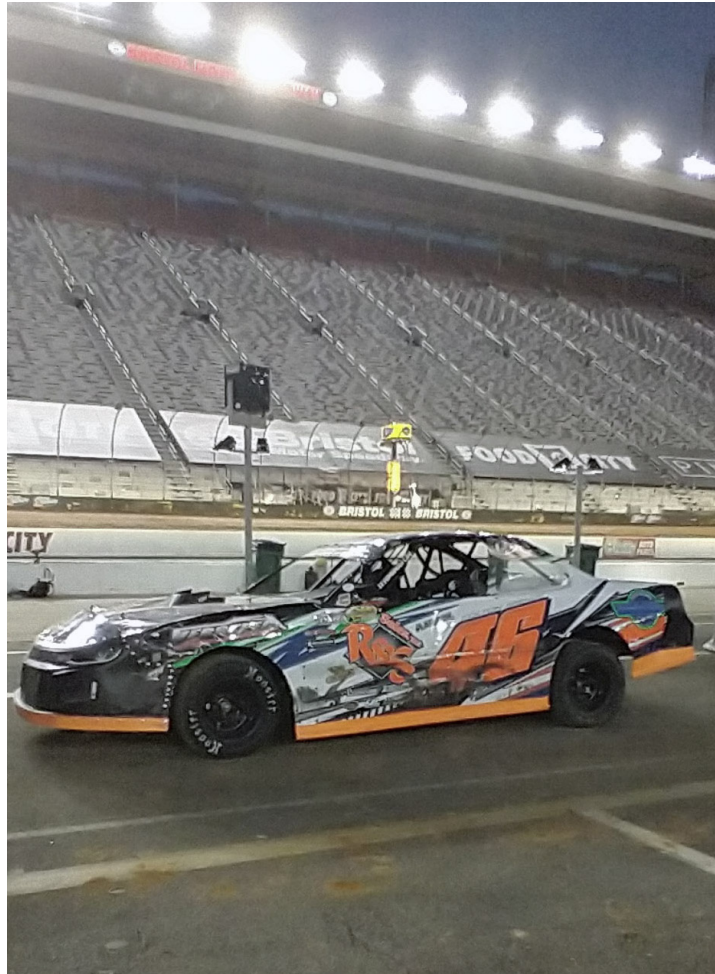
For the first time in 21 years, the Bristol Motor Speedway had dirt on the track for a race.

Luverne's own Colton Arends was one of the drivers that competed at Karl Kustoms Bristol Dirt Nationals

"The first two nights we were there we set the quickest lap time in all three sessions of practice," Arends said. "My heat race I started sixth and finished second. In the qualifying feature I started fifth and we were halfway through and I was battling for second and we had a motor failure. We didn't get to race after that due to weather so I had to start in the back of a B feature and missed the transfer spot by one position."

Arends has been racing for six years now. It's been a process learning the ins and outs of racing. He said that it's been a thrill ride since he got behind the wheel and that his weekend in Bristol is one that he'll cherish forever.

"The experience I had was like no other race track I've ever raced on," Arends said. "Between the facility being a Nascar facility



Submitted photos/0422 racing

Luverne native Colton Arends recently competed at Bristol Motor Speedway. Pictured is the car that Arends raced during the Karl Kustoms Bristol Dirt Nationals.

and how they prepared and maintained the racing surface, it was an all-around awesome experience. Also, the speeds we raced at were

far greater than any dirt race tracks around Rock County so that was also another challenging and exciting experience."

## Luverne youth hockey team enjoyed dominant season

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals girls' hockey team has reached the state tournament back-to-back seasons. During those two seasons, the Cardinals have accumulated a record of 36-9-1.

With a strong core returning for the 2021-2022 season, the Cardinals could make it three straight trips to the state tournament.

The varsity hockey team wasn't the only hockey team to enjoy a successful season this past year.

The 12U team finished this past season with a 31-1 record and outscored their opponents 353-17.

The youth team won two tournaments in Rochester and Cloquet.

"It's a real coachable group of girls," coach Dave Van Batavia said.

"They all run together really well. We got two lines and one extra skater. We have two lines that are very deep. Both lines can score. We're very aggressive in the offensive zone. We spend a

lot of time in the offensive zone. I think a good indicator of that is how we were able to outscore our opponents 353-17."

The team's lone loss of the season came in the state tournament against Edina Black, a game in which the Cardinals outshot their opponent 30-10.

"The girls played a really solid two and a half periods against Edina Black," Van Batavia said. "That was our loss in the state tournament in overtime. We hope they learn that it's important to play all three periods, no matter who you are playing."

Tenley Behr, Ella Apel, Ellisy Van Batavia, Greta McClure, Kassidy Saarloos, Hannah Woodley, Rylee Kurtz, Marlee Nelson, Trinley Vanderburg, Isabella Steensma, Emma Saarloos, and Macie Edstrom were the 12 players that made up the roster.

The varsity squad for the Cardinals appears primed for another suc-

cessful season. Kamryn Van Batavia and Reghan Bork will both return. The dynamic duo were two of the top points leaders in the state of Minnesota this past season.

Van Batavia's 47 goals led the state of Minnesota. The talented sophomore also led the state with 87 points. Van Batavia finished third overall in the state with 40 assists.

Bork finished the season second in the state with 41 assists. She finished third overall with 69 total points.

That duo will be joined by fellow returning skaters Peyton Behr, Mallory Nelson, Anika Boll, Zariah Holmgren, Mallory Von Tersch, Cheyenne Schutz, and Brenn Siebenahler.

The varsity squad is in good shape for the future. With a talented group waiting in the pipeline, the Cardinals could be set up for sustained success on the ice.

## Spring turkey hunting season in full swing in Minnesota

When Minnesota's turkey hunting season begins Wednesday, April 14, hunters hoping to bag a tom turkey will see similar regulations as last year.

A spring turkey license will provide the opportunity to hunt all permit areas in the state, with the exception of three major wildlife management areas.

Permits are required for firearms turkey hunters ages 18 and older in Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater wildlife management areas (WMA) during A through C seasons. Permits have already been issued through a lottery.

"Turkey hunting is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in the spring," said Leslie McInenly, wildlife populations program manager with the DNR.

"Good luck to all hunters planning to take part in this springtime tradition."

Wild turkey restoration is a conservation success story. As turkey populations have expanded, the DNR,

with input from hunters, allowed more hunting season flexibility starting in 2020, and regulations this spring are similar to last year.

Last year hunters harvested a record 13,996 birds, topping the previous record of 13,467 set in 2010. The average harvest over the past 10 years has been 11,400.

### 2021 season details

Turkey season will be from April 14 to May 31 and is divided into six hunt periods, A through F (dates are in table below).

Firearms hunters ages 18 and older must choose their hunt period when they purchase a license. Firearms turkey hunters can participate in Hunt F if they have an unused tag from one of the earlier hunt periods.

Archery-only license holders may hunt statewide for the entire season (April 14-May 31). Hunters cannot purchase both a firearms and archery-only license.

Licensed hunters ages 17 and younger may hunt state-

wide for the entire season (April 14-May 31) with firearms or archery equipment.

Because there is no lottery for statewide spring wild turkey licenses, the landowner and tenant drawing, which had set aside a percentage of lottery licenses in each permit area for landowners with qualifying land, was discontinued, and landowners and tenants can purchase licenses like other turkey hunters.

Turkey licenses can be purchased online at [mndnr.gov/buyalicense](http://mndnr.gov/buyalicense), by phone at 888-665-4236, or in person from a license agent.

More information about turkey hunting in Minnesota can be found on the DNR website: [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov).

### 2021 spring turkey hunt periods

Hunt A: April 14-20  
Hunt B: April 21-27  
Hunt C: April 28-May 4  
Hunt D: May 5-11  
Hunt E: May 12-18  
Hunt F: May 19-31



Brennen Rupp photos/0422 H-BC golf

Hills-Beaver Creek's Tess Van Maanen tees off on hole No. 1 at the Luverne Country Club on Thursday, April 15. Van Maanen shot a 49 to open the season for the Patriots..

## Rock County golf teams/from page 9

las Page both shot a 50 for H-BC.

On the girls' side of things, it was Luverne's Paige Sandbulte leading the way with a score of 48.

A pair of H-BC golfers finished right behind Sandbulte. Hannah Fick and Tess Van Maanen both shot a 49.

"Hannah and Tess had a good first meet," H-BC coach Dan Ellingson said. "Both will consistently be at or below bogey golf the entire season. As our number

three, four and five golfers get more experience, we hope to be around 220 as a team and eventually get below 220 by the end of the season."

Luverne's Cheyenne Schutz and Morgan Gonnerman both finished with a score of 53 to finish tied for fourth place.

Lauren Hansen shot a 56 for Luverne.

Jocelynn Mann shot a 60 for Luverne.

Mallory Nelson finished with a final score of 62 for

the Cardinals.

Olivia Huisman finished with a score of 65 for Luverne.

Three golfers for H-BC were competing in their first varsity meet. Mackenzie Voss shot a 70. Tara Paulsen shot a 73 and Danette Leenderts shot an 87.

"Mackenzie, Tara, and Danette had never played in a golf meet before," Ellingson said. "They did very well considering their inexperience."

## Luverne tennis/from page 9

match 2-0. He won the first set 6-1 and the second set 6-0 to pick up the victory over Montevideo's Lucas Hoiium.

Griffen Jarchow took his match in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-1 to pick up the win over Bergen Pederson.

Miller won the first set of his match 6-3 and the second set 6-4 to top Joey Foss.

Ferguson easily won his match in straight sets, 6-1

and 6-0 over his counterpart, Oscar Anariba.

Frahm and Ben Jarchow were victorious in their doubles match in straight sets with identical 6-2, 6-2 set victories to defeat Andrew Soden and Tyson Quigley.

Nath and Ommen also won their match in identical 6-2, 6-2 sets to defeat Sam Ostendorf and Connor Hagen.

Spencer and Caleb

Kracht won the first set of their match 6-4 and took the second set 6-3 to pick up the victory over Ben Unzen and Talan Brock.

With the three victories, the Cardinals now own a 5-0 record.

The Cardinals will return home on Thursday, April 22, to take on Worthington.

## Hills-Beaver Creek track/from page 9

in third place with a jump of 19-00.00.

Baker finished in second place in the triple jump with a leap of 41-03.50.

Larissa Steinhoff tied for fourth place in the jump with a leap of 4-04.00.

Steinhoff finished in third place in the shot put with a throw of 26-05.00.

The 4-by-200 relay

team of Abigail Harris, Ashlee Kelderman, Steinhoff and Brynn Rauk finished in first place with a time of 2:02.88.

The same team finished in second place in the 4-by-100 relay with a time of 56.68.

Kenadie Fick finished third in the 1,600 with a time of 6:11.12.

Fick took home first place in the 800 with a time of 2:58.43.

In the 400, Taylor Durst finished fourth with a time of 1:11.29.

Aspen Shimp finished fifth in the 200 with a time of 31.61.

Harris finished fourth in the 100 with a time of 14.09.

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Owen Janiszkeski finished second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:16.38. Sam Emery finished fifth with a time of 2:29.13.

In the 1,600, Cole Janiszkeski finished first with a time of 4:52.62.

In the 3,200, Sage Viessman finished third with a time of 11:51.69.

Fellow Cardinal Ryan Fick finished fourth with a time of 12:25.93.

Luverne's 4-by-200 relay team took home first place with a time of 1:38.49. The team consists of Sandbulte, McLaughlin, LaShad Smith and Eduardo Godines.

The Cardinals' 4-by-400 relay team of Camden Janiszkeski, Smith, McLaughlin and Sam Emery finished in second place with a time of 3:52.14.

The Luverne 4-by-800 relay team finished in first place. Camden Janiszkeski, Owen Janiszkeski, Sage Viessman and Ethan Curtiss are the runners that make up the team.

The Cardinals owned the shot put event, with four Luverne athletes finishing in the Top Six.

Jordan Friedrichsen took home first place with a throw of 44-03.00.

Zach Ahrendt finished in second place with a toss of 44-00.75.

Peter Baustian finished in third place with a heave of 40-08.75.

Ethan Teunissen finished



Ethan Rahm lands in the long jump pit during Luverne's home meet on Friday, April 16.

ished in sixth place with a throw of 37-08.50.

The Cardinals had four athletes finish in the Top Six in the discus as well.

Teunissen finished in second place with a throw of 112-03.

Baustian finished in third place with a throw of 107-01.

Ahrendt finished in fifth place by recording a throw

of 98-04.

Camron Kopp took home sixth place with a toss of 90-01.

In the pole vault, Eli Radtke finished in first place, Noah Mehlhaff in fourth and Tyler Rolfs in fifth.

Ethan Rahm took home fourth place in the triple jump with a leap of 34-00.50.

Gracie Zewiske took

home first place in the 100 and 200 meters. The senior sprinter finished with a time of 13.37 in the 100 and 27.93 in the 200.

Sarah Stegenga finished third in the 100 with a time of 14.41.

Isabella Oye finished fourth with a time of 14.48. Mia Wenzel rounded out the Top Five with a time of 14.61 to take home fifth place.

Christina Wagner finished in second place in the 200 with a time of 29.09.

Tiana Lais finished in first place in the 400 with a time of 1:04.65. Ella Schmuck took home fourth place with a time of 1:14.67.

In the 800, Tenley Nelson finished in first place with a time of 2:33.85. Kayla Bloomendaal finished in fourth place with a time of 2:58.78.

Nelson finished in first place in the 1,600 with a time of 5:38.33.

Elizabeth Wagner finished fourth with a time of 6:02.83.

Bloomendaal finished in fifth place with a time of 6:26.32.

Jenna DeBates clocked a time of 11:46.62 in the 3,200 to take home first place.

Elise Jarchow finished in second place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.78.

Regan Feit finished in first place with a time of 48.23 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Cassi Chesley finished fourth with a time of 59.58.

The Cardinals' 4-by-100 team finished second with a time of 57.28. The team is made up of Oye, Stegenga, Abby Bolt and Brynn Boyenga.

The 4-by-400 relay team finished second with a time of 4:18.80. Nelson, Lais, Zewiske, and Elizabeth Wagner are the athletes that

make up the team.

The Cardinals had two teams compete in the 4-by-800 relay. The second-place team consisted of Feit, Elizabeth Wagner, DeBates, and Grace Ingebretson.

The third-place team consisted of Chesley, Maria Rops, Schmuck and Rose-lynn Hartshorn.

Jadyn Hart finished third in the shot put with a throw of 29-09.50.

Hart finished second in the discus with a throw of 81-06.

Elizabeth Wagner tied for first in the high jump by recording a jump of 4-10.00. Wenzel finished fourth with a jump of 4-04.00.

Jarchow finished in first place in the pole vault.

The Top Four in the long jump were all Cardinals.

Christina Wagner finished in first place with a jump of 14-10.00.

Lais took home second with a jump of 14-04.75. Stegenga finished third with a jump of 13-11.75.

Kendra Thorson finished fourth with a jump of 13-06.50.

Thorson finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 29-03.25.

The track team's next meet will be in Redwood Falls on Friday, April 23. Waseca, Jackson County Central and Redwood Valley will be the three other teams at the meet.

## Trio of Cardinals earn Big South All-Conference honors in basketball

By Brennen Rupp

The Big South Conference recently released its all-conference teams for boy's and girl's basketball.

A trio of Cardinals earned recognition for their play on the hardwood this past season.

For the boys, Bailey Cowell and Gannon Ahrendt both received all-conference honors.

Cowell and Ahrendt were the team's two leading scorers and helped the Cardinals finish conference play with a record of 9-3 in the west division.

The other members of the all-conference in the west division were, Connor Redman (Windom), Bryce Lance (Marshall), Josh Baker (Marshall), Dawson Kellen (Pipestone), Carson Woodford (Redwood Valley), Connor Josephson (Redwood Valley), Brock Bruns (Worthington) and Terbutto Ochothow (Worthington).

Alex Lang (Redwood Valley), Drew Lundeen (Redwood Valley), Travis Rogotz-

ke (Jackson County Central), Austin Doorenbos (Windom), and Dylan Serreyn (Windom), all earned honorable mention.

Elizabeth Wagner was the lone representative for the Luverne girls' basketball team.

Luverne finished the season with a record of 5-7 in the Big South Conference.

The other members of the all-conference team for the west division were Sadie Voss (JCC), Olivia Hayenga (Worthington), Jordyn Hilgemann (Marshall), Emily Meier (Marshall), Abby Wendorff (Marshall), Sydney Sommers (Redwood Valley), Haley Garman (Redwood Valley), Allison Letcher (Windom), and Delaney Smith (Windom).

Maci Farmer (JCC), Aubree Hicks (Redwood Valley), Gracie Bucher (Windom), Brooklyn Scheitel-Taylor (Worthington), and Sophie Wietzema all earned honorable mention.



Luverne's Elizabeth Wagner drives to the basket during a contest against the Marshall Tigers this past season. Wagner earned Big South All-Conference for her efforts this past season. Wagner was one of three Cardinals to receive all-conference honors for the 2021 season.

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four runs in the first inning to take an early 4-0 lead.

With the Panthers only able to muster one hit against the Cardinals, that four-run first inning is all the offense the Cardinals would need to improve to 3-0 on the season.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Cardinals scored six more runs to build a 10-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Cardinals scored four more runs to build a 14-0 lead.

The Cardinals scored eight runs in the bottom of

the fourth inning to build a commanding 22-0 lead.

Sehr went 3-5 at the plate, with a double. Sehr also drove in a team-high five runs.

Braydon Ripka went 3-4 at the plate with a double. Ripka also drove in four runs.

Beyer went 3-5 at the plate and drove in three runs.

Luke Bosch went 3-4 and drove in a pair of runs.

Cade Wenninger pitched four innings and recorded nine strikeouts.

## Minnesota fishing opener right around the corner

Fishing seasons open for walleye, bass, trout in lakes, and northern pike on Saturday, May 15, with this year's date taking the prize for the latest possible opener under Minnesota statute.

"We know there is some confusion about this year's opener date," said Jon Hansen, fisheries program consultant for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Minnesota statute sets the fishing opener as the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

This year, with Memorial Day the latest it can be, on May 31, that puts the fishing opener on Saturday, May 15.

Also related to May fishing, there is an error in the printed version of the Minnesota Fishing Regula-

tions book regarding the dates for the 2021 Take a Mom Fishing Weekend.

The correct dates for this year's Take a Mom Fishing Weekend — when Minnesota-resident moms can fish without purchasing a license — are Saturday, May 8, to Sunday, May 9.

That special weekend is defined in Minnesota statutes as the weekend that coincides with Mother's Day.

Most years, under Minnesota law, the fishing opener and Take a Mom Fishing Weekend fall on the same weekend, but not this year.

"We encourage Minnesota moms to get out and fish for free on May 8 and 9," Hansen said. "Even though the walleye season won't be open, there are still plenty of fun and easy fishing opportunities for crappie, sunfish, or even

under-appreciated fish like buffalo, sucker, bullhead or sheepshead."

Fishing season dates, and the corrected Minnesota Fishing Regulations handbook, are available online at [mndnr.gov/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/fishing).

Biologists with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will collect walleye eggs this spring; however, social distancing requirements mean this popular springtime activity will not be open for public viewing this year.

Hatcheries, the destination for the eggs collected, also remain closed to the public.

"Egg take operations are neat things to watch," said Henry Drewes, northwest region fisheries supervisor. "But the closeness required to observe this work makes it impossible for onlook-

ers to maintain safe and adequate social distancing among themselves and from DNR staff."

Last year, DNR fisheries biologists did not collect walleye eggs because of COVID-related considerations.

This year, egg collection procedures have been re-engineered to minimize close contact among employees.

Egg take stations and hatcheries will remain closed and offer no tours through 2021.

"We're asking that people respect these closures and not visit these sites so we can work safely," Drewes said. "We really appreciate the interest in our work, but keeping the public and DNR staff healthy is our number one priority."



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The Star Herald reached out to churches for their worship information in the absence of in-person worship services, due to coronavirus social distancing. Those that responded are listed here. Those that would like to have information posted should call the Star Herald or email [editor@star-herald.com](mailto:editor@star-herald.com).

**St. Catherine Catholic Church**  
203 E. Brown St., Luverne  
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; [www.stscl.org](http://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. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stcluverne/videos/>. Visit [www.stscl.org](http://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](http://www.luverneccrc.com) — [office@luverneccrc.com](mailto:office@luverneccrc.com)  
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Church Education classes. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. Tuesday, April 20: 9:30 a.m. Coffee break. Wednesday, April 21: 6:30 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Time. Sunday, April 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page 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**  
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4091; email: [fbcluv@iw.net](mailto:fbcluv@iw.net) — [www.fbcluverne.org](http://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](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)  
Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Thursday, April 22: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, April 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, April 25: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Semi-Annual meeting. 10:30 a.m. Adult study via Zoom. Tuesday, April 27: 9 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Grae Notes assembly. Wednesday, April 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 3 p.m. -Close Youth Pizza Ranch fundraiser. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://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. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834  
[pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com)  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit [els.org](http://els.org) with our sister churches for online worship opportunities.

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)  
Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, April 23: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Saturday, April 24: 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. Sunday, April 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, April 27: 10 a.m. Worship planning meeting. 12 Noon Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting. Wednesday, April 28: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer clubs; Youth groups. Worship 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.

**First Assembly of God Church**  
1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529; email: [luverneumc@iw.net](mailto:luverneumc@iw.net)  
Dorrie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, April 22: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, April 24: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, April 25: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, April 26: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, April 27: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, April 28: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal; pickup options available. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: [Firstpc@iw.net](mailto:Firstpc@iw.net) — [www.fpcluverne.com](http://www.fpcluverne.com)  
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, April 25: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Monday, April 26: 9 a.m. Quilting group. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. 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.

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Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, April 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, April 25: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study. 11 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal. Wednesday, April 28: 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth group. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

**Living Rock Church**  
500 E. Main St., Luverne  
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Jesse Baker, Pastor

**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
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Mark Eliason, Pastor  
Sunday, April 25: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. Masks are highly recommended. Facebook live. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwYxRcU4>

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, April 25: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are required. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwYxRcU4>

**First Presbyterian Church**  
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Ph. 507-935-5025  
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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270

Sunday, April 25: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 6 p.m. 8th-9th grade Confirmation. 5:30-7 pm. 9th-12th grade Youth night. 7-8:30 p.m. 6th-8th grade Youth night. Monday, April 26: 7 p.m. Tuff Memorial Home board meeting at Bethlehem. Tuesday, April 27: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Village Bible study. Wednesday, April 28 a.m. Quilting. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [bchills.org](http://bchills.org).

## The risen Savior speaks to us

During the recent season of Lent and Good Friday, many of us would have meditated on one or more of the Savior's seven sayings which he uttered while on the cross. His words offer hope even to the chief of sinners, such as his prayer for those who drove the nails through his hands and feet: "Father, forgive them ..." and his assurance to the dying thief who repented: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Really? Paradise instead of hell? Yes!

It's also helpful to think on things that Jesus said after the Easter moment when he rose in triumph from being dead. Let me remind you of three things that the risen Jesus said.

First, several times after Easter Jesus said, "Peace be with you." There's more to this than a polite, nice greeting. In the Bible, peace/shalom refers to completeness. It's like when a jigsaw puzzle is put together, with no pieces missing. The picture is the way it's supposed to be. Next time you complete a puzzle, you could bless it, saying "Shalom!"

Jesus wants us to know that he has made peace for us with God. And when he comes again to make all things new, all will be peace! We're looking forward to that. And in the meantime, we hear his call to be peacemakers in life's relationships. Are there missing pieces in your relationships? Is there something you can do to make things right? Pray about it. I'm sure the one who said, "Peace be with you" will help you.

Second, the risen Jesus said, "It is I, myself." Jesus said this to friends who knew him well, but who found it difficult to believe that he had risen from the dead. See Luke 24:39. Do you blame them? Sure, Jesus had said he would rise again. But to actually do so, after being tortured and killed — 100 percent dead? That was a stretch.

I'm glad Jesus proved to

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By Rev. Roger Sparks,  
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the disciples that he's alive, and that they wrote down their eyewitness testimony so we have access to those proofs. For example, more than once the risen Jesus did something physical — something we do several times a day. He took some food (cooked fish) and he ate it! That's not the sort of thing a spirit would do. It's not what the figment of someone's imagination would do. But it's what Jesus did, along with showing his friends his nail-scarred, resurrected hands and feet. And he spoke! That's physical too! "It is I, myself."

Finally, Jesus said, "I'm sending you..." We find this in each of the four Gospels and in Acts, chapter 1. Jesus sent His disciples to be his witnesses nearby and in time throughout the earth. Think of witnesses who testify in court. They say what they know to be true. So we are called to say/write what we know is true! We do this, not to beat people down, but to give them an opportunity to hear and believe the Good News.

Lies have the power to enslave. Think of the lies Satan told Adam and Eve when he tempted them. But the truth is more powerful. Jesus said, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free ..." (John 8:32). So let us not be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God that saves everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16)

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(04-15, 04-22)

## H-BC School Board meets March 24

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671  
Minutes  
March 24, 2021

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees – based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger, and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member Bosch was absent. Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. (Proposed Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: 6.3 in Consent Agenda)

Visitor to the meeting via Zoom was Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald.

### PATRIOT PRIDE:

- SWWC Writing Finalists for the 17th Annual Creative Writing Contest—Bryistol Teune, Brekyn Klarenbeek, Ryker Gehrke, Penni Moore, and Mazzi Moore. Final placing is to be announced on April 18. Congratulations!
- Secondary Robotics Design Champions first ever! Congratulation to Mrs. Moore and Robotics Team
- Successful Boys & Girls Basketball Seasons
- Taryn Rauk selected as 20-2021 Honorable Mention All-State Girls Basketball Player
- Four FFA teams qualify for State FFA Convention

### BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Personnel/Finance 3/17, Building Grounds meetings 3/18, Transportation 3/22, Community Education 3/24

Motion by LaRock, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Consent Agenda: 6.1. Minutes—03/09/2021

6.2. Bills

6.3. Macy Ellingson Leave Request beginning on or around May 10, 2021 through the end of the 20-21 school year.

Motion by Knobloch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve adding paid Jr. High Community Education Baseball and Softball Coaching Position for Summer Recreation.

Motion by Rauk, second by LaRock, and carried to approve directing the Superintendent and Business Manager to finalize the purchase of a ten (10) passenger van for district transportation needs.

### DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Legislative Update

### AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting, April 12, 2021
- Regular Board Meeting, April 26, 2021
- Staff Development TAB 4/7

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk  
(4-22)

## Rock County Highway Department seeks bids by May 3

SIDEWALK, CURB & GUTTER  
S.A.P. 067-604-032

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 10:00 A.M. on Monday May 3rd, 2021.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 1,816 Lin. Ft. Remove Curb and Gutter; 1,830 Lin. Ft. Remove Bituminous Pavement; 360 Sq. Yd. Remove Pavement; 9,283 Sq. Ft. Remove Concrete Walk; 7,012 Sq. Ft. 4" Concrete Walk; 1,593 Sq. Ft. 6" Concrete Walk; 1,816 Lin. Ft. Concrete Curb and Gutter Design B624

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

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

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

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-604-032"

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

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.  
Rock County Highway Engineer  
(04-08, 04-15, 04-22)

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MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name: **A-1 Jet, LLC**  
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Signature : /s/ **Scott Viessman, General Partner**  
CONTACT PERSON: Scott Viessman  
MAILING ADDRESS: None provided  
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(04-22, 04-29)

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## City of Luverne sets TIF District 23 public hearing May 4

CITY OF LUVERNE, COUNTY OF ROCK  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at approximately 5:00 p.m., at the City Hall, in the City of Luverne, Minnesota, relating to the modification of Tax Increment Financing District No. 23 within Development District No. 5, and the adoption of the modification to the Tax increment Financing Plan relating to thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 through 469.1794, inclusive, as amended. A copy of the modification to the Tax Increment Financing Plan as proposed to be adopted, will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall.

The property included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 23 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Clerk. The boundaries of Municipal Development District No. 5 and Tax Increment Financing District No. 23 are shown in the adjacent map.



City of Luverne, MN  
Boundaries of Municipal Development District No. 5  
and Tax Increment Financing District No. 23

All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or in writing prior to the hearing.

Dated: March 23, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
/s/ Jessica Mead,  
City Clerk  
(04-22)

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The Luverne Area Chamber/Luverne Convention & Visitors Bureau is seeking applicants for the 30-40/hour per week position of administrative assistant.

#### Job Description:

- Maintaining, managing and coordination of office operation and events
- Operation of Microsoft Office and Quickbooks
- Verbal and written communication with the public, members, government & organizations
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- Works under the general supervision of the Executive Director
- Employment at-will, hourly position

#### Qualifications/Work Experience:

- Associate degree in office management or related field or 2-3 years of work experience in a secretarial or office management position
- Knowledge of the community

Salary range: \$13-\$17/hour dependent on qualifications.

Position is open until filled. First review date: May 15, 2021.

Applications are available Chamber office at

**Luverne**  
Area Chamber & CVB

213 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN 56156 or on-line at [www.LuverneChamber.com](http://www.LuverneChamber.com).

Deliver application with resume to the Luverne Area Chamber.

### EMPLOYMENT

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Part-time Cook

Contact Margo Trupe at:

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## EMPLOYMENT

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## EMPLOYMENT

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LSS Meals at Generations is hiring and willing to train for an Assistant Cook for M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seeking an energetic person to help Head Cook in preparing 100+ noon meals. Package Meals on Wheels and serve daily congregate dining meal. Unload and put away weekly grocery orders. Fill in for Head Cook as needed and cross-train other service positions. Awareness of food safety and sanitation preferred. Hourly wage up to \$11.25 per hour DOE. No evenings/weekends/major holidays, paid time off, retirement plus match, Verizon and other discounts. Call Sarah at 507-822-9305 for more information or apply online for Cook in Luverne, job #24189 at [www.lssmn.org/careers](http://www.lssmn.org/careers). EOE. (4.10-4.29)

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## RENTALS

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## GARAGE SALES

5-family Rummage Sale:  
April 22, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;  
April 23, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;  
April 24, 8 a.m.-noon  
500 Phyleon Drive.  
2 large patio rockers, wicker furniture, wood bench, fishing tackle boxes; rod and reels Terry Redlin picture framed print; lots of miscellaneous; furniture, fern leaf peonies, clothing L-2X 4-foot jewelry chest, tools, old piano rolls, toys; something for everyone. (4.17-4.22)

### 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kingswood Rummages in Sioux Falls

Wednesday, April 28 -  
Friday, April 30  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, May 1  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Individual sale dates and times will vary.

**Kingswood Boundaries**  
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[www.kingswoodrummage.com/listings](http://www.kingswoodrummage.com/listings)  
Available on April 23, 2021.

## CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Albert Boeve would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and support shown to us during this difficult time of Dad's passing. Thank you to the staff at the Oaks, Poplar Creek and the Luverne Hospice Cottage for Dad's great care while he resided at each place. Also thank you to Pastor Mike, George H. Bonnema and Jeff at Hartquist Funeral Home for their words of comfort. A special thanks to the Honor Guard for their part at the committal services. We are so blessed to be part of such a caring community.

**Allen & Elaine Boeve,  
Randy & Becky Boeve,  
Myron & Shirley Boeve**

(4.17-4.22)

We would like to say a HUGE "THANK YOU" to everyone who sent us 50th Anniversary cards! We would also like to thank you for all the prayers while Curt was in the hospital.

**We are blessed!**

**Curt and Mary Smook**

(4.17-4.22)

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, flowers and well wishes I received for my 90th birthday. Your thoughtfulness and kindness really made my day.

**Bless you all!**

**Edna Dirks**

(4.22-4.24)

My sincere "Thank You" to my family and friends for the cards, calls, flowers and gifts I received for my 80th birthday. Thanks to our children for hosting a family dinner celebration in my honor.

**I am blessed!**

**Sylvia Niessink**

(04.22-04.24)

Thank you to the nursing staff and everyone else at the Luverne Hospital, also to Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Chesley for the wonderful care while I was there. I won't forget it! You are all angels!

**Carol Kuhlman**

(4.22-4.24)

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## Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for an MS/HS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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- Full time during the school year. Start date fall 2021.

Send letter of application, resume and completed district application ([www.isd2184.net/about\\_lps/open\\_employment](http://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment)) to Craig Oftedahl, Supt of Schools ([c.oftedahl@isd2184.net](mailto:c.oftedahl@isd2184.net)) to Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. EOE

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



Now is not the time to let our guard down. We have come too far in the fight against COVID-19 to stop fighting now. While the number of local residents that have received at least one or more vaccinations continues to grow each week, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to end this pandemic. With the end of the school year in sight it's vitally important we follow COVID-19 protocol so our students can finish the school year in-person, spring sports can continue and we can hopefully have some sort of a traditional graduation. Please commit yourself to masking up, social distancing and washing your hands until we see this through to the end.

**Governor Walz Announces More Than 3 Million COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered**



April 8, 2021 — Governor Tim Walz announced Thursday that Minnesota has administered more than three million COVID-19 vaccine doses. The milestone comes exactly three weeks after the state announced two million doses administered on March 18. The state announced the first million doses administered on February 19.

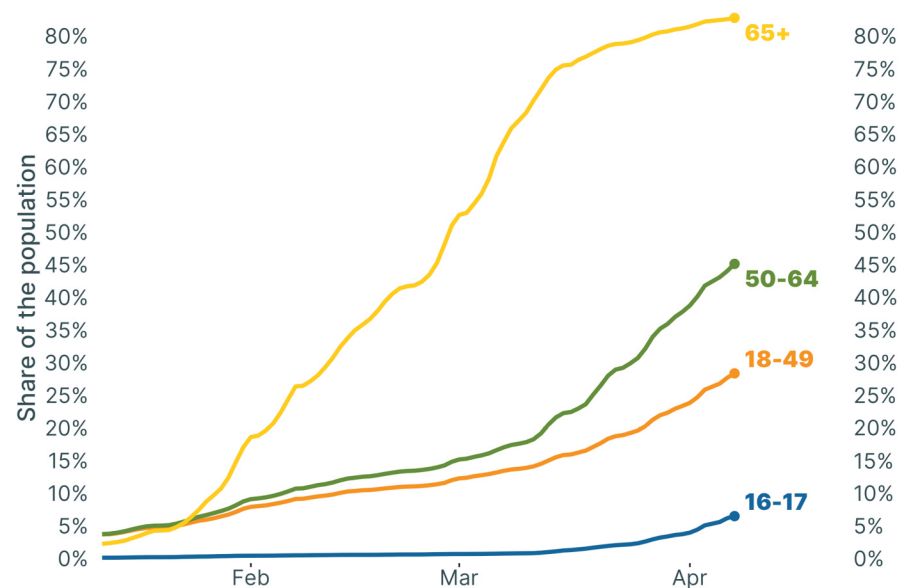
"With the trees budding and the bats cracking at Target Field this afternoon, three million doses in arms is a significant indication of our continued progress toward ending this pandemic," said Governor Walz. "This was our fastest million doses yet and, with fans in the stands at Target Field, the signs are all around us – spring has arrived, normalcy is near, and we are going to end this pandemic. As we continue our critical work to immunize for impact and prioritize our most vulnerable neighbors, it's important we continue to protect each other from the virus – keep that mask up, socially distance, and get tested when needed."

"As the pace of vaccination rises, we are doubling down on our efforts to ensure that every Minnesotan who wants a vaccine can get one" said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "We are partnering directly with communities across the state to distribute vaccines quickly and equitably. We cannot let our guard down now, but we are almost to the other side of this pandemic."

Minnesota continues to lead the nation in doses administered and has also steadily moved into the top ten states for people with complete series administered per 100,000.

As of Thursday's vaccine report, 1,900,248 Minnesotans have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 1,247,045 Minnesotans have completed the vaccine series.

**Minnesotans with at least one dose by age**

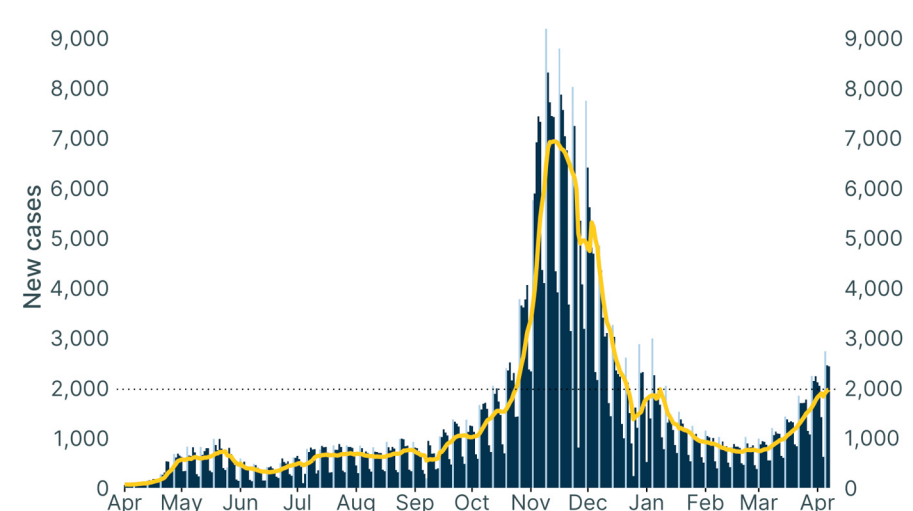


Source: U.S. Census, MN Department of Health. Graphic by David H. Montgomery | MPR News. Data as of April 7, 2021

**COVID-19 Cases are on the Rise in MN**

**New COVID-19 cases in MN by sample date**

Includes only confirmed cases. Last week of data is incomplete and omitted. Line is 7-day rolling average. Light blue bars are Mondays.



Source: Minnesota Department of Health. Graphic by David H. Montgomery | MPR News. Data as of April 14, 2021

*I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.*



Sincerely,  
  
 Mayor Patrick T. Baustian



# Seed library opens locally today in honor of Earth Day

**By Mavis Fodness**

Patrons to the Rock County Library can obtain more than just books and information at the Luverne location.

They can now pick up flower and vegetable seeds to take home in a unique partnership with the Prairie Ally Food Forest.

Library director Calla Jarvie said Rock County is the first library in the Plum Creek system to organize a seed library, from which anyone can select seeds for planting at home.

"It's not a lending library," she said. "It's a seed-taking library."

Earlier this year Jarvie noticed the former card catalog cabinets in the basement. The multiple drawers are the ideal size for seed packets.

The cabinet, now moved to the front doors of the library, contains hundreds of seed packets,

organized and packaged by volunteers.

"Part of our partnership is we are bringing in our gardening know-how and make sure (the seed packets) have all the information for growing," said Berty Stearns.

Stearns is an Ameri-corps Community Gardens worker assigned to Prairie Ally in Luverne.

Stearns and fellow gardening enthusiast Erin Hamann work with Jarvie to develop the seed library and share their gardening know-how with the public. At Prairie Ally, Stearns will look to develop a seed garden to keep the seed library stocked.

Hamann worked with Jarvie in the library's Take and Make Project: DIY gardening kit.

Hamann wrote the instructions, including the pictures, along with adding the seeds and plastic cups



Mavis Fodness photo/0422 Seed Library

A seed library opened today at the Rock County Library in Luverne and was organized (from left) by Erin Hamann, library director Calla Jarvie and Berty Stearns. The seed library is free, encouraging patrons to take and plant the flower and vegetable seeds.

needed to grow a garden.

Patrons snapped up the

garden kits within a week and Hamann made more.

"It's been popular," Jarvie said. "It shows there is



definitely an interest."

The Friends of the Library coordinated with the garden theme giving away books during National Library Week in early April in promotion of the seed library.

The seed library is free and patrons can select a wide variety of flower and/or vegetable seeds.

"What we really want to see is the drawers empty," Jarvie said.

Seed donations can be coordinated with Prairie Ally organizers by calling 605-951-0227 or email at prairieallymn@gmail.com.

## Companion pets/continued from page 1

ing.

The same interaction is offered by the dog that Heronimus gave her resident.

Through their conversations, Heronimus learned that the resident gave up her four-legged companion when she moved into Poplar Creek Estates. The move com-

bined with the loss of her companion led to depression.

Like the cat, the orange-and-white puppy with a blue bandana tied around its neck interacts when spoken to or petted, barks, wags its tail and moves its head. When touched or petted, a heartbeat can be felt. The pup also naps by

closing its eyes, but does not walk.

"I didn't know how much the mechanical dog resembled her own dog," she said. "But it did."

Since becoming a dog owner again, Heronimus said the resident regularly leaves her room, joins in social activities, developed a group of friends and is happier.

The resident told Heronimus, "It's so cute. I promise to take good care of him."

A.C.E. of Southwest

Minnesota organizes the dementia awareness network.

A.C.E. of Rock County coordinator Linda Wenzel distributed the companion pets and baby through a grant received by the network. The pets cost \$110 to \$130 for a cat or dog respectively. Babies cost \$120.

Last year's dementia walk yielded \$1,200, which was used to purchase additional sensory gadgets such as fidget blankets or pillows.

The next dementia walk takes place in September.



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