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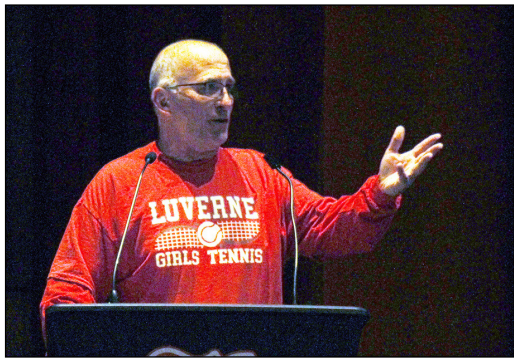


Go Cards!

Activities director Todd Oye (above, far left) congratulates the Luverne High School girls' tennis team on being the first team to earn a Section 3A girls' tennis championship for the school and compete at this week's state tournament. Pictured (from left) are Caitlin Kindt, Emma Nath, Corynn Oye, Augusta Papik, Cassandra Chesley, Morgan Hadler, Roselynn Hartshorn, Rayann Remme, Sarah Stegenga, Tori Hemme, Katharine Kelm, Ella Lanoue, Priscilla Muehr, coach Jon Beers and assistant coach Zoe DeBates.

Mavis Fodness photo/1027 Tennis Pepfest

Luverne girls' tennis team makes history



The Luverne High School girls' tennis team is making history this week as the first girls' tennis team to earn a Section 3A championship and a berth in the Minnesota State High School League girls' tennis tournament. The team opened Class A quarterfinal play Tuesday morning with a loss against Providence Academy in Plymouth at Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center on the University of Minnesota campus.

At left, coach Jon Beers celebrates the 13-4 Cardinals on their accomplishments. "Girls, we are proud of you," Beers said. "We are going to go up and represent Luverne the best we can, have some fun and hopefully make a lot of good memories."

Early voting activity picks up pace in local elections office

By Lori Sorenson

With less than two weeks remaining until Nov. 8, the work pace is increasing for local election officials.

"It's busy here but things are going well," said Rock County Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz Monday.

She said her office issued more than 200 absentee ballots as of Monday afternoon, and mail ballot precincts received their ballots last week.

Of Rock County's 5,600 registered voters, 2,500 vote by mail ballot because their precincts no longer host elections after electronic voting equipment became cost-prohibitive.

Voters in Luverne cast ballots in the Luverne High School gym, and the polling place in Hills is the American Legion.

All other precincts vote by mail, or voters from any Rock County precinct may bring their mail ballots in person to the Rock County Courthouse.



Lori Sorenson photo

A sign informs voters not to use the courthouse drop box for ballots, because state-required cameras didn't arrive in time for the Sept. 6 installation deadline.

Early voting started Sept. 23, and Kurtz had hoped to utilize the courthouse drop box to accept ballots.

However, state-required camera equipment arrived too late to be installed before the Sept. 6 deadline, so vot-

Voting activity/see page 5

THC moratorium stays in place; business questions policy

By Mavis Fodness

A moratorium on the sale of hemp-derived edibles remains in place for Rock County, despite a public hearing meant to lift the ban for sales to resume locally.

Commissioners conducted the hearing Tuesday morning, Oct. 18, with four people speaking

during the 30-minute public comment portion of the hearing.

Commissioners voted 4-1 to table adopting the proposed ordinance as written.

"Do we need an ordinance? Or are we doing something about nothing?" asked Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

Commissioner Jody Reisch, who cast the lone 'no' vote, favored the proposed ordinance that would regulate the sales of food and beverages containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

A county subcommittee spent a couple of weeks developing a local ordinance modeled after exist-

ing alcohol and tobacco ordinances. The ordinance established sale times, restricted sales to anyone younger than 21, required sellers to obtain a license and undergo compliance checks.

"At the end of the day we are trying to protect not-age-appropriate items from getting into (the

hands of minors)," he said.

"That's why it was easier to mirror a little bit of the tobacco ordinance so we can have a little bit of control so someone can't just set up a corner stand and sell products."

THC ordinance/see page 3

Woman injured in Hills shooting; sheriff's office seeks suspects

By Lori Sorenson

Local law enforcement officials are investigating a drive-by shooting that was reported in Hills Saturday night.

According to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched to the Bailey Susie residence at 209 Central Lane in Hills around 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, for possible shots fired at the residence and possible injuries.

Upon arrival, deputies determined that Savannah Johnson, 18, of Paullina, Iowa, had been shot in the leg, and ambulance personnel tended to her non-life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses told law enforcement they were having a birthday party when later in the evening three male individuals arrived at the invitation of two female guests.

Susie reportedly asked the unknown males to leave and saw them get into a black or charcoal-colored Dodge Dart.

However, the vehicle didn't leave, and about six shots were fired from inside the car toward the party where people were standing outside in the front yard.

Witnesses described two of the

Hills shooting/see page 5



Mavis Fodness photo/1027 LHS Fall Play 2022

Luverne High School students will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the school's performing arts center. Cast members include (front from left) Isabella Benson, Travis Schempp, Ashlyn Johnson, Egypt Forrest, Kaitlyn Conger, Zoey Berghorst, Camryn Aukes, Bethany Behr, Alex Perkins, (second row) Myles Trimble, Emily Carrillo, Grace Ingebretsen, Xavier McKenzie, Parker Carbonneau, Abby Boltjes, Elizabeth Mulder, Bri Kinsinger, Jessika Tunnissen, (back, standing) Katherine Pizel, Joelia Lopez, Halley Pergrande, Chris Bonilla, Zander Carbonneau, Steven Woods, Chase Matthiesen, Leigha Ehlers, Brooke Vos and Rebecca Hoogland. Not pictured is Ayah Alinzi.

Students bring 'spooky' to the high school stage

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School drama department will present two one-act plays for the fall production season.

The students will present "One Lane Bridge" and "Hamlet and Zombies" Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-29, in the school's performing arts center.

The plays continue a theme the

school's marching band (whose field routine was called "Haunted") began.

Director Shawn Kinsinger said the drama students requested to perform plays in the spooky/horror genre for two reasons.

"First was the proximity of the performance dates to Halloween," he said.

"Secondly, the marching band had just revealed that their show was going

to be the same theme. There is crossover between the two activities and there was a lot of hype about the idea."

However, one-act plays generally don't involve large casts, as Luverne's fall activity usually boasts more than 20 students.

"After looking at the options for high

School play/continued on page 3



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Halloween announcements

Luverne's annual **Trunk 'n Treat** event will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, in the Luverne School Parking lot. (It's moved off Main Street this year because of the detour route from Highway 75 construction.)

Good Samaritan Society-**Mary Jane Brown Home** will be open for Trick or Treating from 3:30 to 5:30 Monday, Oct. 31, for Halloween.

Generations will celebrate Halloween during its 11:30 a.m. meal with sing-a-long music and dancing with Bruce Dysthe until 1 p.m. Reserve a meal several days in advance by leaving a message at 507-283-9846.

Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne will not host trick-or-treating, due to Covid precautions.

Gospel Jubilee Oct. 30

The American Reformed Church in Luverne will host a Gospel Jubilee with the Klassens from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, with refreshments to follow the concert.

One Warm Coat starts Oct. 27

Atlas Ministries One Warm Coat distributions are from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 10, and from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 12. Call Destiny Ripka at 507-220-0030.

Nutrition for seniors Nov. 3

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3. The drive-through distribution will be in the parking lot off Maple St., at the new office location on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration required. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

Food Shelf evening hours

The Rock County Food Shelf is now open for an additional evening shift from 5 to 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. Call Mary at 507-227-5548 or Katie at 507-227-3531.

Community Ed

Community Education will offer the following classes in the next few weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Men's Basketball meets on Wednesday nights November through February starting Nov. 2. Register by Oct. 26. Fee is \$35 for the four months.

Learn how to rescue and repair your wardrobe at the **Basics of Mending** on Oct. 29 at The Sewing Basket. Fee is \$15 plus cost of supplies purchased at the store.

Grades K-2 Basketball will meet twice each month November through February on Saturday mornings beginning Nov. 5 to learn basic skills. Fee is \$25.

Students (grades 1-3) will follow along with the instructor step by step to create a painting at **Paint & Snack** class on Nov. 7. Fee is \$33.

Looking for a way to save time at meal time? Join us for the **Freeze Now, Eat Later!** workshop on Nov. 12. Register by Oct. 28. Fee is \$35 plus the cost of groceries to bring to class.

Students (grades K - 3) can learn about **Birds of the World** from a Blue Mound State Park Naturalist on Nov. 14 from 3:30-4:30pm. Fee is \$5.

Students (grades 4-6) will follow along with the instructor step by step to create a painting at **Paint & Snack** class on Nov. 14. Fee is \$33.

Intro to Cricut on Nov. 14 is for those wanting to know more about cutting paper, vinyl and card-stock for your DIY projects. Fee is \$16.



Beautiful Kingdom local band members are credited in the Emmy award-winning PBS Postcards production, "Where Love Takes the Lead." Pictured at the Stensland-Bos home are (from left) Emmy award-winning producer Dana Conroy, band members Nadia Sessen, Tyler Bryce and Matthew Stensland-Bos, and PBS film crew members Kristofor Gieske and Ben Dempcy.

Local band recognized in Emmy award

Beautiful Kingdom band works with Postcards director to earn trophies

By Lori Sorenson

Members in the local band, Beautiful Kingdom, recently earned Emmy recognition after they were featured in a PBS Postcards feature that aired in April.

Emmy award-winning director Dana Conroy saw Beautiful Kingdom's livestream Buffalo Days performance at Take 16 in 2021 and approached the band about filming for Postcards that summer.

She and her crew spent an afternoon in late July filming with the band at the home of Doug Bos and Lynette Stensland, parents of band member Matthew Stensland-Bos.

"We worked closely with the director and crew to assist in conceptualizing certain shots," he said.

In addition to providing the rural Bos farmstead setting, the band contributed collectively to interviews, provided the music for the soundtrack, did the audio setup and mix for the live-recorded songs.

"We also provided edited footage from our gigs during our first two years as a band, from Luverne



Submitted photos Beautiful Kingdom band members are (clockwise from lower left) Tyler Bryce, Matthew Stensland-Bos and Nadia Sessen

shows to Levitt Sioux Falls," Stensland-Bos said.

The 10-minute episode features the band's music and a "heartfelt story of unbreakable friendship."

It can be viewed on YouTube under "Beautiful Kingdom: Where Love

Takes the Lead."

The Emmy award is for Conroy and PBS, but the band is credited, and each of them will receive a trophy.

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— Matthew Stensland-Bos, band member

to make something like this happen, and for what a wonderful way it shows our music and our message," Stensland-Bos said

"We've gotten so many supportive comments from people around Luverne and around the world about how much the episode and music touched their hearts.

"We couldn't be more grateful for how this all turned out, and this award is kind of just the cherry on top."

School resource officer returns to deputy work

By Mavis Fodness

The resource officer at Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek public schools will return to patrol duties next month.

A shortage of deputies is prompting Sheriff Evan Verbrugge to shift school resource officer Jeff Stratton back to the day-shift patrol.

"I was trying to do everything to keep Officer Stratton in the schools, but we are struggling — like most law enforcement agencies and other occupations — with hiring," Verbrugge said.

"Stratton will work the dayshift and will be able to

stop in the schools while working, but his main focus will be patrol and not the SRO at this point in time."

Prior to starting as SRO in Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek schools in August, Stratton was on the patrol force.

Verbrugge is working to fill three deputy positions.

On Monday, long-term deputy Michael Westerbur, retires after serving more than 16 years with the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Jonathon Stearns left Rock County in July for a position with the Minnesota State Patrol.

Stearns recently graduated from the MSP academy.

Deputy Craig Martinson informed Verbrugge in July of plans to retire this year.

"Deputy Martinson was scheduled to retire Dec. 31st of this year, but has graciously stated that he will stay on until we are able to hire, train and put new deputies out on patrol," he said. "It is unknown when this will happen."

The county is advertising the open positions and conducted several interviews. But after background checks, none of the candidates were accepted.

"Our office is not going

to take someone just to fill a need," Verbrugge said. "We still want and need to accept individuals with character and empathy for the citizens that we work for."

Verbrugge said there are 109 job openings for law enforcement officers in the state.

"I read that Minneapolis used to get close to 250 applications for openings and now they are only getting approximately 50," he said.

"It is tough everywhere, not just Rock County, with hiring, but I could not keep burdening the deputies with working more hours than they already have. It was wearing everyone out."

#TellUsTuesday Results

Scan Here to Vote for this Week's Survey!



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Trunk 'n Treat moves to elementary school lot for Halloween

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Chamber and Luverne Public Schools are working together to host the community's annual Trunk 'n Treat.

The popular Halloween event typically packs the downtown blocks of Main Street with hundreds of costumed trick-or-treaters who collect candy from dozens of cleverly decorated vehicles on each side of the street.

This year, however, with construction blocking several blocks of Highway 75 just north of Main Street, the heavy traffic detoured through downtown prompted organizers

to move the activity to the school campus.

The Trunk 'n Treat event will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, in the Luverne Elementary School bus parking lot just south of the main entrance.

Parents and attendees can park in the red and white lots south of the school. In the event of bad weather, the event will move indoors to the elementary school commons.

The activity is sponsored by Luverne area businesses and hosted by the Luverne Area Chamber. Call 507-283-4061 with questions.

THC ordinance debated at hearing/continued from page 1

The commissioner-appointed committee will reconvene to review comments from the public hearing and bring a revised ordinance back to the commissioners.

Another public hearing is necessary before the revised ordinance is adopted and the moratorium is lifted.

The ordinance follows the state-established THC levels in the edible products.

"In holding another meeting, I think you have to go with 'at the state level is at the state level' and you're not going to change that at the county or state level," said Ann Orren with Southwest Health and Human Services public health office.

"The main point is that we don't want every town and city to have their own regulations, but try to make a countywide ordinance for those who want to regulate this so we have some reason to know who is doing what."

Hearing gathered testimony about 12-page ordinance

Three people addressed commissioners during the Oct. 18 public hearing, conducted during the commissioners regular monthly meeting.

Their comments brought doubt to the commissioners, as a group, who admitted their lack of knowledge about THC- and cannabis-derived products.

However, they agreed some local control is necessary since the state mandate did not provide any local guidance.

Terry Gray is a Luverne business owner. He opened the tobacco shop, Herb N' Legend on Main Street 12 years ago. He's sold hemp-derived products since the federal government legalized THC sales in 2018.

The commissioners passed a moratorium on THC sales under the state's new mandate in July in order to study the issue and consider zoning, licensing and sales management controls.

Gray said the state ordinance is too restrictive.

"This needs to be reworked or done away with altogether," he said.

"Minnesota law became the strictest in the country. In passing the bill they did, it superseded the .3 percent THC or below. So, all the products we were currently selling and all the other places in town became illegal because the Minnesota law is way more restrictive than the federal government law."

"This needs to be reworked or done away with altogether."

— Terry Gray, Herb 'n Legend

Gray suggested that those with tobacco licenses be grandfathered into the proposed ordinance.

"I don't think we should have all this bureaucracy and having to reapply, especially when you have a business who is operating legally for a long time and has passed all compliance checks."

Tim Jungers and Christina Perez echoed Gray's concern that the Minnesota statute is too restrictive and that the federal law sufficiently regulates businesses and the sale of hemp-derived products to the public.

"At Terry's place, the staff check IDs and products are behind glass and not available to children," she said. "I feel there is a big gap in the decisions being made and what is really going on. We need to close that gap somehow."

THC will have its own regulating ordinance

Commissioners agreed that the hemp-derived product ordinance needs to be a stand-alone document. The regulation of THC- and cannabis-derived products is expected to change as legislators reconvene this spring.

SWHHS handles the alcohol and tobacco compliance checks for Rock County.

"To avoid some confusion about what's changing when, we decided to create a completely separate ordinance so if there are retailers that only sell these products and retailers that only sell tobacco products, there is no confusion about why and what is changing," Orren said.

Commissioner Sherri Thompson said the commissioners want to adopt a fitting ordinance.

"What we don't want is to take away someone's business but we want to work with them to find out more about this, to understand and regulate it so we know what is happening out there with it," she said.

"I just think that it's a good thing for the sheriff's department to know where this is being sold."

The commissioners' next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the courthouse.



A castle conversation takes place in "Hamlet and Zombies," setting the stage for the tongue-in-cheek comedy based on William Shakespeare's play, "Hamlet." From left are students Katherine Pizel, Xavier McKenzie, Grace Ingebretsen, Zander Carbonneau, Abby Boltjes, Bri Kinsinger and Parker Carbonneau. Performances take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. in the school's performing arts center. Mavis Fodness photo/1027 LHS Fall Play 2022

Students to perform school play/continued from page 1

school-aged actors and actresses, there just wasn't a show that fit our cast as far as size," Kinsinger said.

"I started looking at one-acts and found a couple that would get everyone involved. It also allowed for a bit of flexibility."

"One Lane Bridge" by Stephen Gregg is a ghost story that takes place on a canyon road in Colorado.

The main character is 16-year-old Eli (portrayed by Chase Matthiesen) who is driving through the mountain canyon.

He doesn't know anything about his soon-to-be passenger, Samantha (Alex Perkins), except that she's a friend of a friend that needs a ride to Home Depot.

Eli's terrible driving soon sparks an argument, and the conversation takes an odd, dark turn. Eli's story is haunting but Samantha's story leaves Eli driving too fast, not because he's going to be late, but because he wants out of the car.

The half-hour production contains several narrators who assist in telling the haunted stories.

"Hamlet and Zombies" by Will Averill provides tongue-in-cheek



Headlights shine on Alex Perkins (left) and Chase Matthiesen during Monday's rehearsal of "One Lane Bridge," a story about telling ghost stories on a drive through a snowy Colorado canyon.

horror humor that is more familiar to audiences, since the 45-minute play is based on William Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Something is rotting in the state of Denmark, and Hamlet (portrayed by Parker Carbonneau) may be the only one in on the humor.

With the help of his friend Horatio (Steven Woods) and cousin Laertes (Bri Kinsinger), Hamlet solves a mystery of his mother's (Grace Ingebretsen) marriage to his uncle (Xavier McKenzie).

He observes his father's transformation from king to zombie king (Chris Bonilla), saves his love, Ophelia (Abby Boltjes), and fends off both the Norwegians and zombie hoards.

Other cast members include Polonius (Zander Carbonneau), Voltimand (Katherine Pizel), Rosencrantz (Joelia Lopez), Guildenstern (Ashlyn Johnson), Marcellus (Hallie Pergrande), Bernardo (Elizabeth Mulder), Francisco (Rebecca Hoogland), Raynaldo (Emily Carrillo), Fortinbras (Leigha Ehlers), sentinel (Brooke Vos), grave diggers (Myles Trimble and Bethany Behr), Captain (Jessica Tunnissen), ambassador (Ayah Alinizi) and lead priest (Kaitlin Conger).

Conger also serves as stage manager along with Travis Schempp. Also on the production crew are Egypt Forrest, Zoey Berg-horst, Camryn Aukes and Isabella Benson.

Cost is \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.

Each of the three performances begins at 7 p.m.



The zombie king (Chris Bonilla, center) bites the arm of Bernardo (Halley Pergrande) in Monday's student rehearsal of "Hamlet and Zombies." Horatio (Steven Woods) and Bernado (Elizabeth Mulder) witness the assault.

HILLS CITY RESIDENTS NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST PROPERTY TAXES

All unpaid City utility bills and/or unpaid city fees, including late fees, penalties and interest will be certified to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer for collection with the real estate taxes against the subject property. Any person(s) may attend the November 9th Hills City Council meeting at 6:00 P.M., or may request a hearing to discuss their delinquent fees prior to the certification deadline.

Connie Wiertzema
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Hills

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Election is drawing closer

Select someone who's respectful, kind and recognizes the rules

The general election takes place in 12 days. On the ballot are candidates for federal, state and local offices.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Sunday night I sat down with my mail-in ballot and read through the list of names.

Many I recognize due to my job as a reporter. I attend a lot of meetings and meet quite a few people.

The voting task brought up memories of a college class I took decades ago. We discussed presidential elections and characteristics voters most highly coveted in a candidate.

Character is highest on the list and, more importantly, several personality traits that indicate how this person will do in a public job.

Is the person ambitious? Do they really want the job leading our state, our school boards or our cities?

Are they confident? Possess the drive and energy for public office? What is their goal?

Can they be a good team player while being flexible and, more importantly, can they serve in the capacity and still be a kind person?

Kindness seems to be a trait that's missing in today's elections.

Mark Twain said, "Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

To me that means kindness is on display with everyone, not just with friends or family or when out in the public.

It's about being considerate to someone who thinks you're wrong, being that

diplomat when there is a conflict, the one who seeks a solution, rather than being the one who always asks the questions or wants to create turmoil.

A good candidate should be prepared, know what the job entails, be able to bring focus to a variety of possible solutions and be rule-abiding.

All of our elected offices have procedures to follow. Blatant disregard for these rules leads to stagnation in the job which they were elected to fill.

It doesn't matter which position a candidate is seeking for election. They need to educate themselves on the job.

Even candidates at the local level need to have a personality in which they are imaginative and curious about new and inventive ways to solve issues.

Some of those decisions won't be popular. Can the candidates for office graciously explain why they may have voted a way that one may think was wrong?

I encourage you, candidates, to exercise a little kindness if the general election results don't go your way.

Thanks for putting your name out there for consideration. We need more people who are willing to serve – with kindness – for all the right reasons.

We're better than this

(Above all else, be kind)

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Politics have a way of bringing out the worst in people, and that's never been truer than in the wake of the 2020 election.

Online conspiracy theories and unfounded allegations of voter fraud are still widely believed by many who feel their candidates had their elections "stolen" from them.

We've grown accustomed to reading these sentiments on social media and even in a few random letters to the Star Herald editor, but we're disheartened to learn some people are taking a more direct approach.

In our Oct. 13 edition, we reported that Rock County Commissioners had to assert their authority in addressing election integrity. The action arose after local election staff had encountered regular questions about voter registration and election procedures.

In today's paper, we report that elections staff at the Rock County Courthouse continue to be

harassed by voters questioning their processes and suggesting ballot mishandling.

It sounds as if these questions are being answered, sometimes repeatedly, but the harassment is "taking a toll," according to those who are under fire.

What has become of us? This isn't who we are.

We probably shouldn't be surprised, considering the new character lows we've grown accustomed to.

It's the teacher's fault when a student's grade isn't what we hoped for. It's the ref's fault when the score doesn't end in our favor. It's the officer's fault if we fall on the wrong side of the law. It must be the election worker's fault when our candidate

doesn't garner enough votes.

Critical thinking is one thing but being critical merely to be critical isn't good for anyone, and it will ultimately bring everyone down.

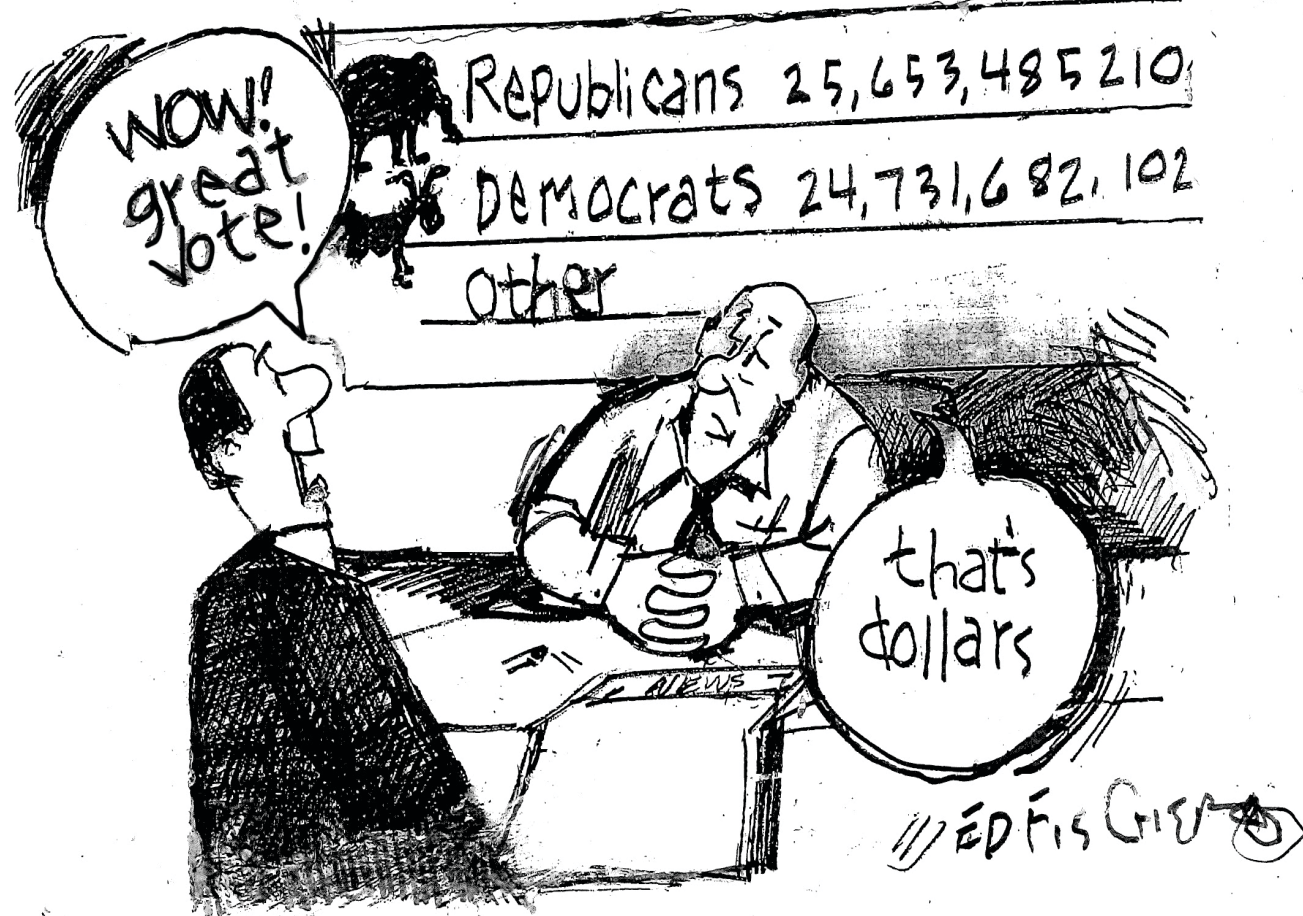
We saw what happened in closely contested races in Arizona and Florida precincts two years ago. But that doesn't happen here.

Because we're better than that. Common sense and human decency prevail in Rock County. At least it usually does.

Let our election workers do the work they're trained to do under the same tightly regulated system that has protected our election integrity for decades.

It should go without saying, but above all else, let's be kind.

ELECTION RESULTS



Grass clippings on roadway creates hazard; fender flares must match tire width

Question: This summer I sent you an email asking about the legality of individuals discharging grass clippings from lawn mowers onto public roads. They can be very slippery when wet and otherwise are a mess. I never heard back from you, nor did I see a response in my local paper. Please advise concerning the grass clippings on public roads.

Answer: Discharging grass clippings onto a highway is illegal. Most cities also have ordinance on this as well. The statute is 169.42 Sub 1, Objects on a highway, which is a misdemeanor offense.



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Grass clippings blown into the roadway can create dangerous conditions for motorcyclists and bicyclists. Coming upon grass clippings without enough time to slow down, they can cause a loss

of traction. Grass clippings are extremely slippery and if the clippings are wet, such after a light rain, the danger is even worse.

Question: How far can

tires stick out from fenders on road-worthy vehicles? My son put big fancy tires on his truck and says they are fine, but I thought there was a limit?

Answer: Minnesota law states that all passenger vehicles shall have fenders, or other devices, that are designed to prevent, as far as practicable, water, dirt or other material being thrown up and to the rear by the wheels of the vehicle.

For the tires sticking outside of the fenders the vehicle would need to be equipped with fender flares. The fender flares would need to match the width of the

tires sticking out.

You can avoid a ticket – and a crash – if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota toward zero deaths. If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Oct. 14

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Report of road closure on 121st Street and 30th Avenue, Luverne.

•Complainant on 181st Street, Kenneth, reported a civil issue.

Oct. 15

•Complainant on S. 4th Street, Kenneth, reported a civil issue.

Oct. 16

•Assistance from another department was provided on N. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant on 110th Avenue and 141st Street, Luverne, reported property damage.

Oct. 17

•Complainant in Hills reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported theft.

•Complainant on W. Barck Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 22, Magnolia, reported debris.

Oct. 18

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 2, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Veterans Drive reported a runaway.

•Extra patrol was provided on County Highway 4, Luverne.

•A miscellaneous public assist for construction information was reported on N. Kniss Avenue.

•Road closure was reported on 40th Avenue.

•Complainant on 41st Street, Hills, reported suspicious activity.

•A parking issue was reported on E. Warren

Street.

•Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported theft.

•Complainant on 161st Street reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Highway 75, Hardwick, reported debris.

Oct. 19

•Complainant in Ellsworth reported a parking issue.

•A sudden death was reported on S. Freeman Avenue.

•A fire was reported on 134th Avenue, Luverne.

Oct. 20

•A warrant was issued in Nobles County.

•An unlock was requested at S. West Park Street.

Oct. 21

•An outage was reported.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, Magnolia, reported debris.

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street and W. Warren Street reported a parking issue.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a parking issue.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 2 funeral escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 2 alarms, 6 drug court tests, 6 purchase and carry permits, 25 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 3 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out and 1 OPP.

Voting activity picks up pace in local elections office/continued from page 1

ers cannot use that option. "Ballots dropped in the drop box can't be accepted," she said. "We do notify these voters so the situation can be fixed."

A prominent sign informs voters not to use the drop box for ballots; however, two ballots did get dropped there and Kurtz was able to notify those voters and rectify their ballots.

She said staff can open the exterior envelope to identify the voter, but they don't open the inner envelope which contains the actual ballot and voting selections.

The same process can catch other ballot errors — such as failure to have a witness signature — so that voters are allowed another chance to have their voting selections counted.

"We have noticed an increase in the number of ballots that have come back without the witness portion completed," Kurtz said.

"Due to Covid, witnesses were not required in 2020, but now they are. We do contact these voters and work with them to get everything corrected so a ballot can be accepted."

But as the Nov. 8 election deadline nears, she said her staff will be increasingly busy, and it takes time to track down errors.

"It saves everyone time

if they make sure they have a witness complete the bottom portion of their absentee or mail ballot envelope," Kurtz said.

"If they don't have a witness, they can certainly come up here to the courthouse and we can serve as their witness."

Be kind

As voting traffic picks up in her office, Kurtz said she and her staff are increasingly subjected to harassment from conspiracy theorists questioning her office's election integrity.

"To be honest, it's been brutal here as far as how staff has been treated by some voters in regard to the mail and absentee voting process, which is something we've never really dealt with in years past," Kurtz said.

"The political atmosphere and allegations of fraud with ballots ... If people were fully educated about the process, they'd know better, but they're believing what they read online and they're taking it out on staff and it's taking an emotional toll."

She said she'd like to be able to explain to each voter how the process works in order to show how the system's checks and balances work to spot errors and potential fraud.



Mavis Fodness photo/1027 generations signage

The new "Generations" signage is installed on the events center on South Estey Street Wednesday.

New Generations signage in place

By Lori Sorenson

New signage on the Generations building on South Estey Street marks one of the final remodeling projects after the group purchased the former Grand Prairie Events from Mike and Wanda Jarchow last year.

Scott and Trisha Viessman, Luverne, and their business, A-1 Jet, created the new "Generations Events" signage, which matches the previous "Grand Prairie Events" sign.

Generations will continue rent-

ing out gathering space for meetings and other events, but the new building now provides adequate space for the group's own needs.

After Generations purchased the building, the group upgraded the "food prep" kitchen into a full-scale commercial kitchen for the Lutheran Social Services senior meal site, previously at the Lincoln Street location.

LSS prepares more than 150 meals per day, which includes in-person noon dining and hot meals for pickup and delivery

The new Generations kitchen has

walk-in coolers, a welcome upgrade from the 11 freezers used on Lincoln Street.

The new renovations also included remodeling to create office space for A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, which leases space from Generations.

A.C.E., which stands for advocate, connect and educate, was formerly known as RSVP — retired senior volunteer program.

It now has an east-side entry and window. Linda Wenzel is the A.C.E. director.

UCAP requests community input on survey

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) works to eliminate poverty by empowering individuals and strengthening communities.

Through community coordinated partnerships,

the group helps individuals and families find the support, resources and relationships they may need.

"Hearing from community voices is important to us," said Executive Director Debi Brandt. "The informa-

tion from this survey will help UCAP to better understand community needs, the resources available and the services that are still needed."

Community members are encouraged to complete

UCAP's brief survey by using the below link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KW3FLG7>.

Those unable complete the online survey can call 320-235-0850 ext. 1931 for alternate ways to share.

Woman injured in shooting in Hills/continued from page 1

three males as African American and Asian, both about about 6 feet tall, both with hair in dreadlocks or braids. No description was given for the third male, and a fourth person was seen in the vehicle as well.

According to Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, there are no suspects in custody and the case remains under investigation with assistance from the Sioux Falls Police Department.

"Law Enforcement believes this to be an isolated incident and the public is not in danger," he said in a press release posted on Facebook.

The Sheriff's Office responded to the shooting

along with the Hills Fire Department and Rock County Ambulance.

Those with information about the shooting are encouraged to call the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 507-283-5000.

Ballot barcodes

Ballots are scanned one at a time into a voting machine that records information on a jump drive.

At the close of the polls, the drive gets transferred to a secure computer that's not connected to the internet. "It's just another secure step in the process," Kurtz said.

That computer then generates a jump drive that

gets uploaded to the Minnesota Secretary of State Office where results are posted online at sos.mn.us.

"We literally account for every ballot — they have a barcode that gets scanned — from start to finish," Kurtz said.

"If we scan a certain number at the start of the election, there can be no discrepancy at the end ... That's how I know we're

accurate here."

The barcode system also allows voters to track their ballots once they're cast early, absentee and by mail through <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx>.

"This website will show whether or not we've received the ballot back and/or if it has been accepted yet," Kurtz said.

"We try to process

everything as fast as we can, but sometimes it may take a day or so for it to be processed. If there are ever any questions, they can always call, too."

She said they're currently testing machines and will start processing ballots as soon as this week.

The Rock County Auditor-Treasurer's Office can be reached at 507-283-5060.

PALACE

PALACE THEATRE

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPOOKY SATURDAY MOVIE
Night of the Living Dead (1968)

Saturday, October 29 **7:00 pm**
(Please note the graphic nature of this film.)

Tickets: \$5

BANK NITE MOVIE
Minions: The Rise of Gru PG

Thursday, November 3 **6:00 pm**
Sponsored by: First Farmers & Merchants Bank and Papik Motors

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Green Earth Players Present:
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November 11 - 13
November 17 - 20

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Saturday, December 31 **7:30 pm**
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Trick-or-Treating

Monday, Oct. 31 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Come to Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown for some trick-or-treating. All children are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (507) 283-2375.

Good Samaritan Society

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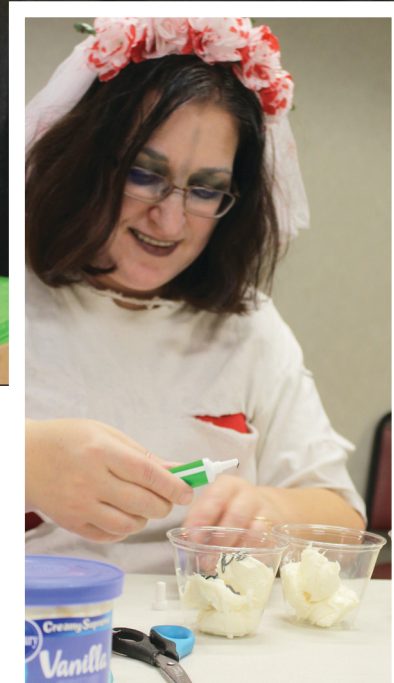
Zombie fun at Rock County Library

Friday's warm weather may have kept many of the area's "zombies" outside, but that didn't stop the Rock County Library from celebrating Halloween early during the MEA break. Zombie Appreciation Day featured a scavenger hunt, a special monster story time and afternoon activities that included Franken-toys, creepy cookies (pictured below, center) and zombie trivia.

At right: Zombies Mila Rensink (left) and Honor Petersen paint the bases of their Franken-toys before making a series of creepy cookies. **Below:** Honor Petersen successfully plays "Pin the Eyeball on the Zombie." Below right: Children's librarian Bronwyn Wenzel dresses as a zombie bride as she colors frosting for the creepy cookie activity.



Mavis Fodness photos
1027Library Zombies



MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Oct. 31: Hamburger with cheese on a bun, glazed carrots, vegetarian baked beans, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

Halloween Event with Bruce Dysthe Music.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Smothered pork loin, baked potato with sour cream, corn, dinner roll, fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Chicken chow mein with whole grain brown rice, broccoli, fruit, cookie.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Goulash, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, bread stick.

Friday, Nov. 4: Beef stew, fruit mix, vegetable, bread, dessert or fruit mix.

Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve one day prior, to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Tickets are going fast for Monday night's Army Band performance at Luverne's Historic Palace Theatre.

The Rock County Star Herald will host "The Volunteers" of the U.S. Army Field Band at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29.

"I have a patriotic spot in my heart, I guess," said Star Herald General Manager Rick Peterson when asked why he is sponsoring the group.

"I think Luverne is pretty steeped in military history, and I think our residents will enjoy this group."

The Star Herald hosted the Air Force band, "The Notables," at the Palace in 2006, and Peterson said he jumped at the chance to get The Volunteers when he heard the Army band was touring the area.

25 years ago (1997)

•Whether they were planning to raise baby bison or make buffalo burgers, buyers at the annual auction at Blue Mounds State Park paid what Park Manager Rick White called "very good prices" for 16 bison at the Oct. 15 sale.

The Minnesota Department of Administration sale brought a gross of \$24,385 into the state coffers. ...

"The buffalo are surplus property because the pasture and facilities (at Blue Mounds State Park) will only handle so many animals," White said.

50 years ago (1972)

•Luverne's third annual Halloween Days will be held here Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A promotion of the Retail Committee of the Luverne Chamber of Commerce, the event will feature special bargains in the Luverne stores, plus colorful and artistic show windows, created by artists in the Luverne school.

Approximately 30 windows will be used for various Halloween scenes. Lamp posts in downtown Luverne will be decorated with cornstalks and pumpkins. Prizes will be awarded the students for the best window paintings.

Bargains of timely fall and winter merchandise are offered by member stores. Advertisements in this week's Star-Herald will give a clue to what "treats" the participating merchants are offering.

75 years ago (1947)

•A report just issued by G. Howard Spaeth, State Tax Commissioner, covering Minnesota state income tax returns filed during the 1946 fiscal year, contains some interesting figures on income taxes for Rock county. It reveals, among other things, that state income taxes assessed against residents of this county in 1946 amounted to a total of \$50,025, compared with \$46,106 for the preceding year, an increase of 9 per cent.

Taxable state income tax returns filed by individuals in the county during 1946 numbered 788 compared with 767 for the previous year. Of the persons who filed taxable state income tax returns in 1946, 100 paid an income tax of \$100 or more; 127 from \$50.00 to \$99.99; 180 from \$20.00 to \$49.99, and 381 from one cent to \$19.99.

100 years ago (1922)

•Acting on suggestions from the American Bankers' association, the entrances to Luverne's banks are now well covered by high power firearms which have been placed so as to be convenient for use in case an attempt is made to hold up any of the institutions, especially in the day time.

Several long range rifles have been placed in office rooms on the second floor of business places that offer a clear view of the entrances to the banks, and are to be kept ready for instant use in case an alarm is given.

The location of these rifles is such, that if any bank robbers were to attempt to stage a daylight holdup, they will find the period that it takes them to get out of range of the rifles, painfully long.

Similar action in regard to placing loaded rifles in places convenient for most effective use in case of holdups has been taken by banks in many other towns in this section on the theory that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

1943: Lucurgus Merkel tells story about his life in continued Diamond Club interview

The following article is part of the Diamond Club Member group that began in the January 7, 1943, issue of the Rock County Star Herald. Members of this group consist of persons of age 75 and older.

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 20, 1943 and is continued from last week.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

Corn Main Food

Although he wouldn't advocate trying it, Mr. Merkel knows that it would be possible to ration everything except corn, barley, milk and potatoes, and people could still live. When they first came to Rock county, their bill of fare was usually corn mush and milk for breakfast, fried mush for dinner and corn bread for supper. Barley was roasted and used for coffee, after it was ground in an old-fashioned coffee mill.

"It was tough stuff," he declared, speaking of the food, "but it was part of the bill of fare. The first year, we had a few potatoes once in a while, and on special occasions we'd have gravy. This was made by putting flour in a skillet, allowing it to burn brown, then pour on water and let it boil, then add salt. We called it sop. It too was tough to take. It proved that if you lived, you too were plenty tough."

Calico Dresses Fashionable

Two or three years after they came to Rock county, several loads of clothing were shipped here from Minneapolis and St. Paul. Ladies wore calico dresses, and when they had a new one, it was something in which they took great pride. Mr. Merkel states he has seen women often times dressed in gunny skirts.

Although there were no churches, the residents of the community attended services and prayer meeting every week in some home. Rev. Bronson was the preacher.

The first school in the Beaver Creek vicinity was on the Ira Crawford farm about a half mile west of town. It was a frame building, 16 by 20. Jennie and Abby Grout, H. Stall

and Joe Adams were among the early teachers.

The winters of 1872 and 1873 were described by Mr. Merkel as "terrible," and he remembers one storm in particular. He and his mother had gone to the Sheldon Place, and were there when the storm struck. That storm, he states, is perhaps the worst this area has ever seen. A short time after it struck, the chimney of the small farm house at the Sheldon home was filled with snow, and it was impossible to have a fire. Mr. Sheldon was in Luverne, so Mrs. Sheldon, her little girl, his mother and himself took all the bedding they had and went into the shallow cellar to keep from freezing to death. The storm lasted for three days and three nights, and they were without food except for a few crusts of frozen corn bread that was so hard one couldn't bite into it.

Had Well in Snow

The first year they were here, they had no well, so his father had a hole in the creek where they obtained their water. The snow kept getting deeper and deeper, until by spring, there was a well in the snow 20 feet deep. A bucket tied to a long pole, was the only means they had of getting the water to the surface.

Before the railroad came in 1877, all grain was hauled to Worthington

by oxen or horses. Forty bushels of wheat was considered a standard load. On the return trip, the driver would bring back lumber, rough cut but of choice wood, which they were able to buy at \$4 per thousand feet. On this trip too, residents of the west part of the county had the Elk Slough to cross. The trip often took a week, and going over and coming back, they would usually stay at the half way house near Adrian. There they could get lodging for 25 cents a night, and meals at the same price.

Mr. Merkel remembers that the country in 1872 was a wide expanse of prairie almost as far as one could see. The only timber that could be found was along the river and the creeks. However, all buffalo and Indians had left the country by that time. In the fall, there would often be prairie fires, and one could look almost in any direction at night, and see nothing but red skies on the horizon in all directions. It was a beautiful but frightening sight. In a heavy wind, the flames would spread as fast as a horse could run.

Game Plentiful

Wild ducks and geese were present by the thousands in the fall and spring. Also present but in fewer numbers were sandhill cranes, plovers and Jack Curlos. One time Mr. Merkel's father found a sandhill crane's nest with four eggs in it. He took the eggs home, set them under a hen, and hatched three chicks. Two of the chicks died and one grew to maturity. It stood as tall as Mr. Merkel did and followed him about the place as if it were a domestic pet. Sandhill cranes are extremely shy, and are now seen only on rare occasions in this area.

Prairie chickens were everywhere.

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.

OBITUARIES

Marie Klarenbeek

Marie Klarenbeek, age 98, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A visitation was Friday, October 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home. A funeral service was Saturday, October 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with burial following at Memory Gardens in Luverne.

Marie Schouwenburg was born on August 14, 1924, to Jacob and Nellie (Van Buitjen) Schouwenburg on a farm near Beaver Creek, Minnesota. Throughout her childhood the family moved and farmed on various places in Rock County, Minnesota. Following her education at country school through the eighth grade, Marie helped on her parents' farm and other nearby farm places with housekeeping work.

While housekeeping at the Marietta Hotel in Rock Rapids, Iowa, Marie met Gilbert Klarenbeek. On December 7, 1945, the couple was united in marriage at Marie's parents' home near Steen, Minnesota. The couple then made their home south of Rock Rapids on a farm near

Lakewood Corner where they were blessed with their two daughters, Gloria and Colleen.

In 1953 the family moved to a farm near Steen, Minnesota, before moving to a farm on the east side of Magnolia, Minnesota, in March of 1957. Marie and Gilbert retired from farming in 1972 and moved to Luverne, Minnesota, where they built a home. Marie then went to work in housekeeping at the Luverne Community Hospital. During the 1980s, Gilbert went through two leg amputations, with Marie by his side providing care for him. Gilbert passed away in February of 1992.

Marie continued to live in their home. She later retired from the hospital after 28 1/2 years and then moved to The Oaks apartments in Luverne in February of 2002. She lived at The Oaks for 18 years before transferring to Poplar Creek and then to the Mary Jane Brown nursing home.

Marie was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne where she belonged to Circle. She volunteered at Bibles for Missions in Worthington, Minnesota, and at Justice For All in Rock Valley, Iowa.



Marie passed on the skills of handcrafting, cooking and baking to her daughters. She especially loved playing cards with friends and family. Although she faced many health adversities in the later stage of her life, through her strong will, determination and love of life, she became known as the Energizer Bunny because she kept on going.

Marie is lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Gloria (Lyle) Nelson of Luverne and Colleen (James) Spahr of Petoskey, Michigan; grandchildren Angela Nelson and Anthony (Jenn) Nelson; great-grandchildren Vivian Whetstone and Amalia Whetstone; step-grandchildren Tammy Spahr and Todd Spahr; step-great-grandchildren Ashley Mack, Gabriell Spahr, Tate Spahr and Benjamin Spahr; sister Anna Schouwenburg of Hills, Minnesota; and brother Donald Schouwenburg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Gilbert; sister Sophie Berghorst; brothers Bert, Simon, Henry, Marinus and Peter Schouwenburg; an infant sister; and her parents.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

(1027 V)

Barbara Loosbrock

Barbara Jean Loosbrock, 77, Luverne, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Thursday, Oct. 20, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with burial in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Barbara Herrmann was born on March 1, 1945, to Arthur and Evelyn (Bock) Herrmann. She attended school in Luverne and graduated in 1963.

Barb worked as a life-guard during high school and at Bernie's Café for a time after high school before marrying Robert (Bob) Loosbrock at St. Catherine's Church in 1964. Barb and Bob farmed south of Lismore until 1975 when they purchased the Blue Mound Inn. After the Blue Mound Inn closed in 2000, Barb worked with Bob in his commodity business as

the bookkeeper until November 2021 when they retired.

Barb was active in the community, serving on the First Farmers & Merchants Bank advisory board for 35 years and the Luverne Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Barb enjoyed a variety of activities. She was an avid reader, volunteered at church, participated in a weekly bowling league, enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, and loved to bake and crochet.

Barb looked forward to getting together with high school classmates in their "first Tuesday" group each month and spending time with the Lismore card group. Barb enjoyed preparing delicious meals for family and friends.

Barb is survived by her



husband, Bob; son Mike (Brenda) Loosbrock of Slayton, daughter Kelly Stearns of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and daughter Amy (Tony) Reuter of Littleton, Colorado; grandchildren Ben (Haydn) Loosbrock of Bennington, Nebraska, Mallory Loosbrock of St. Paul, Emily Stearns of Baltimore, Maryland, Conner Stearns of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Coletta and Beau Reuter of Littleton, Colorado; sisters Sandy Knapp of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Peggy Herrmann of Eagan.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law Edmund and Coletta Loosbrock; sister-in-law Donna Loosbrock; brothers-in-law Ron Knapp, Tom Conlan and Raymond Loonan; and nephew Dan Conlan.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmann-sons.com.

(1027 F)

Ben Smidstra

Ben Smidstra, 91, Rock Rapids, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Ben Smidstra was born on Nov. 26, 1930, to Charles and Reika (Kracht) Smidstra in Edna, Iowa. He was raised on a farm outside of Rock Rapids and attended country school through the eighth grade. He then helped on the family farm.

In September 1954, at the age of 24, Ben enlisted in the United States Army, where he served in Japan, near Tokyo shortly after the Korean Conflict ended. After his tour was completed in August 1956, he returned to the family farm south of Luverne.

Shortly after returning, Ben met the love of his life, Lylas, at a roller-skating rink in

Rock Rapids. Ben and Lylas were married on Dec. 3, 1958. They bought the family farm once when Ben's parents retired.

Ben loved horses and enjoyed using his work horses to complete most of the farming operations. He enjoyed all farm animals and always had a loyal farm dog and cats.

In 1981, when his son Joel became paralyzed in a car accident, Ben and Lylas began caring for Joel.

Ben enjoyed the weekend and summer visits of his five grandchildren to the farm and many memories were made on that farm with them.

In the last 10 years, Ben cared for Lylas as her health declined. In February 2018, Lylas moved to the Minnesota Veterans Home and Ben visited her every day. In October 2019, after his own declining health, Ben also moved to the Veterans Home. Lylas passed away in October 2021.

Ben is survived by his son Charles Smidstra of



Luverne; five grandchildren, Ben Smidstra of Luverne, Christina (Jose) Grijalva of Luverne, Bethany Smidstra (partner Brandon Englert) of Rock Rapids, Melissa (Fady) Smidstra of Michigan, Erin Jerke (Jordan) of Harrisburg, South Dakota; 15 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Joe Jeffer of Luverne; sister-in-law Delores Jurrens of Ellsworth; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Ben was preceded in death by his wife, Lylas Smidstra; a son, Joel Smidstra; his parents; parents-in-law Everett and Juel Jurrens; two brothers, Albert (Harriet) Smidstra and Bert (Albertha) Smidstra; four sisters, Jennie (Jack) Vande Weerd, Suzie (Hank) Kelderman, Jessie (Harvey) Wiersma, and Wilma Jean Jeffer; one brother-in-law, Donald Jurrens; and an infant sister-in-law.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, Iowa, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(1027 F)

James Nelson

James R. Nelson, 77, South St. Paul, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022.

Jim grew up in Hills, a small town in Southwest Minnesota, surrounded by uncles and aunts. The family moved to Luverne in 1960 with Jim graduating from Luverne High School in 1962.

Jim spent a lot of time as a young man on farms helping his mother's family, as he had a real fondness for rural farm life.

Jim proudly served his country as an airplane mechanic in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

Jim's role as a father to his two children, Richard and Kristin, brought him the most joy, along with the

times he shared with his beloved mother, the late Alyce Nelson. Jim had a deep fondness for the heartland where he was raised.

Memorial Day held special meaning for Jim, as he commemorated his father's (the late Morton Nelson) service in World War II and would annually attend a small parade in Hills, Minnesota, to honor his role, as well as that of his dad.

The simple pleasure of going for breakfast was a daily practice Jim rarely missed. He greatly appreciated those who kept his coffee warm on the coldest of days, when he would arrive with merely a windbreaker



Bruce Tofteland

Bruce Milo Tofteland, 63, Luverne, died at his home on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022.

A funeral service was Monday, Oct. 24, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery.

Bruce Tofteland was born on Feb. 9, 1959, to Arthur and Lois (Koolman) Tofteland in Adrian. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church and later confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church. Bruce spent his childhood on the family farm in Kanaranzi Township. In 1968, at 9 years old, he suffered the tragic loss of his father. Bruce attended Luverne High School and graduated in 1978.

After graduation Bruce remained on the farm helping with chores and yard

work. He kept busy tinkering with electronics (stereos, watches, etc.) and car motors and parts. He had a talent for fixing and a passion for collecting GTOs.

Bruce attended Stewart's in Sioux Falls, graduating in 1984. He continued

his career in Minneapolis as a hair stylist at JC Penney in Roseville. After 25 years he retired and enjoyed travel, especially to Mexico during the winter months. In 2009 Bruce discovered ballroom dancing and had many friends in the ballroom community. He also assisted with auctions, following in his mother's footsteps.

In 2018 Bruce suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) from a motor vehicle/pedestrian accident. He was

no longer able to drive but still enjoyed coffee shops, local stores and restaurants in his neighborhood in Minneapolis.

In August of 2022, Bruce moved back home, where he reconnected with friends and family. He enjoyed walks and exploring his expanded home town. His favorites were chicken at Pizza Ranch and mochas at Wildflower.

Bruce had a fun, goofy, loving personality. He was kind and humble.

Bruce is survived by his sister, Sonya (Randy) Miller; nieces Erika and Kelli Miller; and many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Frances Slieter

Frances Marion "Fran" Slieter, 86, Jasper, died Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Friday, Oct. 21, at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper. Burial was in the Ihlen Cemetery in Ihlen.

Frances Reid was born to Alfred and Frances (Bates) Reid on June 12, 1936, at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was raised in Sioux Falls and graduated from Washington High School.

Frances married Verlyn Slieter on Oct. 28, 1955. In 1972 they purchased the Jasper Meat Market and moved their family to Jasper. In 1982 they sold the Meat Market and continued to live in Jasper until 1986, when they moved to Ihlen. In 2018 Frances moved

back to Jasper. After selling

the meat market, Frances worked at The Glass House in Ihlen until 1987. She then became secretary of the Jasper ELCA, a job she dearly loved. She retired in November 2015

after 28 years. Frances was active in the Jasper ELCA Church, Ihlen Eden Seniors, various card clubs and the Jasper Lion's Club. Frances was also a proud Blood Donor to the American Red Cross.

Frances loved attending grandchildren's sporting events and traveling to visit her children when they lived in different parts of the country and world. Frances was an avid fan of all Minnesota sports and was known to watch multiple sports

at one time.


She is survived by her children, Kathryn (Thomas) Baier, Judith (Paul) Bussell, Susan DeSchepper (William DeSchepper), and John (Dawn) Slieter; 11 grandchildren, Jeffrey Baier, Aric Baier, Stephen Bussell, Katie Bussell, Michael Bussell, Sean DeSchepper, Alec DeSchepper, Eli DeSchepper, Grace DeSchepper, Natalie Slieter; four great-grandchildren, Jeremy Baier, Ian Baier, Nelson Baier, and Charlotte Bussell; one sister, Helen Jensen; and a special friend, Virginia Hieberger.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Verlyn, in 2013; her parents; and her brother, Richard Reid.

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Cardinals claim Big South championships

By Sara Schmuck for the Star Herald

Luverne girls' and boys' varsity cross country teams both left the Big South Conference meet as small school champions Tuesday, Oct. 18, in Cedar Creek Park near Fairmont.

This Thursday, Oct. 27, they look forward to facing all teams in the section as Luverne hosts the Section 3A meet.

"We're striving for another goal and an opportunity to extend our season another week," said coach Pete Janiszkeski.

The state cross country tournament is Nov. 5 in Northfield.

In the Big South Championships, Jenna DeBates, Luverne, won the girls' varsity 5k with a time of 18:56.75.

Redwood Valley runner Addie Thomes came in second at 20:01.47.

Luverne's Ella Schmuck placed third with a time of 20:12.31.

Madalyn Munsell from Redwood Valley placed fourth in 20:28.38.

This back and forth between Redwood and Luverne runners continued throughout the race that resulted in the Luverne girls winning by just one point for an exciting tally during the meet.

Luverne boys' varsity top placer was Owen Janiszkeski, who earned second place with a time of 16:22.90. He held the lead until a hill right before the finish line, when Will Ahrens



Sara Schmuck photo/1027 CC

Ella Schmuck crosses the finish line Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 18, in the Big South Championship in Fairmont. The Luverne High School boys' and girls' cross country teams won the small team championships. The Cardinals are preparing for today's (Oct. 27) Section 3A tournament hosted this year in Luverne.

from Redwood Valley passed him to finish in 16:10.20.

Other top runners were from Pipestone, Redwood, Windom and Jackson. The meet resulted in Luverne boys winning overall points and beating Redwood Valley by just five points.

"For the boys, it was awesome for them to achieve the title," Janiszkeski said. "The girls continue to show consistency at the conference meet with another title. Across the board, the kids got out and left it all on the

course and we are very proud of them for their resilience and effort."

Eight runners earned medals including Camden Janiszkeski (honorable mention), Ryan Fick (all conference), Owen Janiszkeski (all conference), Sage Viessman (honorable mention), Jenna DeBates (all conference), Ella Schmuck (all conference), Grace Ingebretson (honorable mention) and Khloe Visker (honorable mention).

Other varsity girls' 5k results:
 Grace Ingebretson, 9th, 21:24.39
 Khloe Visker, 10th, 21:33.88
 Grace Kempema, 26th, 23:06.06
 Kayla Bloemendaal, 20th, 23:09.60
 Makena Nelson, 22nd, 23:11.20
 Maria Rops, 23rd, 23:11.80
 Tiana Lais, 25th, 23:22.23
Other varsity boys' 5k results
 Ryan Fick, 6th, 17:08.60
 Camden Janiszkeski, 9th, 17:18.50
 Sage Viessman, 14th, 17:43.10
 Leif Ingebretson, 17th, 17:56.60
 Carsen Tofeland, 18th, 18:03.80
 Kaleb Hemme, 29th, 19:01.90
 Dylan Ommen, 31st, 19:15.90

H-BC volleyball season comes to a close

By Joni Deelstra for the Star Herald

The H-BC Patriots, the No. 10 seed in 3A south subsection play, ended their season Monday night in Slayton with a 25-13, 25-6, 25-12 loss to No. 7 seed Murray County Central.

The Patriots, 1-19 during the season, and MCC, 8-14, had also met on Sept. 29, when MCC won in three

sets.

MCC started the match Monday night with a 7-0 lead before Brynn Rauk tallied a couple of points off a push to an open spot followed by a tip to an open spot to make the score 10-2. Lanae Elbers' set from the back row set up Layla Deelstra for a kill, 13-6. Deelstra and Elbers then joined up in the front row to score off

a double block 14-7. Deelstra had a back row setup to Taylor Huisman for a kill 17-11. MCC finished the first set 25-13.

The second set was mainly all MCC. Huisman scored a point off a tip over two blockers. Elbers and Deelstra joined up again for a double block but MCC ran away with the set, 25-6.

Ellama Sammons

scored a point off a tip in the third set after a strong start by MCC 7-3. A pass from Olivia Bork to Rauk to set up Elbers for a kill added a point for H-BC, 12-6. Deelstra passed to Rauk to set up Larrisa Steinhoff for a kill, 19-9. An ace serve by Bork was H-BC's final point before the set ended 25-12.

Senior Elly Klosterbuer

had several saves in the back row and showed lots of hustle for H-BC.

Team statistics:
 Olivia Bork: 5 digs, 4/5 serving with 1 ace
 Lanae Elbers: 9 digs, 4/4 serving, 2 kills, 2 blocks
 Layla Deelstra: 2 kills, 4/6 serving, 2 blocks
 Brynn Rauk: 3 kills, 4/5 serving, 1 block, 4 set assists



Samantha McGaffee photo/1027 Football H-BC

Sophomore Beau Bakken (No. 4) takes the ball around an Edgerton defender Wednesday night, Oct. 18, in an at-home matchup between the longtime rivals.

H-BC tops Edgerton Dutchmen, first to claim Red Rock Trophy

By Dan Ellingson for the Star Herald

In the inaugural Red Rock Trophy football game between Hills-Beaver Creek and Edgerton Wednesday night, the Patriots came away with a 38-28 victory.

In a very physical game, the Patriots earned the No. 2 seed in the Section 3 9-man football playoffs, and H-BC was the first school to claim possession of the traveling Red Rock Trophy.

On the opening posses-

sion of the game, the Patriots were forced to punt the ball away.

Just five plays into the Dutchmen's offensive possession, Patriot senior linebacker Brayden Metzger recovered an Edgerton fumble, the first of six Dutchmen turnovers in the game.

"We won the turnover battle which was the difference in the game," said Patriots head coach Rex

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Luverne Cardinals take cross-county win against Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots

Post-season play begins this week for volleyball teams

By Stacy Olson for the Star Herald

Luverne hosted Hills-Beaver Creek on Tuesday, Oct. 18, for a cross-county volleyball contest that resulted in a four-game win for the Cardinals with scores of 25-14, 25-22, 23-25 and 25-16.

Coach Sarah DeBeer was able to get everyone on the roster in to play during the night.

Carly Olson recorded 14 digs and completed 22 of 23 serves with one ace from the service line.

Christina Wagner assisted the Cards with two solo blocks, one block assist, 20 of 20 completed serves and three aces.

Elizabeth Wagner played a strong game at the net with six kills and one solo block.

Anja Jarchow led LHS with nine kills. Kamryn Van Batavia recorded 13 digs in the four games. Emma Beyer and Averill Sehr charted 19 and 14 set assists respectively.

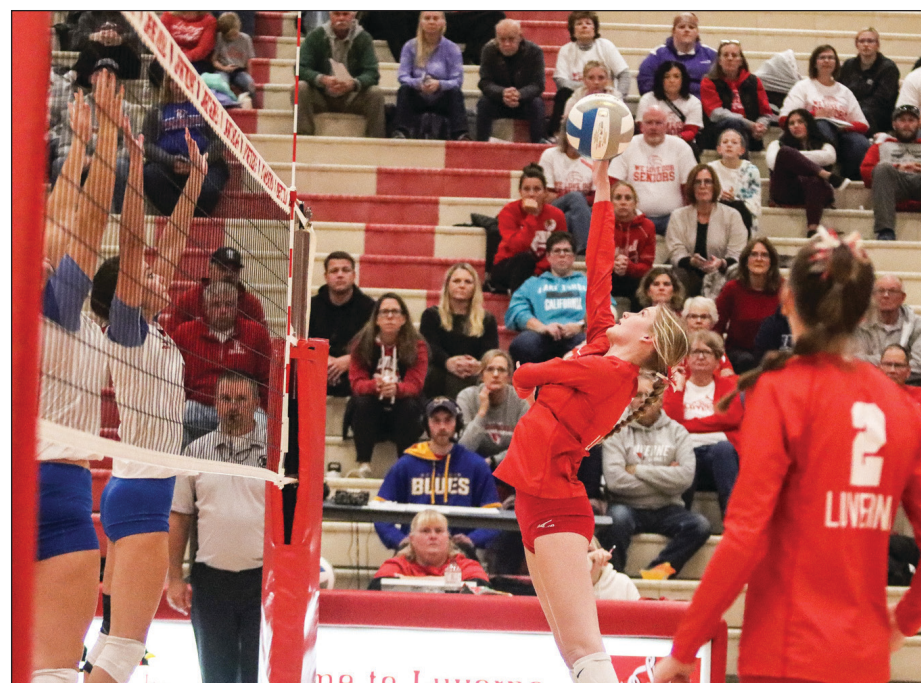
Despite losing in four sets, the H-BC players enjoyed one of their best games of the season.

"H-BC showed lots of hustle and better communication," observed contributing sportswriter Joni Deelstra.

"They are seeing the court better and finding the open spots. One area that the Patriots have struggled with but improved on in this game was blocking."

She said Lanae Elbers came up huge for H-BC in the third set win with three of her four blocks in the third set along with an ace serve, two kills, and a tip to an open spot to score.

With the help of H-BC setter Bailey Spykerboer, Layla Deelstra



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Elle Halverson reaches for the ball Tuesday night, Oct. 18, in a home match against Hills-Beaver Creek. The Cardinals won the matchup 3-1 and completed their regular season with a record of 15 wins and seven losses. The Cardinals travel to Redwood Falls Friday for the first round of the playoffs.

played a strong front row and led the team with nine kills.

H-BC's libero, Grace Anderson, who seldom gets a chance to register a kill, was able to tally two kills for the night.

Elly Klosterbuer was 17/17 serving with one ace and nine digs.

Grace Anderson went 6 of 7 serving with one ace and 13 digs.

Bailey Spykerboer had two kills, four digs, one block, and 22 set assists.

Lanae Elbers was 5/8 serving with one ace, five kills, four blocks and 16 digs.

Larrisa Steinhoff had five kills and three blocks.

Brynn Rauk registered three kills and four set assists.

Layla Deelstra was 5/8 serving with one ace, nine kills and one block.

Senior night for Cardinals

The Oct. 18 contest in Luverne included Cardinals' senior recognition at the final home game of the season.

Luverne's roster features 12 seniors, including Anja Jarchow, Emma Beyer, Carly Olson, Kamryn Van Batavia, Christina Wagner, Averill Sehr, Elizabeth Wag-

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Doubles team finishes season with loss

By Susan Beers for the Star Herald

The LHS girls' tennis doubles team of Sarah Stegenga and Katharine Kelm competed in the semifinals and finals rounds of the Section 3A Individual Tournament in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Stegenga and Kelm were awarded a forfeit in the semifinals when a Morris athlete was unable to play due to an injury. In the finals, Stegenga and Kelm were defeated by Elise Duncan and Gerta Multhauf of Benson 6-2, 6-1.

In the match for true second, Stegenga and Kelm were defeated in three sets by Clair Lowry and Kayla Jahn 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. With the loss, the LHS duo was eliminated from the Section tournament.

"Sarah and Katharine had a great season, and it was hard to see them lose a three-set match and not make it to the individual state tournament," said LHS coach Jon Beers.

"I was really happy to see them come back and win the second set after losing the first set 6-1. They played a great second set, but they got down in the third set and just weren't able to get the lead back."

The LHS girls' season continues Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 25 and 26, in Minneapolis when the team competes in their first-ever state tourney.

Loss ends Cardinals' season; earn playoff's No. 3 seed

By John Sichmeller
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals football team finished off their regular season on Wednesday night with a loss to the visiting Waseca Bluejays.

The Bluejays held a 27-0 lead at halftime and added one touchdown in the second half to complete a 35-0 victory over the Cardinals.

Waseca, who has not lost a section game all year, proved to be a tough test for the Cardinals.

"Waseca is one of the top-rated teams in the state and they definitely played that way to start the game," said Luverne coach Todd Oye after the game.

Waseca started the scoring early after Luverne was not able to advance the ball on their opening possession. The Bluejays took over with excellent field position at the Luverne 34-yard line and quickly moved the ball downfield.

The Bluejays got in the end zone for their first score when Christian Rodriguez took a handoff and ran 3 yards for the touchdown. After a successful extra point kick, Waseca led 7-0 with 9:35 remaining in the first quarter.

After forcing the Cardinals to a three-and-out on offense, the Waseca offense picked up right where it left off when they got the ball. This time they needed just three plays to get back into the Cardinal end zone. Waseca quarterback Oliver O'Brien would finish off the drive with a 6-yard run for a touchdown. The Waseca extra point was good and



Images by CD photo/1027 Football LHS
Luverne's Kaleb Hein (No. 47) forces a fumble with the help of teammate Eli Woodley (No. 51) Wednesday night, Oct. 18, in a home contest against Waseca.

they now held a 14-0 lead with 6:21 remaining in the quarter.

The Cardinals got their biggest play of the night in their next possession when Conner Connell completed a 34-yard pass to Gannon Ahrendt. The reception brought Luverne to the Waseca 25-yard line, but the Cardinals were not able to advance the ball any farther and Waseca took over possession.

The Waseca offense continued their stellar play, executing a 5-play, 70-yard scoring drive which was capped off by a 1-yard touchdown reception from Jacob Thompson. After another

successful extra point kick, the Bluejays' lead was now 21-0 with 2:33 left in the first quarter.

After another unsuccessful offensive possession for the Cardinals, Waseca was able to score on their fourth straight possession when O'Brien broke free for a 53-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter. Waseca missed the extra point kick, and their lead was now 27-0 with 10:47 remaining in the second quarter.

The Cardinals had their best opportunity to score late in the second quarter after getting the ball down to the Waseca 12-yard line, but they were unable to get into the end zone.

Neither team scored again in the half, and the score at halftime remained 27-0 in Waseca's favor.

The Cardinal defense held the Bluejays scoreless in the third quarter.

Waseca scored their final touchdown early in the fourth quarter when O'Brien threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to running back Max Neaves. The Bluejays completed the 2-point conversion to raise the score to 35-0 with 10:21 remaining in the quarter, and that was also the final score.

Despite the loss, Coach Oye was pleased with how the team finished the game.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

Pheasant opener

So, the 2022 pheasant opener was a few days back, and I had a very unusual one.

Worthington was selected for the location to host the 2022 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. We were selected late and only had about 100 days to put the weekend event together.

It may seem like not a very big thing, but to have the governor out and about only three weeks before the election is a very big deal for everyone involved. This event was a partnership between the governor's office, Explore Minnesota Tourism, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and my home chapter of Nobles County Pheasants Forever.

The devil is in the details on an event like this. We had a series of media tours all day on Friday, and there were over 30 different media organizations present to cover the event.

As the media tours were taking place, I attended a listening session with the commissioner of the DRN, Sarah Strommen. We talked about all kinds of public land issues and how to get more folks engaged in the outdoors.

The Friday schedule also included a land dedication on a project I have been very involved with for the past three years. My chapter has logged over 1050 volunteer hours on this parcel.

At least 650 invasive cottonwood trees along

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ner, Reese Louwagie, Mallory Von Tersch, Justice Arhendt, Josie Anderson, and Abby Anderson.

The Cardinals travel to Redwood Falls on Friday, Oct. 28, for the first round of playoffs.

Coach DeBeer said she and the team are looking forward to seeing Redwood again, and she said she feels the Cardinals will show up to the match looking like a different team than their last outing against Redwood.

"Our regular season started off strong and then hit a roadblock in the middle of the season," she said.

"The Cardinals lost some games they really needed to win. We ended our season strong and continued to improve with every game."

The Cardinals finished the regular season with a record of 15 wins and seven losses.

HBC Star Herald sportswriter Joni Deelstra contributed to this story.



Lanae Elbers bumps the ball for her Hills-Beaver Creek teammates Tuesday night, Oct. 18, in the Patriots' 1-3 on-the-road loss to the Luverne Cardinals. Elbers had three of her four blocks in the third set along with an ace serve, two kills and a tip to an open spot to win the third set for the Patriots.

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Metzger.

It only took five plays for the Patriots to cover 30 yards leading to their first score, a 5-yard burst by Beau Bakken with 6:16 left in the first quarter.

After exchanging punts, the Dutchmen scored on a nine-play drive, knotting the score at 6, with 11:54 left in the first half.

Following a Patriot punt, the Dutchmen put together another long drive, but it fizzled at the HBC 30-yard line.

The Patriots went on offense, but the Dutchmen's defense held again, and the Patriots were not able to capitalize on that offensive opportunity.

Edgerton went on a 41-yard drive to score a touchdown and the 2-point conversion to take a 14-6 lead with only 36 seconds left in the half.

But the half was not over for the Patriots. Patriot kick returner Blake Leenderts was able to return the Dutchmen kickoff to the 47-yard line. From there the Patriot offense took over. A pass from Jamin Metzger to Sawyer Bosch netted 14 yards to the Edgerton 39-yard line. On the second play, another pass from Metzger to

Bosch advanced the ball 16 yards to the Edgerton 23-yard line with only 20 seconds left in the half. On first and 10, Edgerton was flagged for a pass interference call which brought the ball to the 11-yard line with just 3 seconds left in the second quarter. With time for one play, Jamin Metzger moved to his right, threw back to the middle of the field and into the end zone to wide receiver Brock Harnack for a touchdown.

With the game clock showing 00:00, the Patriots were given one untimed down for the two-point conversion attempt. After two Patriot timeouts, Sawyer Bosch smashed into the end zone, tying the game at 14-14 at the half.

The second half kickoff by the Patriots turned into another Edgerton turnover. Jamin Metzger's hard tackle caused an Edgerton fumble on the kick return, and Mason Shaffner pounced on the loose ball for the Patriots.

Although H-BC did not score on that possession, the Patriots were able to keep the ball away from the dangerous Dutchmen's offense.

The only score in the third quarter belonged to the home team Patriots. Running back Beau Bakken took the ball over the goal line from 12 yards out and put the Patriots up 20-14. Bakken's successful 2-point conversion made the score 22-14 with 1:34 left in the third quarter.

After cornerback Sawyer Bosch's interception of an Edgerton pass, the Patriots marched down the field on a nine-play, 61-yard drive that ended with a Bakken 3-yard run. The Sawyer Bosch to Riley Tatge 2-point conversion pass put the Patriots up 30-14 with 8:42 left in the game.

Edgerton did not quit, and their next score took only one play of 65 yards and took 19 seconds off the clock. The Dutchmen narrowed the Patriots' lead to only eight.

However, the Patriots answered with a 12-play drive covering 62 yards to extend the lead back to 16 for the Patriots. Beau Bakken scored his fourth touchdown of the game with 2:10 remaining. Edgerton added a late touchdown with only 2 seconds on the game clock to make the final score 38-28.

Patriots coach Rex Metzger said, "Our guys stepped up in the second half and played physical on both sides of the ball." He said he was proud of the effort the guys gave all night against a very good Edgerton team.

The Patriots finish the regular season with a 6-2 record. They are scheduled to face seventh-seed Madelia Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Hills. Coverage of that game will be in next week's edition of the Star Herald.

Team statistics:
HBC-146 rushing yards, 182 passing yards, 328 total yards, 21 first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, zero turnovers. Edgerton-230 rushing yards, 99 passing yards, 329 total yards, 20 first downs, two penalties for 20 yards, six turnovers.

Individual statistics:
Rushing: Beau Bakken 21-78, Sawyer Bosch 15-65, Jamin Metzger 2-3, James Vandenberg 2-0.
Passing: Jamin Metzger 10-15 for 115 yards, one touchdown. Sawyer Bosch 3-5 for 67 yards. Receiving: Sawyer Bosch 6-68, Luke Feurstenberg 2-45, Riley Tatge 3-38, Beau Bakken 1-20, Brock Harnack 1-11 for one touchdown. Defense tackles: Beau Bakken 8, Sawyer Bosch 5.5, Brock Harnack 4.5, Brayden Metzger 4.5, 1 TFL, Riley Tatge 4.5, 1 TFL, Micah Bush 3, Cody Moser 3, Luke Fuerstenberg 3.

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Reese Louwagie

Sport: Volleyball
Parents: Laura and Chris Louwagie
What I like most about Volleyball: Getting to spend time with my team.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Choir, Student Council, Peer Helping and Math League.
Favorite Class: Math



Tyler Gebauer

Sport: Football
Parents: Crystal Reese and Jason Gebauer
What I like most about Football: Being with the team.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Baseball and Fishing.
Favorite Class: Study Hall

Logan Ommen

Sport: Cross Country
Parents: Mark and Stacey Ommen
What I like most about Cross Country: It's a sport focused on self-improvement instead of relying on others, so I can see my improvement and know that I earned it.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Math League, Robotics and Tennis.
Favorite Class: Physics



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The weak and the strong

As a young boy, I made it my life's mission to make my younger brother despise the day he was born.

It's so crazy how God can make siblings with complete opposite personalities. My brother and I are the perfect example. I'll talk to just about anybody; my brother only talks when it is necessary. I seldom ever put off what could be done "today." My brother, however, always had his own agenda and time frame which was seldom "today"! I'm very particular with, well, just about everything; my brother was pretty much a slob. Since we shared a bedroom, his lack of attention to detail would drive me absolutely crazy.

My little farm toys were set up on my dresser like a store display. I had a very strict rule: "DON'T EVER TOUCH MY STUFF!" Of course, he did, forcing me to retaliate and beat the crap out of him. I was physically stronger, and after all, he broke the rule.

I can honestly say I was one of the worst older brothers on the planet. I would give him the small cars with the wheels that didn't turn, convincing him they were special. At the time, I would've considered myself not only physically stronger but also smarter than him, mentally stronger.

I'm sure those of us who have siblings might be recalling a similar story. Maybe you were the stronger or maybe you were the weaker.

I never gave it much thought until I was an adult, reflecting on scripture where Paul talks about the strong and the weak. Now, I know Paul isn't addressing a toy farm display or allowing your little brother into the cool car club. Paul is speaking about believers who are strong in faith and those who are weak.

Romans 14:1 "Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong."

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Bob Junak,
Rock River Community
Church, Luverne

Paul is saying it's okay to hang out with those who may not be as mature as we are. And just because they don't understand, don't argue with them. Instead, accept them. Don't run away judging them; embrace them so they too can become stronger in faith.

When I read this, I made a correlation between this verse and how I treated my brother. God desires us to be filled with care and concern for others, especially for those of us who are stronger.

Paul gives this little gem of advice for us:

Romans 15:1-2 "We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord."

Instead of using our strength to make us feel superior, or to make ourselves feel better about our own weaknesses, let's use that strength to treat them the way Christ had intended.

In my 20s, I decided I would invest in my brother. I taught him how to work with his hands and become a skilled cabinetmaker. I shared with him all my tricks and my secrets. He now owns the largest and most successful cabinet shops in the area where we grew up.

I realized Paul was pointing out that the way to true happiness and fulfillment is to take your eyes off yourself and invest in someone weaker.

Let's use our strengths to help the weak and those who are struggling. Give it a try. You won't be disappointed!

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Friday, Oct. 28: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Pillow cleaning. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 3 p.m. Gospel Jubilee. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. 8:15 p.m. Cantana rehearsal. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church

Bob Junak, Pastor

Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529

Wednesday, Oct. 26: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:15 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Oct. 27: 7 p.m. New AA group. Saturday, Oct. 29: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school; FUEL. 9:45 a.m. coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Oct. 31: 6:30 p.m. 2nd Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Nov. 1: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 6:15 p.m. FUEL and confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Nov. 3: 7 p.m. New AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Youth Sunday school during worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local

Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, Oct. 27: Grandparents Party in Fellowship room. 9 a.m. RCMA at St. John. 9 a.m. Little Lambs. 10:30 a.m. SD DCE Cluster meeting. 1:30 p.m. Chapel — Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Chapel — Poplar Creek. Oct. 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday, Oct. 31: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 1 p.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. Kids for Christ. 7 p.m. Senior choir. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Josh Hayden, Pastor

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101 W. Maple, Luverne

Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelcbration@gmail.com
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Confirmation at First Lutheran. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — palisadchurch@alliancecom.net

www.palisadelutheran.org

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com

Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

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Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Team	County Commissioner District 1 Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any
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<input type="radio"/> Brad Bosch	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any
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Council Member City of Luverne Ward 1 Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any
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<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Lloyd Hemme	<input type="radio"/> Kraig E. Rust
Council Member City of Luverne Ward 2 Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Bradley M. Skattum
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Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Battle Plain Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> Larry Fjellanger	School District Offices
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<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Battle Plain Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> Jennifer Harms
<input type="radio"/> Aaron Sandbulte	<input type="radio"/> Jerry Purdin	<input type="radio"/> Ryan W. Heikes
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<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Vickie Busswitz	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any
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<input type="radio"/> Heidi Freese	<input type="radio"/> Brian Kraayenhof	<input type="radio"/> Sheri Vyskocil
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<input type="radio"/> Jacob Conger	Mayor City of Jasper Vote for One	Mayor City of Magnolia Vote for One
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<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any
Mayor City of Hardwick Vote for One	Council Member City of Jasper Vote for Up to Three	Council Member City of Magnolia Vote for Up to Two
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**State General Election Ballot
Rock County, Minnesota
November 8, 2022**

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An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.</p> <p>Dated: September 26, 2022</p> <p>BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD</p> <p><u>/s/ Katie Wiese</u> School District Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(10-20, 10-27)</p>
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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 5, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Appointments must be made ahead of time by calling (507) 283-5060.																															
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 3, 2022. The test will be held on, Thursday November 3, 2022 at 3:00 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 general election

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2689
(PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2689, (Pipestone Area Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022 for the purpose of electing three (3) school board members for four-year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

Instructions to Voters:

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

School Board Member
Vote for Up to Three

Brad Carson

Jeff Baatz

Daphne Likness

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Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: September 26, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Katie Wiese
School District Clerk

(10-20, 10-27)

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Quiet title action

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Quiet Title Action
Court File: 67-CV-22-246

Vicki Gauslin, f/k/a Vicki Schultz,
Plaintiff

vs.

Paul Carlson and Fujiko Carlson as trustees of the Carlson Family 2018 Trust dated June 11, 2018, Elaine Marie Carlson a/k/a Elaine Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth Rollag, Keven Vermillion, Kathy Grosz, Kenneth Vermillion, Steven Vermillion, Michael Vermillion, the unknown heirs of Martin C. Vermillion, Mary Ann Vandestow, and Luella Vermillion, and all persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS.

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

Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Section Thirty-four (34); the West 60 acres of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35); and a tract of land situated in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35) described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the NW1/4 of said Section 35, thence due East on the southern boundary line of said Quarter Section a distance of 415 feet, thence due North 248 feet to the Illinois Central Railway right-of-way, thence in a southwesterly direction along the south boundary line of said railway right-of-way to the point of beginning, containing one acre, more or less; all in Township One Hundred One (101) North, Range Forty-seven (47) West of the 5th P.M.

The object of this action is to remove, terminate and quiet any interest of the defendants to this action and to the real estate described above.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT NO PERSONAL CLAIM is made against any of the Defendants. If any Defendant unreasonably defends the action, then Plaintiff is requesting an order of the Court directing that said Defendant shall pay full costs to the Plaintiff.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that sanctions may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 549.211.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022

/s/ _____ /s/ _____
Paul A. Vis and Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke,
Attorneys for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 E. Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
ID#297550/389457

(10-20, 10-27, 11-03)

Rock County Planning and Zoning hearing for Prairie Estates set for Oct. 31

Notice of Public Hearing for Prairie Ridge Estates
Subdivision Preliminary Plat

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:05 p.m. Monday, October 31, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comment on a Final Plat proposed for a Suburban Residence Subdivision, for the following tract of property:

The easternmost 1625 feet of the 60.40 acre tract of land located in the S 1/2 of Section 12 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W. This tract lies South of the Ellis and Eastern railroad right of way in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4. The property is owned by Dean and Jennifer Totteland.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing by 4:00 p.m. on October 31, 2022, to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, MN 56156.

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(10-20, 10-27)

Northern Con-Agg public hearing set for Oct. 31

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday October 31, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Northern Con-Agg
Location: A tract of land in the SE corner of Section 14 and the SW corner of Section 13 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Gravel mining, stockpiling, and processing
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing by 4:00 p.m. on October 31, 2022, to the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, MN 56156.

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(10-20, 10-27)

Notice of ISD #2184 general election

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne Public Schools, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the following offices shall be filled:

Four (4) School Board Member, for one four-year term
One (1) School Board Member, for one two-year term

The precincts and polling places for this general election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district and which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides.

Qualified voters must be registered to vote in this election. Unregistered voters may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Tyler Reisch
Luverne Public Schools
Business Manager
(10-27)

Notice of City of Luverne general election

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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 8, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the following offices shall be filled:

One Council Member, North Ward, for one four-year term
One Council Member, 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 7, 2022.

Jessica Mead, City Clerk
City of Luverne, Minnesota
(10-20, 10-27)

DEADLINE FOR LEGALS is MONDAY @ 10 a.m.

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with 400 others were removed and burned. Prescribed fire was completed on 250 acres, and 16,000 pounds of scrap iron and wire were recycled at the local recycle center. Two semi loads of tires were removed, and they were also recycled. In addition, 150 acres of poor grass habitat had been converted to native plants and forbs, and the place is starting to look really nice.

The governor and the lieutenant governor were on site for the dedication, and they both talked about the importance of public lands and conservation in general. The dedication also had 25 FFA students seeding four acres into a super cool pollinator planting. I cannot wait to see what that will look like in three years when it is fully developed.

A community gathering happened Friday evening I was lucky enough to visit with some of the most influential partners in the world of conservation, and I felt good about the outcome of my conversations.

As for the hunt portion of the weekend, we hosted and guided the governor and the lieutenant governor on private land for a few hours on opening day. For the very first time in the history of the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, the governor shot his limit of birds within only a few hours. The weekend was a complete success.

As a passionate public lands advocate and the event chair, I was questioned by a few people whose political views were different from our current governor's. All I ask of any Minnesotan is this question. Is the conservation and proper management of our lands, waters, forests and wildlife resources a red or blue issue?

It is certainly not. This event put a great focus on issues that are at the core of my life. Conservation, public lands, clean water and wildlife management are all on that list. Regardless of your political position, conservation takes everyone at the table. You simply cannot divide this critical issue down any political line no matter how hard you might want to. Any attempt to do so just widens the divide.

Spending a weekend with the governor, lieutenant governor, many conservation professionals, non-profits like Pheasants Forever and many of my friends in the DNR shines a light on our hunting heritage and the importance of wild places. There is no way to see this as anything other than a positive.

We will all get to make up our own minds here in about three weeks. All I can do is encourage you to keep wildlife resources on the front burner when you decide.

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



Local artist McKenzie (Wieneke) Mulder (left) leads young artists through a step-by-step process of painting pumpkin art on canvas Monday night, Oct. 24. They are (from left) Athena DeBoer, Boston Groff, Chloe Strassburg, Lucy Knips and Erin Mongold. Lori Sorenson photos/1027 paint and snack

Young artists create pumpkin art in 'Paint and Snack' class



Above, Chloe Strassburg follows instructions for the next step in her paint on canvas. Above right are the completed steps in the process. Below right, Lucy Knips follows her sketches to apply the orange outlines for the pumpkin art. Athena DeBoer reloads her brush between applications of paint on canvas.



Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

Local artist McKenzie (Wieneke) Mulder led a group of aspiring young painters through a step-by-step process of painting pumpkin art on canvas Monday night, Oct. 24.

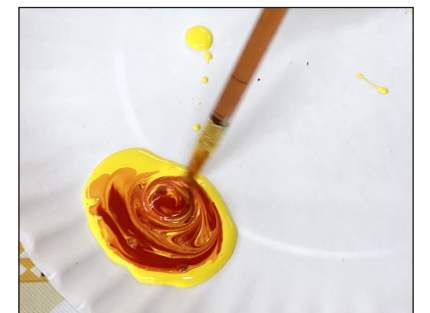
Working in a semi-circle of tables in the lower level of Lord Grizzly Art Gallery on Luverne's Main Street,


the students participated in the Community Education Class, "Paint and Snacks."

Taking snack breaks between steps, students followed Mulder's directions and applied their own brush strokes toward an end result that featured stacked pumpkins against a decoratively framed blue background.



Above, Boston Groff applies broad brush strokes for his pumpkin outlines. Below, yellow and red paint are mixed together to make a deep orange pumpkin color.






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