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Dr. Chesley: 'We cannot do this alone'

Hospitals reaching capacity as local Covid cases rise

By Lori Sorenson

As Rock County's COVID-19 cases continue to rise, local hospital beds are filling and Sanford is preparing for a surge of patients.

"We do have one wing of the hospital that is pretty full with Covid patients," said Sanford Luverne Hospital CEO Tammy Loosbrock.

"The number fluctuates each day, but we were up to nine at one point."

She said Sanford Luverne is converting more rooms to negative air pressure, and the emergency room has been busy as well.

"We are working with all of our Sanford locations to help each other out, like we've done previously," Loosbrock said, "just probably more to help free up beds in Sioux Falls for the sickest folks."

Doctors and nurses are pleading with the community to mask up and socially distance.

"The hospitals and clinics in the area are doing a great job at testing and treating. However, we have a finite number of nurses, doctors, and staff," Dr. Judy Chesley said.

"The work is hard and very physically and emotionally taxing. We cannot do this alone. We need every person actively fighting this virus. The best treatment is prevention. Wear masks and encourage others to do the same."

She encouraged people to check on their neighbors and be responsible.

"Keep gatherings small and only with immediate family," she said. "Test when needed. Quarantine and self-isolate appropriately. Please use all these tools to do your part to keep yourself and your community safe."

Loosbrock said Sanford's drive-through testing clinic in the ambulance garage continues to see increased traffic, with 80 tested on one day last week and 60 Monday.

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Mavis Fodness photo/1119 School Build Commons Windows

Windows enclose new school commons this week

Jeremy Jeschke with G & D Viking Glass of Sioux Falls preps one of 63 window frames on the south side of the new Luverne Middle-High School entrance Friday afternoon. An additional 42 windows are being installed on the east side to fully enclose the future commons area. According to site superintendent Greg Dalbec with ICS Builds, the front part of the building will be fully enclosed to the elements by the end of the week. Crews are also preparing to set the remaining 56-foot precast concrete panels to enclose the new performing arts center located on the common's north side.

District approves financial help for FamilyU program deficit

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne School Board approved an infusion of \$21,000 to help cover a budget shortfall in the FamilyU child care program.

The board met in special session Thursday night, Nov. 12, after a 45-minute board workshop about FamilyU finances.

Money will come from \$5,000 moved over from Community Education, a \$6,000 grant from the

Southwest Initiative Foundation and \$10,000 from the district's Coronavirus Relief Fund.

The year-round child care program for kindergarten through fifth-grade students was financially stable prior to the coronavirus pandemic, which closed school facilities in March and changed how the FamilyU program could operate.

FamilyU was organized as an after-school and summer child care

service in 2000.

"We always had a healthy fund balance for FamilyU," said Community Education Director Lisa Nath. "We have always been self-sustaining until COVID happened."

As an essential service, FamilyU added staff to reduce the normal one adult for every 15 children to a 1-to-7 ratio among the program's 29 students.

The program also added a "run-

ner" to its operations to assist with extra cleaning to prevent potential spread of the virus.

Increased staff and fewer children in the program tipped FamilyU's financial scale to operate in the red.

Community Education, which operates youth and community programs for the school district, was made aware of the deficit last month.

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No drinks or food after 10 p.m., no seating at the bar

Local establishments react to Minnesota governor's latest Covid restrictions

By Lori Sorenson

Jodi Reverts just paid more than \$1,000 to the state for her optional 2 a.m. liquor license at the Howling Dog Saloon, and now she can't use it, due to new restrictions on bars in Minnesota.

"It's frustrating," Reverts said. "I've been here for 20 years — managed for seven and owned for 13. I never thought I'd see this. This is just another whole new level of frustration."

According to the new executive order that went into effect Friday night, bars and restaurants can no longer serve alcohol and food to in-person customers after 10 p.m. (They can sell take-out food.)

People eating and drinking in person have to sit at tables — not at the bar, something Reverts is particularly disappointed about.

"So many people come in by themselves and sit at the bar for something to eat and drink. It's not about getting drunk; it's the social connections," Reverts said.

"I had one of my regulars tell me, 'I don't think I can go to the bar anymore. I don't want to sit at a table by myself to get something to eat.' And he's not the only one."

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Lori Sorenson photo/1119 restrictions on bars howling dog

Howling Dog Saloon owner Jodi Reverts and bartender Mellinda Smith say the new state restrictions on bar seating is affecting the sociology of human connections in their establishments. "I had one of my regulars tell me, 'I don't think I can go to the bar anymore. I don't want to sit at a table by myself to get something to eat.' And he's not the only one." She said some of her patrons living alone seek companionship at the counter.

Burgers gets write-in votes on Hills council

By Mavis Fodness

When the Hills City Council canvassed votes from the Nov. 3 election Thursday night, Nov. 12, a familiar face joined the group as a council member.

Stacen Burgers garnered 90 out of 119 write-in votes for one of two four-year positions.

Ross Metzger sought re-election and was re-elected with 346 votes. Council member Brian Sandbulte did not seek re-election.

The council voted to accept the election results. Council member Vickie Busswitz was unable to attend the special meeting.

Burgers, who decided in early October to be a write-in candidate for the council position, said he was surprised he garnered so many votes. He said he used social media and a few yard signs to let voters know he would be interested in serving on the council.

"I see it as a real neat honor," he said Monday.

Burgers previously served one year on the council, filling an unexpired term. He also previously

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County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	541	13	+20.2%
Pipestone	566	14.7	+22.2%
Nobles	2,830	26.7	+7.3%
Minnehaha (SD)	17,222	351	+15.2%
Lyon (IA)	811	17.4	+17.3%

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

Date Range	9/27-10/10	10/4-10/17	10/11-10/24	10/18-10/31
Rate	89.24	121.11	96.67	113.67

According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

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

Based on this data, plans for area schools are:

LUVERNE -

Elementary: HYBRID | Middle/High School: ONLINE

HBC -

Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of November 17, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Rock County home initiative garners eight new homes in first year

By Mavis Fodness
A new home under construction in Kanaranzi Township is the eighth in Rock County to be approved for tax abatement under the county's Home Initiative Program since it began over a year ago.
"This program is doing exactly what we wanted it to do — build new homes in Rock County," said Commissioner Jody Reisch.
The home initiative encourages the construction of new single family housing units to replace dilapidated housing structures in Rock County. The program began Sept. 1, 2019, and continues through Aug. 31, 2024.
Eligible participants can apply for a property tax abatement of the county's share of increased real estate taxes as a result of the

new construction.
Commissioners approved the latest home initiative request to Colin Lyndorff and Ashely Nye at their Oct. 20 meeting. The amount of \$785 will be abated for the next five years for a total of \$3,923.
The Lyndorff/Nye request brings the total of the abatements approved in the past year to \$6,240 annually or about \$31,190 over five years.
When the initiative was adopted in 2019, commissioners put a cap on applications to the program not to exceed 10 percent of the county's net tax capacity or \$200,000, whichever is greater.
Applications for the Rock County Home Initiative program can be found at the county's website, www.co.rock.mn.us/general-information/Rock-County-Home-Initiative-Policy.

Burgers on council/from page 1

worked for the city of Hills.
He moved to Hills in the late 1980s with his family and graduated from H-BC in 1992. Burgers and his wife, Donna, who works with the school district, used to own Around the Clock Fitness in Hills.
The couple raised two children, both graduates of H-BC.
Burgers currently works at Vander Haags Inc. in Sioux Falls in the buildings and grounds department.
He has also served on Vander Haags' leadership teams and hopes to integrate

the team building skills promoted at his job into his new city council position
He said he sees his council position as one of cooperation, working with the different public and private entities to keep Hills a viable community.
Public infrastructure and streets are among the continued improvements he wants the council to pursue, among other priorities.
"If it makes sense for the majority of the community members, then I will support it," he said.

Covid cases rising/from page 1

Of the average 35 to 50 tested per day in Luverne, about 30 percent have been positive, and that rate, too, is increasing.
A letter to city of Luverne residents will be mailed with their utility bills. It stresses the importance of taking the virus seriously, and it quotes Dr. Chesley's urgent message about distancing and masking.
Rock County has so far

confirmed 536 Covid cases and nine deaths. Schools are transitioning to online learning, and state health officials are urging a "pause" on winter high school sports.
Gov. Tim Walz said Monday that new guidance would come from the state this week.
Meanwhile his latest executive order on bars and restaurants went into effect Friday (see the related story).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Operation Christmas Child Nov. 16-22

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available for pickup at American Reformed Church at the south entrance starting Monday. Filled boxes may be dropped at the church during the week of Nov. 16-22. Boxes are sent to children who otherwise would not get gifts.
Call Karen at 605-413-9676 or Charla at 507-227-1722 with questions.

Free food Nov. 19 on Lincoln Street

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building.
Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors offered Nov. 19

A.C.E. of SW MN will sponsor a drive-through Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information, pre-registration required for those not already enrolled.

Bell ringers needed for Kettle

Volunteer bell ringers are needed for the 2020 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Nov. 19 through Dec. 24 at Sunshine Foods in Luverne. A mask is required and hand sanitizer will be provided. Sign up for a two-hour slot at <https://signup.com/go/WxQmmiw> or call Carrie Soto, 507-220-8897 with any questions.

Community Education

Call Community Ed at 507-283-4724 to sign up for the following activities.
Snowmobile safety training course is Nov. 21. Plan to do the online portion (\$29.95 online) prior to coming for the Nov. 21 outdoor class. Outdoor portion cost is \$10.
Grades K-2 Basketball meets twice each month November through February on Saturday mornings starting Nov. 14 to have fun learning skills. Fee is \$15.
Babysitting Basics for students grades 5-8 will be Nov. 16 and 19. Fee is \$15.
Manage Your Aches & Pains will be Nov. 18. Attend in person or use Zoom. Register with your email if planning to use Zoom. Fee is \$5.

Food Shelf cold weather procedures

Beginning the first week in November, the Rock County Food shelf will change its curbside process. Wait in line to park in one of the two parking spaces closest to the building. One at a time, enter the building (masks and distancing required) to register and pick up vouchers. Be prepared for volunteers to put pre-boxed groceries in the car. As the parking spaces empty, the next cars can pull in.
The process will require patience. See the Rock County Food Shelf Facebook page for updates. Thanksgiving week schedule will be 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25.



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Howling Dog Saloon bartender Mellinda Smith is pictured in the lower level dining and gaming room of the establishment by one of several single tables set up at a safe distance from others. She said her patrons will miss the ability to sit at the bar for a drink and food, because many are single people, long distance truckers or other construction workers that frequently come in alone and prefer the socialization of sitting at the bar, rather than at a table alone and away from others.

Bars respond to new state restrictions/continued from page 1

Linda DeSplinter of the Green Lantern in Hardwick echoed those sentiments.
"A lot of people who live alone come here for companionship," she said. "They sit at the bar, watch TV and have a couple beers. ... These people are lonely and they come here to sit at the bar for company. ... This is going to kill them."
Reverts shared the story of a 97-year-old man who is disappointed by the new bar regulations.
"He comes in every day for a couple beers, pull tabs and a bite to eat," she said. "I asked him if he's worried about the coronavirus, and he said 'If I ain't dead yet, I'm not worried about the coronavirus.' He wants to get out and live."
They said pull-tab revenue will also suffer with the restricted hours and restricted movement among patrons in the bar.
The executive order requires all patrons to be seated at tables at all times, with exceptions for entering and leaving the establishment and using the restrooms.
The Optimist Club sells pull tabs in the Howling Dog and the Hardwick American Legion has its tabs in the Green Lantern. Both places raise the

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— Linda DeSplinter, Green Lantern

most money for the nonprofits when the bar is busiest — after 10 p.m. on weekends.
"That's a lot of revenue lost for these guys," DeSplinter said.
And, the early closure will take a bite out of business revenue and tip income for bar servers.
"I have up to 15 employees. One is a full-time cook, but the rest are servers who rely on their tips," Reverts said.
From 10 to 2 is when the bigger tippers come in. On a Friday or Saturday night, it's not uncommon at all for one of them to walk out with \$100 or \$200 in tips, especially during the holidays.
According to state officials, the restrictions aren't meant to target bars, but they are focused on an age group — 18- to 35-year-olds — that appear to be prevalent asymptomatic transmitters of the virus and

make up the bulk of Minnesota's cases.
The 10 p.m. bar curfew is in place because contact tracing data indicates that there's a doubling of infections that happen after 9 p.m. — that's when people let down their guard, take off masks and start mingling more closely.
DeSplinter said she doesn't think restricting local bars will help stem the spread of COVID-19 on a local level.
"It's not like Minneapolis here where all the kids are going out and staying out all night," she said. "Now they're finding each other whenever and wherever. ... Do we only get COVID between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.? Is this a thing?"
Reverts said the new restrictions could make things worse for spreading the virus.
"We can do our part with social distancing and provid-

ing masks, but now they're all going to go to house parties or somewhere else," Reverts said. "It's kicking them out of the places where we're trying to keep them safe, to where it's obviously not going to happen."
She and DeSplinter are now crossing their fingers they'll keep their businesses afloat until the pandemic is over.
"What I worry about is people find new norms, whether being at somebody's house, or quitting drinking or going across the border or going somewhere else," Reverts said.
"The longer it goes, the more comfortable they get somewhere else and the harder it is to get them back."
DeSplinter said she had finally recovered from the state shutdown of bars and restaurants earlier this year and was finally enjoying a relatively robust business at the Green Lantern.
Now, she's faced with another setback.
"This is bullsh— . I don't agree with it at all," she said about the state executive orders.
"I don't get it. I don't understand it. It's frustrating. I don't think it's fair to put mandates on bars and restaurants."

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Federal funds available to help income-eligible Minnesotans stay warm

Minnesota Department of Commerce announced this week that the state's Energy Assistance Program is receiving more than \$106 million (\$106,133,440) in federal funding to help income-eligible Minnesotans pay their heating bills this winter.

The funds from the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) reduce home heating costs by making payments directly to utility companies and heating fuel vendors on behalf of eligible Minnesota homeowners and renters.

"Heating your home is a necessity in Minnesota, and no one's health or safety should be at risk because they cannot afford to stay warm," said Department of Commerce Temporary Commissioner Grace Arnold, whose agency administers the Energy Assistance Program in partnership with 29 local service providers throughout the state.

"The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program is available to help Minnesotans pay for home heating costs, repairs and fuel delivery."

Energy assistance is available for homeowners and renters who earn less than 50 percent of the state's median income (\$54,357 for a family of four).

Last year the program served nearly 118,000 Minnesota households, with an average grant of approximately \$500.

Some households also received help to address no-heat crisis situations or repair broken heating systems.

"The Energy Assistance Program can help those who are behind on their energy bills pay for heating, fuel delivery or furnace

repairs," said Temporary Commerce Commissioner Arnold.

"I encourage all Minnesotans — especially households with seniors, small children, people with disabilities, veterans and those struggling to make ends meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic — to see if they qualify for the program."

Energy Assistance Program key facts

- Renters and homeowners are eligible.
- Assets such as the value of your home are not considered in determining eligibility.
- Grants range from \$300 to \$1,600, based on household size, income and fuel cost.
- The average grant is about \$500.

In addition to the initial grant, additional funds are available to help pay a past due bill or get an emergency fuel delivery. Funds are also available to help homeowners get their broken furnace repaired or replaced.

How to apply for energy assistance

Minnesotans should submit an application to the local service provider in their area. To find your local service provider, call 800-657-3710 or visit the Commerce Department's Energy Assistance Program webpage.

Local service providers are situated across Minnesota and cover every corner of the state.

There is still plenty of time for new applicants to apply, and those who qualified last year to reapply. However, funding is limited and administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2021, or until energy assistance funds run out.



Mavis Fodness photo/1119 Nov 10 2020 Snow

Luverne area blanketed in several inches of snow

Significant snowfall blanketed Rock County Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 10, with up to 8 inches in some places over a 24-hour period, according to the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls. By mid-afternoon on Tuesday, roadways were snow-covered and slick from the heavy snowfall, but by Wednesday, Nov. 11, clouds cleared the area leaving Veterans Day with partly sunny skies. A week later the majority of the snowfall melted due to temperatures reaching into the 40s.



Enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs for 2021

**Eva Kramer, director
FSA County Executive**

Agriculture producers can now make elections and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2021 crop year. The signup period opened Tuesday, Oct. 13.

These key U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety-net programs help producers weather fluctua-

tions in either revenue or price for certain crops, and more than \$5 billion in payments are in the process of going out to producers who signed up for the 2019 crop year.

Enrollment for the 2021 crop year closes March 15, 2021.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below

a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rape-seed, long grain rice, medium

and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

2021 elections and enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in crop-by-crop ARC-County or PLC, or ARC-individual for the entire farm, for the 2021 crop year.

Although election changes for 2021 are optional,

enrollment (signed contract) is required for each year of the program.

If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2021, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2021, the election defaults to the current election for crops on the farm from the prior crop year.

For crop years 2022 and 2023, producers will have an opportunity to make new elections during those sign-ups. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

For more information, contact the Rock County FSA office at 500 W. Gabrielson Road, Luverne, or call 507-283-2369 or email eva.kramer@usda.gov



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Look up, look around
There is still plenty of good stuff

There is a story in the Old Testament where the patriarch Abraham gives his selfish nephew, Lot, first choice in selecting farmland. Lot, being a bit of a jerk, takes all the good land and forces his uncle to pack his bags and move on.

Abraham must have been downcast or pouting or something because God spoke to Abraham and said, (and I paraphrase) “Hey! Look up! Look around! You still have plenty of good stuff. You still have me.” (Genesis 13:14-17)

I think most of us can relate to Abraham these days. It seems like all the good stuff is gone and we’ve been left with nothing. No school. No bars open after 10 p.m. No 20-pound Thanksgiving turkey.

No hugs. No visits in the nursing home. Nowhere to go without a mask. No gatherings of 10 or more people from three or more unique households.

Nothing. But then the voice of God travels over the centuries and He says, “Look up. Look around. There is still plenty of good stuff.”

Which makes me recall all the good stuff from last week.

My 3-year old niece informed me, “Isaiah has a little butt. I have a big butt and you have a really big butt!”

We still have the honesty of children.

My 5-year-old granddaughter told me to be extra careful around “poisonous ducks.”

Things could be worse.

Another of our granddaughters turned 3. She chose “a goat cake” for this year’s celebration. The baker’s



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

If we look up and look around, we’ll see that even in these long, lonely, quiet, blue days God is still providing plenty of good stuff.

choice of material for the horns left us guessing, “perhaps ... old bananas?”

We can still laugh until our sides hurt.

Shopping at Bomgaars in the pet food aisle, I discovered a product for chickens called “Flock Block.”

Try saying “flock block” three times, really fast. You sound like a chicken, don’t you?

We can still be ridiculous.

Snow is still pretty. People are still resilient. Coffee still smells good in the morning.

If we look up and look around, we’ll see that even in these long, lonely, quiet, blue days God is still providing plenty of good stuff.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Chamber offers thoughts on gratitude and thanks

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

In the November Chamber Chatter, the Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere offered ways to be grateful this holiday season.

Specifically, she suggested being thankful for this list of blessings:

- Awakening alive. Just waking up is something we should be grateful for every day of our lives. Being alive allows us to love, enjoy, make decisions, act and make our day the best.

- Breathing decent air. We can walk outdoors and can’t see the air we breathe. For many people in the world that isn’t the case. Be grateful to live in the Midwest ... out on the prairie.

- Each new day to learn and earn our daily bread. Be thankful every day for the opportunity you have to learn something new and for having the chance to receive some financial compensation if you have a job. Many people don’t have the opportunity to learn or work. So, be thankful for the opportunity.

- A home in which to live, eat, sleep and relax. We really are fortunate if we are not those who must live in a car, in an abandoned house or building, in a shack or on a bench in a park. Visualize a person who doesn’t have a home when you complain that your house or apartment is very hot or cold, or for a very high utility bill or high rent. At

least we have a choice.

- Eat clean food and have the option to satiate our hunger. Most of us have not seen the need to make queues for two and up to four hours to buy some bread or some eggs. We don’t know what it feels like to wait for a Red Cross truck loaded with rice boxes for the needy. We have never had to wait in the back of a restaurant for leftovers. We need to keep all this in mind when we feed ourselves, and be thankful for the opportunity to be able to do it.

- Friends, family and pets. Most of us have one or more of these things in life. In some parts of the country and the world, some people and children are alone – who don’t have friends or relatives, or even a pet. Be thankful for what you have of these three things every day of your life.

- The clothes we wear. There are many people who don’t have the basics to dress, much less to protect themselves from the environment. Keep in mind if you count on it, be thankful for it and think of others when you check the clothes that

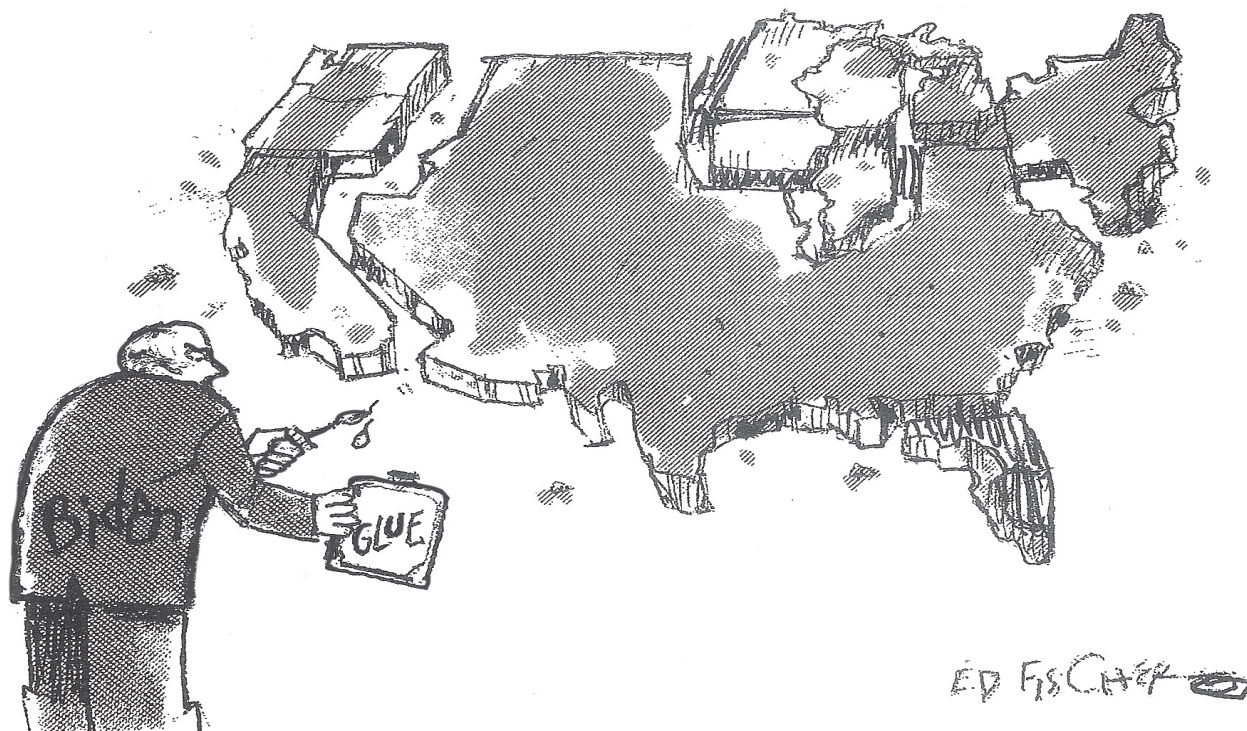
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- The gift of being able to choose. Although sometimes we feel stuck in the way, we always have the possibility to choose what we want to do to change and achieve our goals. This is truly a gift. We always have a choice, to choose our way. And this is generally taken for granted, ignored or not used or developed enough.

- Every pleasant moment in our lives. There are many moments during the day when we have pleasant experiences with ourselves and others that we should be thankful for. Because all those moments together are the ones that make up the peace and happiness of every human being.

- The gift of good health and health care. With health, we can do everything we want, and if we aren’t healthy, we have providers that can help us. We can fulfill our goals and feel good about ourselves.

This year hasn’t been easy for many of us, but focusing on the good in our lives is the best way to find happiness amid the challenges.



Rick’s annual list of ‘What I am thankful for ...’

A week from today (Thursday) is of course Thanksgiving, and that means it’s time for my annual list of things I am thankful for.

Some of the things on this year’s list I never thought I would find myself being thankful for.

They include toilet paper, hand sanitizer, paper towels, Lysol wipes and masks. Who would have thought all of a sudden one day those items would vanish off the store shelves ... and then when they made it back onto the shelf, they had to be rationed to a limit of one each.

I find myself being thankful for things I used to take for granted and hope those things will return soon. For example, going places when I want to, with whom I want to, and stay as long as I want to.

I’ll be thankful for when the day returns that I can watch



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

my grandsons play football, basketball, baseball ... and yes, even hockey ... in person and not on my cell phone.

I’ll be thankful when I can watch our granddaughters at gymnastics and dance. I know some of you guys thought you would never hear those words come out of my mouth, but I do miss those events — in moderation, of course.

I am not much of a hugger, but I’ll be thankful when I can

shake hands again.

I am thankful for ZOOM. It has helped stay connected with out-of-town friends. We even had a couple of group Zoom garage parties.

I am thankful for Rock County, the city of Luverne, and the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce because our local leaders have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help all of us navigate through the pandemic.

I am thankful for my staff for their efforts in publishing a paper and shopper every week throughout the pandemic.

There is really nothing good about the pandemic, but in an odd way, the pandemic has brought our family closer together. I don’t necessarily mean in a physical way, you know, because of social distancing and all, but we have stayed in closer, more frequent contact through social media.

Yet when the pandemic dust storm settles — and it will someday, hopefully sooner rather than later — I am most thankful for my wife, Mary. Day in and day out she has put up with my frequent mood swings, my loud TV, and my just being a pain in the rear end.

That said, I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

What are you doing for Thanksgiving?

To the Editor:

I’ll bet I’m not the only one wondering what their family is doing for Thanksgiving this year.

What a wonderful time of the year. Seeing out-of-town relatives for the first time in a while. Sharing great food, drinks and stories. College kids coming home and catching up with high school friends. Everyone packed around the TV for parades and football games. How I’m looking forward to that. We’ve been through enough in 2020 with the pandemic. Don’t we deserve a break? A few weeks of normalcy?

The answer is yes, we do, but at what cost? Minnesota had 8,700 new confirmed cases of COVID today. That’s 8,700 people trying to figure out who they’ve been in contact with and letting them know. How many families will have to quarantine for 14 days just from this one day.

My grandsons went to an innocent birthday party last week. One of the

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 6
•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported theft.
•Fraud issue was reported on 151st Street.
•Property was lost at location.
•Parking issue was reported on Hatting.
•Property damage was reported at location on E. Main Street.
Nov. 7
•Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported a possible runaway.
•Complainant on Sunshine Avenue and Donaldson Street reported a parking issue.
•Lost cell phone was turned in.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16, Magnolia, reported a suspicious vehicle.
Nov. 8
•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a vehicle was taken by his sister.
•Deputy assisted MSP eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16.5, Luverne.
•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a disorderly subject.
•Suspicious activity was reported at location on County Road 17 and 71st Street, Beaver Creek.
•Fire was reported at location on 71st Street, Luverne.
•Grass fire was reported at location on 40th Avenue, Hills.
•Debris was reported in the roadway at location on County Road 13 and County Road 17, Hills.
•Complainant on 161st Street was reported lost at state park.
•Fire department was monitoring fire scene on 71st Street.
•Report of online slandering on N. Cedar Street.
Nov. 9
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a stolen vehicle.
•Fire department requested drive by to check for flare-up on 71st Street.
•Complainant on W. Main Street found a bike.
•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported an assault.
•Complainant on 100th Avenue, Steen, reported a possible field fire.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported theft.
•Complainant on 180th Avenue, Magnolia, requested information on a missing person.
•Complainant on W.

Fairview Drive requested the fire department.
•Complainant on E. Luverne Street and N. Freeman Avenue reported a suspicious parked vehicle.
Nov. 10
•Complainant reported a scam call.
•A winter storm warning was issued.
•Complainant on Broadway Street, Magnolia, reported a scam.
•Complainant on W. Main Street reported theft and property damage.
•Complainant on N. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported an accident.
•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported trespassing.
•Complainant on W. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported theft.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker, 17, Magnolia, reported a jack-knifed semi.
Nov. 11
•Parking complaint was filed on S. McKenzie Street.
•Complainant on N. Prospect Street, Hardwick, reported threats.
•Missing person was reported at location on S. Ross Street, Hardwick.
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a civil issue/vehicle theft issue.
•Complainant on 71st Street reported a fire.
Nov. 12
•Complainant on E. Oakland Avenue reported a vehicle break-in.
•Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported theft from motor vehicle.
•Missing person was reported on E. Luverne Street.
•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported suspicious activity.
•Subject in Sioux Falls was arrested on a Rock County warrant.
•Complainant on Walnut Service Drive requested a carbon monoxide check.
Nov. 13
•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported multiple people outside his trailer.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 3 vehicles in ditch, 1 transport, 8 escorts, 22 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 2 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 1 alarm, 9 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 9 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 1 welfare check and 1 report of cattle out.



Lori Sorenson photo/1119 subway sign

Subway construction continues

Workers with Tri-City Sign Company install signage at the new Subway restaurant on South Highway 75 in Luverne Tuesday. Franchisee Jeremy Jalas purchased the 85-by-287-square-foot lot in 2017 between the real estate office and Howling Dog. Construction started in earnest this summer on the new building, which will have drive-through service. Luverne Subway is one of nine franchises Jalas operates in Minnesota and Iowa.

Baiting deer in any form is illegal in Minnesota

The firearms deer season is underway across Minnesota. Reports have been coming in with success rates far above last year. With literally almost no standing crop left in the state, there are far fewer places for deer to hide. I guided a 62-year-old gal to her very first deer harvest. She comes from a family of die-hard deer hunters but just wasn't up to the task of sitting in a tree stand in what would normally be freezing temperatures. I shared my heated box blind with her and she scored a solid hit on a 10-point buck 30 minutes after sunrise on opening day. I had the occasion to run into the local conservation officer over the weekend and asked how his day was going. He replied about the normal with nice deer harvested and a few violations as well. Several of those violations were for baiting. Baiting deer in Minnesota is illegal. Baiting is the placement of anything considered food to a deer in order to entice them into gun range of the shooter. Bait can come in many forms. Pumpkins, apples, corn and grains are all considered bait. Baiting is legal in other states. Minnesota does not see it that way. If you are caught hunting over a bait pile, the fine is \$200. A conviction



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

of baiting also comes with forfeiture of your gun or bow. Add to that the restitution costs of any game taken can be over \$1,000. The Conservation officer explained that the number of baiting violations is remaining steady. It would be great if all hunters got the memo that baiting is illegal and not considered good sportsmanship and would just quit doing it. There will always be those few that want to take the easy way out. With a few exceptions most of the deer attractants you can buy in a store would be considered bait. Buck Lickers is a common one purchased by hunters and is considered bait. About 95 percent of the products available in the store would be considered bait and illegal to use. All of the product labels will state that the user needs to consult local laws to confirm whether they can be used in your state or not. Feeding deer is not in most places illegal. There are places in the

state where chronic wasting disease concerns make deer feeding illegal. If you have used a product that is considered bait, you cannot hunt in that area until 10 days have passed after all the bait or its remnants are completely gone. After that time, you could hunt in that spot. Other products that attract deer are not considered bait. For example, a salt block from the livestock section of the farm store is legal to use. Any other product that is a pure mineral is also not considered bait. One called Trophy Rock is a mineral and is not bait. Grain spilled in the normal course of a harvest is not considered bait, but if the spill happens in the same general area over a period of years, the COs will be on to that and write a violation. Many a violator has tried the "it spilled by accident" line with little to no success. Know the rules and follow them.

There are legions of ethical hunters whose reputations have been tainted by the small few people that call themselves hunters when a more accurate term would be poachers. Driving game with motor vehicles, driving around with a loaded gun, not tagging your deer before you move it and trespassing are some other more common violations a CO will encounter during the deer season. Any and all violations of game laws is a form of poaching. The taking of extra game by methods outside the regulations results in less game for the law-abiding hunter. Shooting outside the legal shooting hours is one I hear of more than I should. Deer seasons continue for the next few weeks. Venison in the freezer is a nice bonus. Have a safe and successful deer season and meet the CO under friendly circumstances to get a deer hunting report and not the one that you end up signing the ticket for. Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.

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youngsters tested positive afterward and all the families involved are now quarantined. No hockey, activities with friends, not to mention how sick they might get, or hospital costs. How many of the 8,700 families quarantined will be forced to use up their vacation days or shut down operations? How will businesses be affected by closing for two weeks? Most of us feel if we get it, we get it and life goes on. Everyone's heard from a friend who said they had the COVID and it wasn't that bad. I'm guessing I'd whine a lot (poor Karen), but come through it fine, so why worry. Then I know of others my age who ended up in the ER COVID unit for a week and were scared to death. They wouldn't wish that experience on their worst enemy. If it's only us to worry about, we can go with our gut and make an emotional or possibly a financial decision on what the family should do or not do for Thanksgiving. That

is pretty much where I was at this week until I heard from a few friends. We have a relative who is an RN being required to work mandatory 12- to 14-hour shifts. Many of those hours are in COVID units, where patients are in life-and-death situations. One of the nurses on her staff quit yesterday. She told her that after her fourth trip to the morgue with dead bodies, she couldn't take it anymore. With tears she said, "This isn't what I signed up for." I can't imagine the stress of working 12-hour days and putting up with sick individuals/death, with no end in sight. Friends of ours have a sick child (non-COVID related) requiring top end care at The Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. This morning he shared that because the beds are full of COVID-related cases, their little guy is at risk of not being able to get the quality of care that he needs. They're scared. What do we do? We are just little old Rock County. Thanksgiving happenings

here probably won't affect The Children's Hospital. Back in July when the experts set up the college schedule for the fall, they started in August and ended at Thanksgiving. Why? Because they knew that across the country things would start heating up around this time of the year in big cities and small. I think the planners were right. We are not even at Thanksgiving yet and we're already breaking records for cases in the state. This is going to get much bigger. I'm told the worst is yet to come. When I talk to family, part of me feels like The Grinch Who Stole Thanksgiving. "What do you mean, cancel or curtail lifelong traditions?" Should we roll the dice, stay with our traditions and hope everyone comes through

OK? Is that fair to our essential workers already working 12-hour days or sick little ones who may not be able to get the medical care they need? What about the elderly in our community who worry that a positive test result at their age might result in death? It's up to each of us to decide. This is hard. My hope is that we can keep our guard up and not give up. Something Winston Churchill said in a speech in 1942 applies for us today. "It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." We can only hope. Blessings to you and your family on a safe Thanksgiving holiday. Cary Radisewitz Luverne

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to City Code, Section 33.03, Subd. 3 (A), the City Administrator hereby declares the following City of Luverne property as "excess" property and authorizes its sale via sealed bids:

One (1) 2001 GMC C7500 Fuel Truck

Please submit your sealed bid by December 1, 2020 at 2:00 PM, to the City Clerk's office, 305 E. Luverne St., PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. If you have questions or would like to view the truck, contact Tim Anderson at 507-220-1940.

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Veterans Day gifts of gratitude

Premium Minnesota Pork gave away 200 pork loins, weighing about 10 pounds each, to Rock County veterans in a drive-through distribution Nov. 11 near the Rock County History Center. Company officials made arrangements with local veterans' organizations to offer the gifts as a way to thank veterans for their service.

The gesture of generosity is not new for the pork processing company, which began operating in Luverne earlier this year. Last year the organization, owned by Lynch Livestock, gave away 850 pork loins to veterans in communities where it does business.

At right: Participating in the Luverne pork loin giveaway on Veterans Day 2020 are (front, from left) Luverne Mayor and veteran Pat Baustian, Erin Golly of Lynch Livestock, veteran Don Bryan, Jason Golly and Dustin Guy of Lynch Livestock, Rock County Veterans Services officer and veteran Dave Haugom, (back) Rock County Administrator and veteran Kyle Oldre, PMP President/CEO Dan Paquin, PMP plant manager Scott Johnson, and veteran Jerry Hoff.



Mavis Fodness photos/1119 PMP Pork Veterans

Right: Kyle Oldre (left) hands a 10-pound pork loin to smiling veteran Wes Pierson Wednesday in honor of Veterans Day outside of Rock County History Center on Main Street Luverne.

Below and at right: Two hundred pork loins were given away Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to area veterans from the Premium Minnesota Pork plant that opened west of Luverne earlier this spring.



Jerry Hoff (above, right) hands fellow veteran Leroy Breuer a pork loin, while (below, left) Veteran Alan Meagher (left) receives a pork loin from Don Bryan.



1892: Randall-Holbert Lumber company ignites business in Magnolia

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village (continued from 11-12-20 edition of the Star Herald.)

Within two weeks after the plat was recorded, Gov. Yale had sold ten lots in the new town, more were sold a little later, and the promoters predicted a lively boom during the season of 1892. And they were not altogether disappointed in their hope. One of the first men to become interested in the promotion of the town and to lay plans for its future was Capt. E. H. Holbert, of Luverne. He became the owner of the townsite and at once started Magnolia's career of improvement. The Randall-Holbert Lumber company had a branch yard, managed by Ezra Hartwell, in full operation by the opening of spring, and a blacksmith shop was opened about the same time by Teller & Johnson. Capt. E. H. Holbert, in company with W. H. Randall and W. A. Douglas, under



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

the firm name of W. A. Douglas & Co., erected a store building, in which a well stocked general merchandise store was in full operation by May 1, making the second general store in the town. During the summer of 1892 a hotel and livery barn were built by John Carlson. A church was erected by public subscription and dwelling houses sprung up in all parts of the village. The total improvements for the year approximated \$13,000. Itemized they were as follows: W. A. Douglas & Co., store building, \$1500; Church, \$1300; John Carlson, hotel, \$1200; W. A. Douglas, residence, \$1000; C. E. Rolph, residence, \$800; Joseph Miller, residence, \$800; Ezra

Pockett, residence, \$800; Fred Pinchers, residence, \$700; Ed. Teller, residence, \$500; Chris. Johnson, residence, \$500; W. H. Randall & Co., lumber shed and office, \$500; I. E. Crosby, residence, \$500; Ezra Hartwell, barn, \$400; A. Bonnett, addition to store, \$400; Mrs. E. Knowlton, residence, \$350; Teller & Johnson, blacksmith shop, \$300; F. G. Domrese, addition to residence, \$300; I. M. Cady, residence, \$300; C. L. Premo, barn, \$100; Total \$12,700. Progress continued during the next several years. Frederick Baker established a meat market in Magnolia in 1893 and was the first business man to locate on Broadway, the street upon which

the business interests of the town have since centered. In March of that year Magnolia boasted of a local newspaper, the Citizen, which in July was succeeded by the Advance, a publication which has since maintained a continuous existence. Several other new business enterprises were born, and among the building improvements of the year were a \$2000 school house and the Farmers elevator. Magnolia became an incorporated municipality in the fall of 1894. A census taken in July showed that there was a population within the limits of the proposed municipality that would allow its incorporation. At a meeting of the county commissioners on July 20, a petition asking for the incorporation of the village of Magnolia was received with favor by that body. It made provision for holding a special election on September 4 at the office of the Magnolia Mercantile company to ballot on the question of creating a municipality, and named M. J.

Phinney, A. J. Calkins and John Carlson inspectors to conduct the election. ²⁶In reviewing the events of the year 1892 in Magnolia the Rock County Herald referred to the active part played in the development of the town by Capt. Holbert. It said: "The record of building operations in Magnolia this season makes an excellent showing. Although Magnolia has been a railroad station for a good many years, very little building has been done in the place until the present year. Very fortunately for Magnolia, the town plat came into the possession of Capt. E. H. Holbert about a year ago, and this enterprising, energetic and public spirited gentleman, who always succeeds in whatever he undertakes, set out last spring to build the place and make a town of it. Since the 22nd of last April Capt. Holbert has sold forty-two lots in Magnolia." *The story of the village of Magnolia will continue in the Nov. 25 edition of the Star Herald. Mann welcomes correspondence to mannmade@iwnet.*

MENU

- Monday, Nov. 23:** Sloppy Joe, potato salad, baked beans, bun, pineapple chunks.
- Tuesday, Nov. 24:** Honey glazed turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli cuts, bread dressing, pumpkin pie.
- Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.
- Wednesday, Nov. 25:** BBQ chicken breast, butternut squash, Brussels sprouts, dinner roll, ice cream.
- Thursday, Nov. 26:** Happy Thanksgiving!
- Friday, Nov. 27:** Closed.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

OBITUARY

Darlene Blank

Darlene M. Blank, 87, formerly of Beaver Creek, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society facility in Canistota, South Dakota, after living in Sioux Falls at Good Samaritan Society's Prairie Creek Memory Care for the last four years.



Darlene Swanson was born to Alfred and Eleanor Swanson in Appleton. She was a graduate of Appleton High School. Following graduation, she worked at the bank in Appleton.

Darlene married Al Blank in 1954 in Appleton. In 1956 they moved to Beaver Creek, where Darlene worked first at the Beaver Creek Co-op Elevator, had a 17-year career at the Beaver Creek State Bank, and then became the city clerk of Beaver Creek, a position she held for 10 years until her retirement in 1998.

Darlene was a member of Beaver Creek First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed being

a homemaker and spending time in her kitchen, singing while cooking and baking. She also enjoyed the latest mystery book and working in her garden.

Darlene is survived by her daughter, Catherine (Stephen) Thurman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; three sons, David (Bonnie) Blank of Lake City, Florida, Michael (Jane) Blank of Beaver Creek, and John Blank of Luverne; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; her sister, Elaine Gerber of Odessa; and sister-in-law JoAnn (Rodney) Kreykes of Rockwell City, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Al; her parents; her sisters Gloria and Gwendolyn; her brother Donald; and an infant son, Jeffrey.

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

(1119 F)

Rev. Dr. Phil Booe will be installed Sunday as the new pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.



Installation ceremony Sunday for new St. John Lutheran pastor

By Lori Sorenson

The Rev. Dr. Phil Booe is the new pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, filling a vacancy left by the Rev. Gary Klatt, who recently retired.

He and his wife, Becky, and their two children, Katie, 9, and Alex, 13, moved into the St. John parsonage in Luverne earlier this month.

His installation is planned for 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at St. John, which has been worshipping in-person with masks and social distancing.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the saints of St. John and working in the community to spread the gospel," he said Friday.

He most recently served the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church in Hebron, Connecticut, but

the Booes are originally from western North Carolina.

That means they're a long way from home, but Pastor Booe said they're no strangers to Minnesota.

"My very first parish out of seminary was with a Lutheran church near Perham, so we're familiar with the area and the climate," he said.

Booe graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 2010 with a Master of Divinity degree and from Bethel University, St. Paul, in 2016 with a doctorate in ministry in congregational care and counseling.

His research emphasis was in catechesis, which Booe said will be put to use in confirmation classes, Sunday school and other areas at St. John in Luverne.

"It's about helping parents teach their children the faith and passing it down to future generations," he said.

When the call came to minister in Luverne, Booe said it felt right to accept.

"We decided to take the call to Luverne because it was the right time in our lives and we liked this area and we just felt like God was calling us here," he said.

"We're resilient and we like a new adventure," Booe said.

"Making new connections with parishioners and the community will be a challenge during COVID, but the church has overcome so many things historically. This is just one more thing."

DEATH NOTICE

Lois Tecken

Lois Tecken, 94, Steen, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at Ava's Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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

(1119 DN)

CELEBRATIONS

Wes Pierson will celebrate his 80th birthday on Monday, Nov. 16. Greetings may be sent to 1562 201st Street, Hardwick, MN 56134.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Luverne High School track and field coach Craig Nelson drew an impressive honor.

The veteran LHS mentor received notice that he was named the 2010 Minnesota State Class A Girls' Track and Field Coach of the Year.

The honor comes from the Minnesota Track and Field Coaches Association, which bestows the award to four coaches (Class A girls, Class A boys, Class AA girls and Class AA boys) within the Minnesota borders on a yearly basis.

Nelson was named the state's Class A boys' coach of the year in 2005 and 2006, but this is the first time he's been tabbed as the Class A Girls' Coach of the Year.

25 years ago (1995)

•Rural Connections, Jackson, has signed a contract with Berkley Information Services, Luverne, to bring Internet access to the company and, thus, to Rock County residents.

With Internet access, BIS plans to publish its home pages (or Web pages) on the Internet in addition to taking advantage of other Internet perks, such as E-mail, reference information and transfer of files.

BIS hopes to begin using Internet services by the end of the year.

50 years ago (1970)

•Three veteran fair board officials retired this week, with the election of a new president, vice president, and secretary at the annual meeting of the Rock County Agricultural Society Tuesday night.

Leonard Hagen, president, Winn McCune, vice president and Carl Husen, secretary, stepped down as officers, but will continue as members of the board of directors.

Ray O'Toole, Magnolia farmer, was elected president to succeed Hagen. Garland Anderson, Luverne vocational agriculture instructor, was elected vice president, and Robert L. Martin, assistant executive secretary of Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Co. was elected secretary. H. L. Smith, treasurer, was re-elected.

75 years ago (1945)

•The new Westinghouse refrigerator has been placed on display here by McClure's Plumbing and Electric.

L. A. McClure announced that the new refrigerator is more beautiful than ever, and has many new mechanical refinements and improvements to provide greater refrigeration economy and satisfaction.

"Of course the new Westinghouse has that big super freezer," Mr. McClure said, "and as in prewar days, it has that extra large ice cube capacity, with the 'easy out' ice trays. There's a big additional space for frozen storage, plus a drawer type glass meat storage compartment. It is equipped with flexible shelf arrangements, has a drawer type glass topped crisper, and a new all purpose storage bin. But you just have to see the Westinghouse to really appreciate its outstanding advantages."

Mr. McClure announced that he expected other new Westinghouse home appliances soon.

100 years ago (1920)

•Luverne is now on the accepted route of a considerable number of whiskey runners, who daily pass through in high power cars, heavily laden with Canadian booze.

At least four such cars stopped here Sunday, and the initiated declare that there is a steady stream of these motorists passing through both night and day going to and from Canada.

The majority of the whiskey runners that pass this way have their headquarters at Sioux City, Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo. But points of greater distance are occasionally represented in the travel, for the profits are so large where one gets through with a cargo, that a few hundred miles more or less of travel is a small thing in the lives of those engaged in the illicit trade.

In this connection it is worth of note that the whiskey runner whose car and cargo, consisting of 274 quarts of booze, was captured by the Nobles county sheriff near Worthington a few weeks ago, is said to have passed through Luverne this week with a new car and cargo.

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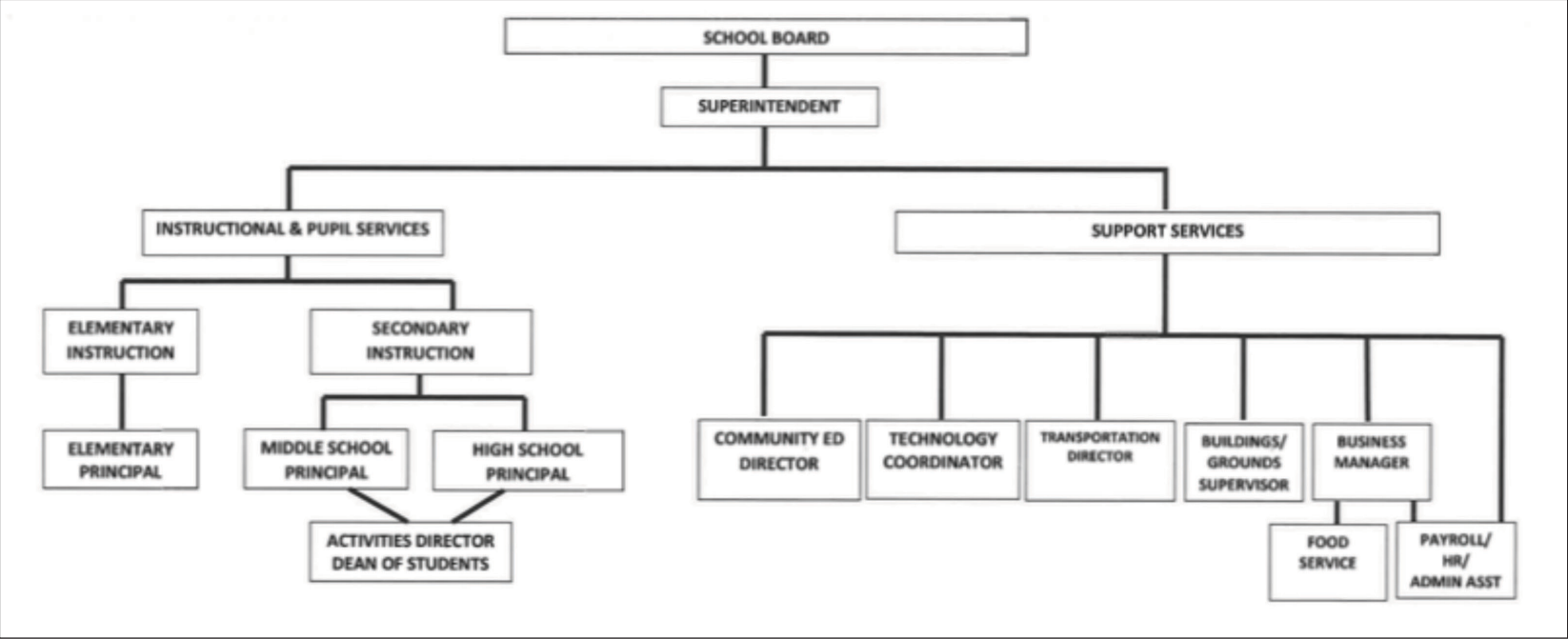
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Luverne Public Schools organizational chart



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Luverne Public School Board members unanimously adopted a district organizational chart Thursday night, Nov. 12, in a special meeting. The chart outlines the chain of command and distribution of duties among the district’s principals and support services personnel.

Family U finances/continued from page 1

by financial host Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council in Worthington.

In early February FamilyU had a positive fund balance of \$17,540.

Since then, essential care costs of \$5,179 plus \$16,906 in added costs and lower child care enrollment left the program with a deficit of \$4,545 as of Nov. 2.

Nath proposed an increase in fees to cover costs.

“It is hard because we never had to raise the fee that much before,” she said. “With FamilyU, the only income is from the kids that come.”

Under Nath’s proposal, hours for the three to four staff positions would be reduced weekly by 13 hours for a savings of \$660, and snacks would be donated, saving an additional \$50 per week.

Costs to families would increase from \$22 per week to \$30. Enrollment is based on 30 children per week.

The proposal would gain \$240 a week and by April 1, 2021, the program would have a positive fund balance of \$4,320.

Tuition scholarships would continue to be offered through the Child Guide Program for eligible families under the new

proposal.

In the special board meeting Nov. 12, members also:

- adopted a district employee organizational chart, which maps out the chain of command and distribution of duties among the district’s principals and support services personnel.

One new position on the chart — buildings and ground superintendent — remains unfilled since the job posting opened earlier this year.

“We’ve had very little interest in that position at this point,” said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

No action was taken as to the next steps for the filling or changing the requirements for the new position.

- canvassed the Nov. 3 election results, which added two new board members.

Shelley Sandbulte and Colleen Deutsch did not seek re-election. Tim Jarchow was re-elected to the board for another four years with 2,789 votes.

Elected to their first four-year terms that begin Jan. 1 were David Wrigg (2,019 votes) and Jeff Stratton (2,404). There were 103 write-ins for the three positions.

Submissions sought for Post 9-11 Project focusing on Rock County stories

The Minnesota Military Museum is seeking stories for a statewide initiative to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The goal of the project is to look at the impact of the horrific events of that day through a Minnesota lens, and researchers are inviting stories from Rock County.

For example: How did your county respond to the attacks immediately afterward? Have local residents served in the resulting Global War on Terror? What are their stories? Have there been events to remember 9-11 over the years since?

Due to the war’s length, entire units of the state’s citizen-soldiers enlisted in the Reserves, Air and National Guard units have been deployed overseas, placing tremendous strain on families.

The Luverne-Pipestone National Guard unit was among those deployed, and Cameron is interested in capturing those remembrances.

Pictures relevant to the stories should also be submitted.

Stories can be written or videotaped memories and submitted to <https://www.mnmilitarymuseum.org/exhibits/test-gallery/share-your-story/> through June 2021.

Stories can be shared directly at www.mnmilitarymuseum.org. Click on “exhibits, test-gallery and share-your-story.”

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Focus on Ag: Grain markets rise following department of agriculture reports

By Kent Thiesse

The monthly USDA World Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report was released on Nov. 10, which will likely impact corn and soybean markets in the coming months.

The WASDE report projected significantly lower 2020-21 U.S. corn and soybean carryover estimates at the end of the current marketing year on Aug. 31, 2021, as compared to estimates earlier this year. Total usage levels for both corn and soybeans in 2020-21 are expected to increase above demand levels for the 2019-20 marketing year, while 2020 production levels were decreased from a month earlier.

The combination of lower production, increased usage and tighter carryover levels has resulted in the sharply higher grain market prices in recent weeks. December corn futures closed at \$4.23 per bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) following the Nov. 10 WASDE report, which compares to \$3.14 per bushel just three months

earlier following the WASDE report on Aug. 12. Similarly, CBOT November soybean futures closed at \$11.38 per bushel on Nov. 10, compared to \$8.83 per bushel following the August 12 WASDE report.

The estimated 2020 national average corn yield is now estimated at 175.8 bushels per acre, which was lowered from 178.4 in October. The 2020 harvested corn acreage in the U.S. was maintained at 82.5 million acres, resulting in a total estimated 2020 corn production of just over 14.5 billion bushels. This was a decline of 215 million bushels from the October estimate and compares to total U.S. corn production of just over 13.6 billion bushels in 2019. Total corn usage for the 2020-21 year is now estimated at just over 14.8 billion bushels, which would be a 6.7 percent increase in total corn demand levels compared to the 2019-20 marketing year.

Corn export levels are expected to increase by 49 percent or 872 million bushels in the coming year, primarily due to added corn sales to

China. Corn used for ethanol production was also projected to increase slightly.

USDA is now estimating 2020-21 U.S. corn ending stocks at 1.7 billion bushels, which compares to carryout levels of 1.99 billion bushels for 2019-20, 2.11 billion bushels in 2018-19, and 2.14 billion bushels in 2017-18.

The 2020-21 U.S. soybean ending stocks in the recent WASDE report were estimated at 190 million bushels, which was well below the average estimates of grain marketing analysts. The projected soybean ending stocks are down significantly from the ending stocks of 523 million bushels in 2019-20 and 913 million bushels in 2018-19. The expected soybean ending stocks for the coming year would be at the lowest since the 2015-16 level of 197 million bushels.

Total U.S. soybean production for 2020 is estimated at 4.17 billion bushels on Nov. 1, which was reduced by 98 million bushels from the October USDA estimate. Total soybean demand for 2020-21

is projected to increase by 14.2 percent from a year earlier, with soybean usage now estimated at just over 4.5 billion bushels for the coming year.

The increase in U.S. soybean demand is primarily due to a significant increase of 31 percent or 524 million bushels in the expected soybean export levels in 2020-21. This is largely due to the likelihood of enhanced soybean sales to China. The expected large decrease in soybean ending stocks may offer some opportunities for increases in farm-level soybean prices in the coming months, especially if there are any weather-related production issues in South America.

Based on the November WASDE report, USDA is currently estimating the U.S. average on-farm cash corn price for the 2020-21 marketing year at \$4.00 per bushel, which was an increase of \$.40 per bushel from the October estimate. This type of increase in the projected corn price for the coming year by USDA during harvest season is very unusual. The 2020-21 USDA price estimates are the expected average farm-level prices for the 2020 crop from Sept. 1, 2020, to Aug. 31, 2021; however, they do not represent estimated prices for either the 2020 or 2021 calendar year. The projected USDA average corn price of \$4.00 per bushel would be the highest since 2013-14 when the final national average corn price was \$4.46 per bushel. The 2020-21 estimated corn price compares to recent national average corn prices of \$3.56 per bushel for 2019-20, \$3.61 per bushel for 2018-19, and \$3.36 per bushel for both 2017-18 and 2016-17.

USDA increased the projected U.S. average farm-level

soybean price for the 2020-21 marketing year to \$10.40 per bushel, which was raised by \$.60 per bushel from the October estimate. Similar to corn, this type of price increase by USDA is very unusual during the fall months. The last time that the national average soybean price exceeded \$10.00 per bushel was in 2014-15 at \$10.10 per bushel. The 2020-21 soybean price estimate of \$10.40 per bushel compares to \$8.57 per bushel for 2019-20, \$8.48 per bushel for 2018-19, \$9.35 per bushel for 2017-18 and \$9.47 per bushel in 2016-17.

USDA lowers national yield projections

Based on the USDA Crop Production Report released on Nov. 10, USDA lowered the projected U.S. average corn yield for 2020 well beyond the expectations of grain marketing analysts. USDA decreased the expected 2020 average corn yield by 2.6 bushels per acre compared to the October estimate and is now estimating the national average corn yield at 175.8 bushels per acre. This compares to previous U.S. corn yields of 167.5 bushels per acre in 2019, 176.4 bushels per acre in 2018, the record yield of 176.6 bushels per acre in 2017, and 174.6 bushels per acre in 2016. The projected 2020 U.S. harvested corn acreage is 82.5 million acres, which is up from 81.3 million acres that were harvested last year.

In the November USDA report, the projected 2020 corn yields were lowered or kept the same compared to the October yield estimates in every state except Oklahoma. The 2020 Minnesota estimate was kept the same as the October estimate and is projected at the record level of 202 bushels per acre, which would be the highest among the major corn

producing states. The previous Minnesota record corn yield was 194 bushels per acre in 2017. Other estimates for 2020 state average corn yields are Iowa at 184 bushels per acre, Illinois at 195 bushels per acre, Indiana at 189 bushels per acre, Nebraska at 185 bushels per acre, South Dakota at 165 bushels per acre, North Dakota at 145 bushels per acre and Wisconsin at 184 bushels per acre.

USDA is estimating the 2020 U.S. soybean yield at 50.7 bushels per acre, which was a decline of 1.2 bushels from the October estimate of 51.9 bushels per acre. The projected 2020 national average soybean yield compares to 47.4 bushels per acre in 2019, 50.6 bushels per acre in 2018, the record U.S. soybean yield of 52.0 bushels per acre in 2016 and 49.3 bushels per acre in 2017. The 2020 harvested soybean acreage is projected at 82.3 million acres, which is an increase of nearly 10 percent from the 74.9 million acres harvested in 2019.

USDA is estimating the 2020 Minnesota soybean yield at 51 bushels per acre, which is up considerably from 44 bushels per acre in 2019. The 2020 Minnesota soybean yield still trails the record yield of 52 bushels per acre in 2016 and is below many other major soybean-producing states. Other projected state soybean yields for 2020 are Iowa at 54 bushels per acre, Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska at 58 bushels per acre, South Dakota at 47 bushels per acre, North Dakota at 33 bushels per acre and Wisconsin at 53 bushels per acre.

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H-BC Patriots finish regular season with perfect 6-0 record

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots entered Thursday night's matchup against Mountain Lake Area on a five-game losing streak to the Wolverines.

Of those five losses, three of them came in the section tournament.

The first loss came in the opening round of the section tournament in 2017.

The next two came in 2018, during the regular season and the 2018 section championship.

The fourth loss came during the 2019 regular season. The fifth and most painful loss was in the 2019 section championship.

The top-ranked Patriots were able to get the proverbial monkey off their back in Hills on Nov. 12 with a 54-14 victory over MLA.

With the win, the Patriots put the finishing touches on a perfect 6-0 regular season.

Tyson Bork opened the scoring with a 30-yard rushing touchdown. Gavin Wysong converted the two-point conversion to give the Patriots an 8-0 lead.

Wysong scored his first touchdown of the game on a 61-yard rushing touchdown. Bork converted the two-point conversion to put H-BC up 16-0.

The Patriots struck again on an eight-yard rushing touchdown from Wysong. Bork once again converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 24-0.

The Patriots put the game out of reach for MLA



The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots huddle during a timeout right before the end of the first half during their game against Mountain Lake Area on Thursday, Nov. 12. The Patriots defeated MLA 54-14 to wrap up a perfect 6-0 regular season.

on a 47-yard touchdown pass from Wysong to Ty Bundesen. Bork converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 32-0. "Our offensive line played solid upfront and we were able to get our run game going early," H-BC head coach, Rex Metzger said. "Early in the second quarter they started stacking the box and we were able to hit a couple of seam routes."

The Wolverines opened the scoring in the second half on a 54-yard touchdown pass to trim H-BC's lead to 32-6. Bork scored his second touchdown of the game on a 50-yard rushing touchdown. The Patriots were unable to convert the two-point conversion but still led 38-6. The Wolverines scored through the air on a seven-yard passing touchdown

to cut H-BC's lead to 38-14, following the two-point conversion. Wysong scored on his third rushing touchdown of the game with a 51-yard scamper. Wysong connected with Bundesen to convert the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 46-14. Bork crossed the goal line for his third rushing touchdown of the game from three yards out to put the

Patriots up 52-14. The senior tailback converted the two-point conversion to close out the scoring to give the Patriots a 54-14 victory. Wysong threw for 73 yards and one touchdown. The senior quarterback also rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns. Wysong also recorded six tackles. Bork rushed for 190 yards and three touchdowns. Bork also recorded seven

tackles. Calvin Erickson finished the game with seven tackles. Cole Baker recorded five tackles and one sack. Zander Wysong recorded four tackles and two sacks. Tory Knobloch recorded three tackles and one sack. "I thought our defense played well again," Metzger said. "They went away from their run game after we were able to get up on them. We did have a couple of break downs in our secondary that we need to clean up this week." With the win, the Patriots improved to 6-0 and earned the No. 1 seed in the nine-man Section 3A tournament. They have a first-round bye and will host the winner of the Lyle/Pacelli and Edgerton matchup at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. If the Patriots win on Saturday they will play in the section championship on Friday, Nov. 27 at SMSU. "We ended the regular season as Co-District champions with Renville County West," Metzger said. "I'm happy for our guys."

Passing: G. Wysong one TD
Rushing: T. Bork 15-190-3; G. Wysong 15-161-3
Receiving: Bundesen 1-47-1
Tackles: Erickson 7; Bork 7; G. Wysong 6; Baker 5; Z. Wysong 4; Bosch 4; Leenderts 4
Sacks: Z. Wysong 2; Knobloch 1; Baker 1



Luverne's Ethan Beyer attempts to break free from a tackle after intercepting a pass during Luverne's game against the Worthington Trojans on Thursday, Nov. 12. The Cardinals defeated the Trojans 27-13.

LHS tops Trojans to wrap up regular season on four-game winning streak

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals extended their winning streak to four games on Thursday, Nov. 12, with a 27-13 victory over Worthington. With the win, the Cardinals end the regular season with a 5-1 record.

Luverne's defense made the first impact play of the game when Ethan Beyer intercepted a Worthington pass. Beyer's interception set the Cardinals up at Worthington's 41-yard line.

It took only six plays for the Cardinals to convert the turnover into points.

LaShad Smith scored on a six-yard rushing touchdown to put Luverne up 6-0. The Cardinals were unable to score on the two-point conversion to extend their lead.

On the first play of the second quarter, Smith scored his second touchdown of the game. This time the senior tailback scored on a two-yard rushing touchdown.

Shaïd Shearer converted the extra point to put the Cardinals up 13-0. After Luverne's defense forced a Worthington punt, Smith struck again. This time Smith scored on a 63-yard rushing touchdown with 9:50 remaining in the first half. Shearer converted the extra point to put the Cardinals up 20-0. With the Trojans facing a fourth and six from Luverne's 21-yard line, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty recorded a tackle for a loss to put a stop to the Trojans' drive. The Trojans got on the scoreboard with 6:31 left in the third quarter to cut Luverne's lead to 20-6. With the Trojans threatening to cut Luverne's lead to one possession, it was Luverne's defense once again coming up with a big play. Bailey Cowell came up with an interception inside their own 20-yard line. It took the Cardinals five plays to convert the

turnover to points. After intercepting the pass to set up the scoring drive, it was Cowell scoring on a two-yard rushing touchdown. Shearer made the extra point to put the Cardinals up 27-6. Smith finished the game with 213 yards rushing and three rushing touchdowns. Smith added three receptions for 68 yards. Zach Kruse led the team with 4.5 tackles. Zach Ahrendt recorded four tackles and one sack. Next up for the Cardinals is the Section 3AAA tournament. The Cardinals earned the No. 1 seed with their 5-1 record and received a first-round bye. They'll play at home on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 1 p.m. The Cardinals will play the winner of the Fairmont and Tri-City United matchup. If the Cardinals win their opening round matchup on Saturday,

Luverne extends winning streak to three matches with victories over Windom and Jackson County Central

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team picked up a pair of victories this past week by defeating the Windom Area Eagles 3-0 and Jackson County Central 3-2.

The Cardinals defeated the Eagles 3-0 at home on Friday, Nov. 13.

With Luverne holding a 6-4 lead in the first set, the home team went on a 5-0 scoring run to open up an 11-4 lead.

The Eagles managed to trim Luverne's lead to 14-11 before the Cardinals went on another run. Luverne scored the next five points to build a 19-11 lead and took the first set 25-21.

Gracie Zewiskie led the Cardinals with four kills in the opening set. Elise Ferrell chipped in with three kills.

Trista Baustian recorded two aces in the opening set. Christina Wagner recorded one block.

In the second set the Eagles held an 8-4 lead and looked well on their way to tying the match. The home team had other plans though.



Luverne's Reghan Bork sets the ball during the Cardinals' match against Worthington on Friday, Nov. 13. The Cardinals defeated the Trojans 3-0. The Cardinals wrapped up the week with a 3-2 victory over JCC on Monday, Nov. 16.

The Cardinals went on a 7-0 run to take an 11-8 lead that they wouldn't relinquish as they went on to win the second set 25-19 to take a 2-0 match lead. Zewiskie and Ferrell both recorded four kills in the set. Reghan Bork recorded two aces. In the third set with the two teams tied at 15-15, the

Cardinals outscored the Eagles 10-2 to pick up a 25-17 victory and to complete the sweep. Ferrell led the Cardinals with four kills and finished the match with a team-leading 12 kills. Bork recorded one ace and finished with 13 assists. Baustian recorded 20 assists.

Patriots' volleyball fall to Falcons 3-0

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots ran into a well-oiled machine, the Red Rock Central volleyball team, on Friday, Nov. 13.

The Falcons defeated H-BC 3-0 to hand the Patriots their fifth-straight loss after the Patriots started the season 3-2.

With the loss, the Patriots are now 3-7 overall. The first set was the most competitive of the match for H-BC. The Falcons defeated H-BC 25-16 to take a 1-0 lead. Unfortunately for the

Patriots, that's where the milk went sour. It was all RRC in the second set, as the Falcons defeated H-BC 25-9. The third set was more of the same with the Falcons defeating the Patriots 25-10 to complete the sweep. Abby Knobloch led H-BC with six kills and four digs. Annie Bos recorded six assists and was perfect from the service line. Taryn Rauk was perfect from the service line and recorded one ace.

The Patriots will play their final regular season home game on Tuesday, Nov. 17, against Edgerton and it will also be parent's night. The Patriots defeated Edgerton earlier this season 3-0.

HBC 16 9 10
RRC 25 25 25
Assists: Bos 6
Kills: Knobloch 6
Aces: Rauk 1



Brennen Rupp photo/1119 LaShad Smith photo
Luverne’s LaShad Smith crosses the goal line during Luverne’s 27-13 victory over Worthington on Thursday, Nov. 12. The senior running back finished the game with 213 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns.

LHS’s Smith going out on a terror

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne Cardinals ended the regular season on a four-game winning streak and finished with a 5-1 overall record.
There have been a number of factors that have led the Cardinals to end the season on a hot streak.
They have received exceptional play from a stingy defense that’s given up just 13.6 points per game.

They have an offensive line that’s giving the quarterback time to pass and paving the way for the ground game.

LaShad Smith, a senior running back and cornerback, is ending his prep football career on a terror. During that four-game winning streak, Smith scored nine rushing touchdowns, one receiving touchdown and two interceptions.

The senior running back attributes his recent success to being more mentally prepared and becoming a student of the game.

“I’ve been a little more focused,” Smith said. “I’ve watched more film. I’ve been watching which routes certain players have been running.”

The Cardinals have received strong play from their big boys up front, and without the work of that group, Smith would have nowhere to run.

With that unit paving

“It’s not just me. If my line isn’t getting the push, I can’t do anything. They’ve been on a hot streak.”

— LaShad Smith on the play of the offensive line

the way, Smith is running wild.

“It’s not just me,” Smith said. “If my line isn’t getting the push, I can’t do anything. They’ve been on a hot streak. Every single game they get a game push. When they get a good push, we can’t be stopped.”

During Luverne’s overtime victory over Redwood Valley earlier this season, Smith picked off two passes and scored the game-winning touchdown. With interceptions harder to come by, Smith said he would rather pick off a quarterback than score a touchdown.

“Pick off a quarterback,” Smith said. “I say that because it’s not supposed to happen.”

Smith has been playing football since the fifth grade. He’s been starting on the varsity squad since he was a sophomore. He said one of the things he loves the

most about the game of football is the relationships he’s built.

“I love hanging out with my teammates,” Smith said. “On Thursday nights before the game, we have a team meal. We just chill. We talk about whatever and just have a good time.”

Smith is a three-sport athlete for the Cardinals, playing football, basketball and baseball. On Thursday, Nov. 12, Smith played his final regular-season home game as a Luverne Cardinal.

Smith will get at least one more home game when the Cardinals open up the section tournament at home on Saturday, No. 21, as the top seed.

He said the team’s goal is to close out the season as section champions. It’s a goal that’s well within their grasp, as they are two wins away from reaching that goal they set for themselves at the beginning of the season.

“We’re not going to lose,” Smith said. “That’s our goal and mentality. I know we can do it. We need to clean up some little mental things and fix those mistakes. We have the ability to be a great team. We have players in every single spot.”

The Cardinals are one game away from hosting the section championship. It’s a safe bet that Smith will be running hard to secure one last game as Cardinal.

Regan Feit signs letter of intent with Winona State to compete in track

By Brennen Rupp
For a lot of prep athletes they have two goals in mind: to reach the state tournament in their respective sports and to be able to play that sport at the collegiate level.

Luverne’s Regan Feit has accomplished that first goal plenty of times during her time as a Luverne Cardinal.

Since becoming a member of the cross country team in seventh grade, Feit has competed at the state tournament each year, with the exception of this season due to Covid-19. If there had been a state tournament, Feit would have closed out her prep cross country career at state for a sixth straight year.

Feit has also accomplished that feat during the spring as a member of the track and field team for the Cardinals. Since becoming a member of the Luverne varsity squad in seventh grade Feit has reached the state tournament every year.

Due to Covid-19 the track and field state tournament this spring is also in jeopardy.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Feit accomplished that second goal when she signed her letter of intent to become a member of Winona State University’s track and field team.

“It feels good to able to continue to compete in a sport that I love,” Feit said. “I chose Winona because I really liked the coach. He has been there for a long time and I’m looking forward to learning from him.”

For the Feits, running is a family affair. Regan said that she got into cross country and track from an early age because of her mother.

“My mom (Amy Feit) competed in running events and I remember always going and watching her,” Regan said. “It’s just something that I fell in love with.”

People who are runners know that the running community is a very supportive group, always encouraging one another.



Photo courtesy of Kyle Feit/1119 Regan Feit photo
Luverne’s Regan Feit signed her letter of intent to attend Winona State University and compete in track on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Pictured left to right in the front: Amy Feit (mother), Regan Feit, Kyle Feit (father). Pictured left to right in the back: Corey Nelson (LHS assistant track coach), Jodi Nelson (LHS assistant track coach) and Pete Janiszkeski (LSH track coach).

“I’ll miss my teammates the most. Luckily I get one more season with them this spring.”

— Regan Feit on what she’ll miss the most about being a Cardinal.

That positive environment that surrounds track and field is something Feit said she loves about the sport.

“When you’re running, you’re technically running by yourself,” Feit said. “But you have your teammates cheering you on.”

Feit also said she enjoys the different competitive events that track and field offers to athletes.

“I like being able to compete in multiple events at one meet,” Feit said. “During most meets I would run the 4-by-800, 300 meter hurdles, the 4-by-400 and the pole vault. I’d compete in those events all in the same day.”

With track and field, Feit can display her

quickness in one event and then her endurance in another event.

“It’s nice being able to show my abilities in multiple areas,” Feit said. “Not having to run the same distances every meet is nice.”

Feit is a three-sport athlete for the Cardinals, with hockey filling her time in the winter season. A sport where she’s also competed at the state tournament.

This spring will be her final season competing for the Luverne track and field team, and Feit said she’s excited for one more go-around the track with her teammates.

“I’ll miss my teammates the most,” Feit said. “Luckily I get one more season with them this spring.”

Luverne volleyball/continued from page 9

Luverne 3, JCC 2
The Cardinals picked up their second win of the week by defeating JCC, 3-2.

During the early stages of the opening set, it appeared the two teams were going to go down to the wire.

With the Cardinals holding a 7-4 lead, JCC went on a 4-0 run to take an 8-7 lead. That would be the last lead JCC would hold in the opening set.

The Cardinals outscored JCC 18-4 to close out the opening set with an impressive 25-12 victory.

Ferrell finished the first set with three kills and three aces.

In the second set the Cardinals raced out to a 12-2 lead.

JCC was slowly able to chip away at the lead. At one point JCC got it within three points at 14-11.

The Cardinals were able to withstand JCC’s comeback attempt and win the second set 25-17.

The tables turned in the third set. It was JCC that

dominated the set, winning 25-17 to force a fourth set.

Ferrell and Zewiskie both recorded three kills in the set for Luverne. Macy Stratton recorded an ace.

The fourth set was all JCC. The Huskies defeated Luverne 25-13 to force a fifth set and final set.

With the two teams tied at 3-3, Luverne went on a 5-0 run to open up an 8-3 lead.

From there the Cardinals never looked back, winning the fifth set 15-7 to win the match 3-2.

Ferrell finished the final set with two kills and a pair of aces. Zewiskie recorded a pair of kills in the final set.

Ferrell had a night to remember for the Cardinals. She finished the game with a team-leading 15 kills. Ferrell also led the team with six aces and was a perfect 15-15 from the service line. She also led the team in digs with 17.

Kamryn VanBatavia recorded 10 kills. Gracie Zewiske led the team with

six solo blocks.

Trsita Baustian recorded 21 assists. Baustian also recorded three solo blocks.

Macy Stratton recorded 14 digs and one ace.

With the victory the Cardinals have now won three straight and own a 4-5 overall record, after starting the season with a 1-5 record.

The Cardinals will look to extend their winning streak to four games on Tuesday, Nov. 17, in Worthington against the Trojans.

They’ll then be back in action on Thursday, Nov. 19, against the same Jackson County Central team in Jackson.

**Luverne 25 25 25
Windom 21 19 17**

**Kills: Ferrell 12; Zewiskie 10
Bocks: Wagner 3; Zewiskie 6
Assists: Baustian 20; Bork 13
Digs: Stratton 12
Aces: Bork 3; Baustian 2**

**Luverne 25 25 17 13 15
JCC 12 17 25 25 7**

**Kills: Ferrell 15; VanBatavia 10
Blocks: Zewiske 6**

Luverne football/continued from page 9

they would host the section championship game at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. They would get home field advantage due to being the top seed in the section.

With no state tournament in place due to Covid-19, the section

tournaments are being played as the defacto state tournament for football teams this fall.

**Luverne 6 14 0 7 27
Worthington 0 0 6 7 13**

Passing: Cowell 6-8, 133 yards

**Rushing: Smith 22-213-3
Receiving: Smith 3-68; G. Ahrendt 1-38
Tackles: Kruse 4.5; Z. Ahrent 4; Beyer 4; Cowell 3.5; C. Wenniger 3.5
Sacks: Z. Ahrendt 1; Sandbulte .5; Kruse .5
Interceptions: Beyer 1; Cowell 1**

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

ROCK COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS*

*This will affect the amount of property tax you pay in 2021, and it may affect your eligibility for a property tax refund.

HOMESTEAD

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact the Land Records Office to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2020.

Who is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner’s spouse.

For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner’s uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 15, 2020.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the Rock County Land Records Director.

Contact the Land Records Office by December 15, 2020 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

CHANGES IN YOUR HOMESTEAD STATUS

If you should sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the Land Records Office within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have agricultural land that you own and farm yourself or have a son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister or other legal farm entity, you may be eligible for a special agricultural homestead.

If you think you are eligible, please stop in the Rock County Land Records Office, or if you have any questions, please call 507-283-5022.

Tom Houselog
Rock County Land Records Director

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Nov. 12: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Oct. 14: 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service with Communion in Sanctuary. Sunday, Nov. 15: 9 a.m. Worship service Communion and Kindergarten Milestone. Limited seating is available. 10-10:45 a.m. Sunday school for 3-year-olds-5th Grade. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Monday, Nov. 16: Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, Nov. 17: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors meeting. 4 p.m. Mom's Bible Study. 7-7:45 p.m. Confirmation classes for 6th-9th grade. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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

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

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

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Friday, Nov. 13: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Nov. 15: 9:30 a.m. Service with Guest Pastor Jason Wiersma; Operation Christmas Child offering and shoebox collection. Monday, Nov. 16: 1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. Tuesday, Nov. 17: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 18: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; youth groups.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Nov. 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, Nov. 14: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Nov. 15: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday, Nov. 16: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 17: LLP in Mankato. 3-6 p.m. Bison Meal pickup. 6:30 p.m. Trustee meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church council meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 18: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Nov. 19: 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

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

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 10:15 a.m.* Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

Worship services Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Limit is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Sunday School during worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Sunday, Nov. 15: 10 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. 8th-9th grade Confirmation.

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

Dog-gone thankful

In October we took a "Sheracation," the first-ever trip where our dog, Shera, was able to come with us.

I've heard some people express that they love seeing places and experiences through their children's eyes — but have you ever thought about seeing things through a pet's?

Traveling with Shera was a great reminder to be thankful for simple things, which I continue to reflect on as we are in the month best known for the holiday of Thanksgiving.

Right off the bat, our dog *loves* riding in the car. She doesn't spend much time looking out the window; she's just thrilled to be along for the ride.

How often are we happy just to be along for the ride? To spend time with people joining us in our journey? I know that after some engine issues on our travels, I'm also especially thankful to have a working, running vehicle to get us where we need to go!

A highlight of our trip, for us and for Shera, was hiking in Michigan's Upper Peninsula around Marquette. We were hosted by a friend and her dog who showed us the best paths to take for those with four legs and with two.

The joy of watching wagging tails on the trails as they leapt over logs, climbed up rock piles, and smelled every squirrel was a reminder to be thankful for the sights, sounds and even smells of God's creation. It was a reminder to soak in the beauty of colorful fall trees and rest in His presence. Even two wiggly pups slowed down when we reached the top of a mountain to sit and rest with smiles on their faces.

After a big hike, we all went out for some frosty treats — even the dogs. At our house Shera rarely gets "human food." Imagine her surprise when we got her a Pup

BUILT ON A ROCK

By DCE Jessica Blocker, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

Cone! We could tell she was excited ... but didn't know what to do at first. She ended up licking all of the ice cream out of the cone, not realizing that it was an edible container.

How often do we relish in simple joys? And yet how much more often do we not realize that God has given us so much more than we have asked for and an inexplicable amount more than we deserve?

For the second half of our vacation we were back on the road headed to northern Minnesota. We found a pet-friendly hotel in Duluth to break the drive up and visit my youngest sister at college. This was another new experience for Shera. Yet I have never seen her fall asleep so fast from happy exhaustion as when her head hit the comforter of that bed! She knew she was safe with us, even though she was in a new place.

So, too, are we safe in our Heavenly Father's presence and can rest with peace, no matter how many people are loudly walking past our room late at night.

Through a "Sheracation" I was reminded to be thankful for time with loved ones, no matter how short. I was reminded to be thankful for the beauties of this world and not to focus on the ugliness of sin. I was reminded to be thankful for all that God has given me and to rest in His peace.

I pray that you are reminded of all your blessings, too.

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City of Hills/Martin Township seeks Fire Department bids by Dec. 8

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- 14 SCBA
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 - 28 Compressed Air Cylinder (Air Bottle)
- Contact the Hills City Office at 507-962-3290 to request detailed specifications, which may be emailed or faxed per your request.

Submit bids to the Hills City Office, 301 S. Main Ave., P.O. Box 172, Hills, MN 56138. Bids may also be hand carried to the bid opening. **Sealed bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope "Bid for Hills Fire Department."** Bids will be opened at the Hills City Office on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Bids received after the scheduled time of opening will be automatically rejected, and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The City of Hills/Martin Township reserve the right to alter or change specifications and to reject any and all bids, or to accept any bid, whichever in the judgment of the Hills City Council/Martin Township Board represents the best interests of the Hills Fire Department and the community.

Connie Wiertzema,
Hills City Clerk-Treasurer
(11-19, 11-25)

City of Hills seeks sealed bids for dirt by Dec. 8

The City of Hills is accepting sealed bids for the sale of dirt, in which the buyer will be responsible for the hauling of such dirt. Sealed bids will be accepted until Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hills City Office, 301 S. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 172, Hills, MN 56138. **Sealed bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope "Bid for Dirt"**. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular Hills City Council meeting on December 8, 2020, after 6:00 p.m. The Hills City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any inquires may contact the Hills City Office at 507-962-3290.

Connie Wiertzema
City Clerk-Treasurer
(11-19, 11-25)

H-BC School Board meets Oct. 26

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
October 26, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees - based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed additions: 5.3, 5.4, 6.1

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald).

PATRIOT PRIDE:
-Homecoming Week October 19-23
-Dr. Frank Brogan, Assistant Secretary, United States Department of Education Virtual Visit, Tuesday, October 20

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Minutes 10/12/2020. Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Bills and Imprest. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Donations:

\$10,588.31 for FFA Corn Drive
Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve moving November 12, 2020 Board meeting to 6 p.m.

PERSONNEL:
Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve hiring Rachel Wipfas Secondary Special Needs Paraprofessional to begin on or shortly after Thursday, October 29, 2020.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:
•Secondary Principal Report
•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
•Committee Meetings: Building/Grounds set meeting date 11/4 at 7:30 ICIS

Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting: Canvas Election Results
DATES TO REMEMBER:
•Tuesday, November 3 Election (No School Activities 6 pm-8 pm)
•Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 12
•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, November 23

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(11-19)

Olson probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 67-PR-20-257

Estate of Doris Elaine Olson

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated December 14, 2010, and codicil(s) to the Will and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of and David L. Olson, whose address is 17293 Greentree Path, Lakeville, MN 55044, of Daryl L. Olson, whose address is 11153 Volare, El Paso, TX 79936 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the assets of the Estate in Minnesota including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings to be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: 11/12/2020

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

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(11-19, 11-25)

City of Luverne sign ordinance

According to the City of Luverne Sign Ordinance (section 153.152), and Minnesota Statute 211B.045, all political signs must be removed by November 13, 2020, which is ten days after the general election.

(11-19)

Star Herald
CLASSIFIEDS

GARAGE SALE

After moving walk-thru rummage sale. Sofa with recliner on both ends, oak bedroom set, much fabric, embroidery machine with accessories, floor scrubber - new (used once), decor. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 19, Fri., Nov. 20, Sat., Nov. 21. 210 Veterans Drive #12, Luverne, MN 56156. (11.19)

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Thanks much for the lovely cards and phone calls for my 90th birthday. I could celebrate each day as they arrived. Special thanks to my wonderful children who planned it.

Veronica Doherty
(11.14-11.19)

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Deadline for the Nov. 26 issue of the *Star Herald* for advertising, legal, classifieds or letters to the editor will be **Friday, Nov. 20 by 10 a.m.**
Deadline for the November 28 issue of the *Luverne Announcer* for advertising will be **Monday, Nov. 23 by 10 a.m.**
Questions? Call 283-2333
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Tips for Celebrating Safely This Thanksgiving

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CELEBRATE AT HOME

 Prepare traditional dishes with those in your household

 Host a virtual dinner and share recipes with family and friends

 Put up your favorite decorations and share photos online

 Watch parades, sporting events, and movies at home

 Shop online instead of in stores

LESS SAFE

IF YOU GATHER, DO SO WISELY

 Keep it small and stay local

 Stay outside if possible and ensure proper ventilation if indoors

 Wear masks and social distance

 Wash or sanitize your hands regularly, especially before eating

 Avoid contact with non-attendees for 14 days before and after your gathering

UNSAFE

AVOID...

 Large gatherings, especially indoors

 Potlucks, buffets, or other shared food

 Places with crowds, such as stores, parades, running events, and sports

 Contact with anyone who is sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19

These tips were developed from guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For more information, visit the Minnesota Department of Health at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/holidays.html#up>

If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick or has COVID-19 symptoms, you should stay at home and away from others.



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



Things are rapidly changing and unfortunately local positive case are on the rise resulting in changes in the day-to-day operation of our school and the business community. Please, for the benefit of all Rock County residents, follow guidelines set forth in the COVID-19 protocol.



Rising in-school cases send Luverne students learning online

Luverne Middle and High School students returned to distance learning Monday as positive coronavirus case numbers within the school district doubled in a week's timeframe. Elementary students met in-person through Wednesday in preparation for hybrid learning to begin on Monday, Nov. 16. The change in learning models, effective through Nov. 27, is meant to slow the spread of COVID-19. When the district opened for the 2020-21 school year on Sept. 8, students in Luverne either attended classes every day (elementary) or on an every-other-day (middle-high school) basis. Last week, however, Superintendent Craig Oftedahl announced in a Nov 5 letter to families that the learning models would change. "This past month we have steadily watched these numbers increase, but have maintained that our numbers in the school have been low, thus keeping the same learning model," he wrote. "However, this past week, we have seen our numbers in school increase, and consequently we felt we reached a level where a learning model change is needed." Luverne School Board members met in emergency session Friday morning, Nov. 6, to formally adopt the learning model change. Oftedahl further explained the case numbers and discussions among the district's incident command team, a group of medical and school personnel as well as parents, which led to the learning model change. "We are seeing a sharp increase and it's causing some concern not only for the nurse's office but also for all our staff and administration," he said. "[We're] trying to figure out how we're going to have substitutes in the building, and where we are going to find them." Between Sept. 8 and Oct. 28, the district had 11 positive cases among staff or students. All have since recovered. However, from Oct. 29 through Nov. 5 there were 11 more cases, five students and six staff, diagnosed as positive. As a result of the new positive cases, 74 students and staff were out of school and potentially under quarantine. That could last 14 days depending on individual test results. "And that (positive) number will likely go up,"

- Excerpt from the Star Herald





Minnesota Governor Tim Walz on Tuesday announced new restrictions in an attempt to help battle the spread of the coronavirus in the state. The restrictions, which target situations where young people congregate, place limits on gatherings including restaurants, funerals and wedding receptions. "I have to be absolutely candid in Minnesota — we are in the midst of a significant surge in coronavirus cases," Walz said. Starting Friday, there will be a 10-person limit on indoor and outdoor private social gatherings that include a maximum of three households, Walz said. Receptions for events like funerals and weddings will be limited to 50 people as of November 27 and 25 people as of December 11 and will be prohibited from occurring between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Bars and restaurants will now be limited to 50% capacity both indoors and outdoors, with a maximum of 150 people. Dine-in service will end at 10 p.m., although delivery after that time can continue. Walz explained his decision by noting that young adults aged 20-34 have a "disproportionate" share of the state's cases, and that social interactions have led to the majority of the state's new infections. Walz said 71% of the state's spreading cases are happening in social settings, and noted that contract tracers found that the state's infection rate doubles after 9 p.m. But Walz emphasized that "this is not pointing fingers" at young people, adding that they have been "incredibly proactive" in stemming the virus' spread.



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