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Election 2022 in final stretch

Mail ballots by Friday or bring them to courthouse

By Lori Sorenson

The 2022 General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 8, and those who haven't already voted early or by mail will head to the polls next week to cast their ballots.

Rock County Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz said activity continues to pick up pace in her office.

"We've had a lot of phone calls about voter registration," she said. "The cutoff to be a registered voter on the roster was Oct. 18, but voters are still able to register at the polls on Election Day."

Kurtz said they'll need to bring a current Minnesota ID with a current address in order to register, and if they don't have that, she encouraged them to call her office ahead of time at 507-283-5060.

"We'll work with them on what they'll need to bring in order to prove residence for registration," she said.

Kurtz also encouraged people to mail their ballots before Friday and track the status of their ballots to be sure they've been counted.

"The post office has been great getting ballots to us," Kurtz said. "We've even received ballots that weren't put in the mailing envelope, just the signature envelope so they are working hard to help the process."

At the end of the day Monday, her office had received 196 absentee ballots and 689 mail ballots.

The Star Herald has profiled candidates running for local offices in contested races. That coverage, in addition to Luverne School Board interviews and the candidate forum for Luverne City Council and Minnesota House, can be viewed at www.star-herald.com.

Minnesota District 21A State House seat is up for election this fall, and incumbent Joe Schomacker (R-Luverne) will face current Luverne Mayor Pat Bausatian as the DFL candidate on the ballot for that two-year term.

The Minnesota District 21 State Senate

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Sara Schmuck photo/1103 CC LHS Sections

Boys' cross country team makes history

The Luverne boys' cross country team claimed the Section 3A championship Thursday afternoon, Oct. 27, on their home course in Luverne. Previous boys' teams have earned the runners-up section title six times before last week's win. The section win comes on the heels of the girls' tennis team earning a berth to the state tournament for the first time in school history. The boys' cross country team will now compete in Saturday's MSHSL state cross country tournament. Pictured from left are Zach Terrio, Sage Viessman, Owen Janiszkeski, Ryan Fick, Camden Janiszkeski, Carsen Tofteland, Leif Ingebretsen, Kaleb Hemme and Dylan Ommen.



Lori Sorenson photos/1103 halloween trunk n treat

More than 1,000 costumed trick-or-treaters made the rounds through the Luverne Elementary School parking lot Monday afternoon where businesses and organizations circled the lot with creatively decorated vehicles to hand out candy. At right are Emersyn Roos (left) and Genesis Roos in costume.

Trunk 'n Treat!!!

More than 1,000 trick-or-treaters join community event

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

More than 1,000 people participated in Luverne's 10th Annual Trunk 'n Treat community Halloween event Monday evening in the Luverne Elementary School parking lot.

"What a fantastic event for children," said Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Lanphere.

"With 44 individuals, organizations and businesses participating, we can

say that this was the best Trunk 'n Treat ever." She said the beautiful weather, quiet location, more families and children attended Monday than ever before.

"We are so proud of our participating partners who go out of their way to make the event special by putting together creative displays," Lanphere said. "Many trunks were decorated with fantastic themes that entertained the children and families along the way."

At right, Star Herald "Cookie Monster" Trunk 'n Treaters (from left) Rick Peterson, Wyatt VanSteenberg and Heather Johnson dole out treats.

Below right, Hoffman family members from Wilmont sport a hunting theme. From youngest to oldest are Wyatt (in the arms of his mother, Paige), Tatum, Ryker, Kolby and Braxton. Paige works at Sanford Luverne and said she and her husband, Justin, often bring their family to Luverne's Trunk 'n Treat. "It's wonderful. We love it."



Above, Hazel Benson poses for the camera.

At right, George Bonnama (left) and Shirley and Lowell Harrison represent Generations in costume.



H-BC seeks feedback from residents

Opinions sought on updating facilities or constructing new

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek school officials are seeking opinions about the district's facilities and programs.

An eight-page survey will be mailed during the week of Nov. 14, and the deadline to complete it is Friday, Dec. 2.

Rob DeMeuse with School Perceptions, an independent research company, worked with the district to develop the 11-question survey to educate the public about the long-term needs of the district as well as to gather the public's opinion.

Facility upgrades would cost \$17.9 million while new construction is estimated at \$26.5 million.

"We need the feedback to know what the community wants to do, and what the community will support through a referendum or levy," he said.

The survey asks five questions based on a recently completed study of the district's facilities and program offerings. There are an additional six questions about overall satisfaction.

The H-BC district is faced with three primary challenges:

1. Many major building systems have exceeded their service life (especially in the elementary school).
2. Some classrooms and labs are too small, especially for science, career and technical education "shop" and agriculture offerings.
3. Some athletic facilities are located offsite, which creates security and supervision concerns.

One survey per address

DeMeuse said one survey is mailed to each district resident and/or landowner.

To save postage, recipients are asked to respond online using a 16-digit code to complete the survey.

For households with multiple

H-BC facility survey/see page 5



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the home of Jill Willers for a pot-luck supper. Bring a dish to pass and show-and-tell items made from scraps. RSVP to 507-935-2560.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in the township hall in Beaver Creek.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in the Kenneth community center.

American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

Choir concert Nov. 3

The Luverne High School choral concert, featuring the high school concert choir and the 9/10 treble choir, will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in the school performing arts center.

There is no admission charged to attend. Note: This is a change of date from the original calendar.

Coat distribution Nov. 10 and 12

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

H-BC bands perform Nov. 3

The Hills-Beaver Creek middle school and high school bands will perform a fall concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the secondary school in Hills. The sixth-grade, seventh- and eighth-grade and high school bands will perform.

Veterans Day programs

The Luverne Elementary Student Council is hosting a special Veterans Day Coffee & Treats Open House from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the elementary school commons.

Attendees are encouraged to park in the bus lanes in front of the school.

The community is invited to a Veterans Day program at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School in Hills.

H-BC students and faculty will take part in the program honoring local veterans. Those attending are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

Shoebox collection Nov. 14

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection week is Nov. 14-21. Boxes can be ordered online at samaritanpurse.org. Boxes may also be picked up at the American Reformed Church in Luverne (south door) and dropped back to the church.

Call Edna Buys, 507-227-7169 or Charla Sandbulte, 507-227-1722, for more information.

Food Shelf evening hours

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

Luverne Community Ed seeks instructors and class ideas

Luverne Community Education Instructors and/or class ideas are needed by Nov. 15 for the months of January through April.

Those with class ideas or requests, and those with details for a class to teach or update can email li.nath@isd2184.net or call 283-4724.

The current brochure (and past brochures) can be viewed at www.isd2184.net under the Community Education tab.

Community Education thrives through the sharing of talents, interests, and information from all members of the community.

Rock County DFL volunteers with Adopt-a-Highway

Members of the Rock County DFL volunteered their time with an Adopt-a-Highway service project on Friday, Oct. 21, near Luverne.

Pictured are (front, from left) Nicole Henrichs, Suanne Ohme, Rhonna Jarchow, (back) Carol Serie, Lona Klosterbuer, Larry Nelson, Connie Connell, Shirley Klosterbuer, Carol Morgan, Rich Morgan, Dave Svingen, and Pat Baus-tian. Not pictured is Carol Svingen.



SWHHS and county to collaborate on opioid settlement funds

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County will pool its opioid settlement dollars with other Southwest Health and Human Services members as the best use of the funds.

Rock County will receive an average of \$14,655 for the next 18 years, according to the lawsuit settlement.

Ann Orren, SWHHS community public health supervisor, talked with commissioners at their Oct. 18 meeting.

"According to the memo of agreement that cities and counties signed (in January), public health is the lead agency and chief strategist to collaborate and respond to local issues and can help counties and cities try to decide where these monies would be better spent," she said.

"One of the important things is to have this money go toward evidence-based things for both prevention, intervention and treatment, and invest in youth prevention. All three of these things we touch."

Together the six SWHHS-member counties — Rock, Lyon, Pipestone, Murray, Lincoln and Redwood — will have \$2.6 million from the multi-state law suit settlement. The settlement comes from pharmaceutical distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health and Ameri-sourceBergen, and opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson.

The local money is part of more than \$300 million divided among state counties and municipalities.

The settlement comes as a response to the rapid increase in the overuse, misuse, abuse and overdose

deaths attributed to opioids, a class of moderate to strong painkillers.

More than 5,500 Minnesotans have died, and opioid use has devastated families and communities across the state. The settlement dollars are intended to help communities provide services and resources to address the crisis.

"Our goal is to meet with community members to decide where it can go and disburse it out — whether it is to law enforcement or treatment centers, prevention coalitions or wherever — that is the goal," Orren said.

"We don't have the capacity to do the work or take the money and utilize it ourselves."

Local coalition #Luv1LuvAll member Wanda Jarchow inquired about the settlement.

"I am here to find out where the money is going because I would like us to partner together," she said. "As I think we can make better progress if we are all heading in the same direction."

#Luv1LuvAll has several task forces involved in narrowing the gap for anyone facing poverty situations in various identified areas: oral health, brain health, one-source guide, housing and opioid use.

Jarchow said the oral health task force recently received a three-year \$136,000 grant and is partnering with Nobles County, who received a similar grant, to provide affordable dental care access locally. According to Orren, Lyon and Pipestone counties have agreed to pool their opioid settlement dollars with Rock County and are waiting for Lincoln, Murray and Redwood to make a final decision.

ATV-grain truck crash takes life of local woman

By Lori Sorenson

A local woman lost her life in a truck-vs-ATV crash northwest of Luverne Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 26.

According to the Rock County, Minnesota Sheriff's Office, 64-year-old Kathy Dietrich, Luverne, was fatally injured when her four-wheeler collided with a grain truck driven by 43-year-old Troy Meinerts.

The report states that Dietrich failed to yield at a yield sign at the intersection of 80th Avenue when she was traveling east on 151st Street. Meinerts was traveling south on 80th and the two collided.

The crash was re-

ported at 2:46 p.m. and the Rock County Sheriff's office, Rock County Ambulance, Luverne Fire and Rescue and the Minnesota State Patrol all responded to the scene where Dietrich was pronounced dead by the Rock County Coroner.

Drugs and alcohol were reportedly not a factor in the crash. The Minnesota State Patrol is handling the crash reconstruction.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to both families during this time," Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said in a statement released Wednesday afternoon.

Dietrich's obituary appears on page 7.

Power outage planned for Sunday night

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne is alerting residents and businesses of a planned power outage and sounding of civil defense sirens this weekend.

The outage will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, in order to bring on line the city's new 3 MW Caterpillar generators installed at the Electrical Power Plant earlier this year.

The test was originally scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2, but a pre-test inspection showed the equipment needed further preparation.

The city recently installed two 50,000-pound generators, 3 megawatts each, to join the city's existing 1960s 3-megawatt generator in the power plant.

Sunday's outage is necessary to bring the new generators on line.

According to Luverne City Administrator John Call, the goal of the generator project is to have backup power for the city in the event it is cut off from transmission lines that carry power into the city.

"These disaster events are usually caused by ice storms, tornados, straight line winds or possibly some type of disaster within the electrical grid system," Call said. "The generators need to be tested in a real time situation to make sure that they are ready when called upon in the case of a real disaster."

City electric utilities staff will test the system with the assistance of engineers, electrical technicians, and representatives from Caterpillar that will be on site working with Missouri River Energy Services to make sure transition goes smoothly.

During the 7 p.m. test Sunday, Luverne electricity customers will experience a short electrical outage lasting approximately 30 seconds up to 2 minutes.

At that time, the generators will start and proceed to carry the load for approximately one hour.

At the conclusion of the generator testing, the civil defense sirens will be activated to let the public know that the testing period is over and that the city is back on the normal electrical grid.

Call said the city will do what it can to make sure that all residents and businesses are aware of Sunday's short power outage so that they can plan accordingly.

"The City of Luverne appreciates your patience as the test is required to commission the newly installed generators," Call said. "With the new generators in service, the city has increased reliability for all of our electricity customers."

#TellUsTuesday Results

Scan Here to Vote for this Week's Survey!



What's Your Favorite Halloween Candy?

Chocolate	78%
Hard Candy	0%
Fruity Candy (Skittles, Starbursts, etc.)	22%
Double Bubble	0%

Fall Festival

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Wednesday, Nov. 9
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LIFT tours highlight community progress, growth

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow hosted its annual meeting Friday in the form of several tours highlighting community development.

In a round-robin approach, groups of roughly 20 people at a time visited four separate sites for 20- to 25-minute tours between 4 and 6 p.m.

By the end of the evening each site had hosted four tour groups, updating attendees on progress.

The new **Prairie Loft Apartments** on South Highway 75 were a highlight on the tour where Greensmith Builders' Aaron Smith and Luverne's Rich Dreckman took visitors through the newly completed apartments — some of them completed.

There are two, three-story, 27-unit apartment buildings along Hatting Street toward the east end of what used to be the Sharkee and Mert's Repair lots.

Dreckman said the south building has 18 of its 27 units rented out and will be full within a week or so. He's taking reservations for the north building.

Rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$1,095 and two-bedroom units rent for \$1,295 to \$1,495 with utilities included. "We've had people move in before evening seeing the place," Dreckman said. "We've had good response."



Prairie Loft Apartments were part of Friday night's tours where people learned 18 of 27 units in the south building are rented out and will be full within a week or so. Reservations are being taken for the north building, and a third one is planned.

Because of demand, another three-story, 27-unit apartment building is being planned east of the north building along the north side of the retaining pond. A mixed use commercial-residential complex is planned for the space fronting Highway 75.

Primarily renters are young professionals with good-paying jobs, mostly single people and couples without children who work locally and had been com-

muting from Sioux Falls or Brandon.

Dreckman also talked about what makes the Prairie Loft apartments unique. For example, each unit is elevator accessible and has its own stackable GE washer and condensing dryer and full set of appliances with granite countertops and undermount sinks.

The buildings have direct access to the Luverne Loop that connects with the Ashby Memorial Trail and

the Blue Mounds Trail.

The apartments are built to meet "EnergyStar, Indoor AirPlus, Zero Energy Ready Home requirements and those of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, making them the most energy-efficient buildings in the state."

There will be EV car chargers in the parking lot and solar panels on the roof.

All interior finishes are low-emitting (no chemical smell) and an ERV fresh

air machine is included in each unit to bring in fresh, filtered outdoor air.

All units have radiant heated floors and dedicated heat pump heating and cooling systems, and the entire complex was built out of structural insulated panels made in Cottonwood.

"With 14 inches of insulation, you won't hear your neighbors," Dreckman said. "The units are quiet."

Each building is fire sprinklered and protected by a security system, and an Amazon package center accepts deliveries for residents.

Another popular tour Friday night was the former TCI building (originally Tri-State Insurance) where the Luverne community child care center will be established.

Luverne Economic Development Authority director Holly Sammons led tours using colored tape to show hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, large play areas and other rooms inside the 30,000-square-foot office building.

The day care center, when occupied at near capacity, will accommodate 186 children.

Of those it will be licensed for 24 infants (6 weeks to 16 months), 42 toddlers (16 to 33 months), 60 preschoolers (33 months to kindergarten) and 60 school-age children (kindergarten through 12 years old).

The center will have three infant rooms, three toddler rooms, three preschool rooms and two school-age rooms, all handicap-accessible and all but the infant rooms will have size-appropriate bathrooms.

Two small rooms will accommodate nursing mothers to come in and feed babies in privacy, and there will be a kitchenette and refrigerator to store breast milk.

The building already has an enclosed vestibule, offices, a kitchen area, a conference room, bathrooms, garage, loading dock and more.

Sammons talked about the nearly \$6 million project and the fact that half of it may need to be funded locally. "It will take a lot of time and a lot of money," she said. "But you have to see the vision."

She mentioned Lineage Logistics 80 new jobs and Premium Minnesota Pork's 90 new smokehouse jobs in addition to existing developments, and the fact that progressive cities respond to growth with growth.

"When good things are happening and growing, that's opportunity to keep improving the community," Sammons said.

"These 25-, 30-, 40-million-dollar projects add tax base to our city and they're paying property taxes each year. That is income that we can capture to facilitate further growth."

She said it's important to capitalize on opportunities to create more opportunities.

"If you have all these good things happening, if you sit there with closed fists, and you don't solve housing and day care you're going to stifle that growth."

City Administrator John Call and Electric Utility Supervisor Brian Remme led tours in the **city power plant** on East Main Street where an \$11 million remodel and repowering was recently completed.

Earlier this year, a crane installed two 50,000-pound generators, each with


LIFT tours/see page 10



Each Prairie Loft apartment unit is elevator accessible and has its own stackable GE washer and condensing dryer and full set of appliances with granite countertops and undermount sinks. Above right, one of several tour groups gets an inside look at a furnished two bedroom, two bathroom apartment.



Luverne Economic Development Authority director Holly Sammons (above and at left) led tours of Luverne's new day care center using colored tape to show hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, large play areas and other rooms inside the 30,000-square-foot office building



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“Forever indebted” is how I’m feeling lately.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

We picked up the supper tab for my sister, Lisa, one day last week. “You didn’t have to do that,” she objected.

It’s true we didn’t. But it seemed like a small thing considering all she’d done and been for us in the days following Carson’s passing.

She contacted family, organized helpers and food, kept me on track when my brain short-circuited, arranged memorials at the church and cried with me when tears welled over.

“Lisa, you were an angel at my side. I will be forever indebted to you.”

I said it again during a walk with my friend, Wendy.

“I’m so grateful for all you did,” I told her. “I will forever be indebted to you.”

She and her husband and the Kramers, Bensons and Bakkens were a small army of neighborhood angels to help and support us.

“It’s what friends do,” Wendy shrugged. And she’s right. We would have done the same for any of the other precious “family” members in the hood.

They aren’t the only ones I feel indebted to.

There were friends and family who dropped everything to drive — some of them several hours — to find us when they heard the news. Words failed, but their hugs and tears said it all.

So many people took time out of their busy lives to personally extend sympathies at the visitation and funeral. I was struck by the number of young people — many of them in their teens and 20s — who patiently made their way through the long line at the church on a Saturday night.

This affected me deeply, and I feel indebted to them.

Sweet Gracie, who planned to one day marry my Carson, instead found herself planning his memorial event at the Verne Drive-in, her family’s business.

Her beautiful video on the big screen was a moving tribute to Carson and 62 other precious souls who lost their lives to mental illness and suicide.

That event, along with the T-shirt and window cling fundraiser by Eli and friends, prompted us to start “Carson’s Cause” at the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

Almost overnight, this fund, which will support local education for brain health, surpassed \$10,000 as did a Dollars for Scholars fund in Carson’s memory.

This spontaneous generosity blows my mind, and I feel forever indebted.

There are many, many people I feel indebted to as we continue to grieve, and I’ve found myself wanting to return the favor if opportunity arises.

But, of course, I sincerely hope no one else must bury their child. ... So, I resign myself to being “indebted,” which, by definition, means you owe someone something.

But Merriam Webster says the meaning of indebted is “owing gratitude or recognition.”

In other words, we’re grateful. ... Deeply grateful for the kindnesses and generosity we’ve been shown in our darkest hour.

We can’t possibly thank everyone properly, and the favors may never be repaid, but we will meanwhile remain forever indebted.

Also known as grateful.

How to manage alcohol use during holidays

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Michael Leach, substance use disorder and addiction specialist

Between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, countless celebrations, family gatherings and work functions often occur.

It can be a stressful time of year for some people, especially those recovering from alcohol addiction or anyone battling alcohol addiction.

The holiday season can be triggering for many people, with the holiday parties, loneliness, financial worries, or the general stress of having to be around so many people.

There are significant risks with excessive drinking during the holidays, especially among young people.

In Minnesota, roughly 16 percent of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities involve people under the age of 21. In 2020, over 58 percent of adult Minnesotans said they drank alcohol.

Unfortunately, the state had one of the highest rates of binge drinking in the nation, with 18.4 percent of adults reporting binge drinking. It is binge drinking that leads to many problems over the holiday season.

There are effective ways to avoid the onslaught of excessive alcohol use over the holidays, whether you are in recovery or do not want to drink.

“Post-pandemic, more families

now than ever are recognizing the damaging effects of alcohol,” said Marcel Gemme of Addicted.org.

“At holiday parties, many people want to enjoy a holiday drink but do not want the alcohol. Holiday mocktails are becoming more popular and are an excellent option to offer to those in recovery or those who want to stay sober over the holidays.”

Avoiding the temptation of alcohol use over the holidays while in recovery can be challenging, but there are some practical ways to plan ahead.

Initially, it is critical to recognize triggers and plan in advance, for example, knowing if the family gathering is going to be alcohol excessive or if there are family members that become confrontational.

It is OK to decline an invitation and have a plan that allows for an easy exit if it becomes too much to manage.

Finally, rely on a support group, whether this is friends,

family, or group meetings. In addition, try not to drink on an empty stomach, and decide beforehand how much you are going to drink.

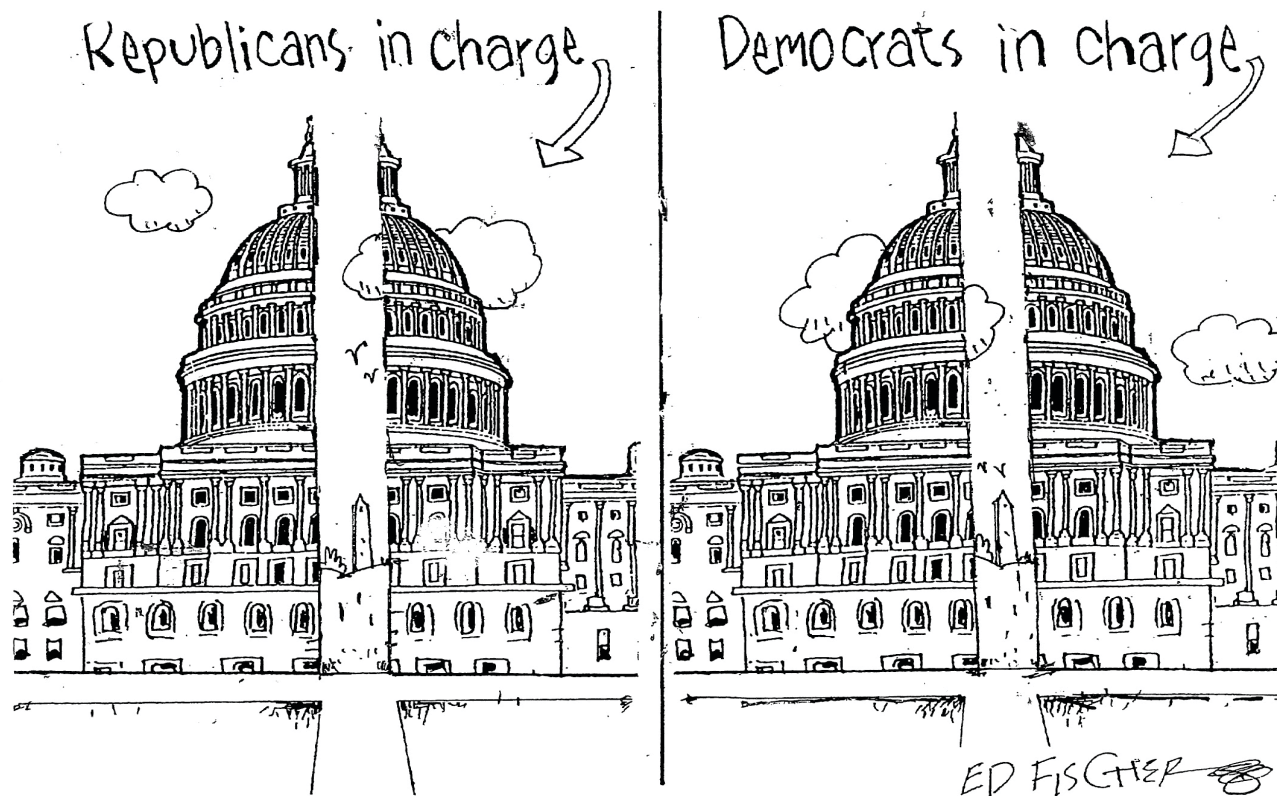
Most importantly, have a plan to get home safely and do not drink and drive. Between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, there is an increase in drinking and driving.

Plan ahead, and arrange a designated driver, taxi, uber, or any other means of getting home safely.

It is possible to have a safe and sober holiday season. The holidays are a time to celebrate together, share memories and traditions, and express gratitude.

Early intervention is critical if you or someone you know is struggling with addiction over the holidays.

The holiday season is an excellent time to consider going to counseling, treatment or drug rehab. It is the ideal time to focus on caring for yourself, a family member or a friend who is struggling.



Loss of Ruben, a four-legged family member, ruins this year’s pheasant opener

The opening of the 2022 Minnesota pheasant hunting season will be one I’ll never forget. It wasn’t one of my best openers — it was actually one of the worst.

Our hunting group and our wives were staying at the home of our friends in St. Cloud. We were hunting about six miles north of Richmond, just southwest of St. Cloud.

We were ready to hit the field at the opening bell along with my three dogs, Hazel (age 13), Otis (6) and the newest to the group, Ruben, who is just a year old. This was Ruben’s first real hunt, and I was looking forward to see how the day would play out.

Our first push was through a stand of very thick, waist-high sor-



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

ghum. About midway through the quarter mile stretch of sorghum, I was happy with the way Ruben was working well with the other two dogs. With maybe 20-30 yards to the end of our first push, two roosters broke cover and took flight. Four shotguns were blazing and two of my dogs were in hot pursuit of the birds.

It took me a minute to realize there was no Ruben taking part in

the retrieve. Ruben had vanished — I mean in a flash! There was no sign of him. I called his name, blew the whistle, and once again nothing. I headed back to the vehicle and was pretty sure he would be there, but again no sign of him.

For the rest of the day I walked cornfields, drove around and around the section where he went missing, and again no sign of him.

By mid afternoon we had posters up all over Richmond and darn near every corner post within five miles of where we had last seen Ruben. The local Facebook page was posting the poster, and we went farm to farm handing out posters with a picture of Ruben and our contact information. As the afternoon was turning into evening, our search for Ruben was about to come to a close for the day.

Earlier that morning, as we left the house to go hunting, Mary’s parting words were “Don’t you lose Ruben today.” By late afternoon I hadn’t told Mary that I lost Ruben because I was hopeful we would have found him by then. I called her with the bad news, and as you

can imagine, that was an emotional conversation.

Early Sunday morning Mary and I were back out where we lost Ruben, driving the gravel roads in all directions looking and looking for Ruben. We expanded the search area and yet nothing. With broken hearts we finally had to head home, leaving Ruben behind.

Sunday turned to Monday, then Tuesday, and no word from anyone who might have spotted Ruben. Our good friends Leroy and Mindy from St. Cloud drove out to Richmond every day and continued the search.

Leroy had placed a kennel, water dish and my hunting sweatshirt

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Farm staple becomes 'Battle of the Bales' in Ellsworth

By Mavis Fodness

Typically, round and square bales lend themselves to livestock feed or bedding, but in Ellsworth the rural staple became a fun holiday activity.

The inaugural "Battle of the Bales" wrapped up Saturday with first-, second- and third-place winners revealed.

Community members, organizations, church groups and the school were challenged to decorate round and/or square bales made of grass hay, corn stalks or soybean stalks.

"We left it very open this first year," said Mariah Schilling, who brought the idea of a battle to the Ellsworth Community Club.

Rules were simple: Keep decorations to good, clean, wholesome ideas. No vulgar or suggestive decorations.

Schilling kicked off the challenge by spray-painting a large round hay bale pink, decorating it as a pig.

Her promotion worked. On Saturday, at the



Rowan Kruse, 1, says "Moo" to his dad, Justin, as he points to the decorated round bales Saturday afternoon along Broadway Street in Ellsworth. The community club hosted the "Battle of the Bales" contest, which challenged community members, organizations and businesses to decorate hay bales for the inaugural contest. In total, 21 entries were submitted.

afternoon's Halloween Carnival, 21 decorated bales lined Broadway Street, and the community members "judged" the entries by voting for their favorite.

"I was honestly blown away at the creativity of those who entered," Schilling said. "It's been an awesome turnout."

The Gruis family's 420 International tractor took the \$100 first-place prize. The family used seven round corn stalk bales for their creation.

Second place and \$60 was earned by the Jennigas family, who built a minion out of two large round hay bales.

A single round hay bale was used by the third-place winner, Zion Presbyterian Sunday School, for their camper design.

The community club is planning another Battle of the Bales for next October.

Current Battle entries will remain on display over the next couple of weeks.



Far right: The Gruis family's 420 International tractor wins the 2022 "Battle of the Bales" challenge. At right: A minion designed by the Jennigas family is second place. Above: Third-place Zion Presbyterian Sunday School camper.



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

Football fans at the Luverne-versus-Pipestone game Saturday afternoon were treated to a special patriotic display on Cardinal Field.

Gary and Janine Papik of Papik Motors, Luverne, sponsored the display that included patriotic bunting, flags from 50 states and 30 American flags — all decorating the fence surrounding the field.

The highlight of the event came during the National Anthem, played by student members of the LHS pep band.

The local color guard presented the colors, and student volunteers gathered under a 30-by-50-foot American flag, and they carried it back and forth across the length of the football field.

The Papiks said they brought the display to Luverne as a way of thanking veterans and active military families in the communities.

25 years ago (1997)

It was almost anticlimactic, but on Monday the Luverne City Council unanimously added its stamp of approval to the joint law enforcement contract that the Rock County Board approved Oct. 21.

Beginning Jan. 1, Rock County Sheriff Ron McClure will oversee county law enforcement that will authorize Luverne's current police officers to become deputies. The city will contract with the county for law enforcement and will share equally in the cost. The staff positions will include two sergeants and an investigator.

50 years ago (1972)

Tom Dahlberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dahlberg of Luverne, was vital in the 20-7 Gustavus Adolphus win over Hamline College Saturday, rushing for 238 total yards in 35 carries.

The win gave the Gusties sole possession of first place in the 1972 MIAC title race.

In his four years at Gustavus, Dahlberg has totaled 3,288 yards rushing in 771 carries, including 27 touchdowns. As a sophomore in 1970, Dahlberg broke the Gustavus single-season rushing record with 1,158 yards and 12 touchdowns.

75 years ago (1947)

The Luverne Style Shop will open for business in its new ultra modern home Saturday, Mrs. H. F. Wildung announced this week.

Temporarily located in the rear of the new building for several weeks while the work in the front part was being completed, the Style Shop will again have its entrance on Main street. ...

The former Style Shop location was remodeled and given a new brick exterior, and an addition was built to the south, thereby creating a two-story structure with a 24-foot exposure to the north and a 135-foot exposure to the west. The exterior is of buff face brick. The entrance to both store quarters will be beautified by the use of peach-colored structural glass and appropriate window trim. A canopy above the entrance to the Style Shop will carry the firm name in large aluminum letters, indirectly lighted at night. Curved plate glass has been used to give a striking modernistic effect to the store front. Ceramic tile is also being used to further beautify the front.

100 years ago (1922)

The Steen State bank was burglarized early Saturday morning. About \$150 in bonds and War Savings stamps, and from \$15 to \$20 in pennies, besides certificates of deposit and other valuables which they found in the safety deposit boxes were secured. Church money, amounting to about \$75, which had been left in the vault for temporary safe keeping also disappeared. It is believed that the robbery was committed at two or three o'clock in the morning, but it was not discovered until the following day when the cashier of the bank, A. H. Stell, came to open the building.

1943: Campbell recalls time in lumber camp

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

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on May 27, 1943.

"When we could see three stars in the sky, then it was quitting time," declared D. W. "Dick" Campbell, Luverne, as he recalled the days when he was employed in a Michigan lumber camp. "We'd go out into the timber at 4 o'clock in the morning, and we wouldn't come into the shack until it was dark at night. The work was hard, but we earned good money, and had good board, so most of us enjoyed it."

Mr. Campbell never did any log rolling to speak of, he states, but he has tried it, and he "could fall off into the water with the best of 'em." He lived in a logging camp, and true to tradition, Paul Bunyan stories and other tales were common in the evening when the day's work was done.

"The outfit that served the best grub was the one that kept their help the longest," Mr. Campbell recalls, "and the fellow that didn't serve the best eats all the time didn't have anyone showing up looking for work."

"The camp I was in served as good a bill of fare as you'd find in the best hotels. They'd hire the best cooks in the country. I remember how they used to keep pie, cake and hard boiled eggs on the table in the shack all the time, so whenever a man would come past and feel like he



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By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

wanted something to eat, all he'd have to do was to step inside the door and help himself. You can bet that most of us were pretty hungry all the time, too."

Mr. Campbell was born Nov. 26, 1867, in Isabella county, Michigan, which is about in the center of the state. The country was wooded, and what farming was being done was on land which had been cleared of trees. He states he has seen a million or more feet of high grade soft and hard wood burned just so that the land owner would be rid of it and could use the land for raising crops.

His father was a Methodist minister, and being located in a sparsely settled community, where parishioners had but little to contribute to the support of a church and pastor, there was little income for the Campbell family.

Mr. Campbell began working away from home at the age of 14. He helped shock in the harvest field, and received half as much as the

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MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Nov. 7: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Christian Reformed Church.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Meatloaf, corn, baked potato with sour cream, bread,

dessert.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: Baked chicken, peas and carrots, mandarin oranges, rice pilaf, gelatin with whipped topping.

Thursday, Nov. 10: Turkey and noodles, California medley, warm apple slices, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Grace Lutheran.

Friday, Nov. 11: Sloppy Joes on a bun, baked beans, romaine lettuce, peaches.

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

atmosphere.

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

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

Luverne cross country boys' team wins section, earns trip to state tournament; two girls qualify

By Sara Schmuck
for the Star Herald

At the section meet Thursday, Oct. 27, the Luverne boys' cross country team won their way to the state meet this Saturday in Northfield. This marks the first section championship for the Luverne boys' team.

Two Luverne girls, Jenna DeBates and Ella Schmuck, also qualified for the state tournament in Northfield as individuals because they finished in the Top 10.

Coach Pete Janiszkeski complimented his teams not only for their outstanding achievement in cross country but in academics as well.

"Not only are they great athletes but they are excellent students as well," said coach Pete Janiszkeski. "Both the boys' and girls' teams earned the All-State team academic gold standard."

To qualify for gold, the teams must have a team GPA above 3.75.

Camden Janiszkeski and Jenna DeBates also earned individual All-State academic honors.

"I was very proud of all of the kids for their effort and performances," coach Janiszkeski said. "They did an excellent job of controlling the controllables. They combined for 10 or 11 PR performances, and you can't ask for much more than that at this point of the season."

Also advancing to state is second-place boys' team Redwood Valley.

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Images by CD photo/1103 CC LHS

Senior Camden Janiszkeski heads to the finish line in the Section 3A championships Thursday afternoon, Oct. 27, in Luverne. Janiszkeski and the Luverne boys' team claimed the top spot for the first time in school history. The team will run in Saturday's state meet.



At right: Girls advancing to state individually are Jenna DeBates (left) and Ella Schmuck. Sara Schmuck photo

Patriots stop Madelia in Section 3 playoffs 46-20

By Dan Ellingson
For the Star Herald

In the first round of the Section 3 9-man playoffs, the No. 7 seed Madelia Blackhawks traveled to the No. 2 seed Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots Tuesday, Oct. 25, for their second match-up this season.

The quarterfinal playoff game ended with another Patriots victory, 46-20. But Tuesday's playoff game took a different route.

The game started as expected with the Patriots receiving the opening kickoff and taking the ball 57 yards in eight plays and 4 1/2 minutes into the end zone for a touchdown and a 2-point conversion for an early 8-0 lead. Quarterback Sawyer Bosch connected with tight end Riley Tatge for the 23-yard touchdown pass, and Bosch added the 2-point conversion.

A quick three and out for Madelia gave the Patriots the ball back with 5:46 left in the first quarter. Powered by the running of Beau Bakken and the passing of Jamin Metzger, Hills-Beaver Creek was able to add to their lead. The first play of the second quarter had Jamin Metzger zipping the ball to Riley Tatge for 16 yards on a post pattern to the left, Tatge's second touchdown of the game. Sawyer Bosch tacked on the 2-point conversion for a 16-0 lead for the Patriots.

However, the No. 7 seed Blackhawks were not going to go away quietly. Madelia responded with a

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LHS girls' tennis team makes first state tourney appearance, drops both matches

By Susan Beers
For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' tennis team ran into some stiff competition at the Minnesota Class A State Tournament last week.

The Cardinals, playing in their first state tournament, faced Providence Academy in the quarterfinal round of the state meet Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Minneapolis.

Luverne lost 7-0 to Providence Academy, and with the loss, LHS moved to the consolation bracket of the team tournament to face Pine City Tuesday afternoon.

The Cardinals lost to Pine City 7-0 to complete their 2022 season. LHS ended the season with a 13-6 record.

"The girls had a great season and should be very proud of everything they accomplished this year," said Jon Beers, LHS head coach.

"They faced some incredibly tough competition in the state tournament and have nothing to be ashamed of. I hope they realized just how special it is to be the first girls' tennis team to qualify for the state tournament from Luverne."

Providence Academy 7, Luverne 0

Rayanne Remme lost to Annika Harberts Ott 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 singles. Morgan Hadler was beaten 6-0, 6-0 by Koraly Horstman at No. 2 singles. At No. 3 singles, Augusta Papik lost to Libby Bruce 6-1, 6-1 and Caitlin Kindt lost 6-1, 6-3 to Grace Arndt at No. 4 singles

In doubles play, Sarah Stegenga and Katharine Kelm lost to Katelyn Clements 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles,



Ella Lanoue photo/1103 State Tennis

Junior Cassi Chesley waits for the serve against her Providence Academy opponent in the quarter final round of the Minnesota Class A State Tennis Tournament Tuesday morning, Oct. 25, in Minneapolis. Chesley and her partner Roselynn Hartshorn, playing at the No. 2 doubles, were defeated 6-1, 6-2. As a team, Luverne lost 0-7.

Roselynn Hartshorn and Cassi Chesley were defeated 6-1, 6-2 by Marie Heyda and Delaney Flannigan.

Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr lost 6-1, 6-0 to Leightyn Ferrell and Sklar Barts at No. 3 doubles.

Pine City 7, Luverne 0

The Cardinals faced Pine City in the consolation round of the state tournament Oct. 25 in Minneapolis.

Pine City had lost to the eventual state champion Rochester Lourdes 4-3 earlier in the day in the quarterfinal round.

The Cardinals lost

to Pine City 7-0.

At No. 1 singles, Remme lost to Ella Sell 6-0, 6-0. Hadler lost 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2 singles to Addison Sell.

At No. 3 singles, Papik lost to Brooke Boland 6-0, 6-0, and Kindt was defeated by Lily Struss 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4 singles.

Stegenga and Kelm fell to Allison Unverzagt 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, Hartshorn and Chesley lost to Claire Emmons and Malia Mikyska 6-1, 6-1.

Hemme and Muehr, playing at No. 3 doubles, were defeated 6-1, 6-0 by Lena Roubinik and Brenna Youngbauer.



Images by CD photo/1103 Football LHS

Luverne's Tyson Cowell (No. 4) fights for a first down against the New Ulm Eagles in a home game Tuesday night, Oct. 25. The Cardinals went on to win the game 49-7.

Luverne gains victory over New Ulm, move on in football semifinals

By John Sichmeller
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals football team advanced to the Section 3AAA semifinals after defeating New Ulm on Tuesday night, Oct. 25, in Luverne. The Cardinals took a 28-7 lead into halftime and added 21 points in the second half for a 49-7 victory over the Eagles.

The win provided some redemption for the Cardinals after losing to New Ulm earlier in the season. In that game, Luverne led throughout, but New Ulm scored 28 points in the fourth quarter for a 42-32 comeback victory over the Cardinals.

Tuesday's victory showed how far the Cardinals have come since that defeat. "Our team has improved each week and this game shows how much we have improved," said Luverne football coach Todd Oye.

"Our team played well the entire game, with the exception of three turnovers. The offense had their best game of the season as they

gained over 500 yards. The defense also played well and held New Ulm under 100 yards," said coach Oye after the game.

The Cardinals got the scoring started on their first offensive possession when senior running back Kaleb Hein ran 11-yards for a touchdown. After a successful extra point by Patrick Kroski, the Cardinals took a 7-0 lead with 7:44 remaining in the first quarter.

After their next drive ended with a goal line fumble, the Cardinals continued to move the ball efficiently and were able to get back in the end zone when Connor Connell's 28-yard pass was caught by Gannon Ahrendt in the back of the New Ulm end zone. Kroski's point-after attempt was good, and the Cardinals upped their lead to 14-0 with 11:54 to go in the second quarter.

After another defensive stop, the Cardinal offense kept the momentum going with an impressive 10-play, 73-yard scoring drive. Hein started the drive with a 12-yard run, and Connell fol-

lowed it up with a 20-yard run of his own to get the Cardinals into New Ulm territory. The Cardinals finished off the drive with another Connell to Ahrendt touchdown reception, this time from the 10-yard line for a 20-0 lead. Kroski's extra point kick was blocked by the Eagles with 6:01 remaining in the second quarter.

New Ulm scored their only touchdown of the game when Colton Benson caught a 17-yard pass from quarterback Ayden Jensen. After a successful extra point, the Cardinals' lead was 20-7 with 3:56 remaining in the first half.

On the Cardinals' next possession, Hein took the handoff from Connell and ran 65 yards to the New Ulm 2-yard line. Connell punched the ball into the end zone on the next play and the Cardinals' 2-point conversion was successful when Ahrendt found Riley Sneller in the end zone. With 3:11 remaining in the second quarter, the score was 28-7.

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four-minute drive and scored on a six-yard run, narrowing the lead to 10 for the Patriots. On the ensuing Patriots possession, Beau Bakken broke free for a 23-yard gain on first down, but the offense would later stall and be forced to punt. With 7:07 left in the half, Madelia put together four first downs on their drive and were successful on a fourth and seven with a 24-yard touchdown pass. The 2-point conversion was good. The Patriots took a slim 16-14 lead into halftime.

During the third quarter the Patriots scored on a 21-yard Beau Bakken run and a Sawyer Bosch successful conversion run to increase the lead to 24-14 with 1:01 left in the quarter.

The fourth quarter started with a Madelia punt after an unsuccessful third down conversion attempt. The Patriots drove to the Blackhawk 4-yard line before Madelia caused a Hills-Beaver Creek fumble. The Blackhawks fell on the loose ball in the end zone for a touchback and possession at their own 20-yard line. After two tackles for losses by Luke Fuerstenberg and Beau Bakken, the Blackhawks faced a 3rd and 20 from their own 10-yard line. The Madelia quarterback sprinted out right, reversed field back to the left side and completed a pass to a Blackhawk receiver. The receiver then broke a couple of tackles and raced down the sideline for a 90-yard touchdown and narrowed the Patriots' lead to just four, 24-20.

At this point in the game, the Patriots took control of the game. Hills-Beaver Creek scored 22 points in a matter of 3 minutes, 19 seconds. Sawyer Bosch scored on a four-yard run after gains of 25, 15 and 14 yards



Samantha McGaffee photo/1103 Football H-BC

Seniors Brock Harnack (No. 11) and Brayden Metzger (No. 50) work to hold the Madelia Blackhawks Tuesday night, Oct. 25, in the semifinal game of the Section 3 Nine-Man state championship. The Patriots won and played again Saturday.

by Beau Bakken on the drive. After the Patriots' kickoff, linebacker Brayden Metzger intercepted the Blackhawks pass, which turned into Metzger's second pick six of the season. HBC's last touchdown was a 2-yard run by James VandenBosch and his 2-point conversion run to move the lead to 46-20, the final score.

"They (Madelia) came out and showed us a couple of different formations and were able to run the ball on us," Coach Rex Metzger said. "We made a couple of defensive adjustments at half to slow their run game down."

The Patriots hosted the Red Rock Central Falcons on Saturday in Hills. (See

related story at right.)

Team statistics:
H-BC: 268 rushing yards, 94 passing yards, 362 total yards, 22 first downs, five penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.
Madelia: 103 rushing yards, 122 passing yards, 225 total yards, 13 first downs, six penalties for 65 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics:
Rushing: Beau Bakken 18-172, Sawyer Bosch 12-108, James VandenBosch - minus 1, Jamin Metzger 4 - minus 11.
Passing: Jamin Metzger 9-14 for 71 yards, Sawyer Bosch 1-1 for 23 yards.
Receiving: Riley Tatge 3-50, Sawyer Bosch 4-25, James VandenBosch 2-10, Brock Harnack 1-9.

H-BC football team falls to RCC Falcons

By Dan Ellingson
 For the Star Herald

The No. 2 seed Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots hosted the No. 3 seed Red Rock Central Falcons in the Section 3 9-Man Section semi-finals on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The game was an evenly matched contest with the Falcons pulling out the victory 14-6. Red Rock Central will meet Mountain Lake in the Section championship game Nov. 4.

Red Rock Central received the opening kickoff and drove to the H-BC 16-yard line where the Patriots' defense held the Falcons on a fourth and five. The entire Patriots' defense was involved in stopping the Falcons on the drive. Nine Patriots were credited with at least an assisted tackle on the 14-play drive by the Falcons. Sawyer Bosch and Luke Fuerstenberg led the charge for the Patriots in stopping the Falcons.

The Patriots' offense was able to start a drive from their own 30-yard line with 5:45 left in the second quarter. The combination of Sawyer Bosch and Beau Bakken rushing led to a Bosch-to-Luke Fuerstenberg 17-yard touchdown pass to put the Patriots up 6-0 with 1:27 left before halftime.

Starting at their own 43-yard line, the Falcons looked to tie or even go ahead before the intermission. After a first down, the Red Rock Central quarterback connected with a Falcon on a sideline and go pattern for a 46-yard strike and touchdown. The Patriots defense broke up the 2-point conversion attempt to keep the 6-6 tie going into halftime.

In the third quarter both defenses controlled the game with no points scored during the stanza. The Patriots offense did penetrate to the Falcon 31-yard line but were not able to break into the red zone during the quarter.

The Falcons' go-ahead touchdown drive and eventual game winner started with two minutes left in the third quarter. Red Rock

Central went on an 11-play, 68-yard drive and scored with 8:37 left in the game. After a successful 2-point conversion, the Falcons were ahead 14-6.

After receiving the ensuing kickoff, the Patriots' offense stalled and was forced to punt with 6:55 left in the game.

But the defense gave the Patriots one last chance to tie the game. Linebacker Brayden Metzger caused a Falcon fumble, and Riley Tatge pounced on the loose ball to give the Patriots possession at their own 27-yard line with 3:20 left in the game. The Patriots were able to drive into Falcon territory, but four passes fell incomplete, and the Patriots had to turn over the ball to Red Rock Central with only 1:14 left to play.

Red Rock Central managed to take 1:08 off the clock before punting the ball away to the Patriots. The ball was downed at the 29-yard line with only six seconds remaining. The last play of the game, a Patriots pass, fell incomplete and the Patriots' season came to an end.

The Patriots finished with a 7-3 win-loss record for the season and will lose six seniors from this year's squad. Luke Feurstenberg, Alex Harris, Brock Harnack, Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser, and Cole Rozeboom saw their Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots football careers come to a close.

Team statistics:
H-BC: 91 rushing yards, 67 passing yards, 158 total yards, 13 first downs, two penalties for 10 yards, zero turnovers.
RCC: 198 rushing yards, 88 passing yards, 286 total yards, 12 first downs, eight penalties for 50 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics:
Rushing: Beau Bakken 18-65, Jamin Metzger 4-15, Sawyer Bosch 10-nine, James VandenBosch 1-eight, Justin Roelfs 1- (minus six)
Passing: Jamin Metzger 6-17 for 40 yards, Sawyer Bosch 2-2 for 27 yards, one touchdown.
Receiving: Justin Roelfs 3-30, Luke Fuerstenberg 1-17, one touchdown, Riley Tatge 1- 13 yards, Sawyer Bosch 2-seven yards, James VandeBosch 1-zero yards.

Fifth-seeded Luverne taken down by No. 4 Redwood Falls in section volleyball

By Stacy Olson
 For the Star Herald

The No. 5-seeded Luverne Cardinals traveled to Redwood Falls Friday, Oct. 28, to take on the No. 4-seeded Redwood Falls Cardinals.

In a four-game contest, Luverne fell to Redwood 3-1.

"We did not end the season the way we hoped, but we will all have some great memories from this 2022 season," said coach Sarah DeBeer.

Unable to execute and close the gap, Luverne lost the first game 14-25. In Game 2 Luverne made adjustments and was able to keep the game closer but still fell short 18-25.

In Game 3 the LHS Cardinals took the lead early and held on to win 25-12, only to drop the fourth game 14-25.

Kamryn Van Batavia recorded seven kills, 16 digs and completed 14 of 16 serves with two aces.

Emma Beyer finished

the night with 24 set assists. Christina Wagner completed 11 of 11 serves and recorded one ace.

Anja Jarchow led the Cardinals with 15 kills in the four games. Carly Olson had 13 digs from the back row. Averill Sehr charted 14 set assists for the match.

Tori Serie had a big night at the net with seven kills, two solo blocks, and three block assists.

Elizabeth Wagner helped the Cardinals with

one solo block and three block assists.

DeBeer commended her 12 senior players for their contributions throughout the season.

"Our seniors are not only very talented athletes, but excellent students," she said.

"We wish them all the best in all they do in the future, and they will be greatly missed."

The Cardinals completed their 2022 season with 15 wins and eight losses.

Luverne finishes season Saturday with loss to Fairmont in Section 3AAA semifinals

By John Sichmeller
 For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals football team finished off their season on Saturday with a loss in the Section 3AAA semifinals to the Fairmont Cardinals. After a scoreless first half, Fairmont erupted for 35 unanswered points to secure a 35-0 victory over the Cardinals.

With the loss, Luverne finished the season with a record of five wins and five losses.

With the Luverne offense struggling to move the ball in the first half, the Cardinals leaned heavily on their defense who came up with multiple big plays to keep Fairmont from scoring.

Gavin Baum was able to intercept Fairmont quarterback Brendan Schmidtke's third-down pass on the first Fairmont possession of the game. Later in the half, the Cardinals got a key fourth down tackle from sophomore Eli Woodley as Fairmont had moved the ball inside the Luverne red zone for the first time in the game.

Unfortunately for Luverne, the defense could only contain the Fairmont offense for one half.

"We played a good first half, especially on defense. Penalties on offense and special teams really hurt us," said Luverne football coach Todd Oye. "Fairmont had some big plays on offense in the second half. After their score, it looked like we were going to answer their touchdown with one of our own,

but we didn't capitalize on our opportunity and things went downhill from there."

Fairmont kicked off the scoring in the game on their first offensive possession of the second half. On first and ten from their own 45-yard line, Fairmont running back Landen Meyerdirk took the handoff from Schmidtke and ran 55 yards into the Luverne end zone. After a successful extra point kick, Fairmont led Luverne 7-0 with 11:44 remaining in the third quarter.

Luverne looked like they were ready to answer back on their next possession. After a 24-yard kickoff return from Baum, the Cardinals took over at their own 33-yard line. After a pair of Fairmont penalties, Luverne executed its longest play of the game when Conner Connell was able to complete a pass to Gannon Ahrendt for 28 yards. The play brought the Cardinals down to the Fairmont 10-yard line, but it was the closest Luverne would get as the drive stalled after a Fairmont sack, a Luverne penalty, and ultimately a Fairmont interception.

Fairmont got back into the end zone later in the quarter when Meyerdirk scored again, this time on a 68-yard pass from Schmidtke. Fairmont connected on the extra-point kick and the score was now 14-0 with 2:59 remaining in the third quarter.

Baum took the Fairmont kickoff 55-yards to give the Cardinals excellent field position, but they were unable to

advance from there.

The Fairmont offense kept rolling on their next possession and quickly moved the ball 50 yards down the field and into the Luverne end zone again when Schmidtke completed a 31-yard touchdown pass to receiver David Maakestad. The Fairmont extra point kick was good and the Fairmont lead was now 21-0 with 17 seconds left in the third quarter.

After another defensive stop, the Fairmont offense got another big play, this time from running back Elijah Johnson. Johnson took the first down handoff and ran 69 yards for another Fairmont touchdown, and with the extra point the lead was 28-0 with 7:43 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals were able to work the ball down into the Fairmont red zone in their next possession, but on first and ten from the 12-yard line, the Cardinals threw an interception in the end zone which was taken back 100 yards for a Fairmont score by Levi Pooley. After a successful extra point

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Ja'Shon Winter
 Sport: Football
 Parents: Sarah Winter
 What I like most about Football: Playing defense.
 Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Flying planes.
 Favorite Class: Lunch

Josie Anderson
 Sport: Volleyball
 Parents: Chad and Wendy Anderson
 What I like most about Volleyball: My teammates.
 Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Track and Field and Math League.
 Favorite Class: Spanish

DJ Rock
 Sport: Football
 Parents: Davey and Shayla Rock
 What I like most about Football: The team and kickoff.
 Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Wrestling and Track.
 Favorite Class: History

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Cross country/page 8

were Murray County Central/Fulda in first place and Canby/Minneota in second. Luverne girls placed third as a team.

Boys' results, 5k

Owen Janiszkeski, 2nd, 16:05.29
 Ryan Fick, 7th, 16:38.54
 Camden Janiszkeski, 9th, 16:53.32
 Sage Viessman, 22nd, 17:30.33
 Leif Ingebretson, 26th, 17:36.38
 Carsen Tofteland, 29th, 17:51.33
 Kaleb Hemme, 53rd, 18:31.63

Girls' results, 5k

Jenna DeBates, 3rd, 18:30.10
 Ella Schmuck, 8th, 19:52.06
 Khloe Visker, 17th, 20:56.06
 Grace Ingebretson, 19th, 21:00.87
 Renae DeKam, 27th, 21:33.59
 Kayla Bloemendaal, 53rd, 22:28.06
 Grace Kempema, 58th, 22:35.63

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they were going to get one more score before halftime but turned the ball over on a goal-line fumble. The Eagles took the knee on the play as time ran out in the first half with a score of 28-7 in favor of Luverne.

Tyson Cowell started the second half with a bang for the Cardinals as he took the kickoff back 38 yards to give Luverne good field position to start their next drive. The Cardinals capitalized on the excellent field position as they needed only five plays to get back in the New Ulm end zone. Connell broke free on 2nd and 10 from the New Ulm 31-yard line for his second rushing touchdown of the game. After an unsuccessful extra point attempt,

the Cardinals' lead was 34-6 with 9:38 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cardinals turned the ball over on their next possession, but after a defensive stop they were able to get back on track with another touchdown. The 33-yard scoring drive was capped by Hein's second rushing touchdown of the night, this one from 15 yards out. The Cardinals completed the 2-point conversion when Elliot Domagala ran into the New Ulm end zone to bring the lead to 42-7 with 10:22 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Luverne scored once more when sophomore running back Marcos Diaz broke free for a 24-yard touchdown run. A successful Kroski extra point

completed Luverne's scoring for the night at 49-7 with 4:38 remaining. Neither team scored again.

Team statistics:

Luverne: 402 rushing yards, 112 passing yards, 514 total yards, 26 first downs, 4 penalties for 40 yards, 3 turnovers. **New Ulm:** 26 rushing yards, 67 passing yards, 93 total yards, 5 first downs, 6 penalties for 35 yards, 1 turnover.

Individual statistics: Rushing: Conner Connell 14-140, Kaleb Hein 11-121, Elliot Domagala 14-71, Marcos Diaz 3-29. Passing: Conner Connell 10-15, 112 yards. Receiving: Gannon Ahrendt 5-68, Tyson Cowell 3-25. Defense: Elijah Woodley 5.5 tackles, DJ Rock 5 tackles, Riley Sneller 4 tackles

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3-megawatt capacity, to join the city's existing 1960s 3-megawatt generator in the power plant.

The combined 9-megawatt continuous capacity of the three generators ensures Luverne's backup generation can carry a major part of the city's total electrical load in the event of an outage.

The improvements will also allow the city to provide more backup power for Missouri River Energy Services, which contracts with Luverne for that energy.

MRES currently pays the city \$75,000 per year to keep its generators in working condition for backup power in peak usage times. In a new capacity agreement, MRES will pay Luverne \$6.7 million over 30 years, which will help pay for roughly half the \$11.8 million total cost of the project.

In addition to the new generators, the project included modernizing the east substation and associated switchgear, a new control building, and improvements to the power plant to house the generation equipment.

In the Trailhead Building at Blue Mound Avenue and Main Street, Dan Paquin talked about the construction of **Premium Minnesota Pork's \$70 million smokehouse** in 2023.

The new facility, approximately 90,000 square feet, will be built between

the current pork harvest plant and the Lineage Logistics freezer warehouse

When the new business comes online, it will hire 90 employees who will process 35 to 40 million pounds of pork per year.

Products include bacon, smoked hams, case-ready products and ground pork.

The tour groups ended up at Take 16 to meet and greet some of Luverne's newest business owners, such as Luverne Lawn Care, Benson Tech Solutions, First Comes Love, Graphenteen Real Estate Group, B's Bakehouse, Prairie Wind Pet Cremation and others.

LIFT is a 501C3 corporation dedicated to "strengthening Luverne and Rock County."

Current board members include president Pat Baustian, vice president Gary Papik, secretary Holly Sammons, treasurer Greg Burger, Cory Bloemendaal, Tim Connell, Judy Fenske, Craig Oftedahl, Knute Oldre, Mark Opitz, Janine Papik and Tony Schmoacker.

Ex-officio board members are Marilyn Bloemendaal, John Call, Warren Herreid II, Betty Mann, Scott Marquardt, Kyle Oldre and Jane Wildung Lanphere.

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seat is incumbent Bill Weber, R-Luverne, who running unopposed.

Luverne City Council incumbent candidate Kevin Aaker is being challenged by Mert Kracht for the Ward 2 seat on the council. Incumbent Caroline Thorson is on the ballot unopposed for re-election to her seat on the council.

Because of redistricting, all **Rock County Board** seats are up for election, and all five incumbents will be on the ballot this fall unopposed. They are Gary Overgaard, Stan Williamson, Greg Burger, Sherri Thompson and Jody Reisch.

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge and **Rock County Attorney** Jeff Haubrich are also seeking re-election unopposed.

In **Luverne School District**, voters will see 18 school board candidates for four open seats. The four-year terms of Katie Baustian, Reva Sehr, Jodi Bosch and Eric Hartman for up for election, and only Hartman filed.

In addition, Michael DeBates, Heather Johnson, Jason Scheer, Amber Lais, Matt Goembel, Amber Nath, Jacob Hartz, Austin Kurtz, Brett Hood, Zach Nolz, Randy Saker, Maggie Siebenahler, Josh Gangestad and Scott Wessels have filed for the three 4-year positions.

Three others filed for the two-year term vacated by Jeff

Stratton when he resigned from the school board to become the school resource officer. Seeking election to that seat are Ryan DeBates, Maggie Vanderburg and Matthew Van Grootheest.

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board has four candidates seeking election to four open seats currently held by Harley Fransman, Renee Knobloch, Ethan Rozeboom and Arlyn Gehrke.

Gehrke and Rozeboom filed for re-election, and they'll be joined on the ballot by Travis Helgeson and Eric Uitenbogaard.

The **Hills City Council** has five candidates vying for two open seats. Incumbents Vickie Buschwitz and Alan Leenderts filed for re-election, and they'll face challengers Brian Kraayenhof, Cory Metzger and Dusty Seachris in the November election.

Beaver Creek Mayor Josh Teune filed for re-election unopposed, but four people are seeking election to two open seats on the **Beaver Creek City Council**. Council members Jeff Dysthe and Pat Bender did not file for re-election, and Heidi Freese, Joe Conger, Jacob Conger and Madison Conger filed for their open seats.

Hardwick Mayor Willy Baker did not file for re-election, and council member Tom Haas (who has been acting mayor) is seeking election to the formal title.

Two candidates, Gordon

(Sam) Hansen and Don Bryan filed for two open council seats on the **Hardwick City Council**.

Kenneth Mayor Keith Hoven and **council members** Sheri Vyskocil and Laurie Gangestad are seeking re-election unopposed.

Magnolia Mayor Dennis Madison and **council members** Melanie Madison and Jeff DeGroot are up for election, but the Secretary of State Website shows that no one has filed.

Steen Mayor Lynette Woelber and **council members** Jazmine Dagle and Brad Bosch are up for election, but only Woelber and Dagle have filed, according to the state website.

In township races, only one has a more than one person running for an open position.

Vienna Township Treasurer Albert Rust and **supervisors** David Severtson and Brad Skattum filed for reelection, and Kraig Rust is challenging Skattum for the Supervisor C seat on the board.

Rock County voters will also choose between DFLer Jeff Ettinger and GOP candidate Brad Finstad to fill the unexpired term of **Dist. 1 Congressman** Jim Hagedorn who died of cancer in February.

The Minnesota Secretary of State website, sos.state.mn.us, has all the details.

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adult men doing the same work. All the grain was cut with a "cradle" and all hay was cut with a scythe, because in most instances, the stumps of the trees in the clearings had not been removed. It would require about 10 years for a hardwood stump to rot out, it would likely remain for many more years.

When the Devils Lake, N. D. Indian reservation was opened to homesteaders in 1892, Mr. Campbell came west to file a claim. He had no sooner arrived in Devils Lake when a blizzard arose. When the storm did not abate after a couple of days, he decided North Dakota was no place for him, so he started back to Michigan.

He came as far as Luverne, and while waiting for a train, to go to Sioux City, he was offered a job as clerk in the hotel, and accepted. He worked there a few weeks, then he went to work at the Older nursery. That fall, he went to Bellingham, Wash., where he

worked in a saw mill.

At Luverne, on Sept. 12, 1894, he married Emma Ingelson, and they farmed in Mound and Springwater townships for three years before moving back to Michigan. They farmed there a number of years, and then returned to Rock county where they lived ever since. During the last world war, Mr. Campbell operated the elevator at Ashcreek for about three years. He came back to Luverne, and operated the Sand Lime Brick plant and in 1921 was elected city recorder, a position he held for 10 years.

At the present time, he lives alone in his home on Barck street, and during the summer months enjoys gardening.

Of seven children born to him and Mrs. Campbell, five are living. They are Paul, of Luverne; Mrs. Fred Frahm, Magnolia; Pat, of Petoski, Mich.; Ray, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Kenneth, of Lansing, and Millie who is with the WAAC's at

Des Moines. He also has 10 grandchildren.

Of seven children in his father's family, he is one of three now living. His brother, Tom, lives in Lansing, Mich., and his sister, Mrs. Fred Wright, lives on a farm near Lansing.

Mrs. Campbell died in 1921.

Mr. Campbell, who states that he hasn't been really sick in bed in his entire life, attributes his good health and his long life to the fact that he never let anything worry him. "I believe," he says, "that more people grow old from worrying more than from any other thing."

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on Sept. 16, 1932.

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Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.



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Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccr.com — office@luverneccr.com

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on YouTube 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

103 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

Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 3: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Nov. 6 —All Saints Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee. Sunday School. Drums & Jesus. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Fall Dinner and youth silent auction. Tuesday, Nov. 8: 8: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 9: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:15 p.m. 6th Grade confirmation class. 6:30 p.m. Voices of Grace rehearsal. 7:30 p.m. 7th Grade confirmation class. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els. org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, Nov. 4: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Saturday, Nov. 5: 10 a.m. Baby shower for TJ and Kaitlyn Van Peursem. Sunday, Nov. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, Nov. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 8: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 5-7:30 p.m. Mexican supper and bake-off auction. Wednesday, Nov. 9: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. 8:15 p.m. Cantana rehearsal. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529

Thursday, Nov. 3: 7 p.m. New AA group. Saturday, Nov. 5: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school; FUEL. 9:45 a.m. coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Wednesday, Nov. 9: 6:15 p.m. FUEL and confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Nov. 10: 7 p.m. New AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Youth Sunday school during worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on

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

St. John Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Nov. 4: 4 p.m. Jean Hartz. Saturday, Nov. 5: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper and Bingo. Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday, Nov. 7: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. 7 p.m. Elders' meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 8: 7 p.m. Women's Missionary Guild. Wednesday, Nov. 9: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 1 p.m. Little Lambs Chapel. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. Kids for Christ. 7 p.m. Senior choir. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Thursday, Nov. 10: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Josh Hayden, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Wednesday, Nov. 2: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders at First Lutheran. Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — palisadechurch@alliancecom.net
www.palisadelutheran.org
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Wednesday, Nov. 2: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders at First Lutheran Church. Sunday, Nov. 6: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Harvest Fest with basket and bucket drawings at 1 p.m. Meal will be served. Free will donation. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website bchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church

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

Work at overcoming Scripture semantic satiation

A couple of days ago I was with some friends and as we were talking, something strange came up. We started confessing our deepest, darkest sins (not really) of how we have misspelled simple words even though we are grown adults. I won't repeat all of them, but one person confessed to writing "five" as "fife." It had us laughing, but we then remembered that this is an actual thing that happens in your brain called wordnesia.

Wordnesia happens when you are spelling a word and it feels like there should be another "o" or another "e" in the word, but there isn't.

Another thing that can happen with our brains when we look at words is called semantic satiation. This is where you look at or say a word so much that you start to forget what it means. You keep reading it over and over, or say it out loud over and over, to the point where you forget the meaning or that it doesn't even feel like an actual word anymore!

While I can't explain why these things happen in our minds, I do think that these kinds of things can happen for us as Christians with the Bible. Whether you have read it for one day or 50 years, if we are not careful, we can sometimes read it to the point where we forget what it is – the very Word of God. Not only that, we can stare at it long enough to forget that it means something and that we should believe and obey it.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that God's word is living and active. King David, in Psalm 119:103, said that God's word is sweeter than honey to him. And he was talking about the Old Testament; he didn't even have the New Testament!

I remember when this kind of Scripture semantic satiation (how I'm defining it) happened to me while I was in college. I had just spent a significant amount of time reading God's word, and I went up to put my Bible away and didn't even remember a word I had just read! Of course I remembered the books of the Bible and chapters I was in, but what it actually said, what it was commanding, what it had promised me and declared about God ... I had no idea.

How could this happen? Did

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Joshua Hayden, Living Rock Church, Luverne

I not love God enough? Did God not love me?

Neither of those things was true, but I realized how familiar it had become to me. I needed to get out of my Scripture semantic satiation.

Reading the Bible is good. Don't get me wrong! There has even been a small amount of growth in reading the Bible in America. In a recent study done by Barna (a research group) that researched the state of the Bible among Christians in 2021, it shows that there was an increase of reading the Bible from 2018.

While the numbers are not mind blowing, it is encouraging to know that Christians are growing in reading their Bible on a more regular basis.

But even with an increase in Bible reading, how do we know that Scripture semantic satiation is going on? How do we know that, even with 12 churches in Luverne and many people hearing God's word and reading God's word, that we are actually understanding it? That we are not just looking it over and over and over and yet forgetting the actual meaning and purpose of the Word?

Please don't hear this in a condemning voice or a shameful reprimand but as a genuine question and hopefully an encouragement to reflect on something very important for those of us who are following Jesus. If we have read simple commands like, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you," (Matthew 5:44) and "Be imitators of God, as beloved children," (Ephesians 5:1) yet don't ever put them into practice, what good is it in knowing them?

I believe there are a couple things that we can do to get out of Scripture semantic satiation if we are finding ourselves there today.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR 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 on September 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, and David Wrigg. Absent: Tim Jarchow and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Becky Rahm, Missy Fick, Jen Bose, Stacey Rolling, Kenny Rolling, Kate Rolling, Marylin VanGrootheest, Heather Roberts, Tonya Honermann, Wendy Nath, Holly Jo Barber, Amy Petersen, Traci Davis, Mike Davis, Glenda Schneekloth, Meegan Gyberg, Anna Ahrendt, Gladys Hemme, Kairie Franken, Kenedee Franken, Tina Petronek, Mike Petronek, Heidi Mehlhaff, James Mehlhaff, Regan Mehlhaff, Michaela VanGrootheest, Mike VanGrootheest, Deborah Kneip, Jim Kneip, Brandi Johnson, Diane Lutmer, Jim Lutmer, Mike Bose, Tom Milne, Paula Linggen, Macy Skattum, Angie Sandbulte, Derek Sandbulte, Eric Austin, Devin Mounce, Keith Mounce, Christie Mounce, Jason Thorson, Karla Thorson, Mallory Thorson, Ethan Thorson, Regan Mehlhaff, Tena Terrio, Kirk Terrio, Nancy Wurpts, Nicole Schelhaas, Sarah Schoeneman, Brenda VanderZiel, Sandy Soto, Genesis Bonilla Destiny Bonilla, Paula Jelken, Betania Topete, Andrea Jacobsma, Claudia Soto, and Heather Johnson. Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Baustian, second by Wrigg, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Katie Baustian and students of the CEO class presented information

to the School Board regarding their program.

Middle School Principal Jason Phelps reviewed the Worlds Best Workforce and MCA Test Scores with the School Board members. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to accept and approve the report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Local Union 2558 - Support Staff President Missy Fick addressed the School Board during Community Input. She expressed concerns from the support staff. Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Deutsch, to accept the following donations:
•\$1,000 for Elementary Retreats from Parents: Partners in Education
•Bike Repair Station from Gary Papik

•\$154.40 from 2080 Media - Dollar General - for student activities.
Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the school district and student activity bills with the school board. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$928,421.70 and payroll in the amount of \$963,648.75 for a grand total of \$1,892,070.45. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of August 31, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the 2022 Payable 2023 Preliminary Levy. Motion made by Baustian, second by Wrigg, to certify "maximum" at this time. This will allow for changes to be made before the final levy is set in December. Motion unanimously carried.

The second reading of Policy 540 - Student Clubs and Policy 726 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) was held. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve both of these policies. Motion unanimously carried.

The quotation for NR Murphy Dust Collection System from Stan Houston Equipment Company, Sioux Falls, SD, was reviewed. Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to accept this quotation as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The contract proposal from ISG, Inc., for architectural services was reviewed.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to table any action on this contract. Capital outlay discussion will be held at the October work session. Motion unanimously carried.

A request from Aaron Perkins regarding middle school Lego League coaching was discussed. Motion by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve Stacy Schepel and Molly Carbonneau as assistant robotics and Lego League co-advisors. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve receipt of two \$500 craft grants - one for the Elementary Media Center and one for the Middle/High School Media Center from Prairielands Library Exchange. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the agreement with AFSCME Council No. 65 Union 2558.06 Custodial for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 years. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Baustian, to ratify this agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Connie VandeVeldt as paraprofessional effective September 12, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Danielle Wats-Boll as paraprofessional effective September 12, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. It was noted that October 13 does not work for some of the School Board members for a work session. Another date will be found with agenda items of Capital Outlay and Marketing Strategies.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to close the meeting according to Minnesota Statute 121.24 - Personnel - to conduct the performance appraisal of Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to re-open the school board meeting.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: September 22, 2022

Reva Sehr, Clerk
(11-03)

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Rock County Pheasants Forever hosts Dan Kindt Memorial Youth Hunt

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County Pheasants Forever hosted the Dan Kindt Memorial Youth Hunt Saturday morning in western Rock County on private conservation ground owned by Brad and Rodney Lowe and by Stan and Wayne Williamson.

During the Oct. 6 Pheasants Forever Banquet in Luverne, eight names were drawn from a pool of young people ages 12 to 17 who had their gun safety training permits.

They participated Saturday in the guided hunt that included trained dogs and adult mentors who walked along but were not shooting.

Only four roosters were harvested that morning, but Pheasants Forever Board members said many birds took flight and the young hunters fired numer-

ous shots.

"I'm super pleased with how the day went," said Darin Kindt, brother of Dan Kindt, who passed away in April after serving 35 years on the Rock County Pheasants Forever Board.

"The kids had fun; they were a good group of kids, and the adults had fun. It was a good day."

He said his own daughters often hunted with their uncle Dan, who was a champion for all things youth and the outdoors.

"He liked kids, and any time he could get kids outdoors and hunting, that was his main thing," said Darin Kindt, also a longtime board member for Rock County Pheasants Forever.

Given the success of Saturday's youth hunt, he said the board is considering making it an annual event in memory of his brother.



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Rock County Pheasants Forever hosted the Dan Kindt Memorial Youth Hunt Saturday morning on private land in western Rock County. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Brad Lowe, Oliver Mead, Scott Adams, Darin Kindt, (second row) Hayden Elbers, Charlie Mostad, Colton Haubrich, Matthew Gangestad, Macrina Reverts, Owen Overgaard, Holden Overgaard, Alex Dewispelaere, Caitlin Kindt, Kylie Kindt, (back) Tom Nath, Brent Dinger, Brady Dinger, Josh Gangestad, Ken Reverts, Rick Peterson, Nick Mead, Arlyn Gehrke, Matt Sorenson, Stan Williamson, Rodney Lowe and Steve Heitkamp.

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