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'Please be patient'

Local election officials get deluge of early ballots, brace for historic Election Day

By Lori Sorenson
Minnesotans are shattering records for early voting in the 2020 presidential election, and Rock County is on pace to do the same. Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz is Rock County's chief election official, and she said voter activity is truly historic. "I anticipated that we would have a larger amount of people absentee voting but the actual number has exceeded my expectations," she said. "It's also been interesting to see the number of people who have never voted getting registered and voting for the first time or even for the first time in a long time." In addition, Kurtz said her office has registered a large number of new voters — more than 230 — and updated a large number of voters from inactive status.

By the numbers
Nearly 40 percent of Rock County's 5,547 registered voters live in mail ballot precincts. These 2,154 voters don't have a physical polling place and their ballots were automatically mailed to them several weeks ago. Of those, more than half (1,246) were returned as of 5 p.m. Monday. Some came by U.S. mail and some were delivered in person. Kurtz said more than 100 people have come to the courthouse for in-person absentee voting. She said her office has issued 1,104 absentee ballots to those who requested them, and 857 were returned by day's end Monday. Considering both absentee and mail ballot precinct voters, Kurtz said she accepted a total of 2,103 absentee and mail ballots, which equates to 38 percent of Rock County's total registered voters. And the heaviest activity is expected in the remaining week before Nov. 3. By comparison, the 2016 presidential election garnered 502 absentee ballots and 1,202 mail ballots at the end of Election Day.

'Please be patient'
Kurtz said the most important message to voters this year is "Be patient. Record early vote/see page 10A



Mavis Fodness photo/1029 Abrupt Season Change

Minnesota weather does a 180

In a week's time, Minnesota's weather went from seasonal fall temperatures to record-setting snowfall over the weekend. Here in Rock County, snowfall accumulated in some areas as much as 4 inches. As low temperatures dropped into the teens Monday night, residents in northern portions of the county woke to a covering of hoar frost. This image was captured in Battle Plain Township Tuesday morning.

Grant may support tower, Lewis & Clark connection for local rural water

By Mavis Fodness
Federal CARES Act dollars may support an additional water tower for the Rock County Rural Water System. County commissioners supported a grant application to the Economic Development Administration at their Oct. 6 meeting. The grant could pay 80 percent of the estimated \$2.5-\$2.9 million water improvement project. The other 20 percent would be split between the RCRW and city of Luverne. "What is going on with the federal government now is that they were allowed a large chunk of COVID dollars they are trying to get out," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. An answer to RCRW's application is expected by next month. RCRW system manager Ryan Holtz is working with Banner Engineering on the cost estimates that would locate a 250,000-gallon water tower west of Luverne. The tower would improve water pressure to the northern areas of the rural water system. The grant would also cover an additional Luverne connection to the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. "The reason for the interconnection is that in major problems we can feed them and they can also do the same for us on our west side," Holtz said. The 8-inch pipeline would be installed along West Warren Street near the Maplewood Cemetery west to an existing 8-inch RCRW mainline. An additional pump station would be constructed along the new

Rural Water grant/see page 5A

What's on my ballot? Voters head to polls Tuesday, Nov. 3

By Lori Sorenson
Tuesday, Nov. 3, is Election Day, and nearly 40 percent of Rock County's registered voters have already cast their ballots in early voting. Those who haven't returned their mail ballots are advised to do so soon or in person, since there are competing messages about accepting mail ballots that come in after the Nov. 3 post mark. In addition to voting for president, Rock County voters will choose between DFL incumbent Tina Smith for U.S. Senate and her Republican challenger Jason Lewis. Kevin O'Connor and Oliver Steinberg are also on the ballot for Minnesota's seat in the U.S. Senate. For Rock County's District 1 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, Republican Jim Hagedorn and DFL

Dan Feehan are on the ticket with Grassroots candidate Bill Rood. In the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives, Rock County falls in District 22 and 22A, respectively. Running for Senate are Republican Bill Weber, Luverne, DFL candidate Shawna Marshall, Luverne, and Grassroots candidate Brian Abrahamson, Luverne.

Running for Minnesota House in District 22A are Republican Joe Schomacker, Luverne, and DFL candidate Chris Baumberger, Slayton. In Rock County's County Commissioner Districts 1, 3 and 5, Gary Overgaard, Greg Burger and Jody Reich are seeking re-election unopposed.

What's on my ballot?/see page 5A



The brick building (far left) at 202 W. Maple was purchased by the city in 2017 along with the blighted lot next door (on the corner near NAPA Automotive). The corner lot building was razed and now the former dental building may be renovated to house the Rock County Food Shelf.

Former dental building may house local food shelf

By Lori Sorenson
Luverne City Council members toured a vacant building on West Maple Street last week as a possible new home for the Rock County Food Shelf. The brick building at 202 W. Maple decades ago served as a dental office and in recent years fell into disrepair. The city of Luverne purchased the property in 2017 for \$36,000 and the blighted lot next door (on the corner near NAPA Automotive) for \$32,500. The corner lot was cleared and seeded with grass, and the brick building was deemed in solid shape and added to the city's stock of property for potential development. An idea for its use came to light in recent weeks after the pandemic economy increased local demand at the food shelf. For decades the food shelf has operated out of

Local food shelf may get new home/see page 3A

State offers free mail-in saliva test in pilot program

By Lori Sorenson
Rock County residents have one more option to do their part in slowing the pandemic thanks to a pilot program for at-home saliva testing. Through a mail order program, residents can order a saliva test online to be shipped to their home. The point, according to public health's Jason Kloss, is to find and quarantine positive cases in order to slow the spread of the virus. "We know that there are people who are in our communities who may be asymptomatic or who have very mild symptoms," said Kloss, environmental health manager at Southwest Health and Human Services. "Some may not have access to testing or are choosing to not get



Promotional material for the state's saliva mail test includes an image showing how the test works.

tested. This means that they may be unknowingly spreading the virus to others." He said the free saliva testing program provides better access for people that need or want a COVID test. Residents who order the at-home test spit into a small tube under the supervision of a health care professional through a video telehealth visit. Once completed, the test is shipped to the state's new saliva lab in Oakdale, Minnesota, where results are then emailed to the person in 24-48 hours. The tests are free of charge to any Minnesotans who believe they need to be tested. It will soon be available to Minnesotans in all counties.

Saliva mail test kits/see page 3A





County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	340	43	+15.6%
Pipestone	351	25	+9.4%
Nobles	2,276	136	+6.7%
Minnehaha (SD)	10,492	1,329	+13.6%
Lyon (IA)	553	38	+7.3%

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

Date Range	9/6-9/19	9/13-9/26	9/20-10/3	9/27-10/10
Rate	47.81	47.81	32.93	90.30

According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

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

Based on this data, plans for area schools are:

LIVERNE - **Elementary:** In-person | **Middle/High School:** HYBRID
HBC - **Elementary:** In-person | **Secondary:** In-person/HYBRID
Current data as of October 27, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Generations will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at Generations on E. Lincoln Street for board elections and reconnecting. Chairs will be set apart and pandemic precautions will be observed. The group will also hear updates, such as the Generations building is again available for rent. Contact George Bonnema at 507-277-0682.

History Center hours return to normal

The Rock County History Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Some safety precautions — with masks and gloves available — will be in place to protect against the spread of coronavirus. The phone number is 507-283-2122.

Halloween ‘Street of Treats’ Oct. 30

The Luverne Area Chamber will host a Halloween Street of Treats from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, along the one-way street on the east side of the high school. Families can drive along the street and wave at costumed participants, and then receive prepackaged candy bags from firemen at the south end. More information is on the Luverne Chamber website, or call 507-283-2333..

Donate to ‘One Warm Coat’ by Oct. 31

Rock County’s “One Warm Coat Project” will accept new or clean and gently used coats and winter apparel from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at ATLAS for Life, 201 E. Main Street in Luverne through Oct. 31. Donations may also be brought to the Luverne Elementary School during the month of October. Distribution dates will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at ATLAS for Life. Contact Destiny Ripka at 507-220-0030 with questions.

Free Hockey Day is Nov. 1

Try Hockey for Free on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Blue Mound Area Ice Arena. See www.luvernehockey.com for information and to register. Luverne Hockey is also offering “Try Hockey for Free” for the season for all families new to hockey. Call Mark Steensma, 507-920-8657, or email: luvernehockeyreg@gmail.com.

Give blood in Adrian Nov. 4

The American Red Cross will accept blood donations from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the American Legion Post 32 in Adrian. Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor app or call 1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Experience dementia virtually Nov. 5

ACE of Southwest Minnesota will host a Virtual Dementia Reality event from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, through a free online Zoom connection. Use virtual reality to experience dementia for yourself, by stepping into the shoes of someone living with memory loss. Community members, service providers, and business leaders develop an appreciation for dementia-friendly changes they can make. CEU’s available upon request. Pre-registration is required through eventbrite.com. Call (507) 360-4205



Mavis Fodness photos/1029 LHS Parade Walk
Homecoming king Cade Wenninger (left) waves as he, Homecoming queen Lauren Ver Steeg, and the rest of the LHS Class of 2021 walked around the school parking lots Friday afternoon lined with elementary students who cheered and held signs.

LHS Class of 2021 together for first time

By Mavis Fodness

Friday was Senior Day at Luverne High School. For the first time in seven months since the coronavirus pandemic started, the 92 seniors in the Class of 2021 attended a full day of classes together. At the end of the day, in their honor, Luverne elementary students lined the school parking lot for a senior parade. “The purpose was two-fold,” said High School Principal Ryan Johnson. “Give the seniors a little shining moment of glory, as the elementary students look up to them, and for the elementary students to enjoy the time looking up to them.” As the last day of an abbreviated Homecoming Week, all students were encouraged to dress in the red and white school colors. Homecoming king Cade Wenninger and queen Lauren Ver Steeg donned their crowns and robes for the walk. Seniors playing in Friday evening’s Homecoming football game donned their red jerseys. Elementary students made signs recognizing the seniors and/or the game that night. Friday also marked the first time the seniors attended class together this school year. Since September, Luverne Middle-High School has operated on a hybrid schedule with half of the sixth- through 12th-grade classes attending in-person classes on alternating days. Seniors were the only high school class attending in-person classes Friday. The juniors, sophomores and freshmen learned from home online. The “red group” of the middle school students attended class as originally planned. The seniors attended a short assembly together prior to the Friday afternoon senior walk. The assembly featured a recorded message from several LHS graduates.



At right, Eli Ripka, a third-grader, stands bundled up against Friday’s chilly wind holding a “Go Cardinals” sign

“I showed a video of the past four senior presidents talking about life and meshed it together for them to watch,” Johnson said.

“After that (the walk) the seniors walked to the football stands and took a senior photograph — might be the only chance we get this year.”



Five tips about Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness Minnesota small businesses should know

The U.S. Small Business Administration continues working with lenders nationwide on the Paycheck Protection Program and processing PPP loan forgiveness. To help, the SBA Minnesota District shares five PPP loan forgiveness tips small business owners should know:

PPP loan forgiveness is applied for through a lender, not the SBA

- Borrowers can download PPP loan forgiveness applications from SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/paycheck-protection and then submit it with required information to the lender that provided them with a forgivable PPP loan.
- Lenders have up to 60 days to review a PPP loan forgiveness application, and the SBA has up to 90 days to review the forgiveness application once received from the lender.

- The SBA remits the amount forgiven to the lender, who must process the forgiveness payment before notifying the PPP borrower of the amount.

Approximately 69 percent of Minnesota’s PPP borrowers are eligible for a simplified PPP loan forgiveness application that can take as little as 15 minutes to complete

Earlier in October, the SBA and Treasury released a simpler forgiveness application for PPP loans of \$50,000 or less and streamlined the PPP loan forgiveness process for a majority of the borrowers. The simplified application has only seven items for a PPP borrower to verify and significantly reduces the time and paperwork needed,

providing financial and administrative relief to America’s smallest businesses while ensuring sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Businesses still need to document PPP loan money was spent on eligible expenses

Since a key part of forgiveness for PPP loans is using the money for eligible expenses, borrowers need to provide documentation, including verification of payroll and non-payroll expenses, with the forgiveness application as required by the CARES Act.

The SBA has already started remittance to lenders

The SBA began approving PPP loan forgiveness applications and remitting forgiveness payments to lenders for PPP borrowers Oct. 2, 2020.

Help is available for the forgiveness process and recovery plans

To ease small businesses through the forgiveness process and empower them to confidently move their business forward, the SBA has set up a recovery hub at www.sba.gov/recovery. It has with essential details, resiliency tips and connections to local assistance. SBA’s Resource Partner Network also provides one-on-one business advising and technical assistance to small businesses at no or low cost. In Minnesota over 102,000 forgivable PPP loans valued at approximately \$11.3 billion were approved were approved. More information about the PPP is available at the Small Business Administration at www.sba.gov/pay-checkprotection.

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Ellsworth big winner in state bonding bill with funds for city building

By Mavis Fodness

A \$1 million grant to the city of Ellsworth will help to replace a building destroyed in a January 2019 fire.

The project was among hundreds of construction and renovation projects in the \$1.9 billion bonding bill Gov. Tim Walz signed Oct. 21.

Ellsworth's grant will fund a multi-purpose community center to be added to the city hall currently under construction on the city's main thoroughfare.

"We were pretty surprised," said Ellsworth City Clerk Dawn Huisman.

At their Wednesday night meeting, council members will discuss the construction timeline.

The former Ellsworth City Hall, built in 1915, and attached maintenance shop was destroyed by a Jan. 15, 2019, fire.

The bid to rebuild the city hall was awarded to Swift Construction Inc. of Sioux Falls and was scheduled to be finished earlier this year, but remains under construction.

The new city hall is being constructed at the site of the former structure on Broadway Street.

The new maintenance building is partially constructed near the fire hall on East Seventh Avenue.

The delay means city business continues to operate out of the Zion Lutheran Church basement.

When ground was broken for the new city hall in August 2019, plans included a future attached multi-purpose community facility.

A community fundraising committee was formed along with the request for state funding.

Other local projects included in bonding bill

The new bonding bill is the largest passed in Minnesota history, according to the governor's office, and it's intended to create thousands of jobs for Minnesotans and provide tax cuts for farmers and small businesses.

Funding for other local projects included an additional \$250,000 for a dental clinic in Pipestone.

According to Sen. Bill Weber, the additional amount adds to the \$500,000 the dental clinic received in a previous bonding bill to finish the green building project that will serve people enrolled in state insurance programs.

Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System will receive \$5.7 million for water source development including new wells, a water softening treatment plant and distribution pipes.

While no other local projects were earmarked for funding, Rock County can apply for the \$1.87 million set aside for transportation and water infrastructure projects and for safe and affordable housing.



Mavis Fodness photo/1029 HBC Elementary Parade

Elementary students display Patriot spirit

The 165 pre-K through fifth-grade students at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary lined the west side of the school in Beaver Creek Friday afternoon in a show of school spirit while parents, friends and family members paraded by in vehicles. Friday was the last day of Homecoming Week, and in honor of the night's football game, students and staff chanted cheers like "Go Big Blue" and "Go Pates" at motorists.



Kindergartner Aubrey Nuffer smiles and gives a little wave.



Pictured at left displaying homemade posters are (from left) Hope Bosch, Gracyn Wegener, Kamron Kellenberger, Malachi Bush, Cash Wilsey and Keiton Koller.

Saliva testing/continued from page 1A

Kloss said he hopes residents take advantage of the free saliva tests.

"I realize that community testing may result in an increase in numbers in the short term," he said.

"But I believe it will help reduce the spread in the long run if people who are positive have that knowledge and they (and their close contacts) can isolate/quarantine."

Schools so far faring well, despite community spread

He said he hopes residents won't decline the free test for fear of increasing local case rates and prompting schools to switch to online learning.

School officials, in fact, base learning models on information from contact tracing. If new cases have no connection or only a remote connection to students in the district, in-person learning continues.

"I would like to commend our schools for the job they're doing to minimize the spread of COVID on their campuses," Kloss said.

"Rock County currently has a high case rate, but we are not seeing COVID transmission in the school environment. As a result, the schools have remained in a hybrid learning model."

That, of course, could change, but so far school leaders have taken the stance that students are safer in the controlled school environment than they would be without.

The free in-home saliva testing is being tested

on roughly two-dozen Minnesota counties, mostly in sparsely populated areas.

"This is a welcome addition to our comprehensive approach to reduce the spread of COVID-19," said Carol Biren, public health director for Southwest Health and Human Services, which includes Rock and Lyon counties.

"We know this continues to be difficult and many are eager for better days ahead. But we must remain diligent in this."

He said that means social distancing, washing hands, avoiding large gatherings, masking, staying home when sick, and getting tested after contact with someone who's tested positive or who has symptoms.

Here's how to participate

To have a test kit mailed, residents go to the MDH website at <https://testathome.web.health.state.mn.us>.

Participants will be asked for their health insurance information so the state can bill their insurance company on their behalf.

If a person is uninsured or for any reason insurance does not cover some or all of the cost, the state will cover the difference so testing remains completely free to everyone.

For more information on the COVID-19 Test at Home program, and to order a test, please visit COVID-19 Test at Home.

Information learned from the pilot program will be applied to a program that will be available to all Minnesotans.

New home for Rock County Food Shelf/continued from page 1A

the basement of the United Methodist Church, and according to director Mary Gehrke, it's always been a tight fit.

But now more people are using the food shelf, and the pandemic requires fewer people and more spaced apart. This has created additional stresses on an organization that already leans on volunteers and donations.

Gehrke said she's excited about the prospect of the food shelf having its own building.

"The church has been very good to us, but we're hard on their elevator and we have our stuff everywhere," she said.

"A place like this would be more accessible on one level and it has a garage door that we could run a truck right in for unloading."

The 40-by-46-foot building is about 50 percent bigger than the current location and would allow for coolers to accept meat, produce and dairy donations.

"We get offers of meat all the time, but we can't accept them because we don't have cooler

space," Gehrke said. "We provide grocery store vouchers for dairy and produce items."

She said the Maple Street location will offer both accessibility and privacy for families. "This is a nice location," she said.

According to Mayor Pat Baustian, the building is gutted and the roof needs repairs.

In order to make it move-in ready for the food shelf, city staff estimate costs up to \$220,000.

"No, it's not in the budget, but if we do a fundraiser, this is a great use of a public building," Baustian said.

Gehrke and city staff will meet with the Luverne Area Community Foundation to set up a fundraising campaign to support the project. The goal will be to raise \$250,000 which allow extra for equipment and shelving.

Baustian said the city's relationship with the food shelf would be similar to its arrangements with other non-profit organizations that operate in

city properties like the Palace Theatre, Redbird Field and Blue Mound Ice Arena.

He estimated the roof could be replaced by Jan. 1 and inside improvements could continue through the winter.

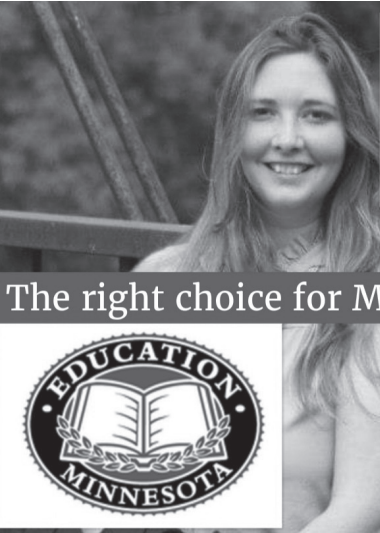
The new venture can't happen soon enough for food shelf operators seeing a deluge of local demand.

"We used to have weeks with 10 to 12 families, but now

we're seeing weeks with 27 and 30 families," Gehrke said. "We're ordering much more often from Second Harvest."

Baustian's wife, Katie Baustian, has been assisting Gehrke at the food shelf, and that's how Mayor Baustian said he became aware of the space constraints and demand for services.

"It really opened my eyes to the need out there," he said.



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Common ground
Avoiding political discussion keeps us all friends

I have lots of opinions about the outcome of the 2020 presidential election next Tuesday, but I'm not going to share them here — or pretty much anywhere.

Mostly because I want us to remain friends.

My husband and I get along great with our neighbors to the west who proudly display a TRUMP! sign, and we get along just as well with our neighbors to the south who proudly display a BIDEN! sign.

I just spent a weekend with three friends. Two are TRUMP! and two are BIDEN! We never addressed politics even once.

Not once.

We were too busy focusing on what we had in common, which at the time was menopause, music from the '70s and '80s and apple pie. (A bit of a split on the "ice cream on the pie" vs. "no ice cream on the pie" but the difference of opinion never came to blows or even name-calling.)

For many years I've led a women's Bible study that prohibited me from discussing politics. The objective is to keep the focus on what we have in common (God's word)



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By Brenda Winter, columnist

and avoid what may divide us (personal opinions.)

I struggled with the limit on opinions for a while until I realized how wise it is to stay on common ground.

So now I try to stay on common ground.

I'll bet every Republican and every Democrat in Rock County believes that human life matters, that people should have a chance, and that violence isn't a solution to most problems.

I'll bet we all want our children well-educated, access to affordable health care, and food for the hungry.

After the election, none of that will change. Most of us want what's best for the rest of us. The means to those ends will be determined by the winner of the election.

Which leaves me with the one political opinion I will share.

It doesn't matter who occupies the White House as long as God occupies His throne.

Don't forget to vote!

‘We should all be restless in the pursuit of voting access ...’

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is considered by many to be one of the most effective pieces of civil rights legislation in our nation's history.

Now as we head into the final stretch of the 2020 presidential election, it's abundantly clear how necessary the law is.

Before the Voting Rights Act was in place, several states openly and legally suppressed the votes of African-Americans and other communities of color.

They used poll taxes and literacy tests — not to mention intimidation and brute force — to deny certain citizens the right to register to vote.

The Voting Rights Act made those laws and tactics illegal, giving millions of Americans a voice — by ensuring that they could exercise their right to vote.

Like most landmark legislation, the Voting Rights Act was controversial at the time. Some resented the prospect of federal involvement in state affairs, while others had uglier motives. The debate over the bill was sometimes bitter.

According to Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon, the Minnesota delegates were leaders in Washington. "Minnesotans did what they do best: they found common ground," he wrote in a 2015 piece commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

Both major political parties in Minnesota came together around voting rights for all Americans, he said.

"In 1965, Minnesota's congressional delegation was very divided politically and disagreed sharply on many prominent issues of the day — Vietnam, Medicare, immigration," Simon said.

"But when the roll was called on the Voting Rights Act, Minnesota's delegation spoke with one voice. All of our voting members — senators

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and representatives, Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives — voted to affirm the fundamental right to vote for all Americans."

Gone were literacy tests, poll taxes, "character" tests and other barriers.

Yet 55 years later, barriers still remain, especially with our divided political rhetoric and especially during a pandemic that prevents gathering in large crowds at polling places.

Again, today Minnesota is a leader in breaking down barriers and accommodating voters in nearly every scenario of voter difficulty.

Having trouble getting to the polls? Have questions? Call your

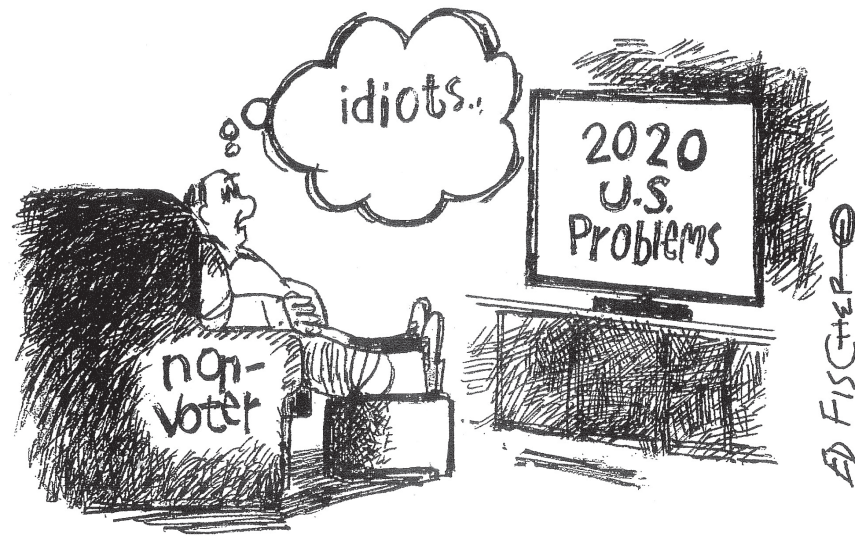
county elections office. There are very few hurdles that can't be overcome. In Rock County, the phone number is 507-283-5060.

Simon urged voters not to become complacent.

Minnesota Congressman John Blatnik in 1965 wrote, "We in Congress are charged with the responsibility of ensuring our citizens the privilege of voting. Please know that I will be restless until this responsibility is fully discharged."

Simon said, "That word, 'restless,' is simple and fitting. It's a call to action, even now. Especially now ... We should all be restless in the pursuit of voting access, election integrity and a stronger democracy."

The first projected loser...



Hudson: ‘...the people need to stand up’

To the Editor:

With the election coming up, I think the people need to address our State Senator Bill Weber and also our State Rep. Joe Schomacker by asking them a question as to who they are working for. Is it "We" the people" or are they working for the corporation?

A few months ago I sent an email to Mr. Weber without any reply at all. I contacted Mr. Schomacker just before the Covid started, and he did reply. We did meet and I addressed the issue I had with him asking for a reply. To this date I have had no response from him, so a couple of weeks ago I sent him a text asking for a response, but as of today no response.

I believe they need to be held accountable for their actions. If anyone does not know what I am talking about and saying about the

corporation, look up the Act of 1871 and I think you will be very surprised at what you read.

I want to say I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat as under the real organic Constitution there is no such thing. They do not have to listen to us as they work for the Corporation and they are there to make money for the Corporation through their statutes, laws, regulations and taxes.

I would also ask that you look up the Organic Constitution, Bill of Rights see how many rights we have as we were stripped of our rights and given privileges which slowly started over 150 years ago.

Our country is in shambles and we can call them home and deal with them but the people need to stand up.

Randy Hudson
(under trust agreement)
Luverne

McHale: The importance of face masks

To the Editor:

Decisions to not wear a face mask during this COVID-19 pandemic have become the norm, as I have noticed. In many parts of our region, however, many folks are firm believers in the face mask. They had learned the facts of life the difficult way, having contracted the virus and survived.

Common sense and the denying of the recommended precautions by the medical field (CDC) seems to be the norm for some folks. Some folks have learned the hard way that when a virus attacks, there are no warnings. It is like the fog rolling in at night-time and coming to visit. This visitor is a silent stalker, providing much misery in this disaster. It strikes without any consideration of one's political or religious beliefs, 24/7.

I think it is important for all of us to remember that when in

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close contact with others to have an approved face mask properly in place. I understand, in Rock County, we have 297 total cases and 52 new cases in the last seven days. That is a 22.4-percent increase. This is according to the Star Herald on Oct. 22, 2020.

When folks travel to this area, or go to other places, the virus tends to tag along for the ride, affecting others. This reminds me of the polio virus many years ago when I was a small child. Many folks across our nation thought nothing of it until it struck individuals near to them.

The folks were indifferent, and as time went by, we all changed our

habits. We pitched in and rode the disaster through. Thinking back is easy for us older folks, as we have lived through many disasters.

This uncontrolled virus will be with us for a long time as we have been told. To be part of a solution is much better than being a cause of any further spread. Surely, if we cooperate and follow CDC precautions, we can outlast this temporary disaster. Scientists are currently working on a vaccine, and when a solution does arrive, we can resume life in its fullest.

Edmund R. McHale Jr.
Hardwick

Sandbulte cites misinformation, confusion in upcoming election of Steen city council, mayor

To the Editor:

Several years ago the city of Steen adopted the same ordinances that Hardwick and Beaver Creek did to help clean up the town. I was a council member then and also city clerk.

We spent a lot of money on this, even having our city lawyer send out several letters to get this cleanup done. Residents responded.

Then it came time for the mayor

to clean up his property. Two council members who have been in card club with the mayor along with taking motorcycle rides together for years decided that we were not going to enforce these ordinances anymore.

Why did we waste all of this money? The mayor proceeded to chew me out, AGAIN, using foul language as was his custom. I resigned the next morning.

This brings us to election time. The deadline to register to be put on the ballot was in the Announcer. Do any of the five council members see this? Evidently not.

The mayor and his two buddies all have over 15 years on the council. So nobody gets on the ballot. There are supposed to be two write-in slots on the ballots. The clerk is paying such little attention that he tells Ash-

ley Kurtz there is only one write-in for council member. The mayor told me, "that the top two vote getters would be elected." Sounds fair but it isn't. The second person who would have gotten my vote won't be counted.

Finally, the council outdid themselves. They used city money, letterhead etc. to send a letter to each Steen resident to announce that they had screwed up but that the mayor

and two council members who were up for re-election were willing to be write-in candidates for the upcoming election.

I haven't looked this up but I am guessing that is also very illegal. Thought our elections here in Rock County were safe, but I guess with ineptitude by elected officials you can screw up anything.

Robert Sandbulte, Steen

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- Oct. 16**
- Report of a civil issue on 150th Avenue, Edgerton.
 - Complainant reported scam phone calls.
 - Complainant on Oakland Avenue and Cedar Street reported a neighbor with large fire in their yard.
- Oct. 17**
- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, Luverne, reported road and drive laws.
 - Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported road and drive laws.
 - Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported illegal burning.
 - Complainant on W. Warren Street reported subject with warrant.
 - Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported possible vagrant at location.
 - Complainant on E. Bishop Street reported a stolen vehicle.
 - Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported attempted theft.
 - Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported a grass fire.
- Oct. 18**
- Vandalism was reported at location on W. Dodge Street.
 - A trespassing issue was reported at location on W. Hatting Street.
- Oct. 19**
- Complainant on W. Dodge Street and N. Kniss Avenue reported crosswalk lights not operating properly.
 - Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a coin machine broken into.
 - Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported potential problems with roommates.
 - Complainant on W. Sanford Avenue, Steen, reported harassment.
 - Deputy conducted a warrant check on Mead Court.
- Oct. 20**
- Subject was arrested on

- Rock County warrant in Hennepin County, Minneapolis.
- Theft was reported on W. Hatting Street.
 - Complainant reported a counterfeit bill.
- Oct. 21**
- Complainant on 150th Avenue and 51st Street, Luverne, reported a bale fire.
 - Complainant reported road closure on County Road 7 and 190th-200th, Kenneth.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and railroad crossing reported damaged property.
 - Complainant on E. Main Street reported an abandoned vehicle.
 - Training was reported in Dickinson County, Iowa.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and railroad crossing reported property damage.
 - Deputy checked on warrant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick.
 - Deputy reported a suspicious vehicle on W. Koehn Avenue.
- Oct. 22**
- Deputy was out with vehicle on 31st Street, Hills.
 - Complainant on N. Jackson Street, reported a suspicious vehicle in the area.
 - Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Mead Court reported vehicle for driving complaint.
 - Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Main Street reported a vehicle for driving conduct.
 - Complainant on Highway 75, McDonald's area, reported vehicle for poor, unsafe driving conduct.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 vehicles in ditch, 1 deer accident, 6 transports, 8 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 7 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 3 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 4 alarms, 1 drug court test, 7 purchase and carry permits, 9 traffic stops, 11 abandoned 911 calls, 1 welfare check, 1 report of cattle out, 2 follow-ups.



Chantel Connell photo/1029 candy volunteers

‘Street of Treats’ volunteers pack candy bags

A dedicated group of volunteers gathered in the lower level of the Luverne Chamber Office Monday morning to fill individual bags with donated candy for families who will participate in Friday’s Halloween “Street of Treats.”

The event involves costumed participants lining the one-way street at the high school where families will drive through and collect bags of candy from fire department members on the south end of the route. The socially distanced event replaces the usual Trunk ‘N’ Treat Halloween format that gathers crowds of trick-or-treaters and Halloween displays downtown. Candy volunteers are (front, from left) Lois Young, Mary Sites, Sheryl Heronimus, Elena Heronimus, (back) Roger Henderson, Kris Waknitz, Jody VonHoltum, Cheryl Roos, Linda Beyenhof, Gert Wessels and Linda Wenzel.

Election 2020 preview - What’s on my ballot?/from page 1A

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian and Councilman Dan Nath are seeking re-election unopposed, and Scott Viessman filed for the Ward 2 seat vacated by Councilwoman Lori Hallstrom who did not seek re-election.

Elections for mayor and two council seats are on the ballot in all of Rock County’s cities, and all are running unopposed except for Hills, where Arlen Leenderts is challenging incumbent Keith Elbers for mayor.

For Hills City Council, Ross Metzger

is seeking election, but no one filed for the other open seat on the council.

On the Luverne School Board, David Wrigg, Jeff Stratton and Tim Jarchow are seeking election to the three open seats.

In the Hills-Beaver Creek School District, Chris Harnack, Tamara Rauk and Tim Bosch are running for the three open seats.

Voters will also choose among judges, township supervisors and soil and water district supervisors, none of

which are contested.

Martin Township voters will see two questions on their ballots: Whether or not the township board can appoint a clerk and treasurer. Both are currently elected positions.

A sample ballot appeared in the Oct. 22 Star Herald, and it can be viewed on the Rock County website, co.rock.mn.us.

Also, click on the “What’s on my ballot?” link on the Minnesota Secretary of State website, sos.mn.us.

Rural Water grant would support water tower, Lewis and Clark hookup/continued from page 1A

line to pump water to the city of Luverne.

RCRW planned a third water tower several years ago when the system expanded service to the northern region. However, the lack of customer hookups made the project not cost-effective for federal funding and the project was not completed.

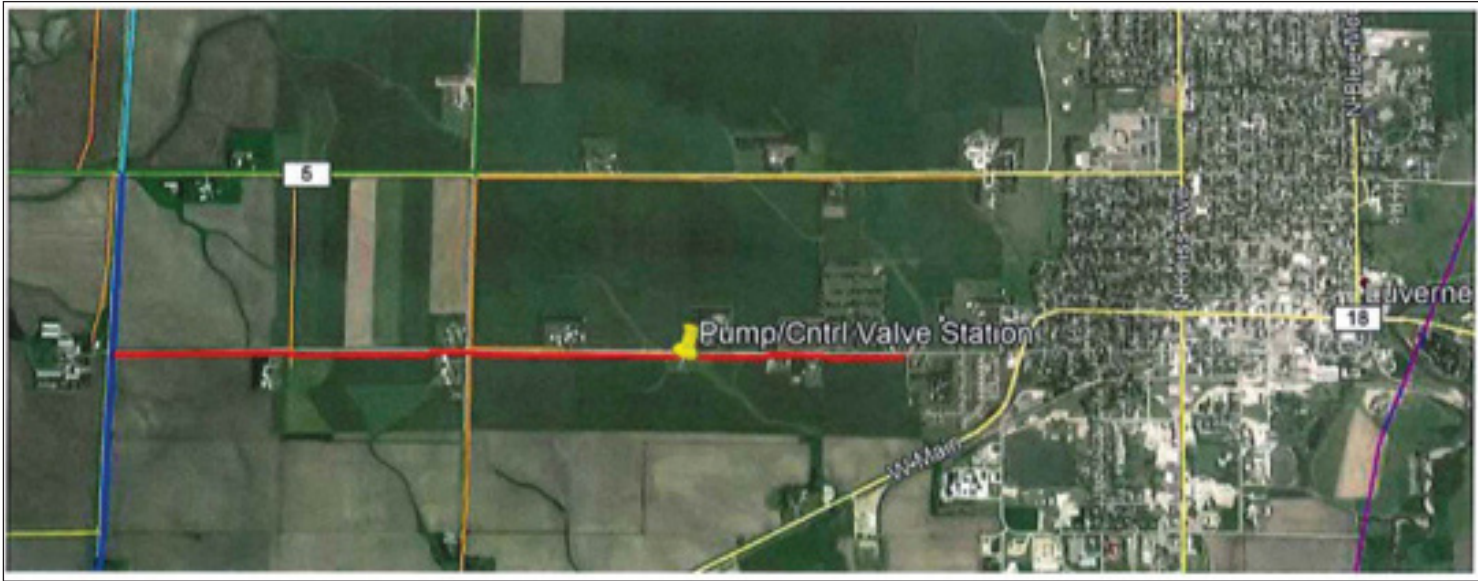
Since then, interest in connecting to rural water has grown.

Holtz said from 2017 to 2019 demand for rural water has increased more than 13 percent. This past summer’s drought has created even more demand.

“In the past three years, we have completed 37 hookups, which normally we do three or four a year,” he said.

“Our demand is growing from the livestock I’ve heard from several producers that they have noticed — especially in nurseries, in calving units — their death rate drops substantially when they switch to rural water from (private) wells.”

With the increased demand for treated water, Holtz said providing that water on the system’s west side is stressing the current booster stations located near Beaver



Graphic courtesy of Rock County Rural Water System

Rock County Rural Water System intends to apply for a federal grant that would extend a water main along West Warren Street as an additional water source for the city of Luverne. The grant would also support a new water tower for the rural water system.

Creek and Steen.

“These booster stations are running all the time to keep pressure on the north side of the system,” Holtz said.

“With the (new) tower there, one of these stations will fill the tower and we can run the pressure from there. We would have a significant power savings as well.”

The new tower could provide the system with 300 gallons a minute via gravity flow.

It would also increase RCRW’s one-day storage capacity, a need state Department of Health officials noticed during their annual inspections.

“They wrote every year, ‘We do not have enough one-day storage in our system,’” Holtz said.

We are not getting written up for it but it’s something they talk about.”

Customers of RCRW use a

maximum of 1.4 to 1.5 million gallons of water per day.

Current storage capacity is 623,000 gallons.

The new tower would bring the capacity to 873,000 gallons, much closer to the one-day storage recommendation.

Holtz said interest in connecting to RCRW continues to increase.

“We almost can’t keep up with the hookups this year,”

he said. “We’ve done more hookups in the last three years than in the past 10. Growth has been good.”

RCRW receives Lewis and Clark commendation

“Congratulations to Rock County RWD on using 100 percent of its reserved capacity in Fiscal Year 2020,” said Troy Larson, executive director with Lewis and Clark Regional Water System.

“This resulted in the lowest possible effective rate of \$1.04/1,000 gallons for the year, which is great news for the customers of Rock County.”

The effective rate is the total amount that Lewis and Clark charges members for water divided by the gallons purchased.

Larson said the higher the percentage of its reserved capacity a member uses, the lower the effective rate.

At \$1.04, RCRW has achieved the lowest effective rate among 15 members.

Rates ranged from \$2.09 to \$1.4. City of Luverne has an effective rate of \$1.58

RCRW receives about 110 million gallons of water annually from the Lewis and Clark water system.

When RCRW joined the regional water system in 2012, its agreement was to use 300,000 gallons a day.

Updated controls allow RCRW to hit the daily gallon total.

“A couple cents here or there doesn’t sound like much but when you’re talking about a couple hundred thousand gallons, a couple cents adds up,” said RCRW system manager Ryan Holtz.

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318 W Warren St	Luverne	4 Bedrooms	1 Bathroom	2 Stall garage	\$125,000
611 N Kniss Ave	Luverne	5 Bedrooms	4 Bathrooms	2 Stall garage	\$294,900
★ 1277 170th Ave	Luverne	3 Bedrooms	1.5 Bathrooms	3 Stall garage	\$289,900
206 W Barck Ave	Luverne	1 Bedroom	1 Bathroom	1 Stall garage	\$86,500
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Surplus Luverne School District desks were loaded onto semitrailers Saturday morning by students and adult volunteers with the local youth group Rock the Edge and driven by Orphan Grain Train volunteers to communities who could use the desks.

Surplus school furniture heads to new communities

Story and photos by
Mavis Fodness

Local volunteers loaded hundreds of surplus school desks, chairs and tables into two semitrailers headed south for use in other schools.

More than 50 students and adults with Rock the Edge youth group and Southwestern Youth Services spent three hours Saturday

morning loading the 80-foot trailers with the furniture stored in the district's bus garage and the former Luverne Kawasaki building.

The semitrailers arrived from Orphan Grain Train, based in Norfolk, Nebraska.

According to their website, OGT is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies and other

needed items to people in 69 different countries including the U.S.

When David Hansen with Helping Hands for Haiti learned surplus school furniture was available from Luverne, he contacted OGT to transport the items that would otherwise be scrapped.

"Education is so important," Hansen said. "We need to get these items to people in 69 different countries including the U.S."

Below, left: Each room in the former Luverne Kawasaki building is filled with surplus school furniture.

Below, right: Two bays in the Luverne Public Schools bus barn were once filled with surplus furniture and all was loaded onto a semitrailer bound for use in other schools.



1890s: Three secret societies organize in Beaver Creek

The following appeared in *The Rose History* in 1911.

Rock County Village (continued from 10-22-20 edition of the *Star Herald*.)

The Lodges

Three secret societies maintain active organizations in Beaver Creek. They are the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Degree of Honor and Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

For fifteen years Beaver Creek was the home of one of the leading posts in the county of the Grand Army of the Republic. John Buford Post,²¹ No. 166, G. A. R., was mustered in August 19, 1887, by Inspector W. H. Halbert, assisted by Comrade Philo Hawes. The new post commenced its existence with thirteen members and the following officers: Col. Harrison White, commander; Abram Osmun, senior vice commander; J. A. Hulett, junior vice commander; A. W. Hadwick, quartermaster; J. M. Park, surgeon; O. A. Hulett, chaplain; A. G. Gilbert, officer of the day; Theodore Winchell, officer of the guard; C. R. Henton, adjutant; Niels Jacobson, quartermaster sergeant; E. C. Conant, sergeant major, Death and removals caused a depletion in the rank of members, and on November 18, 1902, the post surrendered its charter.

Beaver Creek Lodge No. 121, A. O. U. W., was granted its charter of organization July 30, 1890, The following were the first officers chosen: Harrison White, P. M. W.; C. Conant, M. W.; Edwin F. Baker, foreman; John H. Williams, overseer; George E. Mather, recorder; George B. Whitney, financier; Frank E. Welker, receiver; Frank J. Rabbit, guide; Andrew G. Gibbest, inside watch; Clar-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

ence A. Dike, outside watch. The lodge has a membership of about thirty at present.

An order of the Degree of Honor, auxiliary to the Workmen, Beaver Lodge No. 202, was instituted March 19, 1903. The first officers were: Mary C. Chafin, P. L. of H; Bertha Henton, L. of M.; Ida Carney, recorder; Amy Perry, receiver; Jennie Carney, I. W.; Nannie B. Welker, C. of H.; Mary C. Lukensmeyer, C. of C.; A. Gilbert, financier; Helen Toss, S. U.; Mary J. Raw, O. W.

The most recent society organized was the Beaver Creek Homestead No. 1958, B. A. Y., which at present has thirty-five members. The lodge was organized with the following ten charter members: Charles A. Baker, Otto A. Bowmen, Delmer J. Bowen, Fred Connell, Edward J. Dunbar, Walter J.

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Carol Stroh celebrated her 80th birthday on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Greetings may be sent to her at 971 140th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

Veronica Doherty will celebrate her 90th birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 4. Greetings may be sent to her at 305 E. 6th Street, Adrian, MN 56110.

MENU

Monday, Nov. 2: Crispy baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peach halves, breadstick, cookie.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Beef taco salad with cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, kidney beans, corn chips, sour cream, bread, emerald pear gelatin.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Liver or pepper steak, boiled new potatoes, glazed baby carrots, bread, fruit cocktail.

Thursday, Nov. 5: Chef's choice, vegetable, fruit, dinner roll, cookie.

Friday, Nov. 6: Beef chili with beans, pea and cheese salad, fresh orange, corn muffin, bar.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

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

COLLEGE NEWS

SDSU releases dean's list

Several area students were named to the Spring 2020 semester dean's list at South Dakota State University in Brookings. To be named, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale. An asterisk following the name denotes a 4.0 GPA.

Abbreviations to indicate area of study are SAFES - Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; SAHSS - Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; SEHS - Education and Human Sciences; SENGR - Engineering; SNS - Natural Sciences; SNURS - Nursing; SPAHP - Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.

The following students were named:

Adrian: Jacquelyn Hokeness, SAFES; Rylie Hokeness*, SEHS; Frank Gomes Serrao, SEHS.

Beaver Creek: Breanna Aeikens, SNURS.

Ellsworth: Halle Hough, SAFES; Jesse Kramer*, SENGR.

Hills: Trenton Bass, SENGR; Luke LaRock*, SAHSS; McKenna Westphal, SNURS.

Jasper: Kirsten Houg, SEHS; Trey Thesenvitz, SAHSS; Kenneth: Melissa Tweet, SAHSS.

Lismore: Brittney Loonan*, SEHS; Paige Tweet, SAFES.

Luverne: Mariah Aukes*, SEHS; Trey Baustian, SAFES; Bria Berg* SPAHP; Tyler Fick, SAFES; Jenae Hamann*, SEHS; Alexis Henrichs, SAFES; Jacinda Hustoft*, SAHSS; Nicole Kneip*, SENGR; Parker Kooima*, SEHS; Aric Meinerts, SENGR; Shelby Nath*, SAHSS; Thomas Norman, SAFES; Teresa Oftedahl, SEHS; Jessica Oye*, SNURS; Madilyn Oye, SEHS; McCall Stegenga*, SPAHP; Melissa Teal, SNURS; Benjamin Wagner, SENGR; Danielle Watts-Boll*, SAHSS.

Rushmore: Paige Madison, SAFES.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

After an overcast, humid day Saturday, storm clouds gathered in the southwest and delivered a downpour in Luverne and much of Rock County Saturday night.

According to volunteer weather recorder Troy Ihone, Luverne officially received about a half inch of rain in the storm, but he said it all came in the span of about 20 minutes, which would be about 1.5 inches per hour.

"This is very heavy rainfall and comes just short of being classified as 'violent rainfall,' which is 2.0 inches per hour," Ihone said.

The rain arrived around 7 p.m. and, along with it, hail fell in pebble-sized stones that accumulated on top of swirling water in streets and gutters.

25 years ago (1995)

Architects explained a possible site plan for a new elementary school and preliminary sketches of a middle school addition to the Luverne School Board, Monday.

The proposal is based on ideas from staff and the Strategic Planning Committee.

The proposed location for the 97,248-square-foot elementary school is a 40-acre site north and east of the intersection of Blue Mound Avenue and East Veterans Drive. ...

The proposed cost of the elementary building, excluding costs for city soccer fields and ball diamonds on the grounds, is about \$8,426,000. Architects Bob Abendroth and Bob Rego said a rough estimate of cost is \$76 per square foot. That figure includes the cost of architectural and engineering fees and miscellaneous other costs such as soil tests, building permits and some equipment.

Architects also submitted three possible proposals for expanding part of the current high school for use as a middle school.

50 years ago (1970)

Luverne B. Forest, who served as county agent in Rock County from 1964 to 1968, has been named to the faculty of the University Extension, the University of Wisconsin.

Forest, a 1970 PHD graduate in cooperative extension and adult education at the University of Wisconsin, will serve as assistant professor of agricultural and extension education. He will also be the coordinator in the extension's division of program and staff development.

Forest earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural education from the University of Minnesota and his master's degree from Colorado State University. He served as assistant county agent at Stillwater from 1960 until coming to Rock County in 1964. During the time he was studying for his doctorate, he served as research assistant in the program and staff development division at Wisconsin.

75 years ago (1945)

The man who organized Army Japanese language schools and whose students played a major role in the winning of the Japanese victory, will speak to Luverne Rotarians at the luncheon Monday.

He is Col. Kai Rasmussen, commandant of the military intelligence language school at Fort Snelling.

A native of Denmark, he came to the United States at the age of 20 and enlisted in the regular army. Later, he passed the qualifying examination for entrance to West Point, and was graduated from there. Later, he served as military attaché in Tokyo. ...

His talk here Monday is expected to center about the far eastern problem. His appearance here was made possible through the efforts of George W. Fried.

100 years ago (1920)

Facts about the general election, next Tuesday, Nov. 2: In the city of Luverne the polls will open at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

All men and women who have attained their 21st birthday and are qualified citizens may vote.

There will be three ballots — The State Ballot, which is white, containing the names of the Presidential Electors and all State Officers; the County Ballot, which is Blue, containing the names of the Congregational Candidates and all County Officials; and the Pink Ballot for Voting on the Constitutional Amendments.

Voting is accomplished by placing an X mark in the square opposite each Candidate for whom you wish to vote.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

County veterans officer named VFW National Aide-de-Camp

Nobles County Veterans Services Officer Bill Brockberg was appointed National Aide-de-Camp to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch II of Hampton, Virginia.

A National Aide-de-Camp is an honorary appointment bestowed upon one VFW member per department annually. This appointment is given in appreciation and recognition of a VFW member who goes above and beyond the call of duty in serving veterans as well as serving the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Brockberg, a lifetime FFW member, was selected for the award from a pool of 30 other nominated VFW members.

Buck Underwood of Luverne and Rock County Post 2757 is the Third District Commander who nominated Brockberg from the district.

He is the senior vice-



Bill Brockberg

commander in the Third District which is comprised of 16 VFW posts in southwest Minnesota.

Brockberg has served as Nobles County Veterans Service Officer in Worthington for the past 13 years and is the coordinator for the Disabled American Veterans van transportation program run in conjunction with the Nobles County Veterans Services Office.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

(To register, contact Cindy Arends at Community Education: Phone - 507-283-4724; Fax - 507-283-2413; email - C.Arends@isd2184.net. Website: http://www.isd2184.net/Community_Ed/index.html)

Defensive Driving beginning class is Nov. 5 and 12 (4 hours each evening.) **Refresher classes** will be offered Dec. 3. The program allows adults 55 years of age or older to save on insurance premiums. After the Beginning 8-hour class, every three years drivers take a 4-hour

refresher class.

New session of **Men's Basketball** will begin Wednesday nights in November through February. Register by Oct. 28. Fee is \$35 for the four months.

Canvas and Cocoa on Nov. 2 is for students in grades 1-3 to create a fall painting and enjoy hot cocoa with snacks. Class meets at Coffey Contemporary Arts on Main Street Luverne. Fee is \$33.

Students grades K-8 may learn **How to Play Chess** after school in three sessions beginning Nov. 3. Fee is \$15.

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Feurhelm, H. R. Ohs, Percy A. Story, James Vopat and Charles H. Whitney.

Fire Department

The matter of securing fire protection for Beaver Creek was first considered by the village council at a meeting held May 6, 1885. Harrison White was appointed fire warden, and authority given to a committee to purchase a complete outfit of hooks and ladders, hose and accessory equipment. A water supply was secured from a large force pump placed in the public well. A volunteer fire department was organized October 23, 1885, with Harrison White as chief and A. J. Daley as assistant. The facilities have since been improved, and now Beaver Creek is well prepared to combat the destructive flames.

Banks

Two banking institutions have found a home in Beaver Creek but at different periods of the town's history. F. S. Gibson opened a private bank in the village October 14, 1885. In the summer following this concern was merged into the Beaver Creek State Bank, which commenced business September 1, 1886, with a paid-up capital of \$25,000. The first officers and directors of

the State bank were F. S. Gibson, president; E. D. Hadley, vice president; J. O. Britson, cashier; P. J. Kniss, George D. Dayton, Daniel Shell, C. H. Smith. The bank was operated for a number of years.

The First National Bank of Beaver Creek, incorporated for \$25,000, has been operated since January 1, 1909. At that time it succeeded to the business of the Bank of Beaver Creek, a private institution founded in September, 1902, by M. O. Page, Charles Shade, B. L. Richards, S. S. Wold and W. H. Bradley. Following the reorganization the following first officers and board of directors were chosen: Charles Shade, president; J. S. Crawford, vice president; M. O. Page, cashier; E. J. Dunbar and Andrew Ingelson.

²¹Named in honor of Gen. John Buford, who was the commander of the New York regiment to which Col. Harrison White was attached.

The story of the village of Beaver Creek will continue in the Nov. 5 edition of the Star Herald.

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@iunet.



Photo courtesy of Rock the Edge

Rock the Edge youth group volunteered to load two semitrailers with surplus school equipment. Pictured (front from left, kneeling) are Becky Ossefoort, Amira Cowell, Piper Wynia, (second row) Katia Jarchow, Brooklyn Ver Steeg, Averill Sehr, Camden Hoven, Jadya Hart, Lauren Hansen, Michael Halsne, Brynn Boyenga, Jerilyn Hansen, Dave Hansen, (third row) Pete Janiszkeski, Griffen Jarchow, Camden Janiszkeski, Joslyn Hart, Kristina Wagner, Burke Johnson, Evan McCrary, Cameron McCrary, Simon Boyenga, Kendra Westerbur, Ryker Johnson, (back) Eli Radtke, Owen Janiszkeski, Nick Hansen, Henry Hartquist, Elizabeth Wagner and Ben Bernard. Not pictured are Brad Goembel, Randy DeSplinter, Carrie Overgaard, Mike Jarchow and Wanda Jarchow. A dozen students and two advisers from Southwestern Youth Services also helped.

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tant for communities to pull themselves out of poverty," he said. "It (having an actual desk) is such an advancement."

Word of Luverne's available surplus came at an ideal time for the Irene, South Dakota, based organization.

The group is organizing a free school near their current mission in Haiti where several students use home-made desks made from 1-by-12s and six to seven students share the space.

After loading Saturday, the two OGT trucks and trailers stopped in Nebraska before heading to Texas where the surplus furniture will be sorted and delivered to schools.

Hansen said Luverne's furniture will go to places other than Haiti where political unrest currently prevents distribution and where U.S. travel is banned due

to the pandemic.

Instead, the furniture will be distributed to other areas where it is needed now. Supplies to Haiti will be fulfilled at another time.

The surplus school furniture is a result of a two-year \$30 million remodeling and construction project currently in its last six months at the middle-high school.

The entire building, which opened in 1956, received updated furniture to go with the new decor.

Although the style of the surplus school furniture is outdated, all the items loaded Saturday were deemed usable by the volunteer organization.

Three additional semitrailers will be loaded with Luverne school furniture at a later date and distributed.

"We are unbelievably blessed in this country," Hansen said. "We are more than excited how things worked out."



A line forms as desks are carried out of the former Luverne Kawasaki building where furniture was stored until Orphan Grain Train came Saturday to take it for use at other schools. **Right:** Chairs still contain the labels from their former classrooms.



Rock County 4-H virtual awards banquet Monday

To conclude the 2020 4-H year, adults and youth will gather virtually for the annual member awards banquet.

The banquet will take place 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 2, via Zoom.

Clubs, members and adult volunteers will be honored in a variety of award categories including, community pride, most active club, outstanding youth leader, friend of 4-H, and 4-H Alumni Award.

Registration is open for the 2021 4-H year, contact Extension educator Kelsey Maesch at 507-283-1302 or klmaesch@umn.edu

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OBITUARIES

Colleen Ostrem

Colleen Ostrem, 92, of Luverne, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, at Our House Hospice Home in Slayton.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Interment will be in the Rosehill Cemetery in Rockwell City, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to Murray County Hospice.

Colleen Gabriel was born on March 2, 1928, to Eldon and Mary Holt Gabriel in Rockwell City, Iowa. She grew up in Rockwell City and graduated from Rockwell City High School. She attended Iowa State Teacher's College and then taught country school.

On Dec. 31, 1946, she married Deane Onnen in South Sioux City, Nebraska. They lived in Cherokee, Iowa, for most of their married life. Colleen earned a Master of Arts in social work from Iowa State University. She wrote a weekly parenting column for many years called "Practical Parenting." She later worked at the Children's Unit of the Cherokee Mental Health Institute and also taught at Buena Vista College. She later served as a hospice social worker. Following retirement she and Deane moved to Mesa, Arizona. Deane died in 2010.

Colleen married Tait Ostrem and they lived in Mesa, later moving to Tucson, Arizona. Tait died in late 2018.

Colleen was a lifelong learner. She enjoyed formal and informal learning, including traveling the globe with Tait. She read the paper daily and kept up on the stock market. She was a seamstress



as well as a quilter. She enjoyed writing letters and working on genealogy, tracing her family roots back to the 1700s. She loved playing bridge and pinochle.

In February 2019 Colleen moved to Poplar Creek Assisted Living in Luverne to be near her daughter, Laurie. In May 2020 she moved to Our House Hospice Home in Slayton.

Survivors include her daughter, Laurie (Curt) Jensen of Slayton; daughter-in-law Susie Onnen of Nixa, Missouri; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Mitzi and Scott Wehner, Jamey and Wendy Onnen, Jeremy and Andrea Onnen, Becky Onnen, Kelly Schnobelen, Corie and Renato Frassen, Peter Jensen and Samira Rockler, and Sarah and Logan Anderson; 15 great-grandchildren; Tait's four children and their spouses, Mary Jondrow and Jim Ostrem, Jenny and Richard Lock, Tim and Dawn Ostrem, and Fred Ostrem and Kim Freeman; three siblings and spouses, Marge and Floyd Bihrer of Sac City, Iowa, Donna and Hugh Robinson of Naples, Florida, and Carl Gabriel of Potosi, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Deane Onnen and Tait Ostrem; a son, Tracy Onnen; daughter and son-in-law Claudia and Richard Ryner; grandson-in-law Jay Schnobelen; and sister Opal Gabriel.

Arrangements were provided by Totzke Funeral Home of Slayton, totzkefuneralhome.com.

(1029 F)

Generose Bush

Generose M. Bush, 90, formerly of Luverne and Magnolia, died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020, at the Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

A private family funeral was Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth with burial at Ashwood Cemetery in Kanaranzi.

Generose Wieck was born on March 23, 1930, to Lester and Edna (Vogt) Wieck at the Lester Wieck farm home now owned by her son Gary Bush near Magnolia. She attended school in Magnolia and was a member of the Magnolia Methodist Church until her marriage.

She married LeRoy Bush on Dec. 23, 1947, at the Luverne Methodist parsonage in Luverne. LeRoy and Generose rented the farm where LeRoy was born until they bought it from the Louie Bush Estate around 1970. Generose was a farm wife and mother until 1964 when she started working at Campbell's Soup in Worthington. In 1967 she worked at the Tastee Freeze in Luverne and continued there for a few years. She cared for her husband for a number of years when he became ill. He passed away on Oct. 5, 2004. Generose moved to The Oaks in 2014. She missed the farm for the rest of her life. In 2015 she moved to Poplar Creek, and in March 2019 she became a resident of Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

In her free time, Gen-

erose loved to work in her flower garden. She also enjoyed reading until macular degeneration caused her vision to fail.

For several years the family performed country music for several functions, with Generose on the piano, LeRoy and Gary on guitars, and the family singing. In later years, LeRoy and Generose performed together and flew to Nashville once for a studio recording by their grandson, Jason, shortly before LeRoy became ill.

Generose is survived by her children, Margaret Ann (Gerald) Saetveit of New London, Gary (Rita) Bush of Magnolia, Susan (Dave) Michalke of Goodland, Alan (Mary Beth) Bush of Garner, Iowa, and Michael (Colleen) Bush of Baxter; 16 grandchildren, Ryan (Stacey), Jason, Christopher (Jenny), and Nathan (Deb) Saetveit, Derek (Kristi) Bush, Stacie (Bart) Wuebben, Justin (Katherine) Bush, Amy (Wade) Sagehorn, Kory (Cassie) and Jamey (Sarah) Michalke, Matthew and Megan Bush, Brooke (Todd) Fisher, and Brandon, Kyle and Kayla Bush; 21 great-grandchildren; sisters Evelyn Bruhn, Beverly (Art) Fleseland, and Marilyn Sudenga; and a brother, Verlyn (Alma) Wieck.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LeRoy Bush; and an infant brother, Roger Wieck.

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

(1029 F)



Curtis Thorson

Curtis N. Thorson, age 56, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage or Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. To view Curt's obituary or sign an online register, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Curtis Norman Thorson was born in Luverne on May 17, 1964, to T. Norman and Dorothy (Stensland) Thorson and raised at the family's farm southeast of Luverne, Minnesota, in Magnolia Township. As a boy, he loved life on the farm with his parents, sister and two brothers. He helped with their livestock and crops operation. He could be found tinkering with anything and everything. His mom would let him take apart appliances, like toasters, knowing full well they might not work again! She always said, "That's how they learn." As a teen, he loved his '68 Lincoln and cruising with his buddies. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1983. He then attended Canby Vo-Tech where he earned his Diesel-Truck Mechanic certification in 1985. He worked at Hills Stainless Steel in Luverne as a diesel mechanic for a few years before returning to the family farm in 1989. While on the farm, he was in charge of the farrowing operation.

Around this time while out having some food and beverages with friends, Curt met the love of his life, Caroline Bock. They both realized early on that they were pretty perfect for one another. They balanced each other out and were a great team together. On June 18, 1994, they were married at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

The young couple settled into life in Luverne where they put down their roots and were blessed with three sons, Dylan, Eric and Luke. In 2002, Curt returned to his career in mechanics at Gold'n Plump Poultry in Luverne. He then worked at Agri-Energy, LLC as a maintenance technician and manager from 2007-2013. In 2013, he began working for POET in Chancellor, South Dakota as a maintenance mechanic for several years before taking a job in that same field at CHS Nutrition to be closer to home. Curt loved improving in his field. His work experience was a continual progression of using his skills and acquiring more knowledge in the industry. With each position, he also developed great friendships with his coworkers.

Late this summer, Curt was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. On Tuesday, October 20, 2020, Curt died peacefully surrounded by his family at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne at the age of 56 years, 5 months and 3 days.

Curt was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Throughout the years,



Curt served on the Stewardship Committee, chaplained youth gatherings and helped in any way he could to support his boys as they grew up in the church.

He was a proud member of the Take 16 Brewing Company board where he utilized his mechanical

strengths to help on many projects through the earliest years to the present. Curt thoroughly loved working with Take 16 board members and patrons. It was his passion and pride to have been a small part of this community gem. If you knew Curt, you likely heard him say at one time or another "I owe ya a cold one!" and what better place for that than Take 16.

Curt enjoyed the annual deer hunt with his boys and brothers, elk hunting in Colorado and a multitude of trips taken with family and friends. He loved to discuss history, especially with his boys. Everyone would recognize Curt's laugh, it was hardy and genuine. He was a kind, generous selfless man who was always willing to help someone else. He never liked the spotlight and preferred to be behind the scenes.

He was a hardworking man who saw the value in hard work and was never afraid of it. He tried his best to pass that same work ethic onto his boys. Curt was gifted mechanically. Caroline would see him looking up from something he was reading or researching regarding mechanics and ask him, "What are you thinking about?" His response, "I'm taking apart (whatever researching) and putting it back together in my head."

Curt's greatest joy and blessing were his sons of whom he could not be more proud! He enjoyed watching everything his boys were involved in from the arts to athletics. He loved them voraciously, disciplined them instructively, supported them endlessly and prayed for them daily. Curt had many sayings, but one that he would often say to his family and close friends in different situations and one he hoped they would continue to remember is, "any port in a storm."

Curt is lovingly remembered by his wife, Caroline; children, Dylan, Eric and Luke; siblings, Christine (Rick) Hovda of Wausau, Wisconsin, Norris (Pat Mauch) Thorson of Luverne, and John (Audra) Thorson of Larchwood, Iowa; his mother-in-law, Shirley Bock of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; brothers-in-law, Jeff (Mary) Bock of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Anthony (Jaime) Bock of York, Maine; nieces and nephews, Elizabeth (Andrew) Welles, Nicholas (Alyssa) Hovda, Alexandra (Mitch) Grieben, Tony (Kori) Bock, Sarah (Tom) Scott, Dan (Sarah) Bock and James Henry Bock; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, Daniel Bock.

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

(1029 V)

Bonnie Muller

Bonnie Ann Muller, age 57, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Friday, October 23, 2020, due to complications of lung cancer, surrounded by her family at Select Specialty Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Hartquist Funeral Home has been entrusted with Bonnie's arrangements. Service details will appear on the website when they become available. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Bonnie Ann Muller was born on July 24, 1963, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Gerrit and Mary Ann (Akkerman) Van Aartsen. She was baptized and received her confirmation at First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Growing up, Bonnie loved riding mini bike and horse with her siblings and the neighborhood kids. She had fond memories of vacations with her cousins at the lake. Her grades and music were especially important to her. She sang in the school and church choirs. She played trumpet and baritone in high school and later played in the Jasper Blowhards. During her school years she worked at JJ's and Les' Foodland. Bonnie graduated from Luverne High School in 1981 and from Nettleton Business College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1982. In August of 1982 she began her career at Citibank in Sioux Falls.

On February 10, 1990, Bonnie was united in marriage to Randy Muller at Jasper Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper, Minnesota. The couple would make their home on a farm near Jasper for the next 22 years before moving to Luverne.

During Bonnie's time with Citibank, she was promoted to senior business analyst. She was the lead for many major projects of Citibank and traveled often for work to New York, London, Singapore, India, and many other countries, working with many people all over the USA and the world. She received the Service Excellence Award several times, the Chairman Leadership Award, the President's Award, and the Em-



ployee of the Month award, to name a few of her achievements. She was known for her drive for perfection and strong work ethic in her job.

Bonnie was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper. She taught Sunday School, Bible School, was in the choir, and sang duets with Ed Dock. She also sang at the nursing home in Jasper many times. Bonnie was a volunteer for the United Way, Habitat for Humanity, and led financial management classes for kids.

She loved spending time and vacationing with family and friends. She enjoyed her annual trip with girlfriends and traveling to Texas and Florida with Randy. She was always known to her siblings as "Bon." Most important to her and the love of her life were her husband, Randy, and her three boys. She loved to hear their stories and they loved to tease their mom and get her going. She enjoyed hearing each night what Randy was busy doing on the farm. She enjoyed going to watch her kids' sporting events, especially track. She loved that her boys were in band and choir. She was a special "mom" to many of her boys' friends. She loved attending sporting events and spending time with Ronnie and Elaine. Saturday morning coffee at her mom's was always a special event.

Bonnie will lovingly be remembered by her husband, Randy Muller, of Luverne; her children, Greg Muller of Sioux Falls, Daniel Muller of Jasper, and Mitchell Muller of Minneapolis; siblings Darrel (LaDonna) Van Aartsen of Luverne, Peg (Vince) Gacke of Luverne, and Kathy (Kevin) Jacobsma of Luverne; her mother, Mary Ann Van Aartsen of Luverne; her parents-in-law, Ron and Elaine Muller of Luverne; brother-in-law Rick (Sue) Muller of Prior Lake, Minnesota; sister-in-law Shari Blomgren of Great Falls, Montana; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerrit Van Aartsen, and her grandparents.

(1029 V)

Jolene Hunt

Jolene Lynn Hunt, 57, of Yankton, South Dakota, formerly of Luverne, died Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Living Rock Church in Luverne. A prayer service begins at 6 p.m. Interment will be at a later date at Grandview Cemetery in Gary, South Dakota.

Jolene Hunt was born on Oct. 26, 1962, to Clifford and Helen (Hansen) Hunt in Marshall. She lived in Vesta and attended Tracy Public School, graduating in May 1982.

After graduation she moved to Redwood Falls, where she worked at Rem in housekeeping, then at Country Kitchen, Hardee's and Morgan's Deli. In 2000 Jolene moved to Hendricks and worked for a year as an activities assistant at the Hendricks Nursing Home. In 2001 she moved to Luverne and began working with the RCO. She then moved to Yankton and enjoyed spending time with her family and making new friends.

Jolene was a member of the Living Rock Church in Luverne. She was involved in the Luverne Special Olympics, Rock County People First, and as a volunteer with the Rock County 4-H horse projects. She had a passion

for horses and anything western. She also liked cats and doing jigsaw puzzles. She loved camping, riding on the pontoon, shopping and eating at restaurants. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Jolene is survived by her sister, Alvina (Viney) Wigen and her husband, Marty of Luverne; a brother, Jim (Rose) Hunt of Slayton; four nieces, Kim, Julie, Sandra, and Sheryl; three nephews, Terry, Vernon, and Daniel; two great-nieces and eight great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Gary Hunt; and two great-nephews, Matthew Oien and Alan Maag Jr.

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

(1029 F)



DEATH NOTICES

Herman Buys

Herman Buys, 85, Hardwick, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital in Luverne.

Visitation without family present will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery. Per MN Executive Order, masks will be required.

Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(1029 DN)

Michael Vance

Michael Vance, 73, Luverne, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, at his home.

Arrangements are pending with the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(1029 DN)

June Webster

June Webster, 92, Hills, died peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A private family inurnment will be in spring of 2021 in Montrose, South Dakota.

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

(1029 DN)

Shannon Walgrave

Shannon Walgrave, 49, Beaver Creek, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at the Avera-McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. A private funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in the Prairie Queen Cemetery in Nunda, South Dakota. All MN Executive Order pandemic requirements are to be followed.

Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(1029 DN)

OBITUARIES

Delores Hendricksen

Delores Mae Hendricksen, 86, Luverne, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital after a brief illness with COVID-19.

A private family graveside service was Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Delores Stevens was born on Nov. 13, 1933, to Donald and Minnie (Sodergren) Stevens in Mitchell, South Dakota. She was baptized and joined the First Methodist Church on March 25, 1945. She attended grade school and high school in Mitchell. During high school she worked at Roxy Theatre and following graduation at St. Joseph Hospital.

Delores married Fred Hendricksen on Nov. 17, 1951, at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell. She became a member there after her adult confirmation on April 11, 1954. The couple lived in Mitchell, and Delores worked part time at Hendricksen Body Shop

while raising their young children and being a homemaker.



The family moved to Luverne in 1965, and the couple began Fred's Body Shop in 1975, with Delores again helping out part time at the business. Fred died on June 23, 2010. In 2016 Delores became a resident at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Delores was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She had fond memories of the neighborhood birthday club on Cedar Street. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cooking and baking. Playing cards and board games with family and friends were her favorite pastimes. Over the years she enjoyed entertaining family and friends, and Sunday family picnics and family reunions were

some of her most cherished memories.

Delores is survived by her six children, Gregory (Julie) Hendricksen of DeForest, Wisconsin, Peggy Hewitt of Luverne; Cindy (Daniel) Rier-son of Roseville, Jerry (Gayle) Hendricksen of Tea, South Dakota, Kristi (Eric) Mueller of Marion, Iowa, and Nancy (Terry) Hoogland of Luverne; 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Berniece Preston and Elaine Dougherty; and many extended cousins from the Lassegard family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; her parents; her stepfather, Joel Raymond Johnson; an aunt, Bernice Remmen; two sisters-in-law, Doris Schulz and Mary Ann Steinmetz; and one brother-in-law, Richard Hendricksen.

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

(1029 F)

Eugene Mann

Eugene Wilfred Mann, 87, formerly of Luverne, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at Quiet Oaks Hospice in St. Augusta, Minnesota.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Per MN Executive Order, masks will be required.

Memorials may be directed to Lutheran Social Services in memory of Eugene Mann for Meals on Wheels; or to Quiet Oaks Hospice House.

Eugene Mann was born on Nov. 12, 1932, to Harry and Auguste "Hattie" (Beyer) Mann in Luverne. He was baptized on Nov. 20, 1932, and confirmed on July 6, 1947, both at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. He attended Rural District School #12 through the eighth grade and graduated from Luverne High School in 1950.

He married Arlene Burmeister on Dec. 27, 1953, at St. John Lutheran Church. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. He completed basic training in Fort Gordon, Georgia, and was then

sent to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he specialized in communications. Arlene joined him in New Jersey after their marriage. The remainder of his service was spent at Fort Sheri-



dan, Illinois.

After his discharge from the Army, Eugene and Arlene returned to Luverne and began farming. They ended up on the same farm where Eugene grew up. In 1966 Eugene also began working for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier, which he did for 32 years while farming.

In 1982 the couple retired from farming and moved to Luverne. From 1997-2012 Eugene was employed with Glen's Food and Fuel. He and Arlene enjoyed traveling around in their camper and taking cross-country trips to visit their children.

Eugene became a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne in December 1996. Over his life-

time he served the church as congregational president, elder, deacon, and Sunday school teacher, and Board of Christian Education member.

In 2014 Eugene and Arlene became residents of Bethany Meadows in Brandon, South Dakota. Arlene died in November 2017.

Eugene is survived by his children, Belinda (Daniel) Kroska of St. Joseph, Brian (Patty) Mann of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Brenda Mann Harrison of Snohomish, Washington, Bryce (Stacey) Mann of Lewes, Delaware, and Benita (Scott) Dingman of Bemidji; 13 grandchildren, Josh Mann, Eric Mann, Angi Pense, Shari Gilbert, Elizabeth Harrison DeVivi, Leah Naccarato, Blake Mann, Brynn Mann, Bryan Mann, Alexis Burger, Victoria Burger, Ryan Dingman and Mya Dingman Totzauer; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Arlene; and his brothers and their spouses, Robert (Alice) Mann and Virgil (Elaine) Mann.

Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(1029 F)

Mary Ackerman

Mary Ann Ackerman, 94, formerly of Luverne, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A private family funeral was Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Pleasant View Cemetery in Valley Springs, South Dakota.

Mary Ann Kosters was born on Aug. 17, 1926, to Edd and Mary (Bartels) Kosters in Carmel, Iowa. The family lived in Sioux Falls, Valley Springs, Hills, and farmed. Mary Ann met Abram "Bud" Ackerman at the church youth group. She worked on the Ackerman farm while Bud served in World War II.

Bud and Mary Ann were married on May 14, 1947, at the Christian Reformed Church in Hills. They made their home on the family farm where she was a farmer and farm wife her whole life. They retired in 1991 and continued living on their farm until Nov. 11, 2014, when they moved to Viste Manor Apartment in Hills. Mary Ann then moved to The Oaks in

Luverne. She lived with her granddaughter in Luverne prior to moving to the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills in October of 2019.



Mary Ann was a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. She was baptized on June 10, 1927, and made profession of faith in August 1946. She received membership from the Hills Christian Reformed Church on Nov. 15, 1964. She was involved in Mary Martha Circle, choir, work groups, Faith Builders Bible study, and Hills Christian School circle. She loved embroidering dish towels for the school fundraisers. She was president of the Valley Springs American Legion Auxiliary.

Mary Ann was a lifelong Minnesota Twins fan. She and Bud enjoyed many fishing outings. Mary Ann also kept a family tree for both the Ackerman and Kosters families back to the families' arrival from Holland. Mary Ann loved gardening flowers and vegetables, and she and Bud enjoyed canning and freezing their produce over the years. She was also known for her green thumb with houseplants.

Mary Ann is survived by her granddaughters Mary (Miles) Brown of Luverne and their children Brenna (Dylan) Richters and their son Sawyer, Zoe (Zach) Singer, Thomas, Zachary and Liam Brown; Katie (Seth) Richter of Minneapolis and their daughters Stella and Sadie; her brother Rod (Anna) Kosters; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Abram "Bud" Ackerman; her daughter, Henrietta (M. Paul) Jackson; her grandson, Stuart Jackson; her brothers Alan, Gerald and Hank Kosters; her sisters Grace Kroon, Irma Halverson and Phylis Bliss.

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

(1029 F)

Harold Etrheim

Harold Glen Ertheim, 90, Hardwick, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A private family funeral service was Thursday, Oct. 22. Interment was in the Trosky Cemetery.

Harold Etrheim was born Nov. 18, 1929, to Sven and Randveig Etrheim at the family farm in Rock County. When he was a young boy, the family moved to a farm near Balaton where he attended country school. In 1945 the family moved to a farm near Jasper. Harold attended the Agricultural School in Morris and then returned to work on the family farm with his father. He was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1953. Upon his return to Jasper, he began farming.

On Jan. 8, 1955, Harold married Dallas, the love of his life and his dance partner.

During their marriage they purchased the Etrheim family farm where they continued to live. Harold enjoyed farming and was known for his care of livestock, especially beef cattle and hogs.



Harold was a member of the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church and served on the church council. He was a member of the Rose-dale Township Board, Rock County Beef Producers, the Sons of Norway, and the Arthur Moeller Legion Post 478 of Hardwick. He was proud of being a Legion member for 62 years.

In retirement, Harold and Dallas enjoyed traveling and spending winter months in Arizona. They also enjoyed

ballroom dancing. Harold was proud of his Norwegian ancestry and visited Norway four times. He especially valued spending time with family and friends.

Harold is survived by his wife, Dallas; children Shelia (Gene), Lori (Wayne), Keith (Barb) and Kathy (Gene); 10 grandchildren, Joel (Marissa), Kelly (Joy), Jonathan (Samantha), Gary, Jakob, Alex (Erin), Issak, Ingrid (Ryan), Emily, and Jessica (Tyler); three great-grandchildren, Lane, Evelyn, and Finn; brother-in-law Lyle (Margie); sisters-in-law Shirley and Devonna; nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, four sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

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Gilbert Smedsrud

Gilbert Howard Smedsrud, 98, Garretson, South Dakota, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at Palisade Healthcare Center in Garretson.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Oct. 27, at George Boom Funeral Chapel in Brandon, South Dakota. Memorials may be directed to First Lutheran Church in Valley Springs, South Dakota.

Gilbert Smedsrud was born on July 22, 1922, to Edward and Minnie (Hanson) Smedsrud in Garretson, South Dakota. He attended school in Hills and later joined the U.S. Army.

He married Patricia Kock on March 3, 1960, in Garretson. Gilbert was an auto mechanic

for over 43 years and was well known in the area for his mechanic skills. He retired in 1984, and he and Pat lived in Valley Springs. He especially enjoyed the three-season porch where he could enjoy the news-



papers, have coffee and watch birds, squirrels and people going by. He enjoyed his grandchildren and sharing his homemade soup specialties and pancakes. He loved Norwegian specialties, especially lefse and lutefisk.

Gilbert is survived by his daughter, Kim Morgan of

Valley Springs; son Howard Smedsrud of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; sons Dave (Sharon) Kock of Sioux Falls and Mike (Sheri) Schumacher of Valley Springs; eight grandchildren, Damon (Krystal) Sehr, Kayleen (Adam) Lane, Jared Sehr, Kellie Smedsrud, Aubrey (Dave) Sanderson, Matt Sauers, Dani Schumacher and Christian Volk; many great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia, on April 21, 2019; three brothers and six sisters.

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Early voting in Rock County shatters records, election turnout on track for same/continued from 1A

tient,” especially considering the historic election is timed with mounting numbers of local coronavirus cases.

“This election is already on pace to shatter all sorts of records,” she said. “Unfortunately, it’s also happening in the midst of a pandemic.”

She said her staff and election judges tested safety measures during the Primary Election; she said turnout was

“Lines will likely be longer as election judges work to keep everyone safe by cleaning voting booths and maintaining distance between voters. Please be patient with those election judges. Without their willingness to serve, we wouldn’t be able to exercise our right to vote.”

— Ashley Kurtz, Rock County Auditor-Treasurer and chief election official

too low for adequate training.

“The true test will come on Nov. 3,” Kurtz said. “Lines will likely be longer as election judges work to keep everyone safe by cleaning voting booths

and maintaining distance between voters. Please be patient with those election judges. Without their willingness to serve, we wouldn’t be able to exercise our right to vote.”

Meanwhile, she’s praying none of her staff or election officials contract the virus while they struggle to stay ahead of ballots.

“The biggest challenge for us is obviously the large amount of absentee ballots. It takes a lot of time to process an absentee ballot from start to finish,” she said, adding that they’ve had to keep up with the other functions of the office, including CARES Act fund distribution.

And the phone keeps ringing.

“We have received numerous phone calls about a variety of things,” she said, adding that they’re mostly related to pandemic precautions.

“We’ve never had the option to drop ballots off in a drop box before so we’ve received questions about that. We’ve

also had questions about needing an appointment to vote absentee. There have been a few people that haven’t been happy about that, but it’s really for the safety of everyone involved.”

The courthouse structure in general doesn’t allow for long lines for people to be socially distanced, and appointments allow for distance and time to clean voting areas between voters.

“And then we’re constantly hoping that one of us doesn’t become sick or have to quarantine,” Kurtz said. “While we have a plan in place if that were to happen, we’d rather not have to go down that road.”

Luverne, Hills and Martin Township polling places will be equipped with pandemic accommodations.

These includes sneeze

guards for election judges, hand sanitizing stations, social distancing signs, periodic wiping down of surfaces, a new pen for every voter, and more.

“This may slow things down just a little at the polls,” Kurtz said.

Planning for the unknown

Kurtz said there has been an “incredible” amount of planning invested into this election year, but she said the finish line keeps moving.

“It is so hard to plan for the unknown, and a lot of times it seems like once we have a plan, something changes so we have to pivot and start over,” she said.

For example, the special session law that allowed ballots to be opened after the close of business on Oct. 20 applied only to absentee ballots.

Accepted mail ballots can’t be processed until seven days before Election Day.

“Most counties assumed the session law included mail ballots, so we were all disappointed when that clarification came out earlier this week,” Kurtz said.

“It caused us to again pivot, with our operations plan but we are used to it with this year.”

While they can’t process mail ballots yet, she said her staff has begun opening absentee ballots this week and run them through the machine.

Kurtz said election staff will remain on duty on election night until all precincts are reported, whatever time that may be.

“Our plan is to have all absentee and mail ballots open and run through the machine prior to 8 p.m. (when polls close),” she said.

“We will not be processing any write-ins on Election Night. Those will be handled in the days following the election. I anticipate that will actually help us have polling place results earlier in the night.”

As precincts report results, they’re sent online to the Minnesota Secretary of State’s Office, which posts results on its website, sos.mn.us.

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Dynamic senior duo leads way for undefeated Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots

By Brennen Rupp

The only thing that seems capable of slowing down the Hills-Beaver Creek football team this season is Covid-19.

The Patriots have come racing out of the gates in this shortened season. They look like a well-oiled machine with a 3-0 record and outscoring their opponents 146-14.

A driving force behind the hot start is a pair of four-year starters. Seniors Gavin Wysong and Tyson Bork give the Patriots a dynamic backfield that keeps defenses on their toes.

"Tyson and Gavin are two very dynamic backs," H-BC

head coach Rex Metzger said. "They have that big play capability and when they touch the ball you just think they are going to score every time."

One-two punch

When a team tries to take away Wysong, they have to deal with Bork. When they try to slow down Bork, they have to deal with Wysong. If they load up the box to stop the potent rushing attack, Wysong is a talented enough passer to beat them through the air.

"If teams try and load up and stop one, the other one will make you pay," Metzger said. "It's not too often that a



Photo Courtesy of Valocity Studios

Tyson Bork (left) and Gavin Wysong (Right) have helped guide the H-BC Patriots to a 3-0 start to the season.

team gets two players as gifted as Tyson and Gavin. With their speed and athleticism, it's pretty special to watch."

Wysong has passed for 291 yards and four touchdowns. On the ground Wysong has rushed for 470 yards and seven touchdowns.

Bork has rushed for 477 yards and six touchdowns. He's added 57 yards through the air and caught one touchdown pass. A big reason for the early season success for both is the play of the offensive line.

"At the end of the day they'd both agree they've got a solid group of guys up front," Metzger said. "Those guys make it all tick."

Experience runs deep

Wysong and Bork both started playing the game of football when they were in third grade. They started playing together in seventh grade before they both became starters on the varsity squad when they were freshmen.

Since then, the Patriots have accumulated a record of 25-9 and made the section championship twice. Bork attributes the Patriots' fast start this season to the team's veteran leadership.

"We are really experienced," Bork said. "We have a lot of returning starters

Senior duo/See Page 2B



Brennen Rupp photo/1029 LHS football ahrendt

Luverne's Zach Ahrendt celebrates recovering a fumble on JCC's opening drive of the game. The Cardinals' defense kept JCC off the board to pick up the unit's second shutout

The Cardinals blank JCC 32-0 to wrap up homecoming week festivities

By Brennen Rupp

A year ago Jackson County Central ended the Luverne Cardinals' football season in the section semifinals.

On Friday, Oct. 23, the Cardinals exacted a little revenge. Playing in front of a smaller Homecoming crowd, the Cardinals blanked JCC 32-0.

The Cardinal defense set the tone for the game on the opening drive. On the second play from scrimmage, Luverne forced a fumble that was recovered by Zach Ahrendt at JCC's 31-yard line.

It took seven plays for the Cardinals to capitalize on the turnover. LaShad Smith got the Cardinals on the board with a six-yard rushing touchdown. Zach

Kruse converted the two-point conversion to put the Cardinals up 8-0.

On JCC's next offensive possession the Cardinals' defense forced the visitors to go three and out.

Following the JCC punt, the Cardinals took over at JCC's 48-yard line.

On the fourth play of the drive, Bailey Cowell hooked up with Gannon Ahrendt for 34 yards to set the Cardinals up inside JCC's five-yard line.

Three plays later, Smith crossed the goal line for the second time in the first quarter to give the Cardinals a 15-0 lead following the extra point.

With JCC knocking on the door, it was once again Luverne's defense coming up with a critical play. The

Huskies were at Luverne's 22-yard line when Casey Sehr picked off a pass in the end zone.

The Cardinals opened the second half with a 15-0 lead and the ball. On the opening drive of the final 24 minutes, the Cardinals found paydirt.

On the eighth play of the drive, Ashton Sandbulte scored from one yard out to put the Cardinals up 22-0.

The Cardinals found the end zone again on their second drive of the third quarter. Smith scored his third touchdown of the game on a 42-yard pass from Cowell. Following the extra point from Shaid Shearer, the Cardinals led 29-0.

Cardinals JCC/See Page 2B

Cardinals pick up first win of season in five-set thriller over Worthington

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team picked up their first win of the season on Thursday, Oct. 22, against the Worthington Trojans. The Cardinals outlasted the Trojans 3-2 to break into the win column. With the win the Cardinals are now 1-3.

"The whole team has a new energy going into this week now that we have our first win under our belt," said Luverne head coach Sarah DeBeer.

"I believe in every one of my players' abilities. The hard part is getting them to believe in their own abilities and trusting that their teammates have their back."

The Cardinals dropped a back-and-forth opening set 25-23. It was a set that saw nine lead changes with the biggest lead for either team being three points.

With the Cardinals trailing 10-9 in the second set, Reghan Bork came to the serving line looking to help the Cardinals build some momentum.

The junior setter rallied off six straight points for the Cardinals to help them build a 15-10 lead.

Elise Ferrell hammered down a kill with the Cardinals holding a 24-21 lead to clinch the second set for the home team.

In the third set it was the Cardinals coming out on the winning end with a 25-21 victory. It was once again Ferrell that recorded the game-winning kill to give the Cardinals a 2-1 lead in the match.

The Trojans battled back to win a competitive fourth set 25-23.

In the fifth and final set, the Cardinals scored the first two points of the set. The Trojans then scored six straight to build a 6-2 lead.

The Cardinals slowly chipped away at Worthing-



Brennen Rupp photo/1029 LHS volleyball

Luverne's Trista Baustian serves the ball during the Cardinals' match against Worthington on Thursday, Oct. 22. The Cardinals defeated the Trojans 3-2.

ton's lead. With the two teams deadlocked at 10-10, the Cardinals closed out the set by outscoring the Trojans 5-2 to pick up the 15-12 victory.

"After some close games, the girls started to see the big picture," DeBeer said.

"You can't do it alone. You have to trust yourselves and your teammates. If they focused on what our team needed to do and not what the other team was doing they could take over the game."

Gracie Zewiske led the team with nine kills. Kamryn VanBatavia recorded seven kills and three aces.

Christina Wagner and Zewiske both recorded three solo blocks. Macy Stratton recorded 24 digs and four aces.

"We had some great blocks from Christina Wagner," DeBeer said.

"We had solid swings from Kamryn VanBatavia. Reghan Bork provided great leadership for our final push

for the win."

The Cardinals will look to pick up their second win of the season on Thursday, Oct. 29, when they play host to the Marshall Cardinals.

"Marshall is always strong all the way around," DeBeer said.

"We need to focus on our team and not what is happening on the other side of the court. Defensively blocking and anticipating the ball at a much faster pace. Offensively we need to be aggressive. We need to quicken up our offense by hitting combinations and quicker sets."

This will mark the Tigers second match since they had to postpone three straight games due to Covid-19.

Luverne 23 25 25 23 15
Worthington 25 21 21 23 12

Kills: Zewiske 9; VanBatavia 7
Aces: Stratton 4; VanBatavia 3
Assists: Baustian 20
Digs: Stratton 24; VanBatavia 15
Blocks: Zewiske 3; Wagner 3

Patriots remain undefeated with 54-8 win over WWG

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team continued its early season success on Friday, Oct. 23, with a 54-8 victory over Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

With the win the Patriots improved to 3-0 on the season. They've now outscored their opponents 146-14 through three games.

Gavin Wysong got the scoring started for the Patriots in the first quarter. The senior quarterback scampered for a 45-yard rushing touchdown. Tyson Bork converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 8-0.

In the second quarter the Patriots' offense exploded for 30 points to build a 38-0 lead.

Bork got the scoring barrage started with an 81-yard rushing touchdown. Gavin Wysong converted the two-point conversion to build H-BC's lead to 16-0.

Bork scored his second touchdown of the game with a three-yard rushing touchdown. Gavin Wysong once



Brennen Rupp photo/1029 hbc football bork

H-BC's Tyson Bork looks for running room during the third quarter of the Patriots' 54-8 victory over WWG. Bork finished the game with 134 rushing yards and three total touchdowns.

again converted the two-point conversion to give the Patriots a 24-0 lead.

Gavin Wysong got his first passing touchdown of the quarter when he connected with Ty Bundesen for

a 28-yard play.

Wysong hooked up with Casey Kueter on the two-point conversion to give the Patriots a 32-0 lead.

The Patriots wrapped up the scoring in the second

quarter when Gavin Wysong connected with Bork on a 47-yard pass to put the Patriots up 38-0. H-BC was unable to convert the two-

H-BC beats WWG/Page 2B

Patriots defeat MCC 3-1 in a tightly contested match

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' volleyball team won a highly competitive match against the Murray County Central Rebels 3-1 on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

With the win, the Patriots improved to 3-2 on the season.

The Patriots dropped the first set of the match 25-23. H-BC bounced back to win the next three sets to win the match 3-1.

"We probably played our worst match of the season the night before against Westbrook-Walnut Grove," said H-BC head coach Dylan Gehrke. "Everything was just kind of a mess."

It was a different story with the Rebels.

"We preached to the girls before MCC that it was going to be a battle. We told them to trust one another. When you are passing, you have to trust that the setter is going to get to it," Gehrke said.

"We told the setters that you have to trust when you

set it that the hitters are going to hit it. You can't be perfect all the time, and you have to trust that your teammates are going to get the job done."

The Patriots won the second set 25-20. H-BC then won the third set 25-22. The Patriots finished the match by winning the fourth set 25-21.

"We battled in that first set," Gehrke said. "Those last three sets our setters were doing things that we haven't done all year. They were setting the backset and mixing up the times a little bit. That kind of threw the defense off a little bit. Our setters are starting to trust in the hitters a little more. That led to us having 36 kills in the match."

Abby Knobloch led the way for the Patriots with 16 kills. Knobloch also recorded one ace and three digs.

"She's an awesome player," Gehrke said. "She's well rounded. That was her

H-BC bests MCC/page 2B

Local trio tackles Rim-To-Rim Grand Canyon Trail

By Brennen Rupp

How does one stay active during a global pandemic? Sarah DeBeer, Krista Ahrendt and David Duffy hiked the Grand Canyon Rim-To-Rim trail on Sunday, Oct. 25.

The trail is 26.7 miles long and took them 13 hours to complete.

The route they took wasn't the longest, but it was the most challenging due to the elevation.

"Our hike was fun and challenging," Duffy said. "We collectively put together a plan on how much food, water, and gear to bring before we started. We knew the mileage of all the water stops."

The issue that the hikers ran into was water.

"The only thing that went wrong was they shut off the water the night before at one of the stops on the way up," Duffy said. "I was out of water and the girls had very little."

He said they had a sterile pen along to use as an emergency. It purifies creek water for drinking in about 90 seconds, but the trio opted not to use



Photo submitted by David Duffy

Pictured left to right, Sarah DeBeer, David Duffy and Krista Ahrendt pose for a photo during their 26.7 mile hike at the Grand Canyon on Sunday, Oct. 25.

the sterile pen, but to push through another 1.8 miles to the next water stop.

"Once at the next stop, we took a longer break to rehydrate and fill up all of

the water bottles that each of us carried," Duffy said.

The band of hikers plan on going back to the Grand Canyon this December to hit more trails and to get

away from the Minnesota winter for a while.

"Next trip for us is actually this December," Duffy said. "We are going back to the Grand Canyon."

Big South announces all-conference teams

By Brennen Rupp

The Big South Conference announced its fall sports all-conference teams for cross country, tennis, and soccer on Monday, Oct. 26. The Luverne Cardinals were well represented in both sports.

For cross country the girls had seven players earn all-conference honors. Tenley Nelson, Jenna DeBates, Grace Ingebreton, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Regan Feit, Elizabeth Wagner and Kayla Bloemendaal all earned all-conference honors.

The girls' cross country team was invited to compete

in a two-day showcase in Atwater this weekend. The event will be held at the Island Pine Golf Club. The girl's cross country team is fresh off winning the 3A Section Tournament.

The two-day showcase is an opportunity for the top teams and individuals across the state of Minnesota to compete in one final meet. With no state tournament being held due to Covid-19, this is a chance for runners to compete in a state tournament-like event. Entry fees for teams are \$150 and \$25 for individuals.

Camden Janiszski

earned all-conference on the boys' side. Janiszski will also be competing in the two-day showcase in Atwater this weekend after placing in the Top 10 during the section meet.

The tennis team had five members earn all-conference honors. Those players were Elise Jarchow, Roz Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Liz Kelm and Olivia Wieneke all earned recognition for their efforts this season.

The Luverne tennis team placed fourth in the section tournament.

H-BC/From 1B

best performance of the year thus far. Hopefully she can keep that up moving forward."

Taryn Rauk recorded eight kills and two aces. Annie Bos recorded 18 assists.

The Patriots will play host to MCC on Thursday, Oct. 29..

"It's going to be a battle," Gehrke said. "They're going to be ready to go. They'll be looking for a little revenge. They have a good squad. It's going to be a battle and I think we'll be ready for the challenge."

**HBC 23 25 25 25
MCC 25 20 22 21**

**Kills: Knobloch 16; Rauk 8; Vis 5
Aces: Rauk 2; Knobloch 1
Assists: Bos 18; Vis 7**

Cardinals blank JCC 32-0/ continued from page 1B

JCC's next drive ended in another turnover. Luverne's Zach Kruse recovered a fumble to set the Cardinals up in JCC territory.

The Cardinals were unable to score a touchdown off the turnover, but they were still able to put points on the board. Shearer nailed a 33-yard field goal to put the Cardinals up 32-0.

With the victory the Cardinals improved to 2-1. The Cardinals now have two shutouts on the season. The Cardinals will look to pick

up their third win of the season on Friday, Oct. 30, against the Windom Eagles in Windom.

The Eagles will enter the contest with an 0-2 record. They had last week's game against Pipestone Area postponed.

**Luverne 15 0 17 0 32
JCC 0 0 0 0 0**

**Passing: Cowell 5-7-102-1
Rushing: L. Smith 15-99-2;
Cowell 12-30-0; A Sandbulte 3-6-1
Receiving: G. Ahrendt 3-44-0; L. Smith 1-42-1
Tackles: Z. Ahrendt 4.5;
Halverson 3; Ripka 3**

Patriots beat Chargers 54-8/ continued from 1B

point conversion.

"We were able to create a couple of big plays in our passing game," H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said. "We were able to stay a little more balanced."

Gavin Wysong got the scoring started in the second half with a 30-yard rushing touchdown. Oliver Deelstra was able to connect with Zander Wysong for the two-point conversion to give the Patriots a 46-0 lead.

The Chargers got on the board in the third quarter when they scored on a four-yard passing touchdown. WWG converted the two-point conversion to make it a 46-8 game.

H-BC's Drew Leenderts wrapped up the scoring in the fourth quarter when he scored on a 15-yard rushing touchdown. Gideon Taubert converted the two-point conversion.

The Patriots held the Chargers to seven first downs and under 100 passing yards.

Metzger said he was pleased with his team's effort on defense.

"WWG came into the game with the top passing game in the district," Metzger said. "We were able to limit them to under 100 passing."

With such a huge lead to start the second half, the Patriots were able to get some of the younger players on the roster valuable playing time. Metzger said they did a great job of coming in and playing at a high level.

"Our young guys got some playing time in the second half," Metzger said. "It was fun to see them fly around."

The Patriots will look to remain undefeated when they travel to Edgerton on Friday, Oct. 30, to take on the Flying Dutchmen. H-BC defeated Edgerton earlier this season 56-6.

**H-BC 8 30 8 8 54
WWG 0 0 8 0 8**

**Passing: G. Wysong 7-9, 149 yards, two touchdowns
Rushing: T. Bork 7-134-2; G. Wysong 10-145-2
Receiving: Bundesen 2-40-1; T. Bork 2-57-1; Deelstra 2-49
Tackles: Kueter 9; G. Wysong 9; Erickson 8; Bundesen 4; Knobloch 3**

Dynamic senior duo guides Patriots to 3-0 start/continued from 1B

from last year's team. I think because of our knowledge and experience we are off to such a hot start."

Wysong said that top to bottom the Patriots' roster is full of players that have a high football IQ. That knowledge and the team's quickness make them tough to beat.

"Our football team knows the game of football," Wysong said. "We all understand the game and have great football knowledge. Our speed is something as well. Our starters have great speed and even if they go out, the next guy up has great speed as well and they know what they are doing."

'We help each other out'

The Wysong-Bork duo likely causes sleepless nights for opposing coaches as they draw up a plan to slow down the Patriots' high octane offense.

"It's awesome to play with him," Wysong said about Bork.

"He's a dual-threat in the backfield. Teams aren't sure if I'm getting the ball or if he's getting the ball. He helps open things up. I love playing next to him. He's always ready to rock and roll. He's a leader."

Bork said that playing

"Tyson and Gavin are two very dynamic backs. They have that big play capability and when they touch the ball you just think they are going to score every time."

H-BC head coach Rex Metzger

alongside Wysong pushes him to improve.

"We help each other out," Bork said. "No team is just going to gameplan for one of us. They have to gameplan for both of us. That really helps us both out. Playing next to him is great. We push each other. Playing next to somebody as good as him really pushes you to be your best."

Wysong said he's not afraid to run through a pack with his strength, and he said Bork can outrun anybody on the football field.

"His speed is his greatest strength," Wysong said. "He is very fast. He's a strong kid. His knowledge of the game is a strength as well."

Wysong has all the tools in the shed to be the best player anytime he steps on

the gridiron. Bork said one of Wysong's greatest strengths is his work ethic and competitive fire.

"He's very quick," Bork said. "He's very strong. He has good football knowledge. His passion for the game is something else. He just loves the game. He's somebody that will always give 100 percent every single day no matter what."

Plans to succeed amid pandemic challenges

Covid-19 has thrown a wrench in a lot of people's lives. It threw a wrench in H-BC's plans for the 2020 football season.

In 2018 the Patriots had their season ended in the section championship. In 2019 they once again had their season ended in the

section championship.

With so many starters returning they had one goal in mind for the 2020 season. That goal was to get over the hump and reach the state tournament.

Due to Covid-19 the Minnesota State High School League has decided not to host a state tournament for fall sports. With no state tournament, the Patriots have been robbed of the opportunity to possibly play at U.S. Bank Stadium.

"Our goal this year is to take one game at a time," Wysong said.

"We want to win the section championship. We just want to enjoy the games while we have them, considering we weren't even going to have a season until next spring. We are just going to enjoy every game and every win with each other. Having no state tournament stinks. It's what you dream of when you start the season. It's the reward after having a great season."

The Patriots can only control what they do. The decision not to have a state tournament was out of their hands. Instead of focusing their energy on an opportunity that was taken from them, they are focused on what's in front of them.

"Our goal this year is to go one game at a time," Bork said. "We want to stay perfect and keep winning. Without that state tournament it really stinks. That's something you work for all year. It's something you dream of when you are in high school. You dream of playing in that big-time game, and having that taken away just stinks."

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The Star Herald reached out to churches for their worship information in the absence of in-person worship services, due to coronavirus social distancing. Those that responded are listed here. Those that would like to have information posted here should call the Star Herald or email editor@star-herald.com.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Public mass will be celebrated with a limit of 50 percent capacity of the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvnecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

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

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

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

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 29: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Oct. 31: 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service in Sanctuary with Communion. Sunday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m. All Saint's Worship Service with Communion. Limited seating is available. 10-10:45 a.m. Sunday school for 3-year-olds-5th Grade. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Tuesday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 4: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. Mom's Bible Study. 7-7:45 p.m. Confirmation classes for 6th-9th grade. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

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

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

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Friday, Oct. 30: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Nov. 1: 9:30 a.m. service. Tuesday, Nov. 2: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 4: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; youth groups.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Oct. 29: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, Oct. 31: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Nov. 1: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. All Saint's Sunday — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday, Nov. 2: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 4: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Nov. 5: 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

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

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Worship services Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Limit is 75 people. 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
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamumc@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

Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Sunday School during worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Sunday, Oct. 25: 10 a.m. Worship Service with Confirmation. Monday, Oct. 26: 7 p.m. Mission Profile Committee meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 27: 2 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study at Tuff Memorial Home. 3:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible study at Village.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

You can be truly free!

"Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'" John 8:31-32

There is much talk about freedom recently. We consider it a freedom to wear a mask or not, and in the upcoming election we are free to vote for the candidates that best suit our interests. Jesus here lays out a different sort of freedom — one that can never be taken away.

Now we surely do not like to think of ourselves as sinners, and yet we could make a list of our sins, and it wouldn't be difficult to do. We find our security in money, things, and people instead of God,

We gossip, we have hatred toward others not like us, we covet what other people have and do, we act in self-interest, our eyes stray and admire a spouse who is not ours to admire ... and we think we are not slaves to sin.

Yet, in that moment when we are faced with an opportunity to sin, we call a bad thing good rather than naming it for what it is. We often think of sin as a choice — a freedom! Sin can be sneaky in this way.

Here is the good news: Christ knows that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves — we sin against God in thought, word, and deed.

And what does Christ do with us who are sinners? Well, he doesn't say, "Good luck with that!" or "You sure have gotten yourself into a pickle. That was stupid."

No. Christ simply sets you free! He destroys that which would destroy you. In the radical wonder of the Gospel, the one, the only one, that can take care of your righteousness has does it!

And Jesus continues

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Laura Phillips, Palisade Lutheran Church

We consider it a freedom to wear a mask or not, and in the upcoming election we are free to vote for the candidates that best suits our interests. Jesus here lays out a different sort of freedom — one that can never be taken away.

to do it day after day — taking his own righteousness and handing it over to sinners, making them believers.

You are made free from sin as you believe Christ, as you believe you are saved by God's grace through faith, which is a gift from God. In Christ Jesus, you are free from the bondage of sin, free from the power of death, and ultimately, you are free to live for Jesus and for your neighbor who needs you.

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Signature : /s/ **Rebecca Buchholz** Date: **10-24-2020**
MAILING ADDRESS: **512 Rebecca Ave., Hills, MN 56138**
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **quiltedchickadee@gmail.com**
(10-29, 11-05)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Sept. 24

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office and also via Zoom on September 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Ryan Johnson, Jason Phelps, Dave Muler, Becky Rahm, April Wallace, Jason Berghorst, Ann Rigney, Lloyd Hemme, Joe Stearns, Luke Larson, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Vice-Chairperson Eric Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that items 8.7.3 and 8.7.4 were to be removed from the agenda. Motion by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the agenda with the adjustments. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the August 27, 2020, School Board minutes as presented. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried. Motion made by Sehr, second by Baustian, to approve the September 10, 2020, School Board minutes as presented. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Dave Muler with ICS Builds gave a construction update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills with the School Board. Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,143,835.43. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of August 31, 2020. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

The second reading of Policy 809 – COVID-19 Face Covering Policy was conducted. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve this policy as presented. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the preliminary levy. She recommended approving the Maximum Levy at this time to allow for any changes before the final levy is certified in December. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the Maximum Preliminary Levy for 2020 Payable 2021 taxes. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

The snow removal contract with VerSteege Excavation was reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the contract with VerSteege

Excavation for snow removal. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Danielle Ganun, M/HS Paraprofessional, effective August 31, 2020. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Heather Roberts as M/HS Paraprofessional effective September 21, 2020. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the Minnesota State High School League dues billing for the 2020-2021 school year. The Luverne School District received a \$7,000 increase in fees. The Big South Conference superintendents have expressed concerns and questions to the MSHSL about this large increase.

Member Baustian reported the Facilities Committee had been meeting weekly with the construction, but they will now be meeting every other week. She noted the finished areas are looking great.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Those in favor: Baustian, Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte and Hartman. Motion carried.

Dated: September 24, 2020

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(10-29)

City of Hills notice to (city) residents

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 10th 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
(10-29)

Notice of Walleye Wind Applications

In the Matter of the Application of Walleye Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need and a Site Permit for the Walleye Wind Project in Rock County, Minnesota
Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Numbers: IP-7006/CN-20-269, IP-7006/WS-20-384

On October 20, 2020, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issued an Order finding the Certificate of Need and Site Permit applications filed by Walleye Wind on July 9, 2020 to be complete for the purposes of review. Information regarding these filings, the project proposed by Walleye Wind, and how to access the applications filed by Walleye Wind are provided in this notice.

Project Description: Walleye Wind has proposed to construct a large wind energy conversation system of up to 110.8 megawatts in Beaver Creek, Luverne, Martin, and Springwater townships in Rock County. The project would connect to an existing 345 kilovolt high-voltage transmission line that is owned and operated by Xcel Energy at its Rock County substation. The project would include no more than 40 wind turbines. Walleye Wind has entered into a power purchase agreement with Minnesota Municipal Power Agency for purchase of the entire output of the facility under a 30- year term.

This project is being reviewed under Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.243 (CN) and Chapter 216F (Site Permit) and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7849 and 7854 respectively. All Minnesota laws and rules are available at www.revisor.mn.gov. To learn more:

Department of Commerce Project Website: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/13893/>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate. Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2246 with the docket number (20-269 and/or 20-384), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website: mn.gov/puc, and select Search eDockets, enter the year (20) and the docket number (269 for the certificate of need, 384 for the site permit), select Search.

Subscribe: Receive email notification when new documents are filed in this docket at mn.gov/puc, select Subscribe.

*Note - subscribing may result in a large number of emails.

Community Location: The certificate of need and site permit applications are available at the Rock County Community Library, 201 W Main St., Luverne, MN 56156
(10-29)

City of Luverne sets public hearing for Nov. 10

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE, due to COVID-19, the public hearing will be conducted via telephone or other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. Please refer to the City of Luverne's website at <https://www.cityofluverne.org/> or call City Offices at 507-449-2388 to learn how to attend the public hearing via telephone or electronically. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Luverne, Minnesota, (the "City") will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting of the City Council beginning at 5:00 P.M., on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, to be held at City Offices Council Chambers, 305 E Luverne Street, in the City, on the request of A-1 JET, L.L.C., (the "Company") to have the City abate to the Company the City's share of the property taxes to be levied on parcel identification numbers 20-0629-000 and 20-0191-100 (the "Property").

The total amount of the taxes proposed to be abated by the City on the Property for a period not to exceed five (5) years is estimated to be not more than \$14,000. The City Council will consider granting a property tax abatement on the Property in connection with the proposed manufacturing facility to be constructed by the Company and located in the City.

All interested persons may appear at the November 10, 2020 public hearing and present their views orally or in writing, or due to COVID-19, the public can provide public comment by participating through Zoom webinar/conferencing service. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's office at the City Offices, telephone 507-449-2388.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
John Call, City Administrator
(10-29)

Sandhurst probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of

Veta Marie Sandhurst, a/k/a/ Veta M. Sandhurst,
Deceased

Court File No.: 67-PR-20-249

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 2020, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Court-house, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrumental purporting to be the will of the above name deceased, dated September 16, 2019, and for the appointment of Thomas Dohlman whose address is 1205 S. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: October 19, 2020

/s/ Terry Vajrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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

(COURT SEAL)

(10-29, 11-5)

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EMPLOYMENT

The City of Adrian has an opening for a Public Works Supervisor. This is a highly responsible, technical and administrative job in directing municipal Public Works and Utility Departments. Work is performed with considerable independence and judgement. This position involves planning, organizing, coordination of construction projects and maintenance and management; water treatment and distribution and wastewater collection and treatment. Qualifications include experience in the construction, maintenance and repair of Public Utility systems, especially electrical production and distribution; including, or supplemented by, experience in supervision and management. Desirable qualifications include a Minnesota Master Electricians License, a Minnesota Journeyman/Line worker Certification, or would be willing to obtain the required certifications. Employment application and position details can be picked up at Adrian City Hall, 209 Maine Avenue, Suite 106 or form our website at www.adrian.gov/office2.com. Applications accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020. EEO.
(10.10-10.29)

EMPLOYMENT

CCSI is actively seeking caregivers at both of our homes located in LUVERNE, MINNESOTA. Caregivers assist individuals who have developmental and or physical disabilities with housekeeping duties, personal cares, program goals and more. We are seeking individuals who are friendly, compassionate and dependable. Our part-time block schedules offer fixed hours, include every other weekend and rotating holidays. Most schedules offer an average of 38 hours per week and are benefit-eligible positions. We also have overnight positions available too. Health insurance eligibility starts at 30 hours per week with dental and vision insurance and other benefits starting at just 20 hours per week. CCSI offers paid training, sign-on bonus and a new starting wage with increase after training!! Applicants must be 18 and have a working knowledge of the English language for communication/documentation. Computer skills and basic math skills necessary. Applicants must have the ability to lift or move 25 pounds. For information, please contact Brenda at the CCSI office in Worthington at (507)376-3171 extension 2. CCSI is an EEO/AA Employer.
(10.29-11.14)

EMPLOYMENT

General Construction Laborers Needed. Paid vacation and holidays. Competitive wages. Call 605-261-4050 for more information.
(10.24-11.12)

American Reformed Church is seeking to hire a worship director. The worship director will lead a Christ-centered worship experience for our regular weekend service and special holidays. Job description and application can be found at www.arcluverne.org or by contacting the church office at 507-283-8600 or office@arcluverne.org. Application deadline is November 15.
(10.29-11.14)

ADRIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL is seeking applicants for a full-time afternoon shift (2-10 p.m.) Building and Maintenance Custodian. Applicant's should have a boiler license or be able to obtain one, can operate equipment, able to lift 50 lbs., custodial and maintenance experience, enjoys working in a team environment, and has excellent references. Applications are available at www.isd511.net or by calling 507-483-2266. Please submit applications to Adrian Public School, District Office, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. Position will remain open until filled. ISD 511 is an equal opportunity employer.
(10.17-11.5)

EMPLOYMENT

American Reformed Church, Luverne is seeking to hire a part time custodian to begin January 1, 2021. The position includes interior cleaning and set-up and outdoor grounds maintenance, but can be separated based on the applicant's interests. Job description and application can be found at www.arcluverne.org or by contacting the church office at 507-283-8600 or office@arcluverne.org. Application deadline is November 15.
(10.29-11.14)

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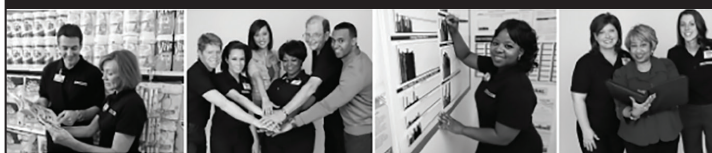
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A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*



First I would like to congratulate the Luverne girls' cross country team for winning the Section 3A championship. Because of COVID-19 the Minnesota State High School league has canceled all state tournaments for the fall sports season however the Luverne Girls Cross Country team are State Champions in our minds. The Last week, 545 people took part in the no-barrier COVID test offer free of charge in Luverne. Of those tested, 26 tested positive and 519 were negative. For those that tested positive, the proper protocols have been put in place to slow the spread of the virus.

The following was published in the October 22 issue Rock County Star Herald.



Luverne COVID test site yields 26 positive cases out of 545 tests administered
After three days of free COVID-19 testing at Grand Prairie Events last week, 545 people received nasal swab tests. Of them, 26 were positive and 519 were negative. According to Shawn Schloesser of the State Emergency Operations Center, the event accomplished what it was supposed to. "We were very pleased with the turnout," he said. "Anytime we can provide barrier-free testing to our community members, it is a huge help to preventing the spread of COVID." The results of Luverne's test site likely won't be reflected in the official Minnesota Department of Health website for two weeks, though it's possible some are already processed. Also, it's possible that the positives are from people who live outside of Rock County, because everyone was invited to participate. Results will be split into their home counties when processed and released officially in MDH data. The state is in its fifth week of offering free, "no barrier" tests in communities around the state for anyone who wants one, regardless of symptoms of circumstances. The goal is to test as many residents as possible to isolate those who are positive and quarantine close contacts and, ultimately, control the spread of the virus. - Excerpt from the Star Herald



Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan today announced a \$7.7 million plan to support agricultural producers, meat processors, and farmers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the financial support will help farmers who have experienced market disruptions recover from and purchase equipment and supplies necessary for COVID-19. The funding includes:

- \$1,000,000 for cost share aid to companies or individuals looking to expand or open a meat processing facility. A further investment in meat processing capabilities will help alleviate the back up of animals caused by supply-chain impacts of COVID-19.
- \$500,000 for local food systems, many of which have shifted their businesses to stay afloat, while others faced losses as wholesale markets closed.
- \$250,000 for Farm Business Management Scholarships. These scholarships, offered by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, help farmers manage their finances and learn how to navigate the complicated financial systems of farming, which have been impacted significantly by COVID-19.
- \$5,750,000 for direct payments to turkey and pork producers to compensate for market disruptions and associated costs due to COVID-19.
- \$200,000 for farmer and food security support to reimburse the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for grants that provided Minnesota-grown food in school summer meal programs. This funding would also support a new cost-share program to help on-farm direct marketers and farmers markets purchase equipment and supplies necessary for staff and customer health.



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