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New Minnesota order 'pauses' in-person gatherings, dining and drinking, all sports and fitness centers

Retail shops, salons and places of worship, may continue to operate

By Lori Sorenson

Just as bars and restaurants were adjusting to last week's executive orders, the state delivered another blow Nov. 18 with the announcement that drinking and dining establishments would close entirely for several weeks.

"I don't think it's fair that we have to shut down," said Green Lantern owner Linda DeSplinter in Hardwick.

She said without establishments to meet at, people seeking social interaction will crowd into houses and smaller venues, rather than in her large facility where air exchange is safer.

"We'll do take-out and offsale, but those paper supplies are expensive and you don't make as much money as you would at the bar."

DeSplinter said she'll close for two weeks before reopening with a take-out menu and schedule for off-sale liquor pickup.

Many businesses are shifting gears to continue operating in the coming weeks.

Codie Deutsch at 75 Diner in Luverne is advertising take-out pies and meals, Lila Bauer at Pizza Ranch in Luverne is ramping her delivery advertising, Wildflowers will be open for take-out and curbside orders and other businesses are following similar routes.

Jodi Reverts at the Howling Dog said she'll continue working with her food vendors to fill local take-out orders but she said she's concerned about her patrons and where they'll go for social connections.

"There are so many psychological and social effects of these," Reverts said.

"I have a 97-year-old patron that comes in here every day for a beer and food and company. Now he's going to be at home alone for four weeks. ... I just don't know."



Lori Sorenson photo/1125 sterling's

Brian Sterling of Sterling's Café and Grille on Main Street in Luverne said he's disappointed about the latest round of state orders to shut down dining establishments for four weeks. However, he said with community support he and other local businesses should be able to weather the storm and stay afloat until restrictions ease.

'We're all in this together'

Community support will be key in keeping bars, restaurants and other affected small businesses afloat.

"After going through this in the spring, and seeing how the community supported us, that anxiety and stress isn't as bad," said Brian Sterling of Sterling's Cafe and Grille in Luverne.

"It's good to know we're in a community that will support us."

He said he's grateful for the city of Luverne offering discounted liquor license costs and utility fees, and he said the Chamber efforts have gone a long way.

His Thanksgiving meal promotion nearly sold out and he said he's been impressed by group orders

through the school and businesses.

"It's super important that everyone supports everyone," Sterling said. "As long as the community sticks together, we'll get through this."

The Luverne Chamber is urging support of bars and restaurants through a Take-Out Challenge to win

State orders pause/see page 2A

Schools continue on current models

Luverne uses hybrid, distance learning; H-BC continues in-person learning

By Mavis Fodness

With the Minnesota governor's recent "dial back" of some businesses, local students will continue learning on their current paths as conditions allow.

Hills-Beaver Creel has been using an in-person, socially-distanced approach to classroom learning that staff members say is safe and effective.

Luverne Public Schools will continue educating in the same learning models implemented earlier this month.

The models are effective through Friday, Dec. 4.

The number of students and staff affected by the coronavirus has grown in the past two weeks from 81 affected, quarantined or waiting test results to 105.

"The incident command team will continue to meet weekly to evaluate our situation," said Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

Middle and high school students moved from an every-other-day, in-person hybrid model to distance learning at home on Nov. 9.

Elementary students had met every day in person until Nov. 16, when an every-other-day, in-person model was implemented.

Pre-kindergarten students continue to meet in person.



Mavis Fodness photo/1125 Kenneth Christmas Memory

Kenneth Mayor Keith Hoven lifts an angel decoration into place Friday around the gazebo at the Kenneth city park. Pictured below, the first two ornaments are in remembrance of Keith and Doris Hoven's parents.

Kenneth remembers local residents with memory tree

By Mavis Fodness

This year has been emotionally hard on the Kenneth community with several residents passing away and with the social distancing imposed by the coronavirus pandemic.

To ease the hurt for area residents, Kenneth Mayor Keith Hoven erected a Christmas tree inside the gazebo at the city park.

He said it's a way to remember lost loved ones. "My inspiration for that tree and gazebo is Clare Vande Velde," he said.

Vande Velde was a longtime resident, spent a short time serving on the city council, and was unofficial town historian.

She'd often journal detailed town celebrations and fundraisers, noting the dollars raised and where the money was spent.

"She was just a plain asset to Kenneth," Hoven said.

Vande Velde died in May 2019.

The gazebo, centrally located in the town's city park, was one of

Kenneth memory tree/see 5A



Facing a Nov. 30 deadline, Rock County disburses more CARES Act dollars

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners allocated more CARES Act dollars last week in response to a fast-approaching spending deadline.

Commissioners allocated almost \$220,000 to five community service organizations and will make a final distribution of the more than \$1 million into Rock County through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

At their Nov. 17 meeting, commissioners unanimously supported allocating CARES dollars to:

- Rock County Ambulance, \$7,437.
- Family U, \$22,000.
- Luverne Community Education,

\$35,000.

- Rock County Food Shelf, \$35,000.
- Rock County Opportunities, \$45,000.

Commissioners also supported allocating CARES dollars to the Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne school districts before the Nov. 30 spending deadline.

Exact amounts to the schools are dependent to unspent dollars arriving back to the county from townships and municipalities.

Commissioners tentatively planned to allocate \$20,000 each to the school districts.

County CARES Act/see page 2A

Luverne Fire Department gets grant for breathing equipment

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Fire Department will soon receive new essential breathing equipment, thanks to a \$189,381 federal grant for the purchase of new equipment and a \$11,930.75 city match.

The Luverne City Council recently took action to award a contract with Allegiant in Sioux Falls for the new MSA (Mine Safety Appliances) respiratory equipment.

Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia and Assistant Chief Jordan Siebenahler attended the Nov. 10 council meeting to report on the grant

that will pay for the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

"This is what the guys wear on their backs for house fires," he said while Siebenahler displayed current, older equipment that protects firefighters from toxic gas and air particles in structure fires.

"The bottles expire every 15 years, so now our inventory will be up to date," Van Batavia said.

He also said the new equipment doesn't rely on double A batteries, which currently cost the department

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County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	643	16.6	+20.4%
Pipestone	670	15.9	+20.9%
Nobles	2,960	22.7	+5.4%
Minnehaha (SD)	18,938	246	+8.9%
Lyon (IA)	948	21.6	+19.2%

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

Date Range	10/4-10/17	10/11-10/24	10/18-10/31	10/25-11/7
Rate	121.11	96.67	113.67	126.42

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 23, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Lori Sorenson photo/1125 shop moving

Moving day takes over county road

Bakker Movers out of Doon, Iowa, move this machine shop west on Dodge Street (County Road 5) west of Luverne Monday morning. The building, 50 feet wide and 80 feet long, belongs to Brian Fick, who bought it from the Lynn Lopau property to move three quarters of a mile to his acreage. Because there wasn’t enough road width to move it past Maplewood Cemetery, it had to go west via Dodge Street and then south. The roadway was blocked for about 20 minutes until it made the turn.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Reading tutor wanted for H-BC

AmeriCorps is seeking one reading tutor for the Hills-Beaver Creek School District. Application is open until Dec. 18 at readingandmath.net or by calling 866-859-2825.

After training through the AmeriCorps program, the tutor will work in the school district helping students develop fundamental reading skills. For more information, visit www.minnesotareadingcorps.org.

‘Read with McKenzie’ Wednesdays

A work study student is available to help individual students with reading skills in 10-minute sessions on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. The literacy program is called “Read with McKenzie.”

Contact the Rock County Library, 507-449-5040, to schedule a time. Masks are required.

Hills Appreciation Day, community supper canceled

The Hills Build Communities Stronger committee has canceled plans for the annual Hills Appreciation Day and Community Supper on Nov. 30. Due to recent coronavirus pandemic restrictions, community members thought it best to cancel this year’s activities. The HBCS committee still plans to assemble the community Christmas tree and decorate with the donated ornaments. The public is still invited to donate and hang ornaments on the tree in memory of loved ones.

Bellringers needed for Kettle campaign

Volunteer bell ringers are needed for the 2020 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign 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.

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.

Local businesses host Angel Trees

The annual SYS Angel Tree in the front lobby will not be accessible to the public this year, due to pandemic restrictions. Instead, Angel Trees will be located in Lewis, Bomgaars, Sunshine and the Magnolia Cafe. The trees bear cards with requests from SYS students, and churches, families, individuals, organizations and businesses collect the cards at fulfill wishes.

Follow the SYS Facebook page and people can call SYS at 507-283-4425 for gift ideas.

Gifts can be dropped off at the west door of the facility by pressing the doorbell for staff to accept the items.

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gift cards (see page 4A). The more gift cards purchased the more chances to win.

Putting the brakes on COVID

The governor’s order followed several days in a row of record COVID-19 cases and pleas from health professionals to slow the spread as ICU beds filled and staff members were spread thin.

“Our health care workers continue to work hard to provide care but we can’t afford to overwhelm them,” said Jan Malcolm, Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner.

“Every Minnesotan needs to understand that they have a key role to play here.”

The executive order that went into effect Friday at 11:59 p.m. lasts until Friday, Dec. 18. It says:

- in-person social gatherings with individuals outside a household are prohibited;
- bars and restaurants are dialed back to take-out and delivery service only;
- gyms, fitness studios, entertainment venues, event spaces, and similar establishments will need to close;
- adult and youth sports are paused.
- Retail businesses, salons, and places of worship may continue to operate with proper precautions in place.

Child care remains open.

Schools will continue to operate under the Safe Learning Plan, which shifts between in-person, distance, and hybrid learning depending on the local conditions of the virus. All other current restrictions also remain in effect.

According to the MDH, the pandemic has reached a “concerning and dangerous” phase throughout much of the Midwest in November.

It took 29 weeks to reach 100,000 infections in Minnesota, and just six weeks after that to reach 200,000.

By the end of this week, less than three weeks after reaching 200,000 infections, Minnesota will reach 300,000 infections.

Spring shutdowns slowed the spread to prepare for surge, happening now

At the beginning of the pandemic this spring, states across the nation shut down to slow the spread of the virus. This allowed for hospitals to build up capacity for a potential surge of COVID-19 patients.

That extra capacity is now being put to use as people are getting sick, including health care workers, which is impacting hospitals’ ability to respond to the pandemic, despite adequate beds and resources.

Dial back to save lives

Restrictions begin Friday, November 20 at 11:59 p.m.

OPEN

- Take-out and delivery (Food, beverage and liquor)
- Grocery and Retail
- Places of worship, religious services, weddings, and funerals
- Beauty salons and personal care service
- Outdoor recreation (Limit to one household)
- Schools and child care providers (Follow Safe Learning Plan)
- Stay home when you’re able. Only gather with your immediate household.

PAUSED

- Indoor/outdoor dining
- Gyms, fitness studios, yoga, martial arts, and dance studios
- Wedding receptions, celebrations, and private parties
- Indoor entertainment venues
- Organized sports for youth and adult
- Public pools and rec centers
- Any social gatherings outside of your household

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“This has put our hospitals on the verge of dangerous capacity shortages with some hospitals already reporting turning away new patients,” Malcolm said.

“Every day brings us closer to having safe and effective vaccines, but we must take action now to slow down the rate at which COVID-19 is spreading in all corners of our state.”

She said that means staying home and avoiding close contact with those outside a household. It means wearing a mask in public and staying home when you’re not feeling well. She said people also need to get tested when appropriate and isolate until results are in.

State to release \$10 million in small business relief grants

To support small businesses affected last week, Governor Tim Walz announced an additional \$10 million in Small Business Relief Grants.

This funding will support an additional 1,000 businesses that have applied for the grant program.

It supplements hundreds of millions of dollars in small business support that Minnesota has allocated since the beginning of the pandemic.

With options at the state level severely limited moving forward, the governor is pushing the federal government for additional support.

“Minnesota business leaders have been doing everything they can to keep businesses and workplaces safe as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic; yet, we’re in a precarious position that’s now more urgent than ever before,” said Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Steve Grove.

“That’s why we must collectively take action to slow the spread of the virus – the health and well-being of Minnesotans, and our state’s jobs and economy, depend on it.”

Minnesotans with questions about unemployment insurance are encouraged to visit uimn.org.

Rock County disperses CARES Act funds/from 1A

“It (dollars returning) could be zero dollars up to substantial dollars,” said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Rock County was allocated \$1.144 million of the federal funds in June.

That amount grew to \$1.188 million recently when three townships and the city of Steen indicated they would turn unspent funds back to the county for distribution.

The county’s remaining nine townships and seven municipalities each received separate CARES Act dollars with a spending deadline of Nov. 15.

Unspent dollars would transfer to the county to provide direct economic assistance for residents and businesses.

What Rock County doesn’t allocate would be sent back to the state for allocation.

Since June, the county immediately distributed \$740,000 to businesses and non-profit organizations through grant applications up to \$5,000.

An additional \$227,000 was spent on personal protection, computer infrastructure, additional cleaning supplies, health and human services, and protective barriers.

The most recent allocations included returned dollars.

“Some of the cities and townships chose (A) not to take their allocation or (B) sent us money back,” Oldre said.

The city of Steen returned \$1,484 of its \$13,712 allocation, as did Kanaranzi Township (\$2,000 out of \$6,000) and Beaver Creek Township (\$6,241 out of \$9,275).

The townships of Luverne (\$11,550) and Martin (\$9,175) gave their full amount back to the county.

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Apply by Nov. 30 to receive from SHARE

Drive-through distribution Dec. 9

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County SHARE volunteers are preparing for the 2020 gift distribution for local families in need and are seeking applications from families and individuals who are interested in receiving from the program. SHARE (Sharing Hearts Are Reaching Everyone) is in its 36th year of collecting donations and distributing gifts of food, clothing and toys to Rock County residents during the holiday season.

"The Rock County SHARE program has made a big impact on our community for many years," said board member Amy Chapa.

She's been volunteering for two years and now serves on the board with Monica Facile, Jennifer Pick and Casey Elbers, along with board president Molly Golla.

Chapa said the pandemic has created challenges for volunteers in getting resources into the hands of those who need them.

"We want to keep everyone in our community safe, but also recognize that there may be a greater need in our community than usual this year as well," Chapa said.

"So we are hosting a drive-through pickup to keep it as safe as possible for recipients and volunteers."

SHARE volunteers will distribute groceries, clothing and toys to Rock County residents in need from noon

to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Luverne National Guard Armory (309 S. Freeman Avenue).

Applications can be picked up from Southwestern Health and Human Services, Family Services, Sunshine, Centennial Apartments and the Rock County Community Library.

The applications gather information about household members, their clothing sizes and particular needs.

Applications need to be turned in by Wednesday, Nov. 30.

SHARE was incorporated in 1988 and is a non-profit organization. All funds and gifts to SHARE are received through voluntary donations which are tax-deductible.

In 2019 SHARE provided 162 families, consisting of 219 children and 288 adults, a total of 507 individuals, with food, clothing and toys.

"SHARE has been a successful program due to the continued generosity of individuals, organizations, churches and businesses in Rock County," Golla said.

The Luverne National Guard Armory has donated use of their facility for collection and distribution.

SHARE is not accepting donations of used items. To support the program, mail donations to SHARE, P.O. Box 792, Luverne, MN 56156. For more information contact Molly at 507-227-9282.



(Screenshot from the Nov. 10 Zoom council meeting)

Luverne firefighter Jordan Siebenahler shows the Luverne City Council what the department's breathing apparatus looks like. The old equipment pictured here will be replaced with new supplies in January.

Fire department grant from 1A

\$500 per year.

Luverne Fire Department members tested equipment from two different companies in a smoke-filled training structure, and they said the Allegiant equipment was the most comfortable and had features that performed best in the conditions.

"We're really excited about how everything came together, and we're really excited to update that gear," Van Batavia told the council.

He said Allegiant submitted the lowest bid, is nearby for repair and service, and the equipment meets the needs of the department.

He also explained the grant process.

"We've been trying for this grant for quite a few years, and we hired a grant writer last year to make sure we answered all the questions correctly," he said, adding that the grant writer paid off.

"We found out we could spend countless hours on the grant and answer a question incorrectly and have the computer throw it out and nobody reads it. ...

Obviously it was a great day for us when we got the grant."

Van Batavia said the new equipment will arrive in January and Allegiant will come to Luverne to fit all the firefighters with their gear. "That's another yearly expense that we also won't have this year," he said.

The delivery will include 28 packs and 56 bottles (each pack comes with two bottles), plus 34 new face pieces.

Mayor Pat Baustian praised Van Batavia for his perseverance in pursuing the grant and for his work with the department.

"I think what you guys do for the fire department, the community and the county is an untold story," Baustian said.

"You had some long days during some of those hot, windy fire calls."

Van Batavia said the Luverne Fire Department has been on 26 calls since the Luverne airport fire on Sept. 23.

"The new gear for the guys will be great," he said. "Thanks for always listening to our concerns. We appreciate the support."

LEA announces Teacher of the Year and Friend of Education during virtual event

By Mavis Fodness

Each Monday during American Education Week, Luverne Education Association celebrates public education and honors two individuals whose focus is on students and receiving a quality education.

Fourth-grade teacher Lucinda Rofshus was selected as the 2021 Teacher of the Year and elementary paraprofessional Tina Petronek was named Friend of Education on Nov. 16.

However, the traditional gathering and ice cream social in the Luverne Elementary

commons didn't happen last week.

Instead, more than 80 connections were made via Zoom for the announcement and kick-off to the week's recognition of the various work groups within the district.

Last year's Teacher of the Year Dennis Moritz served as master of ceremonies for the 10-minute awards ceremony.

"It's going to be a little different this year because of social distancing, and bear with us as we go through (via) Zoom," he said.

The announcement of the 2021 Friend of Education was

made earlier this month, and at the Nov. 16 Zoom presentation, Petronek participated from her computer in the elementary media center where she works. (See related story.)

From her monitor, a group of colleagues could be seen entering the media center to present Petronek with a bouquet of flowers and a plaque.

"We can't give you a round of applause, Tina," Moritz said. "We ask people to send a text, email or a chat to congratulate you. Again, it's well deserved."

The Teacher of the Year announcement was conducted as a real-time surprise,

with organizers lining up the recipient's family for the presentation.

Rofshus could be seen watching the presentation in her classroom, while her family entered her room as Moritz made the announcement.

"Well, I am surprised," Rofshus said to those watching via Zoom.

"This is a year that everybody has to work together. You can't do it without your team — you can't do it without family. I am just lucky I get to do this job every day with these kids, have fun, be silly. It's the best job in the world most days."

Rofshus selected as Luverne's Teacher of the Year

By Mavis Fodness

When Lucinda Rofshus accepted the bouquet of flowers and 2021 Teacher of the Year plaque from family members and colleagues on Nov. 16, she was quick to defer praise.

"I don't think I do anything that other teachers don't do," she said. "We just make a really good team here."

But her peers thought differently when they selected her for the annual honor during this year's American Education Week Nov. 16-20.

"This year's nominee is known for going above and beyond for their students," said last year's TOY Dennis Moritz in the announcement that revealed Rofshus as this year's honoree.

"This person will always go out of their way to help their students ... this individual takes the time to research new and innovative teaching methods, the latest technology, the best way to meet the students' needs."

Rofshus, currently a fourth-grade teacher, has taught for 29 years — the first three at Alden-Conger Public Schools and the last 26 at her alma mater in Luverne, where she graduated in 1985.

"When I first took a position in Luverne, I taught high



Lucinda Rofshus is the Luverne Education Association 2021 Teacher of the Year. Rofshus, a fourth-grade teacher, is a 29-year veteran of the classroom. She's been in Luverne 26 years.

school special ed," she said in an interview after the TOY announcement.

"I then transferred to second grade, moved to third grade, then elementary special ed, and now I'm in

fourth grade."

When Rofshus (nee Madtson) graduated from LHS, she attended Worthington Community College before transferring to Mankato State University for a degree

Petronek selected as 2021 Friend of Education

By Mavis Fodness

Everyday family activities led Tina Petronek to be named the 2021 Luverne Education Association's Friend of Education.

Petronek has been a media center paraprofessional at Luverne Elementary School since 2014.

"What could be better — working in something you enjoy (library/reading) and at the same place your children go to school (holidays and summers off with them)," she said.

Petronek's efforts to help elementary students find joy in reading and learning hasn't gone unnoticed.

The Friend of Education nomination form listed several statements as to why Petronek is the 2021 Friend of Education recipient.

"Our library looks and feels amazing because of her."

"She takes the time to make the library a place where students can do and experience books."

"Her contributions include writing grants and updating our library."

"Her ability to read a story out loud brings about squeals of delight from her audience."

"Her primary motivator: 'Is it good for the kids?'"

Petronek's original motivators were her own children and her husband, Mike. Annabelle, 21, lives in Eugene, Oregon, and Kaitlin is a senior at LHS.



Mavis Fodness photo/1119 Friend Education 2021 Tina Petronek Her efforts to make reading fun and the library at Luverne Elementary School a special place to visit earned paraprofessional Tina Petronek the 2021 Luverne Education Association Friend of Education award.

The couple moved to Luverne in the summer of 2006. A year later Petronek was a substitute for Community Education's Discovery Time Program while she attended an evening parent/child group with her daughter.

For the 2012-13 school year, Petronek signed on with

Reading Corps and was a literacy tutor for students in kindergarten through third grade.

Petronek said she didn't plan a career in education.

"My family always pushed for me to be a teacher," she said. "I was firmly against it."

in elementary education and a minor in special education.

In 2000 she received a master's degree from Southwest State University in Marshall.

Her commitment to teaching and dedication to her students were put to the test earlier this year when school buildings across the state were closed and education moved to distance learning.

Earlier this month Luverne Elementary suspended in-person, everyday learning to in-person every other day.

"School is scary for kids right now," Rofshus said.

"Kids are not afraid of getting the coronavirus — they are afraid of going hybrid and distance learning, because it's difficult and not fun for them."

To help with the anxiety and lack of routine caused by hybrid and distance learning,

Rofshus has embraced technology to keep fun elements the students are used to in the classroom present as they learn from home.

"Being 'older' I don't learn things as fast, but we need to keep trying to find the newest 'cool tech' to

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Petronek grew up in Talmo, Georgia, and graduated from Jackson County Comprehensive High School. She attended college at the Art Institute of Atlanta, earning a degree in video production.

She worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Merial where she added graphic design and interactive CDs to her résumé.

"Once we moved to Minnesota, we weren't close to a big city like Atlanta and those types of jobs are not plentiful in this area," she said. "I stayed home with my youngest daughter until she started school."

With her daughters, Petronek was an avid reader, craft maker, nature adventure seeker and, as a result, became a member of the Rock County Library Board. She helped with the summer reading program and the teen book club.

Petronek also became a Girl Scouts leader.

"That is where I came to the full understanding that home life is not the same for all children," she said.

"Things I did every day with my daughters were non-existent for some kids."

Under Petronek, many of those experiences were included in the elementary library including a comfy reading area and a "maker space," where students are

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Turning the speed limit leads to driving more responsibly

This summer I celebrated my 55th birthday.

That's right the 5-5 —the posted speed limit on most county highways.

It is also the minimum age for participating in the eight-hour defensive driving class through the Minnesota Safety Council and Luverne Community Education.

Any driver 55 and older can take the initial class that allows certificate holders to receive an auto insurance discount.

I signed up for the very first eight-hour class after my birthday.

For good measure, I signed up my husband, too.

We weren't the only couples there and my husband wasn't the only one who waited years after age 55 to take the initial course.

With the driving "coach" not a teacher, we worked through a 30-page response book, watched videos and discussed various driving scenarios.

Being back in the classroom brought images of a 15-year-old me learning the rules of the road for the first time.

I admit back then I didn't have much experience behind the wheel, and I completed my driver's test using a car with a stick shift.

I am happy to report that nothing's changed in the way of traffic rules from those initial lessons 40 years ago. But I certainly have changed.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Age will do that to you. I'd say I am a much more timid driver. I normally drive the speed limit, don't race off from a stop and don't drive much in adverse weather conditions anymore.

A few years ago I used to scoff at flash flood warnings, thinking that the warning was unnecessary in our area of the country.

That was the thought until I watched through the rearview mirror a wall of water seemingly appear out of nowhere and flow over the road behind me while I was traveling home from Pipestone.

Similarly, driving out in a blizzard is not something my older self will do, no matter how necessary the trip may be.

Getting into or causing an accident is something I prefer to avoid.

Each time I drive past areas where I know someone died in a weather-related accident, I can't help but think the following day the roads and skies were clear and driving conditions better.

As I learned more than four decades ago, driving a vehicle is a privilege — one that shouldn't be taken lightly.

After all, I would like to still be driving when I reach the posted speed limit on South Dakota interstates.

Support local establishments with take-out orders to enjoy at home

We try to leave our readers each week with editorial messages to advocate, encourage, enlighten and inform.

This week we're torn between two messages: get out and support local businesses and stay home to protect vulnerable loved ones and health care workers.

Our holidays are coinciding with the peak of pandemic spread, which means we should hunker down with our immediate households at a time when we most want to see and hold our loved ones near.

We're hearing of "Covid fatigue" and that families are willing to risk the virus to preserve holiday traditions. However, our Sanford Luverne doctors and staff are pleading with us to put those meetings on hold so as not to further strain their resources and workers.

At the same time, our hearts go out to our favorite bars and restaurants that play an important social function in our communities. They are the gathering places for groups of friends and they are the safe social havens for lonely folks seeking human connection they find with casual conversations across the bar.

So here we are in the 2020 holidays not being able to connect with people at local establishments and we can't leave our own households (which is only one person in some homes) to connect with loved ones from afar.

What's a community to do?

In Rock County we can rest assured our creative and progressive community leaders are working on ways to get us through.

For example, the Chamber is urging support of bars and restaurants through take-out orders with a fun contest to win gift cards. (See the graphic)

Which is a great idea in light of the fact that we won't be gathering at crowded tables around 20-pound turkeys.

Let's use our local restaurants to set our holiday tables and stuff our stockings with certificates (and mail as gifts). While we're

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- Collect receipts for take-out food or beverage purchases weekly
- Put in envelope with name, address and phone
- Drop them in the Luverne Area Chamber DROPBOX at the east door of the building at 213 East Main Street by the following Monday noon
- Chamber staff with total all the receipts and contact the 5 winners with the highest total purchases (including tips)
- Winners will be called to select a \$100 gift card of their choice!
- Contest schedule:
 - November 21 thru November 28—turn in by November 30 noon
 - November 29 thru December 5—turn in by December 7 noon
 - December 6 thru December 12—turn in by December 14 noon
 - December 13 thru December 19—turn in by December 21 noon
- Play with your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers to win! Collect receipts from your group and turn them in together!
- Questions: 507.283.4061 or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

at it, let's all think of the single-person households who could use a holiday gift of a meal.

The pandemic is putting a

damper on so much holiday joy, but let's all work together to get through this and make the most of the blessings we have.

Seven percent of Minnesotans continue to risk lives by failing to buckle up

Question: I have heard a lot about "click it or ticket" recently. I thought seat belt use was at an all-time high.

Answer: Most Minnesotans are making the life-saving decision to buckle up. According to the 2019 Minnesota Seat Belt Survey, 93.4 percent of front seat occupants are wearing their seat belts. Unfortunately, that means more than 7 percent of motorists continue to risk their lives and the lives of those in the vehicle by failing to buckle up.

Riding without a seat belt is gambling with your life. Preliminary numbers show 85 unbelted motorists lost their lives on Minnesota roads so far this year compared to 61 last year. This is the reason why education and enforcement are necessary: to save lives. We'd rather meet you on the shoulder of the road now than at a violent crash scene down the road.

More than 300 law enforcement agencies across the state will be participating in the statewide



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Click It or Ticket campaign Nov. 16 through 29. The Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety coordinates the extra enforcement and education campaign.

Law enforcement working overtime patrols will be on the lookout for unbelted motorists. All passengers must be properly restrained — even those in the back seat. All children must also be buckled in the proper child seat.

A seat belt is your best defense in case of a crash — every time you get into a vehicle, be the voice of reason and speak up — remind everyone to buckle up.

Minnesota child seat law and steps:

•In Minnesota, all children must be in a child restraint until they are 4'9" tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

•Rear-facing child seats: Newborns to at least 1 year and 20 pounds; recommended up to age 2. It is safest to keep a child rear-facing as long as possible.

•Forward-facing seats: Age 2 until around age 4. It's preferable to keep children in a harnessed restraint until they reach the maximum weight limit.

•Booster seats: Use after outgrowing a forward-facing harnessed restraint; safest to remain in a booster until 4'9" tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

•Seat belts: Use when children can sit with their back against the vehicle seat and have their knees bent comfortably over the edge with their feet touching the floor. Belts should be worn snug across the hips or thighs and should never be tucked under the arm or behind the back.

Question: I'm trying to figure out if 2019 license tab stickers were blue? I can't find anyplace online that documents the sticker color by year. I know there is a rotation because 2020 is green and 2021 is red.

Answer: The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) uses five colors for registration stickers: red, gold, blue, white and green. DVS chose those colors with the

intention that they will be easily visible and recognizable for law enforcement. The license plate tab sticker color for 2019 was white. Future tab colors will be 2021-red, 2022-gold, 2023-blue, 2024-white and 2025-green.

Under Minnesota law, license plates must display the expiration month in the lower left corner of each plate and the year of expiration in the lower right corner.

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

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 13

- Complainant on W. Mead Courtreportedmultiple people outside his trailer.
- Complainant on E. Edgehill reported an abandoned bike.
- Complainant on W. Veterans Drive reported wrong way parking.
- Complainant on S. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported a phone scam.
- Complainant on S. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported threats.

Nov. 14

- Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported he witnessed an assault.
- Complainant on 150th Avenue reported a break in at Bluemound Lutheran Church.
- Complainant on Carsrud Circle requested to speak to law enforcement about a suspicious vehicle.

Nov. 15

- Complainantwestbound of the entrance on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, reported a three limb in roadway.
- ComplainantonW.Main Street, Hardwick, reported a stolen trailer.

Nov. 16

- ComplainantonN.Kniss Avenue reported disorderly patient at location.
- Complainant on Jefferson Street, Alexandria, reported drug destruction.
- Complainant on E. Main Streetreportedaparkingissue in private lot.
- Complainant on N. LindenStreetreported suspicious activity.
- Burglary was reported at location on N. Cedar Street.
- Suspicious activity was reportedatN. McKenzieStreet.

Nov. 17

- ComplainantonE.Christensen Drive reported deceased subject.
- Complainant in Valley Springs reported theft.

Nov. 18

- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about citation.

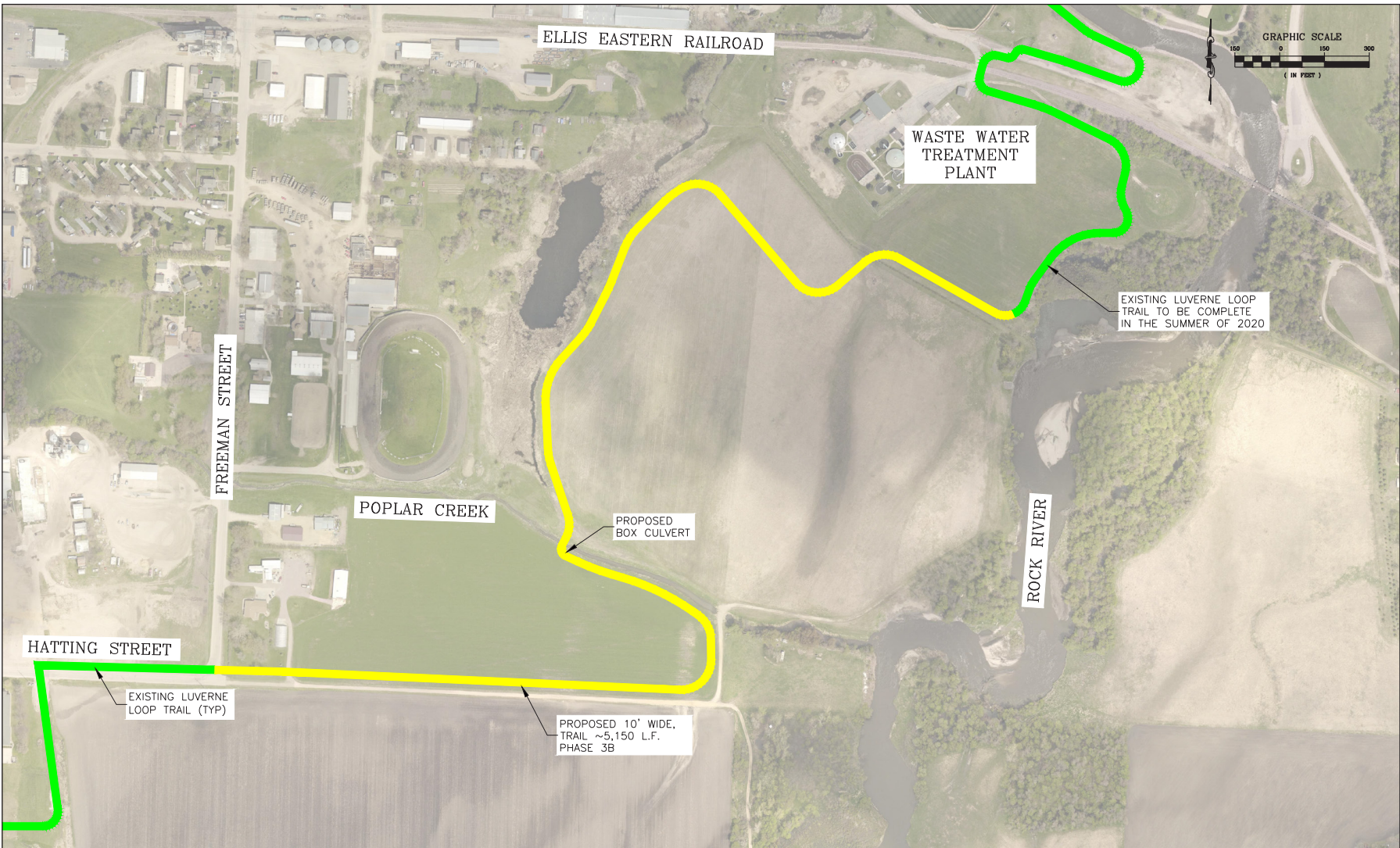
Nov. 19

- Complainant on W. Crawford Street reported a vehicle theft.
- Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported meds stolen out of vehicle.
- Complainant on S. Josephine Avenue, Hills, reported a civil issue.
- Complainant on 144th Avenue reported vandalism.
- Complainant on County Road 6 and County Road 8, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.
- Scam calls were reported at location on E. Dodge Street.

Nov. 20

- Complainant on County Highway 4 reported a driving complaint.
- Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a parking complaint.
- Dispatch received a 911 call on W. Warren Street.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 6 deer accidents, 2 vehicles in ditch, 2 transports, 7 escorts, 29 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 3 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 3 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 1 alarm, 13 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 18 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests and 2 welfare checks.



Phase 3B is a .98-mile segment of new construction from the Rock River through RIM property to the future Towne Square at Freeman and Hatting.

Luverne Loop gets major grant to finish final phases

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Loop will get a financial boost for its final trail segments, thanks to a Parks and Trails Legacy grant in the amount of \$839,300.

Luverne Economic Development Authority Director Holly Sammons updated the EDA board on the funding that will complete Phase 3B and Phase 4 of the Luverne Loop.

“It’s an exciting grant,” she said during the Nov. 9 meeting. “We’ve been enjoying the trail locally, but once it’s completed, it will allow us to market the Loop to visitors, and we’ll start to see the economic benefit of tourism.”

The Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission recommended to

the state legislature that Luverne’s project be funded through the Department of Natural Resources, which awards and administers the legacy grants.

Phase 3B is a .98-mile segment of new construction from the Rock River through RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota) property to the future Towne Square Development at Freeman and Hatting.

Here it will meet with a completed portion of the Loop that runs along the hotel property after crossing Highway 75 by Security Savings Bank.

Phase 4 addresses the .76-mile segment on the north end by Sanford Hospital where the existing 5-foot-wide sidewalk will be

replaced by 10-foot wide paving.

This phase will connecting the Phase 1 Loop with the Blue Mounds Trail at 131st Street and Blue Mound Avenue.

Sammons said the trail work has been funded primarily by grants since work first began in 2012, but the recent Parks and Trails Legacy Grant is the most significant of them all.

In 2016 the Luverne Loop and Blue Mounds Trail were designated as a trail of regional significance and received a \$150,000 DNR Local Trail Connections Grant- Phase 1

In 2018 the Loop was awarded a \$598,056 MN DOT Transportation Alternatives Grant for Phase 2 work.

In 2020 the Loop received another \$150,000 DNR Local Trail Connections Grant, this time for Phase 3A.

The final work will be completed with the \$839,300 Parks and Trails Legacy Grant.

Mayor Pat Baustian said the grant award was good news for the city and for future tourism.

“Great work, Holly,” he said. “You’ve done a phenomenal job grant writing. What a success story.”

Contract signing, environmental review and final engineering will be in 2021. A bid-letting is set for winter-spring of 2021-22 with construction in the summer of 2022.

Kenneth memory tree displayed in gazebo/continued from 1A

Vande Velde’s projects.

The structure sat rotting at the town’s former ball fields until Vande Velde convinced family members to make repairs.

The Christmas tree is one that Hoven’s daughter, Jennifer Moody, was going to discard.

Instead, it became the tree to remember loved ones through holiday ornaments.

Hoven and his wife, Doris, placed the first two ornaments on the tree last week in remembrance of their parents, Byron Halverson and Joyce and Avis Hoven.

Inside a cooler located next to the tree, Hoven placed a book to record the donating family’s name, the loved one’s name, and a description of the ornament.

“Next year we’re going to pick a day where they can pick up the ornament and they can place it on the tree,” he said.

Surrounding the gazebo are holiday decorations from former Kenneth resident and business owner Dave Groen, who died in February.

Candy canes, a turkey, and a manger scene made from PVC piping and outlined with lights



Mavis Fodness photo/1125 Kenneth Christmas Memory

Inside the gazebo at the Kenneth city park, Mayor Keith Hoven has erected a Christmas tree and invited surrounding residents to decorate with ornaments in memory of lost loved ones. Anyone who leaves an ornament on the remembrance tree at the Kenneth city park is encouraged to document the remembrance in a book stored inside a cooler next to the tree.

are Groen’s creations.

His family left the decorations to the city. Groen typically placed the decorations in front of his repair shops.

Now they are included in the community park and the remembrance tree.

“We just changed his blueprint,” Hoven said.

Rural Kenneth residents John and Rachel Kroontje passed away in the past 15 months, and their daughters said they’re encouraged by the town’s efforts to memorialize community members.

“The Kenneth group of friends were an important part of my parents’ lives,” said Lori (Kroontje) Sorenson.

“This is a wonderful way to honor those friends and those friendships.”

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES

The Hills City Council will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the city will provide in 2021.

All Hills city residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2021 property taxes. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 P.M. at the Hills City Office, 301 South Main Avenue.

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There is always something to be thankful for

Happy Thanksgiving!

Local National Guard members (at right and below) received a send-off in August 2003 for a six-month deployment to Europe as part of security missions for Operation Enduring Freedom. Stories from the 2003 deployment, activities before and after, and effects on soldiers and families are being collected by the Minnesota Military Museum through a Post 9-11 Project. The 2003 deployment was the first time local troops had been activated since a January 1951 deployment for a year in the Korean War.

File photos



Collecting Post-9/11 stories from across the state is mission of former Luverne resident

By Mavis Fodness

A former Luverne resident is asking Rock County residents to share their stories for a special Minnesota exhibit called the "Post-9/11 Project."

Linda Cameron is encouraging residents to record what occurred in Rock County from Sept. 11, 2001, and in the 19 years since terrorists hijacked commercial airliners and attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Submissions are accepted through June 2021.

"The goal of the project is to look at the impact of the horrific events of that day through a Minnesota lens — how those events have changed life in Minnesota and of Minnesotans — both servicemen and women, and civilians — since that fateful day," she said.

The self-submissions from local service members and civilians about America's longest war is being completed for next year's 20th anniversary of the hijackings and the U.S.'s entry in the global war on terror.

The Post-9/11 project is the largest initiative taken by the Minnesota Military Museum and Library. The museum is partnering with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs, who established the 9/11 and Global War on Terrorism Remembrance Task Force.

Cameron worked on 'Minnesota's Greatest Generation Project'

Cameron is a contracted historian for the museum and is the program manager for MNopedia, a digital encyclopedia of Minnesota history.

Story collection around an historic era is not a new project for the Minneapolis resident.

Cameron worked with the state's historical society on Minnesota's Greatest Generation Project and completed a presentation in Luverne more than a dozen years ago.

"The Minnesota's Greatest Generation project was a story-sharing project, and my job was to reach out to members of that generation and encourage them to share their Depression, WWII, and post WWII stories for our

website," Cameron said.

"My work with MNopedia gave me the opportunity to research and write, and to develop good contacts with local and county history organizations, which are the heart of the Post-9/11 project. We are hoping to get stories from all over the state of Minnesota."

All submissions will be included in a permanent collection at the state's military museum and library.

After receiving the submissions, the Post-9/11 Project will make a documentary film. The project organizers will also publish history submissions, make available a speaker's bureau and monthly online programs to be announced on

Seeking stories, continued on page 8A



Linda Cameron



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•The city or Luverne is offering financial incentives to business owners who upgrade their facilities to be more energy efficient.

As part of its Bright Energy Solutions projects, the city is encouraging its commercial customers to save energy in areas such as heating and cooling systems and in retrofitting light fixtures.

City Administrator John Call said many of the city's larger commercial and industrial customers (such as the ethanol plant and Papik Motors) have already taken advantage of programs and rebates to become more energy efficient.

Now the city is targeting smaller businesses.

"We have customers who could do it, but can't afford it," Call said. "This plan really isn't costing the utility anything, but it helps the small business quite a bit."

The city provides funds to cover upfront costs of facility improvements and floats the loan until energy savings pay off the debt.

25 years ago (1995)

•A projected 13-percent increase in the school levy settled over the Luverne School Board like a gloomy cloud Thursday. With the district's Truth in Taxation hearing set for Dec. 4, Board members are seeking ways to lower the levy.

According to figures presented by financial officer Marlene Mann, the school portion of the levy for 1996-97 will be \$2,267,944.01, which is \$28,815.44 less than the maximum allowed by the state.

Factors affecting the sizeable increase include underlevy of \$120,000 in 1995, so that the district had just a 5.51 percent increase for the year.

Levying the full amount in 1996 after a year of underlevying makes the increase look larger.

50 years ago (1970)

•Increased costs and the prospect of less aid from the state is reflected in an increase of about 8 percent in the proposed school budget for 1970-71. The budget, adopted by the school board of District 670 calls for an estimated dollar increase of \$138,778.73.

The board estimates the total disbursements for all funds during the year to be \$1,685,397.84.

Of the increase, \$104,319.73 is committed to contracted salary increases for all certificated and non-certificated personnel, which includes not only the teaching staff, but all school district employees.

75 years ago (1945)

•E. T. Corwin, who lives near Luverne, is featured in a story in the December issue of Capper's Farmer entitled "Stretches House Capacity" which describes his poultry management methods.

Corwin hangs lights with bulbs recessed into fairly deep reflectors above the floor space where feeders and waterers are located, the story points out. Thus roosting space is in semi-darkness.

"I can look into the house at any time of the night and find part of the flock down at the feeders and waterers," Mr. Corwin is quoted as saying, "and there is probably no time when all the hens are on the roost. Under this plan there isn't so much crowding on the roosts and hens that are timid and bullied away from the feeders in the daytime can get their fill at night when the older hens are on the roost."

100 years ago (1920)

•The Luverne Motor Truck Company has during the past year designed, developed and perfected a new model which they call the Luverne road graveler.

The truck has the regular six cylinder Luverne express chassis, with shorter wheel base than usual, and with the chassis frame back of the cab so designed that there are no cross-pieces or parts of any kind under the chassis, other than the rear axle and propeller shaft.

The body is of two yards capacity and has a hopper bottom. There are divisions running through the lower part of the body to form a housing for the rear axle and for the propeller shaft. This leaves four separate hoppers in the bathroom of the body. The extreme bottom of the body is 12 inches below the top of the chassis frame.

There are hinged bottoms on each of the four hoppers. All of these hinged bottoms are connected to rocker shafts mounted in the upper part of the body and these rocker shafts are in turn connected to a hand lever located in the cab at the drivers left.

1894: Formation of Magnolia passes by four votes

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village (continued from 11-19-20 edition of the Star Herald.)

The proposition was carried by a majority of four votes, there being twenty cast in favor of the project [to create a municipality] and sixteen against. The election to select the first officers under the new government was set for October 2. Following is the result of the first and subsequent elections held in the village:²⁷

1895—President, L. E. Woodruff; trustees, P. Phinney, E. L. Hartwell, G. W. Gleason; recorder; F. A. Baker; treasurer, A. J. Calkins; justices, A. Walker, John Carlson; constables, S. Pokett, C. Johnson.

1895—President, L. E. Woodruff; trustees, A. Walker, C. E. Kleine, J. K. Wiegell; recorder, G. W. Turner; treasurer, S. L. Long; justices, I. M. Cady, G. W. Turner; constable, John Carlson.

1897—President, L. E. Woodruff; trustees, C. E. Kleine, A. P. Prescott, Joseph Mueller; recorder, G. W. Turner; treasurer, Frank Ferguson; justice, P. Phinney; constable, F. G. Domrese.

1898—President, L. E. Woodruff; trustees, C. E. Kle-

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Neil and Jean Hoven celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 21. Greetings may be sent to them at 211 W. Veterans Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Nov. 30:

Tator tot casserole, green beans, peach halves, bread, pudding.

Tuesday, Dec. 1:

Crispy baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, fruit, breadstick, cookie.

Half-Price Day:

Anonymous.

Wednesday, Dec. 2:

Beef chili with beans, pea and cheese salad, fresh orange, corn muffin, pumpkin bar.

Thursday, Dec. 3:

Pepper steak, boiled new potatoes, glazed baby carrots, bread, fruit cocktail.

Friday, Dec. 4: Chef's

Choice, vegetable, dinner roll, cookie.

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.

Twice a week Meals on Wheels delivery available in Jasper

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) has provided Meals on Wheels in Jasper through the Sunrise Village, which is now closed.

Going forward, meals will be prepared at the LSS Luverne site and delivered to Jasper City Hall twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays.

There is also an option to add frozen meals for delivery with the hot meals.

Inquiries about LSS Meals on Wheels can be made by calling the LSS Meals Luverne Kitchen toll-free at 866-985-8509.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

ine, Will Soutar, M. Pickett; recorder, G. W. Turner; treasurer, Frank Ferguson; justice, I. M. Cady; constable, W. W. Pickett.

1899—President, L. E. Woodruff; trustees, C. E. Kleine, Will Soutar, M. Pickett; recorder, G. W. Turner; treasurer, M. J. Phinney; justice E. Pokett; constables, R. B. Pickett, W. H. Baker.

1900—President, L. E. Woodruff; trustees, C. E. Kleine, M. Pickett, A. Walker; recorder, G. W. Turner; treasurer, M. J. Phinney; justice, N. A. Chris constable, W. F. McGee.

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OBITUARIES

Carl Holmgren

Carl Edward Holmgren, 71, Pipestone, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at his home.

A funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Interment followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Luverne.

Carl Holmgren was born on Jan. 11, 1949, to Eli and Margaret (Cattnach) Holmgren in Woonsocket, South Dakota. He grew up in Hardwick and graduated from Luverne High School in 1967. He graduated from Pipestone Vocational Technical College in 1969 with a degree in super-market management.

In 1971 he married Joyce Van Lant. After they were married, they lived in Hardwick, where they owned

Carl's Clover Farm grocery store. Carl drove truck for Tombstone Pizza for a number of years after they sold the store, and in 1980 they moved to Boulder, Colorado, where he worked for many years in the grocery industry. They divorced in 1996, and Carl moved back to the Midwest, settling in Pipestone. In 2013 Carl was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. He moved into Falls Landing Assisted Living, where he lived for the last seven years. He was still able to recognize everyone and enjoyed conversation with family and friends.

Carl loved fishing, cheering for the Vikings, and playing Scrabble. His most cherished time was with his family. He also enjoyed music, going to

concerts, writing song lyrics, and listening to his collection of records and CDs. He loved making people laugh with his jokes and pranks.

Carl is survived by his daughters, Tammy (Darryl) Rabb of Kent, Washington, and Kari (Brent) Ostler of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a granddaughter, Morgan Masse of Kent, Washington; siblings Gary (Donna) Holmgren of Luverne and Twyla (Randy) Allen of Pipestone; and one nephew, Jeff (Bobby) Holmgren of Luverne and their children, Zane, Zayda and Zariah.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

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James Mente

James K. Mente, 88, Vinton, Iowa, formerly of Tipton, Iowa, died Monday Nov. 16, 2020, at the Vinton Lutheran Home.

There will be a private family service at Chapman Funeral Home in Clarence, Iowa. Burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Clarence with military honors.

James Mente was born on Jan. 30, 1932, to Arnold and Lillian (Kammeyer) Mente at home in Tipton.

He married Mary Ann Oelerich on June 27, 1964, at

Davenport, Iowa. She died on Oct. 24, 2016.

Jim was a lifelong proud farmer who was very hardworking. He was a Pioneer seed salesman at one time and a member of the Cattlemen's Association and the Farm Bureau. He served his country in the U.S. Army in the Korean

Conflict, and going on the Honor Flight was a highlight of his life. He enjoyed showing cattle with his kids in the early years. Jim also enjoyed playing cards, meeting with his coffee buddies in the mornings,

bowling, and was a big Iowa Hawkeye sports fan.

Survivors include his son, David (Stacy) Mente of Adrian; his daughter, Denise (Todd) Wiley of Walker, Iowa; grandchildren Drew, Isaac, Emma, Josh, Dylan, Trevor, and Justin; and a sister Teresa (Gene) Anderson of Arizona.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Cards may be sent to Denise at 5067 29th Ave., Walker, IA 52352.

Arrangements were provided by Chapman Funeral Home in Clarence, www.chapmanfh.com.

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Lois Tecken

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

A funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 21, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Interment followed at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Lois Mae Emme was born on March 6, 1926, to Fred and Selma (Sommerfeld) Emme in Tripp, South Dakota. She attended school in Tripp, graduating from Tripp High School in 1944. She continued her education at a business school in Mankato. She then moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and took an accounting position at John Morrell & Company.

Lois married Alfred Tecken on May 22, 1955, at First

Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. They made their home on Alfred's family's farm south of Steen. Lois worked alongside Alfred on the farm and was a homemaker and mother as well as caring for Alfred's parents. Lois and Alfred retired from farming

in 1988 but remained active on the farm and helped where they were able. Alfred died on Feb. 27, 1993. Lois continued to live on the farm until her brief stay at Ava's Hospice House.

Lois was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was known for her kindness and was a loving wife and mother. She enjoyed cooking and spent many hours canning and freezing produce from her garden. She also

enjoyed sewing. She loved to dance and play cards with her friends.

Lois is survived by three children, Douglas (Ronna) Tecken of George, Iowa, Michele (Ronald) Stewart of Rock Rapids, and Steven (Brenda) Tecken of Rock Rapids; six grandchildren, Rebeka (Rev. Nicholas) Proksch, Benjamin (Victoria) Tecken, Annalise Tecken, Adam (Isabella) Tecken, Daniel (Christie) Stewart and Andrew Stewart; nine great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; her parents; two brothers, Harold and Howard Emme; and a sister, Joan Cramer.

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

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Beaver Creek seeks community support for street banners

By Lori Sorenson

Beaver Creek City Council members are arranging for new welcome banners, and they're looking for sponsors to adopt street poles to pay for them.

The 18-by-45-inch banners are the same size as the existing "Welcome to Beaver Creek" banners, which means existing hardware can be used for most replacements.

The artwork, designed by Quality Printing in Luverne, features a red-and-blue Patriot, which is the Hills-Beaver Creek School District mascot, and space at the bottom is reserved for the sponsoring business, organization or family.

Banners will be displayed on First Avenue and Fourth Street, which have about 20 poles, and many have already



About 20 street poles in Beaver Creek are available for adoption under a proposed banner program.

expressed interest in sponsoring banners.

At their Nov. 18 meeting, council members discussed the possibility that there could be more interested sponsors than there are poles on First Avenue and Fourth Street.

If that happens, they said banners could be extended to poles on nearby streets or two banners could be hung on a pole, facing each other on each side of the pole.

Letters will be mailed to local businesses and organizations to seek sponsorships, and banners will be ordered this winter to be hung next spring.

To sponsor a banner in Beaver Creek costs \$125, which covers the material and additional hardware if needed.

Contact city clerk Jane Blank at jane@cityofbeavercreekmn.com to reserve a banner.

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Since incorporation Magnolia has advanced steadily and its growth has been of a substantial nature. The first few years following the dawn

of the new century were especially important ones. The building improvements for 1902 exceeded \$15,000, in which was included the one brick block in the town, the building occupied by the bank, an institution which came into existence the preceding year. The federal census taker of 1900 found 176 inhabitants in the village. An increase of 20, a total of 196, was revealed by the state enumeration of 1905. In 1910 the population was 189.

²⁷At only a few of the annual village elections in Magnolia has the question of issuing licenses been submitted to the voters. At each of the three elections so held the victory has been for high license. In 1896 by a vote of 31 to 19, in 1899, 21 to 11, and in 1907, 35 to 9.

The story of the village of Magnolia will continue in the Dec. 3 edition of the Star Herald.

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Woman seeks stories from the community for Post 9/11 project/continued from page 6A

the library’s website, www.mnmilitarymuseum.org.

Early years in Luverne

Cameron’s interest in history spans more than 28 years, when she became a historian.

Her initial spark came in Luverne as an elementary student in the late 1960s. She and her late parents, Bill and Marjorie Cameron, lived in Luverne until she was 10, when the family moved to

Paynesville. Her dad was an avian pathologist.

“I’ve always been fascinated by the context of history — why things happened the way they did,” she said. “I’ve especially enjoyed studying local and state history.”

Cameron carried a little bit of Luverne history in her heart, starting with a trip to the Hinkly House Museum.

“I especially loved playing on the stone lions out in

front of the museum with my grade school friends,” she said.

Other memories include watching the Tri-State Band Festival from her grandpa Earl Cameron’s apartment above the Main Street bakery, biking to the outdoor swimming pool and city park, and hiking at Blue Mounds State Park.

“I especially loved our old house (214 W. Dodge St.), which was built in 1939 by

my Cameron grandparents,” she said.

How to submit stories for the Post-9-11 project

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. She suggested the following topic ideas:

- How did communities in your area respond to the attacks immediately afterward? Was there heightened security in your area?
- Have local residents served in the resulting Global War on Terror? What are their stories?
- Has your community

held events to remember 9-11 over the years since? Some examples might be annual firefighter fundraisers, prayer services, concerts, creating a memorial, etc.

•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.



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Teacher of the Year/from page 3A

keep kids having fun at school,” she said.

No matter the education platform, Rofshus looks for the same learning engagement she has become used to as a veteran of the classroom.

“I love it when I see their eyes light up and they get it,” she said.

“I like it when they say ‘this is hard’ and then I tell them, ‘Great, school is supposed to be hard.’ That means I’m doing my job.”

Rofshus occasionally hears from former students about what they did in the classroom together.

“The things they remember have nothing to do with learning. It has to do with the fun we had together,” she said.

“I hope I can inspire one or two kids to go into education, because we have

“This is a year that everybody has to work together. You can’t do it without your team — you can’t do it without family. I am just lucky I get to do this job every day with these kids, have fun, be silly. It’s the best job in the world most days.”

— Luci Rofshus

really great kids in our community with just as much love and compassion.”

Friend of Education/from 3A

challenged to complete an art project without instructions.

“Most of all, I want them to come away from the library feeling like they have met someone who cares about them,” she said. “Someone who is happy to see them. The library is special in that way.”

The coronavirus pandemic has made the library less special lately, however.

During distance learning this spring, when students learned from home, Petronek recorded herself reading books and sent the

link to teachers. Because the coronavirus germs may be retained on materials, the library no longer has a comfy zone or a maker space.

Cleaning now takes up much of Petronek’s time as each book is disinfected and sits in “quarantine” for at least three days before being placed back on the shelf. During story times, Petronek reads one short book to students positioned six feet apart from each other.

She continues to make students’ time in the library special with dry erase activity sheets as they wait to check out books.

“I am receiving this honor, but I didn’t earn it on my own,” Petronek said. She credits her family, community members, support staff and teachers for ideas and support.

“I never do anything with the goal of recognition in mind. I do it because I see a need or because I want to, because I enjoy doing it. Being recognized makes me feel like I have turned out to be a decent person and maybe I am making a difference in this life of mine.”



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Fall season halted and winter sports delayed with latest COVID-19 restrictions

By Brennen Rupp

COVID-19 has now impacted three Minnesota State High School League seasons since it reared its ugly head in March. It put a premature end to winter sports while teams were preparing or already playing in their respective state tournaments. Due to COVID-19 there were no spring sports in the state of Minnesota. This fall the pandemic

delayed the start of fall sports after they were originally going to be played in the spring of 2021. The MSHSL decided to bring back a shortened fall sports season.

That shortened season was disrupted when Gov. Tim Walz rolled out his latest restrictions on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The latest restrictions put a four-week pause on all

youth sports in the state of Minnesota. The Emergency Order 20-99 from Gov. Tim Walz puts a four-week “dial back” on youth sports to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The order went into effect at midnight on Friday, Nov. 20. It impacts all indoor and outdoor sporting events. The order is in effect through Dec. 18 after midnight.

When the order was announced, football teams scrambled to get one more game in before it went into effect. Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek were both scheduled to play their first section tournament game on Saturday, Nov. 21. They both were able to schedule “Section Championship” games on Friday before the order went into effect at 11:59 p.m.

Cardinals’ volleyball season comes to abrupt ending

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals were on a four-game winning streak when Gov. Tim Walz announced his emergency order to halt sporting events in Minnesota. The order went into effect at midnight Friday, Nov. 20, leaving the Cardinals with one more match to play. The Cardinals lost that final match 3-1 to Jackson County Central. Due to Covid-19 and Gov. Walz’s order, the Cardinals won’t get an opportunity to build another winning streak this season.

“The season ending the way it has is very unsettling,” Luverne coach Sarah DeBeer said. “My heart goes out to all the 2020 senior volleyball players.”

The Cardinals dropped the first set of the match 25-18. They bounced back to win the second set 25-23 to even the match at 1-1.

In the third set it was JCC winning a back and forth contest 25-23.

The Huskies defeated the Cardinals 25-21 in the fourth set to win the match 3-1.

Elise Ferrell recorded a team-leading 21 digs and 14 kills.

Christina Wagner finished the match with nine kills and eight blocks. Gracie Zewiske recorded nine kills.

Trista Baustian finished with 20 assists and Reghan Bork recorded 16 assists.

With the loss, the Cardinals finish with a 5-6 record for the 2020 season that can be described as a roller coaster ride, with ups and downs and quick turns.

“Not having our normal summer workouts, being told we were not playing until the spring, having no fall camp to prepare for a season, and then having the last minute decision to play this fall ... our team came together in the end when it really mattered,” DeBeer said. “Without opportunities to prepare and with all of the

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Brennen Rupp photo/1125 LHS FB photo

A convoy of blockers lead the way for Luverne’s LaShad Smith. The Cardinals defeated Sibley East in the 3AAA Section Championship game 44-6 on Friday, Nov. 20, in Luverne. The game was moved up a day to meet the state-imposed pause in high school sports.

Cardinals claim section championship with 44-6 victory over Sibley East

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals entered Friday night’s Section 3AAA Championship Game boasting one of the stingiest defensive units in the area. It was a unit that recorded three shutouts and was giving up 13.6 points per game. Those defensemen stood tall again Friday, Nov. 20, against Sibley East. The Cardinals defense didn’t give up a point until the very end en route to a 44-6 section championship victory.

Luverne’s defense set the tone early when Zach Kruse recorded a strip-sack that set up the Cardinals at Sibley East’s 31-yard line. It only took the

Cardinals four plays to cash in on that turnover. LaShad Smith scored on an eight-yard rushing touchdown. Smith also scored on the two-point conversion to put the Cardinals up 8-0 early in the first quarter.

With 3:36 remaining in the first quarter, it was Luverne’s defense once again making a play. Smith came down with an interception to put an end to a Sibley East drive.

On a fourth and one from Sibley East’s 46-yard line, the Cardinals opted to go for it to keep the chains moving. Smith converted the fourth down attempt by busting off on a 30-yard run.

A few plays after the fourth-down conversion,

Bailey Cowell scored on a four-yard rushing touchdown. Casey Sehr connected with Cowell on the two-point conversion to put the Cardinals up 16-0.

With 1:33 left in the first half, Cowell connected with Shaïd Shearer on a 14-yard passing touchdown to put the Cardinals up 22-0.

Sibley East was inside Luverne territory when Zach Ahrendt recovered a fumble at the 35-yard line.

The Cardinals converted that turnover into points when Ashton Sandbulte scored on a seven-yard rushing touchdown. Sehr connected with Cade Wenninger on the two-point conversion to put the

Cardinals up 30-0.

Just two plays after catching the two-point conversion, Wenninger recorded an interception for the Cardinals.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Sehr hooked up with Cowell on a 28-yard passing touchdown. The Cardinals led 37-0 after scoring the extra point.

The Cardinals’ defense once again made a play on the next Sibley East possession. Cowell forced a fumble that was recovered by Jamie McCarthy.

With 6:59 left in the game, Smith recorded his second interception of the game.

The Cardinals’ defense

put points on the board after Sandbulte recorded a strip-sack that was recovered by Andy Halverson who recovered the fumble in the end zone. Following the extra point the Cardinals led 44-0.

As time expired, Sibley East scored on a 38-yard passing touchdown to make the final score 44-6.

Luverne 8 14 8 14 44
Sibley East 0 0 6 6

Passing: Sehr 4-5, 79 yards, 1 TD; Cowell 2-6 24 yards, 1 TD

Rushing: Smith 20-129-1; Sandbulte 6-41-1; Cowell 6-25-1

Receiving: G. Ahrent 41 yards; Cowell 28 yards 1 TD; Shearer 14 yards 1 TD

Tackles: McLaughlin 6; Overgaard 4; McCarthy 3

Patriots wrap up perfect season with a section championship victory

By Brennen Rupp

If it weren’t for COVID-19, the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots likely would have been celebrating a trip to the nine-man state tournament and possibly a state championship. But due to the pandemic, the Minnesota State High School League opted not to host state tournaments for fall sports.

Instead, the Patriots had to settle for a one-game section tournament.

Rather than celebrating a section championship at Southwest Minnesota State University, the Patriots enjoyed a Section Championship victory over

Mountain Lake Area on their home turf.

The Patriots bested the Wolverines 52-7 on Friday, Nov. 20, in front of their home crowd.

“Mountain Lake beat us the last two years in the section championship,” H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said.

“The four losses we’ve suffered over the last two seasons were against them. It was nice to beat them twice within two weeks.

Obviously, we would like to keep playing, but it was a great way to end the season.”

Just like they’ve done all season, the Patriots struck quickly and never looked

back.

Tyson Bork took the first play from scrimmage to the house on a 95-yard rushing touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, but the Patriots led 6-0.

“That set the tone right away,” Metzger said. “Tyson was able to break that off and we were able to jump on them early. That was pretty big. We’ve been in control of the game from the start in all of our games this season.”

While the offense gets all the headlines for the Patriots, their defense has been equally powerful. It’s a unit that had only given up 28 points through six games entering Friday’s matchup.

Following Bork’s rushing touchdown, it was the defense that made an impact once again.

Tryce Bennett picked off an MLA pass and set the Patriots up inside the 20-yard line.

A few plays later Bork scored on a two-yard rushing touchdown. Gavin Wysong converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 14-0.

“Our defense has played so well all year,” Metzger said. “They play so physical and fast. It’s an experienced group and they play with a lot of confidence.”

He said the interception after Bork’s touchdown

affected momentum.

“That kind of took the wind out of their sails,” Metzger said. “We were able to jump on them early.”

The Wolverines were able to respond by scoring on a seven-yard touchdown pass to trim H-BC’s lead to 14-7.

The Patriots wasted little time in answering back. Wysong scored on a 71-yard rushing touchdown to put the Patriots up 20-7. Wysong connected with Casey Kueter to extend the Patriots’ lead to 22-7.

Bork scored his third touchdown of the first quarter on a 23-yard scamper to put the Patriots

up 28-7.

Wysong opened the scoring in the second quarter on a 27-yard rushing touchdown. Bork scored the two-point conversion to put the Patriots 36-7.

For the fourth time in the first half, Bork found paydirt. This time the senior running back scored on a five-yard rushing touchdown. Wysong hooked up with Zander Wysong on the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 44-7.

The Patriots wrapped up the scoring when Wysong connected with Oliver Deelstra on a 30-yard

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Brennen Rupp photo/1126 LHS FB photo
Hills Beaver-Creek’s Tryce Bennett looks for running room after intercepting a pass against Mountain Lake Area on Friday, Nov. 20. The Patriots defeated the Wolverines 52-7 at home in the section championship. The football season was shortened due to increased hospitalizations due to the coronavirus across the state.

Patriots finish shortened football season with 7-0 record/continued from 1B

passing touchdown. Wysong connected with Chase Bosch to put the Patriots up 52-7.

Senior influence

With the win, the Patriots finished the season with a perfect 7-0 record. A big reason for the team’s success was due to the nine

seniors on the team. It’s a group of seniors that had hopes of bringing home a state title this season. Due to Covid-19 that group of seniors never got the opportunity to chase after that dream. “Your heart hurts for them,” Metzger said. “You

know how much time they put into this program. That stuff was all taken away from them. This is a group of guys that had the talent to go to state and win a state championship.” It’s a group that includes Wysong, Bork, Bosch, Bennett, Dewell Rauk,

Tory Knobloch, Zander Wysong, Calvin Erickson, and Thomas Dysthe. During that group’s four years H-BC accumulated a record of 30-9. “We knew that when they were coming up from the junior high ranks, this group was going to be special,” Metzger said.

“Hats off to those guys. They’ve meant a lot to our program. They bought into everything from the summer workouts to the weight room. They just love the game of football.”

HBC: 28 24 0 0 52
MLA: 7 0 0 0 7

Passing: G. Wysong 4-6, 60 yards, 1 TD
Rushing: 18-254-4; G. Wysong 7-147-2
Receiving: Deelstra 1-30-1
Tackles: G. Wysong 7; Erickson 5; Bennett 3; Bork 3
Sacks: Erickson 2
INTS: G. Wysong 1; Bennett 1

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mental challenges of weekly changes, postponements, added restrictions, and our season ending with no playoffs, I couldn’t have asked for anything more from our team. Our team’s perseverance came through when we needed it, and we have set a good standard going into next year. I am so proud of all of our accomplishments this season, and our seniors will be missed.”

Senior players include Zewiske, Paige Sandbulte, Mckenzie VanGrootheest, and Crystal Sayavong.

“Our seniors this year are unlike other years,” DeBeer said. “They are all genuinely good people. All very much invested in their team and no matter if they were on the sideline or on the court. Their unselfish support for their teammates will truly be missed.”

Luverne 18 25 23 21
JCC 25 23 25 25

Kills: Ferrell 14; Wagner 9; Zewiske 9
Digs: Ferrell 21
Assists: Baustian 20; Bork 16
Blocks: Wagner 8



Brennen Rupp photo/1126 HBC VB photo
Allie LaRock and Taryn Rauk go up for a block during Hills Beaver-Creek’s match against Edgerton on Tuesday, Nov. 17. The Patriots defeated Edgerton 3-0. Patriots finish the shortened 2020 season with a 4-7 record.

Patriots end volleyball season on high note
Nine seniors finish careers with 4-7 record

By Brennen Rupp
On Parents Night the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots volleyball team played their final game of the shortened 2020 season against Edgerton High School. The Patriots did not disappoint the home crowd with a 3-0 victory over the visiting Dutchmen. In the opening set, H-BC used a long scoring run to pull away from Edgerton. With the Dutchmen trailing 11-8, H-BC went on a 14-5 run to win the first set 25-13.

Taryn Rauk led the Patriots with three kills. Kenadie Fick recorded two kills and one ace. Abby Knobloch finished with two kills and one ace. Annie Bos and Tess VanMaanen both recorded one ace. It was all H-BC in the second set. The Patriots raced out to a 10-3 lead and never looked back en route to a 25-15 second set victory. Rauk led the Patriots with three kills. The senior middle hitter also recorded two aces.

Knobloch recorded two kills. Hannah Fick recorded one ace. Edgerton jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third set. The Patriots responded by going on an 11-3 run to claim an 11-7 lead. With the two teams deadlocked at 14-14, the Patriots closed out the third set by outscoring Edgerton 11-4 to win 25-18. Knobloch finished the third set with two kills. Rauk and Jacey Vanden

Hoek both recorded one ace. With the win, the Patriots finished the 2020 season with a 4-7 record. They’ll lose nine seniors to graduation. Those nine seniors are Lauren Tatge, Rauk, Bos, Vanden Hoek, Allie LaRock, Knobloch, Hannah Fick, Avery Vis, and Emma Kodet.

HBC 25 25 25
Edgerton 13 15 18

Kills: Rauk 9; Knobloch 6
Aces: Rauk 3; Knobloch 2; Bos 1
Assists: Bos 13

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Arnie Gerdes (left) and Brian Sterling,
Sterling Café and Grille.



Submitted photo
Becky Ossefoort (right) and Tracy
Wieneke, Wildflowers Coffee Boutique

Cookie contest winners announced

2021 event for bakers already planned

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere and Chamber staffer Angela Sneller announced the winners of the Holiday Cookie Contest Nov. 12.

“Wow! Were we blown away by all the delicious-looking entries,” Lanphere said. “Both of us said we should have had you bring in 14 cookies ...so there would be six cookies for each of the restaurants judging the cookies and one for each of us. ... Maybe next year.”

She said competition was close among the 36 individual cookies and recipes entered in the

contest.

“Each restaurant had a very, very hard time selecting their winners,” Lanphere said. “They all said that there were too many delicious cookies and they were bummed that they could only pick one.”

Restaurants selected the following cookie bakers as the 2020 champions:

In the youth division, 75 Diner’s Codie Deutsch and her staff selected Stella Brecher’s Frosted Sugar Cookies, and The Bean’s Leah Radisewitz and her staff selected Tenlee Pick’s Molasses Christmas Cookie.

In the adult division, Brian Sterling and his staff at Sterling’s Café & Grille selected Arnie Gerdes’ Chocolate Mint Cookies, and Wildflower’s Coffee Boutique’s Traci Wieneke and her staff selected Becky Ossefoort’s Grandma’s Molasses Cookies.

The participating restaurants have the cookie recipes and will bake them as their featured Thanksgiving holiday desserts.

Lanphere said winning recipes can be submitted only once, and she encourages bakers to enter the Holiday Baking Contest again in 2021.



Submitted photo
Stella Brecher (left) and Codie Deutsch,
75 Diner



Submitted photo
Tenlee Pick (left) and Leah Radisewitz,
The Bean

‘It will look great in two years’

Dormant seeding of native plants is necessary fall project

With all of the recent hunting opportunities it is hard to squeeze in other important fall projects, but I have made time to get them done.

I got my burn breaks mowed for the prescribed fires that will take place on my wildlife property to enhance the diversity and stand integrity of the native plant species that grow there.

Another project that was actually five projects all fell under the same outdoor header. That project included fall dormant seeding of native plants. I was fortunate enough to be able to work with the University of Minnesota’s Bee Research team.

They started a research program that included the planting of numerous pollinator plots across the state. Each of these sites was planted last year and needed some additional inter-seeding to bring them to their full potential for pollinators and butterflies.

We all know that planting yard grass in late fall is a great time to get these grasses established. The hot weather is over and cool days and nights with periodic watering can show great results in as little as a few weeks. Native grasses and flowers can be planted in the fall but the objective is different. We don’t actually want them to germinate until spring.

If you plant native grasses before the soil temperatures drop to about 50 degrees, they can germinate and with winter so soon to follow, most of those plants will not be well enough established to survive the winter. The idea is to spread these seeds and allow them to lay dormant until soil temperatures warm in the spring, allowing them to germinate. These are called fall dormant seedings and are now some of the most preferred methods to establish these restored prairie flowers



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

and grasses.

Many native flower seeds need to go through a freeze/thaw cycle to scarify the seeds. This freeze/thaw action cracks open the seed’s shell, allowing for a much more successful germination. When I collect native seeds while out pheasant hunting in the fall, I will put them in a paper envelope and toss them in the house freezer to be planted in the spring. Fall dormant seeding achieves the same result.

It takes special equipment to seed native grasses and flowers. I bought this equipment a few years back so I had it when I wanted to use it. In addition to native plant restorations, these fall seedings are also used for waterway and stream/lake/river setbacks and Conservation Reserve Program seedings.

The seeder I use is called a pendulum seeder. It is designed for a three-point hitch on a tractor, but I converted mine to operate from a 5 hp Honda engine and it rides in the back of my Polaris Ranger.

This setup can go places a tractor cannot reach and into soils too wet for a tractor to operate. The advantage of a seeder of this nature is that it is much faster than a conventional seed drill and it does not plant seeds in a row.

They are distributed by a tube that oscillates back and forth for even seed distribution. It also is less likely to leave skips or gaps that you might get

with a native seed drill.

The whole thing looks kind of goofy but the results speak for themselves. The snow then covers the seeds and packs them tightly to the soil for a great seed to soil contact. When soil temperature rises in the spring, these plants will take off each on their own schedule. It takes two to three years for these plants to really look good.

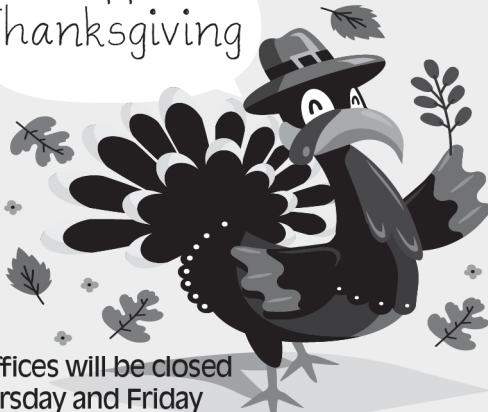
The first year the plants expend most of their energy putting down deep roots. The grasses in your yard have roots that may go down to about 5 inches. Native grasses have roots that reach down up to 20 feet. This makes these plants much more drought tolerant than their non-native cousins. The seeder comes off in a few days when my last project is completed. You can even spread these native plant seeds on top of the snow in early winter or early spring.

The sun angle warms the seeds and they sink down through the snow to the dirt below. Dormant fall seeding is one more great fall outdoor activity, and work done now will pay great wildlife benefits later.

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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St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stsclo.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.stsclo.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. 26: Office closed—Happy Thanksgiving! Saturday, Nov. 28: 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service in Sanctuary. Sunday, Nov. 29: Giving Tree begins. 9 a.m. Worship service. Limited seating is available. NO Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship. 7 p.m. 6th-9th Confirmation classes. 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. Thursday, Nov. 26: 8 a.m. Commons reserved. Friday, Nov. 27: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 5 p.m. Commons reserved. Sunday, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Communion. 12 p.m. Commons reserved.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Nov. 26: Office closed—Happy Thanksgiving! Saturday, Nov. 28: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Nov. 29: 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. 30: Bison feed orders due. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Bison meal pickup. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Dec. 3: 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf curbside pickup.

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.

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

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: newlifecelibration@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.
igtwlb@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. 29: 10 a.m. Worship Service. No Sunday school. 6 p.m. 8th and 9th grade Confirmation.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
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Thankful at Thanksgiving in Jesus

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran Church,
Luverne

ing spouse and children, faithful servants and rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the like." Yes, everyone has much to be thankful for! The Apostle Paul reminds us in his letter to the Colossians (3:17), "Everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

However, far above and beyond giving thanks for the earthly blessings that God daily provides are the spiritual blessings that the Lord blesses us with. We are to be especially thankful for the gift of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave [us] His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Out of His great love for us Jesus came and lived among us. (We look forward to celebrating his incarnation at Christmas!) God's Son lived a perfectly sinless life in our place, and at the appointed time He shed his holy blood on the cross as He died paying for the sins of the world. All people who believe and trust in the Lord Jesus as their Savior are blessed with the forgiveness of all their sins. Because of Christ we can live each day with a clean conscience. And we have the certainty that we will be with the Lord and all believers in heaven for all eternity when He calls us home.

Yes, you and I have so much to be thankful for, more than we can ever imagine. Wherever you are this Thanksgiving and whatever your circumstances, please take time to praise our gracious, loving God and give Him thanks for all that He has done for you. We are truly blessed in Jesus!

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COUNTY OF LYON

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Subject Matter: 14 Other Civil
Court File No. 42-CV-06-1150

In the Matter of _____ Assigned to Judge Tricia B. Zimmer

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM
Petitioner

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System ("LPRW") has filed a Petition at the Lyon County, Minnesota District Court, which requests that the real estate owned by all individuals and businesses who connected to LPRW in 2020, and who have not fully paid for their connection to LPRW, be assessed for all remaining costs to connect to LPRW.

A hearing on this Petition is going to occur in one of the courtrooms at the Lyon County Government Center, which is located at 607 West Main Street, Marshall Minnesota 56258 on December 23, 2020, at 1:15 p.m.

Written or oral objections will be considered at the hearing.

The proposed assessment rolls are on file with the County Auditors of Jackson County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Murray County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Redwood County, Rock County, and Yellow Medicine County.

The area proposed to be assessed consists of every parcel of land benefited by the connection to LPRW, and which was previously petitioned for improvement by the owners of said parcel of land.

The assessments will be made without regard to acreage or frontage on the water mains or branches of the water system. No assessment will be made upon land, which has not been made the subject of a petition or has not been designated and requested to be served by the owner.

Kim Jelen
Court Administrator

By: Amy Larson
November 18, 2020
Deputy Court Administrator

This instrument drafted by:
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 Attorney for Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water
 Atty. Reg. No. 254757
 Schramel Law Office
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 Windom, MN 56101
 P – 507-831-1301
 F-507-831-4200

(11-25)

LEDA sets public hearing Dec. 7

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LIVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been called and will be held for the Luverne Economic Development Authority, on Monday, the 7th day of December, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Office Building at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, to consider public input regarding the sale of Lot Three (3), Walnut Industrial Subdivision in the City of Luverne, Minnesota to Justin M. Kemp.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing, ask questions, and/or give comments. Any citizen may also submit written questions or comments prior to the hearing by addressing them to the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659.

Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the Economic Development Director, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN (507-449-5033).

BY ORDER OF THE LUVERNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Patrick Baustian, President
Luverne Economic Development Authority
305 E. Luverne St.
Luverne, MN 56156
Phone: 507-449-2388

(11-25)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 67-PR-20-264

Estate of Curtis Norman Thorson, aka Curtis N. Thorson, aka Curtis Thorson	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 August 31, 2020, and codicil(s) to the Will and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of and Caroline Marie Thorson whose address is 508 Almar Street, Luverne, MN 56156 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: 11/16/2020

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

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Signature : /s/ **Kate Anderson** Date: **11-10-2020**
MAILING ADDRESS: 575 County Highway 4, Beaver Creek, MN 56116
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PHONE NUMBER: None provided

Date: 11-10-2020

(11-19, 11-25)

		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY 2021				ED-00110-43	
General Information: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.									
District Name:		Hills/Beaver Creek					District Number:		671
Fund	FY 2020 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2020 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2020 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2020 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2021 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2021 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2021 Projected Fund Balances		
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 879,737	\$ 675,250	\$ 756,988	\$ 797,999	\$ 531,286	\$ 562,727	\$ 766,558		
General Fund/Other	\$ 2,600,783	\$ 4,144,032	\$ 4,096,579	\$ 2,648,236	\$ 4,175,850	\$ 4,246,891	\$ 2,577,195		
Food Service Fund	\$ 113,968	\$ 174,450	\$ 162,511	\$ 125,907	\$ 137,200	\$ 151,675	\$ 111,432		
Community Service Fund	\$ 124,226	\$ 104,592	\$ 79,053	\$ 149,765	\$ 125,680	\$ 80,971	\$ 194,474		
Building Construction Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Debt Service Fund	\$ 164,814	\$ 9,087,369	\$ 9,080,193	\$ 171,990	\$ 645,320	\$ 661,672	\$ 155,638		
Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Internal Service Fund	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -		
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total - All Funds	\$ 3,883,528	\$ 14,185,693	\$ 14,175,323	\$ 3,893,897	\$ 5,615,336	\$ 5,703,936	\$ 3,805,297		
Long-Term Debt		Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81							
Outstanding July 1, 2019	\$ 9,090,000	Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2020				\$ -			
Plus: New Issues	\$ -								
Less: Redemmed Issues	\$ 680,000	Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2020							
Outstanding June 30, 2020	\$ 8,410,000								
Short-Term Debt		Total Operating Expenditures				\$ 4,514,669.78			
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$ -	FY 2020 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM				378.96			
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	\$ -	FY 2020 Operating Cost per ADM				\$ 11,913.31			
<i>The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.</i>									
Comments: This report was prepared prior to final audit board approval. Numbers are subject to change. The school report card link is at MDE/Data Center/MN Report Card									

(11-25)

City of Luverne sets public hearing on 2020 tax levy

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Administrator of the City of Luverne that a Budget Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

All persons wishing to be heard should be present at the hearing or present written comments previous to the hearing to the City Administrator. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

John Call
City Administrator
(11-25)

Nickabocker's Cafe

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Nickabocker's Cafe**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

303 S. Broadway St. Ellsworth, MN 56129 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Nicole Wilhelmi**

Address: **117 S. Dakota St., Steen, Minnesota 56173-5617**

Name: **Skyler Wilhelmi**

Address: **333 E. Sanford Ave., Steen, Minnesota 56173-5617**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature : /s/ **Nicole Wilhelmi** Date: **09-22-2020**

MAILING ADDRESS: 117 S. Dakota St., Steen, Minnesota 56173-5617

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: None provided

PHONE NUMBER: None provided

(11-25, 12-03)

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)

EMPLOYMENT

New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has full time insulation installer positions available. Monday-Friday; Health insurance, vacation pay, holiday pay, retirement plan, bonus, opportunities; will train. Call 605-376-3006. (tc)

EMPLOYMENT

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SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 28

- **FLANNELFEAST:** Wear flannel & order to win - 10 - \$25 gift certificates. Pizza Ranch, Wildflower's Coffee Boutique, 75 Diner, Howling Dog Saloon, Sterling's Café & Grille, Eagles, Take16
- **WINE AND BEER TASTING** at Blue Mound Liquor – 5 to 8 pm



SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29

- **LOVE THE LIGHT – LIGHT THE NIGHT**
Luverne City Park – 6:30 pm. Fireworks at 6:30 pm prior to the lighting of park holiday displays.
\$5/car donation requested to support community events.



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 5



- **ROCK COUNTY SNO MASTERS**
Free Swap Meet & Membership Drive. Rusty Nutz Vintage Snowmobile Club Show. Howling Dog Saloon – 10 am.
We'll have a ride if there is snow!
- **FLANNEL FRENZY**
At Businesses throughout town; Look for sign in windows; Wear flannel for prizes, discounts and give-aways

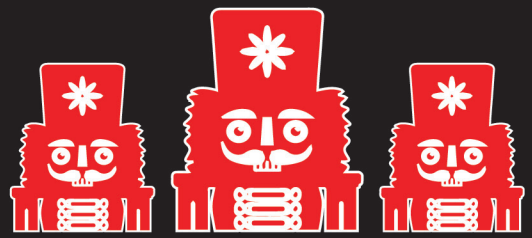


ZOOM the NORTH POLE
Virtual Visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus
10am to Noon
Check the Chamber website
www.LuverneChamber.com
for log-in information.

NOVEMBER 27th - 29th & DECEMBER 5th, 2020

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 27

- **PUPPET SHOW STORY HOUR**
Rock County Community Library – 10:00 am
- **WINE AND BEER TASTING**
At Blue Mound Liquor – 5 pm to 8 pm
- **FLANNEL FEST SHOPPING BINGO**
Cards available at area businesses. Return by December 17th; \$ prizes!
- **FLANNELFEAST**
Wear flannel & order to win 10 - \$25 gift certificates. Pizza Ranch, Wildflower's Coffee Boutique, 75 Diner, Howling Dog Saloon, Sterling's Café & Grille, Eagles, Take16
- **LITTLE FLANNEL BINGO**
Activities for youth 12 & under; Cards at History Center, Chamber, on-line at LuverneChamber.com; \$ prizes; Return by December 17th



- **FIND THE FLANNEL – NUTCRACKER SCAVENGER HUNT:** Forms on-line at www.LuverneChamber.com Or at Chamber & History Center. Return by January 3, 2021 - \$ prizes
- **FLANNEL FRENZY**
At Businesses throughout town; Look for sign in windows; Wear flannel for prizes, discounts and give-aways

Luverne Area Chamber & CVB
www.LuverneChamber.com 507.283.4061

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



On November 9, Rock County elected officials received a letter from the Minnesota Commissioner of Health, Jan Malcolm. This mailing was to make all elected officials fully aware that Rock County residents have an increased risk of becoming infected with the COVID-19 virus, including our residents and staff in our long-term care facilities. We are at serious risk of becoming infected if we keep going down this path of a high community spread and infection rate. I worked closely with our local Sanford Health professionals on the COVID-19 public health information outlined below. As your Mayor, going into this pandemic, we have also worked closely with the Rock County Star Herald to get as much information out as possible and we will continue to do so through our social media platforms and local news sources. I hope that you all have the safest holiday season as possible.

Dear Friends,

Fighting COVID-19 is imperative this holiday season. No one wants any more empty seats at the table. Each one of us is essential for regaining control of COVID-19. Every citizen can do his or her part to fight this virus. Controlling this virus is imperative to the health, vitality and safety of our families, schools, and churches; for our towns, businesses, and farms; and for our neighbors, organizations, and friends.

We, the physicians and providers at Sanford Luverne implore each individual to follow CDC guidance which is to actively wear masks, social distance, use good hand hygiene, and to get tested when appropriate. It is the neighborly thing to do. In Minnesota we have the opportunity to test at your local clinics and also at home. The Minnesota Department of Health is providing educational material enclosed in this mailing.

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

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Judy Chesley, MD
Stephen Chesley, MD
Diane Kennedy, MD
Zachary Nolz, MD
Austin Spronk, MD
Jennifer Thone, MD
Myles Tieszen, MD
Nicole Woodley, MD
Jonathan Pap, CNP
Katy Zogg, CNP

Here is how we need you to help reduce community spread:

- By encouraging compliance with masking requirements and gathering restrictions.
- By increasing communication to/partnerships with businesses, including restaurants/bars, to reinforce the harmful impact of spread on our vulnerable LTC residents.
- By amplifying communication in your community regarding the risk and spread of the virus to everyone in the community and especially to our elders.
- By encouraging those most at risk for severe disease—the elderly and those with health conditions—to stay home as much as possible and encouraging those who interact with them to use prevention measures carefully.



The new restrictions, begin Friday at 11:59 p.m. and last until December 18.

Social gatherings Walz's executive order bans indoor and outdoor social gatherings, even if people can safely distance. This means a person can't meet up with anyone outside of their own household. There are some exceptions, such as caring for a family member, friend or pet in another household or moving for fear for your safety or health. Drive-in gatherings are allowed if people stay in their own cars.

Outdoor activities are allowed, such as hunting, hiking and biking as long as people keep 6-feet apart from those in other households. But Minnesotans can't play sports without distancing, like basketball, with people outside their household.

People can gather for religious services, weddings and funerals at event spaces like as a church as long as they maintain 6-feet of space between people of different households and adhere to an indoor limit of 50 percent capacity or a maximum of 250 people. Outdoor gatherings also can't exceed 250 people. Receptions and other events tied to weddings, funerals and celebrations like birthdays are also banned.

Travel Walz's order discourages but does not ban unnecessary travel and advises people who enter the state to quarantine for 14 days. That guidance doesn't apply to people who cross state or country borders for specific necessary purposes, such as work, medical care or school.

Bars and restaurants Bars and restaurants and similar businesses like breweries, and hookah bars, must close except for takeout, delivery or walk-up service.

Fitness centers Gyms, fitness centers, indoor sports facilities, and any similar exercise or recreation center will also be forced to close.

Entertainment venues Outdoor and indoor event and entertainment businesses like theaters, bowling alleys, arcades, go-kart tracks must close all in-person services with the exception of a drive-through product.

Parks, trails and outdoor athletics State and local parks, ski trails, sledding hills, shooting ranges and similar businesses and activities can keep operating as long as they follow rules such as requiring physical distancing.

Barbershops, salons and retail businesses Retail businesses, barbershops and salons can stay open but are limited to 50 percent capacity with a maximum of 250 people inside.

Organized sports All youth sports must stop, including high school games, for a month. The same is true for adult sports leagues. College and professional teams are exempted, though collegiate sports must follow recommendations laid out by the state.

Schools and child care All schools, including K-12 and higher education institutions, do not have new limits in the executive order. They must follow existing rules. Child care businesses can also operate as they have been.

STAY SAFE MN

I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.



Sincerely,

Mayor Patrick T. Baustian