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Generations buys Grand Prairie Events

Seniors organization abandons plans for new construction on Lincoln Street

By Lori Sorenson

Generations will purchase the Grand Prairie Events building from Mike and Wanda Jarchow after approving the proposal by a vote of 124-2 on Monday.

"It's not what we dreamed of, but it's going to be wonderful for Generations," said George Bonnema, president of the group formerly known as Rock County Senior Citizens.

"I'm happy. ... And I'm happy for Mike. I really appreciate what he put into it. It was a growing business before COVID hit."

Generations will pay \$975,000 for the 11,500-square-foot building that the Jarchows opened in 2016 as a 500-person capacity event center.

While that sounds like a high price tag for a non-profit organization, Bonnema said the deal makes sense.

"... versus building a new building for \$4.5 million. ... For \$975,000, there's no way we can come close to building a new building like that, with that type of quality in the core area of downtown," he said.

"Who would have expected building prices to sky-rocket the way they have? The price really made construction unattainable."

Finally, a solution to years-old problems

The Grand Prairie location addresses space and structural concerns of the current Lincoln Street location that Generations members have been working on for nearly two years.

Now they'll have a commercial kitchen, including a walk-in cooler and freezer, and updated surroundings to accommodate a growing group of noon meal-site diners.

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Mikael Mess and Katie Soto travel the paved route at SpringBrooke Events Saturday evening during H-BC's outdoor prom grand march.

SpringBrooke hosts H-BC prom students

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

Hills-Beaver Creek High School students and families enjoyed their 2021 prom under blue skies and mild temperatures Saturday night at SpringBrooke Events, Golf & Grill in Beaver Creek

Parent organizers took over prom planning this spring in order to allow an in-person event in a setting large enough to allow a pandemic-safe gathering.

"It is not that we didn't want to have it at school,

H-BC prom at SpringBrook/continued on page 5



At left, Austin Allen and Abby Knobloch try out one of two decorated benches set for photo opportunities during Saturday night's prom in SpringBrooke Events.

Grace Quilters crank out 3,821 volunteer hours in 2020

By Mavis Fodness

The monetary value of time donated by volunteers in Rock County exceeds \$5 million.

Topping the 2020 list in hours were the Grace Quilters, whose 20 volunteers logged 3,821 hours last year.

The group formally meets Thursday mornings in the church Fellowship Hall. However, sev-

eral volunteers sew at home or come to the church along Highway 75 in Luverne outside the regular meeting time.

"We are doing something for someone else and not ourselves," said volunteer Mary Green.

Mary Akkerman is the group's self-proclaimed "purchasing agent," who procures fabric, batting and thread for the group that

makes an average of 200 quilts a year.

The 60-by-80-inch hand-made creations are donated. On Oct. 1 every year the quilts are draped over the church pews and blessed before being packaged and sent to Lutheran World Relief, who distributes the mission quilts.

To meet their annual goal, the

group finishes six quilts a week.

Each volunteer specializes in one or more of the 10 steps necessary to finish one quilt.

That specialty could be matching fabric colors or tying knots, Akkerman said. Not every member enjoys or is able to sew.

During the pandemic, the

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'Pound the Mound' trail race draws runners, campers to Blue Mounds State Park

By Lori Sorenson

More than 60 long-distance runners from all over the tri-state region pounded the trails of the Blue Mounds State Park Saturday during a multi-distance cross-country race.

The "Pound the Mound" event was originally for spring of 2020 but was postponed to May 15, 2021, due to the pandemic.

Runners competed in 10-mile, 20-mile and 30-mile distances, and signups were limited to 25 runners per race, due to pandemic distancing restrictions.

"We hope to grow that number in the future," organizer Heather Namminga said. "I think all things considered, we were able to put on a great event in the park Saturday."

She said her Sioux Falls running group chose the Blue

Pound the Mound/see page 2



Lori Sorenson photo/0520 pound the mound

Karen Lechtenberg, Sioux Falls, leads a string of 10-milers down the trail between the primitive camp sites and the picnic area of the Blue Mounds State Park Saturday morning.

Hills vacates street for storage building

By Mavis Fodness

Hills City Council members unanimously voted May 11 to vacate a portion of West 5th Street.

No one from the public provided input or attended the Tuesday night public hearing, which was open for 50 minutes before the vote took place.

Council members Vickie Busswitz, Stacen Burgers and Alan Leenderts agreed to vacate the estimated half block of the platted, but not developed, section of West 5th Street.

The city retains ownership of the alley that runs north and south between South 2nd Street West and South Church Avenue, as public infrastructure is located in the area.

A portion of the vacated street will become the home to a new storage facility built by Hills Storage Center.

Owners Kelly Leuthold and Ross Metzger, a Hills council member, plan to build a 40-by-187-foot storage facility south

Hills street vacate/continued on page 5



COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,284	<1	+0.3%
Pipestone	1,160	2	+0.7%
Nobles	4,081	1	+0.2%
Minnehaha (SD)	31,609	11	+0.2%
Lyon (IA)	1,582	1	+0.3%

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

Date Range	3/28-4/10	4/4-4/17	4/11-4/24	4/18-5/1
Rate	23.37	32.93	40.37	39.31

Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY

- People with at least one dose: 3,535
- People with completed series: 3,362

Data as of 05-16-2021

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 May 18, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Preschool teacher 'Miss Debbie' retires

Friday was the last day of school for Deb Mitchell, the Discovery Time preschool and Early Childhood Family Education teacher with Luverne Public Schools for the past 17 years. She put in more than 40 years in education. Preschoolers bid "Miss Debbie" an early goodbye and "Happy Retirement" with sidewalk paintings Thursday afternoon. Posing with Deb Mitchell on her last day of school Friday are preschool students (from left) Wesley Kracht, Eli Horsman, Kasyn VanBelle, Emery Sandager, Miss Debbie, Iris Yonzon, Wyatt Burch, Ingrid Sandager, Carter Wermager, Brealee Yancey and Lila Gogue.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Free food offered May 20

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.

Free food for seniors May 20

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 20, as a drive-through distribution in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information, pre-registration required, if not already enrolled.

H-BC concert May 21

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School concert featuring the ninth- through 12th-grade band, choir and drumlines will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 21. The concert will also be live-streamed through the H-BC Patriots Facebook page.

Shredding event May 22

St. Catherine Church Luverne will bring Dakota Shred It to Luverne from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 22, at Luverne Laundry on the corner of Main Street and Highway 75.

Wednesday night free meal

The Luverne United Methodist Church will host its monthly free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, with a pickup option available. Call 507-283-4529

Memorial Day programs

The Hardwick American Legion Post #478 Memorial Day Program will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Veterans Memorial. The program includes a speech by Matt Niessink, staff sergeant and recruiter at Luverne National Guard, a reading by Chance Tunnessen, 2021 Boy Stater and music by Maddie Oye.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs will host a 30-minute virtual Memorial Day program, "Reflections: Memorial Day 2021," at 8 p.m. Monday, May 31, on TPT's Minnesota Channel.

Parade entries sought by May 31

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

Pound the Mound race at Blue Mounds/continued from page 1

Mounds State Park for its geographic challenges and opportunity for some distance.

"Blue Mounds is a wonderful place to hold an event like this," Namminga said.

"The course is a 10-mile loop. There are not many places in this area that have that many continuous miles of trail so it really lends itself well to a trail race."

According to positive feedback from participating runners, she said the park was a good choice.

"Many of them said the course was beautiful and they were surprised by how challenging it was," she said. "The trails have a lot of gradual inclines and also some really technical areas along the Burr Oak Trail."

While many welcomed the mild spring weather Saturday, the runners were caught off guard by the heat.

"Saturday's sunshine with temps in the 70s added to the challenge of complet-



Eva Gut, Sioux Falls, navigates the rocky decline of the Burr Oak Trail on the south end of the Blue Mounds.



Becky Uittenbogaard, Hull, Iowa, rounds a turn in a grassy stretch of the 30-mile route in the park.

ing the course, but every runner who started was able to complete the course," Namminga said.

The first-place finisher in the 30-miler was 36-year-old Jon Zuk of Hayfield, Minnesota, with a time of 4 hours, 48 minutes and 12 seconds.

The first female runner to finish 30 miles was 42-year-old Andie Bennett, Sioux Falls, 5:28:36.

In the 20-miler 39-year-old Wyatt Urlacher, Brandon, won with a time of 3:30:52.

The female 20-mile winner was 44-year-old Glenda Bittner, Sioux Falls, in 3:50:51

Overall winner of the 10-miler was 43-year-old Kari Brown of Garfield, Minnesota, with a time

of 1:25:20.

The male 10-mile winner, 37-year-old Justin Perreault of Farwell, Minnesota, came in behind Brown with a time of 1:30:41.

"We had people from all over the area — runners from Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and even Colorado — come to Luverne to run the race," Namminga said.

"Many families stayed and camped at the park for the event and some had hotel rooms in town. It is a great way to bring people from all over into the community for a fun weekend."

Park Manager Chris Ingebretsen said the campground was busy that weekend.

"An event like this is a nice way to get people into the Blue Mounds," he said.

More than a dozen volunteers helped at two aid stations and at the start and finish line area, and they helped organizing parking in the morning.

The Luverne Area Chamber, Friends of Blue Mounds State Park, Take 16 Brewery, Bluestem Catering, the Park and Trails Council of Minnesota, race course planner and marker Kyle Raverty, Blue Mounds State Park staff and others helped with Pound the Mound.

Namminga said race proceeds were donated to Friends of Blue Mounds State Park, and she hopes to donate more next year.

"We are planning to make it an annual spring race in Blue Mounds State Park," she said.

Full race results are found on ultrasignup.com and information about next year's Pound the Mound will be posted on the group's Facebook page, Pound the Mound @bluemounds Hiking Trail.

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Meal site coordinator Lynette Hoiland will use the existing Grand Prairie Events business office.

The kitchen wall between the kitchen and event space will need a serving window, and the northeast corner of the building will accommodate office space for ACE of Southwest Minnesota.

ACE (formerly RSVP) leases space from Generations and will relocate to office space in the northeast corner of the Grand Prairie building that is currently a bridal room and storage space.

The ACE office will have a private entrance to the east.

Other than the east side modifications, Bonnema said the Grand Prairie Events interior and exterior won't change.

"We want to keep that elegant appearance that it is now," he said.

"To me the biggest barrier that we have right now for moving the Generations organization forward is the building that we're in. There's nothing welcoming about it. We've gotten rid of clutter, but we can't do anything about eight refrigerators and freezers in the room."

He said Generations may even use the Grand Prairie Events colors and logo on the sign. "Instead of Grand Prairie Events it might be Generations Events," he said. "We can at least use the G."

Generations Events will honor Grand Prairie Events commitments

With contractors' summer schedules already filled, Bonnema said the group won't seek contractors until later this year, and work won't begin on the kitchen and ACE office until this winter.

Further, he said Generations will honor Jarchow's existing commitments (more than a dozen) on the books between now and the end of the year.

The building purchase includes tables, chairs, linens, utensils and everything currently needed for event hosting.

As one of Generations' commitments to the community, Bonnema said having space for community gatherings is something the group has long wanted but hasn't had space for.

"It's sustainability for us, which is necessary," he said about event rentals.

"But also, we are planning to have activities in there during the afternoons or mornings."

Fundraising continues, revenue comes in

In cash and commitments, the group has already raised roughly \$500,000 toward a new facility, and it benefited from CARES Act funds

targeted for non-profits.

Once Generations moves into the Grand Prairie Events building, it will demolish the Lincoln house and sell the current kitchen/dining space, which Bonnema said he's already had offers on.

While money is coming, funds are needed immediately to close on the new space this summer.

For Bonnema and Generations members, it's good to finally have a plan.

"It feels like a milestone after treading water for so long. Now we have something definite, and I think that's exciting for everyone involved," he said.

"And I think it's exciting for the community, because it's not for us ... It's for the next generations. We're never going to run out of old people; I keep saying that."

In addition to Bonnema, Generations board members include Carlene Boll, Marlin Buus, Mary Gehrke, Judy Fenske, Connie Frahm, Roger Henderson, Lynette Hoiland, Betty Mann, Renae Reu, Bruce Thalhuber and Ken Vos.

For information about how to support the project, Bonnema can be reached at 507-227-0682, flowergb@iw.net or by mail, 801 West Warren, Luverne, 56156.

Generations kitchen doubles output during pandemic

Despite the COVID setbacks, Generations has served more meals than it has in decades — nearly doubling meal numbers.

In-house diners were numbering in the teens and 20s prior to COVID; now meal production is at nearly 200 per day.

They're delivered daily to Pipestone, Worthington and Adrian, as well as to Luverne residents. Meals are also delivered to Hardwick, Jasper, Hills and Beaver Creek twice weekly. Frozen meals are offered to supplement hot meals on the off days.

The suggested price per meal is \$5, and people with limited resources can call site coordinator Lynette Hoiland at 507-283-9846 for options.

Meals are reserved a day in advance.

The menu is posted weekly in the Star Herald and daily on KQAD AM and on Facebook at "Generations formerly Luverne Senior Citizens."

Bonnema said there is no word yet on when in-person dining will resume.

"That is a concern from a social perspective," he said. "They're really missing that social opportunity of dining in person."

"There have been lots and lots of studies about how people's health has been affected by isolation. ... The food is there, but it's no fun to eat alone."



Mavis Fodness photo/0520 ACE Volunteers 2021

Grace Quilters were busy Thursday morning, May 13, in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. The 20 volunteers who make up the Quilters logged 3,821 hours, the most of any registered station with A.C.E. of Rock County.

Volunteers/from page 1

women wore masks and spread out their work areas, a practice still in place as they were vaccinated.

A.C.E. (Advocate Connect Educate) of Rock County coordinates the local volunteer program, and not all of its groups were able to meet as often as normal.

Volunteer hours are down; volunteering up in Rock County

Volunteer numbers were down last year in each of the seven A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota member counties except one — Rock County.

Michelle Baumhoefner, the agency's executive director, presented the 2020 annual report at the May 4 County Board meeting.

She credits local coordinator Linda Wenzel for the increase in volunteers and her enthusiastic promotion of aging services within Rock County.

"She has just turned this program around and has done a phenomenal job," Baumhoefner said.

You have a very valuable program that is unique to the area serving southwest Minnesota. If we weren't available to residents, you would see a great deal of loss within your communities."

A.C.E. hired Wenzel in July 2019.

"My main goal for 2020 was to engage younger volunteers," Wenzel said.

"I always felt like volunteerism is a step toward gaining different experiences. My sales pitch: 'It looks good on your college application and it looks good on your resume.'"

Rock County had 494 volunteers in 2020, up from 457 in 2019. Volunteers helped at 60 locations or stations within the county.

However, despite the increase in the number of volunteers, the hours logged decreased from 46,345 in 2019 to 33,810 last year.

The highest number in the past five years was in 2016, when volunteering reached 59,014 hours.

Education encourages volunteer hours

Wenzel strives to increase volunteer hours



Finishing the quilt edges are (from top) Jan Rud, Karen Menage and Vicky Henderson

Pictured at left, Dorie Nicolaus (left) and Linda Renken tie the three-layered quilts together.



in 2021. "My main job is educating the public," Wenzel added.

The previous RSVP program was limited to people age 55 and older logging hours. A.C.E. volunteers can be of any age, and an insurance trust provides coverage for all who are registered.

There are 2,205 volunteers

within the seven counties. In 2020 they collectively logged 193,659 hours, down from 270,761 in 2019 and the high of 278,501 in 2016.

Following Grace Quilters' 3,821 hours in 2020 was ATLAS-Redeemed Remnants with 2,554 hours logged by 41 volunteers.

At left, Gloria Nelson carefully measures the fabric for the 6-by-6-inch quilting squares.

At far left, finished quilts wait on a table.



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Dog Licenses Due
 During Month of May

City of Beaver Creek residents are reminded that dog licenses are due during month of May. Cost is \$4 per dog, however, residents age 65 and over are exempt from the license fee. Copy of current rabies vaccination required. A \$20 late fee will be added if license not renewed by 6-1-21. Clerk office hours are Monday 7am to 11am & Tuesday 5:30pm to 9pm. You can also leave payment and vaccination certificate copy in the clerk's drop box and license and tag will be mailed to you. If you no longer have your pet, please notify clerk's office at 673-2266.

/s/Jane Blank
 City Clerk/Treasurer

Newbie reveals secret reason for volunteering at Redeemed Remnants

I've known people over the years who guard their volunteer time at Redeemed



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

Of course the most fun is break time. Sitting down for a cup of coffee. Choosing one of the 400 treats on the break room table.

Remnants like it's a meeting with the Queen.

Now I know why. Redeemed Remnants is the resale/thrift store that generates finances for ATLAS of Rock County. ATLAS offers free Christian counseling and other services to people in need.

As chairman of the ATLAS board, I've been volunteering at Redeemed Remnants to gain a better understanding of how the business works.

And wow, does it work. Spending time in "the back room" at Redeemed Remnants is like hanging out in a beehive, or, maybe with a flock of humming birds.

A few weeks ago following the Luverne city-wide rummage sales, donations in the reception area reached halfway to the very tall ceiling. I returned a few days later to find the pile of boxes and bags gone. In record time, the donations had been sorted, cleaned, organized, hauled, stored, repaired, placed and delivered.

The people who volunteer at Redeemed Remnants are sharp, capable, talented and, of course, hardworking. Committing to volunteer at Redeemed Remnants is serious business.

It's also a boatload of fun. Nothing beats unpacking a box of donated lingerie or holding up a large "what do you think this might be?"

It's fun to greet people in the alley to thank them for their donation. It's fun to go through boxes trying to imagine the kind of person

the donor might be.

"Hmmm...maybe works in a bank...lost some weight...has a kid in Luverne High School?"

It's fun watching customers browsing and finding treasures. "Look! An old-fashioned lemon squeezer!"

It's fun working at the cash register and helping people admire their purchases. "Wow! All this for just \$24! You won't find these prices at the mall!"

It's fun evaluating whether or not an article of donated clothing goes in the "keep, good or bale" bin.

"Smells fresh? In style? In season? Nearly perfect condition? Yep! It's a keeper!"

Of course the most fun is break time. Sitting down for a cup of coffee. Choosing one of the 400 treats on the break room table.

And then, enjoying a conversation with a few wonderful, dedicated people and learning the reason they guard their volunteer time at Redeemed Remnants like it's a meeting with the Queen – "Because it's fun!"

Are you an entrepreneur?

Our local students learn the spirit of 'thinking outside the box'

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

The Southwest Minnesota CEO (Creating Entrepreneur Opportunities) chapter in Rock County is one of three CEO chapters of the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship program in Minnesota.

Recently Midland's executive director Austin Brooks and national program manager Amy Tarr visited this year's class of 14 students in Luverne. The organizers were impressed at what the three-year-old program has created, and so are we.

The Star Herald attended the early morning session with students who were dressed in suits and office attire, and we couldn't help but be impressed as they answered questions about the area and who has left them with lasting impressions.

The program brings plenty of learning to the table through classroom work, visits to local businesses and discussions with local leaders.

Each student was articulate and sincere and has developed a network of local individuals to help them succeed in the future and also

right now.

The success was on display Wednesday as each of the students from Luverne, Hills, Adrian, Pipestone and Edgerton opened their individual businesses to the public during the CEO Trade Show at Grand Prairie Events.

Brooks and Tarr asked if the students would continue their businesses after the class ends. Several said they would – others were doubtful.

"It's OK to be an entrepreneur and work for someone else," Brooks said. "But act as if you own it."

If our future workforce acts on these CEO lessons, we will have some pretty exceptional workers in our midst.

At Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary, fifth-graders are introduced to the same it's-OK-to-fail lessons that are emphasized with the older students. They're told to learn from mistakes and push forward. These students will have their own in-house trade show Monday.

Teacher Dylan Gehrke added a "Shark Tank" experience where his 23 students shared the numbers behind creating a business and strike an investment deal with the panel of "investors."

The experience for both the elementary and high school students of creating products or selling of services is priceless – as is the return of these students to their home towns years from now.

Meinerts: Forced seatbelt, mask wearing 'is infringing on my freedom'

To the Editor:

In response to Alan Harnack's May 6 letter to the editor, I guess we have to go back to basic grade school vocabulary class.

Freedom: noun – "the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint."

Socialism: noun – "a political and economic theory of social organization which advocates that the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole."

In Marxist theory, "it's a transitional social state between the overthrow of capitalism and the realization of communism."

Yes, being forced to wear a seatbelt and mask is infringing on my freedom.

Alan, your logic sounds very much like socialism, and yes, that leads to communism. If you as a business owner decide on a policy, that is fine.

There are plenty of patriotic stores that don't want to take away our freedom and that is where we will shop.

I love my freedom and will fight for yours. I am very thankful for all who wore the military helmets and fought for our freedom and the oath they took to uphold the constitution of this great country - a document that states we will secure the blessings of liberty.

Liberty: noun - the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life.

God bless America!

Todd Meinerts, Luverne



Daily to-do list gives purpose to day which includes NETFLIX diet

It seems that I have come to a point in my life where my short-term memory forgets to work.

Over my working career I usually begin my day with a daily to-do list. The list generally serves two purposes: first, it gives me achievement goals for the day; but mostly, it helps remind me of smaller tasks I may forget over the course of the day.

Just recently I was writing one such note to myself before I headed to work for the day. None of the tasks on the list were all that important, but if I didn't write them down I would surely forget them.

Once at the office, I was going



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager
Tollefson Publishing

to pull out my to-do list when I realized I forgot my to-do list at home. Who would have thought I need to write myself a note reminding me to bring my to-do list to work?

As you probably know, I am a bit slow when it comes to keeping pace with new viewing options on TV. I finally have joined the NETFLIX crowd. I haven't binge-watched anything yet, but I have watched four movies over the course of the first week of

NETFLIX.

As it turns out, there are a number of benefits to having NETFLIX. I call it the NETFLIX diet. I didn't realize I had signed up for the diet; it just happened.

The NETFLIX diet helped me reduce my nightly unnecessary calorie intake by several hundred calories each time I watched one of those four movies.

With no commercial interruption during the movies, I didn't make any trips to the kitchen to find something to snack on.

Who would have known watching a movie could be so healthy for you?

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ON RECORD

Dispatch report

May 7
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported he is out of gas.
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 14, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant reported a possible missing person.
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a vehicle repo.

May 8
 •Complainant on 21st Street, Jasper, requested assistance from a deputy.
 •Complainant on Adams and Oakley reported fire-works debris in the park.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported issue with tenant.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Luverne.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant southbound on Highway 23, Jasper, reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported an open door at location.
 •Complainant on E. Crawford reported a child was hit by a car.

May 9
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported harassing communications.
 •Complainant on County Highway 4, Luverne, reported an attempted break-in.
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a drunk driver.

May 10
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
 •Complainant reported a suspicious mailing.
 •A deputy was flagged down by motorist looking for friend in the area of N. Kniss Avenue and Barck Avenue.
 •Complainant reported fire at location near Adrian.
 •Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported that she feels she was scammed.
 •Complainant on N.

Kniss Avenue and Adams Avenue reported a car and pedestrian accident.
 •Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported that she was tailgated.
 •Complainant reported camera outage.

May 11
 •Complainant on 60th Avenue, Hills, reported a scam.
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported threats at location.
 •Pipestone County requested assistance in locating individual.
 •Complainant on W. Lincoln Street requested to make a complaint.
 •Complainant on W. Main Street assisted other department.

May 12
 •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, mile marker 4.5, Luverne, reported debris on roadway.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and W. Fletcher Street reported property damage.
 •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and 191st Street, Hardwick, reported an erratic driver.
 •Deputy assisted motorist on Highway 75 and 241st Street, Hardwick.
 •Complainant on N. Spring Street reported loud television noise.

May 13
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported a parking issue.
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 7, Beaver Creek, reported a piece of steel on the roadway.
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported erratic driving.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 8 escorts, 17 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 12 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 9 burn permits, 1 alarm, 4 drug court tests, 9 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 12 traffic stops, 12 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 welfare check, 1 OFP, 1 report of cattle out and 1 follow-up.



Mavis Fodness photo/0520 Touch Sky Burning U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel use a four-wheeler rather than walking to more easily set prairie grasses on fire.

Smoke rises as U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel conduct a prescribed burn at Touch the Sky Prairie.



Prescribed burns restore prairie grasses

By Mavis Fodness

Personnel with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spent a day last week improving native grasses at the Touch the Sky Prairie (pictured) through a May 10 controlled burn.

The fire management helps rejuvenate about 400 acres of natural prairie grass and rid the northern tallgrass prairie of invasive plants and brush.

Prescribed burn specialist Eric Earhart said weather conditions were ideal for the annual burn that also included nearby private lands.

The burn especially targets thistles. "It makes our thistle control way easier," he said. "We really try to limit our herbicide applications."

On May 12, the ideal weather conditions also allowed the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to complete the annual burn at Blue Mounds State Park.

According to park manager Chris



A prescribed fire reveals rock formations on 300 acres burned at Touch the Sky Prairie.

Ingebretsen, 330 acres (including a portion of the bison range) were burned.
 He said while some wildlife nests were destroyed in the fire, the birds generally are able to re-

establish a nest in a new area.
 "Long term it doesn't really impact them unless it rains too much this spring. The area will be a better place (for nesting) with the fire."



Hills-Beaver Creek prom at SpringBrooke Events/from page 1

we just wanted to attend in person," said one of the organizers, Kari Kueter. "So, we as junior parents decided we would do it all."
 The public was invited to attend the outdoor Grand March with their own lawn chairs on the golf course as

students paraded the cement pathways on the back side of the SpringBrooke building.
 All H-BC prom activities were at SpringBrooke, including the meal, dance and after-prom activities that were scheduled to end at 1:30 a.m.





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Hills street vacate/from page 1

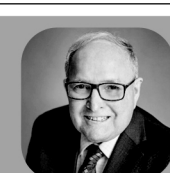
of West 5th Street.
 When setback requirements from a utility pole for the 14-foot-tall building meant moving the structure to the north, they discovered the property belonged to the city and was originally intended as a street.
 Mayor Keith Elbers said no street was ever constructed to connect West 5th Street, which would curve north along the railroad tracks and South 2nd

Street West.
 In an April 26 special meeting, council members discussed several options with Metzger and Leuthold. They agreed vacating the street was the best option.
 All legal costs associated with the vacation will be paid by Metzger and Leuthold. The city would occur none of the expense.
 Metzger did not attend the May 11 public hearing and did not vote.



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Vets motorcycle club helps Luverne military family

By Lori Sorenson

Shelley and Jason Wicks, Luverne, have been working on home improvement projects at their house on Estey and Brown for several years.

When Jason deployed for military service last August, Shelley and their five children have been trying to continue with painting and repair work.

Then a friend of theirs put in a call to the U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club, which is comprised of veterans who actively seek ways to help deployed service people and their families.

Saturday morning, several biker club members rumbled up the street and parked in front of the Wicks' home.

They were joined by fellow club members who brought tools, lumber and

other supplies.

In addition to finishing the exterior paint work the Wicks had started, club members replaced a rotting front deck with a new front patio platform.

The U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club members, all of them military veterans, donated their labor and roughly \$250 worth of materials to help support their fellow military family, which is what the club does.

Shelley Wicks said she's grateful for the help.

"We started painting two summers ago, and last summer Jason had a bunch of pre-deployment stuff, so we just never got it done," she said.

"Now, we're getting it done for him, and it's gone farther than we thought."

Lori Sorenson photos/0520 motorcycle club group

Members of the U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club (pictured at top) donated labor and supplies to help deployed serviceman Jason Wicks and his wife, Shelley, finish painting their house and replacing the deck. Pictured above are (front, from left) the Wicks family: Tyler, Shelley, Brooklyn, Sydney, Dawson and Parker; (back) motorcycle club members Chris Estwick, Kurt Weideman, Derek Major, Jordan Brown, Tom Rauenhorst, Bo Ellefson, Tyler Laufenberg and Jason Mundt.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

The world-famous wood-carved sculptures of Fred Cogelow are on display at the Brandenburg Gallery in the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building.

Cogelow is widely known and acclaimed in fine art circles. His work appears throughout the country in museums, private residences, art studios and businesses. Cogelow hails from Rock County ancestors — the Bush family from Hills.

25 years ago (1996)

Luverne High School senior honor students approached the School Board Tuesday night with their concerns over criteria for the Top 10 Students designation.

Luverne's Top 10 students are names for the honor based on cumulative four-year grade point average and corresponding class rank. ...

Post secondary option allows students to attend college at nearby campuses while remaining a student at Luverne High School.

50 years ago (1971)

James A. Harner, Zumbrot, has been named principal at Luverne high school. He will begin his duties July 1. He fills the vacancy created by the resignation last year of John Holsen. Since that time, John Rath served as both junior and senior high principal.

Supt. Harvey Eitrem said that present plans call for Harner and Rath to share a joint principalship, a plan now being used at Montevideo and several other Minnesota schools. Under the plan, Eitrem said, it is hoped that the duplication of duties can be avoided, and that the two men will serve both junior and senior high departments, but in specific areas.

One will likely be assigned to administration, organization and supervision while the other will be assigned to curriculum, personnel and supervision. This remains to be worked out, however, before school starts next fall.

75 years ago (1946)

An invitation to everyone living in

the Luverne trade territory to make use of the city park for school picnics, family reunions, and family outings was issued this week by the Luverne Civic and Commerce association.

"The city council has gone to considerable expense to provide Luverne with a fine park, with adequate picnic facilities." P. D. Stephenson temporary chairman of the Luverne Civic and Commerce association stated this week, "and we are anxious that the people of this community use it as much as possible.

100 years ago (1921)

A fire, alleged to be of incendiary origin, totally destroyed the south bleachers at Athletic park shortly after two o'clock Monday morning, and but for the prompt arrival of the fire department the grandstand and north bleachers would have been consumed. When the department arrived, the flames had spread through the south end of the grandstand and were rapidly eating through the roof.

Two incidents serve to strengthen the theory that the fire was set. Shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday evening a member of the Harry Campbell family, who occupies the living quarters at the sales pavilion, discovered the bleachers on fire, and Mr. Campbell succeeded in putting out the fire.

M. E. Teeter, secretary of the agricultural society, was notified and went to the fair grounds at 8 o'clock that evening and made careful inspection of the bleachers to make sure the fire was extinguished. The location and character of the first fire indicated that it might have been due to a cigarette or cigar being thrown under the bleachers during the ball game in the afternoon.

But the second fire was discovered at about 2:40 a.m. or approximately seven hours after the first one and that a spark would smolder for this period is highly improbable. Then too, on Monday President G. A. Hagedorn of the fair association, discovered a gallon oil can in about the center of the site of the burned bleachers, and it is considered quite certain that this can was not there early Sunday evening.

Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne observes Veterans Homes Week

As the Veterans Home in Luverne celebrated Minnesota Veterans Homes Week May 9-15, staff members also acknowledge the benefits of a caring and generous community.

"We are so fortunate to receive support from the community," said Administrator Scott Buchanan.

The Veterans Home is the recipient of tremendous com-

munity support, according to Public Affairs Coordinator Duane Mabon. "Many items have been donated that contribute to resident comfort."

These include, for example, towel warmers, physical therapy and medical equipment, recliners, televisions and a soft serve ice cream machine, all of which enhance residents' experiences, said Shirley Connor, recreation director.

"There is nothing more soothing than a nice warm blanket on a chilly day or a bowl of ice cream on a hot summer day," she said.

Buchanan said it's an honor to work at the Veterans Home.

"Our staff are so dedicated to caring for our residents and take such pride in their work."

"The annual Veterans Home Week is an opportunity to recognize the staff who truly are heroes caring for heroes."



Rauk leaves legacy of volunteer fire service

Rick Rauk (front, center) passed away May 13, leaving behind a long legacy of volunteer firefighting service in the community. Marlys Rauk recently shared a photograph of seven Rauk firefighters with the Star Herald. "Two are retired and five are still active," she said. "I think that it is pretty special to have that many firemen in one family." Pictured left of Rick are his sons, Beaver Creek Fire Chief Jason Rauk and Chad Rauk. On the right are Rick's brother, Ron Rauk, and Ron's son, Ryan Rauk. Kneeling are Ron's grandson, Austin, and his wife, Kendra. Rick died at age 68 of complications with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (hardening of the lungs). "For 35 years Rick was one of the first men on the scene when a fire call came in for the Beaver Creek area," his family wrote in his obituary. "He loved fighting fires with his team."

CELEBRATIONS

Card shower

Jim Rolfs will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, May 22. Greetings may be sent to 1006 Black Moon Circle, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, May 24: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas, dinner roll, bar.

Tuesday, May 25: Goulash, broccoli, tropical fruit, bread.

Wednesday, May 26: Chef salad, crackers, creamy fruit salad, frosted cake.

Thursday, May 27: Barbecue meatballs, roasted potatoes, carrots, bread, gelatin with whipped topping.

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Giving back to the community

Tyler Bush (center, right) of Security Savings Bank Luverne branch gives a \$450 check to Emily Crabtree of Luverne Area Community Foundation on behalf of bank employees, including (back from left) Sheryl Klaassen, Carol Nelson, Danielle Klooster, Ryan DeBates, Don Bryan, Ashley Tilstra and Amber Bos. Bank employees wanted to give back to their community and to show support to all the organizations that strengthen the community.

STUDENT NEWS

Scholarships presented

Four Rock County 4-H'ers received scholarships for 2021 recently, awarded by the program's executive committee. Sponsors of the awards are Sunshine Foods and the Marcel Reich Scholarship Fund.

•Jacob Raak, son of Philip and Theresa Raak, Jasper, 13-year member of Denver Go-Getters, senior at Southwest MN Christian High School, Edgerton.

•Gretchen Jacobsma, daughter of Doug and Erin Jacobsma, Luverne, six-year member of Magnolia Juniors, senior at Luverne High School.

•Tory Knobloch, son of Dallas and Amy Knobloch, Hills, nine-year member of Blue Ribbon, senior at Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School.

•Dalton Popkes, son of Darrin and Nancy Popkes, Ellsworth, 13-year member of Livewires, senior at Ellsworth High School.

Harnack sings in Festival

Hills-Beaver Creek fourth-grader Gavin Harnack joined 180 fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students to participate in Elementary Festival Honor Choir in a virtual concert.

The concert was a part of the annual South Dakota State University Choral Day in Brookings, South Dakota.

Harnack was selected based on a recorded audition submitted by choral instructor Amy Comp.

1895: Temperance union celebrates anniversary; snake removed from stomach

The following articles appeared in *The Rock County Herald* during 1895.

Jan. 11, 1895

The HERALD takes great pleasure in announcing to its readers that it has again made arrangements by which it is enabled to furnish the Weekly New York Tribune to its patrons for 25 cents per year, or both for 58 cents, per year. This price is probably less than the cost of the white paper, and the offer is a bargain which no one who wants to "keep posted" and desires to have reliable information respecting political questions of current importance, can afford to miss.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

Feb. 15, 1895

The Gospel Temperance union celebrated the first anniversary of its organization in an appropriate manner Wednesday afternoon and evening at Armory Hall Opera house. During the afternoon refreshments were served in the rooms in the second story of the Opera house, and a large number of people from

all parts of the county enjoyed the feat. Wednesday evening a delightful programme was successfully rendered to an audience only measured by the capacity of the building. People were present from Adrian, Hardwick, Beaver Creek, Hills, Steen, Ash Creek, Magnolia and other points, and a happier crowd was never assembled in Luverne.

The W. C. T. U. has the Gospel Temperance Union under its wing, and the HERALD asserts that anything is bound to succeed over which it casts its protecting influence.

March 1, 1895

Readers of the HERALD will remember that sometime last summer we published an item stating that a snake seven inches in length had been removed from the stomach of Ole Evenson, of Denver township. Mr. Evenson called at the HERALD office Tuesday and gave more complete particulars regarding the affair. He is under the impression that while on a trip through South Dakota some eight years ago

he swallowed an egg or small snake while drinking water from some of the springs or sloughs. For seven years he suffered untold agony. He could feel that "animal" crawling around his insides and was unable to retain any food whatever which did not suit the fancy of his snakeship.

Any food of a sour or salty nature would cause Mr. Evenson the most excruciating pain followed by violent vomiting until the contents of his stomach were entirely removed. Last summer he took a big dose of strychnine which did not agree with the snake, nor Mr. Evenson, either for that matter, but the snake was dislodged and when vomited up was still

alive. Mr. Evenson now has the snake in a bottle pickled in alcohol. Since the removal of the snake Mr. Evenson has gained 23 pounds in weight and experiences no discomfort from any food he may eat. Physicians, however, tell Mr. Evenson that the snake perforated his stomach with small holes which may in time cause him serious trouble.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

OBITUARIES

Richard Rauk

Richard Albert Rauk, 68, Beaver Creek, died Thursday, May 13, 2021, at his home surrounded by family.



A funeral service was Monday, May 17, at First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial followed in the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Richard Rauk was born on June 8, 1952, to Edward and Elizabeth (Keehr) Rauk in Valley Springs, South Dakota. He was raised in Beaver Creek and was baptized and confirmed at the First Presbyterian Church. Rick graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1971. He then went to work for a time at Gale Tower Construction and then at the Sioux Falls Stockyards.

On April 27, 1974, Richard married Mary Hansen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. A short time later, the couple moved to Beaver Creek and

began their life together.

Rick spent the majority of his working career at two places, Farmland Industries until its closing and later Gold'n Plump until its closing.

In December 2018, Richard formally retired. A short time later, he began having health concerns.

Rick was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek where he served as a trustee. He was a member of the local cemetery board and the Sportmen's Club. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Beaver Creek Fire Department. For 35 years Rick was one of the first men on the scene when a fire call came in for the Beaver Creek area. He loved fighting fires with his team.

One of Rick's passions was mowing and taking care of yards. He enjoyed gardening and flowers, Christmas decorations, bowling, camping and

sitting around the fire pit with family and friends. He especially loved to watch his boys participate in sports and later in life was his granddaughters' biggest fan.

Rick is survived by his wife, Mary, of Beaver Creek; sons Jason Rauk and Chad (Tami) Rauk, all of Beaver Creek; grandchildren Taryn, Brynn and Jordyn Rauk; siblings Ron (Marlys) Rauk of Beaver Creek, Mareda (Keith) Bertelson of Sioux Falls and Roxie Rauk of Sioux Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife's parents, Lester and Dorothy Hansen; sister-in-law Debra Magnuson; and his brother-in-law, Dale "Ole" Hansen.

Memorials are preferred to Beaver Creek Fire Department, Beaver Creek Cemetery Fund or Sanford Luverne Hospice.

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

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Corrine Houg

Corrine Elaine Houg, 93, working for John Morrell and Company from 1946-1949. Corrine died Sunday, May 16, 2021, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Jasper. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Rosedell Cemetery in rural Jasper.

Corrine Hildring was born on Nov. 2, 1927, to Gilmer and Betty (Long) Hildring in Split Rock Township, South Dakota. Corrine grew up on the family farm in Larchwood, Iowa. When she was in high school she went to live with her uncle in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from Rock Rapids High School in 1946. After graduation she worked for Verma V. Kostman as a secretary aid and then worked at Shriver-Johnson Company in 1946. She moved in with her sisters at the Brownstone Apartments in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and got a job

working for John Morrell and Company from 1946-1949.

On Jan. 22, 1950, Corrine married Otto Houg at the Bethany Lutheran Church parsonage in Luverne. She left her position in Sioux Falls to become a full-time wife and mother, living across the street from her current home from 1950-1954 and then her farm home from 1954-2021. On May 3, 2021, Corrine suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. A short time later she entered the care of the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage until her death.

Corrine was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was involved with Rosedell Trinity Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran ladies aid. She enjoyed dancing with the Hollyhoppers Square Dancers, being involved in various social clubs, sewing, and cooking. She learned to play the organ which was something she enjoyed as well as canning, and she had

a special knack for baking. Corrine loved ice cream (in moderation, of course), family and church. She loved to sing and travel, especially to the insurance conferences with her husband and to visit family on the West Coast and Washington, D.C.

Corrine is survived by three children, Lynette (Anthony) Mussio of Everett, Washington, Roger (Nancy) Houg of Aitkin, and Dennis Houg of Jasper; two granddaughters, Sherri (Zach) Long and Christina (Duane) Arnold; five great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto Houg; her parents; two brothers, Edward and Paul Hildring; and two sisters, Pauline Pinney and Geraldine Berk.

Memorials may be directed to Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne or the Jasper Ambulance.

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Luverne baseball extends winning streak to six games, improves to 16-1 overall

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals went 4-0 this past week to extend their winning streak to six games and improve to 16-1 overall.

The Cardinals opened the week on Tuesday, May 11, with a 19-9 victory over the Worthington Trojans.

Luverne then swept a doubleheader against Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls on Thursday, May 13. The Cardinals won Game 1 of the doubleheader 10-0 and then completed the sweep with a 13-1 victory in Game 2.

The Cardinals wrapped up the week on Monday, May 17, with a 4-3 victory over Worthington in Luverne.

LHS 19, Worthington 9

The Cardinals used a 10-run first inning to squash any thoughts the Trojans may have had about pulling an upset on Tuesday, May 11.

After scoring 10 runs in the first inning, the Cardinals



Brennen Rupp photo/0520 LHS Baseball

Luverne third baseman Kaden Anderson fires a throw to first base during Luverne's matchup against Worthington on Monday, May 17. The Cardinals defeated the Trojans 4-3.

added one more run in the top of the third to take a 11-2 lead. The Trojans scored three runs in the bottom half of

the inning to trim Luverne's lead to 11-5.

Both teams scored one run in the fourth inning to

make it a 12-6 ballgame.

LHS baseball/page 9

LHS softball blanked by Worthington

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals softball team entered the week on a four-game winning streak. During that four-game stretch, the Cardinals outscored their opponents 43-12 to bring their overall record to 8-7.

That winning streak came to a screeching halt on Tuesday, May 11, when the Cardinals' bats went cold against the Worthington Trojans.

The visiting Trojans held the Cardinals to just one hit to pick up the 13-0 victory.

The Trojans jumped on the Cardinals right away by scoring five runs in the first inning. Worthington added one more run in the second to take a 6-0 lead into the third inning.

In the top of the fourth inning the Trojans scored two more runs to take a commanding 8-0 lead.

Worthington scored five runs in the top of the fifth inning to take a 13-0 lead.

The Cardinals were over-matched at the plate, as Worthington's starting pitcher recorded 14 strikeouts.

Billi Connell recorded the lone hit for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals will look to start a new winning streak on Tuesday, May 18, when they travel to Adrian to take on Adrian/Ellsworth.

Luverne defeated the Dragons earlier this season 6-4.

Luverne will wrap up the week on Thursday, May 20, when it hosts Edgerton/Southwest Minnesota Christian.

The Cardinals defeated Edgerton/Southwest Minnesota Christian 7-6 earlier this season.

Worthington 5 1 0 2 5 13 10 1
LHS 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 3

Batting: Connell 1-2

Cardinals' tennis team stays perfect with 4-3 victory over St. James

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals tennis team continued its dominance on Monday, May 10. The Cardinals defeated St. James 4-3 in Luverne to remain undefeated and improve to 10-0 overall.

"It was a great team effort," Luverne head coach Lucas Larson said.

"The boys are reaping the rewards for the hard work they continue to put in. I'm very proud of them."

Luverne's Pierce Cunningham defeated Marco Hernandez in straight sets. Cunningham won the first set 6-0 and took the second set 6-2 to pick up the match victory.

Griffen Jarchow won his match in straight sets for the Cardinals. Jarchow defeated



Brennen Rupp photo/0520 tennis

Luverne's Griffen Jarchow returns a serve during his match against St. James in Luverne on Monday, May 17.

Tennis/page 9

Rock County golf teams face off in Adrian meet

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals and Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams competed in Adrian on Thursday, May 13.

A total of four teams competed in Adrian, including the two Rock County teams.

The Cardinals boys' team took home first place with a score of 170.

The Patriots tied with Adrian/Ellsworth for second place with an overall score of 187.

The Cardinals owned the top of the leaderboard with the Top 3 individual performers all being Cardinals.

Henry Hartquist took home first place with a final score of 40.

Tyler Arends took home second place with a score of 42.

Brady Bork placed third with a score of 43.

Luverne's Owen Sudenga tied for fifth place with Adrian's Landyn Loosbrock. Both golfers shot a 45.

H-BC's Damien Meinerts and Austin Allen both shot a 46 to tie for seventh place.

H-BC's Ethan Kruger and Luverne's Colin Schoeneman both shot a 47.

Luverne's Cooper Arnds, H-BC's Jacob Axness and Dallas Page all shot a 48 to tie for 13th place.

Adrian's Gracia Elias was the top individual performer for the girls with a score of 44.

H-BC's Tess Van Maanen finished second with a score of 45.

Cheyenne Schutz shot a 51 for the Cardinals. Paige Sandbulte shot a 52 for the Cardinals.

Luverne's Morgan Gonnerman and Lauren Hansen both shot a 53 for the Car-

dinals.

Mackenzie Voss shot a 59 for the Patriots.

H-BC's Tara Paulsen shot a 60.

Hannah Fick shot a 63 for the Patriots.

Perceyis Trieweiler shot a 65 for the Cardinals.

H-BC's Danette Leenders shot a 67.

Luverne's Mallory Nelson finished with a score of 68.

The Luverne golf teams will be back in action on Wednesday, May 19, when they travel to Tyler for the Tyler Invitational.

The meet is scheduled to start at noon at the Tyler Golf Club.

The Patriots' golf teams will be back on the course Tuesday, May 18, for a Red Rock Conference meet.

Baseball is family tradition for Wenningers

By **Brennen Rupp**

The game of baseball is one of America's favorite pastimes. For Mike Wenninger and his two sons, Skyler and Cade, baseball is a way of life.

"We learned a lot of life lessons. We made friends. What life teaches you, we've learned through baseball," Skyler Wenninger said.

"How you handle success, how you handle failure - all those things we've learned through baseball. ... We learned from our parents and school as well, but obviously baseball is what we've known our life and what we've gone through. The game has taught us many life skills."

Mike Wenninger has been around the block as longtime baseball coach for the Luverne Cardinals. He's watched both of his sons grow up in the Luverne baseball program.

"My dad started me in baseball," Cade Wenninger said.

"I had my first glove by the time I could walk."

Cade said baseball has been a part of his family as long as he can remember and noted a lot of family vacations were to go see his



"We learned a lot of life lessons. We made friends. What life teaches you, we've learned through baseball. How you handle success, how you handle failure - all those things we've learned through baseball. ... We learned from our parents and school as well, but obviously baseball is what we've known our life and what we've gone through. The game has taught us many life skills."

- Skyler Wenninger

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H-BC golf competes in Slayton, Sanborn

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' and girls' golf teams competed in their third Red Rock Conference meet of the season on Tuesday, May 11.

The boys' team competed in Sanborn, while the girls played in Slayton.

The H-BC girls finished fourth overall with a total score of 433.

The Adrian/Ellsworth golf team took home first place with a final score of 395.

Adrian/Ellsworth's Gracia Elias and Murray County Central's Cierra Tutt tied for first place with a score of 91.

H-BC's Tess Van Maanen finished one stroke off the lead with a score of 92.

Hannah Fick shot a 101. Tara Paulssen shot a 112. Mackenzie Voss shot a 128 and Danette Leenders shot a 158.

At the beginning of the season Van Maanen and Fick were the only two that had varsity experience. H-BC coach Dan Ellingson said the rest of the team has shown marked improvements since the first meet of the season.

"The girls have been improving all season long," Ellingson said. "The girls' team has more wins than losses and that is very encouraging."

The H-BC boys finished third overall with a score of 405.

Heron Lake-Okabena/



Brennen Rupp photo/0520 tennis

H-BC's Hannah Fick hits a shot out of the rough on Tuesday, May 11, in Slayton. Fick finished the day with a score of 101 for the Patriots.

Fulda took home first with a round of 375.

HLOF's Sawyer Dent was the top individual performer with a score of 83.

H-BC's Thomas Dyst finished third overall with a score of 89.

Austin Allen and Damien Meinerts both shot a 105 for H-BC.

Jacob Axness shot a 106. Dallas Page shot a 112 and Ethan Kruger shot a 117.

"The boys have gained in the conference," Ellingson said. "They are currently in third place overall. Our goal was to be in the top two, so we are close."

The H-BC golf teams will be back on the course Tuesday, May 18, in Worthington for another Red Rock Conference meet.

Looking back at fishing memories

The great Minnesota fishing opener was May 15. I have participated in this annual event about 25 of the past 30 years.

When I was younger, I would start at the mid-night opening bell. I entered every fishing contest in the area for the competitive challenge.

Today my fishing exploits have far more to do with who I am with and which lake I am on than how many fish I could catch in a day or even a season for that matter.

The entire effort to ensure that I had one or six of every new lure and color has been replaced by the ability to drive by a big sporting goods box store and not even slow down.

Times do change. I still really like to fish, but the life with four Labradors, hours dedicated to habitat conservation, and operating four different businesses at the same time has created other priorities.

What are your best fishing memories? My dad never was much of a fisherman. He would take our family out to the Missouri River in the summer to fish from the bank. He would just ask some rancher for permission to camp in their pastures. A hole was dug for the weekend outhouse and that was all we needed.

He was an industrial sort. He rigged up about a dozen rod holders and used a battery-operated bicycle horn. You could adjust a spring on the contraption that set the sensitive line. When a fish would pull on the line, the rod would apply pressure to the horn and it would sound. It was normally my older brother who could run the fastest, and he would grab the rod, set the hook and reel in the fish.

Back in the day we only had primitive fish stringers. At 6 or 7 years old I decided to do one better. I dug a hole in the bank with only a small inlet to let the water fill the hole. Any fish we caught we put in my land-based live well, and at the end of the day dad would clean whatever fish we caught and we would eat them for supper.

I cannot really remember catching very much. The one thing I do remember is that when a school of fish swam by, all of the horns would start going off at one time. We caught walleyes, small mouth bass, silver bass, catfish and a few panfish. I was in about second or third grade at the time.

It was enough to give me the love of fishing that has lasted the rest of my life. I spent hundreds of hours as a kid ped-



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoor columnist

dling my bicycle round the lake in our town. Lake Okabena was a great babysitter for young kids who understood that when the 6 p.m. whistle sounded, it was time to get home for supper.

After supper it was when the streetlights came on that it was time to head home for the night.

There is one spot in the brain of every human being that is attracted to the outdoors, and fishing is the most common way for all ages to enter into that kind of lifestyle. I figure yet today kids running up and down the shore with poles in hand are less likely to end up on the wrong side of the law.

When is the last time you went fishing? If you are a regular participant, when is the last time you took someone new fishing with you? Taking new anglers is not necessarily for the faint of heart. You tend to get little fishing in and spend most of your time with tangles, broken equipment, tipped over tackle boxes and answering where the snacks are.

My dad's favorite line when I got snagged was to just wait a little bit and see if a fish could or would un snag my hook. Never worked but I was too young to know how bad those odds were.

Fishing license sales are up, as we were unable to do many of the indoor things we were used to doing. I hope that when folks actually got back outside after months of not having done so that many of them will re-energize in the sport of fishing. It doesn't take a lot of money but you can't be doing 10 other things at the same time. It just allows you to stop the crazy world spinning and take a few moments to ponder what is really important in your life.

Fishing does that. Kids on the dock, your wife or girlfriend in the lawn chair next to you living in the greatest country in the world. What could be better? Not much in my opinion.

Take some time to sit by the water and unplug the craziness around you. You will be glad you did.

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older brother play baseball.

"A lot of vacations have been baseball oriented — either to see my brother play or to visit cool stadiums," Cade said. "I've had a lot of moments with my dad when I was practicing in the cage or throwing to him."

On Tuesday, May 11, Mike experienced a first during his coaching tenure when it was father and son versus son for the Cardinals game in Worthington to take on the Trojans.

Mike Wenninger and Cade Wenninger squared off against Worthington and the Trojan coach Skyler Wenninger.

"Coaching is always something I've looked forward to, maybe not against my dad," Skyler said.

"I was always hoping to coach with him, but I think this is the next best thing to coach against him. Just to see him smiling at me and being proud of me. I've looked up to him my whole life. Being able to compete against that guy — it's a lot of fun."

Facing off against his older brother's team, Cade picked up one hit and drew a pair of walks.

When the two teams squared off again on Monday, May 16, Cade's lone hit in the game was a double.

Skyler said he felt conflicted when his younger brother came to the plate against his team.

"It stinks when he comes up to bat," Skyler Wenninger said.

"Do I want him to get out? Yes. But maybe in the back of my mind I wouldn't be too mad if he hit a double. It's just a different feeling. You want them to do well, but you still want to win the game."

Skyler's path to become a baseball coach started from a young age. Some of his earliest memories revolve around the game of baseball.

"As early as I can remember things, I remember playing baseball," Skyler said. "I remember hitting off a tee. As soon as I could walk I was probably swinging the bat."

Following his prep baseball career, Skyler played college baseball at South Dakota State University.

During summers, Skyler is a member of the Luverne



Madison Flupp photo/0520 LHS Baseball

Luverne baseball coach Mike Wenninger looks on as his son Cade Wenninger is in the batter's box during a game against Adrian on Monday, May 10.

Redbirds amateur baseball team.

His first year as coach was expected to be the spring of 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Minnesota State High School League spring sports season was canceled.

As Skyler guides his way through his first year as head coach, there's one person that's consistently been in his corner.

"I'll call him and ask him a lot of questions," Skyler said.

"He'll guide me along the way. He always tells me to do what I believe in and follow my gut. My biggest help was at the start of the year. I asked him what he focuses on at the beginning of the year. He gave me a couple of things they really focus on and that was part of our practice plan."

The conversations that Skyler and his father have about coaching remind him of the conversations they used to share at the dinner table following one of his games as a player.

"We talked about things

that we could do to get better," Skyler said.

"It was always me asking questions to my dad. If I was playing and I did poorly, that's not something we wanted to talk about at the dinner table."

With Luverne and Worthington both residing in the Big South Conference, Skyler and Mike will be seeing a lot more of one another.

Cade won't be part of Chapter 3 next season.

The Luverne senior will likely have to wait a few years before he could possibly become the third member of the Wenninger family to get hired to be a baseball coach.

There is no doubt that he has passion for the game of baseball.

"I like the lessons you can learn from baseball," Cade said.

"For example, learning how to trust your teammates. When you pitch you get to control the game, but you also need your teammates there to help you."

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The Trojans continued to chip away at Luverne's lead by scoring two runs in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 12-8 game.

The Cardinals answered by scoring five runs in the top of the sixth to take a 17-8 lead.

Worthington was able to get one run back in the bottom half of the inning to make it 17-9.

Luverne scored a pair of insurance runs in the top of the seventh to make it a 19-9 ballgame.

Casey Sehr drove in a team-leading five runs for the Cardinals.

LHS 10 0 1 1 0 5 2 19 16 5
Worthington 0 2 3 1 2 1 0 9 12 5

Hitting: Cowell 2-4; Wenninger 1-2; Beyer 2-5; Sehr 2-4; Overgaard 3-5; Ripka 2-5; Connell 2-4; Anderson 2-4
Doubles: Cowell, Anderson, Overgaard, Ripka, Sehr, Beyer
RBI: Sehr 5; Beyer 2; Overgaard 2; Anderson 2; Cowell; Wenninger; Connell; Bosch

LHS 10, RV 0

Backed by a strong pitching performance from Cade Wenninger, the Cardinals blanked Redwood Valley 10-0 in Game 1 of their doubleheader on Thursday, May 13.

Wenninger pitched a complete-game shutout and recorded 10 strikeouts.

The visiting Cardinals scored five runs in the first inning. In the end that's all the run support Wenninger would need.

Luverne scored three

more runs in the top of the second to push its lead to 8-0.

The Cardinals scored one run in the third and one run in the fourth to make the final score 10-0.

Sehr hit a home run and led the team with four RBIs

LHS 5 3 1 1 0 10 16 1
RV 0 0 0 0 0 5 1

Hitting: Cowell 2-3; Wenninger 3-3; Beyer 2-3; Sehr 2-4; Ripka 1-3; Connell 2-2; Bosch 3-3
Doubles: Wenninger
Home Runs: Sehr
RBI: Sehr 4; Bosch 2; Connell 2; Wenninger

LHS 13, RV 1

In Game 2 the Cardinals once again used a strong first inning to jump out to a comfortable lead.

The Cardinals scored seven runs in the bottom of the first inning after Redwood Valley scored one run in the top of the first.

The score remained 7-1 until the bottom of the fourth inning when Luverne scored six runs to take a 13-1 lead.

Wenninger hit a home run and drove in a pair of runs for Luverne.

RV 10 0 0 0 1 4 4
LHS 7 0 0 6 x 13 11 2

Hitting: Cowell 2-3; Wenninger 1-3; Beyer 2-3; Sehr 2-3; Overgaard 1-2; Ripka 1-3; Connell 2-3
Doubles: Cowell; Sehr 2; Overgaard
Home Runs: Wenninger

LHS 4, Worthington 3

The Luverne Cardinals edged Worthington 4-3 on Monday, May 17, in Luverne.

The Trojans scored a pair of runs in the top of the first.

Wenninger was the first base runner to reach base for the Cardinals in the bottom of the first after he was hit by a pitch.

With runners on the corners and one out, Sehr hit an RBI single right back up the middle that hit the pitcher.

The Cardinals had the bases loaded with two outs but were unable to score the tying run.

In the top of the second the Trojans scored one run to make it a 3-1 ballgame. Bailey Cowell, Luverne's starting pitcher recorded three strikeouts in the inning.

The Cardinals scored one run in the bottom of the third to make it a 3-2 ballgame.

In the bottom of the fifth the Cardinals scored the tying run to make it a 3-3 game.

The Cardinals scored what proved to be the winning run in the bottom of the sixth to take a 4-3 lead.

Sehr drove in a pair of runs to lead the Cardinals.

Cowell pitched two innings and recorded five strikeouts.

With the win the Cardinals improved to 16-1.

Worthington 2 1 0 0 0 0 3 5 2
LHS 1 0 1 0 1 1 x 4 8 3

Hitting: Wenninger 1-2; Beyer 2-4; Sehr 2-3; Overgaard 1-3; Sneller 1-1; Anderson 1-3
Doubles: Wenninger
RBI: Sehr 2; Anderson

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Payton Brown in the first set 6-0. Jarchow then took the second set 6-1 to pick up the victory.

Kyle Ferguson lost a hard-fought match to St. James' Preston Wegner.

Wegner won the first set 7-5 and then took the second set 6-0.

Brennan Kern defeated Luverne's Chance Tunnissen in straight sets. Kern won the first set 7-6 and took the second set 6-2.

Luverne's Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow defeated the duo of Caleb Rivera and James Gutierrez in a thrilling three-set match.

The Cardinal duo won the first set 6-1. Rivera and

Gutierrez bounced back to win the second set 6-3.

The Cardinal duo won the third set 6-4 to pick up the 2-1 victory.

Luverne's Jayson Rops and John Miller won a back-and-forth match over Rudolfo Arreola and Andrel Rivera. Rops and Miller won the first set 7-5 and then took the second set 7-6.

"John Miller and Jayson Rops came through in the clutch when we needed them to," Larson said.

"The resolve they showed as first-year tennis players was much needed."

St. James' duo of Juan Castaneda and Adan Rodriguez defeated Luverne's

Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen in three sets.

Nath and Ommen won the first set 6-2, but failed to win the match.

The St. James duo won the second set 6-3 and then won the third set 6-4.

The Cardinals will host New Ulm on Tuesday, May 18.

The final season rankings came out on Monday, May 17, and the Cardinals finished the regular season as the 10th ranked team in Class A.

"The boys have had their heads down all season," Larson said.

"Although we appreciate the recognition, we know our job is not done yet."

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Thursday, May 20: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, May 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, May 23: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Tuesday, May 25: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. staff meeting. Wednesday, May 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Pizza Ranch carryout fundraiser. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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Friday, May 21: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Saturday, May 22: 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. Sunday, May 23: Communion of Celebration—last week of Sunday school. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday school. 2 p.m. LHS Baccalaureate. Fellowship Hall reserved. Tuesday, May 25: Noon Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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Thursday, May 20: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, May 22: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, May 23: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, May 24: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Wednesday, May 26: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal with pickup option available. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, May 27: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

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Sunday, May 23: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Monday, May 24: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Wednesday, May In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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Saturday, May 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 23: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school and Adult Bible study. 7 p.m. Online Bible study. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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Mark Eliason, Pastor

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, May 23: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Wednesday, May 26: 9 a.m. Quilting. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

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Answers from God

The name Job is a name synonymous with suffering. God allowed Job to endure so much, including the loss of his wife and children, and he is remembered for remaining faithful.

Still, there was a point at which Job wasn't so faithful. You might remember Job saying, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away," but do you recall when he angrily demanded answers from God?

In Chapter 30, Job says, "I cry out to you, O God, but you do not answer. I stand up, but you merely look at me. You turn on me ruthlessly; with the might of your hand you attack me. You snatch me up and drive me before the wind; you toss me about in the storm. When I hoped for good, evil came; when I looked for light, then came darkness. Let the Almighty answer me!"

Anger at God is a common response from people who face great suffering.

Do you find yourself sometimes feeling anger toward God when bad things happen in your life? Do you feel tempted to believe that God doesn't care about you or is disinterested in answering your prayers? That's how Job felt.

Humanity's situation as a whole is a lot like Job's. We have lots of trouble but few answers. We are troubled by our sin, and the sin in our world is pervasive. It manifests itself everywhere. As we cry for answers, God does not answer as we expect.

No, his response to us is far better. It is because God is our good and gracious Father that he promises to be with us and not leave us in despair.

God has heard the

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pleas of his people, and in these last days he has given us an answer to our suffering, to our sin, and to death.

Children loved by God, this answer is not given to us as lists of reasons and explanations for his mysterious ways. Instead, God's answer has come to us in flesh and blood. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be the answer to our condition.

Yes, Jesus is our heavenly Father's answer to us. Jesus allowed himself to be sacrificed for our sins, to bear the punishment we could never pay, to take Satan and death head on so that no matter the temptation or suffering we face in this life, the battle has already been won.

The victory has been secured with the blood of Jesus on the cross. Because of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Because of the free gift of faith — the gift of trust — that he gives us, our perspectives on life have changed.

Our trust in God frees us to worship Him. Our trust in God frees us to live in service to our neighbor. Our trust in God frees us from having to know all the answers, as we now look past the suffering and death of this life to the new world to come, where there is no more suffering or pain, only life with God.

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City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 17

ORDINANCE NO. 17, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LUVERNE CITY CODE CHAPTER 111: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AMENDING SECTION 111.01 DEFINITIONS, AND AMENDING SECTION 111.060 LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED

THE CITY OF LUVERNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That City Code Chapter 111, Alcoholic Beverages, amending section 111.01 definitions, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 111.001 DEFINITIONS.

CONVENTION CENTER. A building or set of buildings designed to have a guest capacity of at least one hundred (100) persons designed exclusively for organized events such as banquets, receptions, or other large-scale social events.

RESTAURANT. As defined in M.S. § 340A.101, Subd. 25., as it may be amended from time to time.

SEC. 2. That City Code Chapter 111.060, Liquor License Required, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 111.060 LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED.

(F) An on-sale intoxicating liquor license, on-sale wine license, or an on-sale malt liquor license may be issued to a convention center located within the city pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 340A.404, subdivision 1(c), as it may be amended from time to time. A license issued under this paragraph authorizes sales on all days of the week to persons attending events at the convention center subject to the hours of sale provisions of this Code.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(05-20)

Breek Arms assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Breek Arms**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

575 121st St., Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Breek LLC**

Address: **100 N. 4th St., Beaver Creek, MN 56116 USA**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ **Joshua Boomgaarden**

MAILING ADDRESS: **100 N. 4th St., Beaver Creek, MN 56116**

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **joshua@breekllc.com**

(05-13, 05-20)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 29, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$33,781.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Linda S. Jordan, a single woman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: January 06, 2017 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 189906

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: Quicken Loans, LLC

Dated: November 02, 2020

Recorded: November 09, 2020 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 198487

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100039033650596798

Lender or Broker: Quicken Loans Inc.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Quicken Loans, LLC

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 821 N McKenzie St, Luverne, MN 56156-1336

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0242-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Fifty-five (N.55) feet of Lot One (1), in Block Two (2), in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, except the West Twenty-five (W.25) feet thereof

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$35,469.91

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 01, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on January 03, 2022, or the next business day if January 03, 2022, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: May 13, 2021

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Quicken Loans, LLC

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200

Woodbury, MN 55125-2296

(651) 209-3300

File Number: 044889F01

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City of Luverne seeks bids by June 10

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Luverne, Minnesota, at the City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., P.O. Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659, until 2:00 P.M., on June 10, 2021, for Furnishing Diesel Generating Equipment for the City of Luverne. At said time and place, the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The general nature of the work on which proposals will be received consists of the furnishing of two new 2,500 – 3,100 kW, 12.47 kV, 3-phase, 60 Hz diesel engine generator sets with controls and accessories; miscellaneous related equipment; and testing, commissioning, and start-up services.

The above work shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the office of the City of Luverne, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Suppliers desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from the office of DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, Iowa, telephone (712) 472-2531, fax (712) 472-2710, web site www.dgr.com, e-mail dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

Each bid shall be made on bid form furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Payment to the Supplier for the equipment will be made from cash on hand or such other funds that legally may be used or obtained for such purposes. Payment to the Supplier for new equipment shall be made on the basis of ninety percent (90%) upon the delivery and placement of the equipment; ten percent (10%) within thirty-one (31) days after final completion, testing, start-up, Owner's acceptance, and delivery of final documentation.

All materials shall be delivered per the dates set in the Specifications.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period. The City also reserves the right to reject any or all bids and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the City. Dated this 11th day of May, 2021.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

By /s/ Jessica Mead

City Clerk

(05-20)

H-BC School Board meets April 26

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

April 26, 2021

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees – based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk, and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger, and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve the agenda.

Proposed Addition to the agenda:

-Patriot Pride Items

Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald and Dalton Bass.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-SWWC Creative Writing Contest—3rd and 4th Grade Fiction, 1st Place: Brekyn Klarenbeek, 2nd Place: Ryker Gehrke, Third Place: Penni Moore 5th Grade Nonfiction—2nd Place: Brylost Teune—7th and 8th Grade Nonfiction: 1st Place: Mazzi Moore

-Elementary Vocal Music Concerts: Thanks to Mrs. Comp and all the Students -Completion of the MCA Reading and Math Tests...Thanks to Mr. Kellenberger and all staff! Science yet to come.

-Earth Day Clean-Up in both Beaver Creek and Hills

-Numerous Superior Scores from Band/Choir Students for Solo/Ensemble Contest

-Taryn Rauk competes in All-State All-Star Game this past weekend

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS: Building Grounds - 4/26

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

-Minutes—04/12/2021

-Bills and Student Activity Accounts

-2021-2022 SW/WC Service Cooperative/Blue Cross Blue Shield as the District's Health and Hospital Insurance Provider

-Adding 1 FTE Elementary Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year

-School District cooperating with other SW MN School Districts and MSHSL Fee settlement.

Motion by Harnack, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Resolution appointing Harley Fransman to fill open school board position until special election held November 2021.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Resolution to allow transfer of funds for ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) to the School Readiness Fund.

Motion by Harnack, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Resolution to allow transfer of funds for Community Education to the School Readiness Fund.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report

•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

•Legislative Update

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, May 10, 2021

-Regular Board Meeting, May 24, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk

Fick (Knife River) conditional use hearing May 24

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2021. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Knife River Corp.

Property Owner: Ron Fick

Location: A portion of the SE 1/4 of Section 15 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant

Zoning District: A-2. General Agriculture

We will be following current CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines at this meeting which includes mandatory masks and appropriate spacing between seats. This meeting will also be available via teleconference. To access the meeting, dial the following phone number: (425) 436-6320. Then when prompted, enter the access code number: 108575

By order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(05-13, 05-20)

Oehlerts variance hearing set for May 24

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Board of Adjustment that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Bluemound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 7:10 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2021. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application submitted by Kevin and Donna Oehlerts to allow aggregate mining on a parcel less than 20 acres in size in the NE quarter corner of Section 23 of Beaver Creek Township, T102, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota.

We will be following current CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines at this meeting which includes mandatory masks and appropriate spacing between seats. This meeting will also be available via teleconference. To access the meeting, dial the following phone number: (425)436-6320 then when prompted, enter the access code number: 108575

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- Attend weekly loan committee meetings; assist loan officers with preparation of information to be discussed at loan meetings
- Scan required loan file documents to bank systems
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The following skills and attributes for this position are not required but beneficial:

- Proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook
- Ability to operate a 10-key calculator and other office equipment
- Perform duties in compliance with policy, procedure and process
- Self-motivated with attention to details
- Ability to communicate effectively (orally and in writing)
- Ability to maintain discretion and confidentiality
- High level of accuracy and timeliness
- Ability to multi-task and organize priorities
- Strong aptitude for problem solving
- Ability to read and interpret documentation such as operating and procedure manuals

Education:

- High school or equivalent, BS in Finance, Banking or relevant field is preferred

Experience:

- Minimum of two years' experience in banking or financial services (preferred)
- Minimum of one year experience in customer service (preferred)

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Wanted to buy: Four-bedroom house in Hills, MN. Call 218-289-5259. (5.15-6.3)

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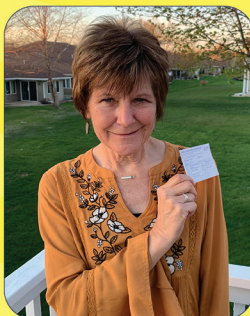
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Minnesota ends statewide mask mandate following new CDC Guidance

May 14, 2021 – As Minnesota ramps up vaccination distribution and monitors new variants of COVID-19, Governor Tim Walz today signed Executive Order 21-22 to extend the peacetime emergency in Minnesota. The peacetime emergency is critical to the state's testing program as well as the efficient and equitable distribution of vaccine. As of today, the federal government and 45 states remain in a state of emergency. Governor Walz also signed Executive Order 21-23 ending Minnesota's statewide mask requirement, aligning Minnesota with new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on face coverings.

"As we stand on the cusp of putting this pandemic behind us, Minnesotans have a lot to be proud of. Just this week, President Biden recognized Minnesota for our nation-leading vaccination effort and response to COVID-19," said Governor Walz. "From churches, to baseball games, to pop-up clinics, to metro transit buses that bring the vaccine to your doorstep, we're making it as easy as possible for Minnesotans to get the life-saving vaccine. We're meeting Minnesotans where they are, and the peacetime emergency is essential to that work."

"The COVID-19 vaccine works. And as the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to more Minnesotans, we are doubling down on our efforts to ensure that every Minnesotan who wants a vaccine can get one," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "The peacetime emergency gives us the tools we need to protect Minnesotans against evictions, keep a close eye on the spread of variants, protect the gains we've made, operate walk-up testing sites, and distribute the vaccine quickly and equitably."

The CDC announced Thursday that **masks are no longer required for fully-vaccinated individuals**, either indoors or outside. Minnesotans should follow CDC guidance and wear masks in medical settings and on public transportation, whether or not they are fully vaccinated. Private businesses and local municipalities may still put in place face covering requirements. And Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan, along with the existing face covering guidance for schools and child care settings, remain in effect.

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Mayor Patrick T. Baustian

'He has big shoes and I have tiny feet'

Van Santen takes over bike rodeo after father's death

By Mavis Fodness

Saturday's bike rodeo at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne brought remembrances of Keith Aanenson and the safety focus he emphasized to the Luverne Optimist Club-sponsored event.

Aanenson, a former peace officer and chief of the Luverne City Police Department, began the bike rodeo through the Optimist Club more than 30 years ago.

Aanenson would instruct bike safety to third-graders at Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek elementary schools.

Aanenson, 78, died unexpectedly in January. He was one of the founders of the Optimist Club more than 40 years ago.

To continue Aanenson's legacy, his daughter, Carrie Van Santen of Luverne, joined the club and is helping to keep the bike rodeo and other Optimist activities going in memory of her father.

"He has big shoes and I have tiny feet," she said.

This spring Van Santen also fielded phone calls for the club's annual sandbox fill, another project close to her father's heart. Due to the small number of requests, the fill was postponed until next year.

However, Saturday's bike rodeo was well attended with almost two dozen children bringing their bikes to the ice arena parking lot.

The Luverne Rotary Club partnered with Aanenson to distribute bike helmets and continued the practice this spring after a slight pause.

"The distribution that was scheduled for May 2020 was canceled due to COVID and distance learning, so we offered



Optimist Club members Carrie Van Santen (left) and Lisa Dinger talk to young bicyclists about bike safety Saturday morning at the Blue Mound Ice Arena parking lot following the annual Bike Rodeo in Luverne. Van Santen also spoke about her late father, Keith Aanenson, and his early role in organizing the event in 1969.



Emry (left) and Kavin Boelman stand out in a crowd with their colorful and dramatic helmets.



Below right, bicyclists whose names were drawn to win bikes are (from left) Lee May, Caleb St. Clair, Graycyn Woodley, Lilly Lanoue and Piper Meinerts. Luverne ACE Hardware donated three damaged bikes that Ken Peterson repaired and the Optimists purchased the other three for a total of more than \$500 worth of bikes given away Saturday.



Taya DeBoer completes another trip through an obstacle course of cones set up in the Blue Mound Ice Arena parking lot.

helmets to both third- and fourth-graders this year," said Rotary member Karen Willers.

"Also, because of COVID and due to the loss of Keith Aanenson, our longtime bike safety instructor for Luverne and H-BC, we left the education piece of the project up to individual schools."

Rotary members distributed more than 100 bike helmets to students in Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Edgerton.

The students were invited to bring their bikes to Saturday's bike rodeo to receive an inspection by Ken Petersen of Ken's Bike Shop, Luverne, and ride an obstacle course.

Van Santen is the newest member of the Optimist Club, but many volunteers help with the bike rodeo.

"There are a lot of people that are willing to help," she said.

They'll also be on deck to help with this summer's fishing derby, another activity Aanenson enjoyed helping with.



Piper Meinerts (left) waits for her sister, Emmerson, to navigate around a cone.



Ken Peterson of Ken's Bike Shop, Luverne, has been donating his services to the Optimist Club Bike Rodeo, checking and fixing brakes and tires for more than 30 years.

At left, Madison Van Santen, followed by Nevaeh DeBoer, weave in and out of safety cones during Saturday morning's Optimist Club Bike Rodeo.

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