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Voters hit polls; 1,700 ballots already in

By Lori Sorenson

The Star Herald went to press Tuesday afternoon as voters were still participating at the polls, but local election official Ashley Kurtz was keeping tabs on Election Day processes.

"We have not had any hiccups so far," she said Monday. "Everything has been going smoothly. We are in close contact with the post office too and will continue to be throughout the day tomorrow."

She said postal workers have kept an eye out for ballots to make sure they get where they belong.

"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," Kurtz said.

As of noon on Tuesday, Kurtz

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Lori Sorenson photo/1110 election voters

Voters cast their ballots in the Luverne High School gym Tuesday morning where people were lined up at the door when the polls opened.

Harvest 2022 wraps up

Crop yields deemed 'good' to 'great' despite drought

By Mavis Fodness

Harvest for local farmers wrapped up quickly this fall, thanks to dry conditions that affected yield potentials as well as drying expenses at harvest.

"Yields have been good," said Centrol's Mark Moeller of Luverne.

"But with the dry growing conditions, there was some potential left in the field. Most people are happy with what they got."

Cornfields that received timely rains yielded well, ranging high in the 230 to 250 bushels per acre. Soybean fields also yielded high with timely rains, averaging be-

tween 50 and 60 bushels per acre.

Fields where moisture was lacking, especially in August, saw yields drop to around 120 to 150 bushels per acre for corn.

Fields near Magnolia and Kanaranzi were among the areas that received timely rains in August along with areas in Rosedell and Springwater townships.

The Luverne area received rainfall in July that helped sustain crops through the summer heat of August.

Some areas had surprisingly good yields despite the

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Generator test shows Luverne can supply its own power in outages

By Lori Sorenson

Brian Remme finally exhaled Sunday night after the new generators carried Luverne's power on their own during a planned outage.

"That was a big sigh of relief; I can tell you that," said Remme, Luverne's electric utility supervisor.

"Everything worked properly

and the equipment did what it was supposed to do. That was a big moment."

He and city engineers have been working for months to prepare for that moment.

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

The goal of the \$11 million 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, tornadoes, straight line winds or possibly some type of disaster within the electrical grid system,"

City Administrator John Call explained.

"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."

That happened Sunday night. "It all went very well," Call reported Tuesday. "They worked with each other ... the two new

caterpillar generators, and the old gal (the 1965 Allis Chalmers generator) pulled her weight."

Call said the load for the entire evening was about 6 MW, which was enough to do a test, but not to affect too many businesses and residents.

"It went exactly as the engi-

Generator test/see page 2

Baustian defends Wolf campaign contribution

Responds to criticism that new city administrator 'bought' favor on hiring committee

By Lori Sorenson

Pat Baustian this week defended a contribution he accepted for his campaign in the Minnesota District 21A House of Representatives race.

Baustian campaigned on the DFL ticket to challenge incumbent Joe Schomacker, R-Luverne, for the House seat.

Baustian is also mayor of Luverne and was on the hiring committee that recommended Jill Wolf as Luverne's new city administrator.

He's come under fire from people who questioned a \$500 contribution from Jill Wolf and her husband, Chris, to Baustian's campaign.

"I find it quite interesting that the mayor of Luverne accepted a campaign donation from a city administrator candidate during the hiring process. This candidate was chosen for the job. Our mayor was also on the committee that selected the candidates," city council candidate Mert Kracht posted on Facebook on Nov. 2.

"Do you think this is right? Do you think things are getting a little too cozy at city hall? We have an election in six days. Make your voice heard."

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Mavis Fodness photo/1110 GEP Fall 2022

The cast for the upcoming Green Earth Players' production of "Elf the Musical Jr." includes (front row, left) Luke Nath, Kenzi Petersen, Braelinn Papik, Charlotte Rensink, Kallista VanGrootheest, Harper Hulstein, Noel Henrichs, Aubrey Nuffer, Rory Nolz, Daphne DeBoer, Emmy Roos, (second row) Ricky Nadolski, Trent Dekker, Alayna Oechsle, Taedra McKenzie, Becca Beaner, Grace Prohl, Emileigh Koller, Mila Rensink, Athena DeBoer, Ava Lafrenz, Arya Tollefson, (third row) Sarah Prohl, Keiton Koller, Oliver Carbonneau, Braxton Lafrenz, Brayden Luethje, Emersyn Remme, Leah Moeller, Nora Tatge, Makayla Oechsle, Elaine Nash, Sophia Nolz, Lydia Jarchow, (back) Britton McKenzie, Lexi Drake and Ashton Taubert. Not pictured are Anthony Beaner and Xavier McKenzie.

GEP brings 'Elf the Musical Jr.' to the Palace

By Mavis Fodness

"Elf, the Musical Jr." brings an early holiday spirit to the local area.

The Green Earth Players present the children-only production for seven shows, Nov. 11, 12 and 13 and Nov. 17, 18, 19 and 20. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m. Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

"Every few years the Green Earth Players try to produce a show that features the youth in the community," said director Shawn Kinsinger. "We were overdue for such a show after the pandemic, so we started researching."

Production features children-only cast of 39 for Nov. 11-13, 17-20

GEP's research led them to Elf Jr. which involves 39 children in the cast with no adult actors.

"When the entire cast is together, there is a lot of energy," Kinsinger said. "The trick is to get everyone pointing that energy in the same direction. That may seem like catching water with a net, but the cast

brings it all together for one of the group numbers. It is impressive."

Elf Jr. follows the movie, "Elf," closely, Kinsinger said.

Buddy (portrayed by Ashton Taubert) is raised by elves at the North Pole, believing himself to be an elf like everyone else. The secret, however, gets out and Santa (Xavier McKenzie) tells Buddy he can find his birth dad, Walter Hobbs (Britton McKenzie), in New York City.

On his arrival to Manhattan, Buddy is met with the sights, sounds and people of

Elf the Musical/continued on page 8



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Sanford Luverne for rice socks. Call Sharon, 507-227-3821, with questions.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Edgerton Ag conference room.

Coat distribution Nov. 10

Atlas Ministries One Warm Coat distribution is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, only. The other distribution date is canceled until further notice. Call Destiny Ripka at 507-220-0030.

Blood drive Nov. 14

The Community Blood Bank will accept donations from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Sanford Luverne Medical Center. Community Blood Bank is a nonprofit, cooperative of Sanford Medical Center and Avera McKennan Hospital and is the sole blood provider to Sanford Luverne and Sioux Falls area hospitals. Call 605-331-3222.

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.

'Living Well with Chronic Conditions' starts Nov. 15

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota will offer a six-week class, "Living Well with Chronic Conditions," at 9 a.m. Tuesday mornings via Zoom from Nov. 15 through Dec. 20. Topics include diet, sleep, communicating with doctors and more. Pre-register by calling 507-283-5064.

Food distribution is Nov. 17

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple Street in Luverne. Enter from Maple Street and stay along the west side of the building. Parking lot opens at 3 p.m. Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot, intersection or alley entrance. Food will be loaded into vehicles, which exit via the alley going west. Call 507-283-8963 or 507-283-4366.

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.

Mobile dental clinic Nov. 30

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the Rock County Health and Humans Services community room. This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0-100+. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. Clinic is organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.



Lori Sorenson photo/1110 harvest flick

Lowell Fick combines corn in a field west of Luverne during a late October evening as the 2022 harvest wraps up.

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weather conditions.

"The Hills area seems to pull yield out of thin air," Moeller said.

However, crops located in the northern half of the county received little to no rainfall in August

The significant rainfall helped harvest move rather quickly over the last month.

According to Monday's state crop progress report, corn harvest for grain was at 92 percent complete, on pace with last year and 13 days ahead of the five-year average.

Average corn moisture content is 16 percent.

The fall's drought conditions led to nature completing most crop drying.

"Guys didn't mind waiting for the crop to dry in the field," Moeller said.

"With (corn) moisture levels in the upper teens to low 20s, it only took a few days to dry down to the optimal 15 percent — especially on those windy days."

According to the latest drought

monitor report, Rock County continues under moderate drought conditions, while surrounding counties have areas of severe and extreme drought.

"I wouldn't mind a good rain," Moeller said. "Or a good snow cover."

The warm, dry conditions during harvest were the opposite of this year's spring planting weather.

Moeller observed 2022 as one of the coldest springs of his 34-year career.

City generator test proves successful/continued from page 1

neers said it would," he said.

"We dropped all the line power coming into town from our transmission lines, and for 40 seconds to about a minute and a half we were out of power from our overhead transmission lines."

The generators sensed the outage and kicked in, taking a few seconds to get up and running and to balance the load.

"We shut off all of our outside power coming into town, and it simulated to our generators, 'Hey, we have to kick in and provide power to town,'" Call said.

"We let them run for an hour, and at 8 p.m. we turned line power back on.

"It's a big win for the city. We carried the entire town that night on our own, and we were out for under two minutes. That's a pretty fast response."

— Brian Remme, city electric supervisor

For 15 minutes they ran parallel (the line power and backup generator power), and then the generators sensed that they weren't needed anymore and began their five-minute cooldown."

Representatives from Caterpillar were on site working with Missouri

River Energy Services to make sure transition went smoothly.

The recent \$11 million investment in Luverne's power plant included roughly \$8 million for the two new Caterpillar generators and \$3 million for power plant building improvements.

MRES has an agreement with Luverne to pay \$25,000 per month — \$9 million — over the next 30 years to have "dispatchable" power available for the grid if needed.

"So, in the end, we have emergency generation and it's being paid for over time," Call said. "It was a great project, and we're proud of it."

For Remme's part, he too, is proud of the outcome. "It's a big win for the city," he said. "We carried the entire town that night on our own, and we were out for under two minutes. That's a pretty fast response."

SHARE releases distribution date

Those wishing to receive groceries, clothing and toys from the Rock County SHARE program must apply by Wednesday, Nov. 23.

SHARE will distribute the gifts to Rock County residents in need from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Luverne National Guard Armory on South Freeman Avenue.

Note: SHARE is NOT accepting donations of used items at this time. To support the program, mail financial gifts to SHARE, PO Box 792, Luverne, MN 56156.

For information, contact Amy at 507-227-6944 or Monica at 507-820-1100.

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Veterans Day programs

Luverne Public Schools will host the Rock County Veterans Day program at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the performing arts center. Guest speaker is Henry George of the U.S. Army. The program is open to the public.

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.

The Adrian Veterans Day Program will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the Adrian High School gym with participation by the Lismore and Adrian Legions. A breakfast will be provided from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for all Veterans and spouses.

Luverne Community Education

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

Students (grades K-5) can learn to decorate holiday cookies like a professional at B'S Bakehouse on Dec. 10. Register by Nov. 18. Fee is \$30.

Ages 2 – 5 years will enjoy activities in the preschool rooms when they attend Grandparent & Me with a grandparent or another favorite adult on Nov. 22. No fee, but registration is required.

Register by Nov. 30 for the outdoor portion of Snowmobile Safety to be held on December 10. Plan to do the online portion (\$29.95 online) prior to coming for the outdoor portion. Outdoor portion cost is \$10.

New Residents: Census Information Needed for Preschool Children. Call 507-283-4724 with information for children ages 0 to kindergarten. The school district uses the information for planning purposes, mailing out information on school events, including the state-mandated Preschool Screening for all 3-year-old children. If your child is 4 and has not been screened, call to complete the screening before kindergarten.

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.

Library Happenings

For more information about library happenings, call 507-449-5040 or email rockcountystaff@gmail.com.

Story Time with Bronwyn is Fridays from now through Dec. 2. The event starts at 10 a.m.

Trivia Night is at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Take 16 in Luverne. Team registration begins at 6 p.m.

Reminiscence Kits are available featuring various topics such as gardening, pets, baking, sewing, farming and hunting. The kits are designed to use with a loved one experiencing memory loss, encouraging the loved one to open up about activities they once loved in the past.

A.C.E. respite care available, volunteers needed

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota (A.C.E.) offers respite care services in Rock County for those needing a break from caring for a loved one.

The respite program offers short-term (1-3 hours), temporary care for families and caregivers by providing a brief period of reprieve from the daily cares they provide to their loved one.

Volunteers provide non-professional supportive services to caregivers to give them time for themselves, relieve their stress and help them remain healthy.

Respite care volunteers are also needed. Trained A.C.E. volunteers provide respite care to family caregivers of adults age 60 and older who are suffering from long-term health conditions.

Contact Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 or ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us.



Lori Sorenson photos/1110 edward jones

Edward Jones moved into the former State Farm Insurance space on East Main Street. Thelen bought the 1,800-square-foot building from Dave Deragisch, who now leases from Edward Jones for his Deragisch Insurance business.

Old company moves to new location

Edward Jones celebrates 100 years as a firm, 35 years in Luverne and first two weeks in new location downtown

By Lori Sorenson

The Edward Jones financial firm is celebrating 100 years of business with 50,000 associates and 15,000 locations nationwide.

Meanwhile, the Luverne location is celebrating 35 years of local business, and Kevin Thelen and his staff are celebrating their recent move to a new office space downtown.

“It’s a nice space to work out of,” Thelen said Monday. “It’s about taking better care of our clients in Luverne.”

He and his staff of Ellie Oldre and Kayla Carlson moved from their corner office at Main Street and Freeman Avenue Oct. 25 and reopened for business in their new space a block east on Oct. 26.

Thelen has been in Luverne for seven years, but Oldre had worked for other financial advisers in the corner office for 28 years.

“I remember when I started, we kept track of clients manually by writing them in a book,” she said. “Every single sale had to be manually recorded.”

She agreed with Thelen that the



Kevin Thelen (left) and his Edward Jones staff of Kayla Carlson and Ellie Oldre moved from their corner office at Main Street and Freeman Avenue Oct. 25 and reopened for business in their new space a block east on Oct. 26.

new space would better suit their needs.

“Mostly, this space is handicap-accessible,” Thelen said, “and we can be more accessible to all of our

clients.”

In addition, it has a conference room that’s better suited for confidential meetings, and it has a staff break room — something not available in the previous location.

Thelen purchased the 1,800-square-foot building from Dave Deragisch, who is now leasing from Edward Jones for his Deragisch Insurance business.

Thelen had been renting his former 1,400-square-foot (on two floors) Edward Jones office from Dr. Mike Smith, who is now advertising the space for lease.

Thelen and his staff will host an open house from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, to celebrate the Edward Jones move and offer tours of the remodeled offices.

A Chamber coffee event at Edward Jones is planned for December.



Handicap accessibility was a primary reason Edward Jones moved to the former State Farm Insurance location, which has a back parking lot and handicap-accessible back entry and restroom.



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Red wigglers

Worm farming with the missus

So, my dad has a worm farm. He's currently runnin' a few thousand head of red wigglers.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

Dad uses an Instant Pot to cook home-grown butternut squash especially for the worms.

Mom presses the buttons on the Instant Pot and says, 'He can run a combine, but he can't run an Instant Pot.'

It's not 80 acres or anything like that. It's just a galvanized stock tank in the farmhouse basement sitting under the old canning counter.

The purpose of the worms is to produce castings (worm poop) to amend the soil in my parents' organic, raised-bed gardens.

Dad uses an Instant Pot to cook home-grown butternut squash especially for the worms. Mom presses the buttons on the Instant Pot and says, "He can run a combine, but he can't run an Instant Pot."

Mom says cooking for the worms sort of defeats the purpose of using worms to compost kitchen scraps.

Dad pays no attention as he mashes the cooked squash and adds a little water. He says worms like cooked squash better than raw. He says they don't like onions either.

Mom says the worms are spoiled.

They might be. When I was a kid, I don't recall any dietary accommodations regarding who preferred what. I think it went something like, "Just be thankful you have something to eat."

Apparently, the red wigglers are held to a different standard.

The moisture levels at the worm farm also require a bit of attention. One day last week Dad placed a fan to blow across the tank to lower the moisture content. He then

decided the worms actually prefer their surroundings a little on the moist side and scrapped the fan idea. He added a few layers of newspaper instead.

Dad says the worms like regular newspaper better than the shiny stuff.

Mom says there is probably too high a ratio of "cast" to soil in the tank and maybe a little should be removed and be put in the garden.

Dad says the worms like it just the way it is.

Mom and Dad have been farming together for 62 years. I'm pretty sure their partnership isn't going to be undone by a few thousand red wigglers.

Growing polarization and the urgent need for reform

GUEST OPINION

By Jeanne Massey, director, FairVote Minnesota

As we wrap up the 2022 election, we've seen a divided electorate, increasing polarization and even threats of violence against poll workers, candidates and elected officials.

In a recent NBC news poll, voters cited threats to democracy as the top issue facing the country. While politicians and media figures who spread misinformation and use violent rhetoric are certainly to blame, they unfortunately find a ready audience because the electorate is primed to distrust the opposing political party and accept the misinformation.

American's feelings of animosity toward members of the opposing political party have increased, and increased faster over time, than those of similar democracies.

Unfortunately, our current political system foments this polarization. Since candidates can win primaries and general elections with a bare plurality, they can win by focusing on their base voters and demonizing their opponents.

This encourages attack ads and

misinformation and allows extreme candidates to win, even if the majority of voters would have preferred someone else.

We urgently need structural reforms to our current political system in order to change the incentives and ensure majority rule. Ranked Choice Voting is the reform that is viable, proven and can be adopted in the next legislative session.

Ranked Choice Voting – sometimes called Instant Runoff Voting – allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference: First choice, second choice, and so on. If a candidate receives a majority (50 percent plus one) of first-choice rankings in the first round, that candidate wins.

However, if no candidate earns

a majority, then the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is defeated, and these ballots now count for those voters' second choices. This process continues until one candidate reaches a majority and wins.

By requiring candidates to win with a majority, candidates need to move beyond their base and build broad, cross-party coalitions of voter support.

Candidates have incentive to campaign positively based on issues rather than on personal attacks, and they behave differently when they benefit from second or third choice votes.

They are less likely to attack an opponent because they don't

Ranked choice, go to page 5



Tinted or smoked headlights are prohibited in Minnesota along with other vehicle alterations

Question: I was wondering what the state guidelines are regarding smoked or tinted headlights. Are they legal?

Answer: Minnesota law does not allow for this. It is illegal to equip or operate a motor vehicle with any equipment or material that covers a headlamp, tail lamp, or reflector.

I'd also like to remind drivers about when headlights and tail-lights need to be on. Minnesota law says that every vehicle on a roadway shall display lighted headlamps, lighted tail lamps, and illuminating devices from sunset to sunrise. The law also applies when it's raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing and at any time when visibility is impaired



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

by weather or insufficient light at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

Many vehicles are equipped with basic automatic headlights. The headlights turn on when sensors on the dashboard detect a certain level of darkness or the level of ambient light. However, there are limitations to automatic headlights. Drivers might assume the sensors will activate all of the

vehicle's lights in reduced visibilities, but that is not always the case. Instead, drivers should use the conventional headlight switch to manually turn on their lights.

A good rule to follow – if your wipers need to be on, your headlights, taillights and marker lights should be on as well. Also, make it a habit to check your lights often to ensure all of them

are properly working.

Question: I have noticed cars that have a high-mounted center brake light that flashes about four times before becoming steadily lit (like other brake lights). I'm seeing car dealers are installing them on some cars. Are these flashing lights legal?

Answer: These types of devices and alterations to the brake lights are not legal according to state and federal law. An auto dealer would also be in violation if they installed that type of light on a motor vehicle.

Not only are flashing red lights illegal but so are modifications to the rear taillights and brake lights. I've come across several taillights and brake lights that have

been covered or tinted. Altering or obscuring any portion of the lamp affects the intensity of light emitted. This could be an issue in a motor vehicle crash both criminally and civilly.

You can avoid a ticket – and a crash – if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Oct. 28

- An outage was reported.
- Complainant westbound from Luverne on Interstate 90 reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on N. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported harassing communications.
- Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported fraud.
- Complainant on W. Main Street reported a civil issue.
- An outage was reported in Fulda.
- Complainant northbound on Highway 75 reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported someone disturbing the peace.

Oct. 29

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported theft.
- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

Oct. 30

- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported burning.

Oct. 31

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested an unlock.
- Complainant on S. Fourth Street, Beaver Creek, reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant on S. Estey Street reported a civil issue.

- Complainant on Highway 75 and 211th Street, Hardwick, reported theft.
- Complainant on S. East Park Street reported an abandoned vehicle.

- An outage was reported on Crawford and Blue Mound Avenue.

- Complainant on Warren Street and Sunshine reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported threats.

Nov. 1

- Complainant on E. Main Street reported property was found.

- Complainant on 31st Street, Steen, reported suspicious activity.

Nov. 2

- Assistance from

another department was provided westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 35, Rushmore.

- Complainant in Luverne reported a liquor law issue.

- Complainant on 81st Street and County Road 6, Beaver Creek, reported road closed.

- A warrant was issued in Brown County, South Dakota.

- Assistance from another department was provided on Highway 75/ Main Street and W. Veterans Drive.

- A transient was reported at the Magnolia exit.

- A fire was reported on 21st Street, Hills.

- An outage was reported.

- A fire was reported on Highway 75 south of Luverne.

- Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

- An outage was reported.

- Complainant on E. 2nd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.

Nov. 3

- A warrant was issued on Main and Cedar streets.

- An outage was reported.

- Complainant on S. Estey Street reported vandalism.

- An outage was reported.

Nov. 4

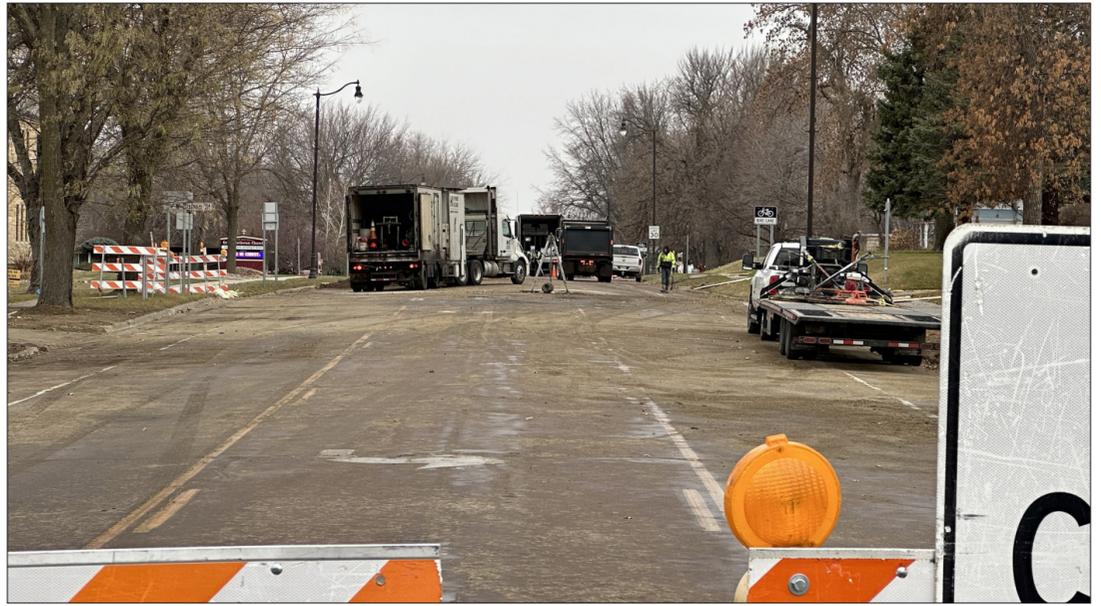
- Complainant reported theft.

- An outage was reported.

- Complainant on County Road 6, Hills, reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported harassing communications.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 5 deer accidents, 1 transport, 1 funeral escort, 18 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 6 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 gas drive-off, 4 alarms, 4 drug court tests, 6 purchase and carry permits, 30 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 4 tests, 3 welfare checks, 2 reports of cattle out, 1 OFP and 8 follow-ups.



Lori Sorenson photos/1110 highway 75 construction

Work continues on Highway 75

Six blocks of Highway 75 in Luverne remain closed between Main Street and Dodge Street for a sewer lining project that started Oct. 17 and was expected to last one month. The infrastructure work includes sewer lining, spot repairs, installing new manholes and replacing water service lines beneath the highway by direction boring new service lines. Hulstein Excavation of Edgerton was awarded the contract in February after submitting the low bid of \$567,000, including alternates. The city is using the federal funding in the American Rescue Plan to pay for the project.

Farmers can now make 2023 crop year elections, enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage

Agricultural producers can now change election and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage programs for the 2023 crop year, two key safety net programs offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Producers have until March 15, 2023, to enroll in these two programs.

Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has started issuing payments totaling more than \$255 million to producers with 2021 crops that have triggered payments through ARC or PLC.

2023 elections and enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County (ARC-CO) or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2023 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2023, they must sign a new contract.

If producers do not submit their election by the March 15, 2023, deadline,

their election remains the same as their 2022 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crame, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Web-based tools

There are web-based decision tools to assist

producers in making decisions. Tools include:

- Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

- ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M that allows producers to obtain basic information regarding the decision and factors that should be taken into consideration such as future commodity prices and historic yields to estimate payments for 2022.

Ranked Choice Voting editorial/continued from page 4

want to alienate their opponent's base voters and risk losing second choice votes. And when candidates are dependent upon a broader segment of the electorate, they tend to be more responsive once in office. They are rewarded for compromising to get things done rather than obstructing legislation supported by the opposing party.

Ranked Choice Voting mitigates the spoiler or vote splitting problem – which could affect critical races

this year – by allowing independent candidates to run and voters to support them without fear that their vote might help the candidate they like the least.

This breaks down barriers and encourages political competition, which in turn helps foster broad coalition building among candidates.

Ranked Choice Voting has demonstrated its power to foster more inclusive, diverse, and civil elections in five cities in Minnesota and more than 50 local jurisdic-

tions across the country, from California to Utah to Minnesota to Maine, as well as the states of Maine and Alaska.

Minnesota's legislation to implement Ranked Choice Voting had over 60 cosponsors and was one of the most popular bills last session.

If Minnesotans elect a pro-Ranked Choice Voting majority to both houses and a pro-Ranked Choice Voting governor, we could become the first state to

pass Ranked Choice Voting statewide through legislative action.

Regardless of election outcomes, FairVote Minnesota will keep working to build support for this promising democracy reform, regardless of party, so that we can have a more representative, responsive and resilient democracy.

FairVote Minnesota is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that educates voters and advances electoral reform.

Baustian defends campaign contribution/continued from page 1

While there were several who commented in dismay, Mike Cox shared insight as a person on the hiring committee.

"I was one of six individuals on the selection committee that was assigned to search for a new city administrator," he said, pointing out that it was a six-month,

extensive process that started with 30 candidates that were narrowed to four finalists to be interviewed by the committee, department heads, council members and community members.

"The recommendation from the committee went to the City Council and they voted on the person. Mr.

Baustian did not vote, since he only votes as a tie breaker. This process was fair," Cox said.

"The comment about the city being a little too 'cozy' was totally out of line. I saw nothing but professionalism and hard work. Mr. Baustian showed nothing but fairness and leadership."

Baustian, when contacted Monday, said only that the contribution was made on July 20, long before Wolf's Aug. 11 application, and that nothing was illegal about accepting the gift.

He pointed out that it was a unanimous decision by the recruitment commit-

tee to recommend Wolf for the position and that it was a unanimous vote by the City Council to hire her as the next city administrator – a vote that he did not participate in.

Cox also made this point online.

"The campaign contribution was made before any application process began,"

Cox said. "To assume there were some things done inappropriately is totally unfounded, misleading and wrong."

The Star Herald went to press as Tuesday's election was still underway. See www.star-herald.com for the latest, or follow results on www.sos.state.mn.us.

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Mavis Fodness photo/1110 GEP Fall 2022 Sidebar

The Green Earth Players' fall production opens on Friday night, Nov. 11, with all five of the McKenzie-Beaner children (or the "McBeans," as mom calls them) involved in the production of "Elf the Musical Jr." Pictured from left are Xavier McKenzie, Taedra McKenzie, Anthony Beaner, Becca Beaner and Britton McKenzie.

Theater bonds McKenzie-Beaner family together with common interest

All five involved in current GEP production opening Friday

By Mavis Fodness

Among the more than three dozen children involved in the upcoming Green Earth Players production of "Elf the Musical Jr.," are the five kids of Casey and Trisha (Schmidt) McKenzie.

Casey is a GEP veteran, having acted in several local productions. Trisha, however, is a newcomer to theater after marrying Casey in August 2021 during the production of "The Game's Afoot."

"I am super excited to see them enjoy theater," Casey said. "Most kids shrink away from anything that puts them in front of people and speaking, but theater gives you a chance to overcome that fear — no matter what they end up doing in the future, this skill of speaking in front of a crowd will serve them well in life."

Neither of Trisha's children, Becca and Anthony Beaner, was involved in theater before meeting the McKenzies.

In the upcoming GEP musical,

'I am super excited to see them enjoy theater. Most kids shrink away from anything that puts them in front of people and speaking, but theater gives you a chance to overcome that fear.'

— Casey McKenzie on his kids' involvement in community theater

Becca, a seventh-grader at Luverne, portrays Santa's helper.

"I am hoping my daughter will hopefully become more confident in herself," Trisha said. "She will find friends who like fine arts and who she will be able to be herself around, in turn, helping her overcome some social anxiety."

Her son, Anthony, a senior at Hills-Beaver Creek, leans toward set building and technology, two important behind-the-scene jobs in theater.

"He said he would never be able to be on stage; however, he loves behind-the-scenes," Trisha said. "He has helped with some minor set building in the past and is excited to learn the tech booth aspects."

Casey's three children experienced theater at a very young age.

The oldest, Britton, is also a senior at H-BC Secondary School.

"When I was 11 months old, my

McBeans, continued on page 8

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

LeRoy and Sue VanKlei will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Nov. 11. Greetings may be sent to them at 26412 Ahlers Avenue, Adrian, MN 56110.

Roman Lenz will celebrate his 95th birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Greetings may be sent to him at Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home; 110 South Walnut Ave., Room 111; Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Nov. 14:

Salisbury steak in gravy, baked potato with sour cream, glazed carrots, bread, dessert.

Tuesday, Nov. 15:

Beef chili with beans, romaine salad with dressing, fruit, corn bread muffin, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

Wednesday, Nov. 16:

Cheeseburger casserole, California Normandy vegetables, fruit, dessert.

Thursday, Nov. 17:

Meatballs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner

roll, fresh fruit.

Friday, Nov. 18:

Chicken ala king with whole grain brown rice, peas and carrots, fruit mix, birthday cake.

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

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

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

BUSINESS NEWS

Continental Western Group repeats as 'Best Places to Work in Insurance'

Continental Western Group has been named in the annual "Best Places to Work in Insurance" program, which recognizes employers for their outstanding performance in establishing workplaces where employees can thrive, enjoy their work and help their companies grow.

Tim Nelligan is president of Continental Western Group, a regional provider of commercial lines insurance, and said it's the second time in a row the company received the recognition.

"I'm both excited and delighted for CWG to have earned the recognition for a Best Places to Work award," he said. "Repeating that win validates that we're doing things the right way, building our culture, building our business and attracting talent."

Every two years, CWG associates complete a survey on how they feel the company is doing, and

the results show that the brand philosophy of "Find Greater" has been good for both employees and customers.

Best Places to Work in Insurance is an annual sponsored content feature that lists the agents, brokers, insurance companies, and other providers with the highest levels of employee engagement and satisfaction.

The ranking and profiles of the winning companies will be unveiled in the November issue of Business Insurance and online at BusinessInsurance.com

Continental Western Group (CWG) is a provider of middle-market and specialty commercial property and casualty insurance products in 13 core states in the central United States. CWG, a member of the W. R. Berkley Corporation, is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa, with offices in Luverne, Minnesota, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2012)

•Discovery Time Preschool teacher Angie Janiszkeski is working on bringing a "Nature Explore Outdoor Preschool Classroom" to Luverne.

The nature classroom would essentially be an area designated for preschool students to get outdoor exercise and study natural environments.

When asked why this project is important to her, Janiszkeski sighed and contemplated the many reasons.

"We've always struggled with having a place to work on large-motor skills, and kids need that time to let steam go," she said, explaining that the preschoolers need to work around elementary schedules for the gym, boost-up room and playground.

"We wanted a space to call ours—the elementary equipment is actually too big for some of our 3-year-olds— but what we do will be for elementary-age kids, too."

25 years ago (1997)

•Discussion during an Oct. 23 hearing to extend the state building code into a buffer zone around the city of Luverne also raised questions about "covenants" around Blue Mounds State Park.

According to rural resident Carol Maxwell, property owners within a mile of Blue Mounds State Park north of Luverne can't build or remodel homes because of park covenants.

According to Tom Sawtelle, assistant manager of the park, Blue Mounds State Park has no covenants. He checked with

the State Department of Parks and Recreation to find out once the subject was raised at the public hearing.

Land use around the park is governed by the county, he said.

50 years ago (1972)

•If you have a project that people believe in, you can get things done, Magnolia area folks will tell you. And they'll prove it by showing you the new community center which is now going up on the vacant lot just south of the steak house on Main street.

A couple of things have bothered Magnolia people for some time. One was that the youngsters of the village and those from the surrounding community who attend school in Magnolia had no place to gather—after school, and particularly after home football and basketball games. Another concern was that for some time now, there hasn't been a place in town where a person could sit down and buy a cup of coffee during the daytime. A third concern has been the fact that Magnolia hasn't had a grocery store for a couple of years, and there was no place in town to go to buy such staple food items as milk and bread.

About a month ago, the Magnolia Booster Club, made up of Magnolia business men and area farmers decided to try to do something to chance the situation. If enough people were interested, they decided, it would be possible to raise enough money through donations to build a building that could provide restaurant facilities, a place where farmers and others could

get together in the winter months for a game of pinochle, and where bread and milk could be made available particularly to the older people who don't drive their cars any more.

75 years ago (1947)

•Luverne petroleum distributors this week joined in issuing a warning to all users of gasoline that it is strictly illegal to fill any container with gasoline unless the container is painted red.

The law prohibits the filling of any glass container, with a capacity of more than eight fluid ounces (one-half pint) with gasoline. ...

Another provision of the law is that nothing other than gasoline may be sold in a red container.

100 years ago (1922)

•A new grocery establishment to be known as the "Serve Yourself" grocery store, will be opened to the public tomorrow by Otto Orloske, in the new Soutar store building on Freeman Avenue. All kinds of groceries, free and dried fruits and flour will be handled.

This is the first establishment of a "Serve Yourself" grocery in this city, and there is every reason to believe that it will be a success. The entire stock of goods will be on display and within easy access of shoppers. The customers themselves select the supplies they want, without awaiting their turn to be served. Only one clerk or cashier will be employed, who will receive the payments and make change and act as general informant.

OBITUARY

Jennifer Rogers

Jennifer Marie Rogers, 44, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at her residence in Luverne.



A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the Benson Funeral Home in Worthington.

Jennifer Rogers was born to Larry and Mary Rogers on July 14, 1978, in Worthington. She attended school in Worthington and graduated with the Class of 2000. She worked at the Worthington DAC for a period of time and enjoyed activities in the community with her housemates. In 2022 Jennie moved to Luverne.

Growing up, Jennie traveled with family to a

lake cabin in Alexandria and made many visits to Minneapolis. Jennie loved music, listening to current pop favorites and hits from her childhood, including Dolly Parton.

Jennie held a special place in her heart for all the caring individuals that helped her lead a full and enriching life, fondly remembered as Jennie's Ladies.

She is survived by her parents, Larry and Mary Rogers of Worthington; sister Amy Nelson of Luverne; and nieces Megan, Gemma and Marlee.

Arrangements are provided by Benson Funeral Home in Worthington, www.bensonfh.com. (1110 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Glenn 'Corky' Gunnink

Glenn "Corky" Gunnink, 74, Edgerton, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at his home surrounded by family.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at First Reformed Church in Edgerton. The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the church. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton.

To view Corky's life history or sign an online registry, please visit www.edgertonburialassociation.com. (1110 DN)



Lori Sorenson photos/1110 Election City election official Jessica Mead (left) talks with election judge Sandy Kelm Tuesday morning. **At top:** The polling place for all Luverne precincts opened at Luverne High School at 7 a.m. Tuesday to a line of voters.

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said her office had accepted a total of 1,714 absentee and mail ballots.

Considering there are 5,582 registered voters in Rock County, that equates to a 31-percent voter turnout long before the polls closed.

Eighteen of Rock County's 24 precincts are mail-ballot-only precincts, so that accounts for a good share of the early voting.

Absentee voting began Sept. 23, and that's when people could begin applying for absentee ballots.

In 2020 there were 1,181 absentee ballots and 2,024 mail ballots for a total of 3,205. By comparison, in 2018 Rock County had 459 absentee ballots and 1,454 mail ballots for a total of 1,913.

Kurtz said some voters have been influenced by online disinformation about "rigged" voting and have even harassed courthouse election staff.

"To be honest, it's been brutal here as far as how staff has been treated by some voters with regard to the mail and absentee voting process, which is something we've never really dealt with in years past," she said on Oct. 24.

But she said the voting process is more secure than ever, explaining how her staff processes ballots at the courthouse.

They get scanned one at a time into a voting machine that records information on a jump drive.

At the close of the polls, the drive gets transferred to a secure computer that's not connected to the internet.

That computer then generates a jump drive that gets uploaded to the Minnesota Secretary of State Office where results are posted online.

Kurtz said her office has been helping to register new voters, many of them young people and first-time voters.

Voters can check the status of their ballots at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx.

The Minnesota Secretary of State website, sos.state.mn.us/elections, will also carry election results as the precincts deliver them.

See the Star Herald website, www.star-herald.com, and Facebook page for updates and final results.

1943: Luverne's Christina Juhl still active Diamond Club member at age 81

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 June 3, 1943.

A person no older than he thinks he is, and if he takes an interest in life, gets plenty of exercise, and has something to do to keep him busy, he'll stay young longer, is the opinion of Mrs. Christina Juhl, Luverne, who is 81 years of age, and still does her own sewing on a sewing machine. Despite her years, and the fact that she has worked hard ever since she was 14, Mrs. Juhl is still active. Her hobby is doing fancywork; she crochets, pieces quilts, and does other sewing by hand and by sewing machine. In the summer she has her garden, which not only gives her fresh vegetables and flowers, but gives her an opportunity to do some



work out-of-doors to "keep from getting old."

Mrs. Juhl was born in Schleswig province in northern Germany, the eldest daughter of Peter and Maria Engelhardt Carlson, on June 20, 1862. Her parents owned a little farm, the income from which was sufficient to keep the family of 10 children well fed and well clothed. All were given an opportunity to attend school, and Mrs. Juhl completed her common school education there. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith in 1876.

Immediately thereafter, she left home to begin working for others, in the nearby farming community. It being the custom for the women to do the milking, Mrs. Juhl was given plenty

BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

of that work to do. It was also customary to carry the milk a long distance, and she recalls that many times, she has carried two full pails—about twice as big as the ordinary milk pail—suspended from a yoke over her shoulders.

Women would also tend the garden and do other work in addition to helping with the housework. The hours were long, and the wages small (she was earning \$25 a year at the age of 18), but they were generally happy with their lot.

However, when friends who had gone to America wrote back of the many advantages that they enjoyed after coming here, many of the younger people of the community, especially

those who naturally had a love for adventure, began to wonder if they, too, couldn't profit by leaving their homeland.

It was in 1884 that she, and several other young men and women decided to leave home and come to America. "It was kind of hard to leave our families," Mrs. Juhl states, "but we knew and they knew that our chances to get ahead would be better in this country."

They were on the sea 14 days, and with the exception of one day, the weather was excellent. She states it was thrilling to see land again, but recalls how she and the others in her group "were kind of lost" because they couldn't speak English. However, because of the fact that there were 10 in the group, they shared this difficulty without any trouble, and finally arrived by train at Rock Island, Ill., where they all had friends.

"We didn't have any trouble getting work," Mrs. Juhl states. "I got a job right away for \$2 a week, and I

didn't have to do any work outside. Later I got a raise to \$2.50 and then to \$3 a week, and then I thought I was really making big money."

It was while she was living there that she met Claus Juhl, who was born at Flensburg, Schleswig, in 1855. He was employed at Davenport, Iowa, at the time, and on April 25, 1886, they were married.

They lived first in Davenport, where Mr. Juhl had a feed barn and Mrs. Juhl operated a boarding house. After six years, they sold their business, and Mr. Juhl worked in the packing plant and the Glucose Sugar Factory the next nine years.

About that time, many from Davenport were moving to West Liberty where there was considerable farm land available. They operated a farm there until 1906, and then went to Dana, Ia. In 1911, they came to Rock county and bought a farm southwest of Luverne which is the northeast quarter of section 24, Beaver Creek township.

On April 16, 1916, Mr. Juhl died, and Mrs. Juhl continued to live there until 12 years ago when she moved to Luverne which has since been her home.

At the present time, she keeps her own apartment on West Lincoln street, does her own shopping and her own housework. She reads the newspapers, and thereby keeps abreast of modern times. She attends church at Immanuel Lutheran here.

Mrs. Juhl has four sons William, of West Liberty, Iowa, and Ernest, Rudolph and Hugo of Luverne, and has 12 grandchildren.

Of the seven girls in her father's family, she is the only one living at the present time. The last she knew, however, she had three brothers living in Germany.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mnmade@iw.net.

REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE

The second half real estate tax installment on AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY is due **November 15, 2022**. To avoid penalty, payment can be dropped off at the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse, placed in the drop box outside of the Courthouse entry, or mailed to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer **postmarked on or before November 15th**. The Auditor-Treasurer's office will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day. Please keep in mind the post office deadlines when mailing in payments and remit the appropriate stubs to assure proper credit. Payments postmarked after November 15th **will** be returned for the tax and penalty due at that time.

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Elf the Musical opens Friday for first of seven productions/continued from page 1

the Big Apple. Buddy also faces the harsh reality that his dad is one the naughty list and his half-brother, Michael (Oliver Carbonneau), doesn't even believe in Santa.

"There are plenty of roles for all ages of children, catchy songs and a feel-good story," Kinsinger said. "The show is going to be a great way for Luverne to kick off the holiday season."

Other characters (and local actors) include:

- Charlie (Noel Henriks)
- Shawanda (Elaine Nath)
- Deb (Leah Moeller)
- Emily Hobbs (Emerson Remme)
- Saleswoman (Grace Prohl)
- Manager (Taedra McKenzie)
- Jovie (Lexi Drake)
- Santa's helper (Becca Beaner)
- Fake Santa (Keiton Koller)
- Sarah (Lydia Jarchow)
- Mr. Greenway (Braxton Lafrenz)
- Chadwick (Brayden Luethje)
- Matthews (Deegan Darveaux Stoffel)
- Charlotte Denton (Sarah Prohl)
- Darlene Lambert (Emersyn Roos)
- Emma Van Brocklin (Alayna Oechsle)
- and the ensemble (Rory Nolz, Sophia Nolz, Ricky Nadolski, Luke Nath, Braelinn Papik, Trent Dekker, Emileigh Koller, Harper Hulstein, Kenzi Petersen, Mya Wermager, Daphne DeBoer, Athena DeBoer, Kallista VanGrootheest, Aubrey Nuffer, Ava Lafrenz, Charlotte Rensink, Arya Tollefsen and Nora Tate.

Backstage assistants are Makayla Oechsle and



Buddy (Ashton Taubert) arrives in a bustling city as he searches for his dad, who works at the Empire State Building.



The story of Buddy's (Ashton Taubert) origin as a human and not an elf is told by Santa (Xavier McKenzie). At left: Buddy the Elf (left, Ashton Taubert) looks dismayed as he hasn't made the quota of toy making as pointed out by head elf Charlie (Noel Henriks), as the other elves look on in Santa's Workshop.

Anthony Beaner.

"These kids have massive imaginations that come up with these big, bold ideas for the characters they play," Kinsinger said. "The self-esteem they build isn't only good for the young actors and actresses, it enriches us as a community."

Helping Kinsinger with rehearsals are adults Dave and Anissa Vis (assistant director and music/costume coordinator), Katrina Brown (choreographer) and husband, Chris, who works with the children in small groups.

"The big payoff is, after opening night, when they see how much the community enjoyed their performance," Kinsinger said. "Seeing the sense of accomplishment of a cast of kids is different than what you see with a cast of adults."

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for students and are available at the Palace Box Office on Main Street Luverne, by phone 507-283-4339 or through online purchase at palace-theatre.us

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Walter Hobbs (Britton McKenzie, sitting at desk) is surprised by his son, Buddy (Ashton Taubert) as his family, wife (Emersyn Remme) and son (Oliver Carbonneau) watch in startled amazement at the announcement of a son, who was raised as an elf for Santa.

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dad and mom had me play the baby in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,'" Britton said.

Years later, Britton acted with his dad in "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," where Casey portrayed Wonka and Britton was an Oompa Loompa.

"He has encouraged me and supported me while I tried my hand at theater," Britton said.

Joining Britton are siblings Xavier, a sopho-

more at Luverne High School, and Taedra, a fifth-grader at Luverne Elementary. They portray Santa and a manager, respectively, in the upcoming GEP production.

"Both are incredibly talented," Britton said. "Xavier has experience and he does well in just about any show he is in. Taedra is a natural. She has a decent amount of experience with children's shows."

Their experience lends itself to assist director

Shawn Kinsinger with next week's GEP opening of Elf Jr., which has a cast of 42 children.

"All those kids look up to and actually copy us older kids," Britton said. "Bringing energy to a scene encourages them to do the same — all of this and showing them the ropes is what older actors do."

Even if they are his younger siblings.

"Once in a while I have to tell Taedra to pay attention," Britton said.

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More to deer hunting than meets the eye

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

I have never really been much of a deer hunter. I have purchased a Minnesota firearms deer license for the past 37 years and have never pulled the trigger on a Minnesota deer.



I have participated and helped in the harvesting of many deer over that same time frame.

A few years back I set a record of five youth, all ages 12-13, who all shot their very first deer out of my box stand in a single firearms deer season, which lasts nine days. I watched as a gal, age 62, shot her very first deer two years ago as well. Yet another gal, age 47, who had not shot a deer since she was about 16, harvested a deer out of this same stand a few years back.

I am very fortunate this season to be able to spend some time in the stand with my son Brandon, who between deployments and working a job in Denver, Colorado, was totally absentee balloting from the hunting game for the past 15 years.

You might wonder why I would ever buy that many licenses and then never shoot a deer? I am waiting for the big one.

I love venison. Deer are tasty creatures, and hunters help keep their populations in check. When you live in the flat lands of southwest Minnesota, deer have very few places to hide and thus they don't very often live very long. Even if you owned a 640-acre section of ground, planted it to great deer habitat, and let not one single soul hunt there, it still would not hold very many, if any, bucks that would reach the age of 4.

A 4-year-old buck can have a nice rack. Most of the deer shot in farm country are less than 2 years old. Anyone can shoot whatever deer makes them happy. I don't have a problem with this. Deer hunting is different for each person that participates. Some hunters want a deer on the wall with a big rack and others only want the sticks, sausage and other products deer are processed into.

Minnesota hunts deer during the rut. This is the breeding season for deer. Bucks can and do get really stupid during this period and will act and travel in ways they would not even consider the remainder of the year. This is why your 640-acre deer paradise will still not have many mature bucks that live there.

Bucks will chase available does halfway across the county in an attempt to propagate their genes into the next generation. If our season dates closed during the rut, many older, more mature deer would never be seen during daylight hours. Big bucks are often almost totally nocturnal.

When I am sitting in my stand with a youth or other adult on-set hunter, I am always hopeful that a nice mature buck will give me an opportunity to harvest it. In all of those years, I have not had a single deer of the age and size that I am looking for ever show up. But I will always have a deer tag stuck in my wallet just in case. I hunt in a location where there are very high numbers of deer, but the opportunity to shoot a mature 4-year-old is in my mind more remote than me getting struck by lightning twice.

As I mentioned earlier, deer meat tastes great. When this season is completed, I will have all kinds of friends and acquaintances that will have a fresh deer to put in the freezer. This is when I will get the call asking if I want any of the leftover last year's deer meat, and my answer is always yes. I can get all the venison I could ever want, and some of this meat comes from those who hunted on my property.

Deer hunting for me is watching the sun come up, a hot cup of coffee, and a comfortable place to watch the natural world wake up and go about its day-to-day activities. If there is a harvested deer in this photo, all the better, but killing one does not make my outing any more of a success or failure.

By the time you read this column, the season may be over, but the memories of spending time with my son will last forever.

Whether this will be my year or not is yet to be seen, but the coffee will still be hot. Be safe everyone.



Mavis Fodness photos/1110 State Cross Country 2022

The Luverne boys' cross country team (in white, third from left) prepares to leave the starting line Saturday afternoon for the Class A championship at St. Olaf College in Northfield. The team became the first in school history to finish in the top three.

LHS boys' cross country team makes school history with second-place finish at state meet

Individual girls' qualifier Jenna DeBates earns fifth-place medal

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne boys' cross country team achieved the best state tournament finish in school history Saturday when they were awarded silver medals at the Minnesota State High School League Class A Cross Country Championships in Northfield.

Sophomore Owen Janiszkeski earned a fifth-place medal when he finished in the Top 10.

Two Luverne girls' team members qualified individually for Saturday's championships, with junior Jenna DeBates achieving a fifth-place medal. Freshman Ella Schmuck finished 47th.

On Saturday an emotional coach Pete Janiszkeski addressed his seven boys' team runners after they achieved another first in school history – the first Luverne boys' team to reach the awards podium.

"This was absolutely an amazing race," he said. "We are the best team ever!"

Three points separated Luverne from the first-place gold medalists, Heritage Christian of Maple Grove (99 points) in the final standings.

Last year Luverne boys placed ninth as a team.

The Luverne boys' team first made school history Oct. 27 when they won the Section 3A Championship, a first for a Luverne boys' cross country team.

"You all ran faster today than you did at sections last week," Janiszkeski said. "We had three individuals in the Top 25 – we've never done that before."

Luverne's runners averaged under 17 minutes in the state's 5,000-meter race that featured 160 runners.

- Results included:
- Sophomore Owen Janiszkeski, fifth, 16:09.09
 - Junior Ryan Fick, 15th, 16:37.87
 - Senior Camden Janiszkeski, 25th, 16:42.60
 - Sophomore Leif Ingebretsen, 77th, 17:27.65
 - Sophomore Sage Viessman, 80th, 17:29.65
 - Senior Carsen Tofteland, 95th, 17:45.10
 - Sophomore Kaleb Hemme, 134th, 18:30.49

Winning the boys' race in Class A was Brandon Kampsen of Sauk Center with a time of 15:49.44.

Team had to run 'very, very best' times

Coach Janiszkeski reflected on team history at last Thursday's pep fest.

"This is the 25th time out of the 26 years we've had at least one person competing at the state meet," he said.

This year was the first group of boys to win a section championship in what has been a winning year.

"They've won the most meets that they've ever won. They're probably the most talented and fastest group that we've had, and that testifies to all your hard work," he said.

Janiszkeski cautioned the boys' optimism about Saturday's state tournament.

"If things go well, we can probably be in the top five, and if we have great races and perform at our very, very best, we have a shot of making it to the podium, which is kind of the 'shoot for the moon' goal and they are definitely capable of that."

Coach Janiszkeski's sons, Owen and Camden, are the lead runners for the boys' team.

Last year Camden Janiszkeski placed 15th, while younger brother, Owen, placed 15th.



Luverne runners (seen from left) Owen Janiszkeski (1088), Ryan Fick (1084) and Camden Janiszkeski (behind 1019) lead the Cardinal team off the starting line Saturday at the Minnesota State High School League Class A Cross Country Championships in Northfield.



At the start of the championship event, Jenna DeBates (812) runs with other Section 3A individual qualifiers Saturday afternoon as drizzle kept temperatures in the high 30s.

"For him to earn All-State honors and run as fast as he did with his anemia was simply remarkable," Pete Janiszkeski said. "I can't even express how proud I was of him, his performance and grit."

Saturday was cold, drizzly day

Saturday's weather was overcast with temperatures in the high 30s.

The Class A races began with the girls' championship at noon, just as a drizzle began to fall.

The weather was a benefit, according to DeBates.

"I liked that it was cooler and had some moisture in the air because last week in practice it was really warm and very dry," she said.

Her finishing time Saturday was faster than last year's third-place individual finish in the state tournament.

DeBates finished Saturday's 5,000 meters with a time of 18:54.34.

Jade Rypkema, a senior from Nevis, won the race with a time of 17:43.47.

Running without several teammates was a different feeling for DeBates, who participated in the state championships for the fifth-straight year. This is the first year she ran as an individual qualifier.

DeBates ran Saturday with just one teammate, Ella Schmuck.

Schmuck finished 47th out of 158 runners with a time of 20:27.75. Last year Schmuck finished 60th in the girls' team third-place finish at state.

"I don't think it hit either one of us until probably we were at the starting line and it was just the two of us and other people from the section," DeBates said.

Schmuck also felt the difference. "It was kind of scary. I was nervous. I thought I did pretty good – there was a big pack that I got stuck in and had to follow along but they would push me, too," she said.

However, Saturday was the Luverne boys' team's day.

"We did our best and had our best day," said senior Carsen Tofteland. "It was really awesome to see how far our program has come in the past couple of years. It is a little bittersweet to come that close and not be on top – but it's still awesome."

Owen placed fifth at this year's state meet.

"I didn't have a perfect race, but I did what I could and helped my team as best as I could," he said. "It was hard racing without him (Camden) at the front of me but it definitely motivated me to run the best that I could to help and elevate the team to the next level."

Camden, a senior, was diagnosed with anemia shortly before the section championship, which left him struggling half way through the 5K races.

"I was thinking this was going to be the perfect season but things were out of my control so I am rolling with the punches," Camden said. "So, at the end of the season it was all in God's plan to just do everything I could to help the team ... that was all that matters."

Finishing 25th, Camden earned All-State honors with his brother, Owen, and teammate Ryan Fick.

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 28

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 24, 2021
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,780.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Noah D. Meyer, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1005210-0808093166-7
(05-13, 05-20, 05-27, 06-03, 06-10, 06-17)
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank
SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 30, 2021, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 200387
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The South Sixty (S 60) feet of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in Barck, Adams, and Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 703 N Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0258-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,311.75

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 28, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
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Dated: May 27, 2022

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(06-09, 06-16, 06-23, 06-30, 07-07, 07-14)

Notice of postponement

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The above referenced sale scheduled for July 28, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., has been postponed to August 30, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., and will be held at sheriff's main address West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by February 28, 2023. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: August 22, 2022

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Dated: September 26, 2022.

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Dated: November 3, 2022.

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Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-254

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Date Filed: October 24, 2022

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Love always,
Puddy Maras

(11.5-11.10)

A sincere thank you for all the cards, well wishes, visits, honks and waves for my birthday. Yes, I have four mischievous daughters-in-law plus that Avis. I never know what that group will come up with! I thank God for the extended overtime he has given me through intelligent doctors, nurses and others. I am thankful for the nice family we have, good job Avis. Thanks for all the cards from Peace Lutheran members. I have many pleasant memories from them. Plus the three little rascals who entertain us now.

God Bless "You All!"

Robert Fick

(11.5-11.10)

Louise Noll's daughters, Marge, Lynette and Elaine, along with their extended families want to thank everyone for the expressions of sorrow, of kindness and of love shared at our mom's passing. Heartfelt thanks also to the caretakers at Mary Jane Brown Home for their dedicated service.

Family of Louise Noll

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Philippians 4:10-20

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Greetings to all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

This month is set aside to be thankful for all that we have been blessed with. To look back where we have been, and take stock of the blessings God has provided.

Sometimes when we look back, we tend to think that all that we have is what we have worked for, what we have saved, what we

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Nita Parker,
Bethlehem Lutheran
Church, Hills

have accomplished, what we did on our own.

I want to question that. Just what have you done on your own? When did God provide the opportunity? When did God push you to do something that turned out much better than the initial plan you had? When have you been successful because the right person just happened to be there, liked what you were doing and supported your plan?

Verse 13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me," is a reminder that even when you're down, God strengthens you, but it is also a reminder that when you are on the top of your game, feeling well, feeling accomplished, God is there too. We cannot forget to give thanks in all things!

Paul talks about being both in need and being well fed, and each one of us has been in both places. When my children were young, our financial situation was very hard, the economy was tough, and our salaries were even worse, but the joy, the love of those children were all that mattered. We just worked more hours to get the basics, and I thank God that those opportunities were there to do so.

Now life is harder in a different way. Saying "until we meet again" to the ones you love is very difficult, and yet there is joy in the ones that surround you. There is joy in the memories, there is peace in knowing they are no longer in pain. God is good, and "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

St. Catherine Catholic Church

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

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Mass. Public Mass will be celebrated at FULL capacity in the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes – check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.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. 10: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. Worship service with baptism. 10 a.m. Coffee. Sunday School. Drums & Jesus. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 15: 8:9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:15 p.m. 8th Grade confirmation class. 7:30 p.m. 9th 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. 11: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Saturday, Nov. 12: Melissa Churchill and Chris Van Ginkel wedding. Sunday, Nov. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 2-4 p.m. Middle school gathering. Monday, Nov. 14: 7 p.m. Congregation meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 15: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 16: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Groups. 8:15 p.m. Cantana rehearsal. Thursday, Nov. 17: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. 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. 10: 7 p.m. New AA group. Saturday, Nov. 12: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school; FUEL. 9:45 a.m. coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Prayers Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Nov. 14: 6:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Nov. 15: 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6 p.m. Trustee meeting. 6:30 p.m. Council meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 16: 6:15 p.m. FUEL and confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Nov. 17: 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. 13: 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. 10: 9 a.m. Little Lambs. Saturday, Nov. 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday, Nov. 14: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. Tuesday, Nov. 15: 2 p.m. Deborah Circle. Wednesday, Nov. 16: 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. 17: 10:30 a.m. SD DCE Cluster. 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
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

Sunday, Nov. 13: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Nov. 15: 7 p.m. First Council meeting. 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

Thursday, Nov. 10: 7 p.m. Palisade Council meeting. Sunday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

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

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

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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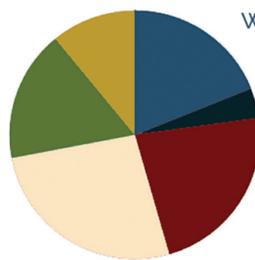
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