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Near record 2018 rainfall delays building, farming

Workers haven't 'seen a summer that's been this wet for this long'

By Lori Sorenson

This year will go down in history as one of the rainiest on record — more than 40 inches and counting — and it will also be remembered as the most difficult year for construction projects.

Just ask a construction worker. "We have never seen a summer that has been this wet for this long," he said.

He said his dad and his and uncle, Gary and Scott Henning, have been in the construction business since they were 18 and have never had a construction season like this one.

"They've had wet years with wet projects, but not to this extent," he said. "It never dried up this year."

The Blue Mounds State Park Rural Water project is among dozens of projects affected by wet conditions.

Henning Construction has the contract to connect the park with Rock County Rural Water in order to address E. coli contamination in the park's well water.

In addition to fighting rocky soil and Sioux quartzite bedrock, the Henning crews encountered a high water table, and the final connection is waiting on ground that isn't draining.

"It's in a wetland area, so in a wet year like this it's really wet," Henning said.

A directional boring company has been hired to come in to help with the final connection.

Henning said delays have been frustrating, but they're not alone.

"It doesn't matter if it's dirt work, concrete or farming — the water has affected everything," he said.

In Luverne City Council meetings, "dewatering" has become a common topic.

The process is used when the water table is too high to allow infrastructure to be buried at necessary

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Lori Sorenson photo/1011 state park rural water

Henning Construction crews struggle through a wetland area atop the Blue Mounds State Park in late September for a Rural Water connection that's delayed over a month due to long periods of wet conditions.

The wait is over ... Farmers hit it hard after rain delays harvest

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County producers made significant progress beginning late last week to finish the 2018 harvest.

According to the state crop progress report released Monday, corn and soybeans harvested for grain climbed to 35 and 62 percent complete respectively. Both completion rates were double-digit increases over the previous week.

Snow blanketed Rock County last week continuing a series of weather delays that plagued producers throughout the growing season.

The state's crop progress report for the week ending Oct. 14 indicated 1.1 suitable days for fieldwork, the fewest days suitable this year since the week ending April 22 when there were no days suitable for fieldwork.

From April 1 through Oct. 24, the National Weather Service recorded 40 inches of rain soaked southwest Minnesota fields. The yearly average is 28 inches.

Extension crop specialist Liz Stahl has followed this year's local crop progress.

She said this year's 40 inches of rain ranks the amount in the 98th percentile — meaning nearly a record year.

"If we didn't know it was wet, we do now," she said.

Many producers experienced planting delays this spring with portions of fields staying too wet for any plant growth.

The zero yields on these unplanted fields are expected to reduce corn and soybean yield averages.

"If we didn't have any drowned out spots, we would have had a decent yield," Stahl said.

The crops that were planted, however, experienced better than average growing conditions between the rain showers.

Crops were not stressed for moisture.

Wet growing season/see page 8A

Ballots come in to courthouse as Nov. 6 general election nears

By Lori Sorenson

The 2018 general election is Tuesday, Nov. 6, and local election officials are processing early votes and mail-in ballots.

The early voting option opened Sept. 21, and voters in precincts that use mail ballots received theirs in the mail last week.

Rock County Auditor Treasurer

Ashley Kurtz said her office has been busy processing those ballots and issuing absentee ballots, which since 2014 can be utilized by anyone for any reason.

As of noon Monday, 257 absentee ballots were received in her office.

Considering there were 600 for the Aug. 14 primary elections, the pace will likely increase as Election

Day nears, and Kurtz said she's encouraged by voter interest.

"We've had a lot of people come in who have never voted before and this time they're choosing to do so," Kurtz said.

"Some are older — in their 80s — and some are younger, but they're very open about it. They come and say, 'I've never voted before and I

want to know what to do.'"

The option for early voting and absentee ballots makes the process easier than ever, but Kurtz cautions that voters need to heed deadlines.

"We had quite a few mailed ballots that were postmarked on Election Day during the primary election," Kurtz said, pointing out that those ballots couldn't be counted because they

came in late.

"We have to receive them — have them in our hands — on or before Election Day. I think some people are confused by their tax deadlines. Those can be postmarked on the due date, and it's fine, but ballots have to physically be here on Election Day."

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Combine fire destroys ag shop at dairy operation

By Lori Sorenson

Rick Van Santen got done harvesting corn around 8 p.m. Wednesday night, Oct. 17, and parked the combine in the shop.

"I noticed an orange glow against the wall and I knew something was wrong," he said about the fire that started in the machine.

But when he tried to back it out of the shop, it wouldn't start and the fire quickly consumed the machine, which had accumulated a layer of chaff and other debris in the field.

Fire crews were dispatched to the Van Santen farm northwest of Luverne on County Road 8, but once the combine's fuel tank exploded, other items inside the shop fell victim to the blaze.

Carrie ticked off the losses as she surveyed the ruins Thursday morning: the 2013 Case IH combine,

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Lori Sorenson photo/1011 state park rural water

Rick and Carrie Van Santen survey the damage the morning after their shop fire Oct. 17.

Local NRCS office among many others waiting for staffing

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service doesn't have its own full-time staff, and Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith are asking questions about why local offices aren't staffed.

The senators expressed concern about lack of staffing to Farm Production and Conservation Under Secretary Bill Northey in a letter dated Oct. 17.

"The technical assistance provided by the NRCS is crucial for many farmer and ranchers, especially beginning farmers, ranchers and producers interested in starting new conservation practices," the letter stated.

In fiscal year 2016, NRCS invested nearly \$104 million in conservation practices and technical assistance in Minnesota.

Among the federal programs administered

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at the Rock County Community Library. Program is a demonstration by Mary Akkerman and sewing on Hospice quilt. Call 507-227-3821 with questions.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at the home of Randy and Kathy Remme.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Howling Dog for lunch and then to the Minnesota Veterans Home for bingo. Call Connie at 283-8470 by Nov. 6 if you plan to attend.

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, in the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. School counselors will talk about suicide. Call Joan at 920-9076.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Rectory, 203 E. Brown St. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

‘Farmer’ directors in town Oct. 25

Directors of the movie “Farmer of the Year” will answer audience questions after the Thursday, Oct 25, matinee. Kathy Swanson and Vince O’Connell will answer audience questions after the 2 p.m. movie. Swenson wrote the screenplay. She and her husband, Vince O’Connell, filmed the award-winning feature film in her hometown of Tyler.

The movie follows retired farmer Hap Anderson after he sells the family farm and travels to a World War II reunion with his granddaughter. Four Luverne residents acted in the movie: Ron and Jane Cote, Scott Wessels and Katie Walgrave.

Sign up by Oct. 25 for Chanhassen trip

Luverne Community Education is offering a bus trip to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 17, to see Irving Berlin’s “Holiday Inn” musical. Cost is \$115 for dinner theatre/bus. Register by Oct. 25 at Community Ed, 507-283-4724.

Local group reports on poverty Oct. 25

The local group, #Luv1LuvAll will host a joint religious legislative coalition to discuss poverty from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in the Rock County Community Library. Discussion will focus on the Poverty Report — poverty in Minnesota and in Luverne — and what the community can do about it.

Hospice ‘Tables and Vine’ Oct. 26

The Hospice “Tour of Tables” is expanding to include “Tables & Vine” from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Grand Prairie Events. Cost of the charity event is \$10 which includes Round Lake Winery complimentary wine tastings paired with cheese and crackers, as well as craft beer samples from Take 16 Brewery. Participants will be able to “tour the tables” ahead of the Tour of Tables Brunch Saturday, Oct. 27.

Hospice ‘Tour of Tables’ Oct. 27

Deadline is Oct. 12 to sign up to decorate and host a table or donate gift baskets for the annual Hospice Tour of Tables Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grand Prairie Events. Advance tickets only for \$15 are available at Sanford Luverne Hospice at 507-283-1805.

Full moon hike at state park Oct. 27

Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park will host a Full Moon Hike at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, starting at the picnic grounds parking lot. Explore the park after dark during this full moon hike with the group or on your own along the Mounds Trail and Upper Cliffline Trail. Dress appropriately and bring flashlights, depending on moon brightness. A park pass is required. Call 507-283-6051.

Historical Society dinner Oct. 29

The Rock County Historical Society has rescheduled its annual dinner meeting for Monday, Oct. 29, at Sterling’s in downtown Luverne. Contact the History Center, 507-283-2122, for tickets or additional information.

Library hosts murder mystery Oct. 29

The Rock County Library will host a Halloween Murder Mystery evening at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the library located at 201. W. Main Street in Luverne. Contact library personnel at 507-449-5040.



Elections 2018: be informed, participate in democracy, VOTE

Magnolia City Council

Four people are vying for the two seats open for election on the Magnolia City Council.

On the Nov. 6 ballot incumbents Melanie Madison and Gary Lee are seeking election for another four years on the council. Challenging for the two open seats are Sheila Jones and Jeff DeGroot.

The Star Herald asked each candidate five questions to better inform readers about themselves, their views, and what makes

them the best candidate for the council. The five questions are:

- 1.) Community involvement.
- 2.) Employment, education and family.
- 3.) Why are you seeking election/re-election to the Magnolia City Council?
- 4.) How do you view the role of a city council member in your community?
- 5.) What makes you the best candidate for the job?

Melanie Madison



1.) I am a council member on the Magnolia City Council. I am actively involved with my local church as well as the Magnolia Juniors 4-H club. I assist with Magnolia Fire Department fundraisers.

2.) I am an analyst at Berkley Technology Services in Luverne. I have a college degree. My husband is Dennis Madison and we have two boys, Jacob and Lucas.

3.) I was born and raised in a small town in South Dakota. I want a small town experience for my boys similar to what I had growing up. One of the best ways to assure that is to be active in my community, which includes making wise decisions for Magnolia via the city council.

4.) My role as a council

member for the city of Magnolia is to make informed decisions in regard to what is best for our small town. It involves being fiscally responsible with the taxes that we receive from our

constituents to keep our city functioning.

It is staying within budget even when we have limited tax revenue. It’s passing ordinances and working to see that those ordinances are met to keep our town safe and our properties valuable. I want to keep property taxes manageable for our citizens

5.) I have four years of experience with the current council. I’m not afraid to reach out to state offices to garnish necessary information to help our town run efficiently. And I love our little town and want what’s best for Magnolia.

1.) I’m not involved right now, but I try to keep up on things.

2.) I work at Fullerton Building Systems in Worthington. I graduated from Luverne High School and Willmar Vocational and Technical College. I have a son, Justin, married with three kids who live in Hutchinson. I lost my oldest son, Jordan, 2 1/2 months ago.

3.) I feel I can do good for

the citizens of the city by listening to what they have to say. Everyone has the right to be heard.

4.) As I said, to listen to everyone and respond back within a responsible amount to time. To assist the mayor in keeping the city clean. And to help overlook the overall operation of the city.

5.) I have served the citizens of different communities by serving on the fire and rescue squad. I like making a difference.

Jeff DeGroot

Sheila Jones

1.) I think there should be more town activities, like potlucks, things like that. Not all the time, but once in awhile.

2.) I am retired. My family doesn’t live around here.

3.) I’d like to see if I can make

a difference.

4.) I really couldn’t say if I’d make a good candidate.

5.) This town isn’t that big so a get-together once in a while might be just the thing for people to get to know their neighbors.

Gary Lee

1.) been in the city for 40-plus years.

2.) worked in city for 35 years at grain and feed elevator. Married to Vickie.

3.) to give people a choice.

4.) to see the needs of the city and keep the city presentable.

5.) been on council for a few terms and know how it works.

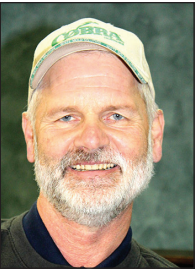


Vienna Township Board of Supervisors

Brad Skattum, rural Luverne, is challenging incumbent Kraig Rust, rural Kenneth, for the Supervisor C Seat with the Vienna Township Board.

The Star Herald asked each candidate five questions. Each candidate was limited to a combined 550 words for all five questions. The five questions were:

Brad Skattum



1.) Life-long resident of Rock County, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department (20 years), served on the Rock County Rural Water Board for eight years, community volunteer hours on restoring and moving the bandstand in Kenneth to the Clark Park, located on Main Street of Kenneth.

2.) Involved in agriculture for the past 40 years, grain location manager CHS Magnolia. Married to

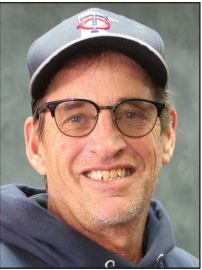
Susan (Vande Velde) Skattum; two children: Tanner, Madison, South Dakota, and Dylan, Independence, Minnesota.

4.) To be a voice for the people by listening to them and the county while representing the people of Vienna Township.

5.) Open, honest, willing to listen to the people and work in the best interest of the township and its residents.

- 1.) Community involvement.
- 2.) Employment, education and family.
- 3.) Why are you seeking election/re-election to the Vienna Township Board, Magnolia City Council or Luverne School Board?
- 4.) How do you view your role as an elected official?
- 5.) What makes you the best candidate for the job?

Kraig Rust



1.) Served on many boards including pork producers, Magnolia-Kanaranzi Elevator, SWMN Elevator, 5-Star Fertilizer, Magnolia School Board, Luverne School Board and many years on the Vienna Township Board.

2.) Self-employed farmer, associate degree in agriculture from Willmar Vo-Tech, married 42 years, three grown children,

seven grandchildren.

3.) Re-election to continue serving Vienna Township to the best of my ability.

4.) Simple — maintain our 36 miles of gravel roads within our budget while preparing for heavier equipment, floods and traffic safety.

5.) 20-plus years experience on Vienna Township Board dealing with budgets, floods, fire contracts, heavy road use, FEMA, grants, etc.



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Elections 2018: be informed, participate in democracy, VOTE

This is the second of a series of candidate profiles to inform readers of the contested races leading up to the Nov. 6 general election.

Featured this week are the local candidates in the contested races for Vienna Township Board, Magnolia City Council (both appear on the opposite page to the left) and the Luverne School Board, below.

Kenny Rolling, Luverne, and Jerry Benson, also of

Luverne, are seeking one of four open director seats on the Luverne School Board. Board incumbents include Katie Baustian, Luverne, Jodi Bosch, Luverne, Eric Hartman, rural Luverne, and Reva Sehr, Luverne.

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Luverne School Board, District 2184

Jodi Bosch



1.) I currently serve on the school board, I serve as Sunday school secretary at First Baptist Church, and I am involved in a women's Bible study.

2.) I have been married to my husband, Jason, for 22 years, and we have three children. Cole is 21 and a junior at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Gracie is 18 and a freshman at University of South Dakota. Luke is 14 and a freshman at LHS. I have been a dental hygienist at Luverne Family Dental for 21 years.

3.) I am seeking re-election to the Luverne school board because I feel it is important to have continuity on the board as we work through and complete the current building/remodel project.

4.) I view my role as a school board member as one who works together with board members and administration to set and attain goals for our school, review and maintain policy, help maintain fiscal responsibility, and be an advocate for our students.

5.) I feel that my experience on the board and desire to serve make me a good candidate. Also, as a lifelong resident of Luverne and LHS graduate, I just want to help do what is best for our school and students.

Kenny Rolling



1.) I have been a member of the Finance Council for St. Catherine's parish for the past nine years and chaired several parish events. Created "The Locals," a Rock County charity fundraising organization and champion of local arts.

2.) Six-year employee of the city of Luverne, graduate of St. John's University, Ten-year resident of Luverne with my wife, Stacey, and two children, Henry (Luverne High School) and Kate (Luverne Elementary School).

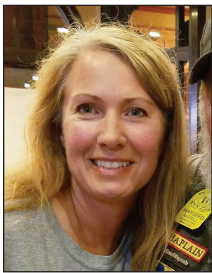
3.) I am seeking election to the Luverne School Board because I wish to help ensure that our recent bond approval is executed in a manner

that optimizes the benefit to our community and our students, now and into the future. I hope to be an advocate for Special Needs children, Community Education, the Arts, and would continue support for continuing and expanding the Vocational/Technical path for High School students.

4.) I view the role of each school board member as being both the voice and the ears for all people in the Luverne School District.

5.) I believe that my 30-year work experience in business (corporate, small, municipal), creative problem solving skills, and having a genuine stake in the outcome of our school district make me the best candidate for the Luverne School Board.

Reva Sehr



1.) Luverne Basketball Association, confirmation mentor, Luverne Area Chamber, school board member, member of Blandin Broadband Steering Committee and past Blandin Community Leadership participant.

2.) Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Minnesota, Morris, in Secondary Ed, Spanish, Latin American Area Studies; Master of Arts, University of St. Thomas in Learning Technology.

Employment: Software Developer/Business Intelligence at Berkley Technology Services/Continental Western Group for almost 22 years. Currently administrative assistant at Luverne Area Chamber.

Family: Married with two children ages 13 and 16.

3.) We are in the middle of a major building project, and I think it's important to stay on the board to see the project through. I believe we have room to grow in the use and application of technology in our district in order to help

our district run more efficiently as well as educate our students to be ready for post-secondary education and beyond. The board and ad-

ministration have worked very well together to accomplish great things for the district; let's keep the momentum going.

4.) School board members are elected and, therefore, should represent the community views/ideas to the school administration. The school board works with the school administration to help set policies and a vision for the school district while ensuring the district is fiscally sound.

5.) I have experience on the board and working with the administration of our district. I have experience working in both education and in the corporate world.

I am an analytical person and willing to look at both sides of an issue before making a decision.

I'm objective and speak up when I have questions or disagree with others, and I'm not afraid to vote the other way if I feel it's right for our students and district.

Katie Baustian



1.) Rock County Food Shelf board, participated in Luverne Partners Ending Poverty and Rock the Edge Youth Group.

2.) I am the director of Faith Formation at St. Catherine Church. I serve families and children from pre-school to college. I received a degree in elementary education from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. I am married to Pat and we have four children: Joe and Jack attend the University of South Dakota, Claire is a junior and Peter is a sophomore at LHS.

3.) As the building project is moving forward, I would like to be involved in the next steps and completion. I feel there is a very cohesive board right now who share their opinions and have discussions with respect and understanding, and it is enjoyable to be part of that group. There are many exciting opportunities for our students right now, and as a district we are always looking to the future and how we can best serve our students and families.

4.) I believe as an elected school board member it is my responsibility to execute that duty in a fair and respectful manner. I need to be open to the opinions of the public while being informed and sharing accurate information with the public. I need to understand the needs and dynamics of our school district and with the other board members do our best to meet the needs of students, families and staff. Lastly, as an elected official I need to dedicate the time to make sure I am doing the best I can do.

5.) I am open to listening to students, parents and community members and consider what they share with me. I am willing to ask questions, sometimes hard and uncomfortable questions, to understand why things take place in our district. I inform myself on the issues and information so I can be prepared to ask questions, have discussion and make decisions that are best for our school district.

Eric Hartman



1.) My family and I are members of St. Catherine's Church in Luverne. I am also a member of St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus, currently serving as financial secretary. I have been active in the Luverne Rotary Club for ten years, currently serving as club treasurer, and also a past president. My wife and I are on the Tri-State Band Festival committee. We also served on the Luverne 150th celebration committee. This is my fourth year on the Luverne School District Board, currently serving as treasurer for the Board, on the facilities committee, and on the ag advisory/ag scholarship committee.

2.) After graduating from Heron Lake-Okabena

High School in 1985, I attended Worthington Community College for two years, with my final two years at the University of Minnesota — Twin Cities, obtaining my Bachelor of Arts in Agricultural Business Administration. In 2013 I completed my Master's in Business Administration from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. For nearly 13 years I worked in retail agronomy sales and management. I have been the director of the Rock County Land Management Office for the past 16 1/2 years. My wife, Cheryl, is a paraprofessional with the SW/WC Service Co-op in Pipestone. We have two daughters. Caitlin, a 2015 Luverne graduate, is a senior at Augustana University. Alexandra is a junior at Luverne.

3.) Investing my time and effort into our community has always been important to me. A strong and successful public school system is an integral part of our community. Whether looking locally, or even globally, much

has changed in the educational needs for today's workforce and its environment since I entered 29 years ago. We must do our best to prepare our youth for the

next step in their education, which ultimately helps prepare them for the workforce of today and into the future.

4.) I have lived and worked mostly in agriculturally based communities, experiencing the economic ups and downs, particularly while growing up and involved on the family farm during the farm crisis years. I want our community to thrive now and well into the future. I value being part of a greater effort working toward a positive future. Twenty years ago the Luverne community invested into the future with the elementary addition. Last year the community took advantage of an opportunity to make another investment. Our children have been served well in our school system. I want all students who come to our school to be provided the opportunity to have a great education, providing to them a solid start in the next step of their education, ultimately for their chosen professions.

5.) Decisions made by the Board need to be in the best interest of our students, while being mindful of the resources available. I have worked 22 years in positions involved with overseeing and/or managing public resources and providing services. I believe my experiences as a locally elected official, my private sector and public sector work experiences, my involvement in the community, and my education, have all provided a beneficial mix for considering what comes before the board and making decisions.

Jerry Benson



1.) Taught in school district for 47 years.

2.) Employment: Luverne Public Schools 47 years; Reserve Mining, 7 years.

Education: Bemidji State University; SDSU Master's Degree in geography; doctoral work at SDSU; U of M Mankato, Clemson University, University of Colorado, University of Cincinnati, Central Michigan, University of Alabama and University of Nebraska.

3.) I have educational and administrative experience. I want to keep the school as a progressive system.

4.) I believe that our children and school system deserve the best education for all.

5.) My education experience both local, state and national. I know the system and can be a team member.

Use FSA Direct Farm Ownership Loans for construction

By Fraser Norton, County Executive Director, Rock and Pipestone County Offices

The USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Direct Farm Ownership loans are a resource to help farmers and ranchers become owner-operators of family farms, improve and expand current operations, increase agricultural productivity, and assist with land tenure to save farmland for future generations.

Depending on the applicant's needs, there are three types of Direct Farm Ownership Loans: regular, down payment, and joint financing. FSA also offers a Direct Farm Ownership Microloan option for smaller financial needs up to \$50,000.

Among other purposes,

Direct Farm Ownership Loans can be used to construct, purchase or improve farm dwellings, service buildings or other facilities and improvements essential to an operation.

To do this, applicants must provide FSA with an estimate of the total cost of all planned development that completely describes the work prior to loan approval and must show proof of sufficient funds to pay for the total cost of planned work at or before loan closing.

Construction and development work may be performed either by the contractor method or the borrower method.

Under the contractor method, construction and development contractors perform work according to a written

contract with the applicant or borrower. An applicant for a direct loan to finance a construction project must obtain a surety bond that guarantees both payment and performance in the amount of the construction contract from a construction contractor.

A surety bond is required when a contract exceeds \$100,000, an authorized agency official determines that a surety bond appears advisable to protect the borrower against default of the contractor, or a contract provides for partial payments in excess of the amount of 60 percent of the value of the work in place.

Under the borrower method, the applicant or borrower will perform the construction and development work. The

borrower method may only be used when the authorized agency official determines, based on information from the applicant, that the applicant possesses or arranges to obtain the necessary skill and managerial ability to complete the work satisfactorily and that such work will not interfere with the applicant's farming operation or work schedule.

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Thoughts on turning 50
Being over the hill is much better than being under it ... Just ask Maxine

I'm officially over the hill.

On the downhill slide.

In the half-century club.

Call it what you want, but on Tuesday I hit the big 5-0, and I've been mentally adjusting to the new number.

The good thing about 50 is by that age we're grown up enough to have a sense of humor about growing older.

Of course, in my own mind I'm the youngest 50-year-old there ever was, but most days I accept that old-folks birthday greeting cards actually apply to me.

The cartoon lady, Maxine, is my favorite.

"Don't let aging get you down," she writes on one card. "It's too hard to get back up."

In another she says, "I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me."

Or, "Being over the hill is much better than being under it."

Most of the Maxine greeting cards depict her as a crabby old lady in oversized sunglasses with a cigarette dangling from the corner of her mouth.

But we're somehow drawn to her brutal honesty.

"I keep getting better with age," she says for example. "Better at growing hair in weird places and better at not caring about it."

One classic Maxine card shows her in a two-piece bathing suit with the bikini bottom pulled up over her drooping bosom. She has the bikini top in her hand and wonders what it's for.

Perhaps what makes her so funny — and so endearing — is that she embraces old



ON SECOND
THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

age while discarding the notion that we should cling to our youth.

"When I was young, I used to wish I'd wake up beautiful," she says. "Now I just hope to wake up."

It's human nature to strive for youthful beauty, youthful aspirations and youthful ambition, but Maxine might be on to something.

With age comes a long list of wonderful attributes that are somewhat rare with youth, such as experience, wisdom, patience, gratitude and perspective.

... and the ability to let go of things that don't matter.

"Now that I'm older, I thought I had more patience," Maxine says. "... Turns out I just don't care." (I cleaned up her language on this one.)

Age also affords us the rewards of relationships that have stood the tests of time, milestones to reflect on and mistakes to have (hopefully) learned from.

As much as we miss the youthful faces we once enjoyed in the mirror, most of us — I, for one — wouldn't return to our youth if given the choice.

We've come too far and acquired too much — including extra pounds on our hips and wrinkles on our faces — to ever go back.

Each new day is a blessing and an opportunity.

Or, as Maxine puts it, "Don't get all weird about getting older. ... Our age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying us."

Teens driving with teens increases risk for everyone on the road

Parents need to be engaged during the dangerous learning-to-drive process

Teen drivers can increase the risk for everyone on the roadway, especially if they are bringing teen passengers along for the ride.

New research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that when a teen driver has only teen passengers in the vehicle, the fatality rate for all people involved in a crash increases 51 percent.

By contrast, when older passengers (35 or older) ride with a teen driver, overall fatality rates in crashes decrease eight percent.

Considering the high risk created by a combination of teen drivers and teen passengers, AAA emphasizes the need for parents to ensure that teens are following the passenger restrictions outlined by the state's Graduated Driver's License law.

In Minnesota, drivers under the age of 18 are not allowed to have more than one passenger under 20 ride with them for the first 6 months after they receive their license (does not apply to immediate family members).

In 2016 teen drivers across the country were involved in more than 1 million police-reported crashes resulting in more than 3,200 deaths. Researchers pinpointed that when teens were carrying teen passengers,

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Dr. David Yang, Director, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

fatality rates jumped:

- 56 percent for occupants of other vehicles.
- 45 percent for the teen driver.
- 17 percent for pedestrians and cyclists.

This analysis shows that in crashes where teen drivers are behind the wheel with a teen passenger, a larger portion of those killed are other road users.

This study also found the fatality rate of a teen-driver related crash increased when factors like speeding or driving at night were introduced.

Teens simply lack experience behind the wheel, which increases the odds of a deadly outcome, not just for the teen driver but also for their passengers and others on the roadways.

Parents of teens must take this rite of passage seriously by setting and consistently enforcing rules to limit teenage passengers in the vehicle.

Supervised driving — with parents in the passenger seat as the coach — is the first step to teaching teens how to become responsible

and safe drivers.

AAA offers a multitude of resources at TeenDriving.AAA.com to help coach teen drivers, in addition to these tips:

- Require teens to log at least 100 hours of supervised practice driving with a parent before driving solo.

- Begin by practicing driving in low-risk situations and gradually move to situations that are more complex: highways, nighttime, driving in the rain, and on and around challenging roadways (e.g., curves).

- Use slightly different routes each practice session.

- Practice adjusting speed based on three factors: visibility, on-road traffic and different road conditions.

Strong coaching and diversity in practice driving sessions are key when teens have their learner's permit. And once teens have their license, consistent parental involvement is essential.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety is a charitable research and educational organization that seeks to prevent traffic deaths and injuries.

Thanks for your involvement with Opener

To the Editor:

The Governor's Opener Committee in Luverne sincerely commends everyone who took part in the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Opener on October 12-13, 2018.

It was wonderful to see our community come together to celebrate and promote the economic benefits and strong heritage of pheasant hunting in Rock County.

Many do not stop and think about how hunters give back by shopping at our local retailers, eating at restaurants, getting gas and snacks at convenience stores, filling our local hotels, and everything in-between.

Our committee hosted over 225 participating media and non-media guests over the weekend. According to Hunting Works For Minnesota, hunters in our state help create over 12,400 jobs and have a \$1.3 billion ripple effect on our state's economy.

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Hunters — through buying their hunting licenses, stamps and fees, plus the 11 percent federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition — help pay for conservation efforts and habitat that benefit hunted and non-hunted game alike.

We are grateful for everyone who worked, participated in and supported this year's Governor's Pheasant Opener. And a very special note of gratitude goes out to the landowners and hunters for giving back to our local economy and conservation.

Rick Peterson, event chair
Jane Wildung Lanphere,
Chamber director

Walgrave: 'So proud of our kids'

To the Editor:

Several members of our family were at the Governor's Opener banquet on Friday night.

We were so impressed with our high school band; they were awesome marching and playing around 450 people at the Grand Prairie Events center. So impressive!

And the Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne trap shooters did a spectacular job serving everyone and cleaning up. That was quite a workout for them.

I'm so proud of our kids and the impressive job they performed for Luverne's big weekend! Thank you!

Becky Walgrave,
Luverne

Fall continues to be busy in Luverne

Well, the big weekend of the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener has come and gone, and before I close the book on the event, I want to express my appreciation to all those who helped make the event the success that it was.

The night of the banquet I mentioned a number of the key people that were involved in hosting what is being proclaimed as the best Governor's Pheasant Opener in the history of the event. And we did so even though the governor was a "no show."

The way the community embraced this event was extremely pleasing.

There is already talk about hosting some kind of annual event locally around the pheasant opener weekend. Hopefully the event will grow into a weekend that will draw family and friends back to Luverne.

Now on to this weekend. The Luverne Area Community Foun-



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

dation is hosting The Fabulous Armadillos & Collective Unconscious Tribute to the Eagles concert Saturday night at the Historic Palace Theatre.

They have brought this event back to Luverne by popular demand, as they say in the business.

Ticket sales would indicate that doing so was a great move on the Foundation's part. As I am typing this column, only about 30 tickets remain and then the concert will be sold out. So don't wait another day to get your ticket.

Then next week, of course, it's Halloween — and that means Trunk Or Treat on Main Street in Luverne. A number of Luverne businesses have already signed up to hand out treats to all the little ghosts and goblins from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Of course this year it seems that weather has to play a part in every event the Chamber hosts, so plan B is in place if the weather plays a prank on the event. If so, the Trunk Or Treat will be moved to the school.

Hartman: 'Help us keep out the wolves'

To the Editor:

My family moved to rural Hills in 1996. We sought a new way of life for our family. Sioux Falls was getting too big and thanks to a new friend from Hills, we found our acreage. It was perfect.

What made it perfect was the place and people we found. Instead of owning a home and renting a building in Sioux Falls, now we could live and work on our own property. The people we met were friendly and the entire area seemed to be alive and interactive. Like one big family. We could sense the feeling that if a neighbor was in trouble, people would step in and help. We still feel that way today.

But today we are all challenged. Farmers are in trouble and desperations are high. Those of us who rely on agriculture are negatively affected as well. It is times like these that we have to stick together and help one another to work through this temporary problem. Like a family, our community has to work together.

In these hard times there are those

who want to take advantage of our situation. The wolves are at the door. Don't let them in. Don't weaken. Rely on your neighbors and family to help you stand against the door. The wolves are hungry and have come from far away, having exhausted the resources in their lands. In their lands the people have learned not to feed the wolves because the wolves will bite the hand that feeds them. That is why they are here. Ready to fleece a new community.

They will pit neighbor against neighbor and they will make promises that will not be kept. They will destroy your skyline, sicken the spirit of the people and drive out those who cannot bear it any longer. They will destroy your community. And they will do it with your own resources. They are coming now.

Will you please put your shoulder against the door. Be our friends, family and neighbors. Help us keep out the wolves — wind energy.

Dennis Hartman
Hills

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- Oct. 12**
- Complainant on Estey Street reported harassing communications.
 - Complainant reported an erratic driver on I-90 by Magnolia.
 - Suspicious activity reported on East Luverne Street.
 - Complainant requested unlock vehicle on West Main Street.
 - Complainant requested deputy for court.
 - Complainant reported out of service for fire prevention.
 - Complainant on East Brown Street reported an intoxicated person.
 - Complainant reported theft from a gas station.
 - Complainant in rural Jasper reported a gas smell.
 - Complainant reported a vehicle in the ditch at County Road 6 and 41st Street.
 - Complainant reported an erratic driver on Highway 23 near Jasper.
 - Complainant reported suspicious activity on 91st Street.
 - Drug citation issued on Kniss Ave.
 - Deputy escorted subject to impound to retrieve vehicle.
- Oct. 13**
- Complainant reported a vehicle speeding on 80th Ave.
 - Deputy spoke to complainant regarding issue with a neighbor on South Cottage Grove.
 - Complainant reported underage drinking on 70th Avenue.
 - Citation issued for liquor laws.
 - Complainant near Hardwick requested a property exchange.
 - Complainant on South Cedar Street reported a theft.
 - Complainant reported a vehicle honking on West Harrison Street.
 - Complainant reported inadequate hotel services on South Kniss Avenue.
 - Deputy spoke with complainant regarding son.
 - Deputies conducted welfare check.
- Oct. 14**
- Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle on County Road 4.
 - Complainant reported a disorderly subject on South Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant reported a neighbor and animal issue on 160th Avenue near Hardwick.
 - Complainant reported goats out on Highway 75 and 221st Street.
 - Complainant reported a driving complaint near Jasper.
 - Deputy assistance requested by Sioux Falls Police Department in Kenneth.
- Oct. 15**
- Deputy reports semitrailer on its side in Hardwick.
 - Complainant reported a male walking on the shoulder on Highway 75 near Pipestone county line.
 - Complainant requested ambulance for person on Highway 75. Possible frostbite.
 - Complainant reported unknown vehicle parked in lawn in Beaver Creek for several days.
 - Complainant called for solicitor license check in Beaver Creek.
 - Complainant requested to speak with a deputy on McKenzie Street.
- Oct. 16**
- Deputy conducted a follow-up.
 - Complainant reported civil issue regarding an order for protection.
 - Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about an animal complaint and destruction to property in Jasper.
 - Complainant reported a parking notice at the fairgrounds.
 - Complainant reported a cow in the ditch on Hwy. 75.
 - Complainant reported vehicle is on closed road in Beaver Creek and is damaging the road.
 - Complainant reported a vehicle is disturbing the peace on West Warren Street.
- Oct. 16**
- Complainant reported someone tried to get into her house in Magnolia.
 - Deputy public assist on North Estey Street.
 - Complainant reported a stalled vehicle on County Road 4 and 110th Street.
 - Complainant reported alarm testing and repair on North McKenzie Street.
 - Complainant reported a gas line was hit on South Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant notified Rock County Sheriff's Office of a game to be played on school grounds.
 - Complainant reported a yield sign down on 90th Avenue.
 - Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on Kniss Ave.
 - Complainant reported a driving complaint near Jasper.
- Oct. 17**
- Complainant reported he is doing bird surveys in Beaver Creek.
 - Complainant reported a theft on North Kniss Avenue.
 - Complainant reported a semitrailer tipped over on County Road 11.
 - Complainant reported a combine on fire on 141st Street.
 - Deputy assisted another agency on I-90.
 - Complainant requested a background check.
 - Complainant reported a commercial burglary alarm on South Kniss Avenue.
- Oct. 18**
- Complainant requested a background check for housing.
 - Complainant reported an intoxicated male on the side of County Road 4.
 - Complainant requested a background check.
 - Complainant reported a power outage on North Cottage Grove Avenue.
 - Deputies attempted warrant service on East Luverne Street.
 - Complainant on East Main Street reported illegal dumping.
 - Complainant on West Warren Street reported someone banging on the apartment below his and yelling at a woman.
 - Complainant requested a deputy to help jump a car on Hwy. 75.
- In addition officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 deer accidents, 6 escorts, 17 ambulance runs, 5 animal complaints, 2 burn permits, 6 drug court tests, 5 permits to purchase/carry, 20 traffic stops, 6 abandon 911 calls, 1 test and 5 paper service attempts.



John Rittenhouse photo/1025 gas main break

Construction work causes gas leak

The Luverne Fire Department was dispatched to South Highway 75 Tuesday, Oct. 16, in response to a natural gas leak at the former China Inn property. Contractors were removing foundation from the old building when they struck a CenterPoint Energy line causing the emergency. According to information from CenterPoint Energy, crews worked closely with emergency officials to make the area safe until the gas could be shut off shortly after 12:30 p.m. resulting in two outages of local businesses at Rock Motor Sports and Luverne Farm Store. There were no evacuations needed or road closures as a result of the gas line break and leak.

What's on my ballot? Voters gear up for 2018 midterm choices

By Lori Sorenson

In addition to choosing state and national elected officials, local voters also have a choice in some school board, city and township races.

The Oct. 18 Star Herald featured candidate profiles of GOP incumbent Joe Schomacker and DFL challenger Max Kaufman who are seeking election to the **Minnesota District 22A House** seat that represents Rock County in southwest Minnesota.

In today's paper, candidate profiles for **Luverne School Board**, **Magnolia City Council** and **Vienna Township** appear on pages 2A-3A.

Brad Skattum is challenging incumbent Kraig Rust for the Supervisor C Seat on the Vienna Township Board.

Sheila Jones and Jeff DeGroot are challenging incumbents Melanie Madison and Gary Lee for the two open positions on the Magnolia City Council.

Six candidates are vying for four open seats on the **Luverne School Board**. Jerry Benson and Kenny Rolling are challenging incumbents Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman and Reva Sehr.

Local voters will also choose the next representative from **District 1** to the **U.S. House of Representatives** replacement and the next **Minnesota governor**.

DFL candidate Dan Feehan and GOP candidate Tim Hagedorn are seeking election to the District 1 Congressional seat currently held by Tim Walz who is running for governor.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton is in his final term after serving the state since his 2010 election.

DFL candidate Walz is on the ballot for governor along with GOP candidate Jeff Johnson in addition to several other names representing independent and libertarian parties.

Also on the ballot for Rock County

voters will be the special election for **Minnesota's U.S. Senate** seat vacated by Al Franken, currently held by DFL Sen. Tina Smith. Challenging Smith for that seat is GOP candidate Karin Housley.

Local residents will also vote in the regular election cycle for the **Minnesota U.S. Senate** currently held by DFL Sen. Amy Klobuchar. She is being challenged by GOP candidate Jim Newberger.

The ballots for Rock County voters will also contain names for several other uncontested races in county, city, townships and school boards.

In the **Hills-Beaver Creek School District**, for example, four names appear on the ballot for four open seats: Arlyn Gehrke, Ranae Knobloch, Dan LaRock and Ethan Rozeboom.

Candidate information and Election Day answers

Rock County Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz can be reached at 507-283-5060 with Election Day questions, or the Minnesota Secretary of State website, www.sos.state.mn.us has proven to be a useful tool for voters.

The Minnesota Secretary of State website <https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/> has links to sample ballots based on personal addresses. Voters can type in their addresses to see their election choices.

Several reputable organizations have profiled the governor, auditor, senate and congressional races to help voters decide which candidates to support.

The Minnesota Newspaper Association is one such site: <http://mna.org/2018/08/2018-political-questionnaire>.

The Star Herald has been profiling candidates in local races, and those responses can be viewed at www.starherald.com by linking on the '2018 Election' file at the bottom of the home page.

Election preview/ continued from 1A

She said she advises voters not to count on postal service if there are only a few delivery days.

"We always tell people if in doubt, bring it in, then you're guaranteed that it's in."

Eighteen of Rock County's 24 voting precincts have opted to vote by mail ballot.

They include the cities of Hardwick, Steen, Jasper, Kenneth, Beaver Creek and Magnolia and the townships of Battle Plain, Kanaranzi, Rose Dell, Beaver Creek, Luverne (both precincts), Springwater, Clinton, Magnolia, Vienna, Denver and Mound.

Ballots were mailed to registered voters in these precincts on Tuesday, Oct. 16, and are due back in the courthouse by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Eligible voters not registered by Oct. 16 can contact the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 507-283-5060, to have a ballot mailed, or they can vote in person at the courthouse.

Voters can come in and request an absentee ballot until 5 p.m. the day before election, but they must bring it in by 3 p.m. on Election Day. Mail-in ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

In addition to normal business hours, the Rock County Courthouse will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. On Election Day, Nov. 6, the courthouse hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Precincts still hosting physical polling places include the city of Luverne (four precincts), the city of Hills and Martin Township. Those polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Minnesota voters can use same-day voter registration at the polls, but a photo I.D. is required for registration.

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Beaver Creek is latest Little Free Library locale

‘Take a book, leave a book’ philosophy expanded locally through statewide 4-H leadership conference

By Mavis Fodness

Beaver Creek residents benefitted from a statewide youth gathering when a Little Free Library was recently erected near the city's municipal building.

Books for the little library were donated last week by the members of the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club.

The books were placed in the weather-resistant enclosure Friday afternoon.

Club member Danette Leenderts helped make 30 of the Little Free Libraries in June during Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out Loud (YELLO). The activity is open to 4-H members in sixth grade through one year out of high school.

During the four-day event conducted at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, the 4-H'ers and their chaperones participated in one of three community service projects.

This was the third year Leenderts has attended YELLO. She traveled with 18 other local 4-H'ers and three adult chaperones. They joined several hundred other youth at the annual leadership conference.

"It is always fun," she said.

One of this year's service projects was to construct 30 Little Free Libraries.

Leenderts helped assemble the precut plywood and pine wooden library kits and painted the 21-by-23-by-19-inch one-shelf library green and white, the official

4-H colors.

Leenderts' mom, Dawn, was a chaperone and is an adult leader with the Blue Ribbon club.

Once the libraries were constructed, they were distributed to any 4-H clubs who wanted to erect a library in one of their communities.

Dawn Leenderts said the city of Hills already had a little library but Beaver Creek did not. She approached the town's mayor, Jamie Dysthe, about putting a library in the community.

Council members approved the club's plans to involve residents in sharing and reading books.

"Everybody is for it," Dysthe said. "It's a good project."

The club members agreed to monitor the library to make sure books are available free to all community members.

Josie Scholten is also a member of the Blue Ribbon club.

She was one of 26 state 4-H ambassadors who organized YELLO and chose the community service activities completed this year at the statewide event.

She supported the building and distribution of the Little Free Libraries across the state, especially for residents who don't have libraries located in their communities.

"They are a great way to give education and entertainment to those who don't



Mavis Fodness photo/1025 Beaver Creek Library Danette Leenderts places books in the newly erected Little Free Library near the municipal building located on Beaver Creek's First Avenue. She and her Blue Ribbon 4-H Club members gathered the books.

have them," she said.

Minnesota 4-H purchased the library kits and Little Free Library founder Todd Bol delivered the kits to the fairgrounds.

"Meeting him was an inspiration to our event," Scholten said.

He stressed the importance of giving back to communities, and the Little Free Libraries inspire the love of reading and learning through a free book exchange.

The "take-a-book, return-a-book" understanding gives people in a community 24/7 access to reading materials.

Bol began the nonprofit Little Free Library organization in 2010 in Hudson, Wisconsin, with a goal of 2,500 Little Free Libraries in the English-speaking world.

Last week Bol died of pancreatic cancer. Communities with Little Free Libraries are encouraged to



The latest library is located on First Avenue near Beaver Creek's municipal building.

place a silver or white ribbon on their libraries in remembrance of Bol.

There are currently



Rock County youth joined other Minnesota 4-H'ers attending the 2018 YELLO conference at the state fairgrounds in St. Paul painted 30 Little Free Libraries constructed during the community service portion of the conference.

75,000 Little Free Libraries in 85 countries.

The Beaver Creek library will be added to the Little

Free Library's map on its website. It will become the sixth library in Rock County included on the map.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•The city of Luverne's lowhead dam is still a safety concern, and the city and county are still working to remove it.

In order to study how the dam's removal will affect wells, the city of Luverne has removed some wood planks to drain part of the dam. That has simulated how the river would change if the dam is removed in the future.

The city and the Department of Natural Resources are monitoring two wells to monitor water levels.

The current dam is a safety concern because as the water drops from the top level, it creates a whirlpool below and people, boats and animals can be dragged under.

Plans call for the dam to be removed and a new system of nine rock "steps" to be installed starting north of the Main Street bridge and continue past the railroad bridge.

The rocky steps will control the grade of the river so the water level doesn't drop and negatively affect the city's wells.

25 years ago (1993)

•According to revised environmental laws, farmers and other rural residents are now required to get a permit to burn brush piles and other such materials.

Until recently, they have enjoyed a great deal of freedom from rules and regulations on burning.

Residents of both cities and rural areas have been prohibited from burning certain items.

It has been unlawful to burn materials such as tires or other rubber products, chemically treated lumber, pesticide or herbicide containers, plastic products, insulation, sheet rock, hazardous waste, paint, motor oil or other vehicle parts. ...

The law as of Aug. 1 states that almost any open fire, regardless of content, will require residents to obtain a county authority commissioned by the DNR.

50 years ago (1968)

•Luverne and the surrounding area received more than 4 1/2 inches of rain this past week and more than 8 inches during the month of October. The greatest amount of rain fell last Tuesday night and Wednesday when 2.46 inches were recorded.

Temperatures also dropped into the 20s last week. Saturday night the mercury dropped to 27 degrees and dropped to 26 degrees on Sunday night. Temperature climbed back up into the low 70s Sunday afternoon. It also snowed in the county Friday morning.

75 years ago (1943)

•Jess M. Adams, who founded the Luverne Announcer here in 1931 and operated it 14 months before moving to Worthington

and entering a similar business there, has purchased the Kash Saving Store from O.M. Garrett and is now operating it under the firm name of the Adams Variety Store.

M. Adams states that he will employ the same clerks as were employed under the former management.

The new owner is married and has one daughter, Charlotte, a sophomore in high school.

100 years ago (1918)

•The managers of Luverne's theatres are both seriously considering the advisability of closing their amusement places at least a part of the time, as a result of the new war tax on theatres that will go into effect on November 1st.

With the municipal license tax of \$60 a year, an annual war tax based on seating capacity of almost as much, and a special war tax of 25 cents on each reel of motion pictures shown, coupled with the regular taxation, the managers of Luverne's two theatres have felt that they were footing the full share of the "bills."

But under the new war tax which becomes effective November 1st, they will be compelled to pay ten percent of the gross receipts from all entertainments other than motion pictures, and one cent for each 10 cent ticket, and another cent for each ten cents or fraction thereof, sold for motion picture productions, making a two-cent tax on a regular 15-cent ticket.

1953: Conservation Night features agricultural authority speaker

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on February 5, 1953.

Conservation Night Will Be Held Feb. 11

Rock county farmers, retired land owners and business men are invited to hear one of the state's outstanding agricultural authorities here next Wednesday evening. The occasion is the annual Conservation night, sponsored by the Soil Conservation District of Rock county. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. W.M. Myers, head of the department of agronomy and plant genetics of the University of Minnesota. His subject will be "Grass with Modern Farming Methods."

Rudolph Nelson chairman of the Rock County Soil Conservation District, announced that in addition to Mr. Myers' talk, there will also be shown a motion picture, "The Land Beyond the Sea," which portrays the development



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

and problems encountered by the Dutch people in reclaiming land from the Zuider Zee in Holland. Keith Brooks, Luverne, will entertain with his acts of magic, and the meeting will close with the presentation of awards won by the Sioux Conservation District the past year.

To Honor Winners

Honored will be the winners of the Journal Tribune and Sioux City Chamber of Commerce contest, William Hemme, of Denver township, Jerry Bergeson, Springwater township, and William Perkins, Vienna township and John

Tilstra, Martin township, winner of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune contest.

"We sincerely hope that a good crowd of business men turn out for this event," said Mr. Nelson "because we feel that every business man has as big a stake in the conversation of our soil as the farmer. We'd also like to see the retired land owners, because we believe that they will obtain a lot of valuable knowledge which can help make their farms more profitable investments.

Speaker Is Outstanding

"We feel that we have an

outstanding speaker in Dr. Myers, because of his wide experience in the field of plant genetics. A graduate of Kansas State College, he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota. Since that time, he has been associated with the Pennsylvania State College in the field of plant genetics and breeding; with the army in Tokyo; and at the USDA research station at Beltsville, Maryland. He was prominent in the International Grassland Congress held at State College, Pennsylvania, last August."

This is the third annual conservation night sponsored by the local Soil Conservation District, and all have been well attended by both farmers and business people alike.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

MENU

Monday, Oct. 29: Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, corn, cookie.

Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Oct. 30: Salmon loaf, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, bread, slice pie.

Program: Half-Price Day. Senior Board Meeting.

Wednesday, Oct. 31: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, beets, bread, apple brown betty.

Thursday, Nov. 1: Country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cobbler.

Program: Half-Price Day.

Friday, Nov. 2: Italian meat sauce over spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, cauliflower, garlic bread, peaches.

Program: Half-Price Day.

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OBITUARIES

John Krogmann

John David Krogmann, 91, Luverne, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Friday, Oct. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

John Krogmann was born on Feb. 2, 1927, to Heinrich “HC” and Clara (Lagemann) Krogmann on the family farm in Mound Township, Rock County. He attended District 50 country school and graduated from Luverne High School in 1945.

He married Imogene Lemke on Aug. 29, 1948, and began farming that year. He lived and farmed on two separate Krogmann quarters in Mound Township. In 1992 the couple moved to Luverne, but John continued to help farmers plant and harvest. He drove a school bus for five years as well.

John was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, where he was baptized on April 3, 1927, and confirmed on July 4, 1943. John was one of the original members of the Blue Mounds Climbers 4-H Club. He sold Walnut Grove Feed, served as a swine leader while his daughters were in 4-H, and was the Mound Town-

ship clerk for a time. He and his other neighbors also started the Rock County Pork Producers. John collected toy tractors and had one of each of the tractors that he had owned during his farming career. He was involved in the Blue Mound Wood Carvers. He enjoyed his Harley Davidson, boat and Segway. He cherished fishing trips in Canada with family members. Most of all, John loved his family and treasured the time he spent with them.

John is survived by his wife, Imogene, of Luverne; two daughters, Penny (Mike Godes) Krogmann of Mendota Heights, and Tammy Krogmann of Montgomery Village, Maryland; two grandchildren, Elyse (Kyle Wendland) Godes of Forest Lake and Todd (Liz) Godes of Hopkins; four great-grandchildren, Molly, Caleb, and Owen Wendland, and Georgiana Godes; two sisters-in-law, Joycelyn (Milton) Abraham and Helen Krogmann; and a brother-in-law, Keith (Johnna) Lemke.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lucile Akkerman; two brothers, George and Lorenz Krogmann; and two infant brothers.

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

(1025 F)



Van Santen fire/continued from 1A

chopper, hay grinder, small pickup truck, lawn mower, welder, pressure washer, shop tools and — as she put it, “everything you need to operate a farm.”

She said they’re grateful no one was hurt and that the nearby milking operation was not affected.

A pay loader parked near the shop was also damaged by the blaze, which did not spread to the Van Santens’ nearby Blue Mound Dairy operation.

The shop (built in 2014) was a total loss, but the couple hadn’t yet surveyed the inside of the office, which remained structurally intact at the front of the building.

According to Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia, the department was dispatched around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and was on the scene until 3:30 a.m. Thursday.

Hardwick and Beaver Creek fire departments were also dispatched to assist with the blaze.

While there’s never a good time for a farm disaster, Carrie said the fire is especially

frustrating amid an already slow start to harvest.

“But you know, nobody got hurt and it’s all material things that can be replaced,” she said.

She and Rick said they’re grateful for the support of the community and for the work of the fire departments at the scene the night of the fire.

“People have been awesome with their help, and we’re overwhelmed by the compassion we’ve been shown,” Carrie said.



Lori Sorenson photos/1025 Van Santen fire

Damage is extensive the day after the Oct. 17 fire that destroyed a machine shed and shop at Rick and Carrie Van Santen’s dairy farm. Three fire departments helped contain the blaze.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Loosbrock named to list of 71 critical access hospital CEOs to know

Tammy Loosbrock, senior director of Sanford Luverne Medical Center and Sanford Rock Rapids Medical Center, was named to Becker’s Hospital Review’s 71 Critical Access Hospital CEOs to Know in 2018.

This recognition follows outstanding years for Sanford Luverne and Sanford Rock Rapids. Most recently, Sanford Luverne was named to Beckers Hospital Review’s Top 66 Critical Access Hospitals to Know in 2018 list.

“I am truly humbled to be selected for this recognition,” said Loosbrock. “The staff and providers at each location are the ones that deserve all the credit for the excellent work they do each and every day for our patients. Without

their dedication and commitment to our patients, none of these recognitions would be possible.”

In 2017 Sanford Rock Rapids received the MN Bridges to Excellence award for delivering exceptional quality outcomes for patients with diabetes, vascular disease and/or depression.

Also in 2017 Sanford Luverne was presented with Healthgrades 2017 Outstanding Patient Experience Award, earned a Women’s Choices award, and was named as one of 20 top critical access hospitals for best quality practice by iVantage Health. That year, based on the awards and rankings from iVantage Health Analytics, Healthgrades, the National Rural Health Associa-

tion, Women’s Choice Award, Leapfrog Group and Medicare, Sanford Luverne earned a spot on Becker’s Hospital Review’s 62 critical access hospitals list.

Loosbrock was also named to Beckers Hospital Review’s list of CEOs to Know in 2017.

About Sanford Luverne

Sanford Luverne, a 25-bed critical access hospital and attached clinic in southwest Minnesota, is owned by Sanford Health.

Sanford Luverne has approximately 250 employees, 210 volunteers, and is served by seven family medicine physicians, two certified nurse practitioners, an OBGYN, and several visiting physician specialists.



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SCHOOL NEWS

SMSU announces graduates

Several area students earned degrees from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall following the Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 semesters. Those with an asterisk after their names also were named to the dean’s list with a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Graduates and their degrees are as follows:

Beaver Creek: Darcy Lowman-Craig*, Bachelor of Science in social work.

Luverne: Brooke Thompson*, Bachelor of Arts in psychology; Traci Davis, Bachelor of Science in educational studies.

Steen: Megan Westrum*, Bachelor of Science in finance; Associate of Science in business administration.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Charlotte Reine, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and 20 inches long, was born to **Thomas and Jo-Anne Beimers** on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, in Edina. She joins a brother, Oliver, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bill and Esther Beimers, Luverne, and Bruce and Diana Clark, Corcoran.

Card showers

Cleo Kjenslee will celebrate her 99th birthday on Monday, Nov. 5. Greetings may be sent to her at 124 Gull Path, Mankato, MN 56001.

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The Holiday Season will soon be upon us. It is not only a time for families to share memories, but also a time to create new ones. In an effort to help, we would like to invite you to our annual:

“Service of Remembrance”

Sunday, November 4, 2018
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Wet farming season delays harvest/continued from page 1A

ture during the critical polli-
nation stage, and concerns
for shallow root develop-
ment and/or an early frost
didn't materialize.

However, rain that
hampered fieldwork in the
spring and summer contin-
ued to prevent equipment
from entering fields this fall.

"What was frustrating
is that the crop was ready
(three weeks ago) and it just
sat there," Stahl said.

Producer Don Arends
farms in northwest Rock
County between Hardwick
and Jasper.

He and other produc-
ers found that this year's
higher-than-normal rain-
fall left some hidden dan-
gers in fields.

"Springs are popping
open on sides of hills be-
cause of the above-average
rain," he said.

"Combines float over
the ground but when you
park the bean buggy (over
the hidden spring) the
wheels sink."

Many producers like
Arends are working around
wet field areas, often start-
ing the day harvesting a
soybean field and then
switching to corn by after-
noon as they wait for the
ground to dry.

"It's hard to be patient,"
Arends said last week. "We
have had three weeks of
rain. It's going to take more
than a week to dry it out."

Rain is in the forecast
for this week.

Despite the weather
delays, this year's soybean
harvest had progressed



Mavis Fodness photo/1025 Harvest 2018

On Oct. 14 several inches of snow covered fields in Rock County. Five days later dust raised by harvest equipment could be seen near Beaver Creek. Spencer Sells empties soybeans into the grain cart pulled by the tractor driven by Don Pap Friday afternoon. Below, Springwater Township farmer Dick Kramer submitted a photo of his grain cart sinking into wet ground after it was filled with corn earlier this month.

*"Combines float over the ground
but when you park the bean buggy the wheels sink."*

— Don Arends, Hardwick grain farmer

close to the state's five-
year average until this
week.

The report ending
Oct. 21 indicated soy-
bean harvest progress
fell two days behind last
year's progress average
and 10 days behind the
five-year average.

Corn harvest is one
week ahead of last year,
which is equal to the
five-year average.



Wet construction season delays projects/continued from page 1A

depths below ground.

In dewatering, several
wells are dug on each side of
a trench and water is pumped
for about two weeks until the
trench is dry enough to lay
pipes and other underground
equipment.

Burying infrastructure
for the Towne Square project
on the former Sharkee's lot

became challenging when
crews tried to extend sewer
lines under Hatting Street to
the south.

"That road was supposed
to be closed for several days,
but it ended up to be several
weeks," Call said.

"It took them awhile to get
the dewatering set up, and
then they pumped and they

pumped and they pumped."

Dewatering was also nec-
essary with the \$2.5 million
industrial park improvement
on the west edge of Luverne.

The plan was to have
Koehn Avenue extended out
toward Mayes Drive (near the
future tru Shrimp entrance)
by Sept. 30.

As of last week, crews

hadn't even started building
the base of the 10-ton road
because it's been too wet.

"If you're going to build
an 8-inch concrete industrial
road, the base below needs to
dry out first," said City Admin-
istrator John Call.

He said he's glad to report
that the water, sewer and
storm sewer infrastructure is
in place under that roadway.

And that was no small task.
In order to get the sewer lines
buried 15 to 17 feet under-
ground, a dewatering system
needed to clear excess water
from the trench.

"That was the biggest de-
watering project we've ever
had," Call said.

"It was quite a project. ...
We do have all the water and
sewer done in the industrial
park, thanks to dewatering,
but people don't see that part
of the work."

He said on Tuesday —
after more than a week of dry

Local NRCS staff shortages/ continued from page 1A

through the NRCS locally
are conservation steward-
ship, environmental quality
incentives (EQIP), wetland
and grassland reserves.

From 2010 to 2017 the
state's NRCS staffing declined
from 419 to 243 full-time em-
ployees, a nearly 42-percent
decline.

The numbers do not con-
sider the 2017 federal hiring
freeze. "Because Minnesota
has high rates of participation
in Department of Agriculture
(USDA) programs, we are
concerned about ongoing re-
organization at the USDA and
how it will affect the NRCS,"
the letter stated.

"Farmers and producers
in Minnesota have reported
high staff vacancies at NRCS
state and field offices."

Rock County is one of the
field offices with no full-time
workers currently assigned to
the Luverne office.

Nearby Nobles, Murray
and Lyon counties are also
missing their top conserva-
tion administrators and soil
technicians to administer the
agricultural programming.

Those counties like Rock
County are being served by
acting administrators, who
must also assist producers in
their own counties.

Jerry Purdin with
Pipestone County NRCS is
currently the acting district
conservationist for Rock
County.

Purdin has had the two
offices since Kurt Halfmann
retired from the Luverne field
office late last year.

Rock County is also with-
out a soil technician working
full time in the county.

Staffing for the Luverne
office has also been split be-
tween counties.

For several months this
year, Levi Campion was at the
Luverne office several days
a week before moving to the
Lincoln County NRCS office.

For the past couple of
weeks, Randy Sheik with
Pipestone County has provid-
ed part-time technical service
to Rock County.

Purdin reviewed the work
of the previous technician
and oversees his current
technician that works in both
counties.

Work in both counties is
being completed.

"It might take longer than
if we were fully staffed but we
are providing the service we
need to," Purdin said.

Besides local offices, staff
positions are also vacant at the
regional and state levels.

Area 5, which serves 14
counties including Rock, is
currently without an area
conservationist.

Curtis Elke is the state
conservationist but only in an
acting capacity.

Klobuchar and Smith's
letter requested Northey to
update the senators on plans
to fill the vacant NRCS posi-
tions in Minnesota.

"The lack of staff has se-
verely impacted NRCS cus-
tomer service and made it
difficult for the agency to
operate its programs and meet
its mission," the letter stated.

Local schools don't get state safety money

By Mavis Fodness

None of the school
districts in the Star Her-
ald coverage area were
chosen to share in the
\$25 million Safety Grants
available through the
Minnesota Department
of Education.

Across the state, 90
districts divided the \$25
million for security and
violence prevention im-
provements involving 123
educational buildings.

Locally, the districts
of Adrian, Ellsworth, Hills-
Beaver Creek and Luverne
submitted requests total-
ing \$1.224 million.

Statewide, 1,187
school districts com-
pleted applications re-
questing more than \$225
million.

As districts made on-
line application, each
application was assigned
a random number to de-
termine the order of fund-
ing up to the \$25 million
available

Half of the available
funds were awarded
to schools outside the
11-county metropolitan
area.

Marshall Public
Schools was the closest
district to Rock County to
receive funding. Marshall
had \$692,360 of its total
request granted.



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Grace Miller smiles at the Rock Ranch's 28-year-old horse, Penny, who is nicknamed Grandma as the ranch's oldest horse. Residents of the Tuff Home and Tuff Village in Hills participate in "Senior Saddles," a program for nursing home and assisted living residents to interact with horses, dogs and cats at Rock Ranch.

Grant expands Rock Ranch's mission to senior citizens

Photos and story by Mavis Fodness

In its inaugural year, Rock Ranch near Hills taught 50 children horse-back riding skills.

As the ranch wraps up its second year, owner Marie LaRock is expanding her program to include senior citizens.

The Rock Ranch recently received a \$500 grant through the Luverne Area Community Foundation to market and promote the program.

"We would like to get more senior citizens out to ride," she said. "Research shows riding can help with balance and social interactions."

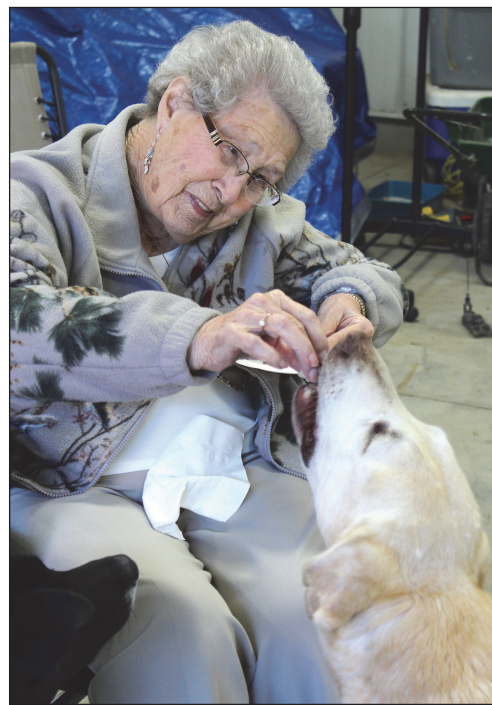
LaRock calls the developing program "Senior Saddles" and is looking to partner with area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

"After we generate awareness and interest in this program, we will be able to identify needs more effectively," she said.

Horseback riding was the focus of Rock Ranch when it was established in 2016.

While some senior citizens are able to ride a horse, there are plenty of positive effects from simply visiting a farm.

During a recent visit by Tuff Memorial Home and Tuff Village, residents petted and brushed the animals and reminisced about living on a farm, according to social services director Carol Gehrke.



Above: Dorothy Sikma enjoys brushing the horse named Spaghetti Eddie. **Right:** Ranch owner Marie LaRock talks with Tuff Home and Tuff Village residents about the ranch's oldest resident, a 28-year-old mare named Penny. "Horses can live 20 to 30 years," she said.



"The whole farm was just awesome," she said. "The experience brought back so many memories for them."

John Sikma is a new resident of the Tuff Village assisted living apartments.

While he stroked a horse's soft muzzle, the retired farmer shared his fond memories of riding and using workhorses.

"My dad didn't like tractors so everything was done with horses," he said.

Sikma chuckled at a memory of a cartoon that could be a depiction of his brother and dad working on a stalled tractor while Sikma himself worked the fields with a team of reliable horses.

"I didn't hate tractors like my dad did," he said.

Nine horses are now stabled at the Rock Ranch, up from six in its first year.

Pet cats and dogs are also at home at the ranch and are available for interaction with visitors, but it's the interaction with horses that makes up a possible traveling Senior Saddles program.

LaRock said the gentle equines could be brought to residents in their facilities, depending if volunteers are available to assist.

Last year, 10 volunteers assisted LaRock primarily at the farm.

"Volunteers help manage the horses and act as safety aids during lessons and interactions at Rock Ranch," she said.

For more information about the Senior Saddles program or to volunteer, contact LaRock at 605-929-9291 or by email marie@rider-ockranch.org.



Above, left: Henrietta Bajema shares part of her muffin with Duke, a yellow Labrador retriever.

Above: The soft muzzle of Spirit, the miniature horse, gets a tentative rub during the visit to Rock Ranch.

Above, right: "Spaghetti Eddie" sloppily consumes oats as Rock Ranch owner Marie LaRock (center) and volunteer Dolores Bundeson (far right) watch Tuff Village resident Roger Schneekloth get an up-close look at the tall horse.



John Rittenhouse photo/1025 bsc cc

Ten members of the Luverne High School cross country program made the all-conference team or earned honorable mention status during the Big South Conference Cross Country Meet in Redwood Falls Oct. 16. They are (kneeling, from left) Austin Winter, Shane Berning, Dalton DeSollar, Brayden Tofteland, (back) Tiana Lais, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Elizabeth Wagner, Regan Feit, Tenley Nelson and Jenna DeBates. Luverne hosts the Section 3A meet Thursday.

Ten Cards collect BSC honors

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal cross country teams wrapped up the 2018 regular season by competing at the Big South Conference meet in Redwood Falls Oct. 16.

A successful season continued for the Cardinal girls, who won the team title in the Small School Division at the meet for the fourth consecutive season.

The Luverne boys placed third in a seven-team field.

Luverne's girls dominated the meet and awards list when the event was complete.

LHS runners secured three of seven all-conference awards that were up for grabs at the meet as well as three of eight honorable awards that the runners were battling for.

With Tenley Nelson, Regan Feit and Brooklynn Ver Steeg

leading the way, Luverne won the team championship with 23 points.

Luverne bested second-place Pipestone (61) by 38 points and the rest of the squads in a six-team field.

Nelson placed first in 18:13, Feit second in 19:26 and Ver Steeg third in 19:54 to earn positions on the All-BSC squad.

Elizabeth Wagner and Jenna DeBates, who placed eighth and ninth with respective 20:54 and 20:55 times, capped the team scoring for LHS and earned BSC honorable mention status.

Tiana Lais, who placed 12th in 21:01, made the honorable mention list as well.

Makena Nelson placed 16th in 21:45 for the Cards.

The Luverne boys, who placed second at the 2017 version of the BSC meet, placed

third in Redwood Falls with 68 points.

St. James and Redwood Valley placed first and second respectively with 34 and 52 points.

One LHS runner made the All-BSC squad and three others received honorable mention status during the meet.

Dalton DeSollar made the all-league team by placing fifth with a time of 17:07.

Earning honorable mention status for LHS were Brayden Tofteland (eighth in 17:22), Shane Berning (11th in 17:46) and Austin Winter (14th in 17:56).

D.J. Swenson capped the team scoring for the Cardinals by placing 30th in 19:17.

Brady Bork placed 33rd in the varsity race with a time of 20:03 without impacting the scoring.

The Cardinals host the

Section 3A meet Thursday. Meet time is 4 p.m.

Here is a look at Luverne's junior varsity results from the BSC meet.

Junior varsity boys: Carsen Tofteland, 10th, 19:33; Abraham Hernandez, 15th, 19:51; Hunter Hamann, 16th, 19:52; Ethan Curtiss, 23rd, 20:11; Ashton Eitrem, 24th, 20:14; Ryan Fick, 29th, 20:22; Camden Janiszekski, 31st, 20:26; Griffin Jarchow, 32nd, 20:32; Seno Chanthalangsy, 34th, 20:42; Camden Hoven, 36th, 20:45; Burke Johnson, 50th, 21:35; Sam Emery, 51st, 21:36; Ethan Rahm, 55th, 21:42; Matthew McClure, 56th, 21:46; Graham Cunningham, 80th, 23:39; Uriel Hernandez, 92nd, 24:52; Nick Rogers, 103rd, 29:36. Luverne scored 71 points to place third in a seven-team field led by St. James (29 points).

Junior varsity girls: Grace Ingebreton, second, 21:34; Gabrielle Ferrell, fourth, 22:07; Kayla Bloemendaal, sixth, 23:21; Claire Baustian, 10th, 23:39; Madigan Flom, 20th, 25:11; Madison Reisdorfer, 22nd, 25:18; Mallory Oye, 25th, 25:40. Luverne scored 39 points to place second in a three-team field led by Pipestone (26 points).

Patriot girls advance

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team moves into the quarterfinal round of the South Section 3A Tournament after winning an opening round game in Hills Monday.

The eighth-seeded Patriots entertained No. 9 Heron Lake-Okabena for a match that sends the winner to Windom Friday for a chance to play the top-ranked Eagles at 7 p.m.

H-BC got the job done by outscoring the Wildcats 75-66 during a 3-0 victory.

The Patriots came from behind to win all three sets of the match.

After scoring the first three points of the opening set, H-BC faced a 13-9 deficit after HL-O put together a 13-6 run.

The Patriots battled back to knot the score at 17 with a block by Grace Bundesen, and the score was tied at 21 moments later.

Bundesen served four consecutive points to break the deadlock and give H-BC a 25-21 win.

HL-O scored the first four points of the second set and led 10-7 as the contest progressed.

H-BC countered with an 8-1 run ending with a service point from Sadie Fuerstenberg to gain a 15-11 lead that swelled to six points (23-17) after Sidney Fick recorded a block.

The Patriots prevailed 25-21 moments later when Whitney Elbers ended the set with a block.

Neither team led by more than two points in the third set before H-BC registered three consecutive points to open a 15-12 lead when Fick recorded a kill.

The Wildcats countered with an 11-5 run to move in front 23-20, but the Patriots responded with a 6-1 surge capped by a kill from Elbers to ice a 26-24 victory.

Abby Knobloch (10 digs and 14 of 14 serving with one ace), Bundesen (11 kills and three blocks) and Fick (14 kills and three blocks) led H-BC statistically.

Elbers (eight kills) and Fuerstenberg (13 of 14 serving) made key contributions as well for the Patriots, who take a 16-10 record into Friday's match.



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H-BC's Grace Bundesen delivers one of her 11 kills during Monday's tournament win over HL-O in Hills.



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H-BC senior Hunter Bork wraps up R-T-R receiver Payton Hess during a 36-27 win for the Patriots in Hills Oct. 17.

H-BC tops R-T-R Knights

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team finished the regular season with a 7-1 record after posting a win in Hills during the finale Oct. 17.

The Patriots took on a Russell-Tyler-Ruthon team that reached the state semifinals in 2017 to close out the regular season.

The visiting Knights offered the Patriots a challenge, but H-BC registered its sixth consecutive victory by securing a 36-27 win.

"R-T-R did lose a lot of seniors from last year, but they still have a good team," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

"We made some adjustments in the second half that helped us take away their running game and make things harder on their top receiver (Carter Hansen). We just made some key plays at key times in the second half to give us a nice win to end the regular season."

Both teams had their

moments in a first half that ended with the Patriots clinging to a 20-19 edge.

R-T-R received the opening kickoff and promptly moved the ball 66 yards in five plays.

The possession ended with Cooper Hansen tossing his first of three touchdown passes to Carter Hansen, a 39-yard strike, 2:12 into the game. Payton Hess added the extra point following the touchdown.

H-BC's first possession of the game stalled on downs, but the Patriots did knot the score at seven with their second offensive possession.

The Patriots covered 65 yards in eight plays with Tyson Bork capping the march with a two-yard run at the 3:29 mark of the first quarter.

The first of two extra points by Chase Bosch tied the game for H-BC.

The Patriots gained their

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal football team enters the Section 3AAA Playoffs riding a four-game winning streak.

The Cardinals closed out their regular season schedule by entertaining Windom Oct. 17 in Luverne.

LHS dominated the contest by opening a 34-0 halftime lead and went on to even its record at 4-4 after securing a 41-6 victory over the Eagles.

The win gave LHS the fifth seed for the section playoffs, which start Tuesday (Oct. 23) with a game in St. Peter.

LHS put the game against Windom away early.

The Cards scored a season-high 34 points in the first half and the defense came up 12 seconds short of registering its third consecutive shutout.

"We played pretty well offensively, especially in the first half. We are a lot sharper than we were the game before," said Cardinal coach Todd Oye.

"Our defense did a nice job again even though we were playing without our middle linebacker (Jake Haugen, who is nursing a knee injury). The rest of the kids stepped up and we almost shut them out."

A 20-point first quarter gave the Cardinals command of the contest.

Luverne's opening possession of the game turned into a nine-play, 60-yard drive ending with a five-yard touchdown run by Mark Sterrett.

Shaïd Shearer added his first of five extra points following the touchdown to give the Cards a 7-0 lead 4:19 into the game.

LHS took advantage of two



John Rittenhouse photo/1025 lfb 5

Luverne's Jacob Von Tersch looks for running room as he returns a punt during the regular season finale against Windom Oct. 17. LHS rolled to a 41-6 victory.

special team miscues by the Eagles to record two more touchdowns before the first quarter was complete.

A blocked punt by Payne Bonnett gave the Cardinal offense the ball on Windom's nine-yard line to start its third possession of the game.

After losing one yard on first down, tailback Brayden Jacobsma scored on a 10-yard

run during the next play to make it 14-0.

A botched snap out of punt formation by the Eagles gave the Cardinals the ball on the Windom seven-yard line four plays later.

LHS quarterback Ben Serie scored on a seven-yard run on second down to cap a 20-point opening stanza with 50 seconds remaining.

Luverne's next two offensive possessions turned into touchdowns and a 34-0 advantage in the second quarter.

The Cards covered 84 yards in 11 plays with Sterrett scoring on a two-yard run at the 3:27 mark of the second quarter.

LHS forced Windom to punt again as the quarter progressed, and a 20-yard return by Colby Crabtree gave the offense the ball on the Windom 38.

Serie fired a 45-yard touchdown pass to Bailey Cowell three plays later to make it a 34-0 game with 19 seconds left in the first half.

Luverne completed its 41-point performance early in the third quarter.

Serie intercepted a Windom pass during the third play of the second half and returned the ball to the Eagles' 19.

Jed Dooyema ran 18 yards for a touchdown on second down to give the Cards a 41-0 cushion 2:27 into the third quarter.

Windom avoided a shutout when quarterback Kade Sammons hooked up with Josiah Quintero for a seven-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left in the game.

Team statistics
Luverne: 138 rushing yards, 128 passing yards, 266 total yards, 17 first downs, four penalties for 25 yards, two turnovers.
Windom: 53 rushing yards, 77 passing yards, 130 total yards, eight first downs, four penalties for 20 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Jacobsma 10-69, Serie 4-25, Dooyema 3-16, Sterrett 6-11, Kaden DeSollar 1-7, Jacob Von Tersch 1-5, Cade Wenninger 6-3, Brody

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Volleyball battles change instantly

Of all the events I get to cover, no activity is more fickle than the sport of volleyball. Just when a person thinks they know what will happen next, the momentum of a match can switch sides in an instant. Ultimately, that's what makes the sport so much fun to watch.

There's nothing better than observing a five-set match, and I've been treated to a pair of such showdowns so far this fall. The first one came in Hills on Oct. 8, when the Patriots were entertaining South Dakota foe Garretson.

The visiting team took the opening set only to fall behind 2-1 when the Patriots claimed the second and third sets.

I envisioned a four-set H-BC conquest at that point, but that's when the momentum of the match mysteriously changed.

Garretson rolled to a win in the fourth set, but another momentum change gave the Patriots a 15-7 win in the fifth set and a 3-2 victory at night's end.

It was an entertaining evening to say the least,



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

and so was my time spent at the Luverne-Adrian match in Adrian Oct. 16.

Based on the team's regular season records, I didn't truly believe the Cardinals would be able to pull off an upset that night.

I became a believer before the night was complete, but I proved to be wrong when Adrian pulled out a 3-2 win.

Again, it was a match that featured huge momentum shifts.

I thought it might become a short night in Adrian when the Dragons rolled to a 13-point (25-12) win in the opening set, and my opinion didn't change when AHS sported a 20-15 advantage in the second set.

At that point Luverne turned things around with a 7-2 run to knot the score at 22.

The Cardinals didn't win a second set that fell in Adrian's favor by a 25-22 margin, but momentum LHS gained with the late rally carried into the third and fourth sets.

Luverne never trailed in a third set that ended with the Cardinals securing a

three-point win, which set the stage for a convincing LHS victory (25-15) in the fourth set.

With the fan bases of both teams displaying their excitement at a fever pitch, the fifth set was fun to take in.

Luverne overcame a three-point deficit to take an 8-6 edge in a decisive set that included deadlocks at points eight and nine.

The momentum switched to Adrian's side late in the set as the Dragons used a 6-3 push to gain a 15-12 win.

All things considered, it was a pretty incredible night.

My thoughts turned to veteran coach Mary Jo Graphenteen during my drive home that evening.

Graphenteen, who coached at LHS, Adrian and H-BC during my time in this part of the state, never could put a finger on why the momentum of a volleyball match can turn on a dime.

Neither can I.

Just keep the momentum switches and five-set matches coming.



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Active members

Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club members Jack Bommersbach (left), Luci Bommersbach (middle) and Perceyis Trierweiler competed at two events on different weekends. The trio attended the President's Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, Oct. 13. Trierweiler and Jack Bommersbach lost their opening sparring rounds in the Cadet Division, while Luci Bommersbach went 2-0 to win the President's Festival Division. The threesome went to the Brookings (South Dakota) Tae Kwon Do Classic Saturday. Trierweiler won forms and sparring titles in Brookings, while Jack Bommersbach placed first in sparring and second in forms. Luci Bommersbach placed second in forms and third in sparring at the South Dakota competition.

E-Gals sideline Panther girls Monday night

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team bowed out of the South Section 3A Tournament after taking an opening round setback from Southwest Christian Monday in Edgerton.

The 11th-seeded Panthers couldn't stage an upset as No.

6 SWC outscored EHS 75-51 during a 3-0 victory.

SWC secured 25-18, 25-11 and 25-22 wins over the Panthers, who end the season with a 9-19 record.

Ashlyn Meester (five kills, one ace serve and one block), Sierra Smith (four kills and one

block), Morgan Dreesen (nine set assists and one ace serve) and Grace Mulder (five digs and one ace serve) led EHS statistically.

Lizzie Chapa served one ace and charted 13 digs for the Panthers, while Kallie Chapa chipped in two kills.

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first lead of the night by putting together an 11-play, 69-yard drive with their third offensive possession.

Quarterback Gavin Wysong capped the drive with a two-yard run to make it 14-7 54 seconds into the second stanza.

R-T-R answered with a six-play, 68-yard drive with its next possession.

The Hansen-to-Hansen connection clicked for an eight-yard touchdown pass

and catch at 8:40 of the second quarter, but a failed two-point conversion attempt left H-BC sporting a 14-13 edge.

The Patriots upped the lead to 20-13 moments later.

A 51-yard pass from Gavin Wysong to Jax Wysong moved the ball to the R-T-R one-yard line, and Gavin Wysong ran the ball in from there during the next play.

R-T-R answered when Ayden Gustafson scored on a 10-yard run late in the second

stanza, but another failed conversion left the Patriots sporting a 20-19 edge at the intermission.

Bork returned the opening kickoff of the second half 70 yards, setting up an eight-yard touchdown run by Jax Wysong.

Gavin Wysong toted in the ensuing two-point conversion to up H-BC's lead to 28-19.

R-T-R made it a 28-27 game later in the third quarter when the Hansen combination produced a 28-yard pass and

catch for a touchdown as well as a successful two-point conversion.

H-BC iced the win by scoring the lone eight points of the fourth quarter.

Jax Wysong scored on a one-yard plunge and Gavin Wysong carried in the conversion to clinch the nine-point win for H-BC.

Team statistics
H-BC: 291 rushing yards, 138 passing yards, 429 total yards, 18 first downs, three penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.

R-T-R: 78 rushing yards, 196 passing yards, 274 total yards, 11 first downs, four penalties for 27 yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: G. Wysong 20-132, J. Wysong 16-70, T. Bork 12-68, Hunter Bork 2-21. Passing: G. Wysong 6-14 for 138 yards. Receiving: J. Wysong 3-62, Luke LaRock 2-42, Bosch 2-34. Defense: G. Wysong seven tackles, LaRock four tackles, Easton Harnack two tackles, Bosch nine tackles, J. Wysong one interception and one sack, T. Bork three tackles, H. Bork 12 tackles and one fumble recovery, Tory Knobloch six tackles, Garrett Raymon seven tackles, George Merson five tackles.

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Saturday, Oct. 27: 9:30 a.m. ELS MN Women's Mission Society Rally at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington. Sunday, Oct. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Oct. 31: Reformation. 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes.

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United Methodist Church

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Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 25: Messenger done. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Pastor Dorie at Fall Retreat. Saturday, Oct. 27: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Oct. 28: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour/ Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. New United Church Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group — Christians in the Catacombs. Monday, Oct. 29: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, Oct. 31: No FUEL, ALIVE or Confirmation. Thursday, Nov. 1: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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Thursday, Oct. 25: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. 1 p.m. Bible Study. Sunday, Oct. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. 4 p.m. High and Middle School Fellowship. Tuesday, Oct. 30: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Oct. 31: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. Thursday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m. PW Exec. 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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Thursday, Oct. 25: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 26: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. LWML Fall Rally at Our Savior's in Pipestone. Sunday, Oct. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Oct. 29: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 30: 7 p.m. 2019 LWML Planning Meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 31: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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Bill Bates, Pastor

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Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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Halloween is about you!

Halloween. That is a weird word! Where did it come from? What does it mean? No doubt you know what it refers to, but do you know how it came into use?

Halloween is really a conjunction, that is, two or more words joined together. It is a shortened form of "All Hallows Eve," which is the evening before All Hallows Day or All Saints Day. See, Halloween isn't about ghosts, goblins, and witches. Halloween is about saints. Are you one?

Most people would respond, "I'm no saint!" They reach that conclusion because they look at the way they have lived, the decisions that they've made and the things they've done, and rightly see that they are far from perfect. If that was the standard for being a saint, no one would be one. However, that is not the way that the Bible speaks of saints.

The Apostle Paul addressed some Christians: "To the church of God in Corinth — those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, who are called as saints." (1 Cor. 1:2)

Christians are saints because they are made holy in Christ Jesus. That means that you can be a saint too. Everyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior has been washed clean of all of their sins. Everyone who believes in Him has been credited with His perfect life. In Jesus, you can be a saint too.

All Hallows Eve falls

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**By Rev. Andrew Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne**

on Oct. 31 each year. This day is also important for another reason. In 1517 the great theologian Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (statements for debate) on the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This began a movement in the Christian Church to return back to the truth and authority of Scripture. This day is also referred to as Reformation Day.

The Bible teaches that we are saved by God's grace alone (Sola Gratia), by God-given faith alone in Jesus Christ as our Savior (Sola Fide), and that the source and norm for our faith life is found in the Holy Scriptures alone (Sola Scriptura). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

This year you will know what Halloween is really about. It is about saints. It is about you. You have been clothed in Jesus' perfect life by faith. You are indeed a saint!

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Mortgage foreclosure sale
set for Nov. 15

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 15, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.
MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated December 15, 2010 Recorded December 16, 2010, as Document No. 175212.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National

Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20-0286-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The S. 7 feet of Lot 2 and the N. 65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,963.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$70,263.65

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied,

single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2019, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: September 12, 2018

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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(9-27, 10-4, 10-11, 10-18, 10-25, 11-1)

Rock CountyState of MinnesotaNovember 6, 2018

State General Election Sample Ballot

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ● .

Federal Offices U.S. Senator For term expiring January 3, 2025 Vote for One ☐ Jim Newberger Republican January 3, 2025 ☐ Amy Klobuchar Democratic-Farmer-Labor January 3, 2025 ☐ Dennis Schuller Legal Marijuana Now January 3, 2025 ☐ Paula M Overby Minnesota Green Party January 3, 2025 ☐ write-in, if any U.S. Senator Special Election for term expiring January 3, 2021 Vote for One ☐ Karin Housley Republican January 3, 2021 ☐ Tina Smith Democratic-Farmer-Labor January 3, 2021 ☐ Sarah Wellington Legal Marijuana Now January 3, 2021 ☐ Jerry Troolen Unaffiliated January 3, 2021 ☐ write-in, if any U.S. Representative District 1 Vote for One ☐ Jim Hagedorn Republican ☐ Dan Feehan Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ write-in, if any State Offices State Representative District 22A Vote for One ☐ Joe Schomacker Republican ☐ Maxwell Kaufman Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ write-in, if any Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Team ☐ Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom Republican ☐ Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Chris Wright and Judith Schwartzbacker Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis ☐ Josh Welter and Mary O'Connor Libertarian ☐ write-in, if any Secretary of State Vote for One ☐ John Howe Republican ☐ Steve Simon Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ William Denney Independence ☐ write-in, if any State Auditor Vote for One ☐ Pam Myhra Republican ☐ Julie Blaha Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Michael Ford Legal Marijuana Now ☐ Chris Dock Libertarian Party ☐ write-in, if any Attorney General Vote for One ☐ Doug Wardlow Republican ☐ Keith Ellison Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Noah M. Johnson Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis ☐ write-in, if any Judicial Offices Supreme Court Chief Justice Vote for One ☐ Lorie Skjerven Gildea Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any	Judicial Offices Supreme Court Associate Justice 2 Vote for One ☐ Margaret Chutich Incumbent ☐ Michelle MacDonald ☐ write-in, if any Associate Justice 1 Vote for One ☐ Barry Anderson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Associate Justice 5 Vote for One ☐ Anne McKeig Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Court of Appeals Judge 2 Vote for One ☐ Lucinda Ellen Jesson Incumbent ☐ Anthony L. Brown ☐ write-in, if any Judge 4 Vote for One ☐ Tracy Smith Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 6 Vote for One ☐ Renee L. Worke Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 7 Vote for One ☐ Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 12 Vote for One ☐ Diane Bratvold Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 14 Vote for One ☐ James B. Florey Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judicial Offices 5th District Court Judge 7 Vote for One ☐ Mark E. Betters Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 14 Vote for One ☐ Krista J. Jass Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 17 Vote for One ☐ Michael Trushenski Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any County Offices County Commissioner District 2 Vote for One ☐ Stan Williamson ☐ write-in, if any County Commissioner District 4 Vote for One ☐ Sherri Thompson ☐ write-in, if any	County Offices County Sheriff Vote for One ☐ Evan Verbrugge ☐ write-in, if any County Attorney Vote for One ☐ Jeffrey L. Haubrich ☐ write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 2 Vote for One ☐ Joshua Ossefoort ☐ write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 5 Vote for One ☐ Jim Veldkamp ☐ write-in, if any City Offices Mayor City of Beaver Creek Vote for One ☐ Josh Teune ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Beaver Creek Vote for Up to Two ☐ Pat Bender ☐ Jeff Dysthe ☐ write-in, if any City Questions To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. City of Beaver Creek Question 1 Question to Allow Issuance of Sunday Liquor Licenses to Eligible Liquor Establishments Shall the City Council of the City of Beaver Creek be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays? ☐ YES ☐ NO City Offices Mayor City of Hardwick Vote for One ☐ Willy Baker ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Hardwick Vote for Up to Two ☐ Tom Haas ☐ Gordon "Sam" Hansen ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Hills Vote for Up to Two ☐ Vickie Busswitz ☐ Alan Leenderts ☐ write-in, if any City Offices Mayor City of Jasper Vote for One ☐ Mike Baustian ☐ write-in, if any	City Offices Council Member City of Jasper Vote for Up to Two ☐ Dee Arp ☐ Jeffrey Leslie ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Kenneth Vote for One ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Kenneth Vote for Up to Two ☐ Clare Vande Velde ☐ Keith Hoven ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Luverne Vote for One ☐ Patrick Baustian ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Luverne Ward 1 Vote for One ☐ Caroline Thorson ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Luverne Ward 2 Vote for One ☐ Kevin Aaker ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Magnolia Vote for One ☐ Dennis W Madison ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Magnolia Vote for Up to Two ☐ Jeff DeGroot ☐ Melanie Madison ☐ Sheila Jones ☐ Gary Lee ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Steen Vote for One ☐ Melvin VanBatavia ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Steen Vote for Up to Two ☐ Brad Bosch ☐ Robert Sandbulte ☐ write-in, if any Town Offices Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Battle Plain Vote for One ☐ Eric Sas ☐ write-in, if any Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Battle Plain Vote for One ☐ Aaron Sandbulte ☐ write-in, if any Town Offices Town Treasurer Town of Battle Plain Vote for One ☐ write-in, if any	Town Question To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. Battle Plain Township Question 1 Question to Appoint Town Treasurer Shall Option B, providing for the appointment of the Treasurer by the town board, be adopted for the government of the town? ☐ YES ☐ NO Town Offices Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Denver Vote for One ☐ Tony Roos ☐ write-in, if any Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Denver Vote for One ☐ Donald Arends ☐ write-in, if any Town Treasurer Town of Denver Vote for One ☐ Lloyd Hemme ☐ write-in, if any Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Martin Vote for One ☐ Nathan Fick ☐ write-in, if any Town Supervisor Seat C Town of Martin Vote for One ☐ Allen Nuffer ☐ write-in, if any Town Treasurer Town of Martin Vote for One ☐ Lucas Sandager ☐ write-in, if any Town Question To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. Martin Township Question 1 Six Year Supervisor Terms Shall the term of office for Town Supervisors be for six years? ☐ YES ☐ NO Town Offices Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Rose Dell Vote for One ☐ write-in, if any Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Rose Dell Vote for One ☐ write-in, if any Town Treasurer Town of Rose Dell Vote for One ☐ write-in, if any Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Vienna Vote for One ☐ David Severtson ☐ write-in, if any Town Supervisor Seat C Town of Vienna Vote for One ☐ Brad Skattum ☐ Kraig E. Rust ☐ write-in, if any Town Treasurer Town of Vienna Vote for One ☐ Albert "Bud" Rust ☐ write-in, if any	School District Offices School Board Member Independent School District No. 514 (Ellsworth) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Angela Boyenga ☐ Ryan W. Heikes ☐ Jill Kruse ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any School Board Member Independent School District No. 581 (Edgerton) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Brent DuHoux ☐ Ivan Vande Griend ☐ Loren Gunnink ☐ Lon Anker ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any School District Question To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. ISD No. 581 Question 1 RENEWAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION The Board of Independent School District No. 581, Edgerton, has proposed to renew its expiring referendum revenue authorization of \$641.68 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be effective beginning with taxes payable in 2020 and would be applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the renewal of the referendum revenue authorization proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 581 be approved? ☐ YES ☐ NO BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE. School District Offices School Board Member Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) Vote for Up to Four ☐ Arlyn Gehrke ☐ Renae Knobloch ☐ Dan LaRock ☐ Ethan Rozeboom ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any School Board Member Independent School District No. 2184 (Luverne) Vote for Up to Four ☐ Jerry Benson ☐ Eric Hartman ☐ Kenny Rolling ☐ Katie Baustian ☐ Reva Sehr ☐ Jodi Bosch ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	School District Offices School Board Member Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Brad Carson ☐ Michelle Niehus ☐ Kelli Byrnes ☐ Jeff Baatz ☐ Mary Laphorn ☐ John L. Sullivan ☐ Amy Nelson ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
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NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting will be available at the Auditor-Treasurer's office in the Courthouse on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The County of Rock will test the electronic voting machine to be used for the vote tabulation in the General Election to be held November 6, 2018.

The test will be held on, Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Notice of lien and intent to sell vehicle Dec. 10

NOTICE OF LIEN AND INTENT TO SELL DECEMBER 10, 2018

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You and each of you are urged to make satisfactory arrangements to pay all charges and take possession of the said vehicle. In order to obtain a release of this vehicle, you must present a personal identification, driver's license and PROOF OF INSURANCE (title, registration, etc.) at the address below and pay all charges against said vehicle.

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(10-25, 11-1, 11-8)

Three city positions up for election Nov. 6

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that regarding the City Election, which shall be held in and for the City of Luverne, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the following offices shall be filled:

- One Mayor for one two-year term
- One Alderman, North Ward, for one four-year term
- One Alderman, South Ward, for one four-year term

All polling places will be at the Luverne Middle-High School Gymnasium, 709 N. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN.

Qualified voters planning to be absent on election day may obtain absentee ballots from the office of the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, until 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2018.

Jessica Mead, City Clerk
City of Luverne, Minnesota
(10-18, 10-25)

ISD #2184 General Election Nov. 6

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184 Luverne Public Schools Tuesday, November 6, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that regarding the School Board election which shall be held in and for the School District, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the election of four (4) school board members for four (4) year terms expiring January 2, 2023.

All polling places will be at the Luverne Middle-High School Gymnasium, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN.

Qualified voters planning to be absent on Election Day may obtain absentee ballots from the office of the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, until 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2018.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Shelley Sandbulte
School District Clerk
(10-25, 11-01)

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I would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming love and support over the last several weeks while Virginia was in the hospital and at her passing. Your prayers and acts of kindness meant so much to me. All the cards, phone call and memorials are very much appreciated. To Pastor Walt Moser and the staff at Hartquist Funeral Home, thank you for your kindness and care. Virginia will be greatly missed. Bob Wharton and John Allen.

(10.25-10.28)

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Marinus Cross would like to thank all our families and friends for the many cards, flowers and gifts in remembrance of our father. A special thanks to the cottage and the hospice staff for the wonderful care and a special thanks to Doctor Crabtree and his nurses. Thanks to all the men and women who helped serve the lunch and clean up after. We can not thank Jeff Hartquist enough for his understanding and kindness.

**Archie and Roxy Bonnett and family,
Rick and Linda Bruhn and family**

**Kathy Medill and family
DJ and Terry Cross and family
Judy Ripley.**

(10.21-10.25)

Thank you to all who remembered us on our 70th wedding anniversary. We appreciate all the cards, gifts and well wishes. God has blessed us. Thanks also to our family.

Wallace and Verna Schmuck

(10.21-10.25)

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Thank you to family, friends and co-workers who made out retirement gathering so special. Your many acts of kindness are greatly appreciated.

**Sharon Boltjes
Elaine Harms**

(10.21-10.25)

Thank you to my step daughters Julie and Teresa and friend Jolene for sitting with my wife during my hospital stay. Also to my siblings and children for their prayers and visits.

Fabian Deutsch

(10.21-10.25)

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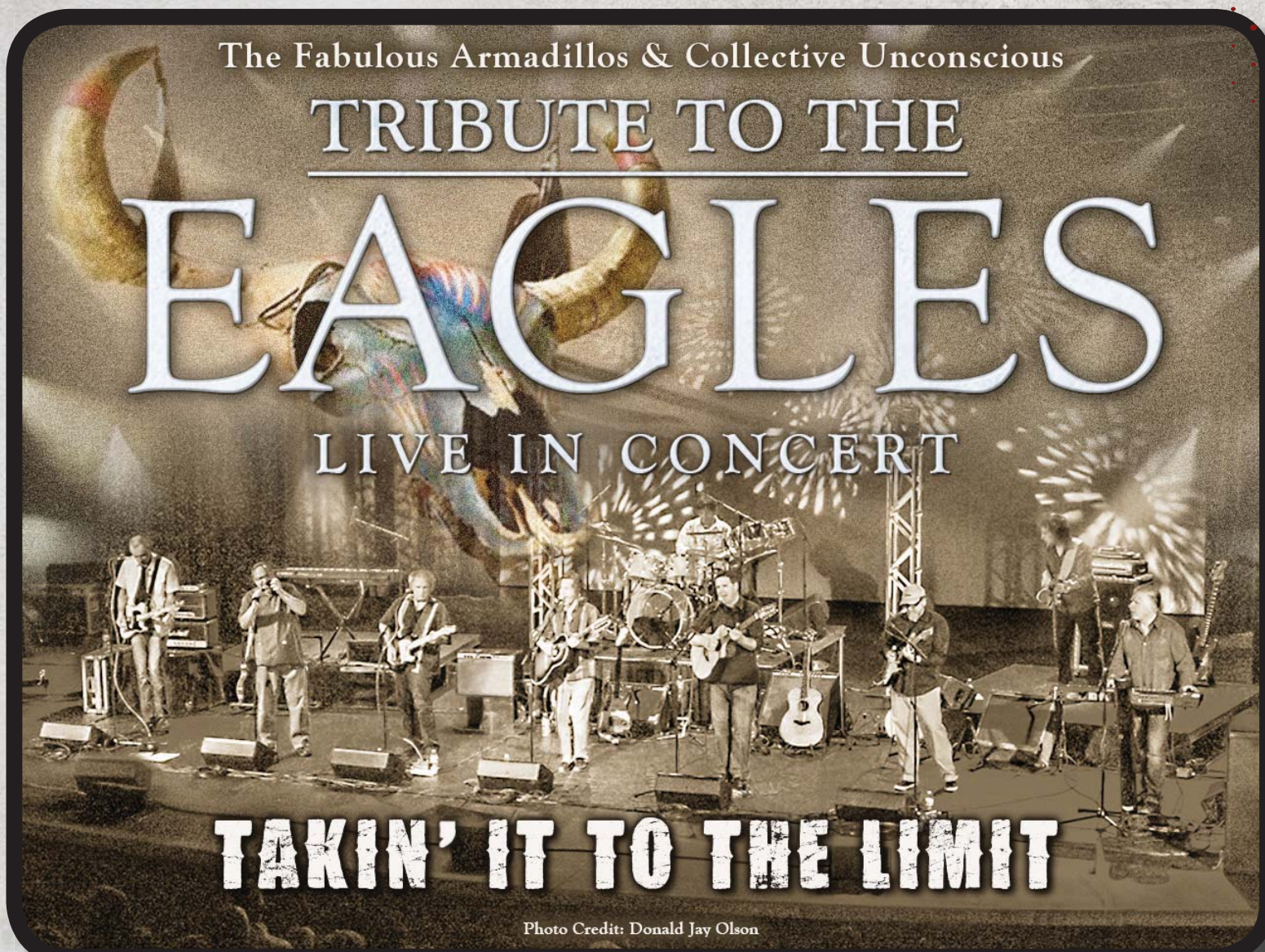


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