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‘... make sure you keep that mask on’

Family of Rock County's first Covid-19 death points to community spread as likely cause

By Mavis Fodness

The family of Tony Miller says the coronavirus was something they heard about on television or read in the newspaper.

Since March the Luverne family donned masks, social distanced and expected the viral respiratory virus would be history in a couple of months.

On Friday, Sept. 25, Tony Miller became Rock County's first death attributed to COVID-19. On that date he was one of 2,008 Minnesotans who have so far died from the virus.

According to state data, the majority of Minnesota pandemic deaths have occurred in the Twin Cities.

"It is not supposed to happen in little Rock County," said Tony's wife, Sharon.

Tony was 66 years old with no underlying health conditions that would have made him susceptible to contracting the infectious disease.

"He was just an average person," said his daughter, Amber Nath of Luverne. "Usually it's the older people or the people who have underlying conditions. My dad didn't have that."

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, the virus



Amber Nath (left) and her mother, Sharon Miller, hold a picture of their father and spouse, Tony Miller (picture insert with Sharon). Tony died Sept. 25 and became Rock County's first death attributed to the coronavirus pandemic.

is thought to spread by nose and mouth droplets when someone who is infected coughs, sneezes or exhales. An infected person can

spread the disease before they have symptoms or feel sick.

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Tuff Memorial Home, Hills, facing COVID-19 outbreak

By Lori Sorenson

A resident at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills died Monday as a result of Covid-19, and 18 others have tested positive for the virus.

In addition, 11 staff members are positive as of Tuesday and are taking measures to quarantine.

According to Tuff administrator Eli Ripley, the outbreak is creating challenges, but he said the facility is managing.

"We have a great staff here and we're taking it day by day to try to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible," he said Tuesday.

"We're continuing to provide the best care we can."

Staff members who tested positive are quarantining away from their jobs for two weeks, and Ripley said it's creating some temporary staff shortages that he's working to fill.

"If you're a CNA and want some work, we could use you," he said.

Nursing homes have protocols to follow in the event of pandemic outbreaks, and Ripley said the Tuff Home is following those.

Rock County Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre and state public health officials are assisting the Tuff Home with the outbreak.

"We have a great staff here and we're taking it day by day to try to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. We're continuing to provide the best care we can."

— Eli Ripley, Tuff administrator

"This is a very difficult disease to try to get ahead of," Oldre said.

"Obviously we want to do everything we can to care for the residents in the Tuff Home and keep them there and keep the facility open as long as possible."

He praised Ripley and Tuff Home lead staff for their handling of the outbreak.

"I think they've done a great

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No-barrier, free COVID tests offered in Luverne Oct. 13-15

By Lori Sorenson

Grand Prairie Events in Luverne will be the location for the Minnesota Department of Health's free, "no barrier" COVID-19 testing next week.

MDH is hosting free testing stations in dozens of communities across the state, and Luverne's testing event will be from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 13-15.

Nasal swab testing will be free, available to any Minnesota residents who feel they need to be tested, whether they have symptoms or not, and it will not require insurance.

The free testing sites are offered in response to spikes of COVID-19 cases, according to MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm.

She said it appears numbers are rising due to community spread driven by people who don't know they have the virus and are putting others at risk.

"We are deeply concerned about the spike of cases in communities all over the state where people don't know how they contracted the virus," she said. "Testing lets us know who needs to isolate and who else may be at risk."

Health officials are using testing data to identify communities that are experiencing workplace clusters, are close to bordering states, or haven't yet had larger-scale testing offered, according to Kris Ehresmann, infectious disease director at MDH.

"With this targeted push, we're able to identify clusters of cases - whether they're from weddings, funerals, backyard BBQs, Labor Day activities, going back to school, or being in the workplace, intervening now will prevent further spread and

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Emergency responders help extinguish a field fire near the Darla Faber farm west of Luverne on Sept. 29. It was one of three reported that day under hot, dry conditions and high winds. The scenario was repeated Tuesday as crews responded to a Beaver Creek field fire around 2 p.m. when temperatures climbed into the 80s and wind speeds gusted to more than 20 mph.

(Star Herald photo by Chantel Connell)

Dry conditions spark field fires, red flag warning

By Lori Sorenson

The National Weather Service issued a "red flag warning" Tuesday amid "extreme fire conditions" in southwest and west-central Minnesota.

The warning follows a turbulent week of fire calls in Rock County as farmers worked to harvest corn and soybeans in hot, dry fields.

In a single day within an hour on Sept. 29, the Rock County Sheriff's Office dispatched

firefighters to three different fire calls.

One at the Darla Faber farm west of Luverne recurred the following day. According to officials at the scene, a hot bearing on the combine ignited soybean stubble, and dry conditions combined with 30-mph wind sparked a field fire in seconds.

An attentive neighbor quickly disked a strip of ground between the field and the acreage to protect the nearby grove and

property, illustrating the importance of fire precautions.

Many Rock County farmers have had their disks hooked up and nearby as they combined in their fields this fall.

Operators are advised to frequently blow leaves and chaff off the combine engine with compressed air or a portable leaf blower and

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Fire destroys grain dryer at CHS elevator in Magnolia, second time

By Mavis Fodness

A newly installed grain dryer sparked a fire Sunday night at the CHS Elevator in Magnolia.

The Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 7:55 p.m. Sunday to the facility. Smoke was seen pouring out of the dryer located on the east side of the in-town facility.

The Luverne Fire Department was paged to

provide mutual aid at 8 p.m., according to the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

According to Magnolia Fire Chief Scott Dohlmann, as the trucks arrived at the scene, a dryer hatch was opened to empty the tall metal structure of corn when the dryer burst into flames.

Firefighters doused the flames with hoses

pointed inside the dryer while corn was being emptied. The flames were extinguished in about 10 minutes.

Dohlmann estimates the dryer to be a total loss.

"It was a tedious process to empty the

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COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	192	16	+6.6%
Pipestone	275	43	+18%
Nobles	2,013	36	+1.8%
Minnehaha (SD)	7,219	528	+7.8%
Lyon (IA)	442	82	+20.2%

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

Date Range	8/16-8/29	8/23-9/5	8/30-9/12	9/6-9/19
Rate	18.06	19.12	29.75	47.81

According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

- Schools in counties with fewer than 9 new cases per 10,000 residents in a two-week period could have *in-person classes for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 50 new cases per 10,000 residents in two weeks *would have to be fully online for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 9 and fewer than 50 new cases in two weeks *could have hybrid learning models for students*, age appropriate.

Based on this data, plans for area schools are:

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | Middle/High School: HYBRID

HBC - Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of October 6, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Grief Support Group meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 22 at Sanford Luverne for five weeks. Preregister at Sanford Hospice Luverne, 507-283-1805.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Kenneth Community Center.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Annabelle Frakes home. Call Diana, 507-283-1934, with questions.

Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by A.C.E. of SWMN Rock County, will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 for meeting location. Meetings are open to all.

H-BC FFA benefits Game Plan 4 Hope

H-BC FFA annual corn drive is Friday, Oct. 9. The students are seeking grain donations from local farmers, which is then sold at the local elevator. All proceeds will go toward the local nonprofit organization Game Plan 4 Hope.

Contact H-BC FFA Adviser Cloey Anderson at the H-BC High School for a grain donation or for more information, 507-962-3240.

Library book sale continues

Friends of the Rock County Library annual book sale continues in the library basement with a \$5/bag sale through Friday, Oct. 9. Books are free from Oct. 12-17. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged. Only 10 shoppers will be allowed into the book sale at one time.

Christmas Child boxes can be filled

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available for pick up at American Reformed Church at the south entrance starting Monday. Filled boxes may be dropped at the church during the week of Oct. 18-25. Boxes are sent to children who otherwise would not get a gift.

Call Karen at 605-413-9676 or Charla at 507-227-1722 with questions.

Hills pancake event Oct. 8

Members of the Hills Volunteer Fire Department will host a pancake supper feed from 5 to 7 p.m, Thursday, Oct. 8, at the American Legion Hall in Hills. The free-will offering event will benefit the department's relief association.

Nutrition Assistance distribution Oct. 15

A.C.E. of SW MN will sponsor the Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, as a drive-thru event at the Generations parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln Street in Luverne.

Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required if no already enrolled.

Monthly food giveaway Oct. 15

New Life Celebration Church will sponsor their monthly food give-away at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Generations building, 319 E. Lincoln Street in Luverne.

Drive to the double glass doors on the **west side** of the building and **remain in your car**. The food will be loaded for you. Walkers are to use the **east door**. Groceries will be bagged and ready for you to pick up. Call 507-283-4366



Mavis Fodness photos/1008 Goal Post Removal

Getting ready for some football

Workers with Gil Haugan Construction of Sioux Falls assisted Luverne Public Schools in removing the outdated goal posts from the school's football field Friday morning, Oct. 2. The workers first sawed each of the goal post's central pipe in half before pulling the two posts out of the ground with a telehandler.

Previously the two-post goal post was located within the end zone, and a player near the end line could run into a pole or be hit into the pole during a play. The new single-post goal posts are located behind the goal line, lessening the likelihood of a player making contact with the pole. Luverne will play its first home football game on Oct. 23. Homecoming week is scheduled for Oct. 19-23 in Luverne.



H-BC school levy to increase less than 1 percent in 2021

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School District levy is set to increase by less than 1 percent in 2021 following action at the H-BC School Board's Sept. 28 meeting.

For taxes payable in 2021, the district will levy an additional \$8,612 or .64 percent more than in 2020.

Local property taxpayers contribute \$1.361 million to H-BC's \$5 million annual budget. State and federal education dollars make up the majority of the school's budget.

Superintendent Todd Holthaus told board members that refinancing of the 2010 building bond to a lower interest rate reduced the upcoming levy amount by 6.45 percent or \$2,187 from 2020.

The current levy increases the general fund and postemployment benefit services by .59 (\$3,943) percent and 1.06 percent (\$6,857), respectively.

H-BC will conduct a Truth in Taxation hearing at 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14, during the regular monthly meeting. The hearing is meant to engage public comment on the district's preliminary levy and upcoming school budget.

After the hearing board members will accept or lower the state-determined levy.

In other business on Sept. 28, the H-BC board:

- moved the first November regular meeting to Thursday, Nov. 12, to accommodate the canvass of results from the Nov. 3 board election to the agenda.
- agreed to designate and sell selected Smart Boards as excess property.
- hired Brianna Leuthold as half-time teacher for the English Language Learner/Response to Intervention reading program at the elementary school. Her salary will be \$22,500.

Luverne school levy set to decrease 4.4 percent

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne School District levy is set to decrease by 4.4 percent for taxes payable in 2021.

The district next year will levy \$3.904 million, which is \$179,805 less than the \$4.084 million levied this year.

Luverne School Board members set the district's preliminary levy at their Sept. 24 meeting when they also scheduled the truth in taxation hearing for 7 p.m. on Dec. 21 during the district's regular meeting.

At the hearing the public can provide input into the proposed school budget and levy.

The hearing must be conducted prior to the board finalizing the levy amount at the end of the year. Any adjustments to the final levy can be done after the hearing at the December meeting.

School business manager Marlene Mann said "a combination of things" contributed to the lower levy percentage ranging from enrollment to the district's operating debt.

For 2021 state officials determined the levy for three areas: general fund, debt service and postemployment benefits.

Luverne will receive \$139,070 or 6.92 percent less from local property taxpayers for its general fund, and \$43,792 or 2.21 percent less for postemployment benefit services.

An additional \$3,057 or 3.31 percent will be levied for general debt service payments.

In other Sept. 24 business, Luverne board members:

- approved the same snow removal contract with Ver Steeg Excavation of Luverne. The charges per hour range from \$125 to ? depending on the equipment necessary to remove snow from the school's parking lots. Ver Steeg was the only proposal received.
- accepted the resignation of middle-high school paraprofessional Danielle Ganun, effective Aug. 31, and hired middle-high school paraprofessional Heather Roberts, effective Sept. 21.

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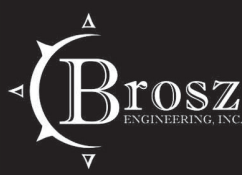
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For months Tony and Sharon followed the state's stay-at-home orders and recently began resuming some normal social activities.

"We took it very seriously," Sharon said. "Every day when Tony went to coffee, he had his mask on."

"Everyone wants 'normalness,'" Nath added. "Especially when you're eating and drinking ... it is hard to wear a mask."

Health officials indicate most recent COVID-19 outbreaks in Minnesota have been tracked to community gatherings with limited social distancing and mask use in place.

Sharon said no one has contacted her to trace where exactly Tony may have contracted the coronavirus.

She does know the couple wore no masks when they attended a public gathering Sept. 11, and several other people at that event have since contracted the virus.

"We were at the brewery the night everyone broke out, and it just seemed like days after that he got a cough and a fever," she said. "People didn't have masks on."

She said Tony's cough and fever progressed to trouble with breathing. Amber remembered suggesting to her dad that he should go to the hospital to be tested.

"He said, 'No, I am doing what I am supposed to do, and that's quarantine,'" Amber recalled. "For the symptoms that he had, he was doing the right thing."

With Tony's death on Sept. 25, Sharon, Amber and members of Amber's family have quarantined from work and school to prevent any additional viral spread.

As a safety precaution, Amber, who operates a day care, and her family got tested and learned they were negative for the coronavirus.

Sharon, who has been in contact with health offices, is no longer in quarantine.

They are currently making plans to celebrate Tony's life on Nov. 6.

"The reason we picked that weekend is because he hunts with these guys (every year) for 30 to 40 years ... it would be nice if they could be together to kick off the hunting season," Sharon said.

Next week marks the Millers' 43rd wedding anniversary, and family members said Tony would expect them to move on with their lives.

"You can't stay in your house for months on end — can't live with the 'what ifs,'" Amber said.

For Sharon, moving on means taking the suggested health precautions and only gathering in small groups.

"Hug your loved ones and make sure you keep that mask on," she said.



Mavis Fodness photo/s1008 School Build Back PAC

Full speed ahead with performing arts center



Above: With the majority of the remodeling complete inside the Luverne Middle-High School, workers with Gil Haugan Construction of Sioux Falls turned their attention to the performing arts center located on the north side of the school's new entrance and commons area. On Friday, Oct. 2, workers were busy laying down concrete decking (right) and assembling the steel framework for the balcony (left).

At left: Students walk past what will be the new entrance to Luverne Middle-High School Friday morning, Oct. 2, as they make their way to the elementary school. The entrance will lead into the new commons area that opens into the new performing arts center to the north. Construction is set to be complete this spring.

Free Covid testing/from p. 1

outbreaks," Ehresmann said.

Health officials believe widespread access to testing followed by isolating those who are positive, and quarantining close contacts is a proven strategy for controlling spread.

This in turn will help keep businesses and schools open as much as possible going forward.

According to Rock County Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre, the free, no-barrier test site might convince some who might not otherwise bother to get tested to do so.

"We have to figure out how to get over that hurdle," he told the Star Herald for a Sept. 24 story.

He said he's also concerned about a resistance to being tested and hopes the free set-up will help. "Nobody wants to be the one who puts our local numbers over the edge."

He said he's heard of some people who knew they'd been exposed and were even showing symptoms, but

didn't get tested because they didn't want to affect students' opportunity for in-classroom learning.

Oldre also urged residents to not be complacent about the dangers of COVID-19, despite the fact that many only have mild symptoms or none at all.

"The thing is, we simply don't know what this virus is capable of or when it's going to attach to the lungs or heart," he said.

"And we don't know what it can do long term. Will it be like shingles after chicken pox? We don't know."

The free test sites are designed to cast a wider net of identifying asymptomatic individuals to help control community spread.

Any Minnesota resident can travel to any of the test sites scheduled in the coming weeks.

Tests will be processed either by Mayo Clinic Laboratories or the University of Minnesota.

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job down there," Oldre said. "They've done absolutely everything they possibly can."

If need be, he said the Minnesota Department of Health will step in with mandated plans, but it so far hasn't reached that point.

Ripley said he's confident his team and residents will succeed in place.

"A lot of facilities have gone through this and come out on the other side, and we will too," he said.

"We have a great staff and we just have to hunker down

and get through this."

Like other nursing homes throughout the state, the Tuff Home and Tuff Village have been in lockdown mode since March 16, with no visitors allowed.

Up until the recent outbreak, outdoor visits were allowed.

"The only instance where we allow family would be in the case of an end of life situation where the resident is on end of life care," Ripley wrote on the Tuff Home website.

"We understand con-

necting with your loved one is extremely important; we are happy to set up telephone calls or other means of communication with your loved ones per your request."

The number to the facility is 507-962-3275.

The Tuff resident's death is the second COVID death recorded in Rock County, according to the Minnesota Department of Health.

Luverne's Tony Miller, 66, died Sept. 25 from complications related to COVID-19.

A. R. Wood awards announced

Scholarships totaling \$7,800 have been awarded to Luverne graduates by the A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust committee.

New scholarship recipients are 2020 Luverne High School graduates Jordan Winter and Gunnar Oldre.

Nine renewal scholarships were awarded to prior LHS graduates Jayden Anderson, Anika Gust, Aric

Meinerts, Mark Robinson, Sierra Schmuck, Emma Verbrugge, Benjamin Wagner, Jenna Schelhaas and Samantha Ykema.

The A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust is administered by First Bank & Trust of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Correction

In the Oct. 1 Star Herald story, "Rock County Commissioners allow Hills couple to repurchase tax-forfeited property," Terry and Holly Metzler's last name was spelled incorrectly. The Star Herald apologizes for the error.



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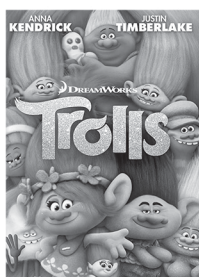
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Impact of 4-H goes well beyond National 4-H Week

This week is National 4-H Week. In the early weeks of the new 4-H year, my social media feed was



sprinkled with memories of my kids' 4-H state livestock shows. 4-H is where we learned about sheep, hogs, rabbits, leadership, horses and cattle. It's a program where I still participate as an adult adviser and have developed lifelong friendships as a result.

For the past six years, as part of my job at the Star Herald, I've volunteered to take pictures and organize the results from each of the county fairs. I then made a point of following up with the publication of state fair results.

The 2020 fair season, however, was entirely different, but I was determined to provide the same coverage for the local 4-H program.

I have a soft spot in my heart for the program that offered so much for me as a former 4-H'er. I still see that benefit carried on through my own children and developing in current members.

I've gotten to know many members over the past six years, and one member, Halle Hough, I especially commend for her dedication.

This year was her last year in 4-H, and it didn't end as she anticipated. But Hough participated in both the local county fair and the state fair showcases. The latter showcase was completed virtually through a submitted video of her with her show pig.

I recently messaged her about her state fair "experience" and asked why she participated when many of her peers declined.

"I went ahead and participated in the virtual showcase because it was my last year as a 4-H'er, and although it really broke my heart that I wasn't able to end my 4-H career at the Minnesota State Fair, I found that this was the next best opportunity," Hough wrote.

"... It was one last opportuni-

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

ty to be a part of the Minnesota 4-H State Fair with my show pigs. Recording the actual video was hard, knowing in my mind it was technically the last show I would ever take part in as a 4-H'er.

"Show pigs are my strongest passion and 4-H has taught me a ton of valuable lessons over the years, but this stood as the most challenging and heartbreaking thing COVID-19 took from me. I am extremely grateful we were still given the opportunity to present what we worked extremely hard on all summer, even though it was difficult. It will definitely be something I will remember forever."

Decades after my own participation in 4-H, many of the ideals and passions still remain, and I still enjoy working with my hands and being a caretaker of animals.

While Hough's passion is show pigs, my passion has been horses. Even though I could give up the horseback-riding hobby for a less demanding activity, horses are one lifelong experience that 4-H afforded me in my youth.

I encourage any youth along with families with young children to join a 4-H club during this National 4-H Week and the start of another 4-H year.

In addition to livestock, 4-H offers a wide variety of programs that explore dozens of other projects and introduce members to numerous leadership opportunities.

Right now many 4-H opportunities are conducted virtually. This opens exploration on any topic much earlier than when I was a 4-H'er.

Regardless of the format, the 4-H pledge remains the same: to inspire the youth to use his or her hands, heart, head and health for better living for everyone.

Should it be 'All Lives Matter' or 'Black Lives Matter'?

GUEST OPINION

By Cary Radisewitz, Luverne

my player was arrested and placed in the police car. Others who saw the fight feared they might never see him again, so when the arresting officer went to retrieve something, they freed the player from the car and ran for their lives. I was notified by authorities that there was a warrant out for the young man who was attacked. He was wanted for misdemeanor fighting and felony escape. He ended up being placed in jail and had to plead guilty to a reduced sentence. He paid a fine, was put on probation and now had a criminal record — all because he was a Black man targeted by a drunk, off-duty police officer.

Despite that incident, we were blessed to have admirable mentors in the criminal-justice system.

Our sheriff cared for others regardless of race. Our police chief taught classes at the college and knew many of the players. Our local judge was tough as nails but treated everyone equally. With time, the sheriff hired players to help run security at large events. The police chief got minority students interested in pursuing criminal-justice degrees. The judge contacted me and Karen when he saw two of my players being accused of crimes they didn't commit. He asked if they could be put in house-arrest at our home to avoid the trauma of being jailed.

These two became part of our family and were amazing big brothers

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Green: 'Look behind the signs on the lawns'

To the Editor:

While my dog Charley and I were out walking last Thursday evening, we noticed that yard signs had sprung up like mushrooms.

One sign caught my eye — "Push Back," it read. As I considered the message, I was struck by the following thoughts: This is a time of unprecedented change, loss and uncertainty, and we feel the effects. We can feel overwhelmed and powerless. But no, we need to have faith in our democracy and our fellow Americans. With feet firmly planted on these foundations, we can not only push back, but through these obstacles to a new and greater "Nation under God, indivisible."

Rainbows follow the storms. We are a nation of different people trying to get along, and that is our strength, no matter what some would have us believe. When you consider who will get your vote, look behind the signs on the

lawns, behind the social media claims, beyond the marketing of the candidate, and examine the person seeking your vote. Do his or her policies help this country by helping unite us, or do they sow the seeds of disharmony?

In considering the statements made during this election, consider whether they are based upon facts you can verify, upon rumor and speculation, or maybe downright falsehoods and purposeful disinformation.

Recently it was discovered that nine absentee ballots cast in Pennsylvania had been set aside, not counted. This prompted the statement that they had been purposely not counted. Officials discovered that the ballots were sent from military members in plain envelopes, rather than in official envelopes. A temporary postal employee had not been aware that the ballots were indeed valid. The error was corrected.

We are all human and mistakes do happen, but historically there have been few instances of intentional voter fraud.

As I have written in past letters, the vote is a precious thing — the cornerstone upon which democracy is built. Americans have died to preserve it.

In 1863 Abraham Lincoln spoke at the dedication of a national cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the scene of fierce fighting that killed thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers. He said: "We here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain. That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, for the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Vote, and vote with care.

Larry Green
Luverne

Preuss: 'Remember the power is the people'

To the Editor:

Mr. Radisewitz in his letter said that the county in which he lives is not the same, and he asks the citizens to be more respectful.

I see us being that in where we shop, work, play and worship. We are not judged by our political views, religion, ethnicity or economic status. We are, however, in politics.

The blame for this lies in the mouths of our politicians and media. If you are a conservative you are called a

racist, white supremacist, xenophobe and you are "deployable." If you are a liberal, you are against motherhood, religion and guns and thus you are a member of the radical left.

The basis for any government is power. America's power is in the people. Our politicians have forgotten they are elected to serve the people, not their agenda. They cannot pass a stimulus bill to help the people who need it. Stop-gap budgets for two or three months instead of yearly budgets

and the norm. The immigration problem is just that, a problem, yet to be solved. Medicare and Social Security are facing insolvency and they keep kicking that can down the road.

We as people have to demand that our elected officials remember the power is the people and they are elected to serve, not demand. When they serve, we again will have civility in all areas of our lives.

Bill Preuss
Luverne

Random acts of kindness hits close to home for this grandpa

Sometimes random acts of kindness go unnoticed, and other times they do get their due.

Case in point, I happened to witness a couple of such acts recently and I thought I would share them with you.

The touching thing about random acts of kindness is, of course, the randomness of it. For the most part there isn't a lot of forethought that goes into the act of kindness.

One might simply open the door for someone. Maybe you buy lunch for the person behind you in the drive-up line. Or you offer up your place in line at the checkout counter to the person behind you because they only have a couple of items and



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, Tollefson Publishing general manager

you have a cart full.

So that brings me to two young girls, ages 3 and 5, who put together a sidewalk lemonade stand one hot day earlier this summer.

Sales on that day were about what you would expect for any neighbor-

hood lemonade stand. After tallying the day's sales, the two young girls donated the money to a local woman who is battling cancer. That was the first random act of kindness.

Well, one thing led to another and the local grocery store got wind

of the two girls' efforts to raise money and offered up a spot in front of their store to hold another lemonade stand fundraiser.

It didn't take long for the two girls to recruit their grandpa to build them a lemonade stand for their next fundraiser.

So let's fast forward to about a week ago when the two girls, with some help from their mom and dad, had the new fundraising lemonade stand up and open for business at the Sunshine Foods Store in Hartford, South Dakota.

The weather wasn't what you would call ideal for lemonade sales. The two young girls couldn't have

cared less about the weather; they were there to raise money for the lady still fighting cancer.

Oh, and by the way, I am not sure, but until that day I don't think the girls had ever met the woman they were trying to help by peddling lemonade.

As it turns out, the woman battling cancer stopped by the girls' stand to thank them for their kindness.

I am not sure if the two young girls, otherwise known as Brooke and Ellee, fully understand the good they did that day, but this grandpa is very proud of his two granddaughters and their random act of kindness.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 26
•Deputy reported suspicious driving activity on S. Kniss Avenue and Maple Street.

Sept. 27
•Deputy was out with two males at location on S. Kniss Avenue.
•Assistance from another department was conducted on N. Main Avenue.
•Atrespassingissuewas reported at location on S. West Park Street.
•Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported propertydisputeatlocation.

Sept. 28
•Complainant on Adams Street reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on S. KnissAvenuereported theft.
•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a scam call.
•Complainant on Josephine Avenue requested information on an inmate.
•Complainant on W. Crawford Street reported items were stolen from vehicle.
•Complainantreported fireworks coming from the location on S. West Park Street.
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a parked vehicle blocking area.

Sept. 29
•Complainant on 140th Avenue reported a scam call.
•A warrant was issued.
•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported subject is burning plastic.
•Complainant on 121st Street reported a fire.
•Complainant on 13st Street and 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a field on fire.
•Complainant on S. West Park Street reported fireworks at location.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

Sept. 30
•Property damage was reported at location on 131st Street.
•Complainant on County Road 5 reported a fire.
•Complainant reported camera outage.
•Assistance from another department was requested at location east-bound on County Road 4 from South Dakota border, Beaver Creek.
•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a trespasser.

Oct. 1
•Complainant on 171st Street, Beaver Creek, reported propane stolen.
•Complainant reported a dishonored check.
•Complainant on E. Crawford Street and N. Oakley Street reported keys were found on roadway.
•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen, has property exchange issues.
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported that his car was keyed.
•Complainant on Oakland Avenue reported sewer gas smell in the area.
•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported mailbox vandalism.
•Complainant on W. Main Street and N. Kniss Avenue reported an accident was witnessed.
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Barck Avenue reported kids in the street.
•Complainant east-bound on County Road 4, Luverne, reported a suspicious vehicle.
•Complainant on E. Main Street and N. McKenzie Street reported a vehicle following her.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 3 deer accidents, 7 escorts, 11 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 1 background check, 2 alarms, 1 drug court test, 6 purchase and carry permits, 5 traffic stops, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 report of cattle being out and 11 OFPs.



On Sept. 29, one of three reported fires took place that day under hot, dry conditions and high winds. Star Herald/Chantel Connell

Rural field fire/ continued from page 1

remove wrapped plant materials on or near bearings, belts or other moving parts.
They're also urged to inspect exhaust and bearings and repair leaking fuel or oil hoses, fittings or metal lines.
Combines should be outfitted with two ABC-type fire extinguishers, shovels to scoop dirt onto a fire and a cell phone to call for help.
According to the National Weather Service, a Red Flag Warning means the area is experiencing critical weather conditions that are ideal for wildfire, including strong winds and minimum humidity values.
"Do not burn while the Red Flag Warning remains in effect and check any burning done recently to ensure the fire is out," the service shared in a release issued Tuesday morning.
"Any spark could become a wildfire under Red Flag conditions."
Counties included in Tuesday's warning include Rock, Nobles, Pipestone, Murray, Martin, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Traverse, Watonwan, Wilkin and Yellow Medicine.
The Red Flag Warning expires at 7 p.m.
Check the statewide fire danger and current burning restrictions webpage, which the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources updates daily.



Mavis Fodness photo/1008 Fire CHS Magnolia
A closer view of the dryer reveals significant damage to the structure at the CHS Magnolia elevator.

CHS dryer fire/ continued from page 1

corn out," he said.
Grain was spread at a 6-inch depth in a nearby concrete bunker to extinguish the smoldering grain.
No explosions or loss of other nearby concrete grain storage structures were reported. Firefighters were on the scene for two hours.
The cause of Sunday's fire has not been released.
On Dec. 12, 2019, the dryer bin at CHS also burned. Wetter corn coming out of the fields last fall contributed to the cause of fires in grain bin dryers, which had been operating at higher temperatures to keep up.

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to our daughters. They were appreciated for helping the community — for their security work and visiting and counseling at-risk youth in the detention center.
Because of these young Black men and our criminal-justice instructors' efforts, we have graduates who are now local law enforcement, state penitentiary guards and U.S. marshalls. Others are teachers, coaches, counselors, businessmen, preachers and salesmen. One is a world-class blues guitar player.
More importantly, these men are amazing husbands, fathers, mentors and volunteers. Karen and I couldn't be more blessed to have them in our lives.

When someone responds to the phrase "Black Lives Matter" with "All Lives Matter," they're misguided. All lives do matter, but that's not enough.
Saying "Black Lives Matter" pushes us to understand. Individuals shouldn't be held back because of their skin color. They shouldn't be dehumanized by being referred to as a "can." They shouldn't have to fear being attacked, arrested or gaining a criminal record despite their innocence.
None of these events happened to our white players, but they constantly plagued our team's Black members, an example of white privilege. White

privilege doesn't mean life hasn't been hard. I grew up in a family of eight led by a single mother, sometimes in houses without running water. How can anyone say I am privileged? Isn't the word "privilege" meant to describe the wealthy?
Having white privilege doesn't mean you haven't struggled or worked for everything you achieved. It means your skin color does not diminish or eliminate your rights or opportunities.
People of color go through the same life challenges AND carry the burden of being treated differently because of their skin color. We need to understand the same racist issues are happening today that occurred when I coached.
Many people, when they hear "Black Lives Matter," think of a political faction and start talking about riots and looters, instead of that racism is occurring as we continue to turn our heads.
Maybe in Rock County we can put "All Lives Matter" and "Black Lives Matter" behind us and recognize that the same racism that my Black players felt 35 years ago is still occurring today. Jesus taught us to walk with those in pain. Maybe we can focus our efforts not on the politics, but on how to reach out to those that are being held down by racism, because they are the ones in pain.

Jasper boy dies of gunshot wound

By Lori Sorenson
Authorities are investigating a Sept. 30 shooting death of a 7-year-old boy in Jasper where very few details have been officially released.
According to the Pipestone County Sheriff's Office, law enforcement and ambulance personnel responded to a call at 108 Wall Street West, Apartment 4, at 5:49 p.m. Wednesday.
It was reported that a 7-year-old male victim was unresponsive, and when the responding agencies arrived, it was determined that the victim was deceased.
Further investigation showed that the victim had died from a single gunshot wound.
The Minnesota State Patrol assisted at the scene and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is assisting the Pipestone County Sheriff's Office in further investigating the incident.
Authorities say the shooting is an isolated incident and the public is not in danger. No further information was being released as of Tuesday morning.



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At one point there were eight combines, four grain carts and roughly 10 trucks and semis operating at one time in the Muller soybean fields.

Joining forces to help neighbors

By Lori Sorenson

Friends and neighbors of Randy and Bonnie Muller joined forces last week to help with the Mullers' 2020 soybean harvest after Bonnie was hospitalized with lung

cancer.

Randy said the harvest help took some pressure off his schedule as he balanced time between the fields near Jasper and the hospital in Sioux Falls.



Nate and Maggie Siebenahler, Hardwick, who operate local Subway franchises, delivered sandwiches to the crews in the fields Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the rural Jasper area. They also photographed the effort and shared images with the Star Herald.

"I sure appreciate it," he said. "It's really good of them to do that."

He said Bonnie finished radiation treatment two weeks ago but then came down with pneumonia and has required hospitalization to recover.

"She was flabbergasted by all the people who care," Muller said. "It's overwhelming is what it is."

At one point there were eight combines, four grain carts and roughly 10 trucks and semis operating at one time in the Muller fields. Randy thought he counted nearly 30 people who helped in some way or another.

"There were so many guys that showed up, and some left before the photo was taken," Muller said.

"I wish I could recognize everyone who helped. Quite a few had beans of their own in the field, so it was really generous of them to be there."

On Monday, he said Bonnie's condition was slowly improving and he hoped she would soon be moved from acute care. "We'd really like to get her home," he said.



Among those who helped Randy and Bonnie Muller harvest their soybeans are (from left) Jeff Sanow, Mike Hunstad, Jerry Kuhlman, Matt Haroldson, Pam Kuhlman, Lowell Lorenzen, Darrell Hemme, Bryce Kindt, Greg Matthiesen, Todd Miller, Elroy DeSchepper, Duane DeCrook, Stan Williamson, Donny Miller and Jeff DeBates.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Twenty-five school districts in Southwest Minnesota started classes on August 23 — about two weeks earlier than their usual post-Labor Day start.

Now these schools are monitoring advantages and disadvantages of when the early start might be.

The flexible learning is a cooperative effort among the participating districts to improve student achievement and teacher effectiveness and to share services for professional development.

When the plan was initially proposed, opponents cited family vacations and state fair attendance concerns.

With the first six weeks completed, Rock County 4-H members still went to the state fair, and some families still took vacations in late August.

In Luverne 23 students had excused absences, mostly for attending the fair, and in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District, two students missed time for the fair.

25 years ago (1995)

•Only one generation ago, a mentally disabled child could expect no better from life than to live with his parents until they died and then enter some kind of institution for the remainder of his life.

They were generally considered social embarrassments and often weren't allowed to participate in their communities by holding jobs or spending their own money.

Today, thanks to special programs designed for the developmentally disabled, this is no longer the case. People born with

mental retardation, or those who have suffered brain injuries can still expect to lead productive, fulfilling lives.

According to Randy Ehlers, Rock County offers some of the best services available for people with developmental disabilities.

50 years ago (1970)

•Oct. 27 has been set by the school board as the date for the bond election for the proposed vocational education-swimming pool building addition at Luverne high school.

The date was set at a special meeting Wednesday night. Polls will be open in the high school building from 2 to 9 p.m.

The proposal for the election calls for issuing \$419,000 in general obligation bonds for the structure. The district has on hand \$82,000 which will make up the balance of the total estimated cost of the project of \$573,000. ...

The shop area addition, according to the plans, will be 136 feet by 40 feet. It will be constructed very similar to the present shop area, except there will be open areas that can be used for all shop offerings. The exterior walls will be brick and block. The windows will be eliminated. The structural system will be steel joist and metal deck. The entire shop will have a fire rated acoustic ceiling to meet the new Fire Marshal's requirements.

The swimming pool is a six lane pool, 75'1" x 45', and will have its own dressing and shower rooms. The pool proposed in 1963 was only a four lane pool, and would have used the present kindergarten rooms as dressing and shower rooms. It is felt that the present kindergarten rooms should be retained, and if enrollment declines these could be diverted to business

education. The swimming pool physical education unit will have a prestressed concrete roof over the pool with a steel joist roof over the locker rooms. The pool walls will be of double layer construction with some heat supplied between the walls to raise the surface temperatures.

75 years ago (1945)

•Students and faculty members of the Magnolia Consolidated School are making extensive plans for a school carnival to be held there for a week from tomorrow evening, October 19.

"There'll be fun for everybody", according to Supt. L. H. Paul, "so no one will want to miss the big event. There'll be dancing, short program of entertainment, concessions of all kinds, food stands, etc. All in all, we expect the biggest community gathering in the history of the Magnolia school."

Purpose of the carnival is to raise funds for student activities. "Not one cent of the money derived from the school carnival will be used for anything except to provide enjoyment for those who attend here," Mr. Paul declared. "The students will have a voice in determining how the money is spent, so there is no doubt but what a lot of good will be derived from it."

100 years ago (1920)

•Starting at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, October 12th, one hundred fifty highly desirable residence lots in Highland Park additions to the city of Luverne, will be thrown on the market at

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Stan Olson will celebrate his 80th birthday on Friday, Oct. 9. Greetings may be sent to him at 406 S. Elizabeth Ave., Hills, MN 56138.

Edward Salzer celebrated his 80th birthday on Monday, Oct. 5. Greetings may be sent to him at 1005 Elmwood Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

Shirley Frey will celebrate her 90th birthday on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Greetings may be sent to her at 203 Oak Dr., Apt. 115; Luverne, MN 56156.

1889: Elevator, roller mill lost in first fire at Beaver Creek

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village continued from 10-1-20 edition of the *Star Herald*.

Beaver Creek

The first fire occurred April 9, 1889, when the roller mill, an elevator and several sheds, in addition to several thousand bushels of grain, were entirely destroyed by the "lurid leveler." The destruction of the town was threatened, but by hand work the flames were confined to the structures mentioned. The loss was \$25,000. Following the fire came agitation for installing a system of waterworks, but at an election to vote bonds for



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

the purpose on September 5, the proposition was defeated by five votes out of a total of forty-three.

The next conflagration came early on the morning of December 3, 1889, when seven business houses on the north side of Main street with their contents were consumed. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin and was started in a

vacant store building owned by J. O. Tyler. Although the alarm was sounded at once, the people were not able to stay the progress of the flames with the force pump and the one line of one-inch hose, which constituted the town's fire fighting apparatus. The total loss was placed at \$9000, covered by only \$3500 insurance. The losses were as follows: Harrison White,

store building, machine shed and outbuildings, \$4000; E. C. Conant, damage to general merchandise stock in Colonel White's building, \$1000; L. S. Welker, meat market building, \$400; E. A. Baker, fixtures and meat stock, \$200; J. O. Tyler, vacant store building, \$1200; T.O. Meyers, vacant store building, \$500; Nels Clemetson, hotel building, \$1000; Thomas Evans, saloon building, \$600.

The burned district was not rebuilt; the new town of Hills, six miles south, cut off a valuable part of its trade territory; the promoters of the town of Manley, only three and one-half miles away, were boldly planning the removal

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MENU

Monday, Oct. 12: Scalloped potatoes with ham, peas and pearl onions, cinnamon baked apples, bread.

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed corn, bread, brownie.

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Meatloaf, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, apple crisp with whipped topping.

Thursday, Oct. 15: Fish, lemon garlic potatoes, buttered beets, dinner roll, rainbow sherbet.

Friday, Oct. 16: Sweet and sour meatballs, brown rice, carrots, tropical fruit salad, lemon bar.

Olson retires after dedicating 37 years to teaching in Luverne

By Mavis Fodness
Jan Olson spent 37 years teaching in Luverne Public Schools, primarily sixth-grade English, and recently decided to retire.

“It wasn’t until this past summer that I decided it was the right time to retire,” she said. “Everyone always told me I would know when the time was right — it just seemed like the time was now.”

Childhood experiences as an elementary student in Excelsior influenced Olson’s career choice.

“My mom was a sixth-grade teacher for 25 years, and I would help her get her classroom ready every year. I helped her correct papers, and even got to attend field trips with her classes,” she recalled.

“I played school a lot in our basement and my dad would always tease me that teaching was in my blood. I never really thought about any other career growing up — at a very young age I knew I wanted to be a teacher.”

After graduating from Minnetonka High School, Olson attended Bemidji State University, majoring in elementary education with minors in criminal justice and psychology.

She later earned a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from South Dakota State University, Brookings.

She began teaching in Luverne in 1983.

“I taught at Luverne Public Schools my entire career — 37 years, all in sixth grade, all in the same room, 215, except for 10 years when I was the curriculum director and alternative school director for the district,” she said.

Her stint as alternative school director brought the most rewards as a teacher.

“Everyone that attended the school — which was located off campus — back



Mavis Fodness photo/0917 Jan Olson Retirement

Jan Olson spent 37 years teaching in Luverne Public Schools. She decided to retire this summer.

then were like a family,” she said.

“They watched out for each other. They helped each

other, worked hard, and put in the time required to graduate as confident, proud young men and women.”

Olson emphasized one lesson to the almost 3,000 students she instructed over almost four decades.

‘One lesson I hope my students learn after high school is to take initiative in their own life. Do more than is required of you, think as a team member, speak up and share your ideas, consider every opportunity, be prepared, and be respectful.’

—Jan Olson

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As a new teacher in Luverne in 1983, Olson said she appreciated the mentors who helped her settle into her career, and through the decades she passed on her knowledge to incoming colleagues.

“I feel like they kept me young and inspired me to create new and challenging materials for my students,” she said. “The best was when we had one of the young new teachers live with us for a year.”

The teachers shared a common goal: to have students grow into caring, responsible and charitable adults.

No one shared that goal more than her future husband.

Olson met her husband, Loel, on the job when he taught down the hall from her at Luverne Middle School. The couple married in 1986.

“I didn’t wear my engagement ring right way in an attempt to avoid never-ending questions of a fifth-

and sixth-grader,” she said.

“I learned recently from Mrs. Laiss (Kari was a LMS student at the time) that all the kids knew we were dating and I wasn’t hiding anything from them.”

Loel retired a year ago, and the Olsons say they plan to see more of their three children — Zach (Stacey), Paige and Gunnar.

Jan said it makes sense that their retirements would be so close together.

“After all, Loel and I taught in the same district for 36 years together, we taught in the same hallway during the earlier years, ended up teaching at the same grade level in later years, attended conferences together, sat in many meetings together, spent open house nights and conference nights together, went on field trips together, rode to work every day, so when he decided to retire, I did as well,” she said.

“Now we can spend our retirement years together, too.”

In addition to continuing with her consignment items in Sioux Falls, she wants to travel, relax, read for pleasure and spend time with family and old friends.

“This may be the end of my teaching career, but I feel I’m at the beginning of

A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian Covid Testing Details Announced



This past week we received the very sad news that one of our Rock County residents passed away due to COVID-19. I want to express my deepest sympathy to the family that lost a love one. On September 29, 2020 the Minnesota Department of Health notified Southwest Health and Human Services of the first death of a resident in Rock County due to COVID-19. SWHHS also expresses their deepest sympathies to the family and friends for their loss.

Rock County has seen an increase in COVID cases lately. We know that seeing the numbers rise can be very concerning. While there will be many people with mild symptoms, news like this reminds us that this virus can be severe for some. Taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is important, especially for our most vulnerable citizens. SWHHS wants to remind everyone to continue to follow MDH recommendations:

- ▶ Wear a mask in public ▶ Avoid large gatherings ▶ Stay 6 feet away from others
- ▶ Wash your hands ▶ Stay home when you are ill ▶ Get tested if you have symptoms

Local Public Health does not have authority to share private health data, which includes the address of those who test positive with COVID-19, or any other identifying information. Such sharing is a violation of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. 13.09 (a) and (b). For more information, please go to the Minnesota Department of Health’s website devoted to COVID-19 information:

<https://mn.gov/covid19/data/covid-dashboards/index.jsp>

STAY SAFE MN



Update from “Chamber Chatter” - Luverne Area Chamber, October 2020

Like it or not, Rock County’s Covid numbers are on an uptick. There is no sense in putting blame on anyone or anything. What we need to do is all work together to do our part in bringing those numbers down.

For months, we have heard from experts about what we can do to help slow the spread and decrease the infection numbers. Wash your hands, get tested if you don’t feel well or have been exposed, stay 6 feet apart, wear a mask, stay home when you can and isolate when you are sick. One of the more strategic ways to decrease the spread is for health officials to conduct a mass testing event. If you feel that you have been exposed, aren’t feeling well or want to make sure you are safe for others-make plans to be tested! The testing is free and will be conducted quickly and efficiently October 13, 14 and 15 from noon - 6 p.m. at Grand Prairie Events. Mass testing gives us the opportunity to do our part!

How will this help?

- People without symptoms will know they are infected and can make the decision to stay home and stop the spread.
- Health and safety for our vulnerable friends, family and neighbors is really important!
- All of us know how important it is to our community to allow our children the opportunity for in-person learning. Increasing Covid numbers make that less and less possible. If we can bring those numbers down we can increase the opportunities for in-person learning!
- Keeping our numbers down means that our businesses can continue to operate! Employees will be able to work and they can keep the doors open to serve us. People will get paid and have money to spend and we will keep our economy rolling!
- Minnesota is now one of the States identified nationally as a “Covid hotbed”. We may all want to be in first place in many things ... but there are no “prizes” in winning this race!



In a recent Minneapolis Star Tribune interview, Governor Tim Walz said, “If we could get community spread under 20%, and we could get the test positivity rate under 4, you’ve got a really good chance of doing most things.” As of September 24, the rate of cases from unknown community transmission was 35%, an indicator that the virus is spreading beyond the state’s ability to track it. The positivity rate was 4.8%, an improvement from 6% late last month. With the benefit of hindsight, Walz said there are things he would have done differently, but he struck a defiant tone against criticism that he was heavy-handed and argued that Minnesota has weathered the medical and economic tolls of the pandemic better than many states.



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Patrick T. Baustian
Mayor Patrick T. Baustian





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LHS football team members include (front, from left) cheerleaders Brenn Siebenahler, Myles Trimble, Ryenn Stegenga, Mariam Alinzi, Syndal Pick, Bridget Thielbar, Phoebe DeBates, Anna Boltjes; (Row 2) Zach Overgaard, Matthaas Dobbe, Shaid Shearer, Casey Sehr, Jack Schlosser, Trygve Gangestad, Zach Kruse, Jamie McCarthy, Ashton Sandbulte, Andy Halverson, Jack Voorhees, Carter Sehr; (third row) coach Tony Sandbulte, Caleb Hein, Braydon Ripka, Luke Bosch, Ethan Beyer, Ayden Bonnett, Riley Cowell, Trevor Halverson, head coach Todd Oye, coach TJ Newgard, coach Brooks Maurer; (fourth row) coach Mike Wenninger, coach Jon Schomacker, Gannon Ahrendt, Peter Baustian, Ethan Teunissen, Jordan Friedrichsen, Justin Dohmann, Zach Ahrendt, Connor Overgaard; (back) Michael Aning, Gavyn Boll, Cade Wenninger, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Jayson Rops, Eli Radtke, Carlton Oftedahl, Camron Kopp, Bailey Cowell, Arekel McLaughlin, LaShad Smith and Brock Behrend.

Large group of upperclassmen lead Cardinals

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals football team is coming off a 2019 campaign in which they finished the season with a 6-4 record and fell one game short of reaching the section championship.

It was a disappointing end to what was a strong season. The Cardinals finished second in the district with a 4-1 record.

In what is likely going to be a crazy 2020 fall season, the Cardinals will be led by a strong core of seniors and juniors, according to Luverne head coach Todd Oye.

"We have a lot of starters returning," he said. "This group of seniors and juniors have done a great job."

The Cardinals will have 15 seniors on the roster and 15 juniors.

A trio of those seniors earned All-District honors last season as juniors.

Bailey Cowell, LaShad Smith and Zach Ahrendt will be looking to repeat that success in 2020. Cowell also earned Co-Offensive Back of the Year honors within the district last year.

Oye said he is looking to that group of seniors to help lead the way this season.

"There are always seniors that stand out," Oye said.

"They get a year older and stronger. Those guys have stood out in practice."

There was a time when it looked like there was going to be no prep football in the state of Minnesota due to Covid-19.

Friday Night Lights will return Friday, Oct. 9, when the Cardinals open the season in Pipestone in the annual Battle Ax showdown. The Cardinals defeated the Arrows last season 13-12 to gain possession of the coveted trophy.

The Cardinals' first home game this sea-

son will be on Oct. 23 when they play host to Jackson County Central. JCC ended Luverne's season last year in the section semifinals.

Luverne's final regular season game will be played on Nov. 13 at home against Worthington. The Cardinals defeated the Trojans twice last season. The first victory came to open the season (41-12). The Cardinals then opened the section tournament with a 14-0 victory over the Trojans.

The chances that the Cardinals would take the field to play a game this fall seemed bleak. The fact that the student athletes will get a chance to play already makes this season a success in Oye's eyes.

"We just need to get to play," Oye said. "If we get to play some games, it will be a success. From week to week across the state I think we are going to see games that aren't played because of Covid."

Volleyball and football games this fall will look different

By Brennen Rupp

Covid-19 has changed how family members, friends and community members support prep sports in local schools.

The pandemic means there will be limited spectators at football games and no spectators, as we speak, at volleyball matches.

For football the crowd will be limited to 250 people. The crowd will consist of 125 spectators from the visiting team and the other half will consist of people from the home team.

"It will be half and half," Luverne athletic director Todd Oye said. "Tickets will go to team members. They will get a certain amount of tickets to give to family members. We haven't worked out all the details yet."

As for volleyball, there will be no spectators allowed inside the gym to view the matches.

For people that are looking to watch the match, they'll have to do so online via streaming services.

"We have NFHS (National Federation of State High School Association) inside the school," Oye said. "But outside we don't. So we are still working on that for football."

NFHS is a streaming service website that allows people to watch prep sports without being at the actual game.

Viewers can sign up for the streaming service at NHFSNetwork.com, which will prompt them to search for the school they wish to watch or follow.

Viewers are asked to "create a profile," which consists of an email and an eight-digit password.

There is a cost of \$10.99 per month or a yearly pass for \$69.99 (currently 47 percent off).

Once viewers have completed that process, they will be able to view prep sports seamlessly from the comfort of their own homes.

Seasoned Cardinals looking forward to successful 2020 season

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne girls' volleyball team finished the 2019 season with a 10-13 record. The Cardinals lost six seniors from last year's team but will have five returning starters.

"We have five returning starters," Luverne head coach Sarah DeBeer said.

"Elise Ferrell (junior left-side hitter), Morgan Gonnerman (junior left-side hitter), Gracie Zewiske (senior middle hitter), Trista Baustian (junior setter) and Regan Bork (junior setter)."

The six seniors that the Cardinals lost to graduation will be hard to replace. However, DeBeer said that they did a great job of mentoring the younger girls and helped prepare them to be leaders.

"The seniors we lost are Tacey Baustian (setter), Mallory Thorson (middle hitter), Sydney Biever (left-side hitter), Maren Schaap (defensive specialist), Alyssa Nattress (defensive specialist), and Ainsley Rysdam (right side)," DeBeer said. "Tacey was a three-year starter for us but was a great mentor for Reghan and Trista to lead our team this year."

"Mallory Thorson was a dominant hitter, a great leader, and always a player you wanted to get the ball. Alyssa Nattress will be greatly missed for her overall leadership and never-quit attitude."

This year's team will have five seniors on the roster. One of those seniors is Gracie Zewiske, the team's returning middle hitter.

"She brings great enthusiasm to the court," DeBeer said, "as well as a great swing and block."

A possible running mate up front for Zewiske is fellow senior Paige Sandbulte. DeBeer said that Sandbulte has plenty of experience to make an impact this season.

"Paige returns with right-side and middle hitting experience," DeBeer said. "She has a great block as well."

A pair of seniors that are re-



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The Luverne High School 2020 volleyball team members include (front, sitting, from left) Grace Sandbulte, Christina Wagner, Kamryn VanBatavia, Elise Ferrell; (middle) Trista Baustian, Reghan Bork, Silvia Recuero, Gracie Zewiske, Paige Sandbulte, (back) coach Sara DeBeer, Macy Stratton, coach Avery Van Roekel, Crystal Sayavong, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Sadie Reisdorfer and Morgan Gonnerman.

turning are Mckenzie VanGrootheest and Sadie Reisdorfer. DeBeer said that duo were two players that the team could always rely on last season.

"They were two of our players last year that were always willing to step in and work hard in very intense moments for our team," she said.

A new face to the Cardinals program this season is senior Crystal

Sayavong. DeBeer said that Sayavong's work ethic and team-first attitude have made her a great addition to the team.

"She has a great attitude," DeBeer said. "She's willing to work hard. I'm hoping to utilize her in the back row."

Another new face to the program is junior Macy Stratton. The way Stratton communicates with her teammates on the court has

caught DeBeer's attention.

"A standout from practice so far is Macy Stratton (junior/defensive specialist)," DeBeer said.

"She is new to our program this year but fits in very well with our team. She communicates very well, has great leadership qualities, and most importantly reads the ball very well on defense."

Another standout in practice has been sophomore Christiana

Wagner. DeBeer said Wagner is a very coachable player and could provide a boost to the team's blocking this season.

"Christiana has shown great improvement from last year," DeBeer said. "That improvement shows up in the middle as a hitter and a blocker. She takes feedback very well and will be a great force in our blocking and hitting scheme this year."

A player who had a successful season on the B-squad last year and could help the varsity team this season is Kamryn VanBatavia. DeBeer said that VanBatavia is a strong hitter for a sophomore.

"Kamryn has shown a strong presence as a hitter coming off of her B-squad year," DeBeer said. "I look forward to utilizing her on both the right side and left side as a hitter as well as a blocker."

With so many experienced players returning, it will allow the Cardinals to play a more up-tempo style than last year's team.

"With such a young team last year and having those players returning with lots of time already on the varsity court, I believe some of our strengths for this year will be blocking and a faster-paced offense," DeBeer said.

This volleyball season is going to be unlike any other. As it stands right now, there will be no spectators allowed at the games. There will be no state tournament.

As the Cardinals head into the great unknown, DeBeer said they are focused on what they can control.

"This season is certainly going to be different from any other season," DeBeer said. "Team work, perseverance, hard work and continued learning will be things we need to focus on for our 2020 volleyball season. Focusing on what we need to do on our side of the court to be successful when preparing for each opponent will be the key to our season's success."

Strong core leads roster of Hills-Beaver Creek 2020 football team

By Brennen Rupp

Last season the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots football team finished the season with a 9-2 record and fell one game short of reaching the state tournament. The Patriots graduated four seniors from that team.

The Patriots return six starters on offense and seven starters on defense from last year's team. This year's team will be led by a group of nine seniors.

"We have a lot of experience coming back," H=BC head coach Rex Metzger said. "A couple of them have been starting since they were freshmen. Quite a few of them played as sophomores and juniors. There is a lot of experience coming back with this group of guys."

With so much experience returning, the Patriots had high hopes of breaking through and reaching the nine-man state tournament this season. Due to Covid-19 there will be no state tournament.

The key word for the year 2020 has been adapting. With no state tournament scheduled, the Patriots are simply adjusting their goals for the upcoming season.

"Just being able to play football this fall is going to be big for us," Metzger said. "The goal every year is to play in a state tournament. That's always everybody's goal. That's our goal every year. I know that our guys wanted to reach the state tournament. Obviously that's not going to be in place this year. We are just going to take it game by game and see if we can make a push through our section tournament."

In what will certainly be a strange season, the Patriots are going to lean heavily on their veteran leaders. That



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The 2020 H-BC football team consists of 36 members including (front, from left) Tory Knobloch, Thomas Dysthe, Dewell Rauk, Tryce Bennett, Gavin Wysong, Tyson Bork, Zander Wysong, Calvin Erickson, Chase Bosch; (second row) Cole Baker, Austin Allen, Oliver Deelstra, Andrew Harris, Max Scholten, Troy Durst, Ty Bundesen, Casey Kueter, Gideon Taubert, Robbie Drake; (third row) coach Rex Metzger, Cole Rozeboom, Alex Harris, Joshua Wiersema, Luke Fuerstenberg, Collin Schoneman, Brayden Metzger, Brock Harnack, Cody Moser, coach Jason Rauk; (fourth) coach Dalton Bass, Cooper Gehrke, Alex Dysthe, Riley Tatge, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Damion Meinerts and Justin Roelfs. Not pictured are Drew Leenderts, Donovan Leenderts and Logan Susie.

experience figures to be H-BC's greatest strength in this shortened season.

"Our senior and junior classes have a lot of good athletes," Metzger said. "A lot

of those guys are multi-sport athletes. They love the game of football."

A concern for many nine-man football teams is depth. If multiple injuries oc-

cur, will the next man up be ready? Metzger said his team doesn't have many glaring holes as they head into the season. But the depth of his team is cause for concern.

"Our depth is always a big concern for us," he said. "We don't have a ton of weaknesses just because we have so much experience and older guys on the roster. You are

always an injury away from being a different type of team."

With Gavin Wysong under center and Tyson Bork

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First-year head coach ready to guide Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots

By Brennen Rupp

There will be a new face on the bench for the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots' volleyball team this season. It's a new face, but a familiar name.

That name is Dylan Gehrke. Gehrke is no stranger to the H-BC school district.

Gehrke graduated from H-BC High School in 2014. He recently graduated from Dakota State University in December of 2019.

He's been the boys' freshman basketball coach for three years and is now entering a new chapter in his H-BC novel.

This year will mark his first season of coaching girls' volleyball at HBC.

"It was a pretty awesome feeling when I got the job," Gehrke said.

"I've been a part of the H-BC community for a long time. I coach boys' basketball and I'm involved in the flag football league in the community."

It's his first year coaching volleyball, and he's excited to learn more about the game. Gehrke said that his sister Megan Gehrke has been helping him learn the ropes.

"My sister Megan has helped me and the other coaches out. She played volleyball and it's been great learning from her and the girls on the team."

The Patriots will have plenty



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The 2020 H-BC volleyball team members are (front, sitting) Emma Kodetand (left) and Abi Olsen; (kneeling, from left) Hannah Fick, Tess VanMaanen, Kenadie Fick, Lauren Tatge, Annie Bos, Avery Vis; (back, from left) Jacey VandenHoek, Sam Moser, Taryn Rauk, Abby Knobloch, Taylor Durst and Allie LaRock.

of experience returning from last year's team. A large group of seniors will help lead the Patriots under the guidance of Gehrke.

"We will have ten seniors on this year's team," Gehrke said.

"Three or four of them saw some quality varsity time last season. They bring a lot from a leadership standpoint. Just the way they practice and go about their business. They bring a lot of intensity to practice. It's going to be great for the younger girls to see them at practice."

The Patriots have a handful of girls that stand 6'1" or taller. Gehrke said the team's length and athleticism will be their calling cards this season.

"We have some girls that are 6'1," Gehrke said. "We have a lot of length and quickness. Our mentality is we don't want the ball to hit the floor without somebody diving for it. We want to be a scrappy team."

With 10 seniors on the roster, Gehrke expects his team to have a deep rotation this season.

"We have a lot of girls that could see playing time," Gehrke said. "We will be cycling girls in and out. It may be one of those things where if you are playing well that night you are going to see plenty of playing time."

This season is going to be uncharted territory for the H-BC volleyball team. Gehrke said the fact that they'll be able to play already makes this season a successful one for his program.

Gehrke told his team that they are going to build memories that will last a lifetime this season.

"Finally being able to start to play," Gehrke said.

"The games are going to look weird. We won't be able to huddle. I think just being together is going to make this year a successful one. The bus rides will be special. Just having those memories. I told the girls that this is something that you'll never forget."

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Luverne opens section tournament play with victory over Maple River

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne Cardinals opened up section tournament play on Monday, Oct. 5, with a victory over Maple River. The Cardinals took care of business, defeating Maple River 6-1.

“It was a great effort from the girls tonight,” Luverne head coach Jon Beers said. “All of the singles girls had dominant wins. The number two and number three doubles played really well tonight.”

Roz Oye defeated her opponent in straight sets. Oye won the first set 6-0 and took the second set 6-2 to pick up the victory.

Elise Jarchow won in convincing fashion. Jarchow won both sets by a score of 6-0.

Mia Wenzel won the first set of her match 6-0. Wenzel then took the second set 6-1 to pick up the win.

The Cardinals ran into a buzzsaw on Tuesday, Sept. 29, against Blue Earth Area. The Cardinals suffered the third loss of the season, falling to Blue Earth Area, 7-0.

“It was a tough day,” Beers said.

“We lost three matches in three sets. I was very happy with how the number one singles, number three singles,

and the number two doubles competed.”

Oye won the first set of her match, 6-3. She then dropped the next two sets, 6-4, 6-0.

“Roz played her best match of the year,” Beers said. “She played the same girl twice last year and in both matches combined, Roz won two games.”

Ainslie Robinson pushed her opponent to three sets. Robinson won the first set 6-0. She then dropped a hard-fought second set, 7-5. Robinson dropped the third set 6-1.

Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith dropped a back and forth three-set match.

The duo dropped the first set 6-2. They came back to win the second set 7-6, before dropping the third and final set 6-2.

LHS - 0, Blue Earth Area - 7

Singles:
No. 1 - Tea Armstrong, Blue Earth, def. Roz Oye, LHS, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.
No. 2 - Marissa Benz, Blue Earth, def. Elise Jarchow, LHS, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 3 - Arika Howard, Blue Earth, def. Ainslie Robinson, LHS, 6-0, 5-7, 6-1.
No. 4 - Addison Armstrong,

Blue Earth, def. Mia Wenzel, LHS, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles:
No. 1 - McKenna Dutton and Kylie Rosenau, Blue Earth, def. Lauren Ver Steeg and Solveig Tofteland, LHS, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 2 - Britt Howard and Lyndsey Borris, Blue Earth, def. Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith, LHS, 6-2, 6-7 (13), 6-2.
No. 3 - Cali Beyer and Olivia Dutton, Blue Earth, def. Liz Kelm and Brynn Thier, LHS, 6-3, 6-2.

LHS - 6; Maple River - 1

Singles:
No. 1 - Roz Oye, LHS, def. Lauren Maas, Maple River, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 2 - Elise Jarchow, LHS, def. Leah Proehl, Maple River, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 3 - Ainslie Robinson, LHS, def. Ally Mersman, Maple River, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 4 - Mia Wenzel, LHS, def. Mackenzie Walters, Maple River, 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles:
No. 1 - Olivia Pfeffer and Kelsey Jaeger, Maple River, def. Lauren Ver Steeg and Solveig Tofteland, LHS, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.
No. 2 - Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith, LHS, def. Kayla Berg and Isabella Nelson, Maple River, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 3 - Liz Kelm and Brynn Thier, LHS, def. Madison Ward and Macy Sohre, Maple River, 6-3, 6-1.

Luverne girls' cross country team places first in Big South Triangular

By Brennen Rupp
The varsity girls' cross country team for Luverne dominated the Top 10 in Windom on Sept. 29. The Cardinals had six runners place in the Top 10, and all seven runners finished inside the Top 12.

Tenley Nelson crossed the finish line first with a time of 19:53.10. Jenna DeBates finished right behind Nelson in second place with a time of 20:01.10.

Brooklyn Ver Steeg placed fifth with a time of 21:02.10.

Grace Ingebretson

placed seventh with a time of 21:11.20, and Regan Feit finished right behind her teammate in eighth place with a time of 21:15.30. Elizabeth Wagner finished in ninth place with a time of 21:21.70.

Kayla Bloemendaal placed 11th for the Cardinals with a time of 22:36.20.

As a team, the girls finished first overall.

Griffen Jarchow continued his recent success for the Cardinal boys' cross country team with another Top Five finish. Jarchow placed fourth with a time of

18:42.70.

Varsity Boys

(4). Griffen Jarchow 18:42.70
(13). Brady Bork 19:38.40
(14). Pierce Cunningham 19:56.80
(15). Camden Hoven 19:57.10
(16). Ryan Fick 20:45
(18). Ethan Rahm 20:21.50

Varsity Girls

(1). Tenley Nelson 19:53.10
(2). Jenna DeBates 20:01.10
(5). Brooklyn Ver Steeg 21:02.10
(7). Grace Ingebretson 21:11.20
(8). Regan Feit 21:15.30
(9). Elizabeth Wagner 21:21.70
(11). Kayla Bloemendaal 22:36.20

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at running back, the Patriots may have one of the best talented and experienced backfields in the area.

“Those are two skilled guys,” Metzger said. “They’ve been starting since they were freshmen.

We moved Gavin to quarterback. He’s a true running back, but we moved him to quarterback when he was a

sophomore.

Tyson has been a running back for three years now. I think we have two of the top runners in our area.”

The Patriots have had limited practices due to Covid-19 restrictions.

One thing that’s caught Metzger’s eye in that short period of time is the growth of the junior class, both in

the weight room and on the field.

“I feel like our junior class grew up a little bit,” Metzger said. “We have some good athletes. I think we have some guys that got faster and stronger since last fall. They’ve committed to the weight room and our speed training.

“Cole Baker would be one

of those guys. Oliver Deelstra and Ty Bundesen are other names that come to mind. Those are some skilled guys that didn’t contribute a ton, but they played some last year. I think we’ll look to expand their roles this year.”

The Patriots will open the season on Oct. 9 in Sleepy Eye against Sleepy Eye Saint Mary’s.

Extend your hunting season with new locations and take in the beauty of nature

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

I have been fortunate to be able to hunt upland birds all around the Upper Midwest for about the last 20 years. Many hunters will hunt in some years and skip other years if the bird numbers are not as high as they wished.

There is lots of competition for time in the fall. There is great fishing, bow and gun hunting for deer, and ice angling in the later parts of November and beyond.

I love doing all of those things too, but I have a saying that “if it does not have dogs attached to it, I am way less interested.” With a household of four top-notch Labradors who all love their jobs, I find time with them is my most precious outdoor pastime.

I am able to extend that season by starting in the grasslands of South Dakota chasing prairie grouse in September and hunting quail in Kansas well into the end of January.

Much, if not most, of my hunting is done on some form of public land. My twitter handle is “#habitat champion”. I have given thousands of volunteer hours to the acquisition and management of public lands over the past 35 years. Public lands hold a huge spot in my heart.

The reason for this is that the average rank-and-file outdoors person does not need thousands of dollars to either lease hunting land or to buy it outright. I have some private land and I still spend most of my hours crisscrossing the plains states in search of public lands wild game.

The state of South Dakota has two areas that are the most popular public lands for hunting prairie grouse. They are the Fort Pierre National Grasslands and the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.

The former is obviously located near Pierre, South Dakota, and the latter is located adjacent to Kadoka, South Dakota. I hunt in the Buffalo Gap more often because it is farther away from a major airport. Many well-heeled hunters will fly into Pierre and then hunt in a 40-mile radius of that town. The Buffalo Gap is more than 90 miles away and sees far fewer hunters.

In fact, I have hunted the Buffalo Gap for five days many times and have never even seen another hunter. Both of these areas are thousands of acres in size and



allow for the fit hunter to walk 20 miles in a day and never hunt the same area twice.

There are two species of prairie grouse. The first and most common is called the Sharptail grouse. The other species is called a Prairie Chicken. Sharptail grouse have the larger overall range of these two species.

These are both hardy birds that can survive the common blizzards the Dakotas are known for. They are primarily west of the Missouri River, but some can be seen and hunted east of that mighty river that cuts South Dakota in half just about right in the middle of that state.

We often do well and sometimes we don’t see or shoot many birds. I have far surpassed the time when killing the most birds was an important measure of whether the hunt was a quality outing or not. When you hunt in areas that are new to you or in periods of the season where the birds have already been hunted for several months, you are often setting yourself up for some challenging conditions.

The reason I hunt in places that might net me fewer birds than I could have harvested had I stayed home is the beauty of different places and the memories of the friends and dogs I spend that time with.

You can walk in these National Grasslands and see country that looks much like it did before human settlement.

Once, I spent four days in the sand hills of Nebraska in an area 118,000 acres in size that did not have one single incandescent light bulb or any electrical outlets. The rugged beauty of these short grass prairies is amazing.

On my next trip to the Buffalo Gap, I will have the Badlands of South Dakota as my backdrop. This is certainly a beautiful sight. You do need to do a little extra preparation for these hunts.

All of my dogs have been immunized for possible rattlesnake bites. I also carry a preloaded syringe of prednisone to administer if they get bit to minimize trauma as I head to the vet. Rattlesnake immunizations will most likely save your dog, but they still need to seek the attention of a vet.

Make sure you have the phone numbers of these important contacts in your phone before heading out.

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

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Members of the Magnolia Fire Department are (from left) Luke Dohlmann, Zachery Dohlmann, Dennis Madison, Stacie Dohlmann, Scott Dohlmann, Josh Ossefort, Derek Sandbulte, Jason Dohlmann, Robert Somnis, (back) Hailee Dohlmann and Angie Sandbulte. Not pictured are Logan Bosch, Tom Strassburg and Jeremy Roelfs.

HILLS FIRE & RESCUE



Glenda McGaffee photo/1011 hills fire department 2018

Members of the Hills Fire Department include (front row, from left) Mark Top, Mike Spath, Collin Leuthold, Jared Rozeboom, Mark DeBoer, Lance Larson, Paul Page, (back) Jeff Bass, Wade Jel- lema, Dylan Klarenbeek, Dan Fick, Dalton Bass, Derek Bundesen and Justin Van Maanen. Missing from photo are Dakota Steensma, Fred Mitchell and Szaun Bruesch.



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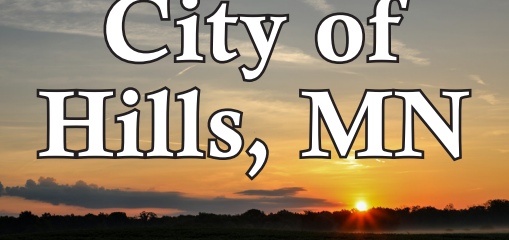
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HARDWICK FIRE & RESCUE



Mavis Fodness photo/1008 Hardwick Fire Dept 2020
Hardwick Fire Department members include (front, from left) Julie Fodness, Jen Luitjens, Harli Mulder, Dawn Kindt, Emilee Johnson, (back) Tom Haas, Don Luitjens, fire chief Lowell Schelhaas, Dan Kindt and Johnny Acevedo. Not pictured: Miles Brown, Ethan Thorson, Jason Thorson, Craig Mulder, Nic Johnson and John Javner.

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www.luverncrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 8: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Oct. 10: 3 p.m. Service of Baptism. 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service with Communion in Sanctuary. Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Worship Service with three-year-old Milestone. Limited seating is available. 9:15-9:45 a.m. Drive-thru Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School for 3 year-olds - 5th grade. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. 7:30 p.m. Youth activity for 9th-12th Grade. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting with executive meeting to follow. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. No confirmation — MEA break. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Monday, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org for online worship opportunities with our sister churches.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altene, Pastor

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Friday, Oct. 9: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 1 p.m. Kitchen reserved. 7 p.m. Tribe; 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; youth groups. Friday, Oct. 16: 6:30 p.m. Community Men's Bible Study.

First Assembly of God Church
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United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Saturday, Oct. 10: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Sept. Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. — Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday, Oct. 12: 7 p.m. PPR Meeting. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 12: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 15: 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
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Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 9:30 a.m. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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Steen Reformed Church
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Sunday School during worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Sunday, Oct. 11: 10 a.m. Worship and Livestream Service at Bethlehem with Baptism. Sunday School during worship. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 2 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study at Tuff Memorial Home. 3:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible study at Village.

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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

The nature of man, the nature of God

There's a story about a holy man in India who was meditating and praying near a river when he noticed that the river was beginning to rise as a result of some heavy rains.

As he looked at the rising water, he noticed a scorpion trying to scamper up the bank to escape this rising water, but it was caught in the roots of a tree at the water's edge.

The holy man went down and tried to free the scorpion, but when he reached out his hand, the scorpion stung him. He tried again and again, and each time the scorpion stung him.

A passerby noticed what was happening and said to the holy man, "Why are you doing that? Don't you know that it's a scorpion's nature to sting, and he can't change his nature?"

The holy man replied, "But it's my nature to save, and I can't change my nature either."

In this story we see two very different kinds of nature. We see our own nature to sting God with our sin, but we also see God's nature to save us from our sin.

Every Sunday morning we confess that it's our nature to be sinful and unclean. We confess that it's our nature to sin against God in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we haven't done. It's also our nature to not love God with our whole heart and to not love our neighbors as ourselves. Finally, we confess that we deserve God's present and eternal punishment, because this is our nature.

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**By Pastor Craig Grams,
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*We see our own
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but we also see
God's nature
to save us
from our sin.*

But we don't just talk about our own sinful nature on Sunday morning. We also talk about God's nature. We talk about God's nature to be merciful to us, and that mercy led Him to give up His own Son for us and for His Son's sake to forgive us of all our sins. It's not only God's nature to forgive us for Jesus' sake, but it's also God's nature that those who believe in Jesus Christ now have the power to become the children of God, and God then bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Finally, it's God's nature to renew us and lead us through the work of the Holy Spirit so that we now delight in God's will and walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.

That's the new nature when we come to faith in Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. We still have this nature to sting God with our sin, but we also have this nature to serve God and one another through this faith in Jesus Christ. We have this added nature given to us because it's God's nature to save.

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SOQ statements must be sealed in an envelope and addressed as specified in the RFQ. All statements shall be clearly marked "Airport Consultant Statement of Qualifications" on the outside of the package.

RFQ details may be obtained by emailing jmead@cityofluverne.org or online at www.cityofluverne.org/rfps.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and to waive informalities and irregularities.

Jessica Mead,
City Clerk
(10-08)

H-BC School Board meets Sept. 14

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
September 14, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:07 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees – based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board Member Bosch was absent.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Additions to the Agenda: 5.5 and 6.2

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald). PATRIOT PRIDE:

•All are back to school and we are moving forward.

Motion by Wysong, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve minutes 8/24/2020.

Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Staff Development Board Goals for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Purchase of 33 MacBook Pro Computers for Distance Learning for the 2020-2021 School Year. Motion by Wysong, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve designating Todd Holthaus, school Superintendent as Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Hills-Beaver Creek Education Association- Coaches and Directors Pay for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve adding a Part Time English Language/Reading Specialist Teacher at the Elementary School for the 2020-2021 School Year.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

•Secondary Principal Report

•Committee Meetings: 09/14 Personnel/Finance

Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting:

•Preliminary Levy 20 pay 21

DATES TO REMEMBER:

•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 28

•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 12

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(10-08)

Quiet title action

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COUNTY OF ROCK

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SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDENTS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiffs' attorney an Answer to Complaint, which is filed in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named county, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action involves, affects, or brings in question real property, situated in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION NINE (9), TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED ONE (101) NORTH, RANGE FORTY-FIVE (45) WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA; SUBJECT PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED WITHIN PARCEL NUMBERS 03-0039-000, 03-0039-100, 03-0038-000, 03-0042-400, AND 03-0042-200 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA TREASURER.

The object of this action is to remove, terminate and quiet any interest of the defendants to this action and to the real estate described above. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT NO PERSONAL CLAIM is made against any of the Defendants. If any Defendant unreasonably defends the action, then Plaintiffs requesting an order of the Court directing that said Defendant shall pay full costs to the Plaintiff.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contract the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that sanctions may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 549.211.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2020.

/s/ Paul A. Vis, Attorney for Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 E. Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
ID #297550

(09-24, 10-01, 10-08)

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CARDS OF THANKS

The children of Ethel Ossefoort want to say thank you to the staff of the Tuff Village and Tuff Memorial Home for the excellent care you gave to our mother. Your care and thoughtfulness will be remembered. Thank you also to our friends, family and Monsignor Kosse for all the support and kindnesses you showered on our family after Mom went home to be with her Savior.

The family of
Ethel Ossefoort

(10.3-10.8)

Tillie and the Clark family would like to thank everyone for all that was done during Bud's illness and mental health. Words can't express how much it meant to us. We are very thankful. We were overwhelmed with your kindness. A special thank you to Msgr. Kosse for the beautiful funeral mass and all the grandchildren who took part in it.

Our sincerest thanks,

Tillie Clark family,

Mary & Lawrence Johns

and family,

Jim & Sue Clark and family,

Ed & Julie Clark and family,

Dorothy Clark-Miles

and family,

Dan & Carla Clark

and family,

Teresa & Brad Schoenfelder

and family,

Joan Clark

(10.3-10.8)

Many thanks to Rev Gary and Sharyn Klatt would like to say thank you to everyone for their many cards and gifts for retirement. Your kindness and words of encouragement were overwhelming. We have truly enjoyed our 18 years of ministry at St. John and the entire Rock County area. We are sad that we did not have the opportunity to formally express our gratitude to you due to the pandemic, but we are remaining close by (Brandon) and will certainly be seeing many of you again. We pray God's blessings will keep you safe and healthy. With deepest, heartfelt thanks,

The Klatts

(10.8-10.10)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for the cards, calls and flowers for our anniversary! It made it a very special day!

Ed and Iva Elbers

(10.3-10.8)

Thank you for the many cards and personal wishes extended to us on our 65th Anniversary. We are blessed to know all of you.

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Adrian Public School is seeking applications for 2 classroom/special education paraprofessionals at the Elementary. Candidates will work with teachers providing academic and behavioral support to students. Candidates should hold an associates degree, or have certification via the Para Pro assessment. If interested, please submit a letter of application, resume, current letters of reference, and a completed district application found at www.isd511.net. Send application materials to: Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. For additional information, please contact Randy Schettler at r.schettler@isd511.net Position open until filled. (9.26-10.15)

New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has full time insulation installer positions available. Monday-Friday; Health insurance, vacation pay, holiday pay, retirement plan, bonus, opportunities; will train. Call 605-376-3006. (tc)

Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for the following positions: Full-time Paraprofessional Substitute Paraprofessionals Applications can be found on the school website at <https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm> or by calling 507-967-2242. (9.26-10.22)

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Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite. Must be able to perform basis operations on a computer within the Windows operating system.

**Apply online at Southwestern Mental Health
Please apply at: <http://www.swmhc.org>**

1. Click on the Careers tab toward the top of the web page.
2. Click on Search for Jobs.
3. In the Quick Search, click on Positions by Locations.
4. Click on Luverne, MN and search for this position to apply.

If you need further assistance,
Email: david.vinzant@swmhc.org
Phone: 507-283-9511

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HELP WANTED

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Equipment Operator at the Rock County Highway Department until October 15, 2020 at 5:00PM. Applicants must possess a High School diploma or equivalent and the ability to obtain a MN Class "A" commercial driver's license within six months. Applicants must also possess a combination substantially equivalent to 2-4 years' experience in the operation and servicing a variety of heavy and light equipment (ie. motor graders, single/double axel tandem trucks, front end loaders, tractor mowers) and are required to participate in county's random drug and alcohol testing program and successfully complete a pre-employment drug test. The position will be full time with a beginning hourly wage range of \$18.60 - \$20.12.

A detailed job description and an application form for this position can be accessed at https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php or by emailing susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us or by phone 507-283-5065

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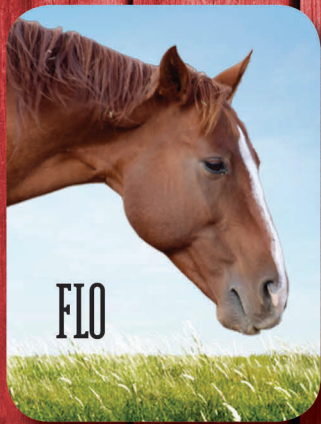
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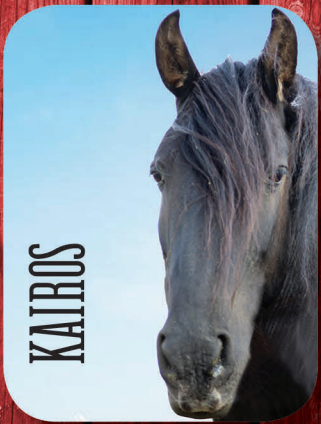
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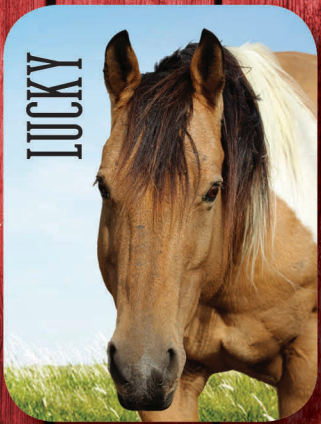
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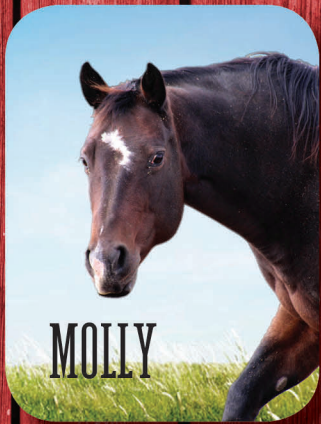
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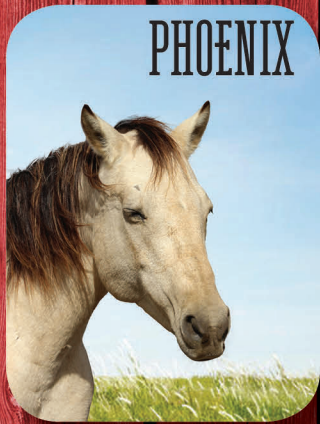
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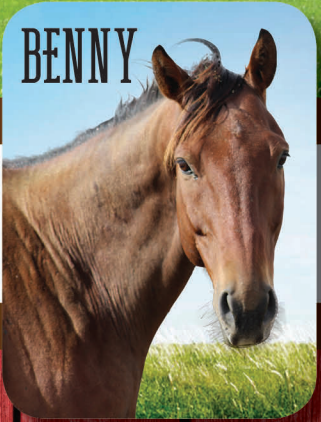
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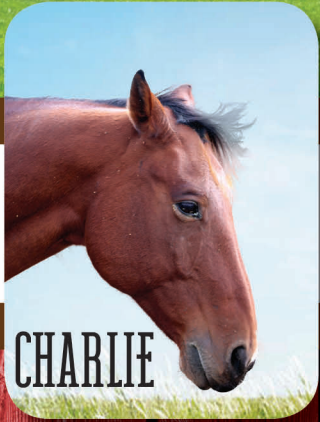
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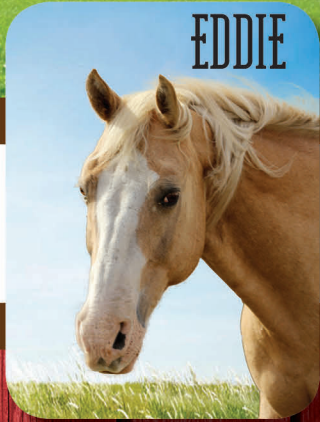
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