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I-90 work starts June 14, new schedule helps local merchants

By Lori Sorenson

A modified I-90 construction schedule will lessen the impact on Luverne tourism business this summer, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Specifically, for westbound travelers, the Luverne exit ramp to Highway 75 will remain open until Aug. 16. The westbound ramp from Luverne onto I-90 will be closed for the duration of the project from June 14 through early September.

Starting Monday, June 14, westbound I-90 traffic will be shifted to the eastbound lanes, reducing traffic to a single lane with "head to head" travel utilizing existing crossovers east of Luverne and west of Beaver Creek.

Westbound traffic will be able to exit at Highway 75 in Luverne, but the westbound I-90 entrance ramp will be closed starting June 14 for the duration of the project.

To travel west on I-90 from Luverne, motorists take County Road 4 (West Main Street) to Beaver Creek and enter I-90 on the ramp west of Beaver Creek.

About 2 1/2 miles west of Beaver Creek, westbound head-to-head traffic from the eastbound lanes will cross over to rejoin the westbound lanes where construction ends near State Highway 23.

The westbound exit and entrance ramps for Rock County Road 6 at Beaver Creek will be closed starting June 14 for the duration of the project.

When the project details were originally announced May 26, Luverne's westbound exit and entrance ramps were to be closed all summer.

However, Luverne leaders and Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr worked out a delayed

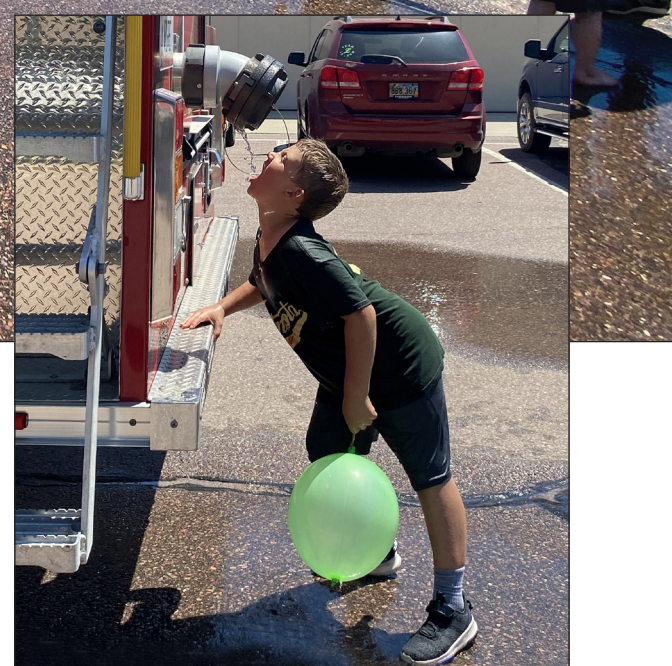
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Sweet heat relief

The Luverne Fire Department had the best idea all weekend when they set up the ladder truck to sprinkle passersby as they came through the parking lot between Lincoln Street and Luverne Street Saturday afternoon. As temperatures climbed into the upper 90s, children and adults alike paused to cool off under the cool mist. Pictured at right, Hayden Elbers gets a drink from a pipe on the rear of the fire truck. The fire department members also served burgers Saturday afternoon as a fundraiser for their organization.

(Lori Sorenson photos)



Friendship Days returns this weekend in Hills

By Mavis Fodness

Longtime business owners Orv and Bonnie Sundem will lead Saturday's Friendship Days parade as a thank you for the community support they received operating their business

"We've served this community for quite a few years," Orv said. "I would like to thank them for doing business with us all these

Longtime business owners Orv and Bonnie Sundem lead Saturday's parade

years — they are the ones that held us together."

For 57 years the Sundems operated a convenience store and gas station on First Street in Hills.

The Sundems closed their

store in March 2020 out of concern for spreading the coronavirus. Orv's station was a popular place for a morning coffee crowd to gather, he said.

A year later the couple de-

ecided to stay retired. The pumps remain open with fuel purchased by credit card.

The building is for sale.

"I would like to get a business back in there," Orv said. "It could be an opportunity for someone."

At age 83, Orv said it was time to retire. This spring the couple

Friendship Days/see page 5A

Rauk completes final route with bus No. 19

By Mavis Fodness

After 51 years behind the wheel of a Hills-Beaver Creek school bus, driver Ron Rauk delivered his last students home on June 2.

As he waited for them to board the No. 19 yellow bus, he reflected on his upcoming retirement.

"It was just time," said Rauk, 74.

He began driving school bus in 1969 at age 23.

He had recently returned home to Beaver Creek to help his mom, Betty, with the grocery and gas station following the death of his father, Ed. He operated the store until the business was sold to his nephews, Jason and Chad Rauk, in 2000.

The family business allowed Ron Rauk the flexibility to complete all the school bus routes, plus driving the high school sports teams to out-of-town contests.

He's been popular among parents and students who were

Rauk retires/see page 3A



Mavis Fodness photo/0610 Ron Rauk 51 Years

Ron Rauk (center) poses with his last busload of students June 2 after driving for Hills-Beaver Creek for 51 years. Also pictured are students (from left) Grace Anderson, Elise Anderson, Teagan Rainford, Ava Rainford, Britton Mckenzie, Lexi Drake, Bobby Wipf, Raeanna Chesley, Katelyn Chesley and Carie Merson.

Group seeks help to prevent local suicides

By Lori Sorenson

Several local groups and individuals are teaming up to improve local mental health and offer support to prevent suicide.


With recent suicide deaths of Rock County residents and among loved ones of Rock County residents, a coordinated effort is underway to improve conditions for those who are struggling.

Luverne businessman Cary Radisewitz recently joined a group of school administrators and counselors, community counselors and mental health providers, Sanford physicians and staff and chemical dependency counselors.

They're working on a local version of the Max Marvin Foundation, started in memory of the 19-year-old Warroad hockey standout who took his life in December 2018.

Mental health/see page 5A





County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,287	0	+0.0%
Pipestone	1,165	<1	+0.1%
Nobles	4,088	<1	+0.0%
Minnehaha (SD)	31,719	3	+0.1%
Lyon (IA)	1,588	<1	+0.1%

Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY

- People with at least one dose: 3,767
- People with completed series: 3,540

Data as of 06-06-2021

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

Current data as of June 8, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Mavis Fodness photos/0610 Campaign 2184 Update

Walking on the balcony around the new commons, retired Luverne school staff receive an up-close look at the new media center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 14, in the township hall.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the cemetery. In case of rain, meeting will be at Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

Southwest Crisis Center offers trauma-informed yoga

The Southwest Crisis Center yoga support group is expanding this summer to weekly sessions from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays through July 13 at the Luverne City Park. Bring a yoga mat as limited quantities will be available. Sessions are directed by Rock County advocate Jennifer Lindsey and is free and open to the public. Contact Lindsey at 507-283-9917 or Jennifer@mnsbcc.org with questions.

Blood drive June 14 in Adrian

The Community Blood Bank will accept donations from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 14, at the Adrian EMS Hall. To schedule an appointment donors can log onto www.cbblifeblood.org, click on "events" and select June 14 and "Adrian EMS Hall" from the calendar or call 507-483-2668. All who donate will receive an All-American blood donor t-shirt. Drink plenty of fluids prior to donating blood and bring an ID.

Senior food distribution June 17

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, June 17, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Free food offered June 17

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 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.

Community Education announcements

Luverne Community Education will offer the following activities and classes in coming weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to sign up. See comed.isd2184.net to view the brochure and list of offerings.

Take the **Beginner 8 Hour Defensive Driving Classes** (for adults 55 years of age and older) in order to save a significant amount on your car insurance. This class (offered only twice a year) will be held 4 hours on **June 10 & 17** at 5:30 pm.

Distance Learning with Clay open to all ages. Fee is \$20. **Register by June 1.**

Retired educators receive school construction tour

Asked to contribute to 2184 Campaign to add extras to the project

By Mavis Fodness

Retired middle school principal Jim Harner stepped into the Luverne Middle-High School June 2 and found things have changed. "It's really something," the retired principal said.

The Luverne School District is in the final months of a two-year \$31 million construction project at the middle-high school.

About 30 retired educators, including Harner, were invited on a tour hosted by the Luverne Education Legacy Fund's 2184 Campaign committee members.

"I think most of you will be in awe of what you voted for (in the 2017 bond referendum)," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, who led the tour. "We have literally touched every single inch of the middle-high school."

Harner said the recent construction addressed concerns that were discussed in



Retired teachers and support staff of Luverne Public Schools tour the new performing arts center under construction on the school campus. The tour is part of the 2184 Campaign to raise additional funds for enhancements inside and outside the school.

the 1970s when he arrived at the district.

One such project would move the basement cafeteria

to the main level.

"It's kind of a dungeon down there," said Harner, who retired in 1993.

This fall, almost 50 years later, the basement cafeteria will no longer serve meals as the new 411-seat commons opens with a new state-of-the-art kitchen.

Oftedahl said the new walk-in freezer is about the size of the entire current basement kitchen. Students will also have four meal-line choices instead of two currently offered.

"We are very excited for our students going forward," he said.

The excitement moved beyond the cafeteria to the performing arts center with its 56-foot ceiling and 779-seat capacity.



The new commons at the Luverne Middle-High School can accommodate 411 students.

Tour, continued on 8A

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Stitching memories: ‘Quilter of the Year’ makes quilting her legacy. honored at Hinkly

By Lori Sorenson

For more than 50 years, Millie Lais, Magnolia, has been living out her favorite saying: “Life is like a patchwork quilt.”

She was honored over the weekend as the 2021 Blue Mound Quilters “Quilter of the Year,” with many of her classic pieces on display at the Hinkly House during Luverne’s Buffalo Days celebration.

By piecing together fabrics that otherwise mean nothing, Lais has created a hobby that gives her satisfaction and others a way to remember her when they’re bundled in her decorative warmth.

“When I was a kid, I was fascinated by quilting,” Lais was quoted as saying in a 1999 Star Herald feature story about her 30 years in quilting. “It was more frustrating then because the tools weren’t around that you can get now.”

She remembers cutting patterns out of newspapers and magazines and trying to make sense of them. “Mom would let me use old fabric and sheets to get started on,” she said.

Just the idea of being able to take pieces and make them into a finished product intrigued her.

Lais is a charter member of the Blue Mound Quilters, a club that meets once a month for quilting, swapping tips, trying a new project or watching presenters.

She was named Quilter of the Year as the first one honored with the new award because of her contributions to the art and to the club through the decades.

“Millie was our choice because we respect her as a person — she is a kind person who is always pleasant, enthusiastic and has great love for family,” Willers said.

“We respect her as an



Judy Reese (above) and Mary Akkerman (at right) appreciate the handiwork in the quilts displayed at the Hinkly House.

artist — she is imaginative, multitalented, and her quilting ability has grown throughout her quilting career.

“We also respect her as a teacher. She is willing to share her knowledge of quilting with others.”

As a member of the

Blue Mound Quilters, Lais has helped make the quilts that decorate rooms at Luverne’s Hospice Cottage and also the quilts that raise money for hospice through raffles.

She was one of the six quilters who made a historical hospice quilt



many years ago. Her quilt was hand-quilted.

In honor of her 2021 Quilter of the Year Award, that 1999 feature story, written by then-Star Herald reporter Sara (Quam) Schmuck, is reprinted here:

Science of quilting

When Lais decides to tackle a quilting project, she first selects fabrics, which is an important step. Lais has taken classes in color theory to help the fabric-selection process be clearer.

“Color can make such a difference,” Lais said. “Sometimes ladies will use the same pattern and the quilt looks totally different because of their color.”

Once the fabric is chosen, Lais cuts it and sews together sections of the quilt called blocks. The blocks are then joined to make the quilt top, and the batting (stuffing) and backing are added to finish the project.

Lais said she prefers polyester batting because it washes well and dries fast. It doesn’t shrink or change shape like wool or cotton can.

However, natural fibers are best in some cases. Lais said the fluffy, wrinkly look of an older quilt can be achieved by using cotton batting and washing after the quilt is completed.

The cotton will shrink slightly and pull away from the edges giving it the desired appearance.

Lais said she has quilted with many fabrics over the years and still prefers cotton. Flannel quilts are her favorite to cover up on the couch with, but any type of cotton is nice to the touch.

Polyester feels a little rougher so she uses that mainly for doll blankets. Lais has also joined in the trend of denim quilting,

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Rauk retires from H-BC bus service/continued from page 1A

passengers on his bus over the past five decades.

The Star Herald Facebook post on June 2 about Rauk’s retirement generated 7,900 views and garnered 44 comments over six days.

Most of them congratulated Rauk on his retirement, while others shared bus riding memories.

“Congratulations, Ron — the best bus driver,” wrote Jill Hoogveen.

“What a great guy,” shared Tami Sonne. “I remember on the last day of school he would stop at Rauk’s in Beaver Creek and buy all the kids an ice cream cup.”

Jason Rozeboom’s was among the multi-generation families who rode the bus piloted by Rauk.

“You’re a time-honored tradition, Ron,” he wrote. “You stopped at this farm through three generations of Rozeboom kids. We are all very lucky to have gotten to ride your bus.”

A secret to Rauk’s popularity is knowing that “kids are noisy.”

“There is no way to keep them quiet,” he said.

Instead of demanding quiet, Rauk would concentrate on the road and driving, while listening for distressed voices from the students on his bus. Any change in pitch meant something was wrong.

“It’s gotten better over the years, due to talks about bullying,” he said.

Rauk did set expectations for riding his bus on the first day of school. He would arrive five minutes



On his last bus route on June 2, Ron Rauk patiently waits for students to board his bus No. 19 at the elementary school in Beaver Creek. Mavis Fodness photo/0610 Ron Rauk 51 Years



Closing the doors for the last time, Ron Rauk wrapped up 51 years behind the wheel of a school bus.

early and wouldn’t wait more the two minutes if someone was running late.

If Rauk didn’t keep his eye on the clock, the minutes could add up to a half-hour late to school.

“I found it worked really well,” he said. “They remembered that first time and it worked better that way.”

A few families helped Rauk during the ice and snow season, which is the most

difficult for a bus driver, he said.

Sometimes slowing down wasn’t enough to keep Rauk on the road.

“I remember pulling you out of the snow banks from time to time,” wrote Warren Boeve. “Thanks for all your years in serving the community.”

The now retired Rauk and his wife, Marlys, plan to stay in Beaver Creek. Marlys works at Security Savings Bank in Hills.


Rauk said he will be a substitute bus driver until this current school bus driving licensure expires.

The Rauks have a son, Ryan, who lives in Beaver Creek, and a daughter, Linnea, who lives in Mitchell, SD. They have four grandchildren and enjoy following their activities.

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Graduation parties — corny tradition or meaningful celebration?

Recently a friend sent me a link to a satire video that had some fun with graduation open houses.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst,
reporter

Sometimes we laugh at traditions and wonder why they continue or maybe even find them pointless.

“So spot on,” the friend remarked in the text.

The video highlighted the most universal aspects of the traditional open house:

- Hastily cleaned garages with the normal garage items hidden behind a tarp.
- Display boards of photos from childhood — extra credit if the yearly school photos are lined up in order.
- Folding chairs and tables borrowed from church.
- Pulled pork sandwiches.
- Beverages in labeled coolers on the floor along the wall.
- Awkward small talk with the graduate and random people you might sit next to.

Most of us who live in a small town can immediately recognize and appreciate these stereotypical highlights of the annual graduation open houses.

Being a high school teacher in small towns for 18 years now, I’ve been to hundreds of open houses and definitely got a good laugh out of the video.

While it’s true that many graduation parties have a lot in common, I’m often most interested in what makes each party unique.

The variety of foods served, decorations, venues, and more vary a lot more than that video admitted.

Each party tells a lot about the student and what their family is most proud of.

Over the years I’ve come to realize graduation open houses aren’t really about the actual accomplishment of graduating from high school.

As the satirical video points out, almost all kids graduate. The parties are really about each family celebrating their kid.

Reminiscing on the first 18 years and recognizing all that it means to raise a child; the

highs and lows, the good times and the challenges that have gotten the kids ... and their families ... to this point.

And looking forward to the future and all that lies ahead.

An end and a start all at once.

Truly a rite of passage.

And sharing it all with relatives, friends, teachers, coaches, church and community members.

The people who helped get the graduate ... and the family ... to this point.

It’s all so much more than cards, photo displays, folding chairs (that I don’t quite trust) and overly full stomachs.

Sometimes we laugh at traditions and wonder why they continue or maybe even find them pointless.

Other times we can step back and consider why they do and should continue.

When we do, the pulled pork or walking tacos taste even better, the preschool pictures look even cuter, and the congratulatory handshakes mean just a little more.

Congrats to the Class of 2021 and their families; not just for graduating, but for all that reaching the open house milestone actually means.

Thanks for inviting me and letting me share in your important events.

And thanks, too, for those little red and white mints. I do love those.

We need you, and maybe more importantly you need us

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Cary Radisewitz, Building Bridges JC

We’ve started a new foundation in Rock County that I’d encourage you to join. Building Bridges JC is non-profit that is part of the Luverne Area Community Foundation (LACF).

All are welcome to participate. We are not affiliated with a church or a political party.

The goal of Building Bridges JC is to reach out to groups and individuals that need help and see if we can muster resources to help them.

The term “building bridges” does not mean a physical bridge. It describes an attitude of looking for people that who help and going to them, rather than waiting for someone to come to us.

A big part of our charge is to help area nonprofit groups be more successful. Our local associations need help with fundraising, marketing, transportation, or more hands to set up for an event.

We’ll be there for them. Our hope is that we can use the talents of our group to make a positive difference.

In our short existence we have already helped the local FCA youth football league purchase equipment and raise funds to help send older students to summer camps.

Help us help groups improve mental wellness

We are currently working with the school district and health professionals to bring some much-needed mental wellness assistance to Rock County.

Those signing up to be a part of Building Bridges JC can volunteer as often or as little as they want. They can also help to build a bridge to a nonprofit or individual that they know needs help.

So we need you, but why do you need Building Bridges JC? For your health.

According to Dr. Richard Davidson at the University of Wisconsin, adults in their 60s and older need to have a purpose. If they don’t have a purpose, it’s bad for their health.

Research shows that a lack of purpose is a huge red flag for early death. Studies show that those without purpose were twice as likely to die within the next five years when compared with people that reported a high sense of purpose.

You need to consider teaming up with Building Bridges JC. The good work we’ll do will give you a sense of accomplishment which is huge for your overall health. Plus, it will get you out seeing others.

Over the last three years there has been a 33-percent increase in the diagnosis of major depression in women. A big part of this increase has been driven by loneliness.

Also, 76 percent of middle-aged Americans reported moderate to high levels of loneliness. Loneliness is twice as much of a predictor of early death than even obesity.

You need us, and we need you. What a great team we’ll make! The next time you’re sitting with friends, and everyone is talking about the Netflix series they’ve been watching or all the movies they’ve been buying from Prime Video, take note.

Those activities are fun, but are they giving a meaning and a

purpose? We have talent in Rock County that we need to get off the couch and into the community making a difference. Do it for your health. Do it for you. When you see what a difference we can make with those who need help, it will all be worth your effort.

There are no fees to join, no age limits, no meetings or no time commitments. Our hope is to have a well-intended army of folks ready to help if we discover a need in our community.

We’ll send out an email to all who join, letting them know that someone needs help. Those who are available will team up and try to figure out a way to help.

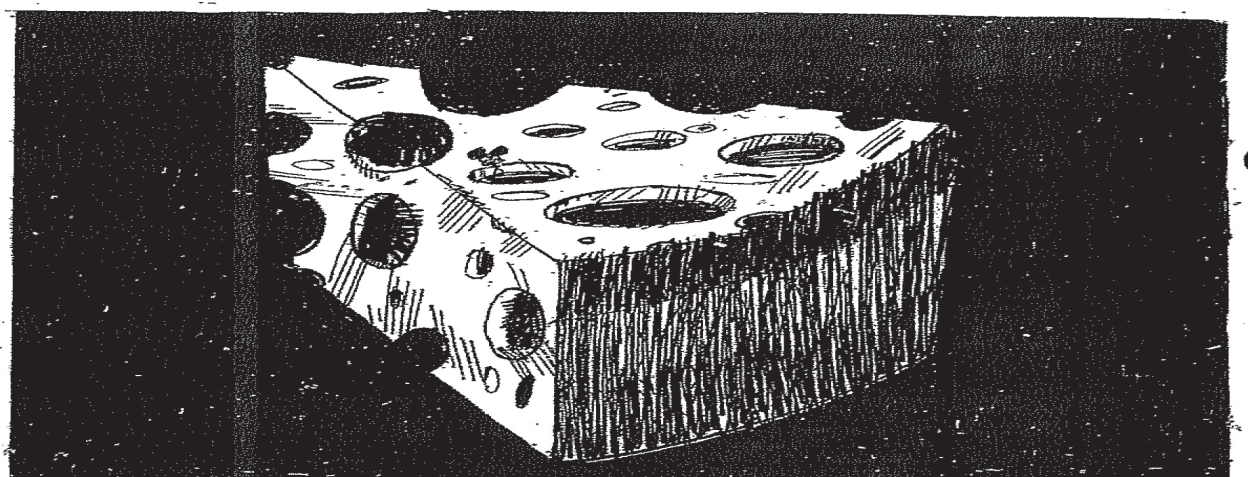
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We need all kinds of talent. Those who are good on the computer, fundraisers, individuals willing to do light manual labor and last, but surely not least, we always need prayer warriors looking out for our success.

Those who can donate to our cause please drop off a check at LACF (next to the Palace Theatre) or email me and I’ll help.

All contributions are tax-deductible and 100 percent of your contribution will go to do good.

Building Bridges JC is an all-volunteer organization. No one is paid. We won’t be able to help everyone, but we will try our best to make a difference to those we can. Please email me at cmradisewitz@gmail.com if interested. Blessings to you all.



Section of a Minnesota road

Meinerts: ‘I advocate for all freedom for every race and religion ...’

To the Editor:

I had a phone call from a gentleman about my letters to the editor. He was concerned about when I was going to stop with my “freedom” letters, asking how far am I going to take it? He told me I better think before I write another one, so I’ve been thinking.

How much freedom is too much? Do you want to live out the American Dream in full pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, or do you want to be stifled by the gov-

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ernment? Who gets to decide what your freedoms are? When did we become a society where we can’t be friends with someone who has a different opinion?

I advocate for all freedom for

every race and religion, everybody deserves to have a voice. Doesn’t the First Amendment afford us all that right? As far as the laws that are passed, taking some of our freedoms, they seem like more of a

moral issue. Because of those who choose to do wrong, we all suffer from another loss of freedom. Isn’t giving up your freedoms a mockery to the brave individuals who laid down their lives to establish this great country? The wise men who wrote the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence saw what could happen if they didn’t ensure our right to free speech.

What about your religious freedoms? They have already been

diminished by political correctness. Pastors can no longer call sin sin without the fear of being accused of hate speech. What about the greatest freedom of all, one that can’t be taken away by any man? I fear the people who share this message are in danger of being suppressed. The freedom to choose where you spend eternity.

Don’t take your freedom for granted.

**Todd Meinerts,
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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 28

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested notification.

•Complainant south of Luverne reported suspicious lights in the sky.

•Deputy is out with vehicle on 141st Street.

•Complainant on Interstate 90 and Highway 75 reported a driving complaint of a vehicle swerving over the lines.

May 29

•Deputy is out with vehicle at location on 141st Street.

•Complainant found a wallet.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a male smoking a glass pipe.

•Complainant on 161st Street reported two cars with windows broken.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy concerning property.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an assault.

•Complainant southbound from Casey's on Highway 75 reported a possible domestic situation.

May 30

•Complainant on 10th Avenue and 61st Street, Beaver Creek, reported a pickup.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported a hacked Facebook account.

May 31

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported a road hazard.

•Complainant on 10th Avenue and 61st Street, Valley Springs, reported a suspicious vehicle.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported that a lock was cut on a storage unit.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported an issue with a locking mechanism.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported a female with a knife walking around the park.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and eastbound on Interstate 90, Luverne, assisted a motorist at location.

June 1

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Luverne, reported he hit a fox.

•Complainant south of Steen reported a property issue dispute.

•Complainant on N. Carol Street reported an attempted burglary.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a theft.

•Complainant on 21st Street and 110th Avenue, Steen, reported a road rage incident.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported theft.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported theft/break-in.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and Elmwood Avenue reported found property.

•Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported he is hearing voices in her backyard.

June 2

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle with a flat tire.

•Complainant reported a scam.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and Dodge Street reported the crosswalk may not be working.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a possible drunk driver.

June 3

•Complainant on S. Blue Mound Avenue reported assault.

•Complainant on E. Brown Street requested property retrieval assistance.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street requested a utility shut-off assistance.

•A South Dakota probation officer requested assistance at the location eastbound on Interstate 90, near the South Dakota border, near Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street and W. Dodge Street, Luverne, reported she was almost struck at intersection.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a drunk driver.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 8 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 12 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 10 burn permits, 2 gas drive-offs, 9 alarms, 2 drug court tests, 7 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 12 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls and 3 tests.



Mavis Fodness photos/0610 LPS Retirees

Hired together, retired together

Diana Erickson and Marcia Boeve-Alfano were both hired to work at Luverne Middle-High School in the fall of 2000. At the end of the current school year, they both announced their retirements. Erickson taught middle school computer and high school business for 20 years while Boeve-Alfano was the activities office administrative assistant.

Luverne School Board hires new staff members

By Mavis Fodness

In just two meetings, Luverne School Board members took care of several position openings within the district.

The action took place in a special May 13 meeting and at their regular monthly meeting May 27.

After a year of posting three open custodian positions within the district, board members hired two — David Cutshaw and Lora Wynia — effective June 1.

With the retirement of middle-high school computer and business instructor Diana Erickson, board members

hired Eric Arnold for the 2021-22 school year. His salary is \$54,931.

Also at the May 13 meeting, board members accepted the resignation of custodian Scott Edwards, effective May 11.

Two additional teachers were hired in action at the May 27 meeting.

Board members hired Amy Chapa to replace retired Early Childhood Family Education/Discovery Time teacher Debbie Mitchell. Chapa receives an hourly rate of \$29.18.

Also hired was elementary teacher Christina Aukes who replaced Liza Winkler, who resigned at the end

of the 2020-21 school year. Aukes receives a salary of \$42,417 and will start the 2021-22 school year.

In other personnel matters, the board:

•accepted the retirement of paraprofessional Barb Antoine, effective Aug. 31.

•approved the maternity leave request from English teacher Ann Sandager for 12 weeks beginning Sept. 26.

•received the resignation of speech-language teacher Rudi Vennard, effective June 2.

The activities office administrative assistant position was filled internally.

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has taken a few trips.

“I wasn’t crazy about it (retiring),” he said. “We never had a chance to take off during the day. I should have done this a long time ago.”

Saturday’s parade begins at 10 a.m. and resumes an annual community celebration that was canceled last year.

A golf tournament and fast pitch softball game start the celebration Friday.

Saturday features a day of activities beginning with the FFA alumni pancake feed and ending with an evening street dance.

“We’ve served this community for quite a few years. I would like to thank them for doing business with us all these years — they are the ones that held us together.”

— Orv Sundem,
Friendship Days 2021 parade marshal

The majority of activities take place at Jacobson Park including a little league baseball tournament, vendor fair, noon beef meal, kids’ activities and a grave talk presentation. Also taking place is a

bean bag tournament and soap box derby. At dusk Saturday a movie will be shown at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Saturday’s events wrap up with a fireworks display beginning at dusk.

Sunday features a youth fishing tournament from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Rez.

A full listing of activities and start times is available in the June 5 Announcer and online at www.starherald.com.

Mental health: local group seeks support to start school curriculum/continued from page 1A

Marvin is the nephew of Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, who is an integral part of the local group, which works with other suicide education and prevention programs designed to give kids basic health and wellness tools.

In Warroad, the Max Foundation supported Project 11, named for No. 11 Rick Rypien, a hockey forward for the Vancouver Canucks and the Winnipeg-based Manitoba Moose.

Rypien publicly battled depression and took his own life at age 27, shortly after signing a contract with the Jets in the summer of 2011.

At the start of the 2019-20 school year, some of the programs fostered by Project 11 were incorporated into the Warroad schools, beginning as early as kindergarten.

Programs made possible by the Max Foundation provide lessons in friendship and character development for the youngest students, and progress up to fifth- and sixth-graders, who learn how to communicate feelings and self-reflection.

Local organizers hope to start the Project 11 program in Luverne, especially since studies

show suicide becoming more prevalent in America, with the most pronounced increases in rural areas.

Especially after the isolation of pandemic social distancing.

“I feel that in the midst of a very trying year for all people, mental health support is incredibly important,” said Angela Nolz, who is facilitating local group meetings.

“This project is an opportunity for us to check in and support our youth as we transition back to normalcy. Giving our students the tools to be well impacts the health of our families and our community.”

Legislative help

The group is encouraged by U.S. Sen. Tina Smith’s re-introduced legislation that would strengthen K-12 school-based mental health services.

Sen. Smith, a member of the Senate Health and Education Committee, said schools are an ideal setting to identify students who need mental health services and quickly connect them to help.

“Providing mental health services to students at school — where they

spend a significant portion of their time — helps them thrive,” said Smith (D-MN).

“It removes many barriers to access, such as trying to figure out how to leave school in the middle of the day, and promotes behavioral health equity.”

Luverne Elementary School Counselor Marie Atkinson-Smeins welcomes Smith’s legislation.

“I believe it is urgent that the Mental Health Services for Students Act pass,” she said.

“There is an immediate need for schools to hire more school counselors and professionals who provide mental health services in order to meet the needs of all the students.”

She said there’s more need in Luverne than she and the other mental health professionals can meet.

“Counselors teach lessons on social emotional learning, lead small counseling groups and provide individual counseling sessions and collaborate with school staff, parents and community agencies to meet the needs of all the students.”

Financial support

As a soon-to-be retired American Family Insurance district manager, Radisewitz learned that his company provides grant support for causes employees designate.

He decided to start a local, Building Bridges JC (Jesus Christ or Just

Causes), through the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

He hopes the money will support a new curriculum in Luverne Public Schools to educate students on caring for their mental health and recognizing signs of someone who may be struggling.

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Promoting



Lori Sorenson photo/0610 buffalo days parade betty and pucky

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann rides a "Deere"-drawn covered wagon through the Buffalo Days Parade Saturday morning in Luverne. She's pretending to horsewhip Eugene "Pucky" Sandager who is pulling the wagon with a 1942 B John Deere that belonged to his father, Sheldon Sandager.

Sandager lends personal collection to promote Rock County history in Buffalo Days Parade

By **Lori Sorenson**

Eugene "Pucky" Sandager on Saturday used pieces from his own personal collection of vintage farm artifacts to help promote the History Center in Luverne.

For Saturday morning's Buffalo Days Parade, he drove a 1942 B John Deere that was the first tractor his father, Sheldon, owned after returning to Hills from his service in the Navy during World War II.

The tractor's original wheels

were steel, but the senior Sandager replaced them with rubber, and he also replaced the tractor seat with what he felt was a more comfortable International seat.

Pucky Sandager used his dad's "B" to pull a 1900 John Deere High Mountain iron-clad covered wagon. He recently acquired the wagon from a Montana rancher he'd bought cattle from for 15 years. "I noticed it sitting in a shop one day and asked if he'd sell it," Sandager said.

He said the Montana wagons today are rare, because they were typically stored outdoors and didn't survive the elements.

He said this one is 98-percent original; the hoops and fabric cover are the only replaced items.

The tractor and wagon are stored at Sandager's farm near Hills, but he brought them out for Saturday's parade to help the History Center promote its displays of Rock County agriculture.

Rock County Historical Soci-

ety President Betty Mann "drove" the "Deere"-drawn covered wagon in the parade, pretending to horsewhip Sandager on the B John Deere tractor.

The History Center hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Sunday and Monday.

Also, the Rock County Historical Society buildings (school house, summer kitchen and the barns) will be open at the fair July 29-30.

MENU

Monday, June 14: Pork loin, candied yams, broccoli, bread, bar.

Tuesday, June 15: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, dessert.

Wednesday, June 16: Taco salad, salsa, sour cream, corn chips, fresh fruit, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by First Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, June 17: Spaghetti, lettuce salad with dressing, fruit, dessert.

Friday, June 18: Baked fish, brown rice with mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, cake.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

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

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

EVENTS

The Luverne Area Chamber is working with the Plaza Committee from LIFT to host some FREE community events for the public. The following are the announcements about the events:

Night at the Zoo, Thursday, June 10, 3:30 until 7 p.m. in the Luverne City Park will have free activities for children, including the Great Plains Zoomobile, Fantasy Face Painting, Tracy Area Animal Rescue, other kids' activities and prizes.

Brown Bag Concert, Friday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Luverne City Park. Bring a lunch and lawn chair and enjoy. Featuring Ron and Jane Cote. Sponsored by Main Street Financial Services

Yoga in the Park, Saturday, June 12, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Luverne City Park with Stephanie Hoven. Bring a mat and relax. Event is free and open to the public

Walk, Run and Roll, Saturday, June 19, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Luverne Trailhead (at East Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue). For more information, go to or www.luvernechamber.com or call 507.283.4061.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Rock County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

For additional questions, contact library personnel at 507-449-5040 or rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com.

Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors

Your World," registration is now open to all ages. Pick up a reading log at the library.

Pint Size Polkas will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at Poplar Creek Estates, 201 Oak Dr., with award-winning Mike Schneider. The free intergenerational event is open to the public.

Story Time at the Park

will feature songs and stories with children's library Bronwyn Wenzel each Tuesday through June and July at a different park in Luverne. The events begin at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket. The schedule will be:

- June 15, Kolbert Park, 801 W. Warren St.
- June 22, Veterans Park, 1211

N. Elm St.

•June 29, Hawkinson Park, East Adams Avenue.

•July 6, Evergreen Park, North Blue Mound Avenue.

•July 13, Kolbert Park, 801 W. Warren St.

•July 20, Veterans Park, 1211 N. Elm St.

•July 27, Hawkinson Park, East Adams Avenue.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•A pair of Luverne High School girls extended their track seasons during Thursday's Section 3A Track and Field Championships in Redwood Falls.

The top two finishers in individual events at the section level earn automatic invitations to participate in the state meet. Luverne senior Katlyn Sawtelle and junior Paige Nath met that criteria.

Sawtelle won a section title in one event and placed second in another.

Nath also placed second individually for an LHS team that compiled 58 points to place third as a squad in a 26-team field.

Sawtelle's final appearance at the section meet featured her winning the pole vault crown (10-1) and placing second in the 100-meter hurdles (16.63). Nath finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:00.46.

Both girls advance to the Minnesota State Class A Track and Field Championships set for Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul.

25 years ago (1996)

•The city of Luverne received word Tuesday from Gov. Arne Carlson's office that it has been awarded a \$324,064 Small Cities Development grant.

Luverne received the money in the second round of awards from the state. The city applied for the funds in October to rehabilitate 25 owner-occupied homes.

The homes affected are in the area generally south of Main Street and bounded by Davidson on the west and Blue Mound Avenue on the east. To the south, residential properties along

Mead Court to Highway 75 are also included. An additional \$99,000 from public and private sources will be used for the rehabilitation of these homes.

50 years ago (1971)

•Dave Lorenzen, former Luverne basketball star and Minnesota all-state choice in 1967, has been invited by the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Association (NBA) to attend their rookie camp after he graduates this month from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

He has also been approached by the Denver Rockets of the American Basketball Association, and he hopes to have the opportunity to attend their tryout camp if things don't work out in Chicago, he said.

Lorenzen, 6'7", and weighing 220 pounds, is majoring in physical education. As a freshman at the University at Duluth, he was the leading scorer and named the most valuable freshman. He played on UMD's varsity squad his sophomore, junior and senior years, and was selected captain for his senior year. As a junior, he was the team's leading scorer, but injuries during the past season prevented his having as good a year as he had hoped to have.

In high school, he played under Dave Hutchins, now coach at Bemidji state. That year, Luverne had a 24-2 record and won the consolation title at the state tournament.

75 years ago (1946)

•Announcement was made this week of the sale of the Connell Drug Store to Curtis M. Laudon, Slayton. The transaction will take effect June 15, 44 years to the day since Mr. Connell

came here to take a "temporary job" as a drug clerk.

The new firm name of the drug store will be the Laudon Drug Store. The store will be closed from June 17 until July 1 in order to permit the new owner to re-arrange the stock and do as much remodeling as is possible at the present time. Extensive alterations are planned later when materials become more available. A long term lease has been taken on the drug store location.

100 years ago (1921)

•Beaver Creek will this year observe the Fourth of July with an old-fashioned celebration, in which all the people of Rock county are invited to join.

The decision to celebrate was reached at a meeting of the people of Beaver Creek held Monday evening, and a committee composed of Chas. Harris, chairman; J. H. Hall, Jas. Vopat, R. A. Perry and W. A. Davis was appointed at that time to take charge of the general arrangements for the celebration. This committee has since named several sub-committees to take charge of the different phases of the arrangements, and it is expected that all plans will be well underway within a few days.

The program will include numerous street sports and contests, a picnic dinner, open-air band concerts, two ball games, and dancing and motion picture shows both in the afternoon and evening.

It is expected to have the day's activities start at 10 o'clock in the morning and to provide entertainment for both the young and the old for every minute from that time until late at night.

While the matter has not been definitely settled, the forenoon program will provide an entertaining speaker.

1950: Hot lunch now served at Hardwick School

The following appeared in The Rock County Star-Herald on Feb. 9, 1950.

Lunch Program Inaugurated at Hardwick School

Hot Dish, Sandwich, Dessert and Milk Now Are Served to Children

The traditional lunch bucket — as important to the pupil as pencils and books in years gone by — has vanished from the Hardwick public school scene.

The cold lunches, which for years were a part of the everyday life of the rural students, have been replaced with hot noon day lunches, a program recently inaugurated at the school.

Every noon, over 100 growing, hungry youngsters can be seen seated at tables enjoying good, wholesome warm food, prepared by Mrs. Richard Goetsch and her assistant, Mrs. Reuben Abraham. And the children's mothers are happy, too. Now their boys and girls no longer have to carry their lunches, many of which were brought back home with evidence of only a nibble here and there.

At Hardwick, the "A" type lunch is served. This consists of one hot food, sandwich, dessert and milk, which is served to the youngsters at a cost of 20 cents per day. The district recently remodeled the basement into a lunch room and kitchen to provide the lunches for the children.

The hot lunch program combined with the bus service now in use for the second year since the consolidation of a number of rural districts with the Hardwick District No. 48 is proving advantageous for both children and taxpayers alike, residents of



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

the community state. ...

District officers report that the school is open to further expansion, and that they are willing to share their facilities with other neighboring districts so that they may enjoy the privileges of a larger school system.

Rural districts in the Hardwick area are being invited to join with Hardwick. However, increasing the size of the school will mean enlarging the school facilities, and the board is anxious to know what to expect in the way of future enrollments, as, one director said, "We don't want to over-build or under-build, but build according to our needs."

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.

COLLEGE NEWS

Ellingson receives degree from USF

Caleb Ellingson, Luverne, graduated with a Master of Business Administration in Management from the University of Sioux Falls following the Spring 2021 semester.

LHS senior awarded scholarship

Luverne High School senior Ainslee Robinson was awarded a \$1,000 Mediacom scholarship that recognizes students' leadership and academic accomplishments.

She's among 60 graduating seniors out of nearly 1,200 applicants to receive \$1,000 scholarships among its Midwest and Southwest regions.

Students on STC dean's list

Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls has released its dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester.

Local students on the list are Brody DeBates, Carson Ehde, Sarah Essman and Jada Johnson. To be named to the list, students must be full-time degree-seeking students with a term GPA of 3.5 or higher.

LHS grad on dean's list in Arizona

Jadyn Anderson, Luverne, has been named to the spring semester dean's list at the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts in Tempe, Arizona. To make the list, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester while enrolled in 12 or more credit hours.

Lake Area president's list released

The Lake Area Community College in Watertown, South Dakota, has released the president's honor list following the Spring 2021 semester. Honor students qualify with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Those with a 4.0 average are indicated with an asterisk following the name.

Honor students from Luverne are Haylee Overvaag*, William Stegenga*, and Carter Stemper. From Hills is Kyle Kueter.

Neuenburg makes president's list

Madison Neuenburg, Adrian, has been named to the president's list for the Spring 2021 semester at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, Iowa, with a 4.0 GPA.

Jelken graduates from Northwestern

Christopher Jelken, Luverne, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/international business on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Christopher is the son of James and Paula Jelken of Luverne.

DSU releases honors list

Three area students were named to the president's academic honors list for the Spring 2021 semester at Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Named to the list were Johnathan Horn of Adrian, Sidney Fick of Beaver Creek and Zane Holmgren of Luverne.

OBITUARIES

Wendell Marshall

Wendell Duane Marshall, 94, West Linn, Oregon, formerly of Hills, died Friday, June 4, 2021 in West Linn.

Wendell's life will be celebrated in a private family ceremony at a later date.

Wendell was born on Dec. 7, 1926, to John and Henrietta (Speelman) Marshall in Hudson, South Dakota. Like so many of his generation, his life was shaped by the Depression and World War II. He served as an infantryman in the Philippines.

Wendell graduated from Hudson High School in 1944 and got his undergraduate degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen and his master's degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Wendell married Donna Mae Katus on Feb. 15, 1947, in Minneapolis.

Wendell's first position was high school principal in Bucyrus, North Dakota, where he later became superintendent. He also held the position of superintendent in Harrold, Buffalo and Burke, South Dakota.



He taught seventh-grade history in New Mexico for three years before heading to Minnesota to serve as superintendent in Barrett and Hills-Beaver Creek.

During retirement Wendell and Donna enjoyed time in Iowa, Pacific City, Oregon, and Indio, California, before returning to Oregon for the remainder of their lives. Donna passed away in 2010.

Wendell was a lifelong learner and an unrelenting advocate for public education.

Wendell is survived by his children Mark Marshall of Garrison, Gary (Gwenie) Marshall of Hawley, Kent (Colleen) Marshall of Barrett, Jeff (Brenda) Marshall of West Linn, Oregon, Jane (Barry) Kirsch of Riverside, Iowa, and Viki (Jay) Meier of Cedar Bluff, Iowa; 23 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and a sister, LaVonne House.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna; a daughter, Judy Vogelgesang; a sister, Arvilla Vipond; and two brothers-in-law, Curt Vipond and Mel House.

(0610 F)

Mary Van Hofwegen

Mary Van Hofwegen, 92, died Thursday, June 3, 2021, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

Mary Gortler was born on June 25, 1928, to Laurens and Antje (Oostra) Gorter in Doon, Iowa. After graduating from eighth grade, she moved to a farm near Pipestone with her family. She helped her mother care for her older invalid sister, Ruby, and continued to care for others throughout her life.

For the last 80 years, Mary was a member of the Pipestone Christian Reformed Church. Early on, she played the piano, and later taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and was a part of the various women's groups of the church.

Mary met Dick Van Hofwegen in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he was stationed in the army. They were married on Oct. 30, 1953. Dick and Mary made their home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, until March 1954 when they relocated to a farm five miles south of Pipestone. In addition to farming and raising five children, Mary had various service jobs. She worked in a toy factory, bakery, various retail stores, as a police radio dispatcher,



in physical therapy and served lunch in the local high school before finally retiring in 2012.

After retirement, she enjoyed traveling with Dick to Texas and selling their purchases at flea markets and craft shows. Mary was strong, kind, gracious, funny and smart. She enjoyed reading, gardening, wordsmithing, and games. She was a tough competitor and a deft strategist.

She is survived by her children Lawrence (Lois) Van Hofwegen of Castlewood, South Dakota, Connie (Bill) Van Groningen of Hudsonville, Michigan, Ancerita Sprick of Hardwick, and Deedre (Joe) Sorvaag and Dixon (Lisa) Van Hofwegen, all of Houston, Texas; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; a stillborn son; great grandsons Denver Post and Gauge Sprick; sisters Ruby Gorter, Ann Stevens and Rena Ford; and brothers Lawrence (Doc) Gorter, John Gorter, Clarence Gorter and Peter Gorter.

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

(0610 F)

Gladys Siebenahler

Gladys Lucille Siebenahler, 89, Luverne, died peacefully under hospice care on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, June 8, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Gladys Goldammer was born on July 11, 1931, to Louie and Martha (Olawsky) Goldammer in Douglas County, South Dakota. She grew up with her 10 siblings on her parents' farm near Dimock, South Dakota. Gladys was responsible for helping out with her siblings and often worked as hired help for others in the area to contribute to her family. Due to her mother's health, she was only able to attend school through the eighth grade.

Gladys married Lloyd "Shorty" Siebehahler on Sept. 9, 1951, at St. John Lutheran Church in Dimock. They settled in Luverne in an apartment until 1956 when they moved into the home that they built on Cedar Street. Gladys helped Shorty with his business, Siebenahler Construction, until his death in 2001. She continued to reside at their home.

Gladys then worked for 17 years in food service at the Luverne High School, retiring in 2016. A few years ago, she moved into a condo in Luverne. In January her health declined and she became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Gladys was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne where she was active in choir, circle, MIA and helped wherever and whenever needed. She served as president of Grace Lu-

theran Church Women and loved to help with serving groups. She was a volunteer for Sanford Hospital and the Rock County Historical Society. She served as secretary and treasurer of the Maplewood Auxiliary.

Gladys loved to bake. She was also known for her special potato salad at family gatherings. Gladys was a sports fanatic and followed the Minnesota Twins, the Minnesota Vikings and the Luverne Cardinals as she cheered on her grandchildren.

Gladys is survived by her children, Sue (Donn) Sandbulte of Luverne and Kathy Siebenahler and friend Jim Johannsen of Luverne; six grandchildren, Amy Tripp (fiancé Todd Mergen), Eric Sandbulte (fiancé Tammi Miller), Wendy (Lucas) Peters, Anthony (Melissa) Sandbulte, Heidi (Bryan) Kraemer and Adam Siebenahler; 10 great-grandchildren; bonus grandchildren, Aiden Mergen, Andrew (Justine) Miller and their daughter, Oaklyn, Seth Miller and Gabbi Miller; siblings Edna Sprecher of Corsica, South Dakota, Ervin (Ella) Goldammer of Custer, South Dakota, Wilbert Goldammer of Bakersfield, California, Marlene Gerlack of Mitchell, South Dakota, Ann Wilson of Mesquite, Nevada, Darrel (Joyce) Goldammer of Sioux Falls, and Richard Goldammer of Mitchell; and other family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; daughter Carol (age 4); brothers Arnold, Arthur and Wayne Goldammer; and sisters-in-law, Patti and Marilyn Goldammer.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Carolyn Smiens

Carolyn Galles Smiens, 75, Northfield, formerly of Adrian, died Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

No services are planned at this time. (0610 DN)

Clarence Bauer

Clarence Bauer, 81, Adrian, died Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Saturday, June 5, at the First Baptist Church in Adrian. Burial with full military honors provided by the Adrian American Legion was in the Adrian Cemetery.

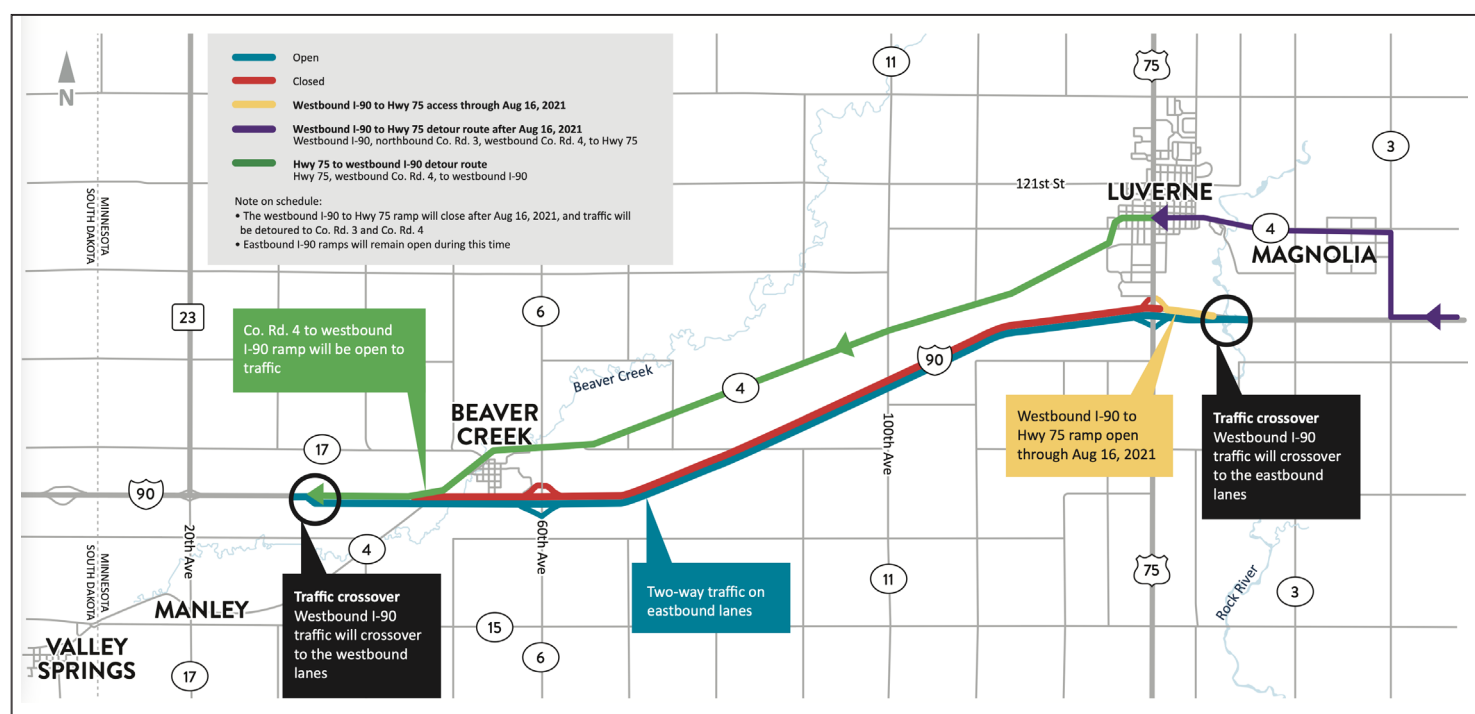
Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com. (0610 DN)

Bryanna Cobler

Bryanna L. Cobler, 31, Luverne, formerly of Ellsworth, died unexpectedly at her home on Friday, June 4, 2021.

A memorial gathering of family and friends will be from 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0610 DN)



The westbound I-90 exit ramp to Highway 75 in Luverne will remain open until Aug. 16. The ramp will close after August 16 and remain closed until the completion of the construction project. Exit and entrance ramps for eastbound lanes will remain open.

I-90 construction to start June 14/continued from page 1A

closure at Luverne in order to salvage some summer tourism business from westbound travelers.

“The modifications to the construction project provide more access into Luverne from the beginning of the project until Aug. 16, the end of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally,”

said MNDOT District Engineer Greg Ous.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian expressed relief on behalf of South Highway 75 businesses looking forward to a post-pandemic rebound from pandemic setbacks.

“This will at least get us through the bulk of

family vacation travel and Sturgis,” Baustian said.

“This is a much more agreeable schedule.”

The westbound I-90 exit ramp to Highway 75 in Luverne will remain open until Aug. 16. The ramp will close after August 16 and remain closed until the completion of the construction project.

Exit and entrance ramps for eastbound lanes will remain open. Eastbound travelers between Luverne and Highway 23 will be impacted primarily by the two-way traffic configuration.

No detour is anticipated for through traffic on I-90. The traffic detours for the Highway 75 westbound ramps will be:

- Highway 75 in Luverne to westbound I-90: Rock County Road 4, past Beaver Creek to westbound I-90.

- Westbound I-90 to Highway 75 in Luverne (after Aug. 16): Rock County Road 3 at Magnolia to Rock County Road 4 west to Highway 75.

Construction includes resurfacing the existing westbound traffic lanes and ramps, reconstructing shoulders, resurfacing the bridge over Rock County Road 11 and drainage improvements.

PCiRoads, LLC. was awarded the project with a bid of \$4,844,421.70.

Project information and a detour map is at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/i90sd-luverne/>.

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2184 campaign tours school construction/ continued from page 2A

The tour finished in the existing structure, updated with a new color scheme of red, grays, black and bright blue.

Each wing of the two-story school was remodeled with three learning commons located outside a block of classrooms.

“Most schools nowadays have something similar that gives teachers some flexibility on how to handle (collaborative learning),” Harner said.

Helping with the extras

Community members, along with the former educators, are encouraged to donate money toward extra amenities to enhance school pride with the current building project.

Donations could also be designated “in memory of” or “in honor of” in the fundraising campaign.

“Now is the time to bring history into the future,” said Emily Crabtree, an LHS graduate and director of the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

LACF oversees community donations for the Luverne Education Legacy Foundation.

Crabtree joins retired teacher Mark Lundgren and LHS grad and current teacher Jason Berghorst in emphasizing that now is the time to enhance the current building project.

“If you don’t do it now, it will never happen,” Lundgren said. “The projects have become endless.”

With donations already received, a 25-foot red “L” was embedded in the new terrazzo flooring in the commons.

More donations will enhance other areas involving academics, activities, campus beautification, fine arts and/or alumni recognition.

A recognition wall would recognize alumni, former teachers and staff who donate \$2,184.

One recent donation is dedicated toward the development plans for four garden areas on the school campus.

One area would incorporate the current steel canopy in front of the middle-high school into an outdoor classroom/public garden area.

More information about the 2184 Campaign, the projects and how to donate is located on the school’s website, www.isd2184.net.

Quilter of Year honored at Hinkly/from page 3A

but it’s not her favorite. Denim isn’t very cozy and it’s hard on the quilting needles, but she said her grandsons have denim quilts that are fine for them because denim is so durable.

Lais typically quilts from patterns, but she has dabbled in design, too. One creation is a Vikings lap quilt complete with Vikings colors, logo and other basic football graphics.

Stitching a legacy

Whatever quilt she makes, she includes either a penned signature or sews her personal label into the quilt, both with a date.

Lais said she gives most quilts away — for weddings, birthdays, graduations or other special occasions, but they aren’t for sale.

“I can’t make them for less than \$150, not counting labor,” Lais said. Handmade quilts in other parts of the country are regularly sold for as much as \$1,000 but Lais said she couldn’t get that price here.

Some quilts, however, Lais won’t give away or sell. “I told my husband, ‘When I’m gone the kids can fight over them.’ There’s some I just can’t



Millie Lais was honored over the Buffalo Days Weekend for being the 2021 Quilter of the Year. Her work and other quilts were displayed in the rooms and yard of the Hinkly House.

part with.”

Lais can usually be found working on more than one project at any given time.

She said it keeps her from getting bored with looking at the same fabric or shapes for too long.

For example, one of the first quilts she started when she was just 17 was finished more than 20 years later.

Lais knows that everyone who likes quilts won’t be able to make their own. For the retail shopper looking for a quality quilt, she offers these tips:

- Look for a sturdy top material.

- Check that all the seams line up properly and are consistent throughout the pattern.

- Seams should have ample overlap to prevent pieces from separating or fraying at the seams after washing or through everyday wear.

- Quilts with round patterns are the most difficult to sew because there are no straight lines. Because of that, Lais

said, the seams on those quilts should be carefully examined.

Some people have come to her for advice on old, tattered quilts that may have been in their family and people want restored.

Lais said it’s difficult to repair a torn or severely worn quilt because finding matching fabric with the aged look is nearly impossible.

To keep the quilt’s integrity and to make sure family members can enjoy it, Lais suggests framing sections of the quilt to hang like a picture on a wall.

Lais said quilts made from various mismatched materials may be her personal favorite.

“With a scrap quilt, you look at it and every time it’s different. You can see the fabric from an old sheet or dress and remember those things.”

Lais has no plans for slowing down her hobby. If she has it her way, she’ll continue blanketing the area with her warm quilts for many years.

Live and in person!

Luverne's Buffalo Days celebration returns with gusto after pandemic shutdown

Minnesota's pandemic restrictions lifted May 28, just in time to switch Buffalo Days to an in-person celebration over the weekend.

Residents and visitors alike eagerly embraced the traditional summertime events after a year of canceled community festivals.

Sunshine and blue skies — and temperatures in the mid-90s — prevailed for the Friday Night Cruise-In, Saturday morning parade and Buffalo Days Expo at the courthouse.

People gathered with live music and cold beverages at the car show, repeating in conversation that it felt great to be together again.

And at the Expo (formerly Arts in the Park), friends and strangers alike enjoyed shopping and vendor food with discussion about gathering socially again.

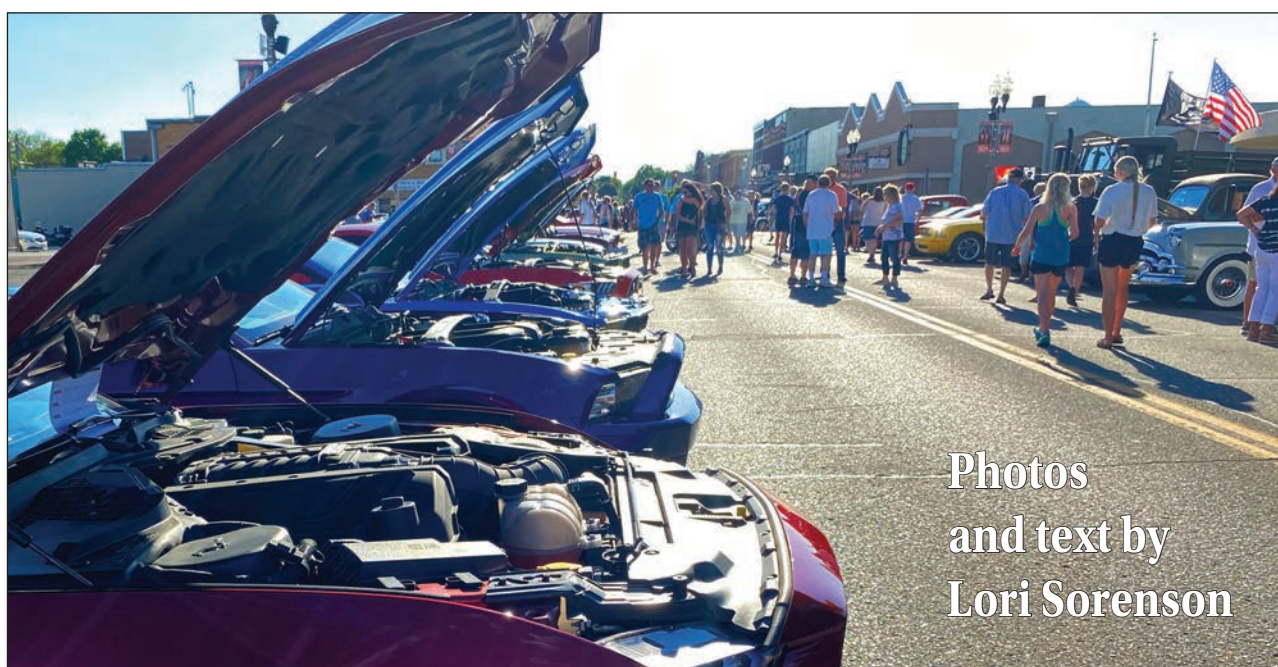
Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said it was difficult to quickly change plans, but was happy with the outcome. "We're all just happy we can be out and about."



Downtown Luverne was a busy place Friday night with the Buffalo Days Cruise-In and the Luverne High School musical production of Grease at the Palace Theatre. The evening attracted dozens of vintage vehicles and hundreds of people for live outdoor music, cold beverages, kettle corn and snow cones. ... and plenty of in-person of socializing.



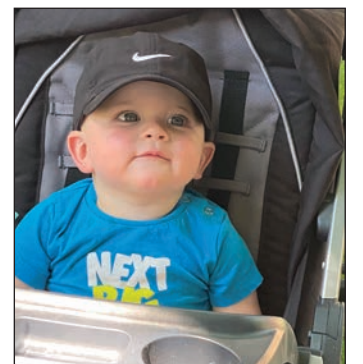
Above, Alexis Wrigg enjoys a snow cone at the Cruise-In. Below, Missy Merrill delivers candy for Pizza Ranch in the parade.



Photos and text by
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Chey and Tricia Kraayenhof rest at the car show. Above, Corey and baby Elsie Wynia take in the parade. Also seeking shade under an umbrella is Armand Eshleman at the Cruise-In.



Crosby Rofshus takes in the Buffalo Days Expo from the comfort of his stroller. At far left, Jill and Ashton Van Ede try on jewelry. In center and lower right photos, the Courthouse Square is transformed into an Expo with dozens of vendors.



Chris (left) and Chloe Bierley enjoy a burger and walking taco at the Buffalo Days Expo.



Enjoy the magic of Upper Red Lake

I recently made the seven-hour drive to Upper Red Lake in Minnesota. I figured this was about the 15th time I had made this annual trip to the best walleye fishing in North America. It is a father-son experience I cherish.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

For those of you who can remember back that far, the walleye fishing on Upper Red Lake collapsed from overnetting and to some extent overfishing by anglers back in about 2000.

Anglers get to fish only about 25 percent of this giant lake. The rest is off limits to all but tribal members. When the walleye fishing crashed, it turned into the best crappie fishing on the continent for about five years until the walleyes were restored by stocking efforts.

I was told by a fisheries expert that the largest wind-swept shallow basins in the state produce the greatest numbers of walleyes annually. Upper Red Lake is huge and has an average depth of only 15 feet. We fished this basin 2 1/2 days and did so during the week. The reason I will only fish this lake during the week is because so many other folks know how good it is and go there, too.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I could easily count 45-65 boats within 1 mile in each direction. On the weekends this can easily be 300-400 boats in the same space.

We leave early on Wednesday and fish that afternoon and the next two days and leave on Saturday morning as soon as we can get packed out.

I stay at West Wind Resort in Washkish, Minnesota, and with the fee to stay, the cost to rent an additional boat for my son-in-law and his dad, along with bait, groceries and gas, the entire trip costs each participant about \$300. This is dirt-cheap compared to some of the other options.

We were fishing with jigs and minnows and almost every fish we caught was hooked in the roof of the mouth and was easily released without harm.

We bought a fish counter for each boat and kept track of the number of fish we caught each day. We had a small bet for the biggest walleye, biggest northern pike and the biggest sheep head for each day. I broke about even.

The fishing here can just blow you away. The average angler in Minnesota catches .7 walleyes per outing. On Friday one boat with six anglers caught 118 fish, and my boat with three anglers caught 56.

Almost all of the fish caught were pretty small. Pretty small to me is 13 inches or less. We kept our three fish per person per day but had to go through lots of smaller fish to find a few over 15 inches.

If we did deep hook one that would die if released, we kept it and cleaned it as part of our daily limit.

On Red the limit is three fish per day with only one of those over 17 inches in length. The possession limit is also three fish.

This means if you catch three on Wednesday, you need to eat those three before you can catch three on Thursday.

We did not eat the larger fish we caught so we could not possess the full three-fish limit the following day. On the last day, seven fishermen could only keep 13 in order to stay within the law.

There are very few places where you catch a fish on almost every cast, but Upper Red is one of those places. It is managed well and the limits and length regulations change almost every year.

A large portion of the year's walleye take happens in the winter when there can easily be 5,000 fish houses on the lake. This number can double when the bite is hot.

By the middle of June, the angling pressure decreases dramatically. The fish spread out and are harder to find and convince to bite.

Fresh fish and time with family and close friends are among the best reasons to go fishing. If I catch a lot or only a few, my outdoor memory is still a great one.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com or on Twitter @habitat champion.

Chamber photo



Chamber photo

Chamber draws side-by-side raffle winner

Paula Bloemendaal's name was drawn for a 2020 Can Am Defender in the Chamber Side by Side Raffle. Her name was drawn at Take 16 Brewery Friday night during the Buffalo Days Cruise-in. Two hundred fifty \$100 tickets were sold with the proceeds supporting Chamber youth and community events, like the Night at the Zoo, Brown Bag Concert with Ron & Jane Cote, and Yoga at the City Park with Stephanie Hoven (all happening this week) Jaycox Implement partnered with the Chamber on the promotion. Main Street Financial is sponsoring the Brown Bag Concert with Ron and Jane Cote on Friday.

Green Lantern wins Chamber Burger Battle

Rock-Nobles Cattleman's Association's Jay Bakken presents Linda DeSplinter of the Green Lantern Bar & Grill with the 2021 "Love the Burger" trophy Friday night at Take 16 Brewery during the Buffalo Days Friday Night Cruise-In on Main Street. In all, 1,307 burgers were sold during the month-long contest in Rock County. This amounted to a local economic impact of over \$91,000, according to the Luverne Chamber.



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Rock County track teams compete at sub-section meet, Luverne girls place first overall

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track teams competed at the Section 3A Southwest Sub-Section meet in Pipestone on Thursday, June 3.

The Luverne girls' team placed first, while the boys' team finished third overall.

The H-BC boys' team placed second overall, while the girls finished sixth overall.

"I thought we had a really nice showing," H-BC track coach Rex Metzger said.

"We had a lot of Top 3 performances. We have a nice group of guys and girls advancing to the section meet. We had a lot of our sprinters that performed well."

Luverne

Isabella Oye finished fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13 seconds and 63 milliseconds.

Sarah Stegenga placed third in the 200 with a time of 28.44.



Jenna DeBates (left) runs her leg of the 4-by-800 relay for Luverne at the sub-section track meet in Pipestone on Thursday, June 3. The Cardinals took home first place in the event. Hills Beaver-Creek's Cole Baker (right) competes in the long jump during the sub-section track meet in Pipestone on Thursday, June 3. Baker placed fifth overall with a jump of 19-10.50.



Brennen Rupp photo/0610 H-BC Track

Gracie Zewiske placed first in the 400 with a time of 1:00.61.

"She's just a great leader. She's a senior that's really stepped up and taken charge," said Luverne track coach Pete Janiszewski.

"She does great in any event we slide her in. She'd probably win our section in the 100, 200 or 400. When we get to the state meet it's about where's your best chance to get a medal."

The senior sprinter is a member of two relay teams that finished first at the sub-section meet.

The 4-by-400 relay team placed first with a time of 4:09.12. The other three athletes on the relay team are Regan Feit, Tiana Lais and Tenley Nelson.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Stegenga, Oye, Christina Wagner and Zewiske placed

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Brennen Rupp photo/0610 LHS Tennis

Luverne's Blake Frahm serves the ball during a match earlier this season. Frahm and his doubles partner Ben Jarchow qualified for the doubles state tournament, which will be played on Thursday, June 10, in St. Cloud.

Luverne gears up for state meet

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne tennis team qualified for the state tournament for a 10th straight year. They'll be in action on Tuesday, June 8, at St. Cloud Tech High School against Mounds Park Academy.

Pierce Cunningham also qualified for the individual

state tournament, and the doubles team of Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow qualified for the doubles state tournament.

Cunningham will compete against Lincoln Reichenau of Minnehaha Academy in the first round on Thursday, June 10, at 8 a.m.

"Pierce making the state tournament as an individual is truthfully no surprise," Luverne tennis coach Lucas Larson said.

"He has been the

Tennis/page 4B

LHS baseball tripped up by ACGC 7-2, set to play Paynesville

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals will need three wins if they're going to reach the 1A State Baseball Tournament this season.

The Cardinals will need to defeat Paynesville on Tuesday, June 8, in Marshall to set up a date with Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City on June 10. If the Cardinals defeat Paynesville, they'll have to defeat ACGC twice in order to win the section championship and qualify for the state tournament.

The Cardinals got into this position by defeating Fairmont 8-4 on Tuesday, June 1, in Luverne.

Luverne then fell to ACGC 7-2, in Marshall on Saturday, June 5.



Madison Rupp photo/0610 Baseball

Luverne's Casey Sehr fires in a pitch during the Cardinals' section tournament matchup against ACGC in Marshall on June 5. The Cardinals lost to ACGC 7-2.

Baseball/page 4B

Cardinals' softball season comes to an end with pair of losses to Pipestone Area

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne softball season came to an end Saturday, June 5, in Pipestone at the hands of the Pipestone Area Arrows.

The Cardinals went 2-2 in section tournament play, with both losses coming to the top-seeded Arrows.

Luverne started the section tournament by defeating Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 4-2 on Tuesday, June 1, in Pipestone.

Following Luverne's victory over TMB, the Cardinals lost to Pipestone 4-0.

On Saturday, June 5, in Pipestone, the Cardinals defeated Windom Area 3-0.

The Cardinals could not solve Pipestone's pitching, as they fell to the Arrows 7-0 on Saturday, June 5.

LHS 4, TMB 2

After holding the Panthers off the scoreboard in the top of the first inning, the Cardinals scored a pair of runs in the bottom half of the inning to take an early 2-0 lead.

Billi Connell led off the inning with a hard-hit single. Connell then advanced to second on an error.

With runners on the corners and no outs, Roz Oye



Brennen Rupp photo/0610 LHS softball

Luverne's Gracie Nath fires in a pitch against TMB on Tuesday, June 1, in Pipestone. The Cardinals defeated the Panthers 4-2 to advance in the section tournament.

hit an RBI single to give the Cardinals a 1-0 lead.

A sac-bunt from Averill Sehr put the Cardinals up 2-0.

After giving up a hit to

start the second inning, Luverne's catcher, Carly Olson, picked off the runner for the first out.

Softball/page 5B

H-BC golf wraps up season at section tournament in Worthington

By Brennen Rupp

For the first time in program history, the Hills-Beaver Creek girls' golf team advanced to the second day of the section tournament.

After shooting a 472 on Day 1 of the section tournament on May 26, the Patriots shot a 464 on Wednesday, June 2, in Worthington.

The Patriots finished third overall with a final two-day score of 936.

Adrian took home first place with a final team score of 826.

Heron Lake-Okabena finished in second place with a score of 848.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove was fourth with a score of 1,027.

H-BC's Tess Van Maanen just missed qualifying for the state tournament with a score of 202.

Van Maanen missed the cut by one stroke, as Russell-Tyler-Ruthton's Shae O'Leary made the cut with a score of 201.

Hannah Fick finished the two-day tournament with a final score of 229. Fick shot a 119 on the first



Brennen Rupp photo/0610 HBC Golf

Hills Beaver Creek's Tess Van Maanen tees off during the section tournament on Wednesday, June 2, in Worthington.

day and a 110 on Day 2 of the tournament.

Tara Paulsen shot a 123 on both days of the tournament to finish with a final score of 246.

Mackenzie Voss shot a 135 to finish with a final score of 239.

Danette Leenderts shot a

H-BC golf/page 4B

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first with a time of 1:49.41. "She wants to be part of the relay teams," Janiszkeski said of Zewiske.

"That's her favorite part of track and field.... She wanted to help other kids qualify for the state meet as well. She has that selflessness and leadership and humility. She's just an all-around great kid."

Elizabeth Wagner placed first overall in the 800 with a time of 2:34.63. Ella Schmuck finished fourth with a time of 2:37.33. Cassi Chesley finished fifth overall with a time of 2:38.33.

In the 1,600, the Cardinals had three athletes finish in the Top 4.

Grace Ingebretonson crossed the finish line first with a time of 5:58.34. Maria Rops finished third with a time of 6:08.69. Kayla Bloemendaal finished fourth with a time of 6:10.16.

Jenna DeBates finished second in the 3,200 with a time of 11:25.23. Tenley Nelson finished third with a time of 11:51.07.

Regan Feit finished first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.24.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Mia Wenzel, Oye, Anna Banck and Stegenga finished third with a time of 53.98.

The 4-by-800 relay team continued its dominance with a first-place finish. The team of Feit, Lais, DeBates and Nelson finished with a time of 9:41.87.

"Tradition," Janiszkeski said. "We are two-time defending state champions in that event. We've had a lot of success in that event. They take a lot of pride in that."

Jocelyn Hart placed first in the shot put with a throw of 37-01.00. Jadyn Hart finished third with a throw of 31-04.00.

Jocelyn Hart placed first in the discus with a throw of 112-10. Jadyn Hart finished fourth with a heave of 99-07.

"We weren't sure at the beginning of the season if Jocelyn was going to be able to compete," Janiszkeski said about her back injury.



H-BC's Abby Knobloch competes in the discus during the sub-section meet in Pipestone on Thursday, June 3.

"Tradition. We are two-time defending state champions in that event. We've had a lot of success in that event. They take a lot of pride in that."

- LHS track coach Pete Janiszkeski on the LHS girls 4-by-800 relay team

"She and Jadyn have had great seasons. They've consistently been at the top of all of our meets. The distances have been improving. They spend a lot of time working. It's kind of their pride and joy."

He said the girls come from a family of throwers.

"They've been around it their whole life," Janiszkeski said. "They've learned a lot about it and they just have a lot of event knowledge."

Elizabeth Wagner placed first in the high jump with a leap of 4-10.00.

Elise Jarchow placed second in the pole vault with a mark of 8-08.00.

Kendra Thorson placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14-11.50. Thorson took home fifth place in the triple jump with a leap of 30-09.00.

Eli Radtke placed first in the pole vault with a mark of 12-07.00. Noah Mehlhoff placed fourth with a mark of 10-07.00.

Peter Baustian placed sixth in the discus with a heave of 113-10. Ethan Teunissen finished seventh with a throw of 112-05.

The Cardinals had six athletes finish in the Top 6 in the shot put.

Zach Ahrendt placed third with a throw of 45-07.00. Jordan Friedrichsen placed fifth with a throw



Zach Ahrendt competes in the shot put for Luverne during the sub-section meet in Pipestone on Thursday, June 3.

of 42-05.00. Teunissen finished sixth with a heave of 41-08.00.

"That group of boys, outside of Jordan, are all seniors. It's their sixth year of competing," Janiszkeski said.

"They push each other. Every step of the way they've been with each other and competing against each other. It develops a good chemistry. It develops a good practice challenge every day. There is somebody you're comparing yourself to on a daily basis."

The relay team of Arekel McLaughlin, Camden Janiszkeski, LaShad Smith and Ashton Sandbulte placed second in the 4-by-400 relay with a time of 3:37.19.

The 4-by-200 relay team of McLaughlin, Radtke, Smith and Sandbulte finished first with a time of 1:34.99.

Sage Viessman finished third in the 3,200 with a time of 11:33.88.

Camden Janiszkeski finished first in the 1,600 with a time of 4:39.37. Owen Janiszkeski finished right behind him

in second place with a time of 4:52.44.

Coach Janiszkeski said his sons have had success due to the work they've invested in getting stronger and faster.

"They're students of the events. Camden does a lot of teaching to Owen. They work well together, being brothers," he said.

"They hear me talk about it all the time. They've been around it since they were little."

Owen Janiszkeski placed third in the 800 with a time of 2:14.56.

Lucky Dara placed fourth in the 200 with a time of 25.10. Sandbulte took home first place in the 100 with a time of 11.32.

"He's got one of the top times in the section and state," Janiszkeski said. "He's a very talented and gifted runner. He has a lot of ability there."

H-BC

Ashlee Kelderman placed fifth in the 100 with a time of 13.83.

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Gracie Nath then recorded back-to-back strikeouts to end the inning.

Nath opened the third inning by striking out the first two batters she faced.

The Cardinals added two more runs in the bottom of the third inning to open up a 4-0 lead.

In the top of the fourth inning, Nath recorded a pair of strikeouts.

The Panthers finally broke through in the top of the fifth inning to trim Luverne's lead to 4-1.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Oye hit a one-out double, but unfortunately the Cardinals were unable to drive her in for a run.

Luverne right fielder Reghan Bork made a running catch in right field to record the first out in the top of the sixth inning.

The Panthers drew a leadoff walk to start the seventh inning.

TMB scored a run to make it a 4-2 ballgame.

The Panthers loaded the bases with two outs but were unable to score the tying run, as the Cardinals held on to win the game 4-2.

Nath finished the game with seven strikeouts in seven innings of work in the circle.



Luverne's Ainslie Robinson swings at a pitch during the Cardinals' section tournament matchup against TMB. The Cardinals defeated the Panthers 4-2.

TMB 0 0 0 1 0 1 2 7 2
LHS 2 0 2 0 0 0 x 4 6 0

Hitting: Connell 1-3; Robinson 1-3; Olson 1-3; Oye 2-3; Kracht 1-2
Doubles: Oye, Connell

PAS 4, LHS 0

The Cardinals could not figure out Pipestone's starting pitcher as they only mustered two hits and struck out 12 times on Tuesday, June 1.

With the bats silenced, the Cardinals fell to the Arrows 4-0.

The Arrows scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning to take an early 2-0 lead.

Pipestone added one run in the bottom of the fifth inning and the bottom of the sixth inning to make the final

score 4-0.

LHS 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2
PAS 2 0 0 0 1 1 x 4 5 1

Batting: Connell 1-3; Sehr 1-3

LHS 3, Windom 0

The Cardinals blanked the Eagles 3-0 on Saturday, June 5, in Pipestone.

Nath gave up only four hits against the Eagles.

With Windom's bats silenced by Nath and Luverne's defense, the Cardinals only needed three runs to advance in the section tournament.

With the game tied at 0-0, the Cardinals scored one run in the top of the fourth inning.

Luverne added two more runs for good measure in the top of the seventh inning to pick up the 3-0 victory.

Anika Boll, Shelby Kracht and Oye all hit doubles for the Cardinals.

Averill Sehr hit a triple

LHS 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 3 6 1
Windom 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 0

Hitting: Robinson 1-3; Oye 1-3; Sehr 1-3; Boll 1-2; Kracht 1-3; Smidt 1-1
Doubles: Boll; Kracht; Oye
Triples: Sehr
RBI: Beyer 2; Kracht

PAS 7, LHS 0

Prior to Saturday's matchup with the Arrows,

the Cardinals had faced Pipestone three times during the 2021 season.

In the three previous meetings the Arrows had outscored the Cardinals 29-1, with two shutouts.

That trend continued in Pipestone on Saturday in the section tournament. The Arrows blanked Luverne 7-0 to end the Cardinals' season.

The Arrows scored six runs in the first three innings. Pipestone added one more run in the bottom of the fifth inning to make the final score 7-0.

With the loss the Cardinals finished the 2021 season with an 11-13 record.

Out of the team's 13 losses, four of them came against the Arrows.

The Cardinals will lose four seniors to graduation. It's a group of seniors that included Oye, Kracht, Robinson and Leah Wynia.

The Cardinals will return a strong core of players for the 2022 season, that include Nath, Sehr, Connell, Olson, Bork and Emma Beyer.

LHS 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2
PAS 2 3 1 0 1 0 x 7 9 0

Batting: Connell 1-3; Robinson 1-3; Smidt 1-3

MOWING NOTICE: ROCK COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

Landowners are responsible for mowing ditch shoulders. The first mowing should be done by July 1, 2021 and the last one to be done by September 15, 2021. This does not include: Beaver Creek, Denver, Magnolia, Martin, or Springwater.

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Springwater Township Board



CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Luverne to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN, 56156. Questions about this report should be directed to BarbaraBerghorst at (507) 449-9900.

Summary Financial Report Revenues and Expenditures for General Operations Governmental Funds For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	Total 2020	Total 2019	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 2,754,455	\$ 2,509,517	9.76 %
Special assessments	164	913	(82.04)
Licenses and permits	70,398	81,030	(13.12)
Intergovernmental	2,504,865	2,537,691	(1.29)
Charges for services	719,930	851,324	(15.43)
Fines and forfeits	9,362	13,742	(31.87)
Investment earnings	138,212	262,440	(47.34)
Miscellaneous	292,566	341,546	(14.34)
Total Revenues	\$ 6,489,952	\$ 6,598,203	(1.64) %
Per Capita	\$ 1,367	\$ 1,396	(2.08) %
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	\$ 793,283	\$ 815,892	(2.77) %
Public safety	1,398,600	1,295,288	7.98
Public works	1,105,960	1,054,649	4.87
Culture and recreation	1,179,896	1,262,616	(6.55)
Conservation and development	581,007	358,208	62.20
Capital outlay			
General government	42,074	274,204	(84.66)
Public safety	209,063	448,385	(53.37)
Public works	472,588	2,533,288	(81.34)
Culture and recreation	880,437	622,879	41.35
Conservation and development	367,655	21,069	1,645.00
Debt service			
Principal	305,225	396,356	(22.99)
Interest and other costs	53,818	52,423	2.66
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,389,606	\$ 9,135,257	(19.11) %
Per Capita	\$ 1,557	\$ 1,933	(19.47) %
Total Long-term Indebtedness			
Per Capita	\$ 585,000	\$ 890,225	(34.29) %
	123	188	(34.58)

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds December 31, 2020

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	602 Sewer	604 Electric	609 Liquor	Other Proprietary Funds	Total	
Assets							
Current Assets							
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 1,897,089	\$ 1,981,272	\$ 8,233,377	\$ 594,548	\$ 1,162,136	\$ 13,868,422	\$ 1,419,110
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)							
Accrued interest	3,979	12,328	15,002	1,000	1,789	34,098	2,705
Delinquent taxes	-	373	-	-	-	373	-
Accounts, net	97,870	94,270	368,237	-	64,697	625,074	-
Loans	2,725	5,828	2,725	-	5,869	17,147	4,192
Notes	-	650,000	-	-	-	650,000	-
Delinquent special assessments	265	-	-	-	-	265	-
Intergovernmental	-	468	-	-	-	468	-
Due from other funds	-	-	1,014,000	-	-	1,014,000	58,272
Inventories	71,637	71,637	553,806	181,962	-	879,042	-
Prepaid items	-	-	353	-	-	353	7,953
Total Current Assets	2,073,565	2,816,176	10,187,500	777,510	1,234,491	17,089,242	1,492,232
Noncurrent Assets							
Restricted assets							
Cash and temporary investments	2,321,479	946,085	245,812	-	4,402	3,517,778	-
Special assessments receivable							
Noncurrent	1,466	1,067	-	-	1,297	3,830	-
Loans receivable - noncurrent	25,305	27,374	26,049	-	54,502	133,230	38,930
Notes receivable - noncurrent	-	1,950,000	-	-	-	1,950,000	-
Capital assets							
Land	102,967	218,528	369,325	78,860	99,968	869,648	-
Buildings	973,702	559,156	1,565,539	120,279	79,566	3,298,242	280,609
Improvements and infrastructure	13,309,311	10,294,459	21,638,890	26,721	2,512,435	47,781,816	79,763
Machinery and equipment	463,156	576,276	1,032,795	69,280	822,313	2,963,820	565,354
Construction in progress	142,584	14,727,171	-	-	-	14,869,755	-
Total capital assets	14,991,720	26,375,590	24,606,549	295,140	3,514,282	69,783,281	925,726
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,981,755)	(6,686,778)	(13,927,279)	(165,042)	(1,602,268)	(29,363,122)	(742,147)
Total Capital Assets (Net Of Accumulated Depreciation)	8,009,965	19,688,812	10,679,270	130,098	1,912,014	40,420,159	183,579
Total Noncurrent Assets	10,358,215	22,613,338	10,951,131	130,098	1,972,215	46,024,997	222,509
Total Assets	12,431,780	25,429,514	21,138,631	907,608	3,206,706	63,114,239	1,714,741
Deferred Outflows of Resources							
Deferred pension resources	16,605	26,733	23,390	13,088	9,622	89,438	27,394
Deferred other postemployment benefits	147	220	203	55	79	704	177
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	16,752	26,953	23,593	13,143	9,701	90,142	27,571
Liabilities							
Current Liabilities							
Accounts payable	60,677	30,521	392,481	23,144	14,848	521,671	23,211
Contracts payable	9,418	522,846	-	-	4,882	537,146	-
Due to other governments	2,996	-	25,653	16,143	4,874	49,666	-
Accrued interest payable	37,894	14,818	21,650	-	-	74,362	-
Wages and related benefits payable	6,342	9,911	8,876	6,230	3,240	34,599	8,317
Customer deposits payable	7,835	7,017	34,162	2,427	4,402	55,843	-
Compensated absences payable - current	10,654	21,855	16,540	4,028	11,322	64,399	82,723
Bonds payable - current	2,275,750	924,250	190,000	-	-	3,390,000	-
Total Current Liabilities	2,411,566	1,531,218	689,362	51,972	43,568	4,727,686	114,251
Noncurrent Liabilities							
Compensated absences payable - noncurrent	54,105	99,039	129,357	16,630	35,356	334,487	357,948
Bonds payable - noncurrent	2,661,698	9,891,165	4,476,252	-	-	17,029,115	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	6,077	9,076	8,400	2,280	3,260	29,093	7,273
Net pension liability	145,041	233,510	204,311	114,314	84,046	781,222	239,288
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2,866,921	10,232,790	4,818,320	133,224	122,662	18,173,917	604,509
Total Liabilities	5,278,487	11,764,008	5,507,682	185,196	166,230	22,901,603	718,760
Deferred Inflows of Resources							
Deferred pension resources	7,580	12,196	10,671	5,971	4,390	40,808	12,498
Net Position							
Net investment in capital assets	5,297,517	9,995,158	9,064,132	130,098	1,912,014	26,398,919	183,579
Restricted for debt service	353,902	1,164,562	-	-	-	1,518,464	-
Unrestricted	1,511,046	2,520,543	6,579,739	599,486	1,133,773	12,344,587	827,475
Total Net Position	\$ 7,162,465	\$ 13,680,263	\$ 15,643,871	\$ 729,584	\$ 3,045,787	\$ 40,261,970	\$ 1,011,054

Adjustment to Reflect the Consolidation of Internal Service Fund Activities Related to Enterprise Funds 467,950

Net Position of Business-type Activities \$ 40,729,920

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South Dakota Program Earns Highest Certification for Stroke Care

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls has been named a Comprehensive Stroke Center by The Joint Commission. This is the highest level of certification hospitals can receive for treating the most complex stroke cases.

Sanford USD Medical Center is the only Comprehensive Stroke Center in South Dakota.

The Joint Commission surveyed Sanford USD Medical Center in February. To be considered a Comprehensive Stroke Center, a program must meet several criteria, including:

- Having a dedicated neuro-intensive care unit and neurocritical care providers available 24/7
- Employing a specialized cerebrovascular neurosurgery team who can handle any brain vessel pathology with microsurgery and endovascular approaches
- Being committed to continual improvement to meet strict outcome criteria
- Meeting or exceeding a minimum number of patients served with various surgical or pharmaceutical stroke treatments
- Having outstanding stroke research and education programs

The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies health care organizations and programs in the U.S. It is recognized nationwide. Accreditation or certification from The Joint Commission signifies an organization's commitment to meeting high performance standards.

When it comes to recognizing strokes, every second counts. Remember the signs of a stroke and the acronym **BE FAST**. Get help right away if you experience these symptoms:

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



For more than a year now we have traveled down the COVID-19 road to recovery. It was a journey none of us had been on before and we truly didn't know where we were headed but we traveled it together. We had to make unprecedented sacrifices and we made them together. We came together in spirit for our families, friends and neighbors to comfort them as they endured the death of a loved one. Many of us continued to provide essential service, while others had their businesses closed and we struggled through it together. Now as most things are back on the road to normalcy we can start to enjoy them together once again.

MARCH 2020

WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS ROCK COUNTY

Rock County declares State of Emergency - March 19, 2020

Local economy braces for coronavirus disaster - March 19, 2020

Schools close, arrange food and learning for students - March 19, 2020

Luverne hospital prepares for surge of coronavirus patients - April 2, 2020

Restaurants, businesses partially reopen - June 4, 2020

APRIL 2020

Arrival of Covid-19 vaccine brings 'joy and relief' to health workers - December 24, 2020

Elementary students, staff look forward to return to 'normal' - December 24, 2020

Vaccine rollout continues; Rock County at nearly 30 percent - April 1, 2021

In-person service resumes at Rock County offices May 1 - April 15, 2021

Live high school concerts return with limited audiences - May 13, 2021

DEC 2020

Let's not forget the 19 Rock County loved ones we lost to COVID-19.

APRIL 2021

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



Sincerely,

 Mayor Patrick T. Baustian