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## Six Luverne students make appearance at state speech tournament

By Mavis Fodness

A year after the coronavirus pandemic canceled their 2020 state tournament, Luverne speech students returned with a vengeance, winning the Section 3A Speech Championship and qualifying six for Saturday's state meet.

To celebrate their achievements Friday, speech team members climbed into the Luverne Trolley and followed the Luverne Volunteer Fire Department trucks through town.

They included seniors and team captains Josie Golla and Xavier Carbonneau, juniors Luke Thorson and Chance Tunnissen, sophomore Parker Carbonneau, and seventh-grader Zander Carbonneau.

The escort has become a community tradition to send students off to tournaments in the Twin Cities and to join other speech qualifiers of Class A at in-person state tournaments.

However, the Luverne stu-

dents never left town Friday. Instead they competed the next day from the familiar surroundings of Luverne High School in a virtual competition using Zoom.

The 2021 speech season was completed through recordings and later through Zoom at the local high schools due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

First-time state speech participant Golla said the classroom setting suited her well for competition.

"It's what we have done every week ... in the same room all season ... so we are comfortable in the room," she said. "It's been really nice to have the consistent focal points and where to go."

Golla has competed in speech since the seventh grade.

"This is only the second time competing in the section tournament so I was not expecting to go on to state with this," she said. "It's very nice to know my hard work has paid off and I get to go

to the state tournament."

The 2021 tournament is also Thorson's first state appearance in his four years on the team.

"It feels like a big achievement," he said. "I came close in my eighth-grade year, I got sixth in sections so I was only three slots out. It was a big blow. Then I came back this year because last year was gone."

Thorson competes in humor-

LHS state speech/see page 2

## Pandemic prom plans

### Outdoor grand march on deck for Luverne High School prom

By Mavis Fodness

Weather will determine public viewing of Luverne High School prom grand march on Saturday.

At their April 22 School Board meeting, district officials released plans that included an outdoor grand march to accommodate the in-person viewing demand.

High school principal Ryan Johnson outlined Saturday's activities, which are scheduled from 5 to 11:30 p.m. at the school.

The grand march is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday.

Johnson outlined how the grand march will look in a letter addressed to parents.

"As couples start their walk, they will come out of the front canopy doors and make their way to a presentation spot just outside the side gym doors (voting doors)," Johnson said.

"From there, our speakers will announce the names, officially presenting them to the crowd. They will then make their way north to the weight room doors, stopping along the way for patrons to congratulate them and take pictures."

Roped-off areas will designate the grand march path. Bleachers are available for spectator seating.

A livestream of the grand march will be on the Luverne Middle School/High School Facebook page.

If weather conditions are unfavorable, the grand march will be inside with no spectators. The livestream is also planned if the weather alternative is necessary.

Current weather forecasts predict highs in the 80s with no precipitation.

School Board members supported Johnson's plans.

"It's something new and unique for students to experience and say 'They were the first to do it,'" Johnson said.

While students participating in the grand march will not wear masks outside, masks are recommended for those watching the march.

Spectator parking is designated in the south student parking area.

The grand march is scheduled to end by 6 p.m., when students transition to after-prom festivities in the elementary school.

Students will rotate through six areas that include games, food and an outdoor fire pit.

Social distancing and mask requirements will be followed.

All prom activities end at 11:30 p.m.



Mavis Fodness photos/0429 HBC Earth Day 2021

## H-BC students make Earth a better place

Seventh-grade and sophomore classes at Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary Schools spent about an hour on Friday morning picking up branches and garbage at the Hills Rez Park (pictured above).

"Whenever you can give students experiences that allow them to make a community better, it is a win for the community and the person serving," said Secondary Principal Andrew Kellenberger.

Other students cleaned the grounds around the Hugo Goehle gym and Tuff Memorial Home. Seniors walked Highway 270, their Adopt-a-Highway project, which staff completed last year due to distance learning created by the coronavirus pandemic. Elementary students in Beaver Creek also cleaned the grounds around the school.



Above, Britton McKenzie uses a branch to fish a piece of insulation out of the water at the Rez.

Below, teacher Nora Wysong (left) holds the garbage bag open for sophomore student Amallia Ternus.



## ATLAS Ministries stretches out in new location

By Lori Sorenson

Two months ago, the former Luverne Kawasaki building was a flurry of sheet rock dust and paint primer.

Now, the newly remodeled building is home to ATLAS Ministry Center, home of Redeemed Remnants second-hand store, Rock County ATLAS

for Life, and their related causes and ministries.

Among them are New Life Celebration Church, the food ministry and more.

Since the April 15 ribbon-cutting celebration, the location has been abuzz with workers, shoppers, donors, worshippers and others coming and going

from the large parking lot and adjacent alley.

Mostly, organizers are pleased to be turning over merchandise and making a profit — to the tune of roughly \$1,000 per day.

In the former Redeemed Remnants location on East Main Street, \$500 day was a

good day, according to ATLAS Board president Brenda Winter.

"That was the whole goal," she said, "to have a place for people to bring things, a place for people get things and to support ATLAS."

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# COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,248	2	+1.3%
Pipestone	1,114	2	+1.6%
Nobles	4,029	3	+0.4%
Minnehaha (SD)	31,163	36	+0.7%
Lyon (IA)	1,562	2	+0.7%

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

Date Range	3/7-3/20	3/14-3/27	3/21-4/3	3/28-4/10
Rate	14.87	15.94	18.06	23.37

**Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY**

- People with at least one dose: 3,447
- People with completed series: 2,877

Data as of 04-25-2021

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

**School Status**

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

Current data as of April 27, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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## Brothers compete at state speech meet

By Mavis Fodness

The three Carbonneau brothers made school history when they all qualified for the individual speech tournament in the same year.

Senior Xavier, sophomore Parker and seventh-grader Zander relied on each other for motivation to do well this virtual season.

Due to the categories they compete in, they sit together during the drawing of their speech topics as well as during breaks between rounds.

Xavier competes in storytelling; Parker and Zander in extemporaneous speaking. Between rounds the brothers would sit together before the next draw event was announced.

Parents Michael and Molly Carbonneau know their sons are competitive.

"When they play board games, the competition runs deep," Molly said.

She also sees a supportive side.

"Parker really took Zander under his wing and helped him with research and learning the art of



Mavis Fodness photo/0429 Speech State 2021  
 Three of the six Luverne High School speech team members who competed at the state tournament Saturday are Carbonneau brothers Parker (left) and Xavier holding Zander.

Parker recalled. "I thought that sounded kind of fun so I tried it."

This will be the only year the three Carbonneau brothers will be on the speech team together.

However, for the next decade, at least two brothers could be on the team. Youngest brother, Oliver, is a third grader.

"It will be a while but he will be here eventually," Xavier said.

Molly said she did have some initial concerns about all three of her sons competing together but in individual events.

"I, at times, was worried if one person would do better than the other," she said. "But in the end, they genuinely seem happy for the other child."

She credits coaches Thorson and Folkestad for the tone set within the speech team.

"I think the comradery of speech, even if you're not brothers, is priceless," Molly said. "These coaches really teach the older speech members to lead the younger."

speech."

Xavier led the Carbonneau brothers into speech, joining the team six years ago. The activity then

caught Parker's attention.

"When Xavier first started, he always seemed excited whenever he got back from a speech meet,"

## Tunnissen places seventh in tight state speech competition

By Mavis Fodness

Junior Chance Tunnissen was the sole medal earner from Luverne High School during Saturday's Minnesota State Speech Tournament.

Competing virtually, Tunnissen was selected by judges for the finals, which

comprise the top eight students in each of the 13 speech categories.

Also competing in Saturday's event from LHS but not competing in the final rounds were first-time state participants Josie Golla, Xavier Carbonneau, Luke Thorson, Parker Carbon-

neau and Zander Carbonneau.

"State is very tough," said coach Caroline Thorson. "Especially for first-time participants, even though they did compete at home."

Tunnissen competes in extemporaneous speaking,

a category he's competed in since seventh grade.

The 2021 event was his third time qualifying for the state tournament. The coronavirus pandemic canceled the 2020 event.

He entered Saturday's

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ous interpretation and competing virtually has giving him a learning curve.

"It is not quite the same as being in person because things seem a bit funnier in person actually," he said. "Now I can say this line and I can look at the lamp in the back of the room because it has the best angle to see my facial expressions. That's a good thing."

Xavier Carbonneau broke a personal trend at the section tournament, where the top three students in each of the categories are able to move on to the state meet. Saturday was his first and only state speech meet.

"I feel accomplished," he said. "I've gotten fourth a lot of years so it is nice to finally break that trend."

This year is Xavier's sixth year on the team and he admits the speech experience is different this year since he and his teammates didn't travel on buses to other schools, mingle and become friends with other students, which is different this year with no in-person tournaments.

"They are just competitors not actual people and friends," he said.

For first-year speech student Zander Carbonneau,



Mavis Fodness photo/0429 Speech State 2021  
 Luverne Volunteer Fire Department members flanked the Luverne Trolley carrying the six Luverne High School speech team members who qualified for Saturday's state tournament and their coaches Friday afternoon in a send-off for the virtual event.

virtual is the only way he's participated in speech and the extemporaneous speaking category.

"Some things are nice and some things are harder like at some meets we are allowed to use the internet now," he said. "You can wear what you want because you only see yourself from the waist up so you can wear tennis shoes instead of dress shoes."

Humor is something junior and three-time state qualifier Chance Tunnissen has also incorporated into his extemporaneous speaking performances.

"I think judges like that and also not using a notecard," Tunnissen said. "I have been trying to give my speeches memorized — sometimes it makes it worse when you trip up but I've tried to run through it."

As the seasoned veteran on the team, Tunnissen has taken brothers Zander and Parker Carbonneau under his wing. All three compete in extemporaneous speaking, and the topics are drawn the day of the meet with 30 minutes to prepare a recommended 7-minute speech.

"The big thing is just

confidence. ... If you sound like you know what you are talking about, you'll do good," Tunnissen said.

That confidence was presented last year when sophomore Parker Carbonneau started his fourth year on the speech team. He met a goal by qualifying for Saturday's virtual state speech tournament.

"It's pretty exciting," he said. "Last year I was hoping to make it to state but the season got cut short. I know we are really not going there but it is pretty exciting to be at a live where I know I can finally make it to state."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Springwater Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the township hall.

**Kenneth Cemetery Association** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Kenneth Community Center.

### Sandbox fill May 3

The Luverne Optimist Club will fill local sandboxes after 6 p.m. Monday, May 3, as part of its annual fundraiser to support local youth programs. Call or text Carrie Van Santen, 507-220-1123, to reserve sand, which is donated by W&N Construction.

### National Day of Prayer May 6

Several area churches will host the 70th annual National Day of Prayer on May 6 by virtual viewing online at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

### Community Ed announcements

The summer **Community Education brochure** will be published May 1 and delivered to local homes with the Luverne Announcer. Many of the classes have an **early registration deadline of May 14**. Take advantage of the lower fees and register by **May 14 for volleyball, tennis, golf, morning rec, arts & crafts, basketball, track and gymnastics**.

Kids currently in grades 1-3 can sign up for **Paint and Snack Classes** on May 20, June 24 and July 22. Sign up for one class or for all 3. Fee is \$33 per class.

**Defensive Driving Classes** allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. The **Beginning Class** — June 10 and 17 (4 hours each evening). **Refresher 4-Hour Classes** are May 27, Aug. 19.

### Sanford sponsors virtual 5K

Sanford Health Luverne will host a virtual 5K run June 1 through 8 in conjunction with Buffalo Days in Luverne. Registration deadline is May 17 to receive a T-shirt. Participants may register online at <https://www.Allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=78003>. Call 507-449-1243 after completing the 5K in order to be eligible for prizes.

### Tax assistance available

United Community Action Partnership offers free online virtual tax assistance for residents living in Rock County and surrounding communities. See website for details at <https://www.unitedcapmn.org/services/community-family-services/tax-clinic/>. The number to make an appointment and to get intake forms sent via mail is 507-537-1416 ext. #2163. Or email Courtney Newgard at [Newgardcourtney.newgard@unitedcapmn.org](mailto:Newgardcourtney.newgard@unitedcapmn.org). Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the tax filing deadline is extended to May 17.

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# Retired member appointed to fill H-BC School Board vacancy

**By Mavis Fodness**

Former board member Harley Fransman was unanimously appointed to the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board during Monday night's meeting.

Fransman served 13 years on the H-BC Board, retiring in 2018. He served six years as the board's chairman and was instrumental in bringing the district out of statutory operating debt.

Fransman replaces Dan LaRock, who resigned his position on the board earlier this month.

Fransman will join the board May 26. The public has 30 days from Monday's board resolution adoption to challenge the appointment.

Fransman will serve until the November general election. The position will then be open for any eligible resident to file for election to complete the last year of the four-year

term, which expires in 2022.

**In other business, board members:**

- approved adding a full-time elementary teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Estimated salary is \$55,000.

- agreed to join eight to 10 other southwest Minnesota school districts in splitting lawyer fees to answer the Minnesota State High School League's continued requests to replace lost revenue through a second payment to the organization.

H-BC passed a resolution in December to pay a portion of the requested \$4,317 or \$28.22 per student. Instead, H-BC paid \$1,707 or \$11.16 per high school student. H-BC has 104 high school students.

"It's a matter of fairness and how these fees were put out there," Superintendent Holthaus said.

# One teen vandal pays restitution, joins military

**By Lori Sorenson**

Vandalism cases against local teenagers are proceeding through juvenile court, with one defendant paying his share of restitution and now in military basic training.

According to the Rock County Attorney's Office, Gavyn Boll, 17, paid roughly \$1,500 in restitution to be divided among the victims.

Some of Boll's charges were dismissed as part of that negotiation, said David Owens, assistant county attorney.

"To proceed with those charges against Mr. Boll with the new information received would not have been in the best interests of justice," he said.

Boll participated in a string of vandalisms with fellow teen Elliot Stoltenberg, who faces both vandalism and felony assault charges.

The boys, along with two younger juveniles, admitted to destroying property in Luverne City Park when it was decorated with lighted holiday displays.

The criminal complaints outline more than a dozen counts of vandalism in varying degrees and assaults that took place in and around the city of Luverne between December 2020 and February 2021.

The assault charges stem from the use of air-gun style, CO2 powered automatic pistols that were

used to shoot at individuals. At least one incident involved shooting at a pedestrian from a vehicle.

The same weapons are described in damage to property, much of which involved shooting out windows.

The complaint outlines more than a dozen separate incidents of Luverne residents and business owners reporting damage to vehicles or property by a BB-gun style weapon.

Each juvenile reportedly admitted to one or more of the vandalisms and implicated other juveniles.

Boll left Monday for U.S. Marine Corps basic training in San Diego, California, and Owens said this military experience is factored into legal penalties.

"Most were in agreement that the USMC basic training would be more onerous and rehabilitative than juvenile probation," Owens said.

"It is my understanding that a drill sergeant, when their craft is applied appropriately, tends to 'rehabilitate' people quite well."

He said the consensus was also that the courts would rather not discourage someone from serving in the military when they admit to wrongdoing.

Owens said the cases involving the other juveniles are still in negotiation, and it's unclear whether any will proceed to trial.

# Ranger rolls over Saturday

Local first responders were dispatched to a roll-over accident Saturday afternoon on South Highway 75 near the Verne Drive-In.

According to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, a 2018 Polaris Ranger was northbound from the city tree dump when a gust of wind blew open the door.

The driver, Kyle Remme, reportedly swerved in response, causing the vehicle to flip over on the shoulder of the road, pinning his leg underneath. He was taken by ambulance to the emergency room where he was treated for nonlife-threatening injuries.

The Luverne Fire Department and Minnesota State Patrol assisted at the scene.



Shoppers and well-wishers browse among merchandise in the new Redeemed Remnants space in the former Kawasaki building April 15 during ATLAS Ministries ribbon-cutting and grand opening celebration. (Lori Sorenson photos)

## ATLAS Ministries stretches out in new space/from page 1

**More space means more profit to benefit ATLAS**

The 10,000-square-foot Kawasaki building is an improvement over the store's previous 2,300-square foot space downtown primarily because there is more space for larger, higher-dollar items like furniture and appliances.

A typical month's profit in the former space was \$10,000.

"Last month we made \$14,000, and we were closed for a week," Winter said.

She points to the spacious back room where volunteers sort donations. The good, gently used items get sent on to volunteers who get them ready for sale.

Clothing items that are more used and worn get donated to Savers or Justice For All to be given away.

Items that are damaged or stained get shredded for insulation.

Winter said the rapid turnover of donations and sales is dizzying.

"They get things put away, and five more bags come in," she said. "The cool stuff is in and out in minutes."

Store manager Greg Hoogeveen has worked with Redeemed Remnants for three years and said the past few months have been a whirlwind.

"It keeps growing," he said. "It's really taken off."

He said he enjoys seeing community generosity and selling items to benefit ATLAS.

"We get anything and everything," he said, pointing out used high school sporting goods, home electronics, decor and furniture.

When asked if he had anything in stock that was particularly intriguing, he headed toward an aisle with a vintage steamer trunk and stopped.

"Oh, I guess we sold it," he smiled.

To price things he's not familiar with, Hoogeveen said he checks Google, eBay, Etsy and other sites.

Some unique items he sells directly online to get a better price from a wider range of shoppers.



Adjacent to the Redeemed Remnants store space is a worship area leased to New Life Celebration Church. The extra space also serves as office areas for ATLAS staff and volunteers and also community spaces available for rent.



Greg Hoogeveen is the store manager for Redeemed Remnants.

*"A year ago we were in a pandemic, and to even think that we'd have this store only a year later ... to financially be able to do it. Everything is amazing."*

*— Greg Hoogeveen, Redeemed Remnants store manager*

**'Meant to be'**

Hoogeveen said he enjoys the work and the satisfaction of dealing with generous people and seeing the store help ATLAS and its missions.

Lately, he said he's just in awe of the progress made in a short period of time.

"A year ago we were in a pandemic, and to even think that we'd have this store only a year later ... to financially be able to do it," Hoogeveen said. "Everything is amazing."

He said he and ATLAS staff and board members prayed about the big decisions to sell the other building and buy the Kawasaki building, and it's been reaffirming to measure the success.

"We had so many good things happen, it's all just pointing in the direction that we've done the right thing," he said.

"When we were building in here, it worked. It was amazing. With this and the volunteers, there's so much support. It was meant to be."

At left, Karen Bosch (left) and Donna Honken sort through donated clothing items and prepare them for sale in the Redeemed Remnants second-hand store.



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## Life's influences come from the people we meet

A forgotten influence recently came to mind with the news of Walter Mondale's death. The memory took me back to Augustana College as an 18-year-old freshman.



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, reporter

*"Where's the beef?"  
Where are the solutions we can discuss?"*

The 1984 presidential campaign featured Democratic presidential candidate Mondale, and I was one of a small group of Young Democrats on campus.

Like me, he was a Minnesota native, and my political leanings were beginning to take root in his Democratic ideals.

Through the years I have voted for Democrats, Republicans and Independents. It's the person that draws my attention and how he or she intends to move the nation forward.

I met Mondale in person a couple of years ago at the 2016 Minnesota Newspaper Association Convention. I shook his hand and told him of his influence in my political thinking. Ever so gracious, he thanked me for my support all those years ago and encouraged my continued input into community journalism.

I wrote about that meeting in a 2016 column. I recall him stating that it's the business of newspapers to ask questions and form public opinion.

Politics and public opinions today are very divisive. It's also "your view is wrong," and no solutions or common ground is ever established.

Mondale famously asked "Where's the beef?" in the

1984 presidential nomination debate. In essence, he asked his Democratic opponents to stop with the BS and bring legitimate ideas to the table for discussion. The sentiment still applies today. "Where's the beef?" Where are the solutions we can discuss?

I will miss Mondale and those like him in politics today who graciously model what public service and private behavior should be.

In his memoir, "A Good Fight," he wrote about his confidence that government could be used to better people's lives, even though it appears that others don't share the same philosophy. "My faith has not dimmed. But I also came to understand that voters didn't simply put us in office to write laws or correct the wrongs of the moment. They were asking us to safeguard the remarkable nation our founders left us and leave it better for our children."

We should all strive to think and act more like Mondale.

## Stop waiting for someone else to do it

*We can learn from area students who embraced spirit of Earth Day*

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Youthful exuberance was palpable Friday as Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary students exited the school bus at the Hills Rez Park.

They were laughing, running after each other and just plain excited to be outdoors.

The change of scenery, however, didn't mean they weren't learning.

Last Thursday was Earth Day, a day to protect the environment and focus on conservation.

Our prairie landscape needs to be protected, appreciated and recognized for the mental renewal offered in the fresh outdoor air.

Unfortunately, not all kids in the U.S. are able to have that experience, because green areas in some urban areas are just not there — the land is needed for housing, streets, commercial buildings, everything that makes up a big city.

Here in Rock County, however, we are happy to see our students embracing what living in a rural area can offer.

Last week the Star Herald published a story about the new seed library offered through the Rock County Library.

Even though we are surrounded by acres of corn and soybeans, Rock County is, by definition, a "food desert."

Being a food desert means the majority of our residents are not within walking distance of a grocery store with fresh fruits and vegetables, the building blocks to a healthier lifestyle. Instead, processed, inexpensive foods can easily be purchased, but these foods are not good for our health.

The seed library allows patrons to start their own gardens, to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

Along with the free seeds, the library has reference materials available to show how gardening is done.

If reading is not to your liking, the library can connect patrons to people who will eagerly help start gardens in a backyard or even in containers that don't take up much

room.

One of the H-BC students cleaning at the Rez stated, "There are a lot of food wrappers out here."

One simple way to help the environment is "picking up after oneself."

Last fall the guest speaker at Luverne High School's National Honor Society induction said his mentor would pick up garbage from the ground.

He stated he wasn't going to wait for someone else to clean up the community. He was going to just do it.

We also need to just do it.

When you see an errant food wrapper, plastic bottle and other garbage on the ground, don't just walk by — pick it up and dispose of the litter properly.

Let's keep our communities clean and enjoyable for decades to come.



## Reduce risks of motorcycle crash with three simple steps

**Question:** Can you talk about motorcycle safety going into spring riding?

**Answer:** With everything going on in the world today, a motorcycle ride can be the perfect escape. Leave your worries behind, put that helmet on, and head for the open road. Here are steps you can take to reduce your risk of crashing:

- Ride sober.
- Wear highly visible protective gear, including a brightly colored helmet.
- Have a good riding strategy for every ride. Wearing proper protective gear can help keep you safe in case of a crash, but having good riding skills can prevent a crash from happening in the first place.

Motorcycle training is a great way to develop and improve safe riding skills, but time is running out to register for the Basic Rider Course (BRC) to earn your endorsement. More than 1,300 riders took the BRC in the first two months of the training season, which started the first week of June, and nearly 300 more riders took other MMSC training courses. Register



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

now for one of the 22 locations throughout Minnesota.

There are a limited number of intermediate courses still available too. This course is a great way to practice riding a new motorcycle

or riding with a passenger. You can take the intermediate course with a passenger for no additional charge.

MMSC offers advanced and expert training courses too, but those have wrapped up for the season.

Challenge yourself to take a training course every year or two to keep your riding skills sharp — after all, training can make a huge difference in avoiding crashes. You can find details about all the training courses on the MMSC's website, including eligibility requirements for each level.

*Additional information can be found on the Department of Public Safety's blog: <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20200824-make-every-motorcycle-ride-safe.aspx> If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, [Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us](mailto:Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us))*

### VOICE OF OUR READERS

#### Sasker: 'Glad to call Luverne home'

**To the Editor:**

I wrote a letter to the editor years ago and never sent it.

This is that letter in part: It happened again like so many times before. I am in a store in Luverne and I hear a clerk refer a customer to another store because they didn't have the item asked for.

I thought, "Wow! This is commendable, no competition for business; just people helping people." And I have lost count how many times it has happened to me personally.

I am a transplant to Luverne and I love it here. This is one of the reasons I am glad to call Luverne home.

Clerks, carry on —

**Marilyn Sasker, Luverne**

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

April 16

•Complainant on 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Hills, reported a vehicle with nobody around.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Driver history was requested.

•Complainant from Interstate 90 to County Road 4 reported vehicle for driving conduct.

•Complainant on Central Avenue and Main Street, Kenneth, reported an assault.

•Complainant on S. Cottage Grove reported trespassing.

April 17

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Beaver Creek, reported a metal gate or ramp in roadway.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about an active OFP.

•Complainant on Veterans Drive reported harassing communications.

•Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported subject walking down the street holding a cardboard box.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested deputy for combative patient.

•Complainant east-bound on County Road 4 to Magnolia reported hazardous driving.

•Complainant on 121<sup>st</sup> Street and 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Luverne, reported a suspicious vehicle.

•Complainant on S. Fourth Street, Beaver Creek, reported kids on four-wheeler/ATVs at location.

April 18

•Complainant on County Road 4 and County Road 17, Manley, reported vehicle and train accident.

•Complainant on Elmwood Avenue reported theft from his driveway.

•Complainant on Highway 23 reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Main and Donaldson reported a tree down and blocking roadway.

•Complainant on E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hardwick, reported threats.

April 19

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported identity theft.

•Complainant requested assistance in investigation of a crime.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a reckless driver.

•Complainant on S. Kniss

Avenue reported someone videotaping her.

April 20

•Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported someone harassing him.

•Complainant on 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick, requested to speak to a deputy about a property dispute.

•Complainant on W. Hating Street reported a fire at location.

April 21

•Complainant on Highway 75 and Dodge reported a crosswalk light malfunction.

•Complainant on S. West Park Street reported suspicious behavior.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a gas spill.

•Complainant on N. Linden Street requested deputy for intoxicated, aggressive male.

April 22

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia, reported a ladder on road.

•Complainant reported a hit and run accident.

•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 13-14, Luverne, requested deputy assistance.

•Complainant southbound on Highway 75 from Pipestone County, requested assistance in locating a vehicle involved in an accident.

•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported an act of vandalism.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 32, Luverne, reported poor driving conduct.

•Complainant on Cedar Street reported a woman screaming and a pellet gun sound.

April 23

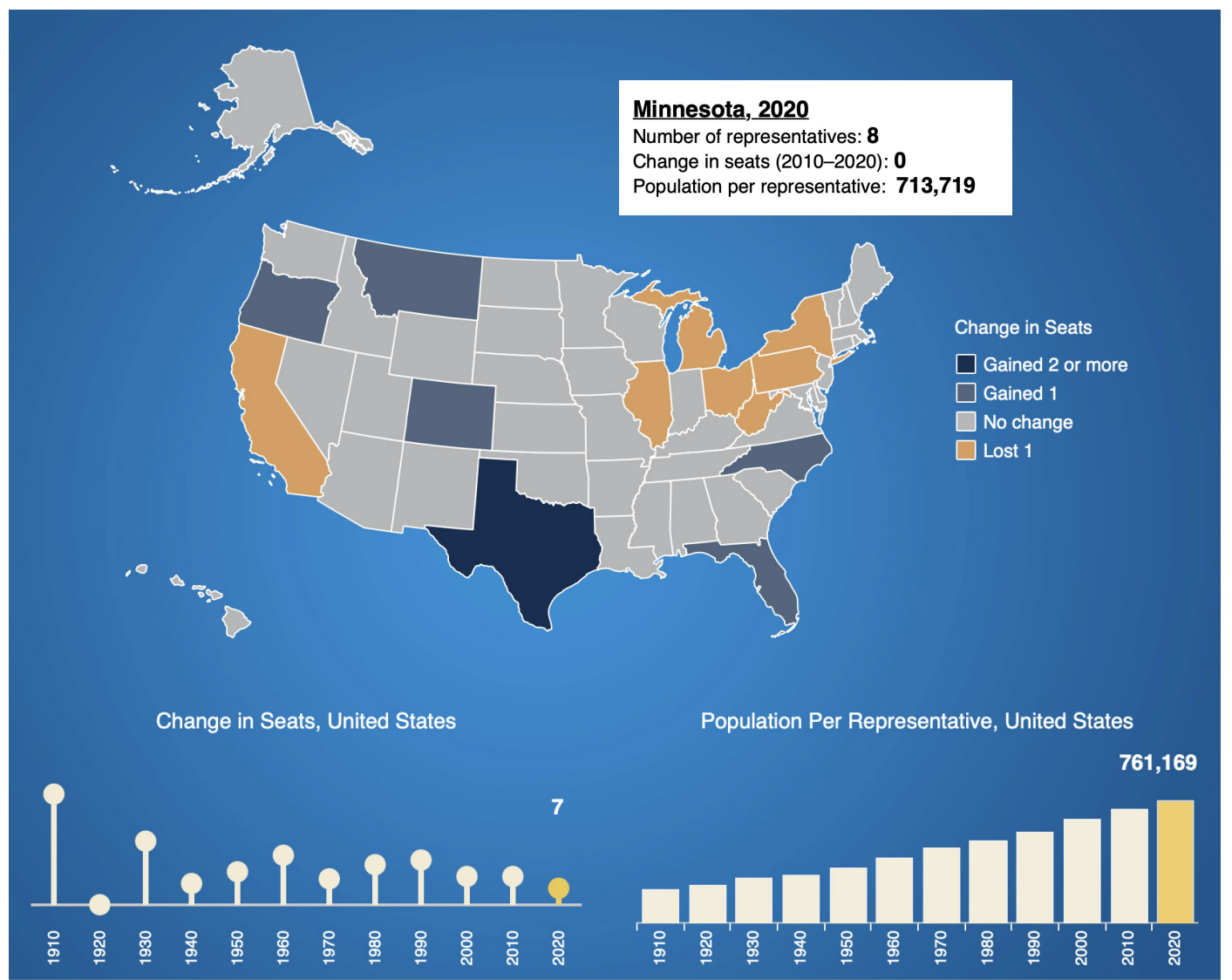
•Complainant on 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue requested deputy for disorderly son.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle.

•Complainant reported a disorderly party.

•Complainant on 121<sup>st</sup> Street reported a grass fire.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 8 escorts, 14 ambulance runs, 15 paper services, 9 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 31 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 8 alarms, 4 drug court tests, 12 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 5 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests and 4 welfare checks.



Apportionment is the process of distributing representatives (or seats) in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states based on the apportionment population counts from the decennial census. Population per representative is calculated by dividing the apportionment population count by the number of representatives.

## First census data show Minnesota keeps its eight congressional seats

On Monday the U.S. Census Bureau released the first population data from Census 2020, showing that Minnesota grew enough to hold on to all eight of its congressional seats.

The state's population grew by 7.6 percent to 5,706,494, outpacing most Midwestern states and keeping pace with the national average.

The nationwide head count showed that the country's population on April 1, 2020, was 331,449,281, up from 308,745,538 in 2010, for a 7.4 percent increase.

"I want to thank Minnesotans for their nation-leading civic engagement, which made us the No. 1 state in responding to the census," said Governor Tim Walz.

"Because of that participation, we will be fully represented in Washington and will have access to federal resources we need to improve our infrastructure, fund our schools, and support our health care system."

Minnesota hung on to the 435th seat in Congress by a close

margin — less than 1,000 people.

Keeping all eight representatives in the U.S. House means maintaining the clout that helps bring home federal funding for schools, highways, and health care.

"Losing one district would have been a serious blow to the state," said Susan Brower, state demographer.

"Had Minnesota lost that seat, each of the remaining seven districts would have had to grow by 102,000 people, setting off a complex realignment or redistricting of the state's political map."

She said the impact in greater Minnesota where the districts are already quite large would have been especially difficult.

Minnesota led the nation in self-response to the census, with 75.1 percent of households returning their census form without additional follow-up from a census taker.

Efforts by governments, non-profit groups, and advocates

ensured that residents that are typically undercounted, like college students, the homeless, apartment dwellers, snowbirds, rural areas, and black, indigenous, and people of color were motivated to fill out their census forms.

"Our great self-response rate gave Minnesota an edge over other states that didn't respond as thoroughly," said Brower.

"Minnesotans are historically very civically engaged, and that carried through to their participation in the 2020 Census."

States losing one seat in Congress included California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

States gaining one or more seats in Congress included Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina, Oregon and Texas (+2).

Block level census data that are used in the redistricting process to create new map boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts will be released in August 2021.

## H-BC walk-a-thon event yields nearly \$6,000

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School raised nearly \$6,000 in a fundraiser organized by the Parent-Teacher Association.

The walk-a-thon accepted pledges from March 30 through April 8, and students completed the walk-a-thon on April 9.

This is the second year for the

fundraiser, which supports indoor recess activities, classroom supplies for teachers, quiz bowl and special student activities. Last year the first walk-a-thon raised \$6,300.

## Luverne's Tunnissen places in Minnesota state speech tournament/continued from page 2

event looking to improve his previous appearances of 19th place in 2018 and 12th in 2019.

"I want to do better than I did the year before. My goal is definitely to beat the 12th place finish I had last time," Tunnissen said.

At Saturday's state meet, he did just that, taking seventh place in extemporaneous speaking.

Tunnissen said he'd added humor into his speeches this year.

He focuses on the domestic categories in extemporaneous speaking,

where he draws a topic and prepares a speech in 30 minutes. Topics are either domestic or international in nature and center on politics, economics or current affairs.

"A lot of time (my) extemp is trying to present really boring information in a really funny, digestible way," he said. "I have always been a big fan, more than other people, of funny intros."

Tunnissen frequently cited song lyrics such as Jason Aldean's "Big Green Tractor" this season. He recently added lyrics from

rapper Snoop Dog to the ideal speech length of seven minutes.

Each extemporaneous speech includes an introduction, three major topic points and a formed conclusion.

Caroline Thorson coaches the LHS speech team with adviser Gavin Folkestad.

"Kids in speech have to be self-motivators," she

said.

The white board in Thorson's classroom was filled with extemporaneous speaking topics and speaking points this week, as Tunnissen and sophomore Parker Carbonneau and Zander Carbonneau prepared for the state competition.

Tunnissen is passing on the knowledge he gained from other student

mentors, LHS graduates Dylan Thorson and Shane Berning, who both medaled at previous state tournaments in extemporaneous speaking.

From experience Tunnissen knew coming into the state competition that judges pay attention to more than a funny introduction.

"At the state level, the judges are looking at the

content," he said. "The judges really know the topics and you really have to know your sources and stuff."

Tunnissen said he is proud the LHS team claimed the top three extemporaneous speaking placings for the Section 3A speech championship.

"We've always had at least two," he said. "This is the first year with three."



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County  
Historical Society

**1942: All  
businesses  
close Saturday  
at same time**

*The following appeared  
in The Rock County Herald  
on Jan. 9, 1942.*

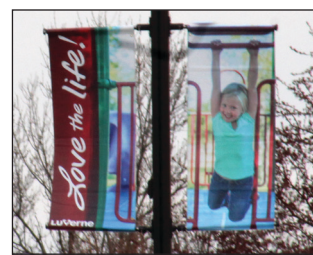
**9 P.M. Saturday  
Closing Advised**

**Civic And Commerce  
Executive Committee  
Holds First Meeting**

Holding its first meeting in the Luverne National bank, the new executive board of the Luverne Civic and Commerce association recommended Monday evening that all retail businesses in this city close promptly at 9 p.m. on Saturday nights. The proposition was advanced as a defense conservation measure, in order to save fuel and power.

Three committee chairmen for the coming year were appointed at the meeting by President Elmer Piegras.

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## Changing of the banners

Crews with the city of Luverne spent two days last week updating the banners along Highway 75 and Main Street. Annie Opitz with Quality Printing, Luverne, served on the committee that selected the pictures for the 16 different depictions of local residents enjoying city amenities, honoring veterans and highlighting the health care community, the school and the state park. This year's design has the picture printed on both banners that hang on a single light pole.

**Left:** City crews also hung 91 banners honoring Luverne High School's Class of 2021 along each side of Main Street. Opitz said parent boosters sponsored the cost of the graduation banners what will hang on the light pole into the fall. Graduates will be able to keep their banners after removal.

Mavis Fodness photos/0429 New Banners

## CELEBRATIONS

### Open House

**Jo Mann** will celebrate her retirement from day care with a "come and go" gathering at the Howling Dog on Tuesday, May 4, beginning at 6 p.m. Greetings may be sent to 1015 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, May 3:** Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, frosted cake.

**Tuesday, May 4:** Chef's choice, vegetable, fruit, bread, dessert.

**Wednesday, May 5:** Chicken parmesan, spaghetti, broccoli, dessert.

**Thursday, May 6:** Barbecue pork riblet on a bun, coleslaw, fresh fruit, gelatin with whipped topping.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

**Friday, May 7:** Chicken-fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dessert.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

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](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

The year was 1962 when three teenagers from Pipestone and Luverne formed a group called The Starflies. They were lead singer and guitarist Steve Ellis, Pipestone, drummer Butch Hatting and guitarist Jim Brandenburg, both of Luverne.

The band was widely known in its day, and on April 16 it was inducted into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association Hall of Fame.

Hatting — who still lives in Luverne and who still plays drums — is the only one of the original three Starflies who was available to accept the honor on behalf of the band in Sioux Falls. ...

Brandenburg was unable to attend the induction, but he told the Star Herald he wishes he could have been there. ...

Ellis died in a motorcycle accident in 1967, and the Starflies group members included other band members who came and went.

Several of those musicians attended the ceremony and were able to perform some Starflies numbers on stage. That included bass guitarist Mike Mulligan, Luverne, who joined the group in later years.

### 25 years ago (1996)

The third year of Raku Madness drew about 25 potters and interested artists from the tri-state area to the back yard of the Carnegie Cultural Center last weekend.

For two days, they shaped and fired pots. With two top hat kilns going in the backyard of the Center, the group completed nearly 60 posts by Saturday evening and enjoyed the social aspects of shared meals and work.

Michael Hill, an art instructor at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, demonstrated the Raku process and helped participants remove glowing pots from the kiln and manipulate flames to achieve just the right desired effect.

The Rock County Fine Arts Association, which sponsors the event, is already planning a fourth Raku Madness in 1997.

### 50 years ago (1971)

Federal funds totaling \$280,000 have been approved for a water and sewer system for the village of Magnolia, Congressman Ancher Nelsen's office notified the Star Herald this week.

The Farmers Home Administration Tuesday approved a loan of \$180,000, and an outright grant of \$100,000 for the project, which will include the installation of water and sewer system to serve 75 homes and business establishments in the community. The Farmers Home Administration, a Department of Agriculture rural credit service, has set 40 years as the period over which the loan must be repaid. The interest rate has been set at 5 per cent.

When work will commence is not known, Mayor Eldor Olson said, "Even though the grant has been approved, there's a lot yet to be done before we can go ahead with it."

### 75 years ago (1946)

A new firm, Leuthold & Bauer, will open for business in Luverne September 1 in the Hudson building. The firm will feature clothing, furnishings and shoes for men and boys.

The new owners will take possession of the building July 1. Mr. Hudson said his future plans are indefinite.

### 100 years ago (1921)

The newly organized Beaver Creek American Legion base ball club will open the season next Sunday afternoon with a game with the Hardwick base ball team to be played on Dunn's field, two miles east of Beaver Creek.

The line-up for the Beaver Creek team is Dell McCoy, left field; Frank McGee, first base; Jack Hall, catcher; C. C. Lauxman, third base; Euell Linnell, shortstop; Celos Hettinger, center field; W. M. Roberg, right field; Louis Jansma, second base, and Ed Grimm, pitcher.

This club has received new suits from the Spaulding Co., which are of blue gray with blue trimmings, and embellished with the American Legion emblem. Under the management of Mr. Hall it gives promise of playing a prominent role in the house ball circles of this section this season.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Area students graduate from Minnesota West Thursday, Friday

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has announced its graduation dates and locations, as well as names of those who will receive diplomas.

All ceremonies will be live-streamed at [www.facebook.com/MinnesotaWest](http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaWest).

The Luverne Center ceremony will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 29, for all programs. Due to the pandemic, graduates are limited to two guests.

Graduation at the Pipestone Campus is at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 29, for all programs.

The Worthington Campus ceremony for Law Enforcement Program is at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, and the Liberal Arts ceremony is at 1 p.m. Friday, April 30, both at the college's for Health and Wellness Gymnasium. Ceremonies for all other programs on the Worthington campus are at 3 p.m. Friday, April 30.

The following are graduation candidates for Minnesota West:

**Luverne:** Heather Alderson, Heather Frey, Justyce Ripka, Courtney Nath, Nathaniel Shuler, Michaela Van Grootheest. **Adrian:** Heather Kruse, Elizabeth Tosch, Emily Zemler. **Ellsworth:** Jennifer Reyes Rivera. **Hills:** Valerie Meinerts. **Lismore:** Sydney Knips, Ernesto Rivera Mercado. **Steen:** Larissa Kruid.

## Early planting is essential for starting strawberry patch

Our spring weather certainly has been unstable this year. I don't understand how a tulip flower stem can survive 16 degrees and still stand firm and continue on to a beautiful flower.

My blooming daffodils didn't come through the cold as well. The leaves are still green so they can feed the bulb to develop the flower for next year.

That is why we stress the importance of leaving the leaves of spring-flowering bulbs intact until they turn yellow. Those weeks between flowering and the foliage maturing and drying down is when the flower bud is forming in the bulb for the next season.

That is the tricky part of cutting tulips for cut flowers. Often the stem of the flower isn't very tall, but you don't want to cut more than one leaf with the flower because of the needed energy produced by the foliage to replenish the bulb.

For the cut flower market, the bulb is disposed of after the flower is produced. But in our garden, we want the bulbs to keep blooming for consecutive years.

I am writing this on Sunday night. We have had cold wind, rain and snow today, but tomorrow is predicted to be warm in comparison to the previous weeks. So, tomorrow I will be in the garden planting as fast as I can because rain is predicted for Tuesday, and the 15-day forecast doesn't show any below freezing temperatures. That doesn't mean planting tomatoes, peppers or any of the tender plants. The soil temperature isn't warm enough for that at this point. The crops I will plant are the cole crops like cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, and lettuce, peas, carrots, radish, spinach, beets and onions. These vegetables all benefit from getting started while the soil temperature is cool.

If you are hoping to get a strawberry patch started, early planting is essential, especially if you are planting bare root plants (dormant plants not growing in a container).

You have the choice of June-bearing, which produce for a



## KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema,  
Luverne Horticulturalist

couple of weeks in late June, or ever-bearing, which produce a crop in late June, take the month of July off and then start yielding again in August. They will continue blooming and producing until it gets too cold in the fall.

The ever-bearing variety I grow is Seascape. I grow that one because I appreciate fresh for as long as possible for the season. They definitely are more work because you absolutely have to keep harvesting to avoid damage from insects that are attracted by overripe fruit.

Spotted Wing Drosophila is a fruit fly pest in our area, and strawberries are one of their favorites. The June-bearing varieties are usually finished before the insect population becomes a problem.

If the season is hot and dry, strawberries need an inch of water per week to produce good fruit. If you need to irrigate, NEVER water overhead with a sprinkler. That is the surest way to invite disease that will ruin the fruit. Rain is different in that it usually doesn't last long; however, a prolonged period of rain will cause the same problem.

Hope you are getting outdoors in the morning to hear the bird choir practicing... absolutely amazing.

*Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at [flowergb@iw.net](mailto:flowergb@iw.net).*

## OBITUARIES

### Roger Achterhof

Roger Dale Achterhof, 80, Rochester, died peacefully at his home April 26, 2021, enveloped in the love of family and caregivers from Visiting Angels and Mayo Clinic Hospice.

Tipping the scales at 12.5 pounds, he was born at home July 18, 1940, in Sioux Center, Iowa, to L.W. (Lawrence) and Jeanetta (Jean) Achterhof. At birth he inherited his father's indomitable work ethic and business acumen and his mother's loving kindness and caring, gentle nature.

Roger entered the business world when he began delivering the Sioux City Journal in his hometown at age eight. Two years later he heard about a commercial popcorn machine lying dormant in the basement of a local store. After youthful negotiating, he purchased the machine for \$10 from his newspaper delivery profits. He rigged-up a portable popcorn stand and hired his brother and his friends as vendors. Roger's popcorn stand and enticing aroma of freshly popped corn became a fixture at the town's Saturday shopping nights, outdoor summer band concerts in the park and county fair. With the proceeds from his popcorn stand, which continued through high school, 15-year-old Roger and his 12-year-old brother, Doug, had an A&W drive-in restaurant built on the highway through town. He also secured a loan, co-signed by his father, through a local bank. The drive-in, open from spring through fall, was sold in 1961 and paid for the boys' college educations.

Life wasn't all work and no play. Before he graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1958, Roger had attained the Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow Honors in the Boy Scouts. He also served as a Boy Scout camp counselor at Okoboji, Iowa, for two years, was a lifeguard and swimming instructor at Sandy Hollow, the town's swimming spot. In high school he served in student government and played varsity basketball. He was a



multi-tasker before it became a catch-phrase.

He graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, June 4, 1962. On that same day, he married Carole Risselada, who was a sophomore at Hope. His lifetime laugh line was, "I received my bachelor's degree in the morning and lost it at night." While in college Roger was active in class presidencies, Phi Kappa Alpha and his double majors in chemistry and biology. The couple moved to the University of Iowa, where Roger did graduate studies in chemistry for two years, after which he was recruited by Lederle Laboratories as a pharmaceutical representative in Duluth, Minnesota. While there from 1964-1968 Roger savored life: the births of two daughters, his work as a Boy Scout leader and recipient of the Silver Scout Award, and his pursuits of hunting, fishing and golf.

In 1968 Roger became part-owner and manager of Luverne Dehydrated Products, an ag-business which converted alfalfa into pellets for livestock feed in Luverne, Minnesota. After a short time, the couple had two more daughters and bought a farm with a 100-year-old farmhouse, living there from 1974-1987. Roger earned his private pilot license and co-owned a Cessna. He became active in Green Earth Players, a community theater group, and served as president and board member of the Southwest MN Arts and Humanities Council. His favorite pastimes were farming, flying, golfing and hunting deer in Wyoming with his brother and father.

While the couple lived in Luverne, their second daughter, Linda, endured many neurosurgeries. They lost their fourth daughter, Kate, 7, to cancer in 1980 and their third daughter, Marta, sustained a traumatic brain

injury in a one-car accident in 1987. After coming out of a two-year coma, she came home to live. Throughout all of these crises, Roger was a rock. He sold Luverne Dehy in 1984 and started FGL Commodities Brokerage in Luverne. The business thrived and was sold in 2002 when Roger retired.

Roger, Carole and Marta moved permanently to their summer home on Little Spirit Lake, Jackson County, Minnesota, in 1994. Roger's outside interests then were focused on fishing, golfing and traveling. Until Covid-19 hit in early 2020, the couple traveled extensively to North America, Central America, Europe, the Caribbean, and a side trip to Africa. They golfed whenever possible and relished every adventure they shared together. In 2015 the threesome moved to Rochester, primarily in hopes of living closer to Mayo Clinic, which Roger frequented often, and also finding a new permanent home for Marta, which was happily realized.

Roger is preceded in death by his daughter, Kate, his parents and his sister, DeeDee Kock.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Carole; three daughters, Kristin Achterhof (Glenn Ronaldson), Hinsdale, Illinois, Linda Davis (Jim), Rochester, Marta Achterhof, Rochester. His grandchildren; Sidney Davis, Boston, MA, Rutger and Landon Ronaldson, Hinsdale, IL. He is also survived by a brother, Douglas Achterhof (Karen), Sheridan, WY, and sister, Beverly Rohl, Rapid City, South Dakota.

All who knew Roger will miss him dearly.

A private memorial service will be held in June.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Mayo Clinic Hospice, phone number: 507-284-2264, or you can make a donation online by visiting: philanthropy.mayoclinic.org, in memory of Roger Achterhof, designating/ supporting the hospice care team.

(0429 V)

### Lennis 'Red' Arndt

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

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

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

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

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

line foreman. He was on the



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

Red was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in

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

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

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

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

(0422 F)

## DEATH NOTICES

### Velma Brommer

Velma Arlene Brommer, 87, Rock Rapids, Iowa, formerly of Ordway, Colorado, died Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Graveside services were Friday, April 23, at Valley View Cemetery in Ordway. In-

terment was in the Valley View Cemetery in Ordway.

Arrangements were provided by Ford-Ustick Funeral Home, www.fordustick.com. (0429 DN)

### Theodore Van Peursem

Theodore "Bud" Van Peursem, 89, Leota, died Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Friday, April 23, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. Burial

was at the Leota Community Cemetery.

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

(0429 DN)

### Bits/continued from page 6

They are: R. A. Ronlund, retailers' committee; Irid Bjerk, agriculture committee; and Sidney Hammer, finance and membership committee.

Five members of the Luverne association attended the annual meeting of the Rock Rapids Civic and Commerce association

Tuesday evening, when they conferred with officials there relative to the Iowa group's paid secretary set-up. A secretary for the local organization will be appointed in the near future. Those who went to Rock Rapids were President Piepgras, Charles Merrill, R. A. Ronlund, Dr. G.

N. Getman and Fred Herman.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

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## Cardinals' baseball team wins three games to remain perfect, improves to 6-0

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals baseball team went 3-0 last week to remain undefeated. With two wins over St. James and a win over Fairmont, the Cardinals improved to 6-0 on the season.

"Most of our games could have gone either way in the win-loss column," Luverne head coach Mike Wenninger said.

"Teams are very competitive and for the most part equal in talent. We have struggled defensively, which will catch up with us if we don't work to improve."

In St. James on Thursday, April 22, the Cardinals defeated St. James 8-2 and 10-0.

The Cardinals then returned home on Friday, April 23, and defeated Fairmont 3-2.

The Cardinals won their first game of the doubleheader against St. James, 8-2.

The Cardinals scored five runs in the first two innings to take an early 5-0 lead.

St. James was able to get one run back in the bottom



Brennen Rupp photos/0429LHS baseball  
Luverne's Connor Connell fires in a pitch against Fairmont on Friday, April 23. Luverne defeated Fairmont 3-2 to improve to 6-0 on the season.

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## LHS track competes in Redwood Falls

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne track and field team competed in Redwood Falls on Friday, April 23. The Cardinals competed against Redwood Valley, Waseca and Jackson County Central.

Gracie Zewiske took home first place in the 100 and 200 meters. The senior sprinter finished with a time of 13 seconds, five milliseconds. In the 200 meters she crossed the finish line with a time of 27.25.

Christina Wagner finished fourth in the 200 with a time of 29.51.

In the 400, Tiana Lais took home first with a time of 1:05.10. Avarie Brecher finished third with a time of 1:12.00.

The Cardinals had three athletes finish in the Top 5 in the 800. Tenley Nelson took home first place with a time of 2:30.23. Elizabeth Wagner finished second with a time of 2:41.68. Maria Rops finished fourth

with a time of 2:46.60.

Jenna DeBates finished second in the 1,600 with a time of 5:23.30. Grace Ingebretson placed third with a time of 5:58.94.

In the 3,200, Kayla Bloemendaal finished fourth with a time of 13:33.69.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Regan Feit placed first with a time of 16:88. Kendra Thorson finished fifth with a time of 21:10.

Feit earned first place in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 48:53.

Elizabeth Wagner placed first in the high jump with a leap of 5-0. Mia Wenzel placed fourth with a jump of 4-6.

In the long jump, Christina Wagner placed second with a leap of 14-11.5. Lais placed third with a jump of 14-10-5.

Thorson finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 30-6.

Joceyln Hart took home first in the discus with a throw of 102-7. Jadyn

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## Golf season in full swing as Cardinals open conference play

By Brennen Rupp

Mother Nature delayed the start of the season for the Luverne golf team, but the Cardinals are in full swing now.

They competed in three meets this past week. The boys' and girls' teams hosted Adrian on Tuesday, April 20. Luverne then hosted a Big Southwest division meet.

On Monday, April 26, the Cardinals traveled to Marshall for a conference meet.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Cardinals slayed the Dragons at the Luverne Country Club, 169-180.

Henry Hartquist was the top individual performer with a round of 38.

Brady Bork finished fourth with a score of 42.

Colin Schoeneman finished with a score of 44 to place fifth.

A total of six teams competed in the Big South meet in Luverne on Thursday, April 22.

The Cardinals took home



Sam Thiel Marshall Independent/0429LHS Golf  
Luverne's Brady Bork makes a putt on Monday, April 26.

first place by finishing with a score of 167. Marshall finished second overall with a score of 175. Redwood Valley finished third with a score of 179.

Hartquist was the top

individual performer with a score of 38.

Luverne's Owen Sudenga finished one stroke off the pace with a score of 39 to

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## Luverne tennis continues hot start to season with victory over Worthington

By Brennen Rupp

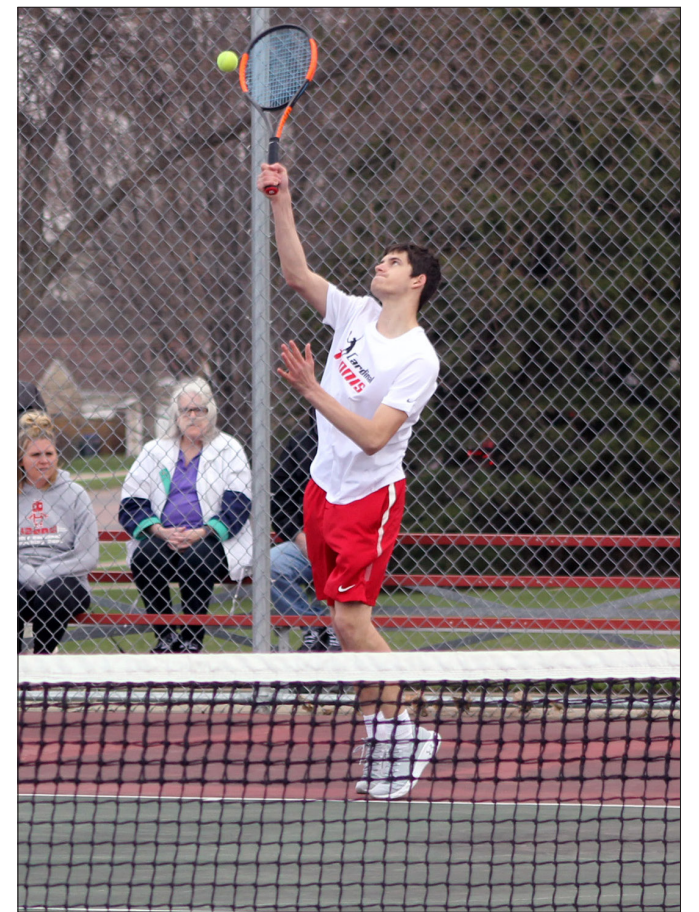
The Luverne tennis players continued their hot start to the season on Thursday, April 22, by defeating the Worthington Trojans 5-2 in Luverne. With the match victory the Cardinals improved to 6-0 on the season.

"The players' attitudes tell the whole story," Luverne head coach Lucas Larson said. "They hold themselves accountable and put in the work that fosters success. I could not have asked for a better group of leaders on the squad."

Pierce Cunningham, Luverne's No. 1 singles player, didn't lose a set in his match. He defeated Alec Langerud 6-0 and 6-0.

Griffen Jarchow defeated Benjamin Schrieber 6-1 in the first set. Jarchow won the second set 6-0 to pick up the match victory.

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Brennen Rupp photos/0429LHS Tennis  
Jayson Rops serves during a doubles match against Worthington on Thursday, April 22, in Luverne.

## Luverne softball players drop doubleheader against St. James, fall to 2-4 overall

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne softball team dropped a pair of games on Tuesday, April 29, against St. James in Luverne.

Luverne lost the first game of the doubleheader 10-4 and then dropped Game 2 by a score of 14-3.

The pair of losses dropped Luverne's overall record to 2-4.

St. James 10, LHS 4

St. James scored four runs in the first four innings. The visiting team added three more runs in the sixth inning to build a 7-0 lead.

In the top of the seventh inning, St. James scored two runs to take a 10-0 lead.

The Cardinals scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but the 10-run deficit was too much to overcome for the home team.



Brennen Rupp photos/0429LHS softball  
Carly Olson swings the bat during Luverne's matchup against St. James on Thursday, April 22.

Carly Olson went 3-4 at the plate with a double. Olson also drove in all four

runs for the Cardinals. Roz Oye collected two hits for the Cardinals.

St. James 14, LHS 3

The Cardinals scored one run in the top of the first inning in Game 2 against St. James.

That lead didn't last long, as St. James scored three runs in the bottom half of the inning.

St. James added five runs in the second inning to build an 8-1 lead.

The visiting team tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the third inning to build a 10-1 lead.

Luverne got two runs back in the top of the fourth inning to trim St. James' lead to 10-3. St. James added four runs in the bottom half of the inning to open up a 14-3 lead.

Oye picked up two hits and drove in one run for the Cardinals.

Luverne hosts the Adrian Dragons at home Tuesday, April 27.

## Van Maanen places first to lead H-BC golf

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team competed in two meets this past week.

On Tuesday, April 20, the H-BC girls took home first place, while the boys placed third.

In Fulda on Thursday, April 22, the boys finished second and the girls placed first.

Meadow Acres

H-BC, Red Rock Central and Southwest Minnesota Christian-Edgerton all competed at Meadow Acres golf course on Tuesday, April 20.

The H-BC girls took home first place with a score of 248. RRC finished second with a score of 260. Southwest Minnesota Christian-Edgerton had an incomplete score.

H-BC's Tess Van Maanen was the top individual performer with a final score of 44.

Hannah Fick placed second for the Patriots with a score of 52.

On the boys' side of things, RRC finished first with a team score of 189. SWMNC shot a 201 to finish second. H-BC shot a 215 to place third.

Damion Meinerts shot a 53 for the Patriots. Austin Allen, Thomas Dysthe and Dallas Page all shot 54s.

Fulda

H-BC, Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda and Westbrook-Walnut Grove all competed in Fulda on Thursday, April 22.

The WWG and HLOF girls' golf teams had incomplete scores, while H-BC finished with a final score of 227.

Van Maanen took home first place for the girls, finishing with a score

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## Team South Dakota kicks off National Hockey Tournament

The South Dakota Girls' 16U and 19U national teams are preparing to depart for Denver for the USA Hockey Tier II national tournaments from April 29 to May 3.

Team South Dakota (TSD) 16U consists of 20 girls from 10 different communities across the state and TSD.

The 19U team has 15 players from seven communities.

The TSD 19U team has three Luverne players on the roster. They include Rylee Gee, Reghan Bork and Mallory Von Tersch.

Players skate for their local hockey associations during the regular season and then come together to

form Team South Dakota for tournament play.

To qualify for nationals, these players participated with their teammates in over 20 games last fall and have now been practicing together since mid March.

Teams from 11 different states will compete in three rounds of pool play, with the top teams advancing to the championship rounds. The Tier II National Championships will be played Monday, May 3.

TSD 16U will hit the ice Thursday, May 29, with their first games at 9:15 a.m. vs the Central New York Bobcats, and TSD 19U will face off against the San Diego Angels at 3:15 p.m.

## Luverne track/from page 8

Hart finished second with a throw of 92-11.

Jocelyn Hart placed first in the shot put with a throw of 35-2. Jady Hart finished third with a toss of 32-4.

Ashton Sandbulte took home first place in the 100 for the boys by crossing the finish line with a time of 11:43.

Arkel McLaughlin finished third with a time of 11:86.

LaShad Smith placed second in the 200 with a time of 24.63.

In the 400, Matthaas Dobbe finished fourth with a time of 1:03.66.

The Cardinals had three long-distance runners place in the Top Three in the 3,200.

Camden Janiszkeski fin-

ished first with a time of 10:34.41. Owen Janiszkeski was third with a time of 11:12.47.

Gavin DeBeer placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 16-7.5.

Eli Radtke finished first in the pole vault. Noah Mehlhaff placed third. Tyler Rolfs placed fourth.

Ethan Teunissen earned second in the discus with a throw of 117-10.

Jordan Friedrichsen finished second in the shot put with a throw of 44-8. Zach Ahrendt placed third with a toss of 43-9.

Teunissen finished fifth with a throw of 39-8.

## Tennis/from page 8

"The higher-ranked players have plenty of experience, which helps the younger players learn the game," Jarchow said.

"It also helps that we get along well as a team and enjoy each other. It makes coming to practice each day something we look forward to and enjoy."

In doubles action Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow defeated David Sternke and Devin Kaddee in straight sets.

The duo of Jayson Rops and John Miller defeated Tyson Henkels and Quentin Burns. Rops and Miller won the first set 7-5 and then

won the second set 6-0 to pick up the match victory.

Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen defeated Alex Mazariegos and Kevin Le in the first set 6-0. The duo then won the second set 7-6.

"Another big factor for our success has been the depth we have in our lower doubles," Larson said. "They have given us some key performances when we needed them to."

The Cardinals will be back in action on Tuesday, April 27, when they welcome St. James to Luverne.

## Luverne golf/from page 8

place second.

The girls' team placed second with a score of 199.

Lauren Hansen and Morgan Gonnerman both shot a 48 to lead Luverne.

Hansen and Gonnerman tied for third with Redwood Valley's Julian Brown.

A total of five teams converged on the Marshall golf course on Monday, April 26.

The Tigers edged out Luverne for the top spot by finishing with a score of 165. The Cardinals finished with a score of 166. Windom placed third with a final score of 174. Hartquist shot a 37 to

lead the Cardinals.

Cooper Arends shot a 40. Brady Bork finished with a round of 44.

Tyler Arends shot a 45 and Sudenga shot a 46. Colin Schoeneman shot a 49.

While the Luverne boys were in Marshall, the girls' golf team was in Windom for a conference meet.

Just like the boys, the Cardinals were one stroke off the leaderboard.

Marshall finished with a round of 207, while the Cardinals finished with a final score of 208.

## H-BC golf/from page 8

of 45.

Fick finished with a round of 59 and Mackenzie Voss shot a 61.

"The 'new to golf' girls have improved every meet and hopefully that will continue," H-BC golf coach Dan Ellingson said.

"It really helps our confidence going into conference play."

For the boys it was HLOF taking home first place with a round of 179. H-BC finished second with a score of 187. WWG shot a 202.

Thomas Dysthe finished third overall with a score of 44.

"The guys put together a good meet," Ellingson said. "We have the ability to be around that 185-190 score each meet. Hopefully we can continue with that good effort as we begin conference play on the 29th."

The Patriots will open up conference play on Thursday, April 29, in Mountain Lake.

## Hills-Beaver Creek's Taryn Rauk competes in Minneosta All-State All-Star basketball game

By Brennen Rupp

For many prep athletes, when their senior season comes to an end, that's the last time they get to play the sport they love at a competitive level.

That's not the case for Hills-Beaver Creek's Taryn Rauk. Following graduation, Rauk will be playing basketball at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Rauk was one of the 40 athletes who competed in the Minnesota All-

State All-Star Game on Saturday, April 24, at Carleton College.

"I was so thankful to be able to compete in the all-state game," Rauk said.

"It was an opportunity that will stick with me for a lifetime. It was so cool to be able to meet girls from all over Minnesota who have the same goals and to be able to play next to some super talented girls."

Rauk finished the game with nine points.

More importantly, she said it was another

opportunity to put on the H-BC jersey one last time.

"It meant the world to me. It was so great to be able to represent the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots one last time."

Rauk was able to enjoy individual and team success during her four years on the H-BC varsity squad. She credits her coaches, teammates and family for all the accolades that she was able to earn on the hardwood.

"I would not have been able to get there without my

coaches that have pushed me every single day and spent endless hours continuing to develop me into a better player," Rauk said.

"My teammates have also played a huge role to get me to where I am today with their endless support and encouragement.

I also could not have done it without my supportive family and community by my side through everything."

## Luverne baseball/continued from page 8

of the second to cut into Luverne's 5-1 lead.

With the Cardinals holding a 5-1 lead heading into the seventh inning, Luverne added three insurance runs to make it an 8-1 ballgame.

St. James scraped across a run in the bottom half of the inning to make the final score 8-2.

The Cardinals limited the home team to just two hits in the game.

Ethan Beyer pitched 6.1 innings, scattering two hits and recording six strikeouts. Connor Connell picked up three hits for the Cardinals, including a double.

Cade Wenninger collected two hits for the Cardinals, including a double.

Luke Bosch drove in a pair of runs for the Cardinals.

Wenninger pitched a no-hitter in the second game of the doubleheader. With the St. James' bats silenced, the Cardinals cruised to a 10-0 victory.

"The team has pitched well as a whole and we've put some quality at bats together



Brennen Rupp photos/0429LHS baseball

Casey Sehr gets under a pop fly during Luverne's matchup against Fairmont on Friday, April 23.

at the right time," Mike Wenninger said.

"Great practices will help us to continue to get better."

Wenninger pitched all five innings, recording six

strikeouts and holding St. James off the basepaths.

At the plate, Wenninger drove in a pair of runs for the Cardinals.

Bailey Cowell hit a double

and drove in a pair of runs for Luverne.

Trygve Gangestad drove in a pair of runs and drew a pair of walks for the Cardinals.

Luverne topped Fairmont 3-2, on Friday, April 23, in Luverne.

The Cardinals were able to tip-toe out of danger in the first inning.

Fairmont loaded the bases, but were unable to cross home plate.

Bailey Cowell led off the bottom of the first with a triple.

Cade Wenninger drove Cowell in and the Cardinals took a 1-0 lead into the second inning.

The Cardinals went on to win the matchup against Fairmont 3-2.

With the win the Cardinals improved to 6-0 on the young season.

The Cardinals will look to stay undefeated on Tuesday, April, 27, when they travel to Pipestone to take on the Pipestone Area Arrows.

## When it comes to habitat, variety is spice of life

### THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoor columnist



that they are looking for the highest spot in the county to crow for the ladies. The more visibility they have, the better chance they have of attracting a harem.

The average rooster male services about a dozen hens. They can do the job for three dozen or more at one time. They will crow and flap their wings to attract the mates they desire.

Roosters actually lose a pretty large percentage of their body weight with this effort. Crowing and flapping, not to mention fighting with rival males, must take a lot of energy.

If you have never seen roosters battling it out, you are missing quite a sight. In the heat of these battles, you can often walk up very close to action.

When the hens lay their clutch and hatch a brood, the tough part of being a pheasant begins. Many chicks will die in the first week. Predation and in some cases cold, wet weather are to blame.

Years ago, I wanted all of

my wildlife habitat to be thick, tall grass. Certain times of the year pheasants will absolutely need this kind of cover. But when you are a pheasant chick, this robust cover can be a killer. Momma hen will move about throughout the day with the chicks following behind. If the cover is too thick, the chicks cannot keep up and they are in many cases just left behind.

Brood cover, as it is called, is much more desirable this time of year. "What is brood cover?" you might ask. This is mix of much shorter and less dense cover, hopefully with lots of forbs and flowers mixed in.

This kind of cover has many open spaces, areas under the leaves and stems with some dirt exposed.

These open areas under the canopy allow the chicks easier walking and allow them to better keep up with their mom. Flowers and forbs are broad leaf plants that are insect incubators. Pheasant chicks survive their first few weeks with insects as their primary food source. Grass-

hoppers are a favorite.

Tall grasses, on the other hand, have almost no insects for baby pheasants to feed on. If you have a wildlife property, it should have a mix of different kinds of habitats or cover so it can fulfill all the needs of pheasant adults and chicks alike for all of the seasons, not just thick cover for the wintertime.

Public lands are strategically designed to provide for all of the needs of wildlife year-round. When seeding new public land acres, I have often seen five to six distinctly different seeding mixes all planted on different parts of the property. This was almost never done in the past, and the more scientific methods used today result in much better and longer-lasting wildlife habitats.

The more attention you pay to wildlife biology, the more you learn about what is and is not good habitat. They all look good from the road, but you need to get out and walk around in them to see just how unique they really are. Take a few hours and do just that this week.

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## St. Catherine Catholic Church

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Roger Sparks, Pastor

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

## First Baptist Church

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Walt Moser, Pastor

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Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Thursday, April 29: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, May 1: 11:30 a.m. Red Arndt memorial service. 5:30 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Sunday, May 2: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Adult study via Zoom. Tuesday, May 4: 9 a.m. staff meeting. Wednesday, April May 5: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 3 p.m.—Close Youth Pizza Ranch fundraiser. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

## Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
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Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

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

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Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, May 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 2: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study. 11 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal. Wednesday, May 5: 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth group. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

## United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529; email: [luverneumc@iw.net](mailto:luverneumc@iw.net)

## Dorrie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, April 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, May 1: 10 a.m. UMW Spring gathering via zoom. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, May 2: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, May 3: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Wednesday, May 5: 6:15 p.m. Last day of FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Last day of Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, May 6: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

## First Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday, May 2: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Monday, May 3: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Wednesday, May 5: 7 p.m. committee meetings. In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

## Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; [www.livingrockswmn.org](http://www.livingrockswmn.org)  
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

## New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. 449-6522; email: [newlifecelebration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelebration@gmail.com)  
Food mission every third Thursday.

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. (507) 669-2855; [zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)  
Jesse Baker, Pastor

## First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, May 2: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran. Masks are highly recommended. Facebook live. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

## Palisade Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, May 2: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are required. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025  
email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto:lori.firstpres@gmail.com)

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

## Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
Ph. 605-215-3429  
email: [magnoliannumc@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliannumc@gmail.com)  
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

## Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270

Sunday, May 2: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 10 a.m. Last day of Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem with Holy Communion. 6 p.m. 8th-9th grade Confirmation. 5:30-7 pm. 9th-12th grade Youth night. 7-8:30 p.m. 6th-8th grade Youth night. Tuesday, May 4: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Village Bible study. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org).

## Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
[hillsure@alliancecom.net](mailto:hillsure@alliancecom.net)  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

## Do you not know? Have you not heard?

Read Isaiah 40:28-31: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (New International Version (NIV)).

Those verses are favorites of many people, or at least the last verse is with its image of soaring like an eagle.

I also have found these verses inspiring over the years, though there have been times when I started reading these verses with Isaiah asking that question, "Have you not heard?" and thought to myself "heard what?"

Isaiah moves on to talking about God as the Creator of the earth and, of course, I've heard that many times. I've been hearing that since I was a child: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth..." That's a beginning Sunday school lesson as well as Apostle's Creed 101.

I've always been convinced Isaiah wants us to hear something more than that. The key word here seems to be "weary." I am sure you'd agree that we all grow weary from time to time. Weary is also a strong word, one that says much more than "I am tired."

Most, if not all, of us have experienced weariness during this past pandemic year. Isaiah says everyone grows weary at some point, no matter your age. Isaiah is trying to make us aware that any and all human beings can

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason  
Cunningham  
First Presbyterian  
Church, Luverne

become weary.

This passage in Isaiah also contains one of those great "But God..." promises that are sprinkled throughout the Bible and are treasures to hold on to. "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." And the reason is that God does not grow weary! Ever!

According to Isaiah, to wait for the Lord is to look up in awe and remember the expansive power and might of the one who created you. To wait for the Lord is to find your small place in God's vast universe of mystery and wonder and know that God is still there with you.

God numbers you. God calls you by name. To wait for the Lord is to be brought to your knees by the knowledge deep within that the only thing greater than the vast reach of the One who stretches the heavens like the canvas of an artist is the vast wonder of God's love and care... for you.

To wait for the Lord is to cling to the very beauty of God and the promise that the Lord does not faint or grow weary.

Isaiah wants us to know for sure — "Have you not heard?" — that God does not faint or grow weary in God's care for you... in God's presence with you... in God's love for you.

Now you know and now you have heard! God does not grow weary, and those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. May you hold on to that promise even as God holds on to you!

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(04-22, 04-29)

## ISD #2184 School Board meets March 25

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,  
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office and also via Zoom on March 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, Jeff Stratton and David Wrigg. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Otedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Jason Phelps, Amy VonHoltum, Becky Rahm, April Wallace, Lloyd Hemme, Kim Stegenga, Sue Reisch, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Becky Rahm and Amy VonHoltum, Luverne Education Association co-chairs, made a presentation to the School Board regarding supplemental insurance through AFLAC.

Administrative Reports were given.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the February 25, 2021, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. It was noted there were no donations received this month.

Superintendent Otedahl gave a building project update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the district bills with the School Board. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,400,382.60; building project bills in the amount of \$634,885.96; and, student activity fund bills in the amount of \$2,089.89. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Digital Learning Handbook. Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to approve the Digital Learning Handbook with the corrections. Motion unanimously carried.

The Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence-American Indian Parent Advisory Committee information was presented by Ryan Johnson and Sue Reisch. This committee extended a vote of concurrence on January 25, 2021. The form will be signed and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education as required.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the Revised 2020-2021 budget. Discussion was held. Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to approve the budget as presented. Discussion was held. Member Stratton amended his motion to table any action on the budget, member Jarchow amended his second to reflect tabling any action. Motion to table any action unanimously carried. Member Sehr requested information showing where the expenditure differences are from last year to this year.

The following EIFS bids were received on March 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. It was noted EIFS is the substance on the outside of the upper Elementary gymnasium area.

BIDDERS:	BID:
Denison Drywall Spencer, IA	\$188,817
Midwest Exteriors, LLC Blue Springs, MO	\$148,384
Tri-State General Contracting Jackson, MN	\$276,723
Cornerstone Plastering and Drywall Brandon, SD	\$199,174

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to accept the bid from Midwest Exteriors, LLC, in the amount of \$144,384.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to approve the following SW/ WC Service Cooperative contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

Membership Agreement	\$0.00
Health & Safety Management Assistance	\$3,606.81
Regional Management Information Services	\$22,045.55
Basic Technology Services	\$2,200.00
E-Rate Coordination Services	\$2,850.00
Special Education Services	\$176,316.62
Total	\$207,018.98

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the final Licensed Staff Seniority List. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Angela Sneller as Elementary Administrative Assistance effective April 5, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to accept the retirement of Marcia Boeve-Alfano, Activities Office Administrative Assistant, effective June 30, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Stratton, to accept the retirement of Diana Erickson, MS Computer and HS Business Teacher, effective June 2, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve Connor Hoffman as volunteer baseball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to approve the hiring of Mike Buss as Middle School Baseball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Corey Stroeh as Middle School Boys Tennis Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Danielle Kneip as Middle School Softball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Cory Schmuck as Director of Buildings and Grounds for a salary of \$70,000.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Eric Hartman reported we have received the Notice of Intent to Negotiate from the Luverne Education Association.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: March 25, 2021

Reva Sehr, Clerk  
(04-29)

## City of Hills sets street vacation hearing for May 11

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hills, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, on May 11, 2021, to be held in the Council Chambers located at 301 South Main Avenue, Hills, Minnesota, relating to the proposal and the consideration for the vacation of that portion of West 5th Street described as follows:

The portion of West 5th Street bounded on the East by a line running from the Southeast corner of Lot 8 in Block 13 thence south to the Northeast corner of Lot 8 in Block 13 thence south to the Northwest corner of Lot 8 in Block 16, all in the Original Plat of the City of Hills.

All citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing, ask questions, and/or present their views orally or in writing. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the meeting by addressing them to the City Clerk at City Hall.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's office, PO Box 172, Hills, Minnesota 56138.

Connie Wiertzema, City Clerk  
(04-29, 05-06)

## City of Luverne sets hearing for May 25

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE, due to COVID-19, the public hearing will be conducted via telephone or other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. Please refer to the City of Luverne's website at <https://www.cityofluverne.org/> or call City Offices at 507-449-2388 to learn how to attend the public hearing via telephone or electronically.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Luverne, Minnesota, (the "City") will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting of the City Council beginning at 5:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, to be held at City Offices Council Chambers, 305 E Luverne Street, in the City, on the request of the Luverne Fire Department to apply for a USDA Rural Development Grant for the purchase of personal protective equipment.

All interested persons may appear at the May 25, 2021 public hearing and present their views orally or in writing, or due to COVID-19, the public can provide public comment by participating through Zoom webinar/conferencing service. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's office at the City Offices, telephone 507-449-2388.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
/s/ Jessica Mead,  
City Clerk  
(04-29)

## Bruynes probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-21-79

In Re: Estate of  
Gertrude Bruynes,  
Deceased

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 17th day of May, 2021, 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 February 10, 2006 and for the appointment of Debra

Ann Fick whose address is 2586 Copper Cliff Trl., Woodbury, MN 55125, 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 personal 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.

Dated: April 22, 2021

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt  
District Court Judge  
Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

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

(04-29, 05-06)

## Petition of probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT  
Fifth Judicial District  
Probate Court Division  
Court File No. 67-PR-21-79

In Re: Estate of  
Gertrude Bruynes,  
Deceased

ORDER FIXING TIME AND PLACE OF  
HEARING UPON PETITION FOR FORMAL  
PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT  
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

The Petition of Debra Ann Fick, dated the 16th day of March, 2021, for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative having come before the Court;

IT IS ORDERED, that Monday, the 17th day of May, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, Minnesota, be, and the same is hereby, appointed the time and place for the hearing of said petition. Any person interested may appear and object to the appointment of petitioner as personal representative.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petitioner gives notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204.

Dated: April 22, 2021

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt  
District Court Judge  
(04-29, 05-06)

## SRDC hearing May 13

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) will hold a public hearing on its budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) on Thursday, May 13, 2021. To protect the health and well-being of our community, Commission members, and staff during this time, SRDC will offer a virtual option for public attendance and participation at the public hearing. A link in which the public may stream and participate is found below. 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.

To join the meeting:

1. View streaming video with audio (requires internet connected computer or cell phone): from internet connected computer, follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83170753016>.
2. From internet connected mobile phone, download Zoom Cloud Meetings app and enter Meeting ID: 831 7075 3016
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**Thank you** A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who continue to follow the COVID-19 protocols. It's because of your commitment to do your part that we make strides each week to end the spread of COVID-19. Pictured below are a few of our local Luverne residents who are committed to following CDC mask guidelines. Please join them by masking up, social distancing and washing your hands.



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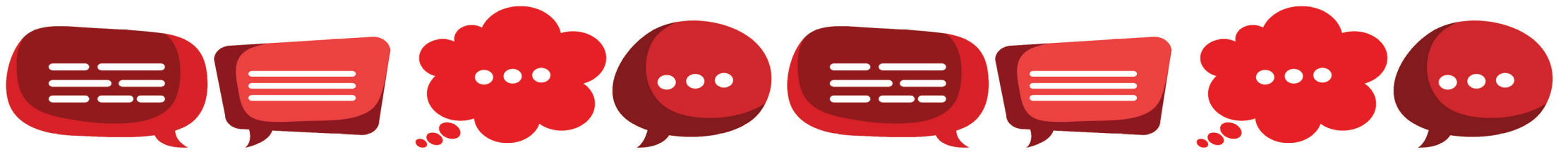
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*I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.*

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Sincerely,  
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# CONGRATULATIONS CARDINAL SPEECH TEAM



**SECTION 3A  
CHAMPS**

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

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**STATE  
QUALIFIERS**



**7TH PLACE  
CLASS A**

Chance Tunnissen finished 7th for extemporaneous speaking in Class A at State.

Six Luverne High School speech team members emerged from section competition with first-, second- or third-place finishes in their categories and competed at the April 24 virtual Minnesota State Speech Tournament. Pictured from left are coaches Gavin Folkestad and Caroline Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Zander Carbonneau Parker Carbonneau, (all in extemporaneous speaking), Luke Thorson (humorous), Xavier Carbonneau (storytelling) and Josie Golla (serious prose).



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