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## East Main Street closed Aug. 21 for Ag/Farmer Appreciation event at Take 16

By Lori Sorenson

To express appreciation for farmers and agriculture, an Aug. 21 Ag/Farmer Appreciation event will thank them for their "dedication to food production."

Organizer Don Dinger said the event was planned for last year, but it didn't happen due

to COVID-19. This year he and other volunteers revived the plans, staging a meal, live music, inflatables and family-friendly activities at Take 16 Brewing Co. on East Main Street in Luverne.

"I just thought it would be fun to show our appreciation to farmers," he said. "Some of these

guys start their day at 6 in the morning and end at 10 at night. This will be a night to let them come and have fun."

The event, open to the public, starts at 5 p.m. with a free meal and full bar followed by live music with the Sioux Falls band, Goodroad.

Main Street in front of Take 16 will be closed off for the party, and Mayor Pat Baustian will proclaim Aug. 21 "Ag Day," recognizing agriculture's impact on the community.

Dozens of sponsors are funding the party, and Dinger said many of them will have tents

and booths for their businesses along with drink tickets and registration for door prizes.

"It will bring a lot of people to Luverne and to Take 16," he said. "And it will be an appreciation for farmers for all they do."

Details are on Facebook under 2021 AG/Appreciation.

## Gevo hires, resumes production

Luverne plant completes retrofit during shutdown, will hire 11 more

By Mavis Fodness

A job fair Friday and Saturday is expected to fill 11 positions still open at the local Agri-Energy plant in Luverne.

Owner Gevo Inc. announced in March production would resume May 1; however, fewer than half of the needed 20 employees were hired at that time.

The coronavirus pandemic that stopped production in early 2020 is leading to employee shortages.

"We are having trouble finding people," said Agri-Energy plant manager Phil Cherry.

After hiring earlier this year, the plant resumed production of isobutanol in late July.

The Luverne plant stopped production in March 2020 and officials laid off 27 employees due to the pandemic's negative effects on market prices.

During the shutdown Gevo engineers finished retrofitting the plant from ethanol to producing a jet fuel-grade renewable isobutanol from corn.

Gevo is also continuing to test the replacement of fossil fuel-based energy sources at the Luverne plant under its green energy plan.

Prior to Luverne stopping production in March 2020, two 2.5-megawatt wind turbines came online to provide renewable electrical energy to the plant.

Engineers are now moving to the next phase of the energy plan to renewable natural gas from dairy cows to lessen the plant's

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Mavis Fodness photo/0812 Hwy 75 Roundabout

Chris Eberle with Alliant Engineering out of Minneapolis surveys the Hwy. 75 and Main Street intersection Monday. Minnesota Department of Transportation is studying the intersection in preparation for a Highway 75 improvement project in 2025. Last week, MnDOT officials told Rock County commissioners that a mini-roundabout would be considered for the intersection.

## Mini-roundabout for Highway 75-Main St. intersection?

MnDOT looks at traffic control option for 2025 construction in Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

State transportation officials are considering a mini roundabout for the Main Street-Highway 75 intersection in Luverne.

It's one of two state road improvement projects in Rock County in the state's five-year plan. The other one, slated for 2022, provides for resurfacing both directions of I-90 from Beaver Creek to the South Dakota border.

Greg Ous, Minnesota Department of Transportation District 7 engineer, and Ronda Allis, District 7 MnDOT planning director, presented the information at the Aug. 3 County Board meeting.

Their visit was part of MnDOT's an-

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— Ronda Allis, District 7 MnDOT

nual community outreach to counties within the district. Allis said the MnDOT planning team is studying the Luverne intersection

through an Intersection Control Evaluation ahead of the planned 2025 Highway 75 road construction project from Main Street north to Veterans Drive.

An improvement option may be a mini roundabout or potentially only a two-way stop versus the current four-way stop.

Commissioner Gary Overgaard questioned if the public's opinion would be considered in MnDOT's decisions. "We are not interested in a roundabout," he said.

Allis said, "If our traffic engineer deems it necessary — once he has seen the crash history — what he sees may trump what the public deems necessary."

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## County Land Records director hired

By Mavis Fodness

A familiar face is the new director in the Rock County Land Records department.

Rachel Jacobs began her new duties Aug. 2, taking the reins from former assessor and Land Records director Tom Houselog, who retired after 46 years, 21 of those years in Rock County.

"It's a little intimidating," Jacobs said. "But it's a good and exciting change."

Jacobs has been a technician in the office since 2015 and said she had hoped to eventually head the department.

The Land Records Office assesses property for real estate taxes and it records real estate transactions, births, marriages and deaths within the county.

Jacobs is no a stranger to Rock

Land Records director/see page 3A



Mavis Fodness photo/0812 Land Records Jacobs

Rachel Jacobs is the new Rock County Land Records director, a position she assumed Aug. 2.

## ATLAS starts bike ministry

By Lori Sorenson

ATLAS of Rock County is expanding its community ministries to include bike sales and repair, brought about by Ken Petersen's retirement from his Ken's Bike Shop business.

The arrangement has been a "God thing," according to ATLAS director Michael Blank

"We had a person come to us who had no transportation, so I looked to Ken to purchase a bike from to give to this person," he said.

"Instead of selling us the bike, Ken donated it to this person so he'd have transportation for work."

Learning that Petersen's bike business was leaving town, the ATLAS Board recognized bike sales and repair as a potential

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— Michael Blank, ATLAS of Rock County

ministry to add to the organization's already broad community outreach.

Blank said ATLAS encounters a fair number of people who can't

Bike ministry/see page 3A



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Battle Plain Township** will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the home of Mark Vander Pol.

The **Compassionate Friends** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, in the Luverne Area Community Foundation office next to the Palace Theatre in Luverne. The group offers support, understanding and hope to grieving families after a child dies - of any age and from any cause. Call 605-254-2072 or email pat.saum@gmail.com

### Band lessons start Aug. 16

Teacher Angie Swenson will offer free lessons for all Luverne Elementary School fifth-grade beginning band students. Lessons are not mandatory but they offer students experience before school begins.

Lessons will be Aug. 16-19 and 23-26 in the elementary music room:

- flutes at 1 p.m.
- clarinets, 1:30 p.m.
- saxophones, 2 p.m.
- trumpets, 2:30 p.m.
- trombones, 3 p.m.
- French horns, baritones, tubas, 3:30 p.m.
- percussion, 4 p.m.

Students will need an instrument and lesson book. Orders from Schmidt music will be available on the first day of lessons. Students are encouraged to attend one or all of the lessons.

### Learn about fruit trees and berry bushes Aug. 19.

Learn about the fruit trees, berry bushes and others that grow well in our area during a multi-sensory experience at the Prairie Ally food forest and productive perennial riparian buffer. University of Minnesota Extension Agroforestry Educator Gary Wyatt will present information at from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at 308 N Blue Mound Ave. Cost is \$15. Register at [projectfoodforest.org/events](http://projectfoodforest.org/events).

### Free food for seniors Aug. 19

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, Aug. 19, with drive-thru distribution in parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

### Free food offered Aug. 19

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 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.

### Bloodmobile in Luverne Aug. 24

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Luverne from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Grand Prairie Events on South Estey Street.

Donors can save up to 15 minutes by completing the RapidPass® pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. Make an appointment through the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Bring a blood donor card or driver's license at check-in.

### Community Ed announcements

Call 507-283-4724 to sign up for the following opportunity. See [comed.isd2184.net](http://comed.isd2184.net) to view the brochure and list of offerings.

Have fun cooking at Kids in the Kitchen this summer for grades K-8 includes Bakery Fun Aug. 19. Fee is \$16/child.

Participants grade 3 (as attended during past school year) through adult, will do pour painting at Anyone Can Paint class on Aug. 18. Fee is \$10.

Amazing Art on Fire on Aug. 21 is open to all ages (third grade and younger with adults) Fee is \$5, plus you will pick out and pay for a pottery bisque piece at the studio for \$10-\$30 cost. Apply glaze and watch it change in the fire.

### Hospice Dinner, Auction Aug. 26

This is the final week to buy tickets for the Aug. 26 Hospice Dinner & Auction. Ticket can be purchased at: <https://luvacf.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2021CharityDinner> or call 283-1805 no later than Aug. 19. The Silent Auction will be open for anyone to bid online Aug. 21-Aug 28 on the above website. All proceeds stay local to support Sanford Luverne Hospice.

## Luverne Mayor Baustian is CGMC President

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian was elected to serve as president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 30 at the coalition's summer conference in Alexandria.

As president, Baustian will help direct efforts to inform state legislators on issues unique to Greater Minnesota, such as Local Government Aid (LGA), economic development, transportation and environmental policy.

Baustian was elected by fellow city officials from across the state to lead CGMC, long considered one of the most active, high-profile organizations to represent rural communities at the State Capitol.

"Mayor Baustian is respected across the state for his thoughtful, pragmatic leadership on issues that impact his community and other cities in Greater Minnesota," said Bradley Peterson, executive director of the CGMC.

"I'm confident that he will be an excellent person to lead our organization as we help rural communities move past the pandemic and find new ways to grow and thrive."

Baustian said he looks forward to leading CGMC as it continues to guide Greater Minnesota cities through the pandemic and into the future.



Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian (left) receives the Excellence in Service Award from CGMC President and Little Falls Mayor Greg Zylka on July 29 in Alexandria. Baustian was also elected CGMC president on July 30, taking the reins from Zylka, who served as president for the 2020-2021 year.

He noted among the CGMC's top priorities for the upcoming year will be to protect and defend LGA, advocate for a substantial bonding bill that invests in critical infrastructure, and continue to explore solutions to the child care, housing and workforce shortages in Greater Minnesota.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead the CGMC as we fight for the needs of rural communities," Baustian said.

"There are a lot of challenges on the horizon, but I look forward to working with state lawmakers and my fellow city leaders to find ways to solve problems and strengthen our cities."

### Baustian receives 'Excellence in Service Award'

In addition to being elected president, Baustian was also honored with the CGMC's Excellence in Service Award, which is given annually to city leaders who demonstrate knowledge, leadership and active participation in CGMC program areas over the past year.

The award was handed out at CGMC's awards dinner on July 29.

As a longtime member of the CGMC Board of Directors and active participant in the organization, Baustian was recognized for his efforts

related to finding solutions to the child care crisis that plagues rural communities.

This year, he testified before several legislative committees in favor of legislation that aimed to support child care providers and increase child care capacity in Greater Minnesota.

He also participated in media visits to bring attention to the child care issue and joined Ely City Councilor Heidi Omerza to co-author a guest column that appeared in more than a dozen media outlets statewide.

Little Falls Mayor Greg Zylka, who Baustian is replacing as CGMC president, praised Baustian's work on child care and said he was happy to "pass the torch" to the Luverne mayor.

"Mayor Baustian has been an excellent spokesperson for Greater Minnesota cities on an array of issues, including child care, economic development and environmental regulations," Zylka said.

"The CGMC will be in good hands as he takes the helm as president."

The CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization that educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota. Visit the CGMC's website at [greaterminncities.org](http://greaterminncities.org).

## Weber named CGMC 'Legislator of Distinction'

Sen. Bill Weber was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 29 during the Coalition's summer conference in Alexandria for his positive impact on environmental issues in Greater Minnesota.

Sen. Weber, a Republican from Luverne, is serving his third term in the Minnesota Senate. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC's policy during the preceding legislative session.

As a mayor-turned-legislator, Weber has supported issues that are important to Greater Minnesota cities.

This year, he served as the chief Senate author of an initiative that tackles sources of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a class of "forever" chemicals linked to health concerns and that have been found in water bodies across the state.



Sen. Bill Weber (left) receives the Legislator of Distinction Award from CGMC President and Little Falls Mayor Greg Zylka on July 29 in Alexandria.

Weber helped secure \$600,000 to create the PFAS Municipal Reduction Strategy, which focuses on studying the sources of PFAS, developing strategies to

prevent them from entering wastewater plants, and educating wastewater professionals and the public on PFAS and habits that result in them entering the environment.

In addition, Weber advocated for a stakeholder group to involve municipal organizations like the CGMC to help develop plans and strategies for dealing with PFAS.

"Sen. Weber is not afraid of tackling complex, challenging issues that impact Greater Minnesota communities," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC.

"He understands that PFAS and other pollutants are a major concern for our cities and utility operators. He fought hard to secure funding for a strategy that will tackle the sources of PFAS and prevent them from reaching our city water facilities."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

## Gevo plant restarts production/continued from page 1A

dependence on natural gas derived from fossil fuels. Luverne is still seen as the test facility.

More employees are needed to bring the Luverne plant back to a 24/7 production schedule.

The local job fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Big Top Tent Rentals at 321 W.

Hatting St. in Luverne.

Cherry said production workers are sought for hourly wages ranging from \$18 to \$23 per hour, depending on qualifications. The goal is to have 30 full-time employees at the Luverne facility.

### Luverne plant test zone for larger facility

Gevo is currently

planning a state-of-the-art production facility in Lake Preston, South Dakota.

The 240-acre plant is expected to be in production in 2024 using the renewable energy technology tested at the Luverne facility.

Announcement of Gevo's plans were made in an Aug. 4 business update on the Net-Zero 1 project in

South Dakota.

"I like the option of being able to test unit operations that could help optimize and train people for Net-Zero 1 to start up smoothly," said Gevo CEO Patrick Gruber.

"And the best way to do that is to do a good job training our people. I expect Luverne to provide some of that experience."

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## Roundabout considered for Highway 75/from page 1A

MnDOT is currently reconstructing the three roundabouts in Worthington because road angles caused semitrailer loads to become unstable as the large vehicles maneuvered the circular intersections.

Ous said the concrete apron in the center of the roundabout is being lowered to allow the trailer tires to more easily drive over the apron if necessary.

He said roundabouts, especially in Mankato, have improved intersection safety and reduced fatalities.

Prior to any major reconstruction project such as a roundabout, MnDOT conducts public open houses within the community. These in-person meetings take place between September and December.

### More work planned for I-90 in 2022

Interstate 90 from Beaver Creek to the South Dakota border is a continuation of the current westbound-only rehabilitation project on I-90 from Luverne to Beaver.

Next year both sides of the interstate will receive a mill and overlay versus the current rehabilitation of the existing roadway.

Aas said the four-mile stretch of roadway has become unstable and engineers recommended the concrete overlay in 2022.

Estimated project cost is \$8.9 million and is allocated from CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Stimulus) dollars received in the district.

### Luverne School District offices open for 2021-22 registration

Families interested in registering their students for the 2021-22 school year are encouraged to call Luverne School District to set up an appointment. The Luverne Middle School-High School office is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the phone number is 507-283-4491. The Luverne Elementary School office will open Aug. 2 and the phone number is 507-283-4497.

### Dates for Highway 75 construction north of Luverne moving target

With a continued "fair" road quality index rating, North Highway 75 from Luverne to Trosky is now scheduled for construction in 2028.

Last year MnDOT officials had the road reconstruction slated for 2027. However, the project could be completed in 2025 if funding allows.

"If additional funding becomes available through — if we get a new federal bill or if the district receives additional dollars — we are developing projects across the district that we will be able to deliver earlier than what we are showing now with the (10-year) program," Allis said.

South Highway 75 from Luverne to the Iowa border was slated for road and bridge improvements for 2018, but the project is now moved to 2030. It is not being considered for possible earlier completion.

Highway 270 from Highway 75 to Hills is also set for improvements in 2030. However, this highway is earmarked by MnDOT as a possible turn back to a county road.

If the county agrees to maintain the road, a special fund for turnback projects would improve the roadway before turning the roadway back to the county.

Commissioners made no decision at their Aug. 3 meeting about accepting Highway 270 as a county road.



Lori Sorenson photo/0812 atlas bike ministry  
Michael Blank (left) and Ken Petersen discuss options for the bike repair space in ATLAS Ministries' Community Room on the west side of the building (formerly Luverne Kawasaki). Equipment is in place to install 2-by-4 rafters overhead for attaching beams of hooks for hanging bike wheels and equipment to maximize space in the room.

## ATLAS of Rock County bike ministry/continued from page 1A

get a driver's license, and bicycles allow them to get to work or school or other obligations.

Petersen similarly saw value in leaving his business with ATLAS.

"I dealt with hundreds of people every year," he said. "A lot of people in town have bicycles, and I was seeing people from Worthington, Pipestone and Edgerton."

It was seasonal and part-time work, but Petersen said ATLAS may be a useful home for his former business.

"This could be something good in the community," Petersen said Monday.

He donated his bike inventory and some equipment to ATLAS before his upcoming move with his wife, Mary, to Superior, Wisconsin.

The bike shop will be next to the "ATLAS Community Room" on the west side of the building (formerly

Luverne Kawasaki) on Maple Street.

"It's a good setup," Petersen said Monday.

Organizers are considering a "name the bike shop" contest — something Biblical, just as the successful Redeemed Remnants second-hand store is named.

Ideally, a bike expert would be on hand to repair and sell bikes, but Blank said that person remains to be found.

Meanwhile, ATLAS is working with Center of Hope to learn how the Sioux Falls organization handles its bike ministry, "Geared to Empower."

Blank said the Sioux Falls group is offering advice and training Luverne volunteers.

"Obviously we're looking for volunteers," he said, "but it remains to be seen whether or not

we'll have a specialist on hand."

Blank said he's looking forward to meeting a need in the community.

"I think it's going to be a good thing," he said.

"We're going to get bikes into the hands of people who need a form of transportation for work or school. We're going to fix bikes for the public, and we'll donate bikes to those who need them."

Petersen said he hopes the new arrangement is successful.

"They may not be able to help everyone in Rock County like a commercial operation would," he said. "But my hope is that the people in need will get the most benefit from it."

ATLAS isn't yet accepting bike donations, but those interested in helping with the bike ministry can contact Blank at 507-449-5777.

## Jacobs hired as Rock County Land Records Office director/continued from page 1A

County.

She is the daughter of Dan and Colleen Nath of Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 2009.

She earned her math and computer science degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and took a job in the business department at C&B Operations in Luverne.

"I really got to know the ag industry while I was there," she said.

This has also helped her through the years-long licensing steps through the Minnesota Department of Revenue toward becoming an assessor.

She recently finished

the 60-page report for the Accredited Minnesota Assessor (ASA) licensure and will take the final test later this month.

Within a year, she hopes to have her Senior Accredited Minnesota Assessor (SAMA) licensure, the highest assessor training level.

Jacobs lives in rural Ellsworth with her husband, Brock, and their three daughters, Allison, 8, Jennifer, 6, and Samantha, 2.

### Sehr appointed temporary county assessor

As Land Records Office director, Jacobs oversees a staff of three.

Assessor Jeff Sehr is SAMA certified, and Scott Adams is currently working on his ASA. Katie VanGrootheest is the department's administrative assistant.

Until she achieves AMA certification, Jacobs cannot be appointed as county assessor.

At their Aug. 3 meeting, Rock County commissioners appointed Sehr as the interim county assessor during the next few months until Jacobs completes the ASA test.

The county office currently has assessing contracts with seven county townships and with each of the municipalities in Rock

County.

The area consists of about 8,500 parcels.

Jacobs was one of two candidates who interviewed for the director position.

Due to stringent licensing requirements, commissioners were concerned that a qualified applicant couldn't be hired for the director and appointed as assessor.

"We are pretty fortunate to have had the talent in that office," said commissioner Jody Reisch, who served on the hiring committee.

Retired director Houselog encouraged each of the technicians

in the office to pursue the advanced licensing requirements.

In the future, Jacobs sees the land records office undergoing a structural change with the possible addition of a deputy county assessor.

"It's good that the public doesn't always see me as the only face of the assessor's office," Jacobs said.

"We are a team."

A replacement for Jacob's former technician position will be first advertised in-house.

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## Rooftop perspective brings fear of heights in focus

Perched atop the old hog house roof on our farm east of Hardwick, I called my husband, Bryan, on my cell phone.



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

River.

I saw the profile of the concrete bridge and fear crept over me. "That is a really tall bridge and it's over water."

I almost stopped the car and turned around.

Clutching the steering wheel and driving well under the speed limit, I drove down the middle of the road so I didn't see over the bridge's concrete sides.

Adam was unaware of my fear and wondered why the sudden change of speed and hogging of the road.

We laughed about my fear later that day when we drove over the same bridge back to Vermillion. Because I didn't see the bridge from the side, I was fine with the second crossing.

As I continued to sit on the hog house, my anxiety wasn't off the charts like it was in the car.

After my phone call for help went unanswered, I was determined to get down myself because I had things to do, and darkness was approaching.

Two cats perched on the peak of the roof gazed smugly at the human who foolishly retrieved the silly dog toy.

I'm not a cat person.

... That was enough to send me cautiously over the top to the roof's other side where I used the higher fence.

I easily stepped to the ground — where those two cats stood and appeared to be asking, "What took you so long? It's feeding time."

As the phone rang through, I pondered my predicament — I had climbed on the roof to fetch the dog's frisbee and now I was stuck.

My errant throw landed Lucy's favorite toy out of reach, and her eyes darted eagerly between me and the direction the toy was thrown.

I knew she'd pester me and get in the way of my horse chores until I got that frisbee off the roof, so I surveyed my options.

It wasn't that far off the ground — maybe seven feet.

With no ladder nearby, I spotted the fence that butted up against the building, and it was an easy climb from the top of the fence to the frisbee.

The frisbee was retrieved and the dog was happy.

I, however, wasn't happy. My short legs didn't retrace the steps down as easily as the steps up.

I pulled out my cell phone and made the call.

Calling my husband to get me out of a predicament is not unusual. (Remember when I locked myself in the horse trailer?)

As I sat on the roof, I admired the view of the Blue Mounds, the rows of growing crops, the happy dog.

My call went to voice-mail. I reflected: "When did I develop a paralyzing fear of heights?"

Long bridges are the worst. Just ask my son, Adam.

One time we traveled from Vermillion to Nebraska and crossed the Missouri

## Star Herald delivers 'thumbs' (down and up) for road work, junk

We have a lot of opinions this week, based on an informal survey of our Star Herald news team and support staff.

Most of the feedback is positive because, let's face it, Rock County is a great place to live and work in, and we don't have a lot to complain about. But, upon further reflection, there is always room for improvement.

**Thumbs up** — overwhelmingly to the Rock County Ag Society and their volunteers and sponsors for the outstanding Rock County Fair this year.

It was impressive on so many levels — from the great-looking fairgrounds, the fabulous entertainment and winning grandstand lineup. If we had to miss a fair during a pandemic, it was worth the wait to come back so strong this year.

**Thumbs up** — for the quick work on asphaltting County Road 5 west of town and on Dodge Street by the school campus. It seemed the school construction and parking lot work took a long time, but we have six miles of fresh

asphalt in less than a week.

**Thumbs down** — to the residents who think we have year-round junk pickup and continue to put their junk on the boulevard. Please, folks, we're a proud community, and your junk reflects poorly on all of us.

**Thumbs up** — to all the adults who make the summer youth programs possible. We're talking about summer rec sports programs, Vacation Bible School, Rock the Edge missions, library park outings, and the list goes on.

It takes conscientious parents to enroll their children in the opportunities available to them, but in the sense that it "takes a village" to raise our children, this village is as good they come.

**Thumbs down** — to drivers who use the Highway 75 left turn lane for the length of a block and

endanger drivers coming from the opposite direction who also need to use the left-turn lane.

The three-lane setup has made south Highway 75 safer, but it only works when we use it properly.

**Thumbs up** — to the Chamber and sponsoring businesses for the summer celebrations in Luverne. From Memorial Day, to Buffalo Days to Hot Dog Night and more, these are proud occasions to host visitors in town.

We know they don't "just happen," and we're grateful for Chamber leadership and supporters for the quality outcomes.

Have an idea for "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" we should consider? Send it to [editor@star-herald.com](mailto:editor@star-herald.com) or call 507-283-2333.

## VOICE OF OUR READERS

### Mann: 'We already have great things'

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to Jason Berghorst's Aug. 5 column, "What I wish for."

First of all, he wants a Dar's Pizza in Luverne. We have really good pizza at Pizza Ranch and Godfather's; we don't need a Dar's.

Then, what's this about a Kwik Trip? We have four convenience stores in town. If he can't find the donut he wants at one of these, there's something wrong.

And, he wants a larger Lewis Drug? That's kind of bashing Bomgaars, isn't it?

I appreciated Jason's column and I respect his opinion, but I think we already have great things in Luverne. I know I'm not the only who feels this way.

Bev Mann, Luverne

### Ladd questions mayoral responsibilities

To the Editor:

Consider for a moment the following word for word quotation from the current ELECTED Mayor of Luverne. "Grandparents that have grandkids ages 12-18 need to get on their grandkids' parents to get them vaccinated!" Is stating that one group should "get on" another group even within mayoral responsibilities?

Consider, also, for a moment the following word for word quotation from the same source. "With the new Delta variant gaining momen-

tum, now is the time to protect yourselves, your family, and out community." There was an interesting piece written in the Aug. 5, 2021, issue of the "Star Tribune." It can be found on the front page above the fold. It stated a peculiar fact regarding the recent outbreak of the Delta variant in Massachusetts. Of the 469 reported cases of the Delta variant 346 of those infected were fully vaccinated. That pencils out to 74 percent of those infected with the Delta variant were fully vaccinated. Interesting?

Sherri Ladd, Luverne

## Frustration about today's happenings leads to reflection that tomorrow could be 'a better day'

I was having somewhat of a frustrating day a week or so ago.

It was late in the afternoon and I was driving back to the office sulking a bit more than I should have. Nevertheless, it was a bummer of a day.

I was listening to the Dan Barreiro radio show, and he was doing a segment on how important the arts really are.

He was trying to convey the message that we never really can comprehend the impact the arts have on people — be it music, dance, painting or any of the different spectrums of art.

He added that one's interpretation of the arts may vary dramatically from one individual



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

to another.

His example was from an interview Bill Murray had done relating to his early years of his career.

The Bill Murray he was talking about is the Bill Murray of "Saturday Night Live" fame and films like "Caddy Shack" and "Ghost Busters."

Murray was telling the story of

when he was having a bummer of a day (his day was much worse than mine).

Very early in his career he had just finished his role in a stage play in Chicago. It didn't go well, and the crowd let him know it. Once his part was over and he left the stage, he walked out the door and decided he didn't want to go on living. So, he walked to Lake

Michigan to end his life that night.

He was walking along Michigan Avenue and came across The Chicago Art Institute Museum. For whatever reason, he walked into the museum and found himself gazing at a painting on the wall.

He said he felt somehow drawn to this painting of a woman all by herself in a field with what he felt was little purpose or prospect of a better life ahead. Yet, behind the woman was the rising sun of a new day.

He studied the painting and came to the conclusion that with the sunrise of a new day, maybe that woman had a new chance of a better life.

Murray walked out of the museum and decided to walk away from the lake and hope for a better day when the sun came up in the morning.

The irony of this story is the painting is called the Song of the Lark by Jules-Adolphe Breton painted in 1884.

Some believe the painting is of a setting sun, but Murray's interpretation was of a sunrise, giving hope and saving his life.

I encourage you to check out the YouTube video, "Bill Murray admits a painting saved his life."

My hope is that tomorrow or at least someday soon, America will wake up to the prospect of a better day.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**July 30**

•Deputy assisted Nobles County department eastbound on Interstate 90, exit 18, Magnolia.

•Accident with property damage reported on N. Fairview Drive.

•A civil issue was reported on E. 1st Street, Hardwick.

•Complainant reported threats at the fairgrounds.

•Complainant in Worthington turned himself in on warrant.

**July 31**

•Assistance from another department was conducted at the airport in Luverne.

•A parking issue was reported at the fairgrounds.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a runaway.

•Disorderly subject was reported at location at the fairgrounds.

•Deputy assisted motorist at location on the Interstate 90 on ramp.

**Aug. 1**

•Complainant on E. Fairview Drive reported a runaway.

•Missing person was reported at the location on E. Barck Avenue.

•A driving complaint was reported on W. Dakota Street, Beaver Creek.

•Assistance from another department was conducted on Highway 9, Benson.

**Aug. 2**

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a missing person at location.

•Complainant on Freeman Avenue and Main Street reported an accident with personal injury.

•Report that deputy checked on a parking issue on W. Maple Street and Estey Street.

•Complainant on W. Adams Avenue requested a notification.

•Deputy on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, assisted another

agency.

•Complainant on 181st Street, Kenneth, reported suspicious activity.

**Aug. 4**

•Complainant reported a driving complaint eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 4, Beaver Creek.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Deputies checked location for a warrant on subject on W. Mead Court.

**Aug. 5**

•A power shutoff notice was issued on W. Mead Court.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•A severe thunderstorm warning was reported.

•A severe thunderstorm warning was reported.

•Complainant on 30th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported lightning strike at location.

•Complainant on E. Hatting Street reported a vehicle being towed without permission.

•Assistance from another department was conducted westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 17, Magnolia.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported someone taking pictures of their property.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported disorderly conduct.

•Complainant reported an unauthorized vehicle for sale.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 2 transports, 7 escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 3 alarms, 1 drug court test, 3 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 14 traffic stops, 4 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 welfare check, 1 report of cattle out and 1 OFP.



Lori Sorenson photos/0812 tractor ride

## Garretson Tractor Ride tours Midwest Dry Cast

The Garretson Tractor Ride headed east Friday morning through Rock County on their way to Luverne for a lunch and tour at Midwest Dry Cast on South Highway 75. The group traveled 65 miles and included 39 tractors of all ages, makes and models, making it the largest in the group's history of annual rides.



Riders included (from left) Norlyn Van De Berg, Garretson, Cherlyn Brouwer, Luverne, and Art Franken, Sioux Center.

## Apply by Aug. 20 for Blue Mounds youth hunt

The deadline is Friday, Aug. 20, to apply for the DNR special youth hunt at the Blue Mounds State Park Nov. 20-21. The number of participants will be limited to 10 with a bag limit of two. Orientation will be Nov. 19.

Youth special firearms hunt applicants must be at least age 12 and under age 16 by the beginning hunt date. An adult parent/guardian mentor, who may not hunt, must accompany youth participants while hunting at all times and will abide by all hunting rules.

All youth participants and an adult parent/

guardian mentor must attend pre-hunt orientation session on Nov. 19. Participants who can't attend a required orientation should not apply.

Participating in a special youth hunt does not preclude one from hunting the regular season, and unsuccessful applicants receive preference for future youth hunt drawings of the same type.

Blaze orange or pink is required during youth firearms hunts.

Tree stands and pop-up blinds are permitted in state park hunts up to seven days prior to the

hunt, placed during normal park hours and must have owner/hunter clearly identified on them with their DNR license number. (This is to facilitate hunt preparation by youth who are normally in school Monday through Friday and to capitalize on some of the youth hunt clinics conducted one week prior to the hunt.)

Only clamp-on or strap-on portable stands that do not damage trees or other vegetation may be used — no nails, screw-in steps or other devices that damage the bark of trees.

Hunters may not place multiple stands.

Other hunters or the general public may not occupy stands legally placed by a hunter.

Stands must be removed no more than one day after the hunt.

Apply at any electronic license agent (wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold) for only \$1 or apply online at <http://licenses.dnr.state.mn.us/> (start by clicking on "Purchase").

Prior to participating in the fall 2021 hunting season, hunters should refer to the DNR's COVID-19 response web page at [www.mndnr.gov/covid-19](http://www.mndnr.gov/covid-19) for the latest information.

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## Local teen opens business

### Pet experience brings entrepreneurial spirit to Adam Ask

By Mavis Fodness

Adam Ask's new business is for the dogs — or for picking up the dogs' business.

"AJ's Pooper Scoopers" charges dog owners weekly for cleaning up after canines in their yards.

Working from a family member's suggestion earlier this year, Ask jumped at the chance to start his own business.

"It's just something most people don't want to do," he said.

As a responsible dog owner himself, he said he doesn't mind picking up after animals.

Ask's fees are based on the customer's yard size: \$10 for large and \$5 for small.

Armed with a metal grabber and a bucket lined with a plastic bag, Ask scoops up poop and places it into the bucket and disposes the bag for his customers.

There's no doggy doo-doo left behind to step in or to run over with mowers. Bald spots are also less likely to form from repeated doggie dumps.

So far, Ask has four customers, including his

parents, Les and Rachel Ask. "They have all been happy with my work," he said.

The Ask family pet, Luna, has taught him to always look everywhere and check the lawn twice.

The incoming freshman at Luverne High School said he likes the hourly flexibility of owning his own business.

He will work with an investor to understand how to grow his earnings, and he eventually wants to start an online business and be an entrepreneur after high school.

Meanwhile, he's focused on his current business with future plans already in place.

"Next summer I hope

Adam Ask of Luverne began "AJ's Pooper Scoopers" in June, cleaning up after pets in their own yards. Ask holds his family's pet, Luna, who taught him to look twice when cleaning yards.

Mavis Fodness photo



## No. 2-free lawns

## COLLEGE NEWS

### U of M Duluth names dean's list

Two local students were named to the University of Minnesota Duluth Spring 2021 dean's list. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Recipients were Mark Robinson, a senior working toward a Bachelor of Science in stats and actuarial science in the Swenson College of Science and Engineering, and Brandon Winter, a senior working toward a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering in the Swenson College of Science and Engineering.

### A.R. Wood Scholarships

Four Luverne High School 2021 graduates were awarded scholarships by the A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust: Elise Jarchow, Gracie Zewiske, Ainslie Robinson and Solveig Toftland.

Nine Luverne High School prior graduates are recipients of renewal scholarships awarded by the A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust: Jayden Anderson, Anika Gust, Aric Meinerts, Mark Robinson, Sierra Schmuck, Emma Verbrugge, Gunnar Oldre, Jenna Schelhaas and Jordan Winter.

The total amount awarded was \$8,000. The A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust is administered by First Bank & Trust in Sioux Falls.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

•Luverne's new airport manager is enjoying steady business since taking over the reins on May 1.

Ben Baum moved his business, Sierra Delta Aviation, LLC, from Custer, S.D., to Luverne when he assumed management and fixed base operation duties at Quentin Aanenson Field.

Since then, he and his wife, Lori, and their four boys, have been settling into their new home, new school and new life.

### 25 years ago (1996)

•A brand new billboard along Interstate 90 is giving Luverne a leaner, sharper image.

"It's just beautiful," said Sandra Dowie of the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We're trying to attract more tourists off the highway into Luverne."

The bureau, which takes credit for the new billboard, is comprised of three hotel owners, three members from the business and nonprofit community, and one representative each from the city, chamber and Blue Mounds State Park.

The 14-by-48 billboard went up July 19 at a cost of \$5,000 to replace the former Luverne billboard, which was more than eight years old. Money for the billboard was raised through the new lodging tax the city implemented last year. The new billboard is located about one-quarter mile west of the Luverne exit on the north side of the freeway. It has a simpler design with larger print and an extra-large photograph of the Blue Mounds State Park buffalo. The state park is featured on one side and the services Luverne offers are listed on the other side.

### 50 years ago (1971)

•The Luverne school board Tuesday night set Sept. 13 as the date to open bids for a computer for the school. ...

Decision to call for bids for a used computer was made after a board study committee consisting of Erling Tofteland, D. M. Lippi and Elmer Piepgras made a recommendation that such a move be taken. Whether or not they will make the purchase

depends upon the bids submitted, the board indicated in their discussions Tuesday night.

Supt. Harvey Eitrem said that plans are moving ahead for a state-wide computer set-up for schools. If a machine is purchased for Luverne, it would be used for training in the business education department, as well as for handling payroll, scheduling, making up report cards, and for classroom instruction in other fields of study.

### 75 years ago (1946)

•Earl Chizum and Ralph Kvaas have purchased the Chez Paree Café from the former owners, Pederson and Minnes, and have taken possession of the café which is located south on Highway 75.

The two young Luverne men plan to open the café at noon every day and operate until the early hours of the morning, featuring a complete menu of steaks and home baked pastries as well as a variety of sandwiches, short orders and lunches.

A filling station will be operated by Chitzum and Kvaas in connection with the café and later they plan to install a line of tires and auto accessories.

### 100 years ago (1921)

•The 8<sup>th</sup> annual commencement exercises of the schools of Rock county will be held on Tuesday evening, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the consolidated school building at Magnolia, as ample quarters for the exercises are not available in this city.

At that time a class of sixty-three eighth grade graduates from semi-graded and rural schools of the county will be awarded their diplomas by County Supt. Edia A. Headley.

The class will be the largest that has been graduated in the history of the county, and the number is considered especially noteworthy as it does not include graduates from the high or graded schools of the county. Murray county, for instance, with practically twice the number of school districts to draw from, has only fifty-seven graduates this year.

## 1935: Rock County now eligible for drought relief

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on Feb. 22, 1935.

### Rock County Now in Drought Relief Area

### Farmers in Dire Need of Feed for Livestock Can Secure Emergency Feed Loans to Meet Situation

Rock county is now included in the emergency drought relief area in Minnesota, which means that farmers who happen to be in dire need of feed for livestock can secure emergency feed loans. Official notification to this effect was made yesterday by Harry Alle, of Worthington, federal seed loan field representative.

A central office for Rock county has been established. In the office of County Agent Willrett, with Geo. Dunbar, of Ash Creek, a chief clerk. Mr. Allen was in the city yesterday assisting in making arrangements for the establishing of his office, from which the feed loans will be issued. A county committee composed of A. A. Anderson, Frank Peshon, Wm. Jacobsen and C. J. Martin has been appointed to pass on the loans.



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Applications for loans may be made at any time at the central office. The amount to be loaned will be at the rate of \$3.00 per cow, \$4.00 per horse, \$1.00 per hog and 50 cents per sheep. These loans are issued on a per month basis. The loans will be due and payable on November 1<sup>st</sup> this year. The rate of interest is 5½ percent.

Farmers and stockmen in nine additional Minnesota counties, including Rock, were this week placed

Bits, continued on 7A

## Local photographs used in Sanford Luverne remodel

As work finishes on the Sanford Luverne Clinic remodeling project, 69 photographs will be hung as artwork throughout the building.

"When we started looking at plans to give the clinic a facelift, we realize that artwork is usually what your eye wants to go to — not just the carpet or wall color," said senior director Tammy Loosbrock. "We wanted to give our patients and our staff some high-quality local prints to enjoy, not a generic photo or something they might see in any other space."

Staff selected most of the photos from the Luverne Area

Chamber photography contest and photos owned by the city of Luverne.

Jim Juhl with Myhre Studio in Luverne framed the pictures in non-glare glass.

The clinic's examination rooms, procedure rooms, radiology, offices and other space are complete. The entrance and lobby are scheduled to be finished in coming weeks.

The clinic remains open.

Submitted photo

Jason Schutz's photo titled "Peaceful Waters" hangs in the Sanford Luverne Clinic.



## MENU

**Monday, Aug. 16:** Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, dinner roll, frosted cake.

**Tuesday, Aug. 17:** Chef's choice, vegetable, fruit, bread, dessert.

**Wednesday, Aug. 18:** Tuna pasta salad, tomato wedges, orange, dessert.

**Thursday, Aug. 19:** Barbecued pork on a bun, coleslaw, fresh fruit, gelatin with whipped topping.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

**Friday, Aug. 20:** Baked fish, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, 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](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).

## OBITUARY

### Helen Ver Hoeven

Helen Leone Ver Hoeven, 92, of Hawarden, Iowa, formerly of Ireton, Iowa, died on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, at Hawarden Regional Healthcare Hospital in Hawarden.



Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at First Reformed Church in Ireton with Rev. Gerald Norman officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the Ireton Community Center. Visitation with the family will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church or at the luncheon.

The funeral will be livestreamed at facebook.com/FRCIreton. Condolences may be sent to www.porterfuneralhomes.com. The family prefers, in lieu of flowers, memorials be given in Helen's name to the First Reformed Church in Ireton or the West Sioux Educational Foundation.

Helen Leone Poll was born June 25, 1929, in Ireton, Iowa, the daughter of Henry

and Mae (Houlton) Poll. She graduated from Ireton High School in 1947.

She married Anthony Ver Hoeven June 22, 1951, and moved to the farm in 1953. Helen attended Westmar College in Le Mars, graduating in 1967. She taught elementary and middle school in Kingsley, Maurice, Maurice-Orange City and West Sioux in Ireton.

She was a member of Ireton First Reformed Church. She taught Sunday School, was a member of Women's Guild and Hope Haven Ministries, and volunteered for 10 years in Hillcrest Care Center by helping serve the monthly birthday parties.

Anthony died Jan. 16, 2009. Helen moved to Mica Hill/Hillcrest Health Care Center in August of 2018.

Survivors include her daughter, Debrah (Ben) Vander Kooi, Luverne, Minnesota; her son, James (Glenda) Ireton, Iowa; two grandchildren, Bill Vander Kooi of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Katrina and husband

Andrew Wallmeyer of St. Paul, Minnesota; and great-grandchildren Juliana, Peter, and Vivian Wallmeyer; one sister, Mary (Michael) Magan of Ada, Michigan; special friends Monty and Sue Terhune and their children George (Courtney) and Kathryn of Omaha, Nebraska. She is also survived by her in-laws, Ted Van Bruggen of Seminole, Florida, and Dorothy Ver Hoeven Olson of Hawarden, Iowa.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony; her parents, Henry and Mae (Houlton) Poll; her stepfather, Lester Riter; and a sister, Geraldine Van Bruggen. Also preceding her in death are her in-laws Jake and Klasina Ver Hoeven, Gary and Loucella Barents, Bill and Dorothy Koopmans, Don and Marie Ver Hoeven, Clarence and Sadie Ver Hoeven, and Marvin Ver Hoeven.

Arrangements were provided by Porter Funeral Home of Hawarden, Iowa, www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

(0812 V)



### Quilters host 'trunk show' at library

The Blue Mound Quilters' "trunk show" attracted more than 40 quilting enthusiasts for the Monday evening, Aug 2, presentation in the Rock County Library lower level. Betty Pomrenke of Worthington (left) and Becky Berning of Sioux Falls presented ideas and information for the show, which included a pink and black quilt called "Black Beauty."

(Photos courtesy Kristin Suhr)



## DEATH NOTICES

### Marsha Jandl

Marsha Renee Jandl, 61, Jasper, died Staurday, Aug. 7, 2021, at her home in Jasper surrounded by her family.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Risen Savior

Catholic Church in Brandon, South Dakota. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home Pipestone Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com (0812 DN)

### Ethel Ten Hove

Ethel B. Ten Hove, 95, Pipestone, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Community of Pipestone.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Pipestone. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Woodstock American

Reformed Church in Woodstock, with interment prior to the service at 10 a.m. at the Chandler Memorial Cemetery in Chandler.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home - Pipestone Chapel, hartquistfuneral.com. (0812 DN)

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

**Ed and Joan Salzer** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Aug. 18. Greetings may be sent to them at 1005 Elmwood Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

**Charlie and Carol Goehle** will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 21. Greetings may be sent to 514 N. Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Keith Luethje** will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, Aug. 16. Greetings may be sent to 220 Oak Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Boll graduates from USMC boot camp

Gavyn Boll graduated Aug. 6 from U.S. Marine Corp Boot Camp at the Marine Corp Recruit Depo in San Diego, California.

Pvt. Boll will depart immediately for additional training with the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, California.

Boll is the son of Scott Boll, Luverne, and Jennifer Pearson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



### Atkinson-Smeins, LES honored

Luverne Elementary School counselor Marie Atkinson-Smeins was among 139 school counselors honored for their role in "Recognized ASCA Model Programs" (RAMP) during an awards banquet July 13 in Las Vegas.

As a RAMP designated school, Luverne Elementary "is committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-informed school counseling program and an exemplary educational development," according to the banquet program.

The banquet was a part of the American School Counselor Association annual conference.

Atkinson-Smeins and Luverne Elementary were among 11 Minne-



sota schools honored at the banquet.

### Bits/continued from 6A

on the list of those eligible to obtain emergency feed loans from a part of the emergency drought fund appropriated last year. The other counties are Kittson, Mahnommen, LeSeuer, Pennington, Rice, Polk, Brown and Dakota.

Such loans are being disbursed from a part of the emergency fund appropriated by congress and approved June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1934, and are obtained only through the emergency crop and feed loan offices, and not from any of the permanent lending agencies under the Farm Credit administration.

While the need for these feed loans is by no means widespread in Rock county, undoubtedly some

farmers may have felt the effects of the drought to such an extent that the loans will prove of considerable help. Efforts to have Rock county included in the feed loan area have been in progress for some time, particularly on account of the hail storm which swept the northern part of the county last summer, but no definite action was taken until the supplemental list of the above mentioned counties was approved.

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Ethan Rahm studies the drill sheet for the band formation of the numerals "9-5" on the field, referencing one of the songs, "9 to 5" in the field competition program lineup.



## Getting on with 'Life'

Mavis Fodness photos/0812 LHS Band 2021

The last full week of practice wraps up this week for the Luverne High School marching band. On Monday the group learned the maneuvers to this year's field show, "Music for Life."

### LHS marching band practices for upcoming season

**By Mavis Fodness**

The Luverne High School Marching Band is in its last full week of the 2021 practice camp.

On Monday, the 54 students were learning a new field routine in the grass area near the high school football field.

This year's program, "Music for Life," follows four life stages — birth, work, marriage and end of life — through songs and choreographed movements, according to director James Jarvie.

Ward Miller of Minneapolis developed the music specifically for the LHS band.

"This is only Luverne's

song," Jarvie said. "No one else in the world plays this song."

Dan Carlson of Sioux Falls developed the show performed by the band and color guard.

Again assisting Jarvie with the marching band are teachers Morgan Van Holland and Gavin Folkestad.

Freshmen band members, color guard and drumline began practice in late July. The full band has been practicing every day since Aug. 2.

The group is preparing for a full 10-minute show. "We are excited to perform a whole show," Jarvie said.

Last year, the coronavirus pandemic shortened the

performance time bands were on the field. Luverne also attended no competitions in Minnesota, as all events were cancelled.

At the South Dakota and Iowa competitions no spectators were allowed in the stands and bands were spaced as to not to come into contact with each other.

The group is optimistic that this year's competitions will be able to return to having spectators and bands together.

Jarvie said he's uncertain how this year's season will progress as coronavirus conditions still exist.

Currently, masks must be worn on buses. Masks during practices are op-

tional, since the band's practices are outside.

The marching band is scheduled to perform the field show during half time at three home football games on Sept. 2, Sept. 24 and Oct. 8.

The first competition is Sept. 18 in Waseca. Other scheduled competitions include:

- Tri-State Band Festival, Luverne, Sept. 25.
- Big Sioux Review, Brandon, Sept. 25.
- Festival of Bands, Sioux Falls, Oct. 2.
- Dutchmen Field Competition, Orange City, Iowa, Oct. 9.
- Indoor marching band concert, Oct. 18, at LHS.



LHS juniors Grace Ingebretsen (standing on ladder) and Parker Carbonneau are drum majors for this year's marching band.



Students prepare for field maneuvers Monday.

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## Birds to face Milroy Irish in best-of-three region championship series

By Jason Berghorst

"We haven't beaten them yet this year, so it should be a challenge."

That's how Luverne Redbirds player-manager Brooks Maurer looks at his team's series with the Milroy Irish this week.

The Redbirds (23-5, No. 1 tournament seed) and Irish (28-6, No. 3 seed) face off in the best-of-three Region 13C championship series.

The Irish players are responsible for two of Luverne's five losses this season.

Milroy defeated Luverne 10-4 on May 9 in Luverne and 2-1 in 10 innings July 14 at Irish Yard.

Game 1 of the championship series is Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Redbird Field, Luverne.

Game 2 will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Irish Yard, the ballpark built for the Irish in 2012.

If necessary, Game 3 will



### 2021 Region 13C Semifinal Round Results Aug. 4 - 8

Luverne vs. Hadley  
Luverne 7, Hadley 0  
Luverne 14, Hadley 0 (7 inn.)

Windom vs. Milroy Irish  
Milroy 5, Windom 4  
Milroy 4, Windom 1

### 2021 Region 13C Final Round Schedule Aug. 11 - 15

Championship Series  
Luverne v Milroy Irish

Wed, Aug. 11 at 7:30 pm in Luverne  
Fri, Aug. 13 at 7:30 pm at Irish Yard  
\*Sun, Aug 15 at 2:00 pm in Luverne

Third Place Series  
Windom vs. Hadley

Wed, Aug. 11 at 7:30 pm in Windom  
Sat, Aug. 14 at 2:00 pm in Hadley  
\*Sun, Aug 15 at 2:00 pm in Windom

\*Game played if necessary

be played at 2 p.m. at Redbird Field.

By winning their respective

semifinal series, each team has already qualified for the 2021 Minnesota State Amateur Base-

ball Tournament.

The team that wins the championship series will be seeded higher and receive a bye in the first round of the state tournament.

"It's nice to qualify for the state last weekend so now there's a little less pressure this week," Maurer said.

The last two years the Redbirds have had to win the third place series to qualify to represent Region 13C at the state tournament.

The Irish are likely to give the

**Redbirds series preview/see 2B**

## Redbirds qualify for state tournament

### Luverne sweeps, shuts out Hadley Buttermakers in Region 13C semifinals

By Jason Berghorst

For the third consecutive season and 13th time overall, the Luverne Redbirds will participate in the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament.

Luverne qualified by sweeping the Hadley Buttermakers in the best-of-three Region 13C semifinal series.

The Redbirds held Hadley scoreless during a 7-0 victory in Luverne Wednesday, Aug. 4, and a 14-0, seven-inning blowout in Hadley Saturday afternoon.

Three teams from Region 13C will play in the 2021 Class C tournament in Waconia, Chaska and Hamburg over three weekends Aug. 20-22, Aug. 27-29 and Sept. 3-6.

By winning their semifinal series, the Luverne Redbirds and Milroy Irish each punched their tickets to the state tournament and will meet in the Region 13C championship series this week (see related story).

The winner of the series earns a first-round bye in the state tournament.

The Redbirds, now 23-5 on the season and the overall No. 1 tournament seed, have benefited from outstanding pitching during the playoffs.

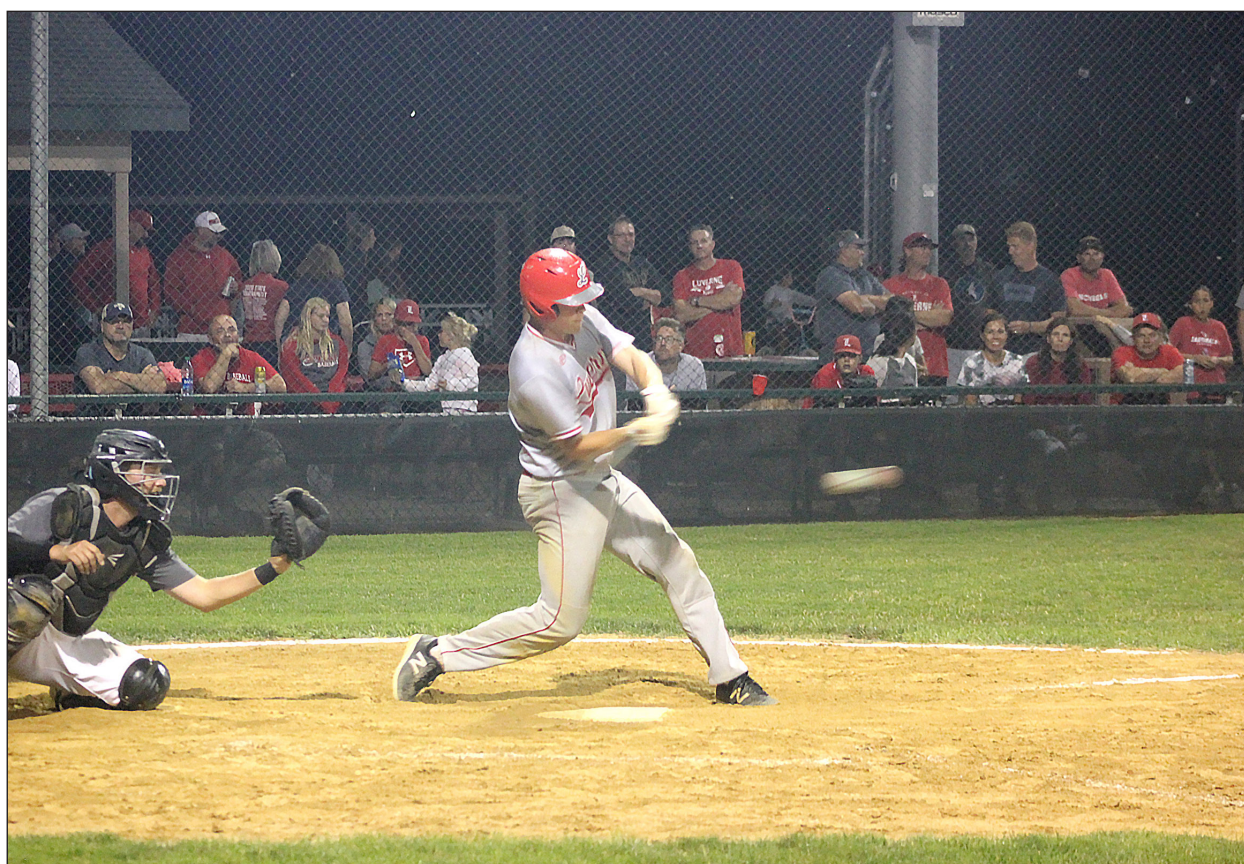
Luverne has given up no runs during the playoffs while scoring 43 runs in four games.

"Our pitching has been great all year, especially over the last four playoff games," Redbird Skyler Wenninger said.

The Redbirds open the championship series at Redbird Field Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and will play at Irish Yard in rural Milroy Friday night. Game 3, if necessary, will be in Luverne Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Luverne 7, Hadley 0

Jake Haugen continued his dominant performance on the



Jason Berghorst photo/0812 Redbirds Serie

Ben Serie swings at a fast-moving ball in Luverne's 7-0 victory over Hadley in Game 1 of the semifinal series Aug. 4. Serie had two hits and two RBIs during the Redbirds' decisive 14-0 win in Game 2 Saturday.

pitching mound during a 7-0 victory over the Hadley Buttermakers Aug. 4 at Redbird Field.

Haugen pitched a complete shut-out game. He struck out 12 Hadley batters and gave up no runs and two hits.

"We're always confident when Jake's on the mound," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer. "He's been pretty much lights out for us all summer."

The Redbirds, playing in front of a large crowd evenly split between Luverne and Hadley fans, scored their first run in the bottom of the first inning after Derek Lundgren doubled to open the game for Luverne.

Lundgren had two hits and scored twice for the Redbirds. Logan Norman also scored two

runs.

Skyler Wenninger had two hits and two RBIs in the game while Phil Paquette tallied three RBIs.

Gaige Nath hit a lead-off triple in the bottom of the eighth inning.

With the win, Luverne took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three semifinal series.

Box Score	Hadley	Luverne
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0
	1 2 0 1 0 0 2 1 x	7

	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	4	2	2	0
Nath	5	1	1	0
Paquette	4	0	1	3
S Wenninger	5	0	2	2
Zeutenhorst	4	1	1	0
Serie	4	0	1	0
Haugen	4	0	1	0
Norman	3	2	0	0
Meyer	3	1	1	2

### Luverne 14, Hadley 0

The Redbirds earned a trip to the state tournament and to the Region 13C championship series when they defeated Hadley 14-0 in seven innings Saturday afternoon in Hadley.

Luverne jumped on the scoreboard quickly by scoring two runs in the top of the first inning with the help of an RBI double by Skyler Wenninger.

A grand slam in the top of the next inning by Wenninger gave the Redbirds a 6-0 lead after two innings.

"I just got a good pitch to hit with the bases loaded," Wenninger said of his grand slam.

"In the playoffs we will take

**Redbirds/continued on 2B**

## Arends earns seventh feature win of 2021

By Jason Berghorst

Rock County dirt track racers competed at three local tracks this weekend. Races were staged in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Slayton Friday night and near Hartford, South Dakota, Saturday night.

The weekly races at Worthington Speedway were postponed to Sunday and then rained out.

### Rapid Speedway

For the seventh time this season, Luverne's Colton Arends drove his way to victory lane in the Stock Cars class Friday night at Rapid Speedway.

Five of his seven wins have been at the Rock Rapids, Iowa, track.

Arends placed just ahead of Scott Overgaard, Luverne, who finished second. Both Arends and Overgaard won their respective heat races.

In the Hobby Stocks A Feature race, Luverne's



Submitted Photo

Luverne's Colton Arends speeds through a turn in his No. 46 stock car during a race earlier this season. Arends' win Friday night at Rapid Speedway was his seventh feature race victory of 2021.

Eric Gaul placed second. Katie Kracht, Luverne, finished sixth in the B Feature race.

### Murray County Speedway

Hardwick's Silas Top was the lone Rock County driver at Murray County Speedway in

Slayton Friday night.

Top competed in the Bombers class and finished in fourth place in the A Feature race.

Following are the full results from Rock County drivers from Aug. 6-7.

### Rapid Speedway - Aug. 6

#### Sportsman's A Feature

Brandon Boeve Beaver Creek 14

#### USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature

Eric Gaul Luverne 2

Katie Kracht Luverne 18

#### USRA Hobby Stocks B Feature

Katie Kracht Luverne 6

Cadyn Wessels Luverne 10

#### USRA B-Modifieds A Feature 1

Trevor Kracht Luverne 15

#### USRA B-Modifieds A Feature 2

Trevor Kracht Luverne 12

#### USRA Stock Cars A Feature

Colton Arends Luverne 1

Scott Overgaard Luverne 2

Kevin Kremin Kenneth 11

Thomas Kracht Luverne 17

Spencer Kalass Luverne 18

### Murray County Speedway Aug. 6

#### MCRA Bombers A Feature

Silas Top Hardwick 4

### I-90 Speedway - Aug. 7

#### USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature

Dylan Fitzpatrick Magnolia 11

Cadyn Wessels Luverne 13

## Improve hunting odds this season with practice now

By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

Now is the time to grab a few boxes of shells and get your shooting eye tuned up for the dove season that starts on Sept. 1. Not everyone hunts doves, but a keen shooting eye will benefit every hunter, whether it's ducks, pheasants, grouse or any other game on the wing.

When I finally got serious about hunting winged birds, I was already about 25 years old, and now this outdoor activity has become a full-blown passion, chasing upland game across four to five states every fall.

When it came to so-called prowess with a shotgun, I was at the very bottom of the pile. My shooting was way worse than awful, so I made up my mind to change that.

Thousands of rounds later and some instructing from expert shooters, I can now rate myself somewhere in the top 10 percent of my friends' group. If a rooster pheasant or a sharp-tail grouse takes wing within 25 yards of my gun, it will most likely go home with me in my game bag.

After 35 years with a shotgun in my hands, I think I have figured out a few things that might be able to help you increase your take of birds and reduce excuses for missing easy ones.

If you are already a great shot, then by all means choose a shotgun gauge labeled sub-gauge. A 12-gauge shotgun is the standard across the mid-west, but you can also choose from the smaller 16, 20, 28 and .410 options.

The smaller the gauge you choose, the smaller the payload of shot you will be able to choose from. Twelve-gauge shells carry anywhere from 1 ounce to 1 7/8 ounces of shot per shell.

Sub-gauges often cannot reach even a 1-ounce payload. If you miss the bird three feet behind it, it won't matter how big your shot payload is. The same can be said for all shots that are way off the mark.

But what about those shots where you're just about on but still miss the target? This is where the choke of the gun comes in.

The choke is usually a tube that screws into the end of the barrel. The tighter the choke (smaller diameter), the tighter the pattern will be at distance.

For example, a full choke will have about a 25-inch pattern at 30 yards, where a more open modified choke will have a 30-inch pattern at the same distance. An improved cylinder choke has even less reduction and will result in a pattern of about 35 inches at those same distances.

That rationale would then lead you to reason that an open choke is the best option. At close ranges this might very well be the case.

The problem with an open choke is that at longer distances (45 to 50 yards) there will no longer be enough pattern density to actually

**Outdoors/continued on 2B**



First Farmers and Merchants Bank won the Luverne Community Ed Minor League Baseball Championship this summer. Pictured are (front, from left) William Saarloos, Beck Walgrave, Caul Bonnett, Liam Wolthuizen, Kullen Radisewitz-Shear, Porter McClure, Hayden Sauer, Nolin Shelton, Nicholas Hoogendoorn, Kane Waddington and (back) coach Russ Hoogendoorn. Submitted photos

## Community Education league champs named



Above left, the Herman Motors team won the Luverne Community Education Minor League Softball Championship this summer. Pictured are (front, from left) Addilyn Peterson, Addisyn Lais, Willow Domagala, Gianna Sowles, (back) Allie Johnson, Ava DeKam, Isley Smith and Joselyn Hartz. Not pictured are Scarlett Locke, Eden Perez and coach Kevin Peterson.



The Land and Home Realty team won the Luverne Community Education Major League Baseball championship this summer. Pictured are (front, from left) Andrew Deutsch, Aiden Hamm, Rocky Jimenez, Ryan Gillette, Matthew Gangestad, (back) assistant coach Jon Schomacker, Kelby Schomacker, Hank Bork, Carter Como, Zachary Moss and head coach Ryan Como. Not pictured are Trenton Lass and Oliver Mead.

## Redbirds playoffs/ continued from page 1B

runs any way they come and I was lucky enough to be the guy up in that situation," he said.

After a scoreless third inning, Luverne broke the game wide open by plating eight runs in the top of the fourth inning.

The visitors had seven batters reach base before Hadley recorded its first out of the inning.

Paquette opened the inning by reaching base after being hit by a pitch. Skyler Wenninger followed with a single before Ben Serie hit an RBI single to score Paquette.

Haugen then singled to load the bases, and Skyler Wenninger scored when Tyler Reisdorfer hit an RBI single of his own that again loaded the bases.

A walk to Cade Wenninger scored another Luverne run (Serie) before Kendall Meyer singled to score Haugen.

A sacrifice fly to center field by Lundgren scored Reisdorfer and finally got Hadley their first out of the inning.

Norman then earned a walk to again load the bases before Paquette, batting for the second time in the inning, belted a 2-RBI single to bring in Cade Wenninger and Meyer.

Next, a sacrifice ground out by Skyler Wenninger scored Norman.

Serie was then hit by a pitch. When Haugen's pop fly was caught in center field, the inning was finally over.

When neither team scored any runs in the next three innings, the game ended 14-0 after seven innings because of the ten-run rule.

Offensively, the Redbirds were led by Skyler Wenninger who totaled three hits, two runs and six RBIs in the contest.

Serie had two hits and two RBIs while Paquette scored three runs and added two RBIs.

Cade Wenninger and Norman each plated two runs for Luverne as well.

Isaiah Bartels was the winning pitcher.

He spent four innings on the mound, striking out two batters and giving up two hits, one walk and no runs.

Brandon Alfson, whom the Redbirds drafted from the Pipestone A's for the playoffs, pitched the final three innings.

Alfson struck out five and gave up no runs, one hit and no walks.

Box Score	
Luverne	2 4 0 8 0 0 14
Hadley	0 0 0 0 0 0 0

	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	3	1	0	1
Norman	3	2	0	0
Paquette	2	3	1	2
S Wenninger	5	2	3	6
Serie	3	1	2	0
Haugen	4	1	1	2
Reisdorfer	5	1	1	1
C Wenninger	2	2	1	1
Meyer	2	1	1	1

## Redbirds series preview/continued from page 1B

Redbirds, who have won their four playoff games by scores totaling 43-0 so far, a challenge. "Their top five batters are all really good," Maurer said.

Irish Yard, the location

of Game 2, makes the series a little more interesting for some players and fans.

"It's like going back in time," Maurer said. "It's old school, in the middle of nowhere."

The "Field of Dreams" Irish Yard is located just off Highway 19 between Milroy and Vesta.

The Milroy Irish began in 2009 and are one of two amateur baseball teams

from the baseball-crazy town of 252 people.

The Milroy Yankees play in a different region (4C) at their historic ballpark in town.

The two Milroy teams

do not play each other during the regular season and have yet to meet in a state tournament.

Irish Yard includes some stadium seating, a large video board and a

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"It's definitely one of the more unique places we get to play at," Maurer said.

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kill the bird. You might make the perfect shot, but the number of pellets (shot in the pattern) is not dense enough to cover the whole pattern. You can actually get holes in the pattern at longer distances if the choke is too open or the distance too far.

After 35 years of chasing winged quarry, I have my own system to help me be more successful. I use an open choke all year long. This is the biggest pattern you can get. I compensate for this open choke with less pattern density at longer ranges by shooting a big gauge shotgun (12-gauge) and then purchasing shotgun shells with a much larger payload.

If I can shoot an open choke and then fill up the

pattern with lots of shot (BB's) I can fill in those loose patterns at longer distances.

In the early season when most of the shots are closer, I will use shells with 1 1/4 ounces of shot. In the later season with the same open choke, I will shoot shells that have at least 1 5/8 ounces of shot.

This allows me to have a bigger overall pattern (35 inches at close ranges and 50 inches at longer ranges) filled with lots of BBs to fill in my pattern.

This combination of an open choke and lots of shot has upped my close ration measurably. Some will say that a 12 gauge is too heavy to carry; hence my method would not work for them.

This might very well be

true, but if you can carry a 12-gauge gun with a big pattern and lots of shot to fill the pattern, assuming you both shoot about the same accuracy, you will most likely come home with the heaviest game bag.

There is no substitute for practice and a great hunting dog. Ethical hunters want clean kills and wounded birds brought to hand. Practice now to have a more successful season.

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 [scottall@gmail.com](mailto:scottall@gmail.com) or on Twitter @habitat champion.



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 Saturday, Aug. 14: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Aug. 15: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Streamed worship service with Laura Bormam and live streamed on Facebook and radio. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Wednesday, Aug. 18: 8 p.m. AA meeting.

**First Presbyterian Church**

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
**Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net**  
**www.fpcluverne.com**  
**Jason Cunningham, Pastor**  
 Sunday, Aug. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship

service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Monday, Aug. 9: Peace and justice book study. Tuesday, Aug. 10: 1:30 p.m. Poplar Creek Communion. Wednesday, Aug. 11: 6:30 p.m. Session.

**St. John Lutheran Church**

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
**Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net**  
**www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org**  
**Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor**  
 Saturday, Aug. 14: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 8: 9 a.m. Worship service. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

**Living Rock Church**

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

**New Life Celebration Church**

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
**Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com**  
 Food mission every third Thursday.

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church**

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

**First Lutheran Church**

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
**Ph. (605) 757-6662**  
**Mark Eliason, Pastor**  
 Sunday, Aug. 15: 10 a.m. Joint worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFcU4>

**Palisade Lutheran Church**

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
**Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net**  
**Mark Eliason, Pastor**

Sunday, Aug. 15: 10 a.m. Joint worship at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFcU4>

**First Presbyterian Church**

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

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**

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

**Steen Reformed Church**

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

112 N. Main St., Hills  
**Ph. 962-3270**  
**Nita Parker, Pastor**  
 Sunday, Aug. 15: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org). Tuesday, Aug. 17: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study.

**Hills United Reformed Church**

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
**Office Ph. 962-3254**  
**hillsure@alliancecom.net**  
**Alan Camarigg, Pastor**

## A spirit not of fear

With a rise in yet another variant of COVID, the discussion around vaccines is getting heated again. Around dinner tables, out in public, and even in the parking lots of our churches, people are divided about what they believe is the right answer.

Nowhere is this battle more fervent, however, than on social media. People have lost friends and alienated loved ones over it.

I'm not going to tell you what to think about vaccines, but I do have something to say about the vitriol surrounding how many are dealing with it. Much of it boils down to fear. For some, it is the fear of contracting the virus while for others it is the fear that their civil liberties are being eroded. Both may be reasonable concerns, but giving in to fear is not the answer as it easily clouds our judgment.

A young woman, motivated by fear, posted on Twitter that not only had she gotten both doses of the Moderna vaccine, but that she later went to another provider and received both doses of the Pfizer vaccine, "just in case!" The comments under her tweet were surprisingly supportive.

Others claimed to have done the same thing and, even more, they were seeking to arrange their own "boosters."

Why were they engaged in this dangerous self-help strategy? Out of fear. They were afraid of COVID, afraid of Delta, and afraid of whatever might come next. I would not be surprised if they followed every breaking news bulletin about the virus. After all, fear is a popular tactic used by the media to manipulate people to tune in, and it is used by authorities to motivate people to comply. Fear is a favorite

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**By Rev. Dr. Phil Booe  
 St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne**

instrument of Satan, too. He uses it to manipulate and motivate people to lose their focus on God and redirect it to things they cannot control.

Whether or not you elect to receive the COVID vaccine is your choice. But, dear Christian, do not let yourself be motivated by fear to the point where you resent those who choose differently. Do not use fear to manipulate or motivate your neighbor.

The Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 1:7, "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." And Jesus tells us, "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

If you are sick and tired of news and social media filled with contradictory information, political theater, and fearmongering, then turn it off and turn to God. God provides you a refuge through his unchanging Word and in the fellowship of saints. Open your Bibles, go to worship, and receive the gifts won for you by the sacrifice of Jesus.

God calls you through love to rest in him. Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

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## Rock County Commissioners meet May 18

**Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rock County Courthouse May 18, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness and County Attorney Jeff Haubrich. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the May 18, 2021, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the May 04, 2021, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Authorize Luverne Country Club to conduct a raffle/MN Gaming Permit Jim Veldkamp, representing the Jasper Community Ambulance organization and Mike Baustian, City of Jasper Mayor, presented an activity update and a funding request. Currently the organization has thirteen full time volunteer EMTs and a waiting list of three. Their service area includes portions of Rock County, Pipestone County and Minnehaha County South Dakota. They have recently purchased a new ambulance in 2021 replacing a 15-year old ambulance. Funding includes county appropriations, community fundraisers, grants, and appropriations from South Dakota townships within the Jasper Ambulance service area. Rock County's current appropriation to the Jasper Community Ambulance is \$1,300 and has been that amount since 2005; Veldkamp requested an appropriation increase for the amount of \$4,836. After considerable discussion, it was determined to host a meeting with all ambulance service organizations to develop new funding/appropriation amounts.

Tom Houselog, Land Records Office Director/Assessor, led a discussion regarding property valuations and the impact; the Land Records Office assesses fifteen out of twenty taxing districts within the county. Property valuations are market driven and currently, agriculture values are going down and residential values are going up. There are seventeen taxing districts that have opted to an "open book" process to dispute their property values, the other districts utilize their local Board of Appeal and Equalization process prior to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization process. Houselog stated that the office is always appreciative of valuation inquiries and happy to review the process with any property owner.

The County Board was informed that the Assessing Contracts with city municipalities will expire 12/31/2021; the Administrator and LRO Director were directed to develop new contracts with updated rates for the new contract cycle.

Ryan Holtz, Rural Water System Manager presented a number of informational updates:

- Review of distribution map and system updates
- Recent Minnesota Department of Health audit resulting in no deficiencies
- Review of a study conducted by Banner to assist with future water needs; the results indicate that water needs continue to increase and that the system needs more water storage on the west and north side of the system.
- Review of system map identifying where improvements need to be made; improvements consist of replacing pipe and (3) new water towers.
- Lewis & Clark project is nearing completion within 4-6 years and water allotments will be absolute.

The Administrator informed the County Board of U.S. Senator Tina Smith's announcement regarding the return of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) in the Fiscal Year 2022 federal appropriation process and that Senator Smith is currently accepting requests for Minnesota-based projects. Oldre stated that Highway Engineer Sehr intends to submit an application for (3) road projects and recommended that Rural Water submit an application as well. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to authorize Holtz to submit an application to the CDS for Rural Water System improvements, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator also stated the Rural Water System improvement project is an eligible expenditure for the federal American Rescue Plan funds.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

MAY 18, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOP	\$5,763.00
BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	9,367.58
CHS	5,608.07
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,584.00
DAKOTA ALIGNMENT	3,035.66
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	6,569.32
FORUM COMMUNICATIONS PRINTING	2,179.95
HEAT TACTICAL TEAM	7,500.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	13,989.55
LUVERNE/CITY OF	34,207.52
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	14,616.36
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	4,292.16
OCV LLC	2,995.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,168.21
ROYAL TIRE INC	2,686.96
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	34,589.14
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	2,663.07
TOLLEFSON PUBLI	2,583.37
73 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	27,321.27
TOTAL	\$194,862.51

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected the first half of the property tax collection; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer stated that she has applied for the Rock County's allotment of the American Rescue Plan funds; eligible expenditures include the following: emergent Public Health needs; negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency; equity-focused services; replace public sector revenue loss due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; premium pay for essential employees; investments to water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested authorization for final contract payment of \$88,756.27 to Duininc Inc for the 2020 Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter, and Bituminous Mill/Overlay Projects in Magnolia, Beaver Creek, Steen, Hills, and Hardwick, projects SAP 067-611-009, SAP 067-623-003, SAP 067-624-004, SAP 067-625-006, SAP 067-627-003, and SAP 067-628-004. Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented bids for the purchase of a skid steer loader: John Deere Compact Track Loader 333G w/ Bucket \$68,500.00

John Deer Attachments:-	
SB78D snow blower	7,861.68
RS72Rotary Cutter	12,409.08
Heavy Duty 60" Frame & Forks	1,400.83
Attachment total:	\$21,671.59
Bobcat Compact Tract Loader T4/w Bucket	\$64,926.36
Bobcat Attachments:	
SB240 snow blower	5,972.08
80" Brushcat Rotary Cutter	6,892.15
Heavy Duty 48" Frame & Forks	832.96
Attachment Total:	\$13,697.19

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the John Deere bids for the Compact Track Loader \$68,500.00 and John Deere attachments for \$21,671.59 for a grand total of \$90,171.19, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented bids to replace the Tractor Backhoe which also included bids for a Track Excavator as an additional options:

Tractor Backhoe		Tractor Excavator	
Case 590SN	\$121,500.00	Case CX160D	167,485.75
Attachments	13,536.00	Attachments	15,940.00
Less trade in	(24,600.00)	Less trade in	(24,600.00)
Total	\$110,436.00	Total	\$179,332.98
John Deere 410L	\$118,600.00	John Deere 160GLC	\$153,384.43
Attachments	15,115.00	Attachments	27,045.00
Less trade in	(25,000.00)	Less trade	(25,000.00)
Total	\$108,715.00	Total	\$155,429.43
RDO/Cat430	\$133,964.94	RDO/Cat 317GC	\$190,379.98
Attachments	21,240.00	Attachments	15,403.00
Less trade in	(16,000.00)	Less trade in	26,450.00
Total	\$139,204.94	Total	\$179,332.98

After considerable discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to accept the Excavator bid from John Deere for \$155,429.43, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the MN Legislative Session has tentatively agreed upon a \$52 billion budget; more information will be forthcoming. Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest MN Opportunity Council, Library, Community Corrections and Law Enforcement contract.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: none Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Walleye Wind PUC event and Community Transit Advisory.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwestern Mental Health, Community Corrections, Law Enforcement contract.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Rural Water, Southwestern Mental Health.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

(08-12)

## Rock County Commissioners meet July 20

**Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.**  
**Rock County Courthouse July 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Star-Herald Reporter and Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the July 20, 2021, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the July 06, 2021, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Authorization to bid let 2021 Box Culvert projects – SAP 067-599-184, SAP 067-594-001, SAP 067-599-180, SAP 067-599-183.

Dan Larson, Director Rural Counties Caucus and Luke Johnson, Pipestone County Commissioner and Chair Rural Counties Caucus, presented an overview of the mission and current work of MN Rural Counties Caucus. Following the presentation they asked Rock County to join and informed the Rock County Board that the dues to belong are \$2,100 annually. The Rock County Board thanked them for the presentation and referred the request to the budget committee. Commissioner Johnson also spoke about supporting the MN Highway 23 Coalition, no action was taken at this time.

Arlyn Gerhke, Land Management Office Engineer Technician presented a request to participate in the regional LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) project. LIDAR is a tool used for enhanced survey work. The cost to Rock County to participate is \$16,200. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard to authorize the expenditure and have the payment taken from Water Plan budget, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ryan Holtz, Rock County Rural Water System Director presented an agreement between RCRW and Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water to sell water back and forth between the entities on an emergency and as needed basis. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to approve the agreement pending review of the Rock County Attorney, declared carried on a voice vote.

Holtz informed the County Board that RCRW has been awarded a grant to work with the State MPCA and Federal EPA to protect aquifers from surface contaminants using vegetative filtration of sensitive areas. The grant would authorize RCRW to offer compensation to landowners to take the cropland out of regular production, but could still do limited small grain production on the property. The board thanked Holtz for his work on the project.

Holtz requested authorization to attend the National Rural Water Conference in Milwaukee, WI on September 13-16, 2021; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard to authorize Holtz to attend the National Rural Water Conference, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,100.00; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JULY 20, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	\$4,358.97
BROCK WHITE	6,195.84
CHS	11,634.48
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	4,000.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,664.00
FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,737.98
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	12,281.66
LUVERNE/CITY OF	8,566.83
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	17,637.80
M-R SIGN CO INC	8,178.60
SANFORD HEALTH	2,366.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	34,639.90
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	2,001.22
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	3,690.94
TOWMASTER	2,434.57
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	3,019.12
ZIEGLER INC	2,480.80
71 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	23,917.66
TOTAL	\$156,806.37

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board received a request to consider accepting credit cards for payment for county services. After discussion the board determined to not accept credit cards for payment.

Administrator provided updates on a number of topics to include: Building HVAC Systems as part of the CIP, Workforce Center updates and job solicitations, advertising for Land Records Director, budget development, employee benefit meetings, contract work for law enforcement and assessment contracts.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the renewal of the Law Enforcement contract with the City of Luverne stating that both sub-committees have agreed to a tentative contract to present to their respective board/council. Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve a 5-year law enforcement contract with the City of Luverne, effective January 01, 2022, declared carried on a voice vote. Commissioners Burger and Reisch expressed their gratitude in working through the contractual process with the City of Luverne leadership.

The County Board was informed that a re-zoning request in Section 30 of Vienna Township has withdrawn their application; presented as information.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the state has received the bids for the National Guard Armory to be built in Luverne and are currently reviewing the bids and will make an announcement in the near future.

The County Board was informed that Rural Water's grant request to Congressional Directed Spending for water tower project in Springwater Township has advanced to the next round in the federal process for consideration; presented as information.

The Administrator requested approval to contract with Integrity Employee Benefits, LLC for Agent of Record designation for Rock County's ancillary benefits; motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to contract with Gallegar Benefit Services, Inc in developing an Request for Proposal (RFP) for group health insurance, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board scheduled a meeting date of August 17th at 5:30 P.M. inviting the mayors of small city municipalities to discuss law enforcement contract, assessment contract and the utilization of America Recovery Plan Funding.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Community Corrections, Library Board and Southwestern MN Opportunity Council. Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Southwest Regional Development Commission.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Land Use meeting.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Community Corrections, Southwest Mental Health.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Rural Water, Southwest Mental Health, Soil and Water Conservation District.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair. A Road and Bridgetour followed the regular board meeting.

(08-12)

## Huiskes probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-21-184

In Re: Estate of  
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a/k/a David Huiskes,  
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of September, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated May 8, 2013, and for the appointment of Shirley J. Huiskes, whose address is 1206 Linden Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said administrator or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date: August 3, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajrjt  
Judge of District Court  
/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

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(08-12, 08-19)

## Rock County Commissioners meet July 6

**Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.**  
**Rock County Courthouse July 06, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Star-Herald Reporter and Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the July 06, 2021 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 County Board meeting and the June 22, 2021 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 17-21, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water Board appointments of Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, Jerry Lonneman

Senator Bill Weber and Representative Joe Schomacker reviewed the 2021 regular and special legislative session providing highlights of items that could potentially impact the county; the County Board thanked them for the attendance and update.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, reviewed with the County Board the potential for a school resource officer, he informed the board that the City of Luverne and the Luverne public school have already taken action to share the cost of the officer and that he would be meeting with the Hills Beaver Creek school district to discuss sharing the costs as well. The County Board took no action but will await the outcome of the meeting with Hills Beaver Creek school district.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,100.00; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims and per diems, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JULY 6, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$5,259.49
A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	4,903.00
BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	3,882.15
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	5,951.25
MARK'S PLUMBING HEATING & AC LLC	3,150.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	14,635.08
RETROFIT COMPANIES, INC	4,847.07
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	2,215.85
WEX BANK	2,920.27
64 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	24,333.35
TOTAL	\$72,097.51

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator reviewed the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and requested a date be set for the public hearing to present it to the public. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard to adopt Resolution No. 19-21, Calling For a Public Hearing on August 3, 2021, @ 9:00 a.m. for the 5-Year Capital Improve Plan and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation CIP Bonds, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a resignation letter from Tom Houselog, Land Records Office Director; Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch to accept the retirement letter and to pass their collective thanks to Mr. Houselog for a great job serving the residents of Rock County for the past 21 years, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson to post the position of Land Records Director in house with the understanding if there are not any qualified candidate(s), the county will reopen the position for an external posting, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator requested approval to move forward with a Record of Codification all county ordinances; the County Attorney's office is also in support of the project. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch to contract with American Legal Publishing for codification services for a cost of \$8,300.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that the county continues to await guidance on the potential expenditure of the American Rescue Plan funds; no action was taken.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Generations (previously Luverne Senior Citizens organization) has closed on the purchase of the Prairie Events Center property and as a result, the county will be reviewing space requirements for A.C.E. to see if we can lease space with Generations for A.C.E.; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of a Condition Use Permit (CUP) from NextEra Energy/Walleye Wind for a temporary lay down yard located in the SW 1/4 of Section 17 of Beaver Creek Township. A Public Hearing was held on June 21st with no opposition. On a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board, motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented the following activity report from the Administrator's from the Administrator's office:

- Economic Development/potential business prospects on the BRRRA
  - Development of the CIP
  - AMC Legislative review
  - Building Issues/roof leaking at Human Services and Law Enforcement buildings
  - Emergency Ag Board meeting and monitoring the drought conditions
  - Participated in webinar regarding the American Rescue Plan
  - Development of Law Enforcement and Assessment contracts
  - Researching details regarding SBA Program for Opportunity Zones
- Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Budget, American Recovery Fund Advisory and County Board of Appeals and Equalization. Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: A. C. E. and County Board of Appeals and Equalization.

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Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Purdue Digital Assessment and County Board of Appeals and Equalization.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Caring Hands Nursing Partnership and Budget Committee.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: County Board of Appeals and Equalization.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

(08-12)

## Bork probate

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

Court File No. 67-PR-21-164

In Re: Estate of Douglas Allen Bork a/k/a Douglas A. Bork, Deceased  
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of September, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock, a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated November 2, 2004, and for the appointment of Marcia A. Bork, whose address is 1371 40th Ave., Beaver Creek, Minnesota 56116, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said administrator or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date: August 2, 2021 /s/ Terry Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court  
/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

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

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## Honor Barber Shop LLC adopts articles of organization

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE  
MINNESOTA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY/ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION  
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 322C

The individual(s) listed below who is (are each) 18 years of age or older, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Organization:

ARTICLE 1 - LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME:

NAME RESERVATION: **Honor Barber Shop L.L.C.**

ARTICLE 2 - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT(S), IF ANY AT THAT OFFICE:

Address: **118 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION: **PERPETUAL**

ARTICLE 4 - ORGANIZERS:

Name: **Eric Alan Oye**

Address: **417 N. Freeman Ave, Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

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

SIGNED BY: Eric A. Oye

MAILING ADDRESS: 417 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN 56156

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: [oyeerico3@gmail.com](mailto:oyeerico3@gmail.com)

(08-12, 08-19)

## Honor Barber Shop requests reservation of name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE  
NAME RESERVATION/REQUEST FOR RESERVATION OF NAME  
MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 302A.117, 317A.117, 322C.0109 OR 321.109

I hereby request the Secretary of State to reserve the name listed below, I understand that the name reservation does not register the business name, and is valid for twelve months from the date on which it is filed. The name reservation may be renewed for additional twelve month periods, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 302A.117, 317A.117, 322C.0109 or 321.109.

NAME RESERVATION: **Honor Barber Shop**

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Eric Alan Oye**

Address: **118 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

The applicant hereby states that the proposed name holder is:

a) A person doing business in this state under that name or a deceptively similar name;

b) A person intending to form an entity under Chapter 302A, 317A, 322C or 321;

c) A domestic corporation, limited liability company or foreign limited partnership intending to change its name;

d) A foreign corporation, foreign limited liability company or foreign limited partnership intending to make application for a Certificate of Authority to transact business or register in this state;

e) A foreign corporation, foreign limited liability or foreign limited partnership authorized to transact business in this state and intending to change its name;

f) A person intending to incorporate a foreign corporation, or foreign limited liability company and intending to have the foreign corporation, or foreign limited liability company make application for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this state; a person registering as a foreign limited partnership; or

g) A foreign corporation, foreign limited liability company or foreign limited partnership doing business under that name of a name deceptively similar to that name in a state other than Minnesota and not described in clauses d, e or f.

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

Signature : /s/ **Eric A. Oye**

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: [oyeerico3@gmail.com](mailto:oyeerico3@gmail.com)

(08-12, 08-19)

## Rock County Commissioners meet June 8

Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.  
Rock County Courthouse June 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness and County Attorney Jeff Haubrich.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the County Board June 08, 2021 agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the County Board May 18, 2021 minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Calla Jarvie, Community Library Director introduced April Prohl, a Master's student at Emporia State University College. Jarvie stated that Ms. Prohl will be interning at the library as part of the master's program.

Jarvie informed the County Board that Trivia Night at the brewery has resumed with much enthusiasm. Also, Rock County Community Library was selected out of 65 applications for a Rural Library Fellowship. The Fellowship will be a 3-year project with a focus on third grade reading initiatives.

Jason Overby, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) Systems Manager and LPRW Board Member Rod Spronk presented an overview of the LPRW 2020 Audit. The audit resulted in an unmodified/clean opinion with assets totaling \$96.5 million, a 1.6 percent increase with a debt reduction of .28% resulting in a net assets of \$57.6 million, a 2.8 percent increase. The LPRW system hooked up 53 new rural customers with 1 new customer in Rock County; currently they are in receipt of 42 new requests for hook up to the system. Overby briefly discussed infrastructure needs and projects and that they continue to investigate Amercian Rescue Plan funding and the eligibility requirements.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, requested to approve a conditional use permit for Knife River for the placement of a temporary hot mix plant located in the SE 1/4 of Section 15 of Luverne Township; Hartman stated that a Public Hearing was held on 05/24/2021 with no opposition. Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the conditional use permit for Knife River with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman stated that his office is in receipt of a request to re-zone property located in Vienna Township from A-1/agriculture to R-1/residential; the property is described as follows: a 9.00 acre tract in the SW 1/4 of Section 30 in Vienna Township, parcel number 12-0174-200. Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, authorizing the Planning & Zoning Commission to schedule a Public Hearing for the re-zoning request, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 15-21, a 2021 Bridge priority listing; the bridge priority listing identifies bridge projects that are eligible for MnDOT State Aide/Bridge Bonding funds and MN Vehicle Sales Tax funds. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 15-21, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that he and the Engineer have been in discussions with Nobles County regarding contracting engineering services with Rock County on a short term basis due to recent retirements in the Nobles County Highway Department. It was the consensus of the County Board to pursue the contract services as long as the Rock County Engineer is willing to do so.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$900; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

JUNE 8, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,647.47
BREMIK MATERIALS, INC	21,103.93
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC	34,622.38
DLT SOLUTIONS	3,731.10
LUVERNE FARM STORE INC	10,987.35
LUVERNE LANDSCAPING LLC	2,500.00
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	4,244.92
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	6,490.00
QUADIANT FINANCE USA INC	3,000.00
RDO EQUIPMENT	152,609.43
SHORT-ELLIOTT-HENDRICKSON, INC	4,905.46
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	3,196.38
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	3,445.69
WEX BANK	3,191.88
ZIEGLER INC	4,098.89
57 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	29,102.98
TOTAL	\$289,877.86

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected partial distribution of the first half property tax collection and receipt of the first half of the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds of \$904,665.00 (Informational Item #7.1); motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator provided a Budget Committee update stating that they had met with representatives of the Jasper, Edgerton and Rock County Ambulance services to discuss the 2021 appropriation. Rock County has a total 504 sections of which Edgerton Ambulance serves 34 sections, Jasper Ambulance serves 79 and Rock County Ambulance serves 391. Current funding levels are as follows:

- Edgerton Ambulance - \$500/\$14.71 per section
- Jasper Ambulance - \$1,300/\$16.46 per section
- Rock County Ambulance - \$15,000/\$38.36 per section

The Budget Committee recommends that the County Board adjust the 2021 Appropriation for the Jasper, Edgerton and Rock County Ambulance services to \$63.29 per section with a minimum appropriation of \$2,500.00 and adjust the other appropriations for the following:

- Edgerton Ambulance - \$2,500 (an increase of \$2,000)
- Jasper Ambulance - \$5000 (an increase of \$3,700)
- Rock County Ambulance - \$24,746 (an increase of \$9,746)
- Increase Rock County Historical Society from \$10,000 to \$25,000
- Eliminate the History Center pledge of \$25,000
- Add Generations building project pledge of \$30,000
- Eliminate Rock County VFW appropriation of \$300

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to authorize the changes to the 2021 Appropriations listing, an increase of \$36,146 and utilize Reserves to pay the difference between the budgeted amount of \$77,220.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of (2) abatement applications: RHI abatement for new home construction for Tom and Heidi Freese and a Tax Abatement for Business expansion for Trudy Vandenburg dba Manley Tire. The Public Hearing is scheduled for June 22 at 6:05 P.M. and 6:10 P.M.

The Administrator presented a funding request from the Rock County Ag Society for COVID cautionary supplies totaling \$41,074.00 in preparation of the county fair; the expenditures are ARP eligible expenditures. Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the funding request of \$41,074.00 to be paid from the ARP/Corona Virus Relief funds, declared carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Overgaard abstaining.

The Administrator presented an updated regarding the status of Drivers Exam Stations re-opening locally, currently, only regional stations are open. Oldre stated that the local exam stations are scheduled to re-open after the legislative session has been completed; also stated the Public Safety will be conducting a 2-year study regarding whether or not to eliminate the local stations and move to a regional model.

The Administrator informed the County Board that there is doubt that legislators will wrap up the legislative session in the identified timeline.

The County Board was in receipt of the AMC District VIII meeting notice scheduled for June 10th in Slayton.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison, Budget and City of Luverne Law Enforcement contract. Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services and A.C.E.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Solid Waste, Rural Energy, Planning & Zoning, City/County Liaison, and Purdue Study/Library.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services, Budget and City of Luverne Law Enforcement contract. Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: One Watershed One Plan.

Commissioner Overgaard called the question regarding hosting an employee picnic; it was the consensus of the County Board to proceed with the event and schedule it for some time in September.

The Administrator and Deputy Administrator also presented an update of other activities from the Administrator's Office:

- Oldre was a presenter (for the 2nd time) at a new commissioner's training event
- Provided a brief statement regarding potential economic development opportunities that are in the infancy stages
- He and sub-committee have reached a tentative agreement for law enforcement services with the City of Luverne
- Continues to research ARP guidelines for eligible projects
- Obtaining a quote from R & G for HVAC services; the current service provider is Johnson Controls
- Skattum stated the SWWC Service Cooperative, a member of the Minnesota Health Care Consortium went out to bid the health insurance and Medica was

awarded the bid, replacing Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Administrator's office is seeking other bids for our own rating to use as a comparison to the rating from the service cooperative. In summary, there will be change in health insurance providers.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

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## Rock County Commissioners meet June 22

Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.  
Rock County Courthouse June 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich Star-Herald Reporter and Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the June 22, 2021 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the June 08, 2021 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board went into closed session at 5:05 P.M. by order of the Chair to discuss litigation with legal counsel.

By order of the Chair, the County Board rose from closed session at 5:45 P.M. Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, introduced new Deputy Jonathon Stearns and conducted a Swearing In Ceremony. The County Board welcomed Deputy Stearns to the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with F-M Ambulance for a CAD interface between F-M Ambulance and the Rock County Sheriff's Office which will result in reimbursable fees for services, goods, and materials to the Sheriff's office; motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the MOU with F-M Ambulance, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Sheriff also presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hennepin Health Care System and the Rock County Sheriff's Office with Telephone Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (T-CPR) services to the Rock County 911 Center; motion by Burgers, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the MOU with Hennepin Health Care System for T-CPR services, declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, a Public Hearing was called to order at 6:15 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment for the following:

- Rock Home Initiative (RHI) tax abatement for Tom and Heidi Freese for new construction located on Lots 1 & of Block 1 in the Spring Brook Addition in the City of Beaver; abatement request is estimated at \$732.23/year for a period of 5-years.
- Tax Abatement for Trudy Vandenburg dba Manley Tire for a mechanic shop building expansion in SW Corner of Lot north and east of Highway less .06 a CSAH #17 in Section 36, Township 102 Range 47; the estimated abatement is \$923.54/year for a period of 10-years for a total abatement of \$9,236.00.

There was no public attendance or comment received for the Public Hearing, therefore the hearing was closed at 6:17 P.M. by order of the Chair.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the RHI tax abatement for Tom and Heidi Freese, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve Resolution No. 16-21, a tax abatement for Trudy Vandenburg with a declining benefit over a period of 9-years for a total abatement of \$6,464.78, declared carried on a voice vote.

George Bonnama, Generations President, presented a project update stating that the Generations organization has agreed to purchase the Grand Prairie Event Center for their new location instead of new construction. They currently own the property purchased from Terry Thone and have a tenant, and as to date, they have several interested in purchasing their existing building.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented an update regarding the authorized purchase of a 2021 Ram 2500 Crew Cab Truck with galvanized framework and liftgate stating that they are no longer able to order this truck due to product availability. The Engineer requested to be allowed to purchase a 2022 Ford 250 FTX 4x4 crew cab for \$39,700.17 from the state bid. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard to rescind action from the February 2, 2021, for the purchase of the 2021 Ram 2500 Crew Cab truck and authorize the purchase of a 2022 Ford 250 4x4 crew cab from the state bid, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the final contract payment of \$64,026.50 to Prahm Construction for SAP 067-598-022, the bridge construction on County Road 52 over the BNSF railroad, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the claims and per diems of \$2,500.00; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JUNE 22, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$3,500.00
BREMIK MATERIALS, INC	11,524.45
BROCK WHITE	27,300.00
CEMCAST PIPE & PRECAST	2,070.00
CHS	7,821.36
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,584.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	6,683.20
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	18,375.44
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	11,504.01
LUVERNE/CITY OF	7,730.14
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	14,652.40
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	18,814.00
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	2,040.50
SCHOMACKER'S OFFICE CLEANING LLC	3,170.68
STREICHER'S	2,907.98
SW MN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD	2,530.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	2,375.70
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	4,140.69
57 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	25,472.46
TOTAL	\$179,197.01

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve a perpetual easement to Loren and Shirley Fick and Loren Fick Farms (Grantee) for an ingress and egress over and across the property owned by Rock County/Shoeneman Park for a RIM Agreement for CREP #67-06-20-01, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to authorize Calla Jarvie as the signature authority for the Library Fellowship Agreement with Berea College and to approve the attendance of the out-of-state travel requirement as per the agreement, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a brief legislative update with no action taken. The County Board was in receipt of an acknowledgement from SWMN Arts Council thanking them for the 2021 appropriation and requesting funding for 2022; no action was taken.

Motion by Burgers, seconded by Reisch, to proceed with a service contract with Nobles County for engineering services by the Rock County Highway department, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Community Corrections, Southwest MN Opportunity Council.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health and Human Services, Chief Elected Officials Board/Private Industry Council.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: AMC District VIII, Food Shelf event, Extension and Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: AMC District VIII

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: AMC District VIII, Rural Water, Soil and Water Conservation District and Extension.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

(08-12)

## Rock County Board of Equalization meets June 22

Rock County Board of Equalization Meeting 7 P.M.  
Herreid Board Room June 22, 2021  
Rock County Courthouse

Chair Williamson called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. Also present were: Administrator Kyle Oldre and Land Records Office Director Tom Houselog.

There were no attendees at the Board of Equalization meeting; therefore, no action was taken.

Houselog reviewed property valuation changes from the previous year to current; presented as information only.

With no further business to come before the Rock County Board of Equalization, the meeting was closed by order of the Chair.

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# Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

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## FOR SALE

For Sale: Canning jars, elliptical, tv/microwave carts, headboards, bed frames, book shelves, dressers, water treatment, carpet maintenance system, miscellaneous. Call/text 507-227-6602. (8.7-8.12)

## GARAGE SALES

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE—206 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Luverne. Thurs., Aug. 19, 4-7 p.m.; Fri., Aug. 20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Loft bed, girl/adult clothing, much holiday items, Stove, misc. items, and much more! (8.12-8.14)

**THE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS IS MONDAY AT 10:00 a.m.**

## RENTALS

Office space for rent at Atlas of Rock County—101 W. Maple Street, Luverne; 260 sq. ft.; AC and WiFi. Call 449-5777. (7.22-8.12)

House For Rent: 5 bedrooms, 2 baths. Unattached double garage. On an acreage—west of Luverne, north of Beaver Creek. Call (507) 227-7336. (7.24-8.12)

For rent in Luverne. Two-bedroom apartment with central air, on-site laundry and one-stall garage. No pets and no smoking. Located in quiet area. 507-920-0406. (7.24-8.12)

## MISCELLANEOUS

HAVE A UNIQUE SERVICE OR BUSINESS? Get the word out to over 1.4 million households. Call WIDE AREA CLASSIFIEDS today, 507-359-7326. (tc)

## CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who extended greetings and well wishes to us as we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. We received many phone calls, greeting cards and gifts. They are much appreciated. It is so comforting to know we live in such caring community.

Thank you,  
George and Donna Scholten  
(8.12-8.14)

## WANTED

In search of a live-in personal care housekeeper to live with me. Call Donna 507-920-0646. (tc)

Looking for a house or acreage to rent in or around the Luverne area. I am a very clean person and would take good care. 507-220-2607. (8.5-8.21)

## SERVICES

Silo Demolition—We buy harvesters; we charge for staves. Call Dennis 507-995-2331. (7.31-8.19)

**BEAN WALKERS**  
**ROCKS, STICKS, ETC...**  
**WE HAVE SEVERAL CREWS**  
We also walk pastures with thistles and pick up sticks, tear down old fences and cover silage piles. Any type of farm work. 26 YEARS EXPERIENCE REFERENCES AVAILABLE. FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL **CELL 712-251-3277 HOME 712-943-2084**

## EMPLOYMENT

Full-time carpenter wanted. Pay based on experience. Text or call Vonnice at Nergaard Construction 507-227-1113 to apply or for more information. (tc)

## EMPLOYMENT



**CHS**

**NOW HIRING: FULL TIME DRIVER LUVERNE LOCATION**

- LOCAL HAULS
- COMPETATIVE PAY
- PAID TIME OFF + HOLIDAYS
- HEALTH, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE
- 401(K) & PENSION PLAN

TO APPLY VISIT: CHSBRANDON.COM  
STOP IN TO LUVERNE AND TALK WITH DAVID - 507-283-4418

## EMPLOYMENT



Join the **CARDINAL PRIDE TEAM**

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for

- CUSTODIAN: PT & FT
- GROUNDSKEEPER: FT
- HOUSEKEEPING: PT (FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE)

Submit letter of application and application form to Superintendent Craig Oftedahl,  
Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.  
Non-certified application form available at [www.isd2184.net/about\\_lps/open\\_employment](http://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment)

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**We're Hiring Care Providers & Part-time LPN/RN**

**Tuff Village Assisted Living is looking for hard working, caring individuals to assist our tenants.**

**We have various Care Provider shifts available for full time and part time! Shifts include every other weekend and every other holiday.**

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Pick up an application @ 505 East 4th St. Hills, MN

## EMPLOYMENT



**Parkview MANOR**

**HELP WANTED**

- Full-time CNA
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- Handle confidential information appropriately
- Have excellent computer skills
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- Have excellent computer skills
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**Friday, August 13th, 2021**  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**Hardwick Legion Hall**

**\$9.00 Pork Chop Meal or \$6.00 Rib Tickler Meal**

*Tickets available at the door*

**PALACE THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS**

	<b>Raya and the Last Dragon</b>	PG
<b>August 13 Kids Summer Cinema</b> 10:00 am		
Tickets: \$5 admission		
	<b>Space Jam A New Legacy</b>	PG
<b>August 13 &amp; 14</b> 7:00 pm		
Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3-12th grade, \$7 for adults		
	<b>Green Earth Players present "The Game's Afoot"</b>	
<b>August 20, 21, 22 and 26, 27, 28, 29</b>		
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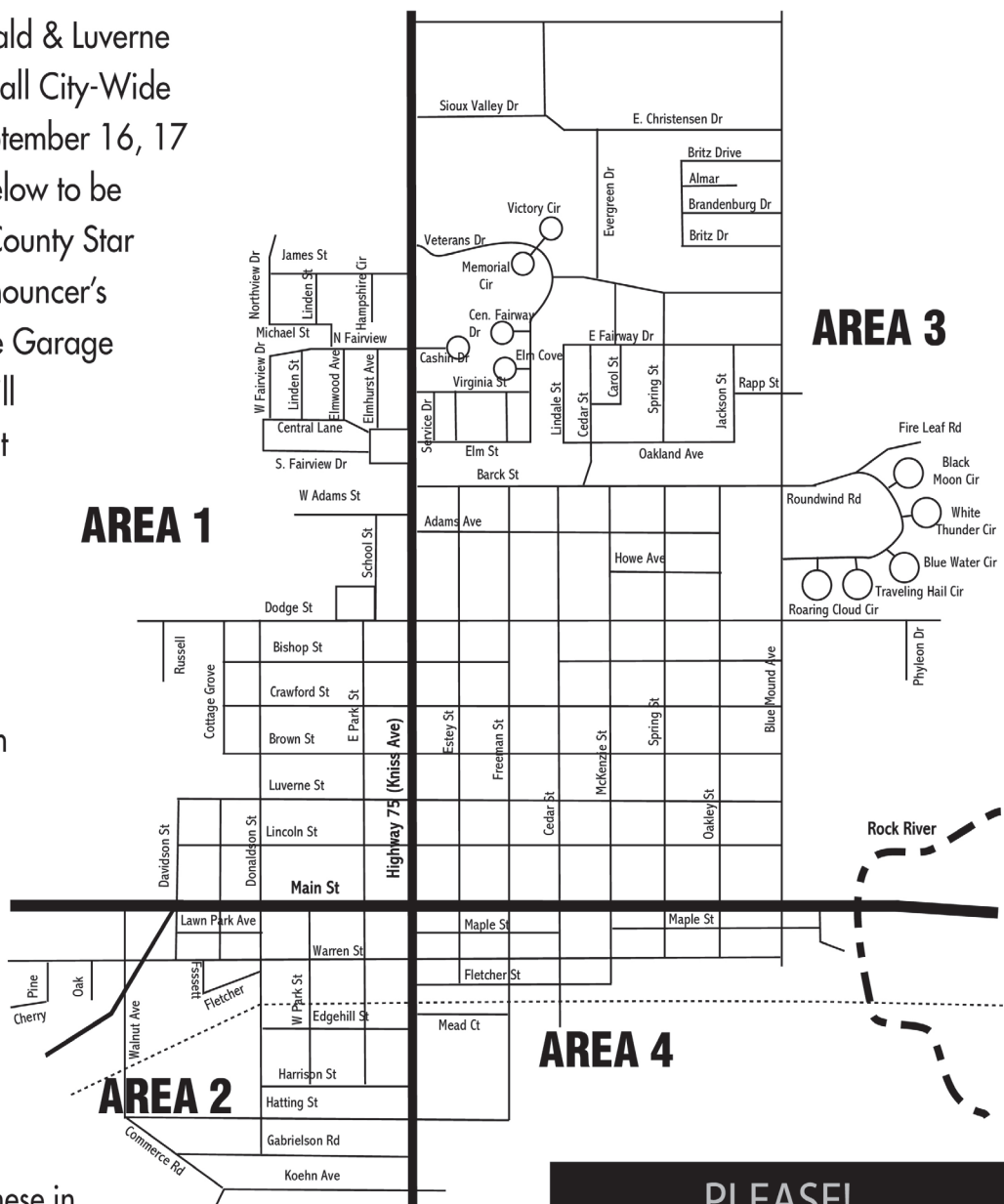
## LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGESALE

**THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18**

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 16, 17 & 18. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.

Ads must be paid for before they will run.

All of the garage sale ads will be published in the Rock County Star Herald and Luverne Announcer with a Garage Sale header & September 16, 17 & 18 date on top of the page - you don't need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.



**PLEASE! LIST THE AREA YOUR ADDRESS FALLS IN!**

Dividing lines are Hwy. 75 (Kniss Ave.) & Main Street - see map

\*\*\*\* NOTE: An additional \$4 will be charged for an additional address placed in an ad. Limit 2 addresses per coupon. \*\*\*\*

Your ad will look like this:  
**000 Any Street**  
**Sat., 00 am - 00 pm**  
Group rummage sale! Children's and adult clothing, toys and other miscellaneous items. Also, baked items and crafts.

Please list your address first and time of the sale second! These words will be counted as part of the ad. Also, specify if sale will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday, or Saturday only.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINE:**  
**Tues., Sept. 7**  
**AT NOON SHARP!**

\*\*\*\* CLIP & USE THIS COUPON \*\*\*\*

All ads will run two times -  
SEPT. 11 ANNOUNCER & SEPT. 16 STAR HERALD  
Up to 20 words \$20.00 Up to 30 words \$25.00  
Please mail your check with this coupon! PAYMENT REQUIRED WHEN COUPON IS TURNED IN!

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day(s) & Time(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Ad copy \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. PAID \_\_\_\_\_

CC# \_\_\_\_\_

MC \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Disc. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE AREA OF SALE!  
**1 2 3 4**

The Star Herald is not responsible if no area is circled!

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Questions?  
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**SUMMER OLYMPICS**

**Thursday - August 12, 2021**

**LUVERNE CITY PARK: 4PM-7PM**

*An event for children...*

FEATURING:

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- ROCK COUNTY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
- CHUCK'S SNOW CONES
- "TORCH RUN"
- TONS OF PRIZES
- "MR. TWISTER"

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**Luverne Area Chamber & CVB**

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**Friday, August 13**  
**11am-12:30pm**  
**Luverne City Park**

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## DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to City Code, Section 33.03, Subd. 3 (A), the City Administrator hereby declares the following City of Luverne property as "excess" property and authorizes its sale via sealed quotes:

One (1) 1971 Heil 5,000 Gallon Sludge Trailer—Trailer is not MnDOT Certified

Please submit your sealed quotes by August 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM, to the City Clerk's office, 305 E. Luverne St., PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. The City reserves the right to reject any or all quotes. If you have questions or would like to view the trailer, visit [www.cityofluverne.org](http://www.cityofluverne.org) or contact Al Lais at 507-220-4403.



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### MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LIVES

#### LICENSED DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR (LADC) WANTED

Western Mental Health Center in Marshall, MN is looking for a licensed DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR (LADC) to join our team!

You will be providing individual and group therapy to meet the needs of clients including:

- Continuum of substance abuse services and support for clients
- Provide assessment, treatment, and education.
- Assume responsibility for group counseling. Candidate must have excellent verbal, written, organization, and interpersonal skills.

This position will require some early evenings for group as required. Ability to travel as required.

**BONUS OFFERED**  
**NSHC LOAN REPAYMENT SITES**

WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER  
Marshall, MN

Please email your resume to [kchristians@wmhcinc.org](mailto:kchristians@wmhcinc.org) or go online to [www.wmhcinc.org/careers](http://www.wmhcinc.org/careers) and apply online.



### MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LIVES

#### THERAPIST LICSW, LPCC, LP

Western Mental Health Center in Marshall, MN is looking for a licensed THERAPIST – LICSW, LP, PsyD or PhD in Clinical Psychology

You will be providing individual, group, family, and/or other psychotherapy (within limits of experience and educational background) and emergency services as necessary to meet the needs of clients

- provide adult and/or child assessments.
- provide therapy in an outpatient setting.
- Participate in quality assurance procedures, peer reviews and utilization.
- Maintenance of accurate and complete clinical records

Experience with DBT and clinical supervision preferred but not required. Will consider a hybrid model of telehealth and face-to-face sessions.

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WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER  
Marshall, MN

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# WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR F.O.G.?

## FATS • OIL • GREASE

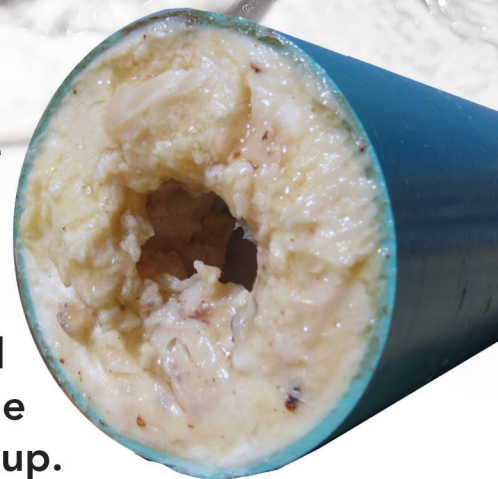
**FOG stands for Fats, Oils and Grease**, all of which can severely damage your household pipes and sanitary sewer system. **FOG** includes animal and vegetable fats, as well as oils used to cook and prepare food.

- DO NOT pour grease or oil down sinks or drains.
- Store grease in leak-proof containers with tightfitting lids. Once full, discard in trash with the lid secured.
- Wipe grease out of pots, pans and plates with paper towel prior to washing.
- Use garbage disposals as little as possible; they fill up grease traps too quickly!



Grease is one of the leading causes of sewer clogs and overflows.

Running hot water will **NOT** prevent the pipe from clogging up.



## DO NOT FLUSH



- Hair
- Diapers
- Syringes
- Latex gloves
- Dental floss
- Contact lenses
- Motor oil
- Grease / kitchen fat
- Cat litter, pet wastes
- Any kind of wipes
- Paper towels
- Shop rags
- Cigarettes butts
- Q-tips & cotton swabs
- Facial tissues
- Sanitary products
- Dryer sheets
- Trash & scraps
- Plastic bags
- Sand, grit, dirt
- Medications
- Bandages

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