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'From birth to bacon'

PIP plans to build \$70 million facility for case-ready pork

By Lori Sorenson

Premium Minnesota Pork is planning to build a \$70 million processing facility and add nearly 100 more jobs in Luverne's industrial park near its current hog harvest business along County Road 4 west of town.

The expansion would mark a significant investment for the company that already spent \$30 million in 2019 to expand the 78,000-square-foot building to 145,000 square feet, counting an enclosed mono slope barn.

Following a 10,000-square-foot, \$7 million cooler addition, the once shuttered IBP property is now an 4,000-hog-per-day operation that employs more than 450 workers.

Supporting businesses

In its current facility PMP processes pork into primal meat cuts, such as butts, loins and hams.

The new facility next will further process these cuts into case-ready products such as chops, ribs, ground pork and bacon under the Vande Rose Farms label.

PMP contracts with area farmers to raise its signature antibiotic-free pigs, so this final processing step takes the company's pork "from birth to bacon," according to president Dan Paquin.

"This completes our vertical integration," he said Monday. "We've been working on this for a few years."

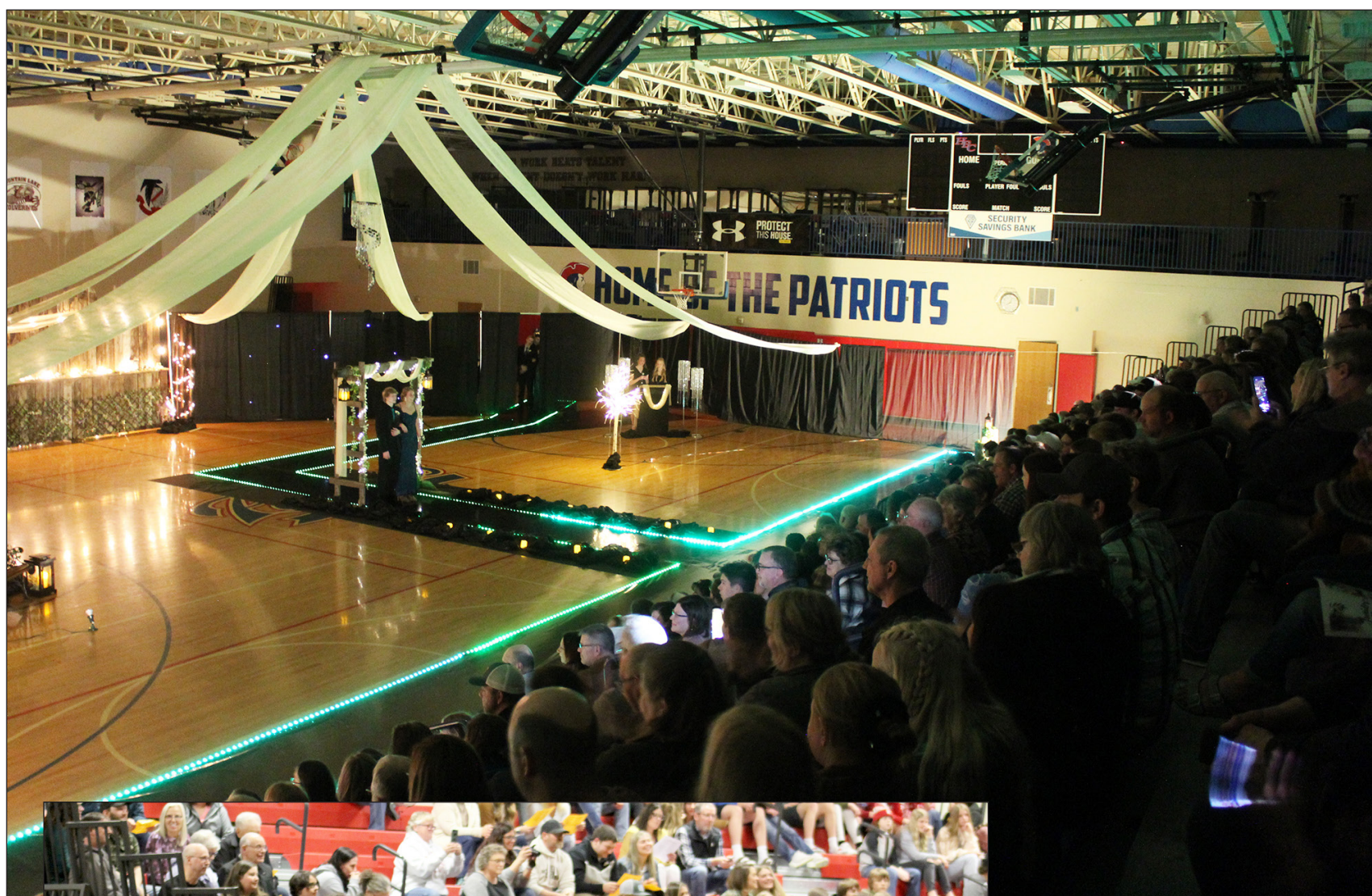
As part of the agreement on its original 17.5 acres in 2019, PIP acquired an option to buy an additional 28.75 acres (at \$5,000 per acre) from the Luverne Economic Development Authority.

The new PMP facility will be built on 16 acres, and 13 acres were sold last year to Lineage Logistics for a 235,000-square-foot cold storage warehouse, currently under construction.

Lineage will be a public warehouse, but Paquin said he's been partnering with the cold storage company which will have space dedicated to PMP products to be shipped.

The \$50 million warehouse,

'Birth to bacon'/see page 5



Mavis Fodness photos/0505 Prom 2022

LHS, H-BC celebrate prom

Above, 38 couples participated in the the Hills-Beaver Creek grand march Friday night with a packed house of friends and family in the high school gym. Pictured, Drew Leenderts and Samantha Moser stop under the arch as Brynn Rauk (left) and Grace Anderson announce their names.



At left, Luverne High School hosted "Prom Jubilee" Saturday night with 97 couples taking part in the Grand March. Pictured, Blake Frahm and Isabella Oye smile for prom watchers in the LHS gym.

See Page 9 for an entire page of photos covering proms in both districts.

Rock County fair board seeks funding for portable stage

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners unanimously agreed to invest nearly \$46,000 in a portable elevated stage for use at the Rock County Fair and at other community events.

The city of Luverne will be asked to contribute the other half of the estimated \$91,172 for the "Speedy Stage."

Ag society members Lee Sells and Al Aanenson approached the board April 19 with the portable

stage proposal.

"For the last umpteen years ... when a band comes in, we are putting together two fifth-wheel trailers butted up to each other to create a stage. Somehow, we rig up some steps to it," Sells said.

"This stage would meet the majority of the band requirements that we've had in the area."

When folded out, the galvanized steel and aluminum structure will be a 30-by 20-foot stage. The highway-towable stage

opens by hydraulic with transport completed with a pickup truck.

The portable stage is made by the same manufacturer as the ag society's portable bleachers. The county assisted in the purchase of the three bleacher systems 10 years ago.

Sells said when the bleachers are not in use during the county fair, they are rented out for community use an average of 15 times throughout the year. The stage would be available for rent for

similar community uses.

"I think it will be a huge asset for everybody," Sells said.

Commissioners will pay for the portable stage with federal coronavirus relief dollars.

They also agreed that if the city of Luverne doesn't partner with the purchase of the portable stage, the county would lend the ag society the rest of the \$91,172 cost.

Portable stage/see page 3

Happy birthday and congratulations, Betty Mann

Rock County historian Betty Mann celebrated her 92nd birthday May 1 with nearly 200 people at the Rock County History Center where an open house honored her recent accomplishments and lifetime contributions to the community. Mann recently stepped down from her role as president (she's still a member) of the Rock County Historical Society after 27 years at the helm of the board.

Her colleagues and history volunteers surprised her with a plaque recognizing "her outstanding dedication in preserving Rock County History" and her "extensive leadership, generosity and achievements." Mann said she was "overwhelmed" by the well-wishes and the thoughtful gesture of the plaque presentation.

Signs at Sunday's open house offered partial lists of Betty Mann's contributions to local history. Among them are her "Bits by Betty" column in the Star Herald, her research for the Ken Burns documentary series "The WAR," her summary of Luverne's history that's used in local promotions and her talks on topics of area history (churches, businesses, health care, polio, organizations and others).



Lori Sorenson photos/0505 betty birthday history center

District food service revamped, budget back on track

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School District's food service program is back on track, thanks to student input and federal funding.

Food service director Ann Rigney updated School Board members at their April 28 meeting about progress since the school year began.

She said student council members have offered ways to streamline lunch offerings, and the students meanwhile learned how the district receives reimbursement dollars.

"Mrs. Rigney and her staff have taken the never-ending suggestions from the student council,"

said council vice president Brooklyn Ver Steeg.

"It has definitely been appreciated — they know you have been working hard."

An audit released in December showed the district's food service budget started the school year with a \$17,841 deficit.

Business manager Tyler Reich projected the deficit would grow due to a federal mandate that stipulated free meals for students due to the pandemic. The mandate, however, didn't sufficiently cover meal costs.

Since then, Reich said, fund-

District food service/see p. 3



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, in the township hall.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne. Call Dianna Tomlinson, president, with questions.

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

Concert May 6

Luverne fifth-grade band students will perform in concert at 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the middle-high school performing arts center.

Generations to host mission presentation

Chris Anderson and his family will be at the Generations Tuesday, May 10, following the 11:30 a.m. lunch for a presentation about their mission work in Romania. Anderson lived in Luverne and attended Southwest Christian in Edgerton. He's a grandson of the late Robert Anderson and nephew of Renae Reu, Luverne.

Community Ed summer brochure coming May 7

The Luverne Community Education summer brochure will be released in the May 7 Luverne Announcer. Many of the classes have an early registration deadline of May 25. Take advantage of lower fees ahead of that date for: hockey, football, volleyball, tennis, golf, morning rec, arts & crafts, basketball, track, gymnastics and weight lifting.

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

Register by May 12 for the **Twins Trip** on June 12. Fee is \$97.

Stensland Dairy Bus Trip on May 26 is for a parent with a child ages 3 and older. Fee is \$20 for the pair and includes an ice cream treat.

Register by May 27 for the June 21 bus trip to the **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** for flowers, grasses, exhibits and more. Mary and Harold Tilstra will assist the Rock County Master Gardeners in hosting this trip. The low fee of \$49 is made possible through a donation from Jeanine Rivet and Warren Herreid.

Defensive Driving classes allow adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. After the beginning 8-hour class, every three years drivers take a 4-hour refresher class. In Luverne, the beginning classes are June 21 and 23 (four hours each) and the refresher four-hour class is May 19.

Rock County Library

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respite care volunteers are also needed. Trained A.C.E. volunteers provide respite care to family caregivers of adults age 60 and older who are suffering from long-term health conditions.

Contact Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 or ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us.



Lori Sorenson photo/0505 pool and fitness ribboncutting

The Luverne Aquatics and Fitness opened Monday for all day tours and a 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting to celebrate the facility's construction completion. Chamber Board members, pool and fitness staff, city leaders, renovation committee members and others gathered for the ribbon-cutting. Pictured are (front, from left) Becky Walgrave, Shelly Nibbelink, Jerry Jensen, Dianne Ossenfort, Robyn Wessels, Michelle DeKam, Sam Honerman, Ken and Pauline Ahrendt, Dan Nath, Tricia Viessman, Holly Sammons, Delaine Jensen, Tony Schomacker, (back) Carol McClure, Don Bryan, Carol Nelson, Bob Junak, David Iverson, Amber Lais, Pat Baustian, Scott Viessman, John Call, Jan Lowman, Mary Lutmer, Kevin Aaker, Annie Opitz and Karen Willers.

Pool and fitness center reopens Monday after \$5 million renovation and expansion

By Lori Sorenson

Staff members at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness hosted a grand opening of the newly remodeled and expanded facility on North Blue Mound Avenue Monday.

Director Sam Honerman said she lost count of the visitors after 500. "It was awesome," she said about the interest and attendance at Monday's all-day event.

"I am fairly certain we went over 1,000 to 1,200. It never once slowed down, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. We gave non-stop tours, and the front counter help, sometimes five at a time, were signing up memberships and/or assisting with questions."

The city of Luverne first started planning the project in 2016, carefully considering professional and community input and budgeting for the "quality of life" amenity to keep rates affordable for all residents to enjoy.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian congratulated all who were involved with process.

"We've had a great community that has graciously agreed to get this done," he said at the ribbon-cutting.

"We've had a huge opportunity to capitalize on this moment. This renovation — 43 years ago it was built, and I hope we can last another 43 years. Thank you so much for being part of this today."

Hoogendorn Construction broke ground on the \$5 million project in April 2021. Improvements include an outdoor splash pad, new locker



rooms, four family changing rooms, flat space rooms for group aerobic exercise, new office space and staff area, larger rooms for 24-hour weightlifting and aerobic exercise machines and a new mechanical and heat, ventilation and air-conditioning system.

24/7 fitness access

An updated spacious lobby connects to a 1,600-square-foot weight room with all new equipment, a cardio room with all new equipment and 1,500-square-foot multi-purpose cardio area, all accessible by 24/7 key cards.

The room has mirrored walls and large screen for video-aided classes, and six newly hired trainers will offer a range of classes. They include Tabata, Zumba, Bootcamp, Advanced Cycling, Silver Cycling, Cycling, Sculpt Yoga, Vinyasa Yoga, Power Sticks, Spinning and Seniors in Motion.

The open room can be utilized for its SMARTFIT System that offers more than 200 on-demand fitness classes that are all available 24/7.

Improved locker rooms and four family changing rooms

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

The women's locker room is larger than the men's with an extra vanity area with mirrors, a counter and seating. The facility now has four family changing rooms, which have long been in demand among members.

Splash pad

The outdoor splash pad will use reclaimed water that is sanitized and reused. There are a variety of water features for a variety of ages. For example, several rocks serve as "bubblers" for little ones who might be afraid to be splashed.

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

A party room, with an adjacent lounge area, can be rented just off the pool area, and a back lounge area offers a comfortable space (with a coffee kiosk) for adults waiting to pick up their children from swimming.



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Luverne School Board accepts retirements

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members took action on a number of personnel matters at their regular meeting April 28.

Retirements:

- The board approved the retirements of:
 - Deb Ward, special education teacher, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.
 - Rod Rosin, custodian, effective July 29.
 - Nyla Sohl, paraprofessional, effective May 27.

Hires

- The board also approved hiring:
 - Peyten Elbers, elementary teacher, for a salary of \$43,727 beginning the 2022-23 school year.
 - Matt Fodness, agriculture teacher and FFA adviser for a salary of \$45,276, beginning the 2022-23 school year.
 - Sara Weber as English language learner teacher for a salary of \$64,477 to begin the 2022-23 school year.
 - Megan McCormack as long-term substitute

teacher for Aaron Perkins beginning April 28 for the remainder of the school year.

- Tami Bergman as middle-high school administrative assistant effective May 15.

Resignations

- The board accepted the resignations of:
 - Lucas Larson as social studies teacher and boys' tennis head coach effective at the end of the school year.
 - Travis Bullerman as middle school football coach effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.
 - Bailey Cowell as assistant baseball coach effective May 5.

Leaves of absence

The board approved a medical leave of absence for Aaron Perkins, chemistry/physics teacher beginning April 28 for the remainder of the school year.

The board approved a maternity leave request for paraprofessional Kellsie Rivas beginning April 25 for the remainder of the school year.



Generations dessert theater fundraiser brings in thousands for building costs

Marlene and Darlene (Brenda Winter and DJ Luethje, pictured at right) were in rare form Thursday night for the Generations Dessert Theater fundraiser at the Generations Events Center where a full house of people gathered to raise money for the organization's capital building fund. Cakes and desserts were sold on the auction block (by Yvette VanDerBrink) for hundreds of dollars, and George Bonnama's popular carrot cake went for \$1,000.



By the end of the night volunteers counted \$10,000 with ticket sales and the dessert auction, not counting donations.

At right Brenda Winter, Jeff Hartquist and DJ Luethje plan their funerals in a Marlene and Darlene comedy skit.

Below, Neva Claussen bids on a cake.



At left are two of the cakes that brought in \$400.

Below, crowds react to a Marlene and Darlene skit on stage.

Star Herald photos and text by Lori Sorenson



Food service budget/from page 1

ing increased, and the food service budget is now \$5,000 in the black with less than a month left to the school year.

"Ann has done a great job," he said. "We are not going in the hole quite yet — we are keeping a close eye on it."

Rigney said her staff serves an average of 400 federally reimbursed meals daily, an increase of about 100 students over the previous year.

The increase is due to the School Board's decision to close the open lunch hour for freshman and sophomore students.

In addition to the reimbursed meals (which are free to students), the new commons and kitchen area allowed Rigney to add an a la carte service option of grab and go lunch items, which the students pur-

chase.

Rigney said she's been frugal in her selection of all food items.

"I have a certain price I would like to stay under for the price per plate per day," she said. "It is hard to do right now."

Prices are increasing. The most recent offering of chicken strips jumped \$60 per case (165 servings) in one month and a case of napkins increased \$20.

"It is not just a little jump, it is a big jump," Rigney said.

Prices are expected to continue increasing, and the free meal mandate expires after this school year.

"I would say the revenue we are getting currently — we would love to see the free lunch continue — we are keeping up with expenditures," Reisch said.

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The agreement is similar to the purchase of the portable bleachers, where a portion of the bleacher rent was used to repay the county loan.

Other fairgrounds improvements

Sells and Aanenson also outlined upcoming improvement projects that will be completed before the annual county fair July 27-30 this year.

- The Ida Reverts Memorial Hall (**Floral Hall**) will receive a new asphalt roof and other structural support work inside. The project, funded through the ag society, is estimated at more than \$21,000.

- The ag society recently received \$40,000 through the Frank Boon Memorial Grant to build a 30-by-50-foot **entertainment shelter** with a cement floor between the 4-H exhibit hall and the Floral Hall.

It will replace a tent normally used for the outdoor performances and events during the fair.

When the fair is not in session, the shelter will be available for community use.

"This will allow — during the summer, not during the fair — people could rent that area and do anything from a wedding reception to just having a meal," Sells said.

- The **commercial building** on the fairgrounds will also undergo a \$36,100 facelift that will include replacement tin, roof repairs and new doors.

Commissioners also approved funding the commercial building improvements.

Commissioner Gary Overgaard, who is a member of the ag society, abstained from the vote.

SANDBOX FILL
A Luverne Optimist annual event.
MAY 16TH
Sand will be delivered after 6pm
Sand and truck are donated by W & N Construction.
To order your sand call or text Carrie Van Santen before May 12 at: **507-220-1123**

City of Beaver Creek Public Hearing Notice
At the May 11, 2022, regular Beaver Creek City Council meeting at 7:00pm, the city council will hold an open public hearing regarding a request for a variance to the city building code of the 25' setback on South side of 305 S 5th ST for the location of a garage. All interested persons requested to attend.
/s/ Jane Blank
Beaver Creek City Clerk

HAPPY 85th Birthday
The family of **COLLEEN ENGA**
is requesting a card shower for her 85th birthday!
Wednesday, May 11
Greetings can be sent to:
1504 Blue Ridge Dr. Luverne, MN 56156

Bridal Shower for
Hanna Osland
BRIDE-TO-BE of ETHAN MARSHALL
Saturday, May 14
1:00 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church Atrium
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne, MN
registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond

Who knew 7,500 steps a day was a hard goal to achieve?

Last year I set a goal to compete in the WSCA Champ Show on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Now as the weather warms up, I'm finding I'm fitting a little tighter in the saddle.

One part to achieving that goal was to be a more physically fit rider.

For nine months I pushed myself to ride daily, and as a result, I achieved that goal and brought one of those big prize ribbons home.

Goal accomplished.

Now as the weather warms up, I'm finding I'm fitting a little tighter in the saddle.

In the eight months since the show season ended, I've been ensconced on the couch, and the inactivity now shows — those show clothes are fitting a little snug.

As a result, I've taken up a goal of walking 7,500 steps a day. This count includes doing everyday tasks like walking to the car, working all day and doing daily chores.

My iPhone dutifully counts all my steps.

The number — 7,500 — comes from my newly purchased AARP membership.

The AARP officials point to a 2017 Stanford University that stated 10,000 steps is a daunting number (I would agree) and that the effective benefit of daily movement peaked at 7,500 steps. While taking more steps is beneficial, the benefit of decreased mortality was ultimately achieved at the more modest 7,500 steps a day.

I thought, "How hard would it be to walk the equivalent of 3.7 miles a day?"

Turns out it's harder than I thought.

For the past 30 days I've fallen far short of the magical 7,500 daily steps.

My average over the last

30 days has been 4,648 steps a day. My lowest (842 on a Saturday) and my highest (10,740 on a Thursday) appear to be weather influenced. I reached my daily step goal three times in 30 days.

That doesn't mean I'm a total failure, but I'm far from the gold medal performance I was hoping for.

I've started riding regularly again, and when I used to count steps using a Fitbit, I regularly reached 8,000 steps, my goal at that time. Of course, the Fitbit used to count the horse's steps, too.

The iPhone is a little harder to cheat. It doesn't count the horse's steps or my leg movements during the time period I am in the saddle.

Because the iPhone is honest, I must be realistic too — I've ordered a size larger riding pants — just in case those fitness step numbers don't add up.

May is National Foster Care Month; consider becoming a foster parent

Join an online information session at 5 p.m. Monday, May 16

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

May is National Foster Care Month, and Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSS) is seeking foster parents to partner in caring for children and youth in need.

If you are interested in making a difference in children's lives, consider becoming a foster parent.

On an average day in 2020, approximately 8,600 children and young adults were in foster care, according to the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Jodi Raidt, statewide program manager with LSS Therapeutic Foster Care, said foster parents are needed now more than ever.

"We are in the process of recruiting foster parents statewide," Raidt said.

"We hope that individuals and families who have been considering this opportunity will take this time to learn more. Fostering is a rewarding experience, and to have someone step forward and provide a safe and caring environment can be life-changing."

LSS Therapeutic Foster Care provides a spectrum of services based on the unique needs of each child, ensuring that all children in our care have the individual sup-

ports to build healthy relationships and skills to meet their specific needs.

Foster parents receive ongoing education to care for children, and trained professionals are available to answer questions or offer support 24/7.

LSS can provide weekly support from a mental health practitioner. As a foster parent, you can help children and families as they build resilience and stabilize.

"Supporting teenagers in foster care is about giving them the opportunities they need to thrive," said Cassandra Carpenter, who worked with LSS Therapeutic Foster Care to gain her foster care license.

"Things aren't always perfect, but getting to celebrate their successes with them is an amazing feeling."

Families and individuals who provide foster care can have different household structures and

come from diverse backgrounds.

LSS is seeking prospective foster parents who are willing to listen, support and create positive relationships in their families and communities.

Flexibility, patience and a healthy sense of humor are also ideal characteristics for foster parents.

Lutheran Social Services invites anyone interested in becoming a foster parent to attend the organization's online information session at 5 p.m. Monday, May 16

The session will offer information about LSS Foster Care services, the licensing process and how you can foster Minnesota children.

Registration is available through a link at lssmn.org/events or through fostercaremn.org/training.

You can also learn more by contacting Jodi Raidt at foster-care@lssmn.org or 612-499-5990, or by visiting fostercaremn.org



Thanks, city crews, for the quick junk pickup

Last week the city of Luverne finished up another round of the citywide junk pickup.

A tip of the hat goes to the crew that picked up our junk. They swooped into my neighborhood, wearing their neon green vests, with a garbage truck, a Payloader, a couple of John Deere side-by-sides and a dump truck or two, and with the speed and precision of a NASCAR pit crew, they were in and out of the hood in no time.

As is the Peterson yearly tradition — as it probably is for many of you — we drive around prior to the city picking up the junk to check out what people are throwing away.

The usual items such as mattresses, broken toys, a toilet or two — maybe more — and one avocado-colored bathtub cut in half



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

were waiting for pickup along the boulevards. Windows, doors and more carpet than in past years got the "heave ho" this year.

Furniture seemed to top the list of most popular items to get shoved to the curb. Recliners and overstuffed fabric chairs with thick cushions were hauled out in what looked like record numbers, only to be blown down the street one day and back the other

way the next day due to our windy weekend.

The junk pickup is often underappreciated and often abused. Yet year after year it's one of the perks of living in Luverne we all can take advantage of, whether you're throwing out junk or just driving around looking at other people's junk.

It's an annual tradition that we can all be thankful for.

Jarchows: 'Our community can do better. Our young people are worth it'

To the Editor:

First, we want to thank everyone who put so much time and effort into providing a safe and fun prom experience for our Luverne youth. A lot of work goes into planning this special day and it takes many to pull it off.

With the rain predictions for prom this year, everyone was fortunate to have a facility where indoor photos could be taken. What was disheartening was to see alcoholic beverages being offered and consumed by many of the adults present. Photos on social media can verify this as well as people in attendance. Photos also depict alcoholic beverages unattended at tables where youth were sitting.

We know we are not the only parents that felt this was inappropriate. As parents we should also uphold the prom standard of providing safe environments that do not provide temptation or go against the guidelines set in place for our young people.

While students are asked to sign an agreement in regard to expected behaviors throughout the prom activities, we would like to encourage adults to support these expected behaviors and keep this in consideration in the future.

Our community can do better. Our young people are worth it!

Mike and Wanda Jarchow, Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 22
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported tools stolen from vehicle.

•Complainant on County Road 3 reported a cell phone was found.

•Complainant reported a missing person.

•Complainant on Freeman Avenue and Luverne Street reported a parking complaint.

•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported a possible break-in.

•Complainant on 51st Street reported a train fire.

•Complainant on 231st Street, Jasper, reported an unknown vehicle driving on property.

April 23
 •A weather alert issued in Rock County.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported a trampoline in the road.

•Complainant on Interstate 90 reported a trailer flipped over.

•Complainant on 110th Avenue, Luverne, reported hay bales on fire.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a disorderly woman at location.

•Complainant on 180th Avenue and 241st Street, Edgerton, reported an erratic driver.

April 24
 •Complainant on County Road 6 and 81st Street, Beaver Creek, reported a suspicious vehicle.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a juvenile runaway.

•Complainant on S. Cottage Grove Avenue reported a civil issue.

April 25
 •Complainant in San Diego, California, reported out-of-county emergency.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vandalism.

•Complainant reported shared personal data.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a runaway child.

•Complainant on County Road 12, Edgerton, reported trash in the ditch.

•Complainant on Hatting Street reported trespassing.

April 26
 •Complainant reported bad checks.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported animal property issue.

•Complainant in Sioux Falls reported animal ownership complaint.

•Complainant on 2nd Street West, Hills, reported someone taking photos and yelling.

•Complainant in Luverne reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Luverne, reported erratic driving.

April 27
 •Subject was arrested on a Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported a lost child.

•Complainant on N. Fairview Drive reported a white pickup driving too fast.

•Complainant on 121st Street reported debris on roadway at location.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker, 6, Beaver Creek, filed a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported an assault.

•Property was found on S. Kniss Avenue.

April 28
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an assault.

•Complainant wanted to talk about previous incident.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a counterfeit bill.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street wanted to talk to deputy about pet custody.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

April 29
 •Suspicious activity was reported on 60th Avenue, Jasper.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a transient.

•Complainant reported they dropped meds for disposal.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 5 transports, 2 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 7 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 19 burn permits, 1 background check, 5 alarms, 7 drug court tests, 6 purchase and carry permits, 15 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 report of cattle out and 2 follow-ups.



Crane installs exhaust stacks at city power plant

By Lori Sorenson

A crane was once again called into service at the city power plant this past week, this time to install exhaust stacks near the building.

The work is part of the city's \$11 million project to improve Luverne's back up generation and remodel the old building.

Earlier this year, a crane installed two 50,000-pound generators, 3-megawatt each, to join the city's existing 1960s 3-megawatt generator in the power plant.

The combined 9-megawatt continuous capacity of the three generators will ensure Luverne's backup generation can carry a major part of the city's total electrical load in the event of an outage.

The improvements will also allow the city to provide more backup power for Missouri River Energy Services, which contracts with Luverne for that energy.

MRES currently pays the city \$75,000 per year to keep its generators in working condition for backup power in peak usage times. In a new capacity agreement, MRES will pay Luverne \$6.7 million over 30 years, which will help pay for roughly half the \$11.8 million total cost of the project.

In addition to the new generators, that work includes: •modernizing the east substation and the associated switchgear. •a new control building (the prefabricated building was delivered March 2). improvements to the power plant to house the generation equipment.

Sportsmen's Club honors Loosbrock with lifetime membership

The Rock County Sportsmen's Club recently honored Scott Loosbrock, Luverne, with a lifetime membership in appreciation for his support of youth trap shooting.

Loosbrock coaches the Luverne High School trap shooting team, which has grown to include more than 50 members, both boys and girls, who record their season shooting at the Sportsmen's Club near Luverne.

The plaque, presented to Loosbrock by Rich DeSchepper (at left) last month, states "With greatest appreciation, the Rock County Sportsmen's Club

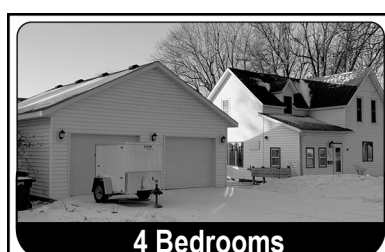


presents Scott Loosbrock with a lifetime membership in recognition of his enthusiasm, dedicated service and unwavering support of the next generation of Rock County trap shooters."



Bison calves arriving at Blue Mounds

Just in time for Mother's Day, a healthy bull calf was born late on April 25 at the Blue Mounds State Park where more than 30 calves are expected this spring, arriving between now and the middle of June. According to park manager Chris Ingebretsen, visitors hoping to see the bison may stop at the park office where staff can offer advice on where to look for the herd. Also, the park website will be updated soon with a new version of the park map that shows the three best locations for spotting the herd (the observation deck, Eagle Rock and the bench on the Western Loop trail). Ingebretsen said these locations are the best places to get a general location of the herd, and from there people can hike along the fenced perimeter of the bison range to get closer views. (Submitted photo)



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/s/Jane Blank
 City Clerk/Treasurer

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Parker Dean Smith, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces, 21.2 inches long, was born on April 7, 2022, at Sanford Luverne to **Dr. Michael and Andrea Smith** of Luverne. Siblings are Kiesli, Luka and Isley. Grandparents are Helena Thompson of Flandreau, South Dakota, and Donna Smith, also of Flandreau.

Card showers

Colleen Enga will celebrate her 85th birthday Wednesday, May 11. Greetings may be sent to her at 1504 Blue Ridge Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Vern Kortleever will celebrate his 85th birthday on Saturday, May 7. Greetings may be sent to him at 2365 200th Avenue, Edgerton, MN 56128.

Bridal shower

A bridal shower for **Hannah Osland**, bride-to-be of **Ethan Marshall**, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in the atrium at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

MENU

Monday, May 9: Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato salad, fruit, pudding.

Tuesday, May 10: Ham with raisin sauce, au gratin potatoes, peas, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

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

Wednesday, May 11: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, California Normandy, bread, dessert.

Thursday, May 12: Sausage egg bake, broccoli, cinnamon applesauce, coffee cake.

Friday, May 13: Baked ziti, mixed vegetables, peaches, dessert.

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

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

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



Luverne Elementary's kindergartners perform "Sounds a Little Fishy To Me," by Donna Amorosia, Friday afternoon in the school's performing arts center. Under the direction of elementary vocal teacher Morgan Van Holland, the 76 students sang for the first time as a group in front of an audience of friends and family. Each decorated a paper sea creature hung around their necks.

Mavis Fodness photos/0505 Kindergarten 2022



Above, left: Ford Knap pretends to "sleep" while peaking at the audience. **Above, right:** Kindergartners perform "Shark!" **Below, left:** The kindergartners end their program with a flourish. They are (front, left) Connor Mann, Stevie Stammer, Ronan Christensen, Hanna Renken, Emery Sandager, Bronly Boyenga, Emma Swanson, Grayson Weidert, Azley Goemmel, (second) Eivin Brandt, Cora McDonald, Morgan Van Grootheest, Briar Hoogendoorn, Brody Elbers, Rhyann VonHoltum, Wesley Kracht (hidden), (back) Raelyn Siebenahler, Tricia Davis, Aiden Snyders, Isabella Nolz, August Ford, Kaidence Haraldson and Caden Weber. **Below, right:** Ford Knap and Maddilyn Free provide the bubbles for the "Aquarium" by Camille Saint-Saens' dance.



1943: More Diamond Club memories

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

January 21, 1943

When Mrs. Jennie Savage came to Luverne in 1876, there was no town north of Main Street. There were but a few scattered trees in town, and on a clear day, one could look north and see the Mounds. From this typical frontier town, Mrs. Savage has watched Luverne grow to present size and watching transformation has proved to be very interesting.

Mrs. Savage was born Sept. 12, 1863, in Oshkosh, Wis., the daughter of Charles C. and Sarah Frances Ferson Drew. Her father was in the lumber business and owned a small mill at Oshkosh. Mrs. Savage states



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

that she doesn't know what led her father to decide to leave Oshkosh, but she was only a tiny girl when the family moved to Charles City, Ia.

They lived there until 1876 when they decided to move to Luverne. They made the trip in October of that year, coming the distance in an uncovered "Democrat" wagon, drawn by a team of horses, a bay and a gray.

Mrs. Savage recalls that when they arrived at Worthington, her sister, who later became Mrs. I.I. Smith, boarded the first train that came into Luverne. Immediately on her arrival, she reserved rooms in the

hotel for the Drew family until Mr. Drew could build a place in which his family could live.

The building that he erected became the first furniture store in Luverne, and he became Luverne's first furniture dealer. The structure had living quarters in the rear for the family, and this became their first home.

"I know there had been no building done north of Main Street," Mrs. Savage recalls, "because we had our family cow tied on the vacant lots in the back of the store, and also had a garden there. Later, how-

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OBITUARY

Marya Manfred

Marya Manfred, Twin Cities, 72, Luverne/Worthington, died Monday, January 10, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

She was born December 5, 1949, in Minneapolis, to Frederick and Maryanna (Shorba) Manfred.

Marya grew up and attended elementary school in Bloomington, Minnesota. She moved to Luverne at age 10 and graduated from Luverne High School in 1967.

After high school, Marya moved to Colorado for one year to study singing, music composition and piano performance. Marya then finished her bachelor's degree, majoring in art, at the University of Minnesota



and her husband, Thomas Pope, both of Stillwater, Minnesota; and two loving nephews, Nicholas Bly Pope, Twin Cities, and Ethan Rowan Pope, Twin Cities.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Frederick Manfred Jr. in 2016.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Lunch and fellowship will take place after the service. A private family committal of cremains will take place at a later date.

To livestream the funeral service, please visit <http://www.facebook.com/DingmannFH>

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0505 V)

SCHOOL NEWS

Luverne student places in writing contest

Rural Luverne home-school student Lexie Overvaag won second place in the 2022 Southwest West Central Service Cooperative's Creative Writing Contest.

Her fictional story, "Tears of Onyx," took second place in the fifth- and sixth-grade division of the contest.

Sixty-nine students entered the contest in categories of poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Winners were recognized at an awards ceremony April 24 in Marshall. SMSU college students in



the creative writing department judged the entries.

COLLEGE NEWS

Students graduate from Minnesota West

Several area students will graduate from Minnesota West Community and Technical College in early May. The ceremonies will also be live-streamed on the Minnesota West facebook page at www.facebook.com/MinnesotaWest.

Luverne Center graduation ceremony is at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Big Top Tents and Events.

Pipestone graduation ceremony is at 7 p.m. May 12, at Pipestone Area High School Auditorium.

Worthington campus ceremonies are in the Center for Health and Wellness Gymnasium as follows:

- 10 a.m. Law enforcement program.
 - Noon Nursing pinning and graduation ceremony.
 - 2 p.m. Program.
 - 4:00 p.m. Liberal Arts.
- The following students will graduate:
- Luverne: Nick Feit, Heather Frey, Jessica Knorr, Tenley Nelson, Ashlee Overvaag, Stacey Renken, Amanda Ripka, Zoey Sandbulte, Isabel Smeins.
- Beaver Creek: Brooke-lynn Brust.
- Hardwick: Adriana Gonzalez, Mallory Thorson.
- Steen: Adrienne Boltjes.
- Ellsworth: Madyson Do-meyer.

10 years ago (2012)

The Luverne School District had more revenue than expenses this year, resulting in a year-end balance of just over \$100,000.

The mild winter was one reason the district's general fund is \$57,400 in the black.

The transportation fund has nearly \$80,000 because the district has delayed purchasing a new bus, and the food service fund is \$21,000 ahead because more students are eating at school.

The Community Education fund ended the year \$37,000 in the red and may be an area for review at future board meetings.

25 years ago (1997)

Sunday School children at Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne, grabbed shovels Sunday morning and started digging as the congregation gathered for ceremonies to mark the start of a remodeling project at the church.

Some of the major changes planned include installation of an elevator, relocation of offices to the lower level, construction of a new entry to the church, updating the sanctuary and a new kitchen.

50 years ago (1972)

Lloyd Vos, defensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers and a 1960 graduate of Magnolia High School, will be the guest speaker at Magnolia's annual Activities Banquet slated for Friday, May 12.

Students in athletics, music, speech, student government, dramatics and other activities will be the special honored guests at the banquet where advisors to school activities give recognition for participation during the year. ...

REMEMBER WHEN

Voss, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Voss, Magnolia, was a first team selection to the All-American football squad in 1964 as a senior at the University of Nebraska. He was the first pick of the Green Bay Packers in the 1964 pro-football draft and he was a member of the famed Packers during the mid-sixties. In 1966 he was traded to the Steelers where he is currently a starting defenseman.

75 years ago (1947)

Letter winners in football and basketball at Luverne high school, the coaches and team managers, will be guests at a banquet Tuesday night at the Manitou hotel, given by the Luverne Rotary club.

Main speaker for the occasion will be Chet Roan, of the University of Minnesota athletic department, who will also show motion pictures of University of Minnesota football games. Also invited as guests are Coach L. A. "Lefty" Olson, head coach of Augustana college, Sioux Falls, who was Coach Ekeland's and Assistant Coach Reinertson's college mentor, and Bob Fitch, former University of Minnesota great world title holder of the discus throw, who is now assistant coach at Augustana.

100 years ago (1922)

Four of the seven county officers whose terms expire at the close of the present year, filed Monday as candidates for re-election. The four are County Auditor Olaf Skyberg, County Treasurer John P. Houg, Register of Deeds Henry Koehn, and County Superintendent of Schools Edia A. Headley. The three other officers referred to who have not yet filed are Clerk of Court O. E. Ferguson, Sheriff Frank Wiggins and County Attorney E. H. Canfield, but each is expected to file shortly, as they have announced their intention of seeking another term.

Bits by Betty/continued from page 6

ever, homes were erected on those lots and the town gradually grew northward."

In speaking of the garden, Mrs. Savage said that during the grasshopper years, the residents in town would build smudges to keep the insects from destroying their garden products. Because vegetables were difficult to buy in stores in those days, virtually everyone raised a garden and had a cow to provide the family with milk. There was no creamery then, and they obtained dairy butter from the stores.

Mrs. Savage attended school in the "little white schoolhouse" in the southeast part of town. Will Donaldson was the teacher at that time, she recalls, and the enrollment was small. After finishing public school,

she attended the normal training school at Winona, and upon finishing there, she returned to Rock county to teach. She taught first in the Mound school, receiving a salary of \$25 per month

When a year or two later she was given a position teaching in the Magnolia school at \$30 a month, she felt that she was really earning a lot of money. While teaching there, she "commuted," travelling back and forth by train.

On Dec. 24, 1885, she was married to W. M. Savage at the home of her parents in Luverne. They moved to Watertown, S.D. where Mr. Savage was engaged in the hardware business.

They became the parents of six children, four of whom are living at the pres-

ent time. They are Merle Savage, New York City; Mrs. Sidney (Eloise) Burton, Grand Island, Neb.; Iral I. Savage, Penn Run, Pa.; and Charles C. Savage, Minneapolis.

After Mr. Savage's death in 1910, Mrs. Savage continued to live in Watertown for several years, and then returned to Luverne to care for her parents. When her children became old enough so that it was time to think of their advanced education, Mrs. Savage moved to Minneapolis where they could attend the University of Minnesota. Two of them completed university courses. A few years ago, she moved back to Luverne and this has been her home since. She has an apartment of her own, does her own work and raises numerous house plants as a hobby. She also enjoys reading, and she is now "catching up" on some

of the reading she didn't do when she was busy rearing her family.

Her social activities such as belonging to lodges and clubs are limited, she states. She is, however, one of the charter members of the Pioneer Girls, an organization founded in 1902 by a group of women who had been close friends during the early days of Luverne. The club was formed following a party held at the home of Mrs. Ruby Parker Ells., who lived in Luverne at that time. Since then they have been meeting annually.

She is a member of the Christian Science church.

Mrs. Savage, one of three girls born to the Drew family, has one living sister, Mrs. Zillah Wilson of Seattle, Wash.

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It's prom time!

Area high schools play host to annual event

Mavis Fodness photos

Hills-Beaver Creek High School's prom was moved to a larger space Friday night as the Grand March took place in the "new" high school rather than at the Hugo Goehle gym in the former high school. Thirty-eight couples participated in the annual event to a packed house of friends and family. **Above:** Aliyah Stoltenberg and Eduardo Carrillo face the large crowd while **(at left)** Alexander Harris and Amallia Ternus make the final stop in the H-BC Grand March. **Below:** Danette Leenderts and Troy Durst pause along the runway for spectators to view their attire.



Luverne High School hosted "Prom Jubilee" Saturday night with 97 couples taking part in the Grand March. New this year was the use of the performing arts center as well as the traditional walk through the high school gymnasium. The Grand March returned to the gym for the first time in three years. Last year's event took place outside, and the 2020 event was canceled due to the pandemic. **Above, center:** Daylin Velasquez and Seth Bose walk under the arch. **Above:** Riley Sneller and Morgan Gonnerman stand on the small stage before beginning the Grand March. **Above, right:** Elliot Domagala and Reghan Bork are introduced by Morgan Hadler and Rayann Remme. **At right:** Eli Radke and Mary Opitz leave the gym as Henry Hartquist and Lauren Hansen are the next couple to walk through the gym.



Cardinal softball team remains undefeated; move season to 8-0

By Stacy Olson
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School softball team kept the ball rolling with another win on Friday, April 29, when they beat the Edgerton Dutchmen at home by a score of 11-4.

The Cardinals, 8-0 for the season, have a busy week coming up with a doubleheader at home versus Jackson County Central Tuesday, May 3, a doubleheader in St. James Thursday, May 5, and a single game in Ellsworth Friday, May 6.

LHS 11, EHS 4

The Dutchmen started off strong against the Cardinals in Friday's game, scoring three runs in the first inning and holding that lead until the third inning.

Edgerton got on the board with a single and a homerun in the first inning. Gracie Nath settled in on the mound and sat down the next 14 batters.

The Cardinals had two hits in the first two innings. Billi Connell singled in the first, and Tori Serie hit a double in the second inning, but neither hit plated a run.

In the third inning the Cardinals came out swinging with a single from Ella Reisdorfer, a double from Connell, a two-RBI double from Peyton Behr, and an RBI single from Carly Olson.

The Cardinals scored four runs to take the lead.



Images by CD photo

LHS freshman Payton Behr slides safely into second base against the Edgerton Dutchmen April 29 at home. The Cardinals went on to the win the game 11-4, increasing their season record to 8-0.

Luverne continued to add to the score in the fourth inning, plating seven runs.

LHS batted through the lineup with hits from Jacey Smith, Behr, Reghan Bork, Anika Boll, and another hit from Smith. The Cardinals led 11-3 after six innings.

Edgerton scored one run in

the top of the seventh to close the gap 11-4.

Gracie Nath took the win, pitching all seven innings. Nath allowed four runs on five hits. She walked two and struck out 12.

The Cardinals had a clean game with no errors in seven innings. Paris VanDyke took the

loss for the Edgerton Dutchmen.

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

Luverne boys' tennis wins twice more, moves to 9-1

By Jason Berghorst
for the Star Herald

There were two more opponents and two more wins for the Luverne High School boys' tennis team this week.

The victory in Worthington on April 29 was a close-as-can-be 4-3 win, and by contrast, Luverne's win in Fairmont on Monday was a 7-0 sweep of the host Cardinals.

Luverne, now 9-1, was scheduled to play in St. James on Tuesday after this edition of the Star Herald went to press.

LHS is scheduled to host Redwood Valley today (Thursday), Vermillion, South Dakota, on Monday, and Pipestone Area next Thursday, May 12.

LHS 4, Worthington 3

"It was quite a match!"

That's how Luverne head coach Lucas Larson summarized his Cardinals' 4-3 victory over the Worthington Trojans on Thursday, April 29, in Worthington.

"We swept the singles matches, and that's what won it for us," Larson said.

"Blake (Frahm at No. 3 singles) and Ethan (Nath at No. 4 singles) really won that meet for us."

He said the victory over the Trojans was especially satisfying because WHS is one of the stronger teams in the Big South Conference this season.

"It was a nice win for our

team," Larson said. "Winning the conference title is a big goal for us this year."

Pierce Cunningham defeated Alec Langerud at No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 2 singles, Griffen Jarchow was victorious over Ian Barber 6-0, 6-1.

Blake Frahm won over Ezra Bonnett 6-4, 6-3 in a close match at No. 3 singles, while Ethan Nath defeated David Sternke 6-4, 6-2 at No. 4 singles.

The Trojans won all three doubles matches.

At No. 1 doubles, Tyson Henkels and Quentin Burns defeated Chance Tunnessen and Logan Ommen of LHS in a close match 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Kyle Ferguson and Jase Arp lost to Levi Kuhl and Jacob Ahrenstorff 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 3 doubles, Matthew Becker and Steven Adams bested Luke Bosch and Levi Thielbar 6-1, 6-4.

Luverne 7, Fairmont 0

The Luverne Cardinals made quick work of their meet in Fairmont Monday, defeating the hosts 7-0.

At No.1 singles, Cunningham defeated Jack Hagen 6-4, 6-4.

Jarchow bested Carter Quist 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles, while Frahm won 6-0, 6-1 over Sebas-

Tennis, continued on page 12

Patriot girls', boys' golf teams open conference play in Fulda, Westbrook

By Dalton Bass
For the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams competed in their first Red Rock Conference meets of the year Thursday when the girls traveled to Westbrook and the boys competed in Fulda.

The girls' team was incomplete, but Tess Van-Maanen placed eighth overall with an 18-hole score of 96.

H-BC senior Danette Leenderts shot a 110. Brielle Vis from Southwest Christian is the girls' leader after the first conference meet with a score of 90.

"It went well for both teams," said coach Dan Ellingson. "Tess and Danette shot season lows for 18 holes on the girls' side in cool, windy conditions."

Senior Jacob Axness led the way for the Patriots by shooting an 18-hole score of 91. This score was good enough to place him in the Top 5 of the conference.

The next four Patriots were seniors Austin Allen (95), Ethan Kruger (98), Dallas Page (103) and Daniel Martinyuk (106).

As a team the Patriot boys are currently in third place with a score of 387. Adrian/Ellsworth leads the way with a score of 361.

Ellingson said he was pleased with how the boys did as a team Thursday.

"The boys shot their season low team score," he said. "Jacob also shot his season low to receive a medal, fifth place individually. The boys played through two lightning delays in Fulda."

Sawyer Drent from HLOF/WWG led all scorers with a score of 82.

The next conference meet for both girls and boys will be Wednesday. The girls will travel to Sanborn while the boys' team will golf in Slayton.



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Luverne Cardinal Owen Sudenga finishes putting on Hole No. 1 at the Luverne Country Club April 30 in a dual meet against the Pipestone Area Arrows. The Cardinal boys, as well as the girls, teams, won the match under windy and chilly conditions.

LHS golf teams play to mixed results

By John Sichmeller
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School boys' and girls' golf teams played with mixed results over the past week that included two rounds of conference play and dual wins in Pipestone.

The Cardinal boys and girls will be back in action Tuesday versus Southwest Christian at home and then will finish off the week at the Fairmont Invitational on

Saturday.

Big Southwest Division Meet Round 1

The Luverne boys' and girls' golf teams competed in their first of four conference meets of the season on Thursday, April 28.

The boys' team competed in Redwood

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Cardinals place first and second in Worthington, gear up for True Team

By Blaine Radtke
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School track teams had a successful outing in Worthington on April 28 where the girls' team took first place, and the boys were second.

The Cardinals are only a week away from the True Team Section meet and a hopeful return to state.

True team rules have each team with two competitors in each event and one relay team. Every entrant scores points.

With 12 teams participating this year, a first-place finish would be worth 24 points down to one point for a last-place finish.

Relays are worth three times the number of teams participating, so a first-place relay win is worth 36 points.

"This year more than ever before we have had kids willing to step up, get out of their comfort zone and try different events," said coach Pete Janiszkeski.

"It is important to fill every event with two competitors, because it can come down to a handful of points,

and you don't want to score a zero in any event."

He said Southwest Minnesota Christian-Ellsworth (SWMC-EHS) and Canby-Minneota will likely be top competitors for the girls.

On the boys' side, SWMC-EHS and Redwood Falls will be the most likely competition for first place. Only the top team gets the automatic entry into the state meet.

There are four wild card teams that also get in, determined by a virtual meet using the times from each section to determine the next four highest-scoring teams.

Worthington Invitational

It was another cold and windy day at the Worthington Invite on April 28; however, the girls took home first place, and the boys were second behind Worthington in the team competition.

The 4-by-800-meter relay team of Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley, Jenna DeBates and Tenley Nelson

finished first (10:17.90).

Jocelyn and Jadyn Hart finished first and second in the shot put with throws of 36-11 1/2 and 36-2 3/4 respectively. Jadyn Hart finished first as well in the discus 112-8.

The 4-by-400-meter relay of Lais, Sarah Stegenga, Debates and Nelson finished second (4:21.60). DeBates (2:32.79) and Cassi Chesley (2:37.70) placed second and third in the 800-meter-run.

Nelson had a second in the 1,600-meter run (5:31.30). Elizabeth Wagner (49.91) and Kendra Thorson (54.98) were second and third in the 300-meter hurdles.

Mia Wenzel placed second in the high jump at 4-10.

For the Cardinal boys, Ashton Sandbulte had another first place finish in the 100-meter-dash (11.14).

Eli Radtke won the pole vault (12-0). He raised the bar for an attempt at a personal record 13-9 but came up short.

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City of Luverne filing for candidacy opens May 17

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

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

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

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K - 12th Choir Teacher/Director 2022-2023 School Year

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- **Qualifications:** Current Minnesota Instrumental and Classroom Music License; or ability to obtain license
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled
- **Starting Date:** August 26th, 2022
- **Location:** The Hills-Beaver Creek School District is located in the far southwest corner of the state of Minnesota. The district lies just 20 miles east of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are a tiny (growing) family orientated school district with a strong desire to assist our students in their learning.
- **District Application:** Submit a completed and signed copy of the district's classified employment application found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5na3br8w>
- **Apply To:** Andrew Kellenberger, Principal, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 or email - a.kellenberger@isd671.net. Submit a letter of application, resume, copy of teaching license, transcripts, and three (3) current letters of reference

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Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools OPEN POSITION

Art Teacher Full Time 2022-2023 School Year

- **Position:** 1 FTE Elementary/Secondary Art Teacher
- **Qualifications:** Current Minnesota K-12 Visual Arts License or ability to obtain
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled
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Ceremony in Maplewood honors Civil War soldiers

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conducted a ceremony Sunday afternoon in Maplewood Cemetery to honor the 110 Civil War veterans interred in Rock County. The ceremony included descendants of Civil War veterans, the Rock County Historical Society and local American Legion members. Participants gathered at the gravestone of Corporal James Blunt Dunn, the last Civil War veteran buried in Rock County, who died at age 93 in 1938. Gary Carlberg of the SUVCW chapter in Minneapolis, presided over the ceremony.

He commended Wendel Buys at the Rock County History Center for helping with research, and he praised the combined American Legion honor guard for helping to mark the occasion with a fire salute and taps.



Family members and honored guests laid flowers to mark the resting place of Cpl. James Dunn, the last Civil War veteran buried in Rock County, who died at age 93 in 1938. At right, Jay Mann salutes following the volley at the end of the ceremony.

Bakken appointed to state Environmental Quality Board

Beaver Creek farmer Peter Bakken has been appointed to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board to work on environmental issues to advise state leaders on legislation and policy.



He's among three new appointees to the eight-member board that includes the heads of nine state agencies and public board members from around the state.

Bakken will work with the commissioners of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Natural Resources, Pollution Control and Transportation and the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Bakken's term on the board, which meets monthly in St. Paul, will expire in January of 2026.

By statute, the EQB:

- ensures compliance with state environmental policy.
- oversees the environmental review

process.

- coordinates environmental agencies and programs.

- develops the state water plan and water policy reports.

- studies environmental issues.

- convenes environmental congresses and advises the governor and the Legislature.

Governor Tim Walz announced the new EQB appointees Friday along with dozens of appointees to 15 state boards, councils and authorities in areas ranging from juvenile justice and higher education to forestry, the arts and rural finance.

A complete list of appointments and vacancies can be found on the Secretary of State website, sos.org, under boards and commissions.

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Lexi Moore photos/0505 little kids prom

H-BC hosts prom for little ones

Hills-Beaver Creek Little Patriots hosted a Mother-Son, Father-Daughter Prom Saturday night following H-BC's Friday prom in the high school gym. Organizers said 72 couples participated in the first-time event. "It was a huge success — greater than we could have hoped for, and the kids had so much fun," said Leilani Kruger.



At right are Ben and Chris Sheppard. Below are Athena Kobernick-Pasch, Daniel Pasch and Odynn Kobernick-Pasch.



In the Conga line are (from left) Amos Kittelson, Britany Kittelson, Elise Anderson and Andy Anderson.

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Above Melissa VanDeBerg and her son, Jase, share a dance.