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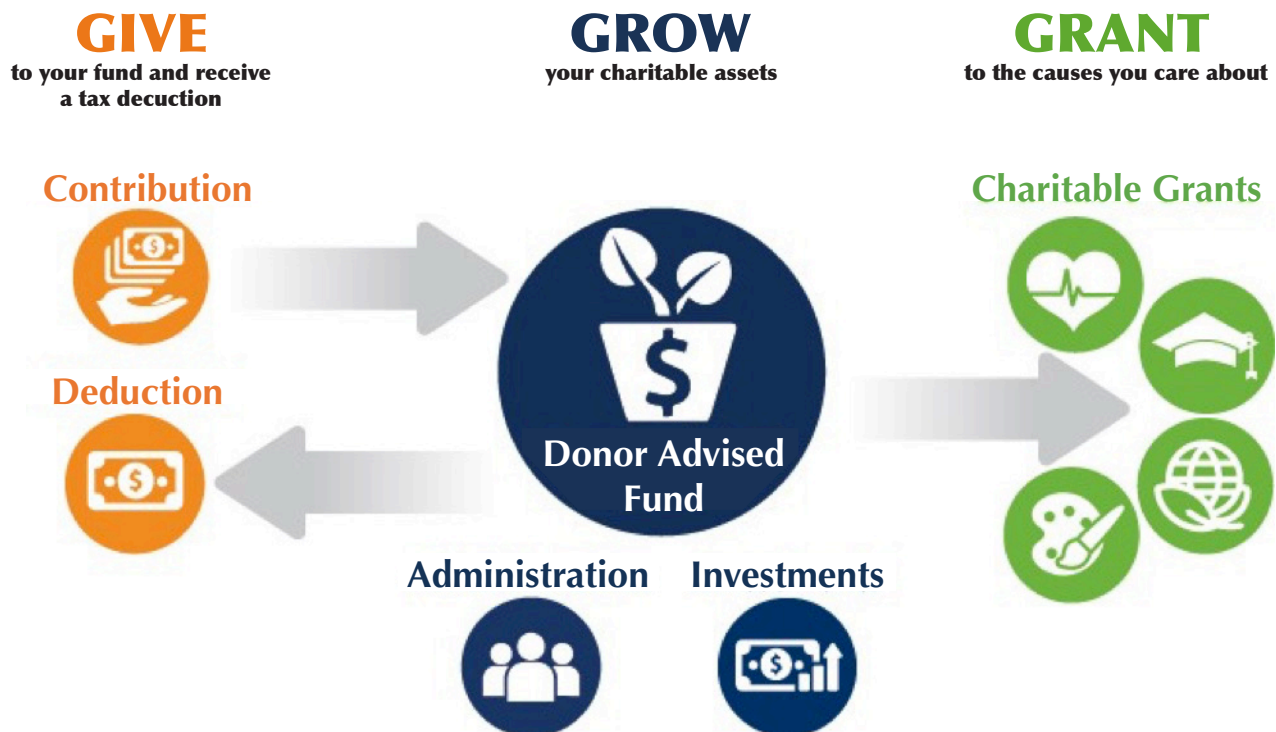
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Volunteer shopper Barb Oldre shops the produce aisle for an item on her call-in list. Since the pandemic began in March 2020 the Wednesday grocery deliveries jumped from 10 to a high of 60. On Jan. 13 when Spath was filling orders, 42 deliveries were made.

Volunteer shoppers bring ‘Sunshine’ to people’s doorsteps



Volunteer shopper Dianna Spath searches the frozen food section at Sunshine Foods in Luverne for a requested item on a list of groceries to be delivered to a call-in customer.

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic almost a year ago, a group has dedicated itself to making sure Luverne residents have a grocery delivery on a weekly basis.

When Luverne’s only grocery store was purchased by Sunshine Foods in October 2019, Wednesdays were set aside as a call-in delivery service for senior citizens. About a dozen customers opted for someone to find, bag and deliver grocery items to their homes.

However, by mid-March 2020 when the coronavirus pandemic was declared, the number of call-in grocery orders jumped six-fold.

The store was swamped with almost 60 orders, mostly by customers 65 and older who are more vulnerable to COVID-19.

To help the overwhelmed grocery store, the Luverne Chamber of Commerce arranged for volunteers who logged 1,750 hours from March to

“To me it’s a treat to be able to help. I originally came in as a shopper and the phone kept ringing and ringing. Over and over I’m told by callers how much this is appreciated.”

— Marilyn Bergman, volunteer

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“We’ve got so many wonderful volunteers in our county,” said Linda

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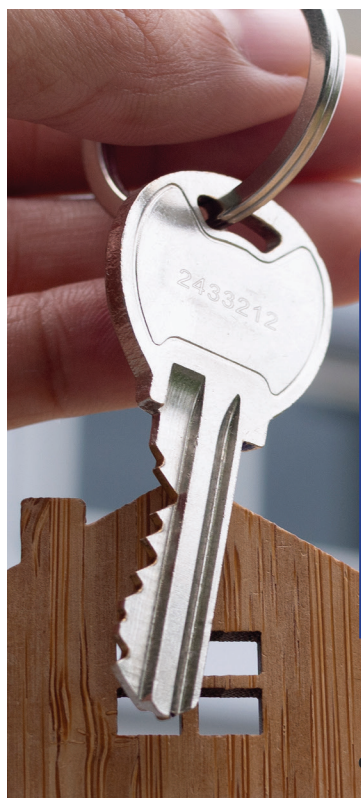


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Volunteers Bruce Olson (left) and Cheryl Roos help bag groceries after Sunshine Foods' cashier Jan Sudenga double-checks call-in customer orders and charges each customer for their groceries.

Wenzel with A.C.E of Southwest Minnesota Rock County.

Wenzel keeps track of hours for the local volunteer agency. This summer families and high school students assisted with filling and delivering grocery orders.

To Sunshine Foods manager Jason Oye the volunteers' work means the service can continue to operate with the timely grocery deliveries to seniors.

"We couldn't do it without them," he said. "We didn't have the staff to do (that many one-day orders)."

The pandemic pushed Wednesday phone-in orders to 60 in March 2020. The first volunteer delivery was completed by the Luverne Volunteer Fire Department.

Ten months later, Wednesdays continue to average between 30 to 40 deliveries.

Angela Sneller with Luverne Area Chamber lines up the dozen individuals needed each Wednesday.

Her call list has 60 eager volunteers who would normally assist with special Chamber events. With the coronavirus canceling or limiting the normal community events, volunteers are eager to help in other ways, including with the weekly grocery deliveries.

"We have a good solid group of volunteers," Sneller said.

The volunteers don't expect anything in return and are happy to put their skills to work.

Volunteer Marilyn Bergman answers the phone and prepares the grocery lists for volunteer shoppers to fill. Typically five volunteers push carts around the



Volunteer Marilyn Bergman takes a call-in order over the phone, noting the item, quantity and what brand name the call-in customer desires. In some instances, Bergman will note where in the large store the item is located.

store with a list Bergman places in a clipboard.

"To me it's a treat to be able to help," Bergman said. "I originally came in as a shopper and the phone kept ringing and ringing."

From 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Bergman answers the phone and scribes grocery lists onto individual order forms.

On Jan. 13 there were 42 called-in orders.

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Roads less traveled

Fresh air, friends are reasons to hit the trail

A growing number of people are enjoying free time on wheels in the outdoors, and they're embracing the activity as a lifelong hobby — well into their senior years.

Irwin and Kathy Rozeboom, 62 and 63, got hooked on four-wheeler rides about 10 years ago

"It's a great way to get out in the fresh air and see God's beauty in nature," Kathy said.

Their first ATV was a Kawasaki 700 Prairie that they bought new in 2004 to use around their acreage where Irwin operates A-1 Auto Care.

After a couple of ATV trips to Wisconsin with it, they upgraded in 2013 to a new Kawasaki 750 Brute Force that now has nearly 5,000 miles on it.

They ride with friends in the neighborhood near their rural Beaver Creek home, kicking up dust on

gravel roads and motoring along dirt paths and grassy field driveways.

"It's nothing for us to get on and ride for 30 miles," Kathy said. "We just love it. ... being around friends enjoying life."

Every year they load up their ATVs on trailers and drive to Iron River, Wisconsin, with a group of fellow ATV riders from the Beaver Creek area.

"The scenery is phenomenal," Irwin said. "You gotta love trees, though. There are lots of trees."

He said the trips bring them on wooded trails and narrow snowmobile paths over rivers and along the shores of Lake Superior. They average about 100 miles a day.

"Being from down here where you don't see a lot of water, you go up there and see water and it's really

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson



Irwin and Kathy Rozeboom ride their ATV with friends in the neighborhood near their rural Beaver Creek home. "It's a great way to get out in the fresh air and see God's beauty in nature," Kathy said.



The Hills and Beaver Creek ATV riders stop along a wooded trail near Iron River, Wisconsin, during a 2013 trip.



Kathy and Irwin Rozeboom, Beaver Creek, enjoy a ride in Wisconsin on their Kawasaki Brute Force 750 in 2013. "The scenery is phenomenal," Irwin said. "There are lots of trees."

something," Irwin said. "And the trail system is really good. You can ride for 40 miles in one direction."

Their riding group typically includes Ed and Carol Gehrke and Nick and Jean Wysong, Hills, and Steve Bennett, whose wife, Sandy, died last year.

"We've had others come along, too, depending on the year," Irwin said.

Bennett's sister Dorothy and her husband, Gerrit Van Pykeren, live in Spooner, Wisconsin, and serve as "trail boss" for the Hills and Beaver Creek riders.

"The more time we spend there, the more familiar we get with the trails," Irwin said, "But we still hit trails we've never been on."

He also said that having someone else in the lead makes it easier to focus on scenery and enjoy the ride.

"One time we saw a black bear," he said. "And you see lots of deer. ... We look around a fair amount."

"You wouldn't believe all the wildflowers you see along the trail — all the different colors," Kathy said.

Some of their friends have switched to riding in side-by-sides, but so far the Rozebooms said they're not interested in riding inside a vehicle.

"I'd feel too confined," said Kathy, who

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Jerry and Liz Buss said their 2020 CanAm Defender is a go-to vehicle for late afternoon rides and nature viewing.

For Luverne couple, UTV becomes grandkid hauler, grocery getter and nature viewer

Photo and text by Lori Sorenson

Jerry Buss bought a new side-by-side for his wife, Liz, for Mother's Day last year. "She's crazy about it," he said. "She drives it more than I do."

While many ATV and UTV enthusiasts are interested in long vacation riding in the Black Hills trails, northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, Jerry and Liz bought theirs for other reasons.

"I take it to all the ball games," Liz said about watching her grandchildren's sports.

"And during the COVID, we can just take off and go, and we're safe."

They had a Kawasaki Teryx soft-side UTV for several years but traded it for one with an enclosed cab that can be heated in the winter.

"We use it a lot," Liz said. "We do more and more with it the longer we have it. ... I can get groceries with this."

This one is a CanAm Defender XT 1,000 that is suitable for off-road and highway driving.

"It will do 67 mph," Jerry said, adding that it's appropriately licensed. "It can go anywhere but the interstate."

Liz pointed out that the Teryx had bucket seats, which were more comfortable, but the CanAm has a bench seat that allows more passengers. "I can get two grandkids in this one with me," Liz said.

The CanAm has logged 1,800 miles since May.

"We usually take off around this time of day (late afternoon) and then just drive around until I see wildlife," Liz said. "I have to see wildlife before we can go home."

They typically spot deer, turkeys and an occasional bald eagle. "One time we were on Darling's Bend and I saw a skunk. I told Jerry to keep moving and I rolled up my window."

"We've gone 25 to 30 or 40 miles in a day," Jerry said.

Their longest journey took them to Garretson, South Dakota.

They don't ride socially with other people in side-by-sides, "but do stop at friends' houses and then they're forced to feed us," Liz joked.

"If you go with somebody, then you're sort of forced to go where they go, and we don't want to do that," Jerry said.

While some prefer the wind in their hair, the Busses prefer the protection of a cab.

"We used to have one of those Spyders (three-wheel motorcycle), but we're too old for that," Liz said.

"It scared the hell out of me," Jerry said.

They shared the story of a trip back from Brandon when traffic passed them too close and nearly blew them off the road.

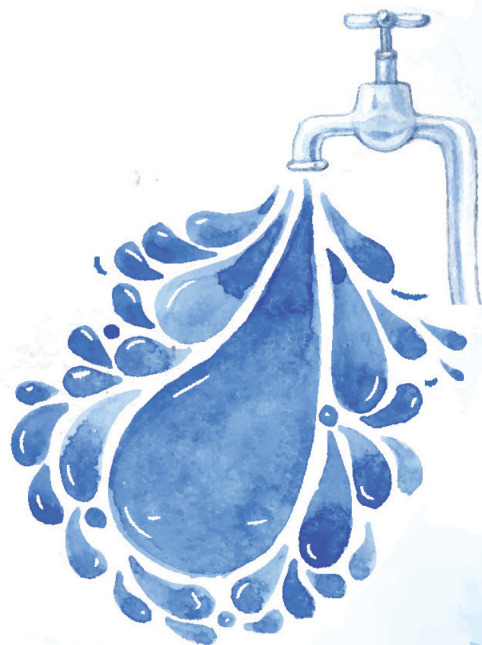
"We had a guy pull out in front of us one time, and we had a bird fly up by us," Liz said. "This is just way more fun." ●

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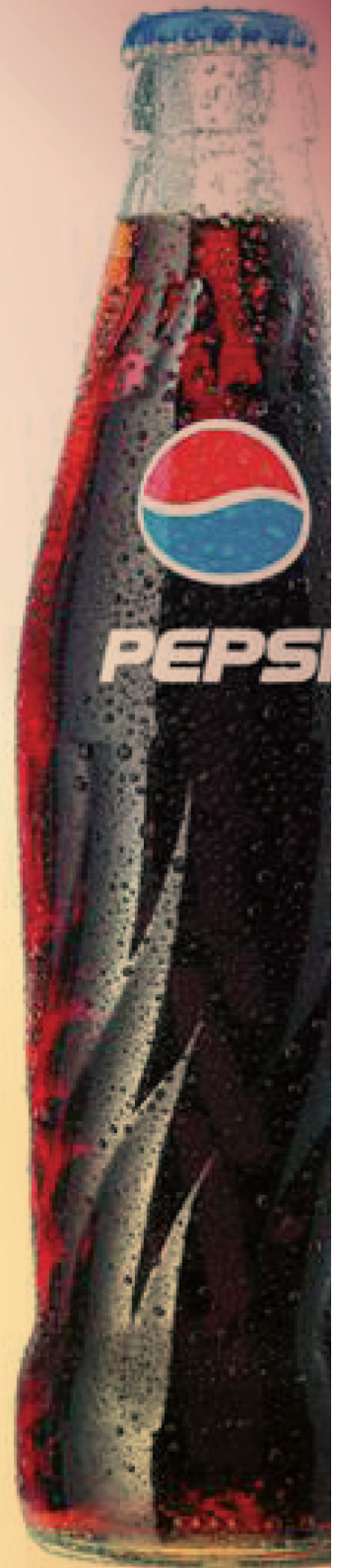
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ATV, UTV ... What's the difference?

An ATV (all-terrain vehicle) is also known as “quad” or “four-wheeler” and is meant for single riders.

A UTV (utility task vehicle) tends to be sturdier and allows for “side-by-side” riding, which is why some simply call it a “side by side.”

When size matters

The ATV is smaller than the UTV and is often better for tight spaces and quick turns. ATVs tend to be more physically demanding to ride, as drivers need to straddle the seat and maintain balance for optimum

control.

But many prefer an ATV for the physical exercise and challenge.

On the other hand, for those who prefer to ride with someone and are more concerned about safety, the UTV is better.

Since UTVs are larger, they allow for multiple passengers and tend to be more comfortable due to their automobile-style bench or bucket seats and roll-cage-like enclosure.

The UTV's larger size is designed to haul, and most come with storage space which offers a reasonable way to pack supplies or gear.

Lifestyle and functionality

Ultimately, people choose their vehicles to suit their wants and needs.

For those who prefer to ride alone, want a less expensive machine, and enjoy the adrenaline rush of riding a vehicle capable of high speeds and nimble maneuvers, the ATV is right.

However, for those who want more functionality, the ability to safely haul more people as well as more gear, and like the wide choice of wheels, kit and suspension, the UTV is more suitable. ●



Black Hills trails are ‘happy place’ for many local riders

Many riders enjoy their side-by-sides both at home and on destination trails. Some UTVs are built for climbing and challenging trails.

Terry and Chantel Connell, Luverne, 57 and 53, have enjoyed several trips to the Black Hills, where miles and miles of logging and forestry trails wind along streams and through rocks and trees.

“The Black Hills is my happy place ... to just get away and enjoy the beauty of nature and spend time with friends and family,” Chantel said.

“Getting Dirty in the mud is one of the highlights of the trip.” She shared the photographs at left and below. ●

During a recent trip to the Black Hills, riders lined up with their side-by-sides for a photo. Pictured are (from left) Chantel and Terry Connell, Casey and Alexa Vanderberg, Andrew Norton, Lindsey Kozel, Anthony Smedsrud, Joshua Connell, Christina Tyng, Jesse and Ashley Connell, Lisa and Scott Ketterling, Kristi Boll, Hailey Boll, Brian Boll, Danielle Watts-Boll, Tanner Wiese, Steve Smedsrud, Calli Wilsey, Cody Wilsey, Craig Shelton and Bob Frakes.





The Hills and Beaver Creek riders say they enjoy their annual Wisconsin trips because the routes offer beautiful scenery and a variety of riding conditions. Sometimes they're on wide gravel roads and often they end up on narrow snowmobile trails. Pictured below they tackle a dirt path with frequent washouts to challenge the four-wheel drive features on their machines.

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rides double on the seat behind Irwin. "We enjoy roughing it. I've had fun with what I have, and I'm always busy taking pictures."



She has dozens of boxes of printed photographs, organized neatly by year.

Many of them show clusters of machines and dusty people stretching their legs for picnic or beverage breaks. Others show several ATVs in a row tooling down a trail, and many photos simply show the beauty of nature.

Irwin, who is 6 feet, 4 inches tall, said he doesn't fit well behind the wheel of a side-by-side, and he'd rather experience the elements of outdoor riding.

"Plus, you can only be so wide, or you don't fit on some of these trails, because they have narrow gates," he said. "Most of them are snowmobile trails, so they're not very wide."

He said he and Kathy have also enjoyed camping and other outdoors vacations, but their new love is four-wheeling.

The best part?

"Getting away from work and the phone," he said.

He's the owner and sole employee at his business, A-1 Auto, at his acreage (22 years) near Beaver Creek, and he serves a steady business of automobile repair projects.

"So, when I go on vacation, the doors are locked and I'm gone."

The best part about being on the ATV trip?

"Being around all our friends and hanging out,"

Irwin said. "You meet other people on the trails, and that's fun, too." ●



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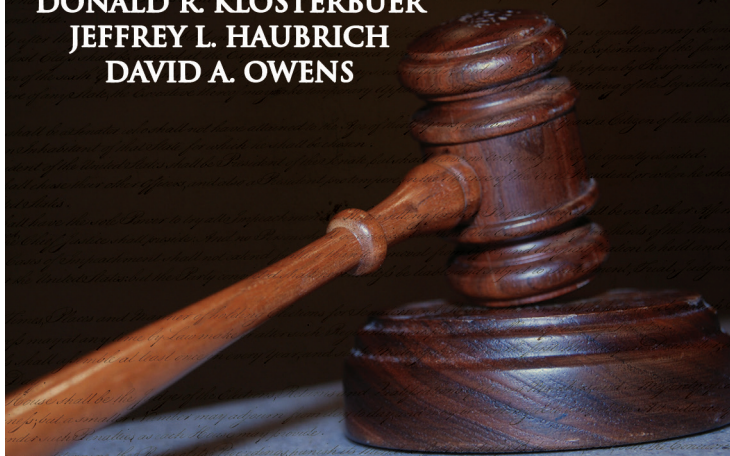
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Blue Mound Quilters (from left) Arlene Bendix, Debbie Scholten, Jill Willers and Verla Fick are working together on a plan for replacing the historic quilts in The Cottage with new, safely framed quilts. They're pictured here in The Cottage on Jan. 8. Leola Sweeney (not pictured) is also helping.

Blue Mound Quilters preserve Hospice Cottage legacy with new art



The original quilts in The Cottage were created by the Blue Mound Quilters 22 years ago and hung on the walls until this month.

Submitted photos

By Lori Sorenson

For 22 years, locally created quilts have been the trademark décor in the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage rooms.

With COVID-19 sanitation requirements, however, the fabric art created by the Blue Mound Quilters has been removed at The Cottage.

To keep the tradition going while keeping The Cottage clean and safe, several members of the quilting club are devising a new way to display their work.

Arelene Bendix, Debbie Scholten, Jill Willers, Verla Fick and Leola Sweeney gathered earlier this month to make new, smaller-size quilts that will be mounted in Plexiglas frames so they can be safely displayed and also meet infection control standards.

Each of the women are designing their own quilts, selecting the patterns and choosing colors, fabrics and size based on each of The Cottage rooms they're assigned to make a new quilt for.

If it sounds like a major undertaking, it is.

"I've got all my quilting books out, and I keep changing my mind," Bendix said Saturday. "But if you're a quilter, you love it. ... You find a pattern you like, the colors you like, and away you go."

Each of The Cottage rooms features a Jim Brandenburg image, and the quilters are encouraged to create a wall hanging that incorporates colors from the photograph.

Bendix, an original member of the Quilters club and a self-described “quilt-aholic,” is seeking fabric colors to a Brandenburg image of the Blue Mounds State Park.

“It’s part of the fun — to keep looking and seeing what my eye likes and what’s pleasant,” she said. “I’ve been thinking about if I were in the Hospice Cottage, what would I like to look at?”

Additional Blue Mound Quilters members are also lending their talents to the project. The group works with the Sewing Basket in Luverne where shop owner Barb Bork started their club decades ago.

“Each wall quilt will be a piece of unique art, so no two wall quilts will be alike,” said Helen Saum of Sanford Luverne Hospice.

“The quilts are in the vision stage at this time.”

They’ll be square, roughly 40 inches by 40 inches, to be displayed as one large piece, or it’s possible they’ll be designed as a grouping of smaller quilts to form one larger display.

“We anticipate the quilts to be finished and custom-framed over the next few months and hung for patients and families to enjoy,” Saum said.

“The quilts are a part of The Cottage history and bring warmth and a home-



There are five original full-size quilts that were made for The Cottage in 1998. Blue Mound Quilters involved with those creations were Millie Lais, Debbie Scholten, Dorothy Texel, Ardith Schmidt, the late Darlene Fick and the late Elaine Mann.

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quilter*

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There are five original full-size quilts that were made for The Cottage in 1998. Blue Mound Quilters involved with those creations were Millie Lais, Debbie Scholten, Dorothy Texel, Ardith Schmidt, the late Darlene Fick and the late Elaine Mann.

Now those historic quilts have been cleaned and will be sold or auctioned to benefit the Sanford Luverne Hospice program in the coming months.

Verla Fick is a Blue Mound Quilter and a 15-year volunteer at The Cottage where she has cared for the original quilts, periodically taking them down and airing them out.

“I didn’t ever want to wash them, because I didn’t know if the fabric had been pre-washed and sometimes the colors might run,” she said. “I’d take them down to the Laundromat and fluff them with a fabric sheet.”

She said she feels bad that the original quilts need to come down, but she understands the need for safety and sanitation, and she’s approaching it as an opportunity for new creations.

Fick is creating a quilt to match a Brandenburg image of a cloud formation that looks like an angel over the prairie that is accented by bright wildflowers in the grass.





For 15 years, Verla Fick cared for the original quilts, periodically taking them to air them out and fluff them in the laundromat dryers. She said she understands the need to remove them, and she's approaching it as an opportunity for new creations. Fick is creating a quilt to match a Brandenburg image of a cloud formation that looks like an angel over the prairie that is accented by bright wildflowers in the grass.

She, too, understands that quilts, like art, can share a message.

"Our Blue Mound Quilters made the quilt in the hospice room at the hospital," she said.

"We chose a pattern and material that illustrated birds in flight," Fick said. "Sometimes the design and material can tell a story."

Saum said she's working with staff and volunteers to explore opportunities to display the original hospice quilts, either by direct sale or auction at a later time.

"We know there may be hospice families, quilters or others who would like to purchase one of these beautiful quilts as a special piece of Cottage memorabilia," Saum said.

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4-H'ers use pencil and paper to reach out to local veterans in holiday pen pal project

By Mavis Fodness

All 71 residents at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne received special envelopes for Christmas.

Inside were personally written letters from 4-H'ers with the Magnolia Juniors club. They introduced themselves, told of their personal experiences (mostly with the fair or 4-H) and included a picture.

Shirley Connor, the Veterans Home recreation coordinator, said the letters generated plenty of discussion among staff members and residents who shared their memories about farming, 4-H and/or the fair.

After the letter delivery, Connor was asked if she had paper to write the 4-H'ers a response.

She helped mail three letters back to the 4-H'ers.

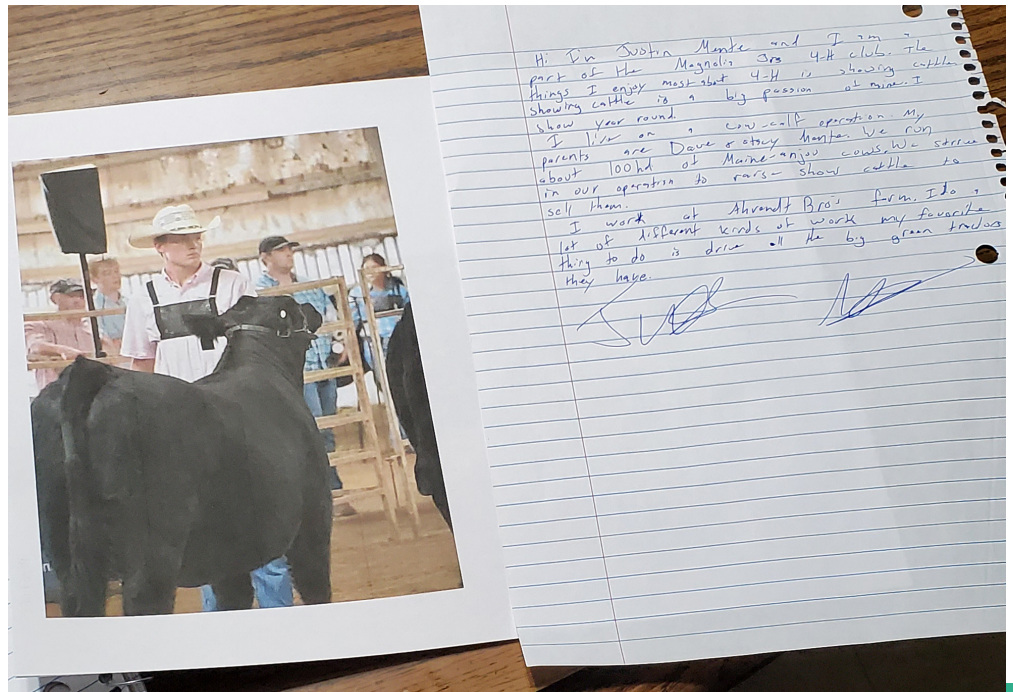
"I was so impressed at what these 4-H'ers have done," she said "They did a nice job making it (the holidays) more special."

The Veterans Home traditionally receives hundreds of cards and packages from groups and individuals during the holidays. These are all appreciated, Connor said, but the 4-H'ers' letters were particularly touching.

"They were just a more personal letter about life of a 4-H kid and the weird fair and how the kids were also affected by COVID-19," Connor said.

The pandemic affected 4-H'ers and veterans in similar ways.

Although the Rock County Fair was canceled, 4-H members competed



Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club members initiated pen pal letters with residents at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. Above is a letter from Justin Mente, who included a picture of himself with his show cow. His pen pal responded back that he used to be a farmer and also raised cattle.



Each resident at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne received an ornament made by a Magnolia Junior 4-H Club member. Pictured at left, popsicle sticks create the window for the Christmas window ornaments.

junior at Luverne High School, received one of the responses to his letter.

"I really enjoyed it," he said. "The guy was a farmer and used to feed cattle and pigs. He had stock cows."

The two found they share a passion for raising livestock.

Mente shows cattle year-round, and he included a picture of one of his successful show stock. He shared details on how he prepares the animal for show. In his pen pal letter, Mente responded back with more pictures.

Mente didn't hesitate about using pen and paper to write a letter in an age where computers and phones get more prevalent use.

"I thought it would be a good thing to do," Mente said. "It gave residents something to do because of COVID and all — instead of just sitting there."

The letter writing also gave the 4-H'ers something to do.

Adult club leader Becky Ossefoort said recreational activities are included

in livestock showcases wearing masks with limited spectators. The Veterans Home is closed to personal visitors, and they, too, wear masks outside of their rooms.

"I think this was a very special thing at a very difficult time," Connor said.

Justin Mente, 4-H member and



at each club meeting. The majority of the club's meetings are conducted by Zoom and many activities don't lend themselves to be completed at home.

However, the letter writing could be completed from home with the 4-Hers breaking into small pod groups to complete Christmas ornaments that went along with the letters to the Veterans Home.

About 20 4-H'ers wrote personal letters and completed the craft project.

"It was crazy how it all fell into place," Ossefoort said. "It's just one of those things that just came together spiritually — it was just meant to be."

The Magnolia Juniors challenged other club members to become pen pals with other nursing homes throughout this 4-H year.

Brianna Kinsinger is the Magnolia Juniors' recreational leader. She guided members through the process from pen pal experiences she had at Luverne Middle School.

The eighth-grader said including a question or two for the recipient to answer is intended to encourage response from the recipient.

Letter writing is a communication method not used often in the current technological era.

"It's an opportunity to make a new friend and ask a few questions to make them want to answer," Kinsinger said. "There is something about writing letters that's more personal." ●

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Most deliveries are dropped at designated areas limiting the contact for possible coronavirus exposure. Barb and Bruce Olson drop the last grocery bag in tubs outside a customer's home in Luverne.

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"Over and over I'm told by callers how much this is appreciated," she said.

Dianna Spath volunteers at the hospice cottage, but the coronavirus curbed her time there.

On Jan. 13 she completed several grocery orders from the detailed lists Bergman prepared.

Often Bergman's lists name the exact brand and package size the customer requested. Occasionally Bergman writes where the item can be found in the store to assist in finding the item quickly.

"There are more items in this store than you can ever imagine,"

Spath said. "There are potatoes all over."

Fresh, frozen, dried and even in chip form are just a few forms Spath can list.

Her volunteering at Sunshine repays the kindness shown to her parents, who used to live in Wyoming.

"People there did it (the grocery shopping) for them," she said.

Working alongside the volunteers are Sunshine employees.

Cashier Jan Sudenga checks each item against the shopping list, coordinates payment and supervises their placement into bags. Prior to the pandemic, Sudenga used to handle Wednesday call-in orders and another employee completed the deliveries.

The jump from 10 to 60 call-in orders in March was overwhelming.

"The volunteers were a huge help," she said.

Grocery delivery begins at 10:30 a.m. by another four to five volunteers.

Their efforts conclude around 12:30 p.m. Using their own vehicles, they travel throughout Luverne, placing the groceries in designated areas at apartments, homes or assisted living facilities.

In the spring of 2020 Sunshine Foods launched an online shopping app for curbside pickup.

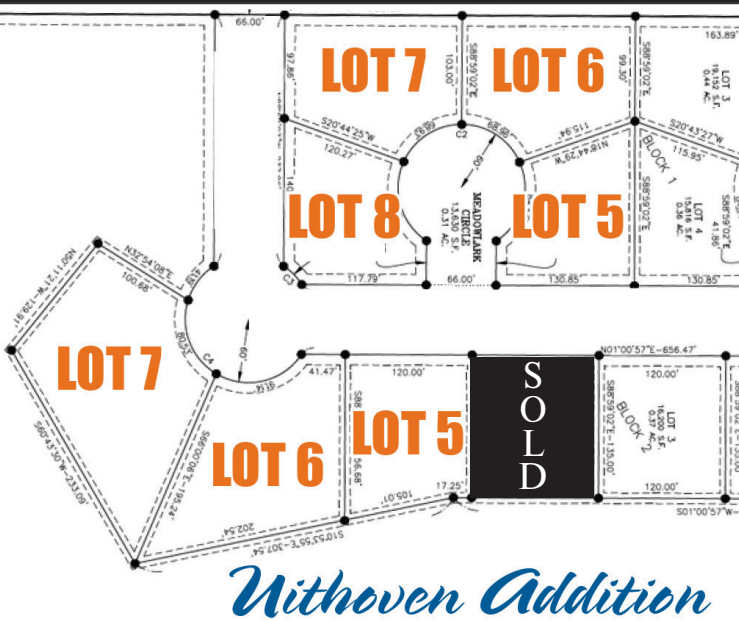
However, Oye sees the current grocery delivery to senior citizens continuing until the service is no longer needed or order numbers fall to pre-COVID levels. ●



Vicky and Roger Henderson load their car for customer deliveries.

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