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Two LHS students place at state speech, five seniors named all-state

By Mavis Fodness

Two Luverne High School speech students received individual medals Saturday after reaching the final rounds at the Class A Minnesota State High School League state tournament in Apple Valley.

Senior Chance Tunnessen placed third in extemporaneous speaking and teammate junior Parker Carbonneau placed sixth, also in extemporaneous speaking.

Tunnessen is a four-time state speech tournament participant. For Carbonneau, this is his second appearance.

"Every year I've been able to inch up just a little bit further, and that's going to be my approach this year," Tunnessen said.

"My goal is to make it through the first three rounds and get into the final one more time. From there I just want to give a good speech and hopefully end up a little further than last time."

Last year Tunnessen finished seventh after missing the finals at the other two appearances. Carbon-



Mavis Fodness photo/0428 Speech 2022 Pep Fest

Seniors on the LHS speech team react to the news that all five were named to the Minnesota Speech Coaches' Association All-State Team. Pictured from left are Mia Wenzel, Rylee Anderson, Chance Tunnessen, Luke Thorson and Burke Johnson.

neau reached the state finals for the first time Saturday.

The students were among seven from LHS who earned a top-three finish at the April 9 section tournament. They were among the top 24 Class A students in each of the 13 speech categories.

Other LHS students who competed Saturday were seniors Burke Johnson (discussion, finishing 19th), Mia Wenzel (poetry, 16th), Luke Thorson (humorous, ninth), Rylee Anderson (great speeches, 11th) and eighth-grader Zander Carbonneau (extemporaneous speaking, 11th).

"All other of our speakers did well, too, despite not making the finals," said coach Caroline Thorson. "This is tough competition at the state level. It was a phenomenal finish for them all."

At Thursday's pep fest in the performing arts center, Thorson and fellow coach Gavin Folkestad shared the stage with the seven state qualifiers, the largest number of state qualifiers LHS has had in the past

Luverne speech team goes to state/see page 2A

County Board addresses road damage by heavy loads

Mound Township reports damage to 131st Street asphalt

By Mavis Fodness

Heavy equipment damage on 131st Street will require repair work on the 1 1/2-mile paved portion of the road from Highway 75 to the Luverne Memorial Gardens cemetery.

The Rock County Highway Department will help Mound Township in the next couple of weeks by applying a crack filler/leveler to the damage caused this spring by the heavy ag equipment.

At the April 19 County Board meeting, county engineer Mark Sehr said equipment rental and fill material will cost the township between \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Commissioners discussed the repairs and how to avoid future damage to township and gravel roads.

Most damage occurs in the spring as frost leaves the ground, a problem that came to the commissioners' attention in 2019 in Martin Township, when County 53 was damaged.

County crews repaired the road by grading and graveling about a mile of the roadway.

"We've got this problem all over the county, especially in the spring when they are all hauling and the road goes bad," said Commissioner Stan Williamson.

As unlicensed vehicles, tractors and what they pull along the roadway are not subjected to posted roadway weight restrictions.

"Ag, in this instance, the honey wagons, are not licensed so it all goes by the PSI (pounds per square inch) on the tires," Sehr said. "As long as the pounds per square inch are (within limits) they are exempt from the posting part."

Enforcement of PSI per axle restrictions is not handled locally. The Minnesota State Patrol has the ability to test PSI per axle weights and issue possible citations.

The portion of 131st Street north of Luverne was paved more

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Lori Sorenson photo/0428 southwestern youth services to close

Longtime youth supervisor LaVearl Timmer (left) and executive director Jeremy Hough at Southwestern Youth Services say they are proud of the work they've done with young people over the years and they worry who will help troubled youth when there are no more residential facilities for agencies to refer children to. Pinnacle Programs, Mitchell, South Dakota, owns the building.

Magnolia youth facility to close

By Lori Sorenson

Southwestern Youth Services will close its doors on May 13 after 27 years of providing residential treatment and education for troubled youth in the former Magnolia school building.

"It is with great sadness we are advising our dedicated community supporters that we are closing our doors May 13," the SYS Facebook

page announced April 19.

"We would like to say one final thank you for your continued support in our mission of aiding and caring for the youth in our charge."

Executive director Jeremy Hough said Monday that the number of young people referred to SYS had dwindled to the point where

Southwestern Youth Services/see page 5A

Kindergarten students get extra help

Prekindergarten classes start this fall in Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Elementary School will offer junior kindergarten starting this fall, due to concerns that incoming students aren't classroom ready.

Elementary principal Stacy Gillette presented the junior kindergarten proposal to School Board members at a special meeting April 14.

She said the objective is to provide a pre-kindergarten program for children who are 5 and eligible for kindergarten but are lacking some academic and development skills.

"Kindergarten has always been the great equalizer," she wrote in a summary to the board.

"Kindergarten classes often have some students with limited exposure to the school environment and at the same time some students who can read and write already."

This can lead to student frustration and inappropriate behaviors, "... which creates a challenge for the teacher and puts a strain on the school support system," Gillette wrote. "Such situations do not set up students for success."

Of 109 children invited to the recent kindergarten roundup, 75 students were confirmed registrations, 18 were homeschool students or were moving, 11 students held for next year, and five were unknown as to whether they'd attend this year or wait.

"In Luverne it is common for

Junior kindergarten/see page 3A

Marlene and Darlene star in April 28 dessert theater

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne comedy duo "Marlene and Darlene" will return to the stage Thursday night for a dessert theater fundraiser at the Generations Event Center on South Estey Street.

The actresses (Brenda Winter and DJ Luethje) will join Luverne musicians Ron and Jane Cote and auctioneer Yvette Vander Brink to raise money for the Generations building fund.

In her Star Herald column



DJ Luethje (left) and Brenda Winter will bring back "Marlene and Darlene" for Thursday's dessert theater fundraiser.

this week (see page 4), Winter offers a glimpse of Thursday night's act.

"We will play the roles of two hapless, elderly sisters trying their best to recover from the Covid lockdown," she writes.

"The message of this performance is that people can't just sit at home letting life pass them by. ... The elderly, like Marlene and Darlene, have been hit especially hard by the isolation caused by the corona virus response."

While the skit carries an important message, Winter said she and Luethje are part of Thursday's entertainment mainly to make people laugh while raising money for Generations.

"And we hope the beautiful new building our seniors now have will become a community hub where people gather to laugh and eat and exercise and ... maybe have just a little bit of cake."

Dessert theater/see page 3A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

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

'Marlene and Darlene' dessert theater April 28

Generations will host the local comedy duo, "Marlene and Darlene," for a dessert theater from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the new location (former Grand Prairie Events) at 105 S. Estey. Proceeds will help with remodeling expenses of the new commercial kitchen and storage space.

Crisis Center open house is set for Thursday April 28

The Southwest Crisis Center will host an open house at its Luverne location, 114 W. Main St., from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28. April is sexual assault awareness month. Southwest Crisis Center is committed to sexual violence prevention.

Music programs April 29, May 6

Luverne Elementary students will perform two music programs in the middle-high school performing arts center.

The kindergarten music program, "Sounds a Little Fishy to Me," is at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 29.

The fifth-grade band concert is at 2 p.m. Friday, May 6.

'Addiction and Faith' ecumenical coffee May 4

The Presbyterian women will host an ecumenical coffee at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church, 302 Central Lane, Luverne, for a program by Stephanie Pierce on "Addiction and Faith." All are welcome.

Community Ed summer brochure coming May 7

The Luverne Community Education summer brochure will be released in the May 7 Luverne Announcer.

Call 507-283-4724, to register for classes. Community Ed's website is www.isd2184.net, select Luverne Community Education under schools.

Sign up by May 12 for Twins trip

Register by May 12 for the June 12 bus trip to the Minnesota Twins vs. Tampa Bay game in Minneapolis. Fee is \$97, which covers game ticket and charter bus ride. Seats are in the upper rows of the shaded infield box straight out from first base. Bus leaves Luverne at 7:30 a.m. for the 1:10 game, with stops for breakfast and supper (all meals on your own), and returns at 9 p.m. Call Luverne Community Education, 507-283-4724

Rock County Library events

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

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

Seed library is open and available to anyone in the public who wants to plant a garden. Flowers, fruit and vegetable seeds are available for free.

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

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

A.C.E. respite care available, volunteers needed

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota (A.C.E.) offers respite care services in Rock County for those needing a break from caring for a loved one.

The respite program offers short-term (1-3 hours), temporary care for families and caregivers by providing a brief period of reprieve from the daily cares they provide to their loved one.

Volunteers provide non-professional supportive services to caregivers to give them time for themselves, relieve their stress and help them remain healthy.



Minnesota State High School League photo

Luverne High School senior Chance Tunnissen shakes the hand of Jeanna Lilleberg, a member of the MSHSL Board of Directors, after receiving his third-place medal in extemporaneous speaking Saturday at the MSHSL state speech tournament in Apple Valley. In the background is LHS junior Parker Carbonneau, who placed sixth in the same event.

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decade.

Folkestad recognized three other speech students who competed in the final rounds at sections but missed placing in the top three — Brianna Kinsinger, Roselynn Hartshorn and Jessika Tunnissen.

"If they didn't make it into the final round and placed one spot lower than they did, we would not have been repeat section champions," he said. "A lot of credit goes to them as well."

Luverne won the Section 3A crown by one point over Windom.

He commended the state participants, some who have been in speech since the seventh grade, on their dedication to the program.

The last three speech seasons have been chaotic with the 2020 season canceled in March, the 2021 season virtual, and 2022 a transition back to in-person.

"That is just a lot of self-determination and self-discipline, a lot of grit, a lot of perseverance even when they were involved early on in their careers to stick

with it, and they certainly earned their spots up on the stage here today," Folkestad said.

Seniors earn all-state speech status

Coach Folkestad announced Thursday that all five of the LHS team's seniors earned all-state speech team status from the Minnesota Speech Coaches' Association.

Chance Tunnissen, Luke Thorson, Mia Wenzel, Rylee Anderson and Burke Johnson were nominated for the honor by coaches

Folkestad and Thorson.

Each speaker met certain qualifications over several years for the annual recognition.

Folkestad reflected on the caliber of students selected on this year's all-state team in a written message from MSCA President Ross Eichele Eagan.

"Making it through all of that (the last three years) and still making the all-state criteria is a testament to their grit and their determination," Folkestad read.



Lions Club donates bike rack

Lions member Gordon Mulder (left) and current Lions Club president Steve Cattnach show one of three bike racks donated by the Luverne Lions Club to the Blue Mounds State Park.

History Center honors Betty Mann May 1 for Lifetime Achievement Award

The History Center on East Main Street will host an open house in Betty Mann's honor from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, to thank her for 27 years as Historical Society president, for her Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums, and to celebrate her 92nd birthday.

In addition to birthday treats and tours, the event is an opportunity to support future renovation work with tax-deductible donations in Betty's honor.

Cards and gifts can be brought or sent to the Rock County Historical Society at 312 East Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Dicamba investigations find common label violations

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is continuing its investigations into the alleged misuse of dicamba herbicide products intended for dicamba-tolerant (DT) soybeans, though ongoing work reveals a pattern of issues with label violations.

In 2021 there were 304 reports of alleged dicamba misuse which resulted in 120 dicamba investigations. Due to the significant number of investigations, the MDA does not expect to complete the review and enforcement related to the investigations prior to the 2022 growing season.

However, based on the dicamba investigations reviewed to date, the MDA has documented multiple inci-

dents of the following label violations:

- Failing to provide proof of and/or attend dicamba-specific training.

- Failing to measure the wind speed at boom height.

- Applying dicamba when sensitive plants or residential areas were downwind.

- Failing to document that a sensitive crop registry/specialty crop registry was consulted.

- Failing to record a survey of adjacent areas.

- Incomplete application records.

A vast majority of the associated dicamba application records reviewed by MDA field investigators were incomplete. Missing, inac-

curate or partially recorded information does not meet the label requirements and, therefore, is a violation of the label.

The MDA will continue to enforce the use of these products by investigating reports of alleged dicamba misuse and reviewing dicamba application records.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the following Minnesota-specific restrictions in 2022 for three dicamba products: XtendiMax by Bayer, Engenia by BASF, and Tavium by Syngenta.

Do not apply south of Interstate 94 after June 12.

Do not apply if the air temperature of the field at the

time of application is over 85 degrees Fahrenheit or if the National Weather Service's forecast high temperature for the nearest available location for the day exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Forecast temperature must be recorded at the start of the application.

In addition to the cutoff date, Xtendimax and Tavium have crop growth stage cutoffs.

Applicators must follow all product label directions and restrictions. The product labels can be found on the product manufacturer's websites (Bayer, BASF, or Syngenta).

Additional information regarding the Minnesota-specific restrictions can be found on the MDA's website.

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Last Civil War soldier buried in Rock County honored May 1 in Maplewood Cemetery

Corporal James Blunt Dunn, the last Civil War veteran buried in Rock County, who died at age 93 in 1938, will be honored in a ceremony at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

The ceremony is open to veterans, those with an interest in Civil War history and the general public. Corporal Dunn's descendants are most cordially invited to attend as special guests.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will conduct the ceremony with the assistance of the Rock County Historical Society and the local chapter of the American Legion.

The SUVCW, with great assistance by the Rock County Historical Society, did extensive research to locate this last American Civil War veteran in Rock County.

In addition to the online research, Walk and Search Specialist Chuck Lursen from Fulda worked to find Civil War veterans in Rock County.

The original list provided to Chuck and his team had five veterans listed; they found 110.

SUVCW William Colvill Camp #56, Department of Wisconsin, will preside over the ceremony. The ceremony will feature the Last Soldier dedication ritual of the SUVCW and includes the placing of a Last Soldier Marker on the veteran's grave.

The Department of Wisconsin, whose territory is the entire states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, supports the national goal of identifying and placing a marker on

the grave of the last Union veteran buried in each of Minnesota's 87 counties.

The members of Camp #56 consider the Last Soldier ceremony an honor and a fitting tribute for a Union soldier whose service helped preserve the liberties Americans enjoy as a nation today.

About James Dunn

James Blunt Dunn enlisted on March 2, 1865, as a private and he mustered into Company A of the Wisconsin 52nd Infantry. His regiment was assigned to duty in western Missouri and Kansas to protect the men building railways and restrain the depredations of lawless men. His pension record states that he suffered a broken left arm and fractured wrist during his four months of service.

He was mustered out on July 28, 1865, at Leavenworth, Kansas, as a corporal.

About the SUVCW

The SUVCW is a national veterans organization made up of the descendants of Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

The SUVCW has more than 6,000 members across the country and is the successor to the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), the veterans organization formed after the Civil War by soldiers who served in the Union Army. The last member of the G.A.R., Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minnesota, died in 1956.

Dessert theater/from page 1A

Dessert theater serving begins at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment is at 7. Admission is \$20 per person.

Proceeds will help Generations cover costs of remodeling the former Grand Prairie Events building purchased last summer.

The event center's "food prep" kitchen was turned into a full-scale commercial kitchen for the Lutheran Social Services senior meal site, currently at the Lincoln Street location.

LSS prepares more than 150 meals per day, which includes in-person noon dining and hot meals for pickup and delivery in Luverne, Pipestone, Worthington and Adrian.

Twice per week drivers deliver hot meals to Magnolia, Hardwick, Jasper, Beaver Creek and Hills, and those recipients have the option of adding frozen meals to carry over between delivery days.

The new Generations kitchen has walk-in coolers, a welcome upgrade from the 11 freezers currently in use on Lincoln Street.

The former Grand Prairie building was also

remodeled to create office space for A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, which currently leases space from Generations at the Lincoln Street building.

A.C.E., which stands for advocate, connect and educate, was formerly known as RSVP — retired senior volunteer program. It now has an east-side entry and window. Linda Wenzel is the A.C.E. director.

Generations has been working to raise money over the past year to cover construction expenses and to continue paying off the mortgage.

Generations president George Bonnema said a recent matching fund challenge generated new pledges and he continues to be surprised by local generosity.

"Also, the fact that we will continue to host events will be another source of revenue," he said.

To support the Generations capital fundraising campaign, contact the Luverne Area Community Foundation at 507-220-2424 or email emily@luvacf.org.



Photo courtesy of the Rock County Highway Department

This picture was taken facing east next to the Luverne Memorial Gardens cemetery in Mound Township. These vertical cracks, caused primarily by moisture under the bituminous layer, will be filled with crack sealer/leveler this spring by the Rock County Highway Department.

Ag road damage/continued from 1A

than a decade ago through a \$385,000 Local Road Improvement Program bond. The state approved the request as an access improvement to the Luverne Memorial Gardens cemetery.

Several "handshake agreements" are typical in Rock County between township officials and livestock producers who need to repeatedly transport heavy products over township roadways.

In some instances, an alternative method of delivery was used when road conditions were too soft to safely use without damage.

"Hopefully, we can get people together to look at this and sit down with this producer," Williamson said. "It's ridiculous that we can't have a handshake agreement in Rock County."

Mound Township is unique as the only Rock County township (other than the town of Kanaranzi) to maintain a bituminous roadway.

Sehr said when 131st Street was paved, it was constructed with a 12-inch concrete stabilizing base that was rated at 20 tons per axle weight and topped with a

4-inch bituminous wear course.

The vertical cracks that have developed could not be 100 percent attributed to heavy loads, but could be related to more moisture under the roadbed.

The horizontal cracks, however, indicate another damage source. "That is more related to heavy loads," Sehr said.

Commissioners agreed a conversation needs to take place before closing the road, a possibility that county attorney Jeff Haubrich will research.

"If you close the road, then it closes the road for everyone," Haubrich cautioned.

He said transportation recommendations may also be considered as part of future conditional use permits granted to ag operations.

Commissioners instructed county personnel to contact producers about road use to prevent damage in the future.

"It would be nice if you can work out an agreement somehow between parties rather than have damage done and someone else has to deal with it," said Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

Moms fish free May 7-8

During "Take a Mom Fishing Weekend" Saturday, May 7, to Sunday, May 8, moms who live in Minnesota can fish without purchasing a license.

The Minnesota State Legislature established this special weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day.

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

On Take a Mom Fishing weekend, fishing is open for many species like crappie, sunfish, catfish, or native fish like buffalo, sucker, bullhead or sheephead.

Walleye and northern pike seasons will open the following weekend on Saturday, May 14.

Fishing season dates and regulations are available on the DNR fishing page (mndnr.gov/Fishing).

Find out how and where to fish, learn about fishing equipment, read about ways to catch different kinds of fish and get acquainted with fishing ethics and stewardship on the DNR learn to fish page (mndnr.gov/Go-Fishing).

Prekindergarten/ from page 1A

parents to hold students who turn 5 in the summer months," Gillette wrote.

"Our proposal is instead of holding these students, let's create a program to address their needs and welcome them to school."

Gillette said she visited with staff members about junior kindergarten at the Pipestone elementary.

"The curriculum for our program will focus on the basic reading and math skills children should know prior to entering kindergarten," she said.

"There will be heavy emphasis on play and social interaction skills as well as hands-on projects to develop fine motor skills."

According to Community Education Director Lisa J. Nath, Discovery Time preschool teachers are concerned about the number of students who were not ready for kindergarten but are planning to start kindergarten this fall.

The cost of preschool tuition, ineligibility for early learning scholarships, and lack of day care are factors for parents enrolling 5-year-olds ahead of their readiness.

Nath said the coronavirus pandemic affected preschool students when in-person learning for the district was interrupted in the spring of 2020 and continued into 2021.

Nath found her teachers were unable to adequately instruct through the Zoom platform with many parents working from home as well as overseeing assignments for their other school-aged children.

Further, the state of Minnesota is encouraging all children who are 5 years old by Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

Families with children in this timeframe would be ineligible for early learning scholarships, which often balanced the preschool tuition for the families' budgets if they chose to wait until their children were 6 before entering kindergarten.

In Luverne's junior kindergarten proposal, a fifth section of kindergarten would be added as junior kindergarten and limited to 12-15 students for the teacher. With a paraprofessional, enrollment could be 15-20 students.

"We are excited to offer this new option for families and provide a positive, structured program for these children," Gillette said.

New elementary playground equipment

Board members accepted the bid of \$262,244 from Minnesota-Wisconsin Playground, Golden Valley, to replace the north and south playground equipment at the elementary school.

Buildings and grounds supervisor Cory Schmuck said the company's GameTime commercial equipment provides better quality and more activities than the equipment of Flagship Recreation, which submitted a lower bid of \$228,932.

District business manager Tyler Reisch indicated he has \$262,000 budgeted in the ESSR fund to replace the 30-year-old playground equipment, and it has been approved as an appropriate expenditure.

The new playground equipment will be done late this summer.



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Marlene and Darlene

Losing weight at the dessert auction?

Ding-bat sisters Marlene and Darlene from Leota, Minnesota, are creations of my imagination.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

A main goal, and really the only goal, of the Marlene and Darlene skits is to make people laugh.

DJ Luethje and I will bring the sisters to life on stage Thursday, April 28, for a dessert auction fundraiser for Generations in Luverne.

We will play the roles of two hapless, elderly sisters trying their best to recover from the Covid lockdown.

The funny thing about older sister Marlene is that much of her personality is eerily similar to mine.

Like Marlene, I've gained a bit of weight "since the Covid hit."

I avoid exercise and am a bit fond of cake. Marlene is my soulmate.

Like Marlene, I'm "frugal" and tend to leap before I look.

Even though she can be a little blunt at times, I like Marlene. She says it like it is. And she means well.

In this particular show, Marlene and Darlene mock being old and fat and even death itself.

Jeff Hartquist generously agreed to join us in our nonsense: "At Hartquist, we put the F U N in funeral!"

A main goal, and really the only goal, of the Marlene and Darlene skits is to make people laugh.

The message of this performance is that people can't just sit at home letting life pass them by.

It's become far too easy since "the Covid hit" to just

stay home. To eat another slice of cake and maybe take a little nap.

The elderly, like Marlene and Darlene, have been hit especially hard by the isolation caused by the coronavirus response.

Along with a stomach-ache from laughing, DJ and I hope those who attend the fundraiser will leave wanting to take a little better care of themselves — possibly by checking out senior dining options.

We hope someone feels motivated to try out the "stretch and bend" classes offered by A.C.E. at Generations and other locations in Rock County.

And we hope the beautiful new building our seniors now have will become a community hub where people gather to laugh and eat and exercise and ... maybe have just a little bit of cake.

April is sexual assault awareness, child abuse prevention month

We, as a community, need to support our sexual assault, child abuse victims

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Suree Sompamitwong, Southwest Crisis Center's Rock and Nobles regional advocate

Though sexual assault and child abuse happens every day, now is a particular time to remember those impacted by it.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

According to RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network), every 68 seconds someone in America is sexually assaulted. Furthermore, one in 10 children will experience some sort of abuse as a child.

Locally, in the last year the Southwest Crisis Center has worked with 54 individuals who have experienced sexual violence and/or child abuse.

Unfortunately we know that the incidences of such violence are much higher. Again, according to RAINN, more than two out of three sexual assaults are never reported.

As a community there are many ways we can become more informed and aware of how abuse impacts those we care about. In doing so, we can help survivors of all ages

feel believed and supported without judgment.

I want to emphasize that it is not easy for victims to share. Sometimes it can take years, even decades, for someone to admit that abuse happened, process it, and have the courage to talk about it. When they do, I ask that the community supports and believe them, regardless of how long it took them to share their experience.

The prolonged effects of trauma are not something that goes away in one day. Healing is a process, and it affects each individual differently.

So how do we support healing in kids and adults who have experienced abuse?

First, we must acknowledge

that the problem exists. We need to believe the person when they choose to tell and connect them with resources and help.

Please help us by being informed about this topic, addressing victim-shaming when you hear it, and refer individuals and families for resources and assistance.

The Southwest Crisis Center provides support, advocacy, and hope to individuals and families impacted by sexual violence, sexual exploitation and child abuse. Our vision is to end domestic and sexual violence, exploitation and abuse for all people. Until that time, you can find us online on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and at mnsfcc.org or reach us at 507-283-9917.



April is distracted drivers awareness month

Question: I spend a fair amount of time on the road and I see a lot of drivers on their cell phones. What are you guys doing about it?

Answer: Right now, to help change dangerous driving behaviors, law enforcement agencies statewide are participating in a distracted driving enforcement campaign April 1-30. We've been doing this for several years now as April is "national distracted driving awareness month." Along with enforcement, we continue to put this information in newsprint, radio, TV and social media.

No one intends to seriously injure or kill someone by driving distracted, but good intentions alone don't prevent crashes. Smart choices do.

In Minnesota distracted driving contributed to more than 39,000 crashes from 2017



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

to 2021 and an average of 28 deaths and 161 serious injuries each year.

Drive smart and keep yourself and others safe by parking the phone, avoiding distractions and paying attention. Visit HandsFreeMN.org and DriveSmartMN.org for more information.

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 Statue 169.791 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

Wilde: May is Mental Health Awareness Month

To the Editor:

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. As a volunteer and advocate with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this month I am asking everyone to join us and demand #MoreForMentalHealth.

I am doing more by calling on my legislators at the federal and state levels to support legislation that will fund the implementation of 988 and the suicide and mental health crisis system across our nation, particularly for those in underserved communities.

Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available at 1-800-273-8255 and de-escalates the crises of tens of thousands of callers each day. On July 16, those in distress and those that support them will be able to reach the Lifeline through a simple 3-digit number: 988. By making the Lifeline more accessible

through this shorter number, calls, texts, and chats to the Lifeline's network of crisis call centers are expected to increase. It is vital that the federal government work with states to ensure callers in distress will have:

- 1) someone to call,
- 2) someone to come help, and
- 3) somewhere safe to go.

We must act NOW to secure funding to equip call centers and community crisis response services throughout the country with the staff and resources to respond to everyone in crisis.

Join me this month in urging our federal and state public officials to do #MoreForMentalHealth. You can start by visiting moreformentalhealth.org. Together, we can help #StopSuicide.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 15

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

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

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported property damage.
•Complainant on N. Kniss and Veterans Drive reported streetlight knocked down into grass.

April 16

•Complainant reported information on sale of vehicle.

•Complainant on W. Veterans Drive and N. Kniss Avenue reported a light pole down at location.

•Complainant on 3rd Street NE, Waseca, reported a scam call at location.

April 17

•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported damage to property and left.

April 18

•Complainant on S. Cedar Street reported theft of copper and other items.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported possible theft of money.

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•Lyon County Sheriff's office requested info on a subject.

April 19

•Deputy out with vehicles revving engines.

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a small extinguished fire.

•Complainant on 141st Street, Beaver Creek, reported an abandoned vehicle at location.

•Deputy reported a vehicle not stopping/fleeing.

•Complainant eastbound on County Road 4 and County Road 11, Luverne, reported vehicle for poor driving conduct.

April 20

•Complainant on E. Brown Street reported subject with Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy at location to file report.

•Complainant requested a birth certificate/court documents.

•Complainant reported information on a registered offender.

•Complainant on Elmwood Street reported unsafe driving.

•Complainant turned self in on warrant.

April 21

•Subject in Sioux Falls on a Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported multiple campers vandalized at location.

•Complainant on County Road 4 reported a found license plate.

•Complainant on Highway 75 reported a fire at location.

•Complainant on Main Street and Redbird Field reported vehicle parked in bike lane.

April 22

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported tools stolen from vehicle.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 3 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 escort, 6 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint request, 11 burn permits, 1 alarm, 5 drug court tests, 7 purchase and carry permits, 32 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 welfare check, 3 reports of cattle out and 3 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photo/0428 New Officer Castellano

Deputy Castellano takes service oath

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge administers the oath of office to Deputy Dominic Castellano during the April 19 Rock County Board meeting. Castellano, a Sartell native, recently finished orientation and is now on patrol in the county. He graduated from Alexandria Community and Technical College and most recently worked in Lyon County. Castellano is the second of two deputies the commissioners authorized to be added to the sheriff's office this year. Current Deputy Jeff Stratton was recently hired as the school resource officer for the Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek districts. Stratton will assume the school resource duties this fall. The sheriff's office now has 14 officers.

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the facility could no longer afford to stay open.

He said pandemic changes in youth treatment prompted many agencies, such as corrections or human services, to stop ordering residential treatment at facilities like SYS.

Instead, youth in need of rehabilitation were outsourced to community-based programs like mental health counseling that could be administered online.

Meanwhile, as fewer referrals came to Magnolia, the ones more recently seeking SYS help were beyond the scope of SYS treatment.

"They needed a lot higher level of mental health services than we could provide," Hough said.

For example, SYS is geared to help 10- to 19-year-old males convicted of non-violent crimes such as truancy and shoplifting.

But lately, he said the only referrals seeking SYS services are for those needing a higher level of mental health services than what's offered in Magnolia.

A frustrating consideration for Hough is that SYS never closed its doors during the pandemic. "We were often commended for our Covid practices, and we never had an outbreak," he said.

Even before the pandemic, however, Hough noticed a trend of younger offenders committing more serious offenses.

"They used to steal a piece of bubble gum, but they're not being held accountable for their actions, so they up the ante," he said. "... They didn't get in trouble for that, so they'll do something worse. Now I'm seeing 10- and 11-year-olds joining gangs."

He's not the only one noticing the trend.

A Star Tribune investigation published Sunday looked at hundreds of juvenile court

records of youth arrests in the last four years in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

They show one-third were teens who had been arrested at least once in the previous year by the same law enforcement agency.

Records show that, in Minneapolis, 22 children were either arrested or sought in connection with six or more carjackings or robberies since January 2020. Some suspects were as young as 12 or 13.

The report states a changing approach in courtrooms for prosecuting minors that spares them a tough sentence but fails to deter future criminal activity.

LaVearl Timmer, Luverne, has been a youth supervisor at SYS in for more than 17 years and said he's also seeing repeat offenders return to Magnolia.

"But we don't judge them," he said. "We start over and hope they do better. ... We get them back to where they need to be, but it's hard to watch them go back to their old environment."

His role with the students is to help them with routine tasks — getting up and getting ready for their day, doing homework, helping in the kitchen, staying on a schedule.

But more than that, Timmer said he tried to be a role model for them, a positive influence.

"I think they come here from homes of broken promises," he said. "When they come here, we show them how it can be."

Some complete their program (sometimes three to six months, sometimes six to nine months) and end up coming back, but many others go on to do well.

"It's very rewarding when we hear back from them and find out they're doing well," he said. "That they have a job, a family."

Timmer is one of only a handful of staff remaining on payroll through May 13. The

others — at one time more than 20 working in a full house of 28 youth — have all been let go.

At 62, Timmer has worked with SYS for more than 17 years and said he planned to be there until he retired. "They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but we'll see," said Timmer who is also employed with Rock County farmer Greg Gabrielson.

But he said he's more concerned for the young people who will no longer get help in Magnolia.

"It's about helping them make better choices in their lives. It's about being there and being a consistent person in their life," Timmer said.

"If you can show up every day and be a consistent person for them, they trust you."

Hough said he worries that by the time policymakers realize residential facilities like SYS are better treatment options, it will be too late.

"We're not the only ones that have closed," Hough said. "They'll end up sending kids out of state, and that won't be

good for anyone involved."

He said he feels bad for everyone in Magnolia, too.

"It's very, very disheartening because the community has been there for us for the holidays, for life skills," Hough said.

"And it's not just this facility. It's the people who have supported us that we are grateful for."

"It's how it affects the kids, the families ... they're missing the steps to becoming productive members of society. And it's the staff — we have a ton of them who have been here for 18 to 20 years. Some of them don't know what they're going to do."

Now Hough wonders what he himself will do next.

He has a bachelor's degree in corrections with a minor in business, along with an associate's degree in community support for people with disabilities.

The building in Magnolia is owned by Pinnacle Programs in Mitchell, South Dakota. It's unknown what the plans are for the property.

PALACE

THEATRE

UPCOMING
EVENTS

The Lost City

Friday, April 29 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 30 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 1 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 – 12th grade, \$7 for adults

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Madison Crabtree (center, holding Myles Peterson and Kuhbie Siebenahler) manages Happy Camper Day Care and recently organized a fundraiser to benefit children in Ukraine. The Happy Campers raised \$1,000 by selling handmade items from the day care's garage. Pictured at the table are Colt Siebenahler (left), Raelyn Siebenahler, Cora McDonald, Lizzie Walker, Landon Walker, Joe Bullerman and Vidalia Dietrich. Not pictured are Evren Dinger, Noah Hoff and Hadee Bullerman.

Local day care learns \$1,000 lesson in compassion, helping others

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne day care took steps recently to help Ukrainian families overcome separation and, in some instances, the loss of their homes as their country came under military attack in late February.

Madison Crabtree, who manages Happy Campers Day Care for Ali Dinger, shared Ukrainian news with the children under her care.

"Seeing the videos of children — families separated — got me thinking we can do something," Crabtree said.

She and her grandmother, Jeanne Bowron, organized homemade crafts created by the ten children, ages 2 through 5, to sell from a "store" in the garage.

"I was really excited about Madison's idea when she first approached me with it," Dinger said.

"I knew it would be an educational and challenging opportunity for the kids to make some of the projects, but they all did great."

The children also embraced the idea, raising \$1,000 to give to World Vision Ukraine Crisis Fund from the March 17-18 sale.

Crabtree said she chose to give to the crisis fund due to the familiarity her family has with the organization. They've sponsored a child through World Vision and were comfortable with the non-profit's work.

For almost two weeks, Crabtree and Bowron helped the children make tie blankets, headbands, homemade dog treats and refrigerator magnets.

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Contributed photos
Myles Peterson unmolds and has a little taste of the homemade dog treats.

TLC, patience needed for roses and plants headed for garden

Each year I tell you about a fantastic product call Systemic Rose Care. This is a granular product I apply to the soil at the base of a rose bush in the next week and just let the rain dissolve it.

That product has the best formulation of rose fertilizer I have found, and the systemic part indicates that it contains an insecticide that is absorbed by the roots and moves systemically through the plant tissue. It will kill any insect that feeds on any part of the rose plant.

Application is repeated in six weeks and then another time six weeks after that. So we're talking three applications per season.

One of the most aggressive insects that attack the

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

rose foliage is a little green worm that is the same color as the leaf. The adult butterfly lays a mass of eggs on the underside of the leaf, and the critters that hatch have an enormous appetite. As I said, there is an egg mass, so we are talking a bunch of these hungry little buggers and they will almost totally strip the leaves from the plant in a couple of days...likely before you notice they are present.

The damage will start as just a few holes in the leaf, and the worms feed from the underside of the leaf, so unless you know where to look, you will not see them. Obviously they have to eat

some of the foliage before they ingest the insecticide, but the damage stops there.

Bonide and Bayer are two readily available brand names.

If you have started some plants indoors that are headed for the garden later, set them outdoors for a few days prior to planting them in the garden. That process is called hardening them off and they get a chance to "muscle up" to the weather they will have to endure later. Indoors they don't get assaulted by the wind, and unless you introduce them to the fact that we do have wind, the acclimation process can be brutal or even

fatal to tender seedlings. Set them in a partially shaded area before setting them in full sun.

I do this with all of my cool season crops because they are going to have to put up with our unsettled weather pattern more than warm season plants that go out later.

Speaking of warm season crops, I am referring to beans, tomatoes, peppers, melons, cucumbers and similar crops that will not tolerate cold temperatures. Eager gardeners get a warm day or two and they get excited to get these plants and seeds in the ground prior to the ground temperature being warm enough, and they actually do more harm to the plants and seeds than if they just practice a little patience.

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

CELEBRATIONS

Open House

Betty Mann will be celebrating her 92nd birthday and her retirement after serving 27 years as Rock County Historical Society president from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the History Center. Cards/monetary gifts to the Rock County Historical Society in Betty's honor are welcome.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, May 2: Orange chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, dessert.

Tuesday, May 3: Goulash, peas, tropical fruit, garlic bread stick.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Sanford.

Activities: 12:30 p.m. Pinochle; Bunco.

Wednesday, May 4: Ham and turkey chef salad, bread stick, fresh orange, dessert.

Thursday, May 5: Pepper steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, dessert.

Friday, May 6: Fish

patty on a bun with tartar sauce, cheesy hashbrowns, baked beans, dessert.

Saturday, May 7: 7-10 a.m. Birding with Laurie. Meet at 105 S. Estey. Bring coffee or water, binoculars and a friend.

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

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

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

1943: Diamond Club continued

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



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

January 14, 1943

The distinction of being a distant relative of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence belongs to Mrs. Addie Clark, 84, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Goebel, near Luverne. Although most people at her age would not undertake it, Mrs. Clark recently wrote a brief family biography, tracing the history of her family since early in the 18th century.

Her father David McKean was of Scotch descent, his forefathers having come to this country in 1720. An old family history, which was later destroyed by fire, stated that the first McKean came to Boston in that year. There were five boatloads of Scots that came at one time, but Mrs. Clark is not certain that all were north to Nova Scotia, others settled in Connecticut and New York and many probably settled in Massachusetts.

One of her father's forebears was Thomas McKean, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Mrs. Clark's father was a

boy of 17 when he came west to settle in Clinton county, Ia. His father bought a half section of land at \$2.50 per acre, which land was owned by the McKean family until 1867. Mrs. Clark's father cared for his parents as long as they lived. He was married in 1855 to Sarah E. Banks and they reared a family of five girls—"three school teachers and two milliners" according to Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Clark, who was one of the school teachers, was born on the home farm Sept. 14, 1858.

"My mother," says Mrs. Clark, "married at 18 as most of the girls of that age did. They moved to father's farm, part of the original farm, and lived there until after the Civil War. My mother did not like farm life.

"We had a good school

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

The "Luverne's Got Talent" night at the American Reformed Church drew 220 people to the supper and 19 participants in the talent show. The event, which was a fundraiser for an upcoming Haiti mission trip, yielded nearly \$3,300 for the cause.

Fourth-place talent entry was the ARC Mixed Quartet of Jim Jelken, Joe Dorhout, Bonnie Shelton and Kathy Jacobsma singing "Joy In The House." Third-place winners were Jim and Paula Jelken singing "Can He? Could He? Would He? Did He?" Second place was Nathan Fransman singing "Lean on Me," and first-place honors went to Anika Gust and Jady Anderson, who sang "Imagine."

All winners donated their winnings (\$100 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third) to the Haiti mission fund. Master of ceremonies was Sara Sandbulte and judges were Ryan Johnson, Mike Altena, LaDonna Van Aartsen and Shelley Sandbulte.

25 years ago (1997)

In one of the biggest prescribed burns in years, the Blue Mounds State Park staff burned off prairie grasses from High-

way 75 to the Interpretive Center Tuesday afternoon.

Prairie resource staff periodically conduct prescribed burns to encourage native prairie plants to flourish.

The burn was successfully completed, except flames jumped the border on the north, and the Luverne Fire Department was called to assist in protecting buildings on Rollie Miller's property.

50 years ago (1972)

What does it take to be named Rock County Rural Homemaker of 1972?

Well, this year it took Sally (Mrs. Russell) Olson, and as she says, "A lot of help from my family (four children and husband Russ), my co-members of the Domestic Engineers Extension Club, my darling students at school and just about everybody else who touches my life each day."

"I never really expected to win. Though the gals had nominated me from our club, I just never expected to win. But it's wonderful!"

Expect it or not, Sally (her true name is Olga, although almost nobody calls her that) Olson did win, and will represent Rock County at the annual Rural Homemaker Day in Sioux

City, Iowa, on June 6.

75 years ago (1947)

Announcement was made this week that A. P. Fitzer and C. B. Rolph have been appointed local distributors for Stran-Steel buildings. Their company will be known as the Luverne Steel Company, and they will specialize in the sales and erection of Stran-Steel "Quonset" buildings.

100 years ago (1922)

Through the remarkable work of Lloyd Ohs, the Senior Class was an easy first-honor winner in the interclass track meet of the Luverne high school held last week.

From the start it was thought that the Seniors held the advantage over the other classes and their victory was conceded when Ohs won all dashes.

This young athlete is conceded to be the greatest track man that has ever attended the Luverne high school, and his feat of winning seven first honors and one second, carrying credits of thirty-eight points, stamps him as a star. Paul Parr, of the Freshman class, was the next highest man in point of achievements, scoring eleven points.

OBITUARIES

Carol and Peter Kack

Carol Marie Haukos Kack, a wonderful and greatly loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many, passed away peacefully on July 27, 2020, at the age of 94 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Peter Edward Kack, an energetic, fun-loving and devoted husband, father and entrepreneur, then passed away peacefully in Phoenix on July 2, 2021, at the age of 97, less than a year after Carol, and after 75 loving and happy years together.

Carol was born in 1925 to Clarence and Tona Haukos, the youngest of six children, and grew up on their farm north of Madison, Minnesota. Peter was born in 1924 to Peter and Margaret Kack, the eighth of 12 children, and grew up on their farm south of Madison. During the 1920s many farmers were beginning to buy machinery but still widely used horses. It was common then not to have running water or electricity. Pete's family had electricity when he was five, and Carol's dad built a nice new home with water and electricity when she was eight. During the Great Depression and severe drought of the early 1930s, both Pete's and Carol's parents often gave food to other families who were struggling to keep their farms.

Their fathers were good-natured but hard workers, and all of the kids had jobs to do. By the age of 10, Pete was doing morning chores in the barns, and Carol milked cows after school. Both of their mothers worked all day and were very kind and gracious ladies who found ways to provide occasional delights for their families and gatherings of relatives. Both mothers passed earlier, in their 50s, and were greatly missed by their families and friends for many years.

Carol rode a work horse to a one-room country grade school, where she was the only fourth-to-eighth-grader while in school. Peter's older brother Melvin drove Peter and his sisters to St. Michael's school by horse and buggy or sleigh. Peter took over when he was old enough, quartered the horses, and walked the few blocks to school.

At Madison High School, Peter first saw Carol, with her smile and twinkling eyes. He wasted no time introducing himself, and they dated all through high school. He was the drummer in his older brother Melvin's band, playing weeknights, often at area towns, but he never missed one day of high school – or a date with Carol! Peter graduated in 1941 and took a short trip with his older brother Sylvie to San Diego. Carol graduated in 1943 and went to Seattle with her life-long best friends Ethyl Dove and Dorothy Borstad, where they sorted mail for soldiers in the Pacific war. After a few months, missing their families and friends, they returned to Madison.

Peter and Carol married on December 30, 1944. During World War II, youngest brothers were required to stay and work on the farms, so Peter and Carol lived with his parents during the war. After the war he was curious to see other places, so with Carol and 2-year-old Charlotte, he moved to Dickinson, North Dakota, and worked for his older brother Wally. Then on to San Diego for a year, where he worked in a military plane factory and spent many hours taking neighborhood kids to the beaches, plus building and flying kites with them on the cliffs. In 1951, with Charlotte



and their new little boy Terry, they returned to Madison to run the farm for his father, Peter Kack "Senior," who had retired in town.

The family grew with Tim in 1953, Tom in 1954, and Susie in 1956. While Peter was very busy in the fields or with livestock, Carol had her hands full with the farm, three highly energetic sons, a part-time bookkeeping job for an old family friend, and still sewed lovely dresses for her daughters. They had many friends and loved golf, playing cards and bowling, along with many delightful gatherings with their relatives.

Both Peter and Carol enjoyed bowling, and in 1960 they bought the bowling alley in Luverne, Minnesota, so the family moved to town! The bowling alley thrived because Peter was there every day, and Carol recruited teams, bowling with them several days every week. They had many new friends who also had kids, and the years in Luverne were great fun for the whole family.

In 1970, with Terry, Tim, Tom, Susie and little son Jason, they moved to Prescott, Arizona, where they owned Plaza Bowl, and later hired a manager for Starlite Lanes in Flagstaff, which were both very busy and profitable. Every summer they drove around the West, spent weeks with daughter Charlotte and her family in Sandpoint, Idaho, then on to Minnesota for very happy reunions with brothers, sisters and old friends.

For a warmer climate, they moved to Phoenix in 1978 and bought apartment buildings. Pete could not slow down and did all the maintenance on the apartments. Carol, who had a gift for creating lovely homes, began oil painting beautiful landscapes and elegant designs on walls.

In 1988 they moved to Sun Lakes, a retirement community, for its community golfing as well as dancing, bridge groups and parties with any neighborhood friends. Most family holidays were at "Mom and Dad's" in Sun Lakes. Everyone enjoyed fishing the lake behind their house, long walks around the many lakes, bike riding and lots of games, plus cooking and cleaning together, while "Grandma and Grandpa" relaxed and entertained everyone with humor and laughter. Pete and Carol took many pleasurable trips, first around Europe, then a Baltic cruise, in addition to many fun vacations with their Luverne friends Mark and Lorraine Jacobsen to Puerto Vallarta in winters and Lake Tahoe in summers.

After 30 years Carol had lost mobility from an earlier stroke. In 2018 they moved to The Stafford, a lovely assisted living community, where Peter took comfortable care of Carol. On July 4, 2020, Carol had a fateful stroke and was moved to The Hospice of the Valley, which took excellent care of her. For three weeks because of the virus, the family could

be only in and out, but Peter never left her side as she declined gracefully and died in her sleep on July 27, 2020.

Susan Vesecky, their daughter who had made all their arrangements and helped them for years, moved Peter right to her townhome in Phoenix, and within two months, he was diagnosed with lung cancer. The family took turns visiting their lovable and fun dad and were with him his last few days until, with very little discomfort, he passed in his sleep on July 2, 2021, less than a year after Carol, his beloved wife of 75 years. Their sons and daughters, grandchildren, relatives and numerous lifetime friends profoundly miss them for their goodness, lovability and delightful company.

Peter and Carol were preceded in death by their multi-talented and always cheerful oldest son, Terry Kack, of cancer; Carol's parents Clarence and Tona Willard Haukos; brothers Orton and Willard Haukos, and sisters Carmen Tindholt, Thelma Slind and Bernice Lund. Also preceding were Peter's parents, Peter Kack Sr. and Margaret Croatt Kack; brothers Walter, Sylvester, Melvin and Roy; sisters Mable Miller, Estelle Raveling, Isabelle Roth, Rosella Telford and Arlene Aarskaug; and also their little great-grandsons Henry Keeton and Ethan Kack.

They are survived by Peter's sisters, Margaret Hedstrom and Lucille Strom; and children and grandchildren: daughter Charlotte Welch, her children Sean (Jean) Welch and Katie (Kyle) Brannan; deceased son Terry's daughter Deja (Lance) Correia; son Timothy (Stephanie) Kack, their son Alex Kack and Tim's daughter Jennifer Kack; son Thomas (Debbie) Kack, their children Kristi Kack and Derek (McKenna) Kack; daughter Susan (Brian) Vesecky, her daughters Anna (David) Coletti, Carly (Kyle) Keeton, Frances (Connor) Ohlmert and Jillian Vesecky; and youngest son Jason (Kate) Kack; plus 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Because of the virus, Carol's funeral had been put on hold. Now their funeral will be as one in Madison on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's church, where they were married 78 years ago. After the funeral, burial will be near Carol's parents, and not far from Peter's parents, at a memorial which was created in their honor. Following will be a luncheon at the church, with celebration of their very special and happy lives, plus precious memories from guests to share.

For information on the funeral and reservations for the luncheon, please call their daughter Susan Vesecky at 602-527-0607. Any memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley, www.hov.org because of their outstanding kindness to Carol and Peter. (0428 V)

Daniel Kindt

Daniel Harold Kindt, 62, of Hardwick died unexpectedly on Friday, April 22, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 28, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To view Dan's life tribute video or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Daniel Kindt was born on Oct. 1, 1959, to Harold and Lois (Petersen) Kindt in Luverne and raised in Hardwick. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. He attended school in Luverne and graduated in 1978. He continued his education, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Winona State University in Winona in 1983.

On Sept. 22, 1984, Dan

married Joan Kulla at St. Paul's Church in Blaine. The couple made their home in Hardwick. They were blessed with two children, Adam and Lexy. Dan helped his father with Kindt Oil from 1983 to 1986.

He also began his career as a certified energy specialist with Rock Co. Co-op Oil, which later became Farmers Union Co-op and currently CHS.

Dan was an active lifelong member of the Hardwick community. He served 39 years on the Hardwick Fire Department (10 years as chief), as well as on the Hardwick Community Club, Pheasants Forever and Snowmasters.

He loved to be active. From hunting, fishing and golfing to riding snowmobile, ATVs, his pontoon "Instigator" or one of his many other toys, Dan was always doing something. If anything

needed fixing, he was the one to call. He also loved spending time at the lake cabin and on the pontoon. He had a spontaneous and engaging personality, a charming persuasiveness, and a great sense of humor and wit. He cared deeply for his family.

Dan is survived by his wife, Joan, of Hardwick; children Adam (Amanda) Kindt of Watertown, South Dakota, and Lexy (partner Brandon) Kindt of Minneapolis; his father, Harold Kindt, of Hardwick; siblings Dawn Kindt of Kansas City, Missouri, Dave (Christie) Kindt of Volga, South Dakota, and Darin (Diane) Kindt of Luverne; two grandchildren, Olivia and William Kindt; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lois Kindt, and his brother-in-law William Mann.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0428 F)

Arthur Boeve

Arthur Boeve, 94, Hills, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial will be prior to the service at Eastside Cemetery in Steen. Family and friends will gather at the church at 12:45 p.m. Friday, April 29, before traveling in procession to the cemetery for burial. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Steen Reformed Church. Arthur Boeve was born on April 16, 1928, to Henry and Ella (Bos) Boeve on the Boeve family farm near Hull, Iowa. He grew up in Hull and attended country school there.

On Nov. 24, 1950, Art married Henrietta De Jongh in Hull. In 1951 Art left for the Korean War, while Henrietta moved to her parents' home. During that time their first daughter, Anita, was born. She was 16 months old before Art was discharged and was able to meet her. Upon his return they lived on the Boeve farm near Hull. In

1961 they purchased a farm near Steen, where he considered farming a livelihood. He loved all aspects of farming, from crop tillage to livestock. He particularly enjoyed raising Holstein heifers and beef cattle. Art was a progressive farmer

who changed with the times and left a legacy for future generations. In 2005 they moved to Hills, where he lived until moving to Vista Manor on Aug. 27, 2016. On Aug. 21, 2018, he entered the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills where he received loving care.

Art was a member of the Steen Reformed Church, where he served as deacon and elder. He taught catechism and attended numerous gospel concerts. He also served on the Rural Water Board, Rural Electric Association Board and Elevator Board.

He enjoyed playing cards, Heartland Strategy and loved watching fastpitch softball. Some special memories were fishing with friends at West Lost Lake, the annual "Boeve" summer vacations and attending kids' and grandkids'

sporting events throughout the years. Art made others smile with his quick wit and dry sense of humor.

He is survived by his three children, Anita (Gregg) Bosch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Glen (Ann) Boeve of Steen, and Michelle (Greg) Van Wyhe of Rock Rapids; eight grandchildren, Chad (Sheri) Bosch, Matt (Kayla) Boeve, Ryan (Athena) Bosch, Tara (Derek) Venenga, Erin (Rex) Metzger, Riley (Makayla) Van Wyhe, Rex, and Regan Van Wyhe, and 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Doreen (Arnold) of Sioux Center, Iowa, and Eleanor Wartjes of Hull; one brother, Jim Boeve of Beaver Creek; nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Henrietta, on Jan. 24, 2020; eight brothers, Hank, Case, Albert, Don, Everett, Merlin, Ervin and Gary; three sisters, Gertie Leusink, Lois Ostra and Helen Overman; and granddaughter-in-law Andrea Boeve.

Arrangements are provided by the Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0428 F)

Lorene Busby

Lorene Agnes Mann Busby, 91, Dallas, Texas, died Sunday, March 13, 2022, in Dallas.

A memorial service was April 16 in Dallas.

Lorene Mann was born on April 29, 1930, to Louis and Agnes Mann at their farm near Luverne. Lorene grew up on her parents' farm and attended a one-room country grade school. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

She graduated from Luverne High School in 1947. Later she moved to Long Beach, California, where she attended community college. In 1955 she moved to Dallas.

Lorene married Jack Busby on April 25, 1958. They adopted two children, Ronald and Rochelle.

Lorene was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Dallas, where she taught a Sunday school class for children with learning

disabilities and was treasurer for the Fellowship Club. She enjoyed playing cards, traveling, exercising at the Park Cities YMCA, and socializing with friends.

Lorene is survived by her daughter, Rochelle, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son, Ronald, a stepson, Michael Busby, and two brothers, Charles and Clarence Mann.

Memorials are preferred to the Rock County Historical Society. (0428 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Gertrude Raak

Gertrude E. "Trudy" Raak, 84, Jasper, died Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

A funeral service was Monday, April 25, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Interment was at Hope Cemetery in Hull, Iowa.

Arrangements were provided by the Edgerton Burial Association, www.edgertonburialassociation.com. (0428 DN)



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Hadee Bullerman carefully ties knots into a homemade blanket.

Day Care/continued from 6A

Crabtree then invited friends and family to the 90-minute sale on both days.

"The kids were very excited," Crabtree said. "When a customer would arrive, the kids would try to sell everything to them."

The freewill donation sale raised \$997.

"I threw in the extra \$3," Crabtree said.

The fundraiser was a teaching moment for the children.

"No age is too young to start realizing the impor-

'No age is too young to start realizing the importance of compassion and helping others.'

— Madison Crabtree

tance of compassion and helping others," Crabtree said.

"It is so important with all the negativity in the world right now that we start to set an example for the next generation — grabbing any moment to demonstrate compassion will have an impact."

Weeks after the fund-raising event, Crabtree said the children still talk about the store, frequently asking if they can do a store again.

"They also ask if we can invite (the Ukrainian children) to come to Miss Ali's and Miss Maddie's to play," Crabtree said. "They were so sweet."

Bits by Betty/continued from 6A

there and she was anxious for us girls to have every advantage.

"Those were hard times after the war," recalls Mrs. Clark, and predicts, "they're such as we'll have when this war is over."

"We lived on the old farm until 1867, then moved to Wheatland in the same county. Later, in 1873, we moved to Calhoun county, Ia. where I stayed with my grandfather and went to high school that year. Then I went to Missouri to school and lived with my great-uncle 1½ years. The next summer,

I taught a country school, and that fall on Oct. 11, 1876, I was married to Ellis I. Clark, at Lake City, Ia."

Mrs. Clark taught school the next year, and then she and her husband moved on a rented farm. In two years, Mr. Clark bought an 80-acre tract, and built a small house, 14x20 feet, with one room on the second floor. They lived there until 1881 when they sold the farm and bought another. There they built a large house and barn, and as Mrs. Clark describes it, "we were very comfortable."

In 1896, they sold their

Iowa farm and moved to Nebraska, living there 12 years before moving to Clear Lake, S.D. This was their home for five years, and they then moved to Luverne, coming to this community Feb. 24, 1914. They bought a farm near Luverne and operated it until moving to Luverne on Decoration day, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark were the parents of 10 children, nine of whom are living. They include Edmond L. Clark, Dickson, Ill.; Mrs. J. H. Pinkley, Pender, Neb.; Guy E. Clark, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; David W. Clark, Detroit,

Fishing luck can be found along the shore in early spring

It does not take long after the ice is gone for the open water anglers to start trying to satisfy their itch to go fishing.

The weather has been totally awful, but I still see people out fishing. The game fish season in Minnesota is currently closed, and all you can legally target are panfish right now. These include crappies, perch and bluegills. You cannot target walleyes or other game fish this time of year even if you let them all go.

Crappies are the fish that seem to be the most cooperative this time of year, and they are not biting very aggressively, at least not this year, as water temperatures are still very low. On my local lake a week ago, the water temperature was 42 degrees. Walleyes around here get active and start to spawn when the temperatures reach the high 40s.

Crappies can be targeted in the shallows and caught with either minnows or imitation plastics. Everybody thinks crappies move to shallow water because it is the warmest. This is not exactly why they move shallow. What attracts them to warmer water is that it's the first place the food chain starts to become active in the spring.

Insects and other aquatic bugs start to show up, and the crappies are there looking for food, not to warm up. I see it all the time that folks will dunk bait off the shoreline in 3 to 5 feet of water looking for these fish. You would do better on most days fishing way shallower than that.

A great fisherman that taught me more than I could have ever learned by myself would target crappies in about 12-16 inches of water. When everybody else was catching one or two, he would catch a limit and then go home.

You do need to be stealthy when pursuing super shallow crappies. I creep slowly along a rocky bank with a long light



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

action rod and just dip my offerings ahead of me along the shore.

If there are kids running up and down the bank, the fish can actually feel the vibration of their feet. If you are fishing from a dock, start at the shallow end of the dock, and if you hook a fish, move slowly toward the bank. Fighting the fish where other fish might be present will spook off the others. I slowly work my way to the posts and wheels of the dock and after about 5-10 minutes I will move on to the next spot.

I usually take two rods with different offerings. If I work a spot with a yellow crappie jig, after I've made a pass or two, I will then toss in a jig of a different color and manage to hook up maybe one or two more. When I catch a fish on a yellow jig, everyone that sees it will change to that same color. This will be about the same time I am changing to a different one.

If fish are going to bite on a certain color, they will most likely do so right away. Different fish that won't bite on yellow might bite on a different color. Either jump from dock to dock or work your way slowly down the shoreline to show your offering to as many fish as possible.

On certain lakes with lots of trees or brush, I will don a pair of chest waders and actually fish from the lakeside toward the shore. I tie a floating minnow bucket to my wader belt and take along one of the skinny yellow rope stringers. I work about 200

yards of shoreline, dropping my bait into less than 12 inches of water. Feeling the stretch on my line is sure some sort of therapy.

You can work your way back to where you started and then that spot has probably had it for the day. We don't get the opportunity in southwest Minnesota, but in shallow clear water lakes you can oftentimes actually see the fish and use a really long crappie cane to drop the offering right in front of their noses.

My neighbor lady used to take me fishing when I was quite young. She was a very special sort of gal and we must have gone about 75 times over a 5-year period.

We used old-fashioned cane poles and all we fished for were crappies. No reels and no fancy line to tangle. Just sitting on a rock waiting for the bobber to go under. I believe you can still buy those old-fashioned cane poles today.

Consider being like my neighbor lady. A small investment in equipment and your valuable time might just endear your little neighbor kid to stroll down memory lane when they are 61 years old.

Giving the gift of your time is the greatest gift. Every child is born with a curiosity of the outdoor world. It is so sad that many of them are gifted some electronics and left to their own devices in the video room in someone's basement.

Be my neighbor lady. Take a kid fishing. You will get far greater than you give.

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Cards earn first three baseball wins of season

By Jason Berghorst
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School baseball team won its first games of the season this week after coming up short in its first four contests.

After dropping two games to Redwood Valley at home April 19, the Cardinals defeated Pipestone Area 7-4 and swept a doubleheader in Blue Earth 14-3 and 16-6 Saturday.

"It was nice getting our first wins under our belts," said Phil Paquette, LHS head coach. "You can tell a weight was lifted for the group as a whole. Our pitching staff has continued to do its job, and we were finally able to produce runs for them at the plate."

LHS is now 3-4 on the season. The Cardinals were scheduled to play games in Windom and Adrian on Tuesday and in Worthington on Thursday before hosting Pipestone Area on Tuesday and St. James on May 5 at Redbird Field.



Images by CD photo

Luverne High School senior Braydon Ripka makes contact with the ball at home April 19 against Redwood Falls. Luverne dropped both games before the start of a three-game winning streak.

RWV 6, Luverne 2

Luverne continued to have a hard time producing runs during a 6-2 loss to the Redwood Valley Cardinals at home on Tuesday, April 19.

The home team scored one run in the fourth inning to take the lead before Redwood Valley scored five runs in the top of the sixth inning to open up a late-game lead.

Luverne's fourth inning score came from effective base running by sophomore Jacob Stroh.

After reaching base on a fielder's choice, Stroh stole second and third bases and scored on a wild pitch all during the next at bat.

LHS scored its other run of the game in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Connor Overgaard gained first base after being hit by a pitch. He then stole second

base before advancing to third base on a wild pitch. Overgaard scored when Stroh grounded out to third base.

Casey Sehr led the Luverne offense with four hits, including a double in the fifth inning.

Conner Connell pitched the first five innings for Luverne. Connell gave up two

hits, no runs, walked none and struck out 13 Redwood Valley batters.

Kaden Anderson was on the mound for the final two innings. He gave up three hits, six runs (one earned), two walks and struck out six.

Baseball, continued on 3B

LHS takes first and second in blustery meet

By Blaine Radtke
For the Star Herald

Extremely windy conditions posed major challenges Saturday at the Pipestone Invitational Track Meet.

A strong south wind presented a direct headwind for the final 100 meters of each race, effectively slowing times.

The pole vault was canceled prior to the start of the meet due to the wind and the concern for athletes' safety, and high jump competition ended when the pit literally blew away, landing on the nearby infield fence.

At the end of the day, the Luverne girls took home the team title and the Cardinal boys finished second.

Sarah Stegenga won in the 400-meter dash in 1:06.30 with Tiana Lais a very close second at 1:06.36. Stegenga also won the long jump (15-06 1/2).

Tenley Nelson took home first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:24.20.

Jenna DeBates was champion in the 1600-meter with a time of 5:27.68.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Tiana Lais, Elizabeth Wagner, Jenna DeBates and Tenley Nelson took first in a time of 4:32.01.

The 4-by-800 relay runners were champions as well with Elizabeth Wagner, Maria Rops, Ella Schmuck and Cassi Chesley (10:51.35).

Jocelyn Hart won the shot put with a throw of 37-08.

Schmuck (13:53.71) and Kayla Bloemendaal (14:15.64) finished second and third respectively in the 3200-meter run.

For the boys, Eli Radtke took first
Cardinal track, continued on 3B

H-BC track competes in Pipestone

By Dalton Bass

The H-BC track and field teams traveled to Pipestone on a very windy Saturday afternoon to compete against nine other area schools.

The meet included Adrian/Ellsworth, Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda, Lakeview, Luverne, Murray County Central, Pipestone Area, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, Southwest Christian/Edgerton, and Tracy-Milroy-Balaton.

The weather was less than ideal with the wind blowing 35 mph in the opposite direction of the home stretch for the entire meet, with gusts well above 50 mph, but the athletes made the most of it.

H-BC girls placed sixth as a team and the boys were ninth.

H-BC girls' track

Seventh-grader Brynn Bakken took first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.67.

She also ran the 4-by-100 relay (53.67) and 4-by-200 relay (1:51.80) along with eighth-grader Abbie Harris, sophomore Brynn Rauk and sophomore Layla Deelstra. Both relay teams took first place.

Senior Kenadie Fick finished third in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:57.05.

Fick was also on the 4-by-400 and 4-by-800-meter relay teams that each came in fourth place.

The 4-by-400-meter relay (4:52.29) was run

H-BC track, go to 3B

Patriots' golf team hosts Cardinals in Larchwood

By Dalton Bass

The two Rock County golf teams faced off Thursday afternoon, April 21, at Meadow Acres Golf Course in Larchwood, Iowa.

"It was a great opportunity for us to have the junior varsity and varsity compete," said H-BC coach Dan Ellingson.

"We were able to have a few kids get their best individual scores for the year."

The Cardinal boys were able to come away with a win in the dual meet vs the Patriots by a score of 168 to 205.

"The scores weren't as good as the kids hoped, but I think they were just happy to finally get an actual round in on a nice day," said Cardinal coach John Sichel.

Luverne junior Brady Bork was the medalist winner on the boys' side with a 40.

"Brady had a very solid round and hit the ball nicely," Sichel said.



"He missed a lot of short birdie putts, but as long as he keeps putting himself in those positions, I know they will start dropping for him."

Rounding out the Luverne squad were sophomore Owen Sudenga (41), sophomore Henry



Samantha McGaffee photos

Left: Hills-Beaver Creek Patriot Robbie Drake hits toward the green Thursday, April 21, in a match against Luverne at the Meadows Acres Golf Course in Larchwood. Luverne won the boys' match 168 to 205. **Above:** Luverne's Perceyis Trierweiler tees off in the girls' dual.

Hartquist (42), sophomore Tyler Arends (45), senior Colin Schoeneman (50) and freshman Levi Gonnerman (52).

Senior Austin Allen led the way for the Patriots, finishing in fifth place with

Golf, continued on 2B

Luverne softball team remains undefeated for season, now 7-0

By Stacy Olson
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School softball team made quick work of Blue Earth Area on Friday, April 22, in a doubleheader that favored the Cardinals 10-3 and 16-0.

The Luverne girls improved their record to 7-0 after also sweeping Pipestone April 19 (see related story).

The Cardinals will look to continue their winning streak when they host the Edgerton Dutchmen at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 29.

LHS 10, Blue Earth 3

Luverne allowed one run in the first inning and was unable to score for the first two innings.

In the third inning



Images by CD photo

Junior Carly Olson prepares for a hit Friday, April 22, at home against Blue Earth Area High School. Luverne easily won the doubleheader with scores of 10-3 and 16-0.

Luverne plated two runs when Carly Olson hit a two-RBI single to put the Cardinals in the lead 2-1.

In the fourth inning the Cardinals batted through their lineup and scored five runs off two hits and three Blue Earth errors.

Billi Connell hit a double to start the inning, and Reghan Bork hit an RBI single, upping the Cardinals' lead to 7-1.

Luverne was able to push one run across the plate in the fifth inning with a double off the bat of Connell. The Cardinals allowed one run in the sixth inning off one hit.

The Cardinals answered by scoring two runs in the

Softball, go to 2B

Star Herald CHURCH

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Easter Greetings!

John 20:21-22: "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

Here in our text, Jesus offers us peace. Then Jesus sends us out into the world. He breathes on them, sending the Holy Spirit!

What an important text! Jesus offers us peace! Then he sends us out into the world, to share the good news! Jesus breathes on us the Holy Spirit, giving us everything we need to do the work that God has for us to do.

So, what is it that we are to do? The text goes on to say in John 20:23, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Jesus is teaching us to live together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus is teaching us to live in peace with each other, to expect the best of each other, and to give the best to each other! Receive the Holy Spirit! Live in peace!

There is one big expectation here that we are sent out – sent out of the sanctuary, sent into our communities, into our county, into our state and into the world. We are to share the love of Christ in a way that will breathe life into others.

What is your mission? What is the task that God is asking you to do? What is the mission of each of us, and what is it that we are supposed to do?

Sometimes that mission is to invite and include new people to our worship and Bible studies. Sometimes we are to share the

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Juanita Parker, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

scriptures with others. Sharing God's Good News with others is important. Sometimes we are to offer joy, peace and love to our neighbors and family and friends.

Sometimes we are asked to take another step, to reach out to those who are not so close. Sharing money with other mission projects who go to various places is important. We have a group of youth going to Greenville, Mississippi, in June. We will reach out, help others in the neighborhood, paint, clean and build friendships.

We each have our own path that God gives us, and we each need to look closely at what we are asked to do. Can you share God's love in your unique way? Are you doing all that you are asked to do to share the Good News? Jesus has the answer!

Mission-minded people look for new ways to help others, to reach out and share the Good News. Mission-minded people do their best to share the love of God with others by inviting them to worship, inviting other kids to VBS, inviting others to join them on a mission trip, and sharing money in a way that supports the mission project!

Please take time to look at where you might reach out to others and share God's love!

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Friday, April 29: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. Tuesday, May 3: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 4: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club. 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Thursday, May 5: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor
Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529
Saturday, April 30: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, April May 1: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Tuesday, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 27: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net
Sunday, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Wednesday, May 4: 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:15 p.m. Committee meetings. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor
Thursday, April 28: 9 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Chapel – Mary Jane Brown Home. 2 p.m. Chapel – Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Chapel – Vet's Home. Saturday, April 30: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, May 2: 1 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Parkinson's support group. 7 p.m. Elder's meeting. Wednesday, May 4: 7:30 p.m. NYG Bible study. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday school. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 – firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

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

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blehills.org. Tuesdays: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Social/dessert time. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship service.

Hills United Reformed Church
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SRDC hearing May 12

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) will hold a public hearing on its budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Worthington Fire Hall, 830 2nd Ave, Worthington, MN. The Hearing will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until all persons wishing to offer a testimony have been heard. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Southwest Regional Development Commission Office, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN. Copies of the proposed budget are also on file with each county auditor, county coordinator, city clerk, and township association chair in Region 8. (04-28)

City of Luverne filing for candidacy opens May 17

NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that filings for office of Council Members open May 17, 2022, and shall close May 31, 2022 at 5 o'clock p.m. Filings or other questions should be addressed to the City Clerk, City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, PO Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156. Telephone 449-9898.

Any qualified and eligible person may file an Affidavit of Candidacy individually, or an application signed by at least five voters may be filed on behalf of and accepted by a qualified and eligible person.

The offices to be elected for which filings are open are as follows:

Mayor - 1 (4-year term)
(North) Ward I Council Member - 1 (4-year term)
(South) Ward II Council Member - 1 (4-year term)

Jessica Mead,
City Clerk
(04-28)

Pick probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Margaret M. Pick a/k/a Margaret Mary Pick,
Deceased

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-22-86

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated November 12, 2012, and for the appointment of Brian Pick, whose address is 1270 131st Street, Luverne, MN 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Date Filed: April 18, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch
Attorney for Petitioner

(COURT SEAL)

(04-28, 05-05)

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NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given as provided in Minnesota Statutes 204B.33, that a general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of electing candidates for the offices listed below. The filing period for these offices begins at 8:00 AM Tuesday, May 17, 2022 and ends at 5:00 PM, Monday, May 31, 2022. Candidates may file in person or by mail if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.09, subdivision 1a may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidates' absence from the state.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day.

FEDERAL OFFICES

The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St Paul, MN 55155-1299.

One United States Representative for District 1

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

The place of filing for state legislative offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

One State Senator for District 21

One State Representative for District 21A

STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

The place of filing for state executive offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Secretary of State

State Auditor

Attorney General

JUDICIAL OFFICES

The place of filing for judicial offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. A Candidate filing for one of the Minnesota Court of Appeals seats that has been designated for one of the congressional districts must be a resident of that congressional district.

Supreme Court Associate Justice (Two Seats)

Seat #	Incumbent:
3	(Gordon L. Moore III)
6	(Natalie E. Hudson)

Court of Appeals (Ten Seats)

Appellate offices are elected statewide. Where designated, candidates must reside in the congressional district listed for at least one year.

Seat #	Incumbent:
1	(Theodora K. Gaitas)
5	(Louise Dovre Bjorkman)
7 (5 th Congressional District)	(Susan Segal)
8	(Denise D. Reilly)
10 (4 th Congressional District)	(Jennifer L. Frisch)
11	(Michelle Ann Larkin)
16	(Peter M. Reyes, Jr.)
17	(Matthew E. Johnson)
18	(Jeffrey M. Bryan)
19	(Francis J. Connolly)

Fifth Judicial District Court Judges (Five Seats)

Seat #	Incumbent:
1	(Gregory J. Anderson)
3	(Allison L. Krehbiel)
4	(Sherry E. Haley)
6	(Michelle A. Dietrich)
16	(Darci J. Bentz)

COUNTY OFFICES

The place of filing for county offices is with the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 E Brown Street, PO Box 509, Luverne, MN 56156-0509.

County Sheriff

County Attorney

County Commissioner District 1
(Two Year Term)

Must be a resident of district, which includes Townships of Battle Plain, Denver, Kanaranzi, Magnolia, Mound, Rose Dell and Vienna and Cities of Hardwick, Jasper (Rock County portion), Kenneth and Magnolia.

County Commissioner District 2
(Four Year Term)

Must be a resident of district, which includes Townships of Beaver Creek, Martin, Springwater, and Cities of Beaver Creek and Hills.

County Commissioner District 3
(Two Year Term)

Must be a resident of district, which includes Townships of Clinton and Luverne Precinct #1, City of Steen and the Northwest and Southwest Precincts of the City of Luverne.

County Commissioner District 4
(Four Year Term)

Must be a resident of district, which includes the Northeast precinct of the City of Luverne.

County Commissioner District 5
(Two Year Term)

Must be a resident of district, which includes the Southeast Precinct of the City of Luverne and Luverne Township Precinct #2.

Soil & Water Supervisor District 2

Elected at Large, but must be a resident of nominating district, which includes Townships of Battle Plain, Denver and Vienna and Cities of Hardwick and Kenneth.

Soil & Water Supervisor District 5

Elected at large, but must be a resident of nominating district, which includes Townships of Rose Dell and Springwater and City of Jasper (Rock County portion).

Ashley Kurtz
Rock County Auditor-Treasurer
Rock County, Minnesota

(04-28)

**DEADLINE FOR LEGALS
IS MONDAY AT 10 A.M.**

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Jordan probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of Linda Sue Jordan, Decedent
Court File No. 67-PR-22-91
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 23, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, December 6, 1983, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Lisa Stoltenberg, whose address is 1273 131st St., Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Date Filed: April 18, 2022

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

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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(04-28, 05-05)

Weinkauf probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of Donald Eugene Weinkauf, Decedent
Court File No. 67-PR-22-92
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 23, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, March 5, 2009, ("Will"), and for the appointment of April Lynn Kooiman, whose address is 1320 W. Stonegate Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57108 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

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/s/ Natalie Reisch
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(04-28, 05-05)

City of Luverne Board of Appeal and Equalization meets May 10

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Luverne, will meet at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 2022, at the Luverne City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

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

Given under my hand this 22nd day of April, 2022.

/s/ Jessica Mead,
Luverne City Clerk
(04-28)

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Hills

will meet at 6:30 P.M., on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 2022, at Hills City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Given under my hand this 1st day of March 2022.

Connie Wiertzema, Hills City Clerk

(04-28)

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We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, words of support, cards, flowers, food, memories, and visits you shared during the loss of Joyce Mulder, a wife, mother, grandmother and friend to everyone. Thank you to the nurses at the Luverne Sanford Hospital and the Luverne Hospice Cottage for their excellent care and compassion. Thank you to Pastor Dorie and Pastor Lori for a beautiful funeral service. Thank you to all who helped serve food after the funeral service. Thank you to Dr. Judy Chesley for her excellent care and compassion. Thank you to Jeff Hartquist of Hartquist Funeral Homes.

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Garage Sale—April 28 and 29, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 500 Phylon Drive, Luverne. Artificial flowers, clothing, puzzles, furniture, planter chairs, K-bedsprad, cement lawn ornaments, Terry Redlin mugs, parakeet with cage, much miscellaneous. (4.23-4.28)

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SECTION 3A CHAMPS



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

STATE QUALIFIERS



Seven Luverne students competed at the April 23 Minnesota State Speech Tournament in Apple Valley. They are (from left) Chance Tunnissen, Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Rylee Anderson, Luke Thorson, Burke Johnson and Mia Wenzel.

STATE FINALISTS

Parker Carbonneau (left) finished sixth and Chance Tunnissen finished third, both for extemporaneous speaking in Class A at State.



ALL-STATE SPEECH TEAM



All five seniors on Luverne's speech team were selected to the Minnesota All-State Speech Team. They are (from left) Burke Johnson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Rylee Anderson and Mia Wenzel.

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