



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Storms bring wind, hail, heavy rain

By Lori Sorenson

Storms that swept through Rock County and the tri-state area Saturday night left downed trees, damaged crops and property, and wet basements.

Hills, Beaver Creek, Steen and Luverne all had downed trees, some of them large, and some fell on vehicles and buildings.

A large maple tree in Roger Tollefson's backyard on Northview Drive in Luverne split down the middle, and half of it fell toward the back side of his house.

"I started picking up sticks the next morning when I let the dogs out," he said. "But then I noticed my big tree was down."

It landed on the back patio deck, damaging the railing. "I didn't know the extent of the damage until daylight the next morning," Tollefson said.

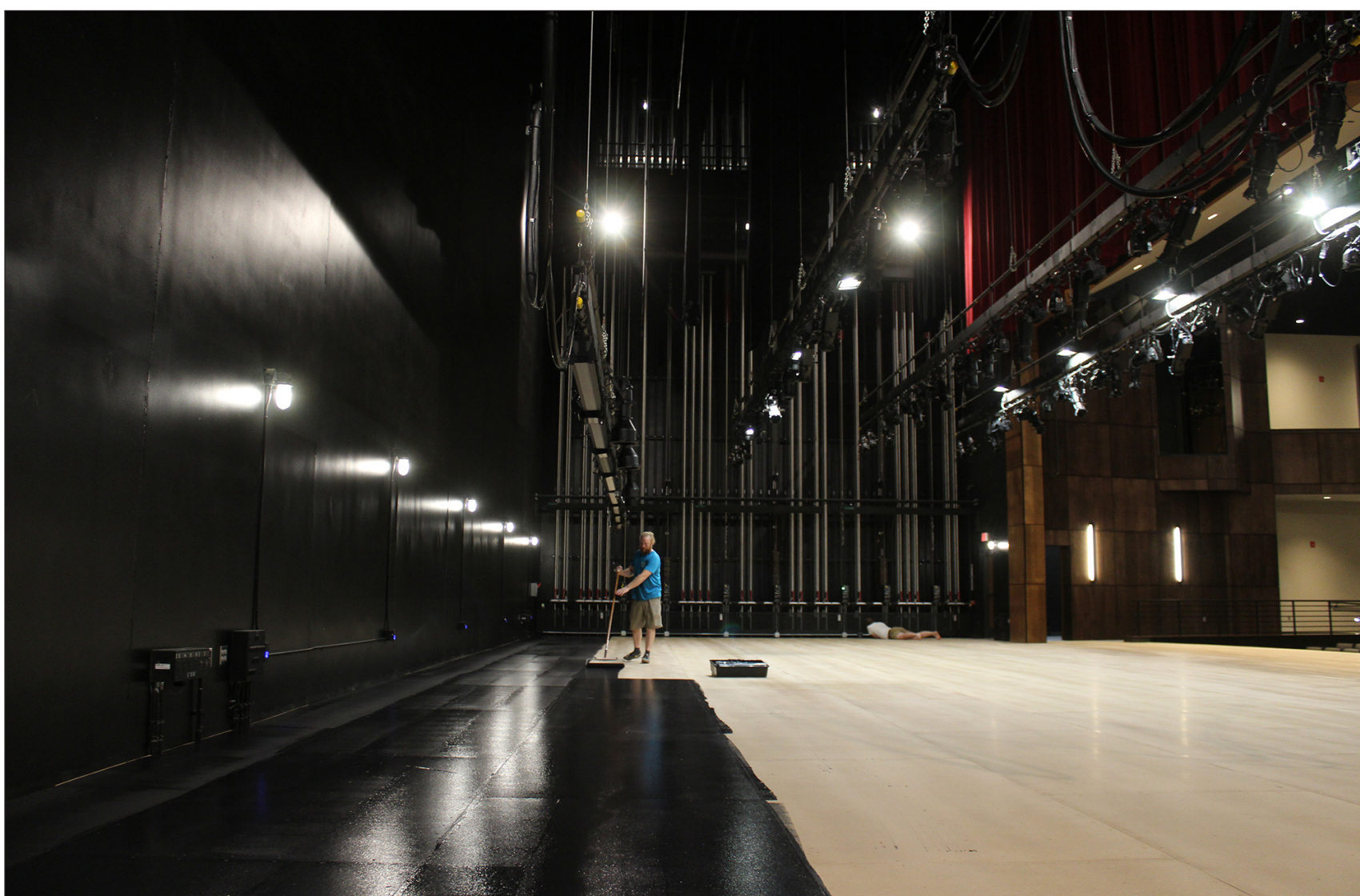
Similar stories are shared on social media around the region, and there were reports of machine sheds damaged east of Hills and in the Steen area.

Brian Fick works with Farmers Mutual Hail through of Kozlowski Insurance, Luverne. He has been responding to crop loss inquiries.

"It's very spotty," he said of Saturday's storm damage. "There's lodged corn, some hail damage to soybeans, and soybeans lodged as well."

He said fields in the Hills and Beaver Creek areas were hardest hit, as well as those southwest

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Mavis Fodness photo/0902 School Build Painting Stage Floor

Josh Hieserich with FLR Sanders Inc. of Princeton works Thursday night, Aug. 26, putting the first layer of black paint on the stage floor of the new Luverne Middle-High School performing arts center. Cameron Spencer (right) lies on the floor to paint under the curtain rigging. Contractors are putting the final touches on more than two years of remodeling and building that has occurred on the school campus. Class starts Tuesday.

## Students return to new school, warm welcome

By Mavis Fodness

A car show, bag toss tournament and grilled burgers were offered at the first Luverne High School Senior Night Monday evening in the school's new commons and the performing arts center.

About 63 seniors gathered for the event hosted by the school's student council.

The students were sophomores when the \$31 million remodel and construction project began.

For many students, Monday night's event was the first time they viewed the new areas.

"It's pretty cool," said senior Chance Tunnessen.

The seniors were the first to eat in the new commons dining area. Prior to the construction of the main floor kitchen/dining area, students ate breakfast and lunch in the basement cafeteria. Monday night's atmosphere is noticeably different.

"It is so bright and airy," said senior Mia Wenzel. "I may stay and eat lunch here now."

With the increased seating capacity and larger serving area, food service director Ann Rigney anticipates students like Wenzel who normally went home for lunch will choose to eat at school.

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## Westbound I-90 ramps open

By Lori Sorenson

The westbound ramps for I-90 at Luverne and Beaver Creek reopened last week following summer construction between the two towns.

The work involved resurfacing the existing westbound pavement, and westbound motorists were shifted to the eastbound

lanes in "head-to-head" two-way traffic between Luverne and Highway 23.

The westbound ramp from Luverne onto I-90 was closed for the duration of the project from June 14 through Aug. 25.

The Minnesota Department of

I-90 ramps open/see page 3A

## PUC approves Walleye Wind turbines

By Mavis Fodness

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission gave approval last week to the 109-megawatt Walleye Wind project in west-central Rock County.

The regulatory agency issued permits to NextEra Energy for both site construction and certificate of need for the electricity.

NextEra plans to construct up to 40 wind turbines in the townships of Beaver Creek, Luverne, Martin and Springwater. The farm encompasses

over 49 square miles or 31,000 acres.

"We are very pleased with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's decision to approve the Walleye Wind Project," said Walleye Wind project director Mike Wiech.

"We appreciate the commission's thorough review of our project, as well as the generous support from the community."

Walleye Wind approved/continued on page 5A

## School streets get new names, signs

By Lori Sorenson

Streets in and around the Luverne School District campus have been renamed as part of rebranding and school pride initiatives.

Luverne City Council members approved an ordinance this summer to change the street names, and the new red-and-white signs went up last week.

The following streets were affected:

•Adams Street (the east-west road that enters the school campus at the tennis courts) is now Cardinal Drive.

•North East Park, the one-way street along the east side of the high school, was renamed to Alumni Avenue.

•School Street is now named 2184 Lane. This is the roadway that intersects the one-way street near the south end of the campus and heads west before elbowing south to connect with Dodge

School street signs/see 2A



Lori Sorenson photo/0902 street rename by school

City public works employees put up the new school street signs Wednesday, Aug. 25. Pictured at the corner of Alumni Avenue and Cardinal Drive are city workers Derek Elbers (left) and Dan Serie.

## District offers free COVID-19 testing to staff, students

By Mavis Fodness

Free coronavirus testing will continue at Luverne Public Schools for the upcoming school year.

A grant from the Minnesota Department of Education will support the three tests available in the 2021-22 school year.

Available tests include an at-home, over-the-counter option, the cue test administered in the school's health office and the vault test.

The at-home and cue test options provide results within 20 minutes.

The vault test requires an individual to collect a saliva sample and complete a Zoom call with a health professional. Samples are returned to the school once a week and sent to a testing lab. Results are emailed to individuals within 48 hours.

The vault test was available to school staff last school year.

"We don't have to participate in the testing," said Elementary Principal Stacy Gillette. "We feel strongly that working together will help us stay in an in-person setting."

The at-home, over-the-counter test may be picked up at school and used when necessary.

Gillette outlined the three testing options at the Aug. 26 Luverne School Board meeting, which was attended by 27 parents and district staff.

Gillette also previewed the district's plan for when a staff member or student tests positive or when a household member is positive.

The plan outlines steps for contact tracing and days in quarantine for vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff and for those who chose to use a face covering while in school.

School Covid tests/see page 3A





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

Rock County People First will meet Monday, Sept. 13, in Luverne Pizza Ranch for a 5:30 p.m. meal and 6:30 p.m. meeting.

American Legion Auxiliary 123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Call 507-283-1934 with questions.

### Community Ed fall offerings

The Fall Community Education brochure — covering the months of September, October, November and December, will be available Sept. 5 on the school website at [www.isd2184.net](http://www.isd2184.net) under the Community Education link.

### Friends of Library book sale starts Sept. 16

The Rock County Community Library will offer a fall book sale from Thursday, Sept. 16, through Saturday, Sept. 18, in the library basement. Hours on Thursday are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Saturday bag sale is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A special time of 4 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday is open for Friends of the Library to shop. Anyone wanting to join Friends of the Library may do so at the door Wednesday evening and take advantage of early shopping. Books may be donated to the library any day the library is open. Not accepted are encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest books and VHS or cassette tapes.

### 'Out of the Darkness' walk Sept. 18

Out of the Darkness suicide prevention walk will be at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, on the Luverne High School track. Register at [afsp.org/luverne](http://afsp.org/luverne). Money raised through the event will be used for community education and training about suicide prevention research.

### Historical Society Sept. 20 event features story of Dick Wildung and Gophers

The Rock County Historical Society annual banquet and program will be Monday, Sept. 20, in Luverne. Social hour is at 5:30 and the meal is at 6 p.m. at Sterling's.

The 7:15 program at the Palace Theatre features author and journalist Danny Spewak who shares the story of the 1941 Gopher National Championship football team. LHS grad and two-time All-American and Gopher great Dick Wildung is part of the program. Reserve banquet tickets by Sept. 17 at the History Center, 507-283-2122, or email [remuseum@gmail.com](mailto:remuseum@gmail.com). The program at the Palace is free.

### Explore Prairie Ally

Free guided tours at Prairie Ally Outdoor Center (308 N. Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne) are Thursdays at 6, 6:30, and 7 p.m. through August or by appointment. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays from 10a.m. to noon and Thursdays at 5:30 June through September. Contact: [prairieallymn@gmail.com](mailto:prairieallymn@gmail.com), 605-951-0227. Also, visit [projectfoodforest.org/events](http://projectfoodforest.org/events).

### Nominations sought for Rock County Hall of Fame

The Rock County Historical Society's Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2022 induction of current and former residents. Nominees must have a significant identity with Rock County and have made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, and brought honor and prestige beyond the borders of Minnesota. Nominees should also exhibit quality in character and action as to be outstanding role models for the county's citizens. Nominations are accepted now through Feb. 28, 2022. Forms are available at The History Center, Luverne Area Chamber or online at [www.rockcountyhistorical.com](http://www.rockcountyhistorical.com) or [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com). An awards presentation is scheduled for July 17, 2022.

## Students go back to school in new building/continued from 1A

Rigney is preparing breakfast and lunch options for an additional 100 to 150 middle and high school students to dine in school.

Also, there are new menu choices offered at four different stations.

Grab and Go items such as cold sandwiches, yogurt and juices will be offered for sale along with a salad bar choice. Two lines will feature hot entrees as well as hot grab and go items such as pizza or chicken.

"We will be trying things to see what they like," Rigney said.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic relief funding, the regular hot lunch is free to students, but students will have to pay for the grab and go items.

All items will be charged to the student's lunch account, and parents receive an email as to what was purchased.

The new kitchen is four times the size of the previous space in the basement.

New equipment such as a sandwich warming oven, tilt cooker and combi-oven makes it easier to cook for more students.

Microwaves are also available for students who do bring their own lunch



Jason Berghorst photo/0902 Back to School Luverne

High School Principal Ryan Johnson addresses members of the LHS Class of 2022 Monday night as the first class of students gather in the new performing arts center. The students were sophomores when the construction project began in early 2019. The Senior Night also allowed the students to be the first to dine in the new commons area in the back-to-school event prior to the opening of the 2021-22 school year on Tuesday.

to eat in the cafeteria.

With the main floor commons, school officials have closed the lunch hours for the freshmen and sophomores. Juniors and seniors have the option to leave campus for lunch.

"Kids have so many more choices that I hope they stay and eat," Rigney said.



Mavis Fodness photo/0902 Back to School Luverne



Pictured above, Jeff Stratton (from left), Jeanne Bowron and Amy Stratton man a grill at the school entrance Monday night at the Senior Night event for the incoming members of the Class of 2022.

Pictured at left, students use the newly constructed Luverne Middle-High School commons for the first time Monday night for Senior Night when volunteers grilled hamburgers for the seniors who were sophomores when the construction of the commons began. Jason Berghorst photo

## Streets at Luverne school renamed, get new signs/from page 1A

Street.

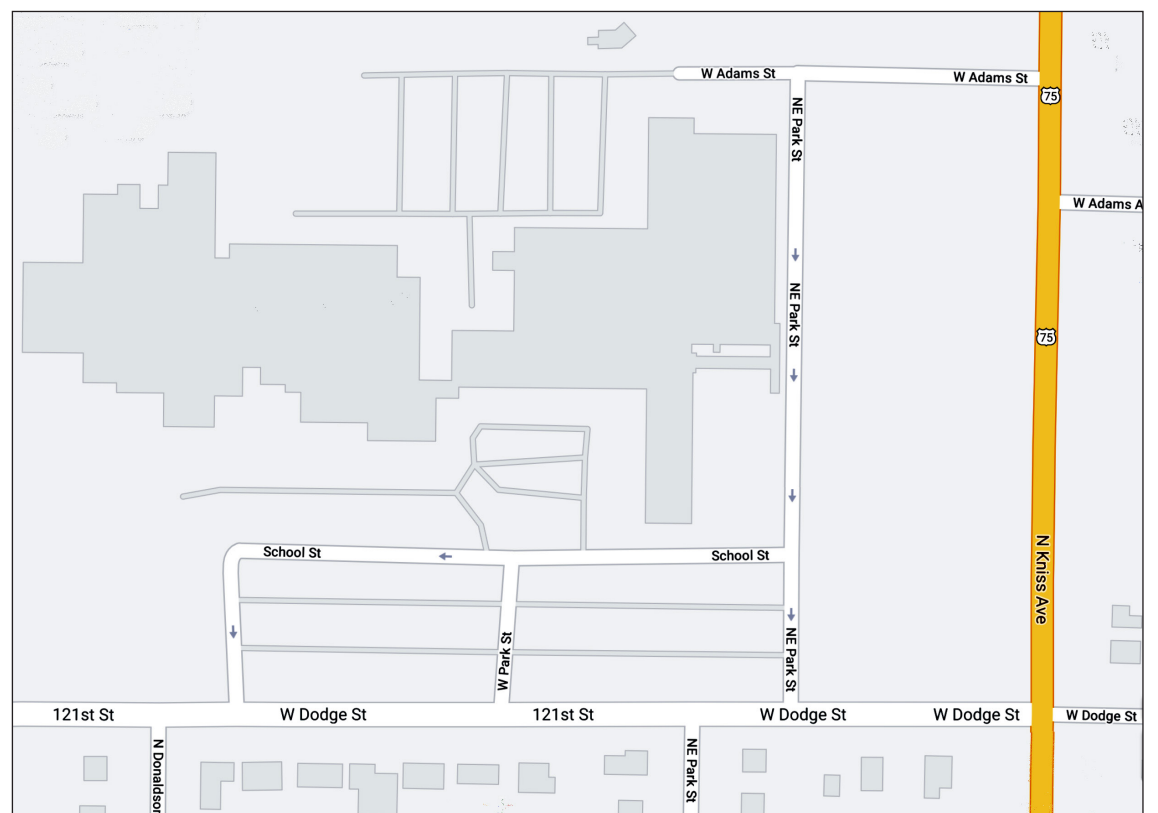
The signs, which cost a total of \$640, also have the Cardinal logo beside the street names. They were erected Aug. 25.

The new street names and signs are part of a joint city and district project to improve streets around the school that have been torn up because of the school construction project.

Adams and North East Park streets were milled off and overlaid, Adams was widened to allow diagonal parking along the east side of the high school.

The city also approved an alternate bid for a new sidewalk to connect with the Luverne Loop near the bus garages.

The street work at the school campus marks the final stages of the Luverne School District's two-year \$33 million construction project.



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## I-90 ramps reopen/from page 1A

Transportation initially announced in May that westbound ramps at Highway 75 would be closed for both exit and entrance during construction.

However, the state negotiated a change order with the contractor, PCI Roads, to delay the Luverne exit ramp closure until after the Sturgis Street Rally in order to allow South Highway 75 businesses to capture some of the westbound traffic business.

The westbound exit ramp onto Highway 75 was closed in mid August in order to complete repairs on that portion of the project.

In the time since then, westbound travelers wanting to reach Luverne and Beaver Creek had to exit at Magnolia and take County Road 4 west to their destinations.

Construction was initially planned for nine miles from Luverne to just west of Beaver Creek, however work on the western five miles of the project was suspended midway through the project.

According to Roger Risser, construction manager for MnDOT District 7, workers found the pavement repair between mile markers 4 and 9 would be too extensive and costly to be repaired with this year's project.

"Instead of trying to make a repair at every joint for a 10 to 15-year fix, we're looking at a repair next year that will be good 30 years," Risser said.

The work, to be completed next summer, involves a concrete over-

lay with asphalt between existing and new concrete layers so the cement doesn't crack.

Four miles west of Beaver Creek in the eastbound lanes will be completed along with the nine miles of overlay planned for the westbound lanes from the South Dakota border to the east.

Unlike this year's project, Beaver Creek's exit and entrance ramps for the westbound lanes will remain open for most all of the roadwork next year.

Mayor Josh Teune had expressed concern about the impact of Beaver Creek's ramp closures this year on the community.

Particularly, he and City Council members were disappointed when the Beaver Creek ramps weren't reopened when the western five miles of I-90 work was suspended.

"If they weren't working on it, why didn't they open the ramp?" Teune said at a recent city council meeting.

Risser said that Beaver Creek ramps couldn't be reopened because traffic couldn't cross over from the head-to-head configuration until west of County Road 6, where the existing center median crossover is located.

Exit and entrance ramps for eastbound lanes remained open all summer, and eastbound travelers accessing Luverne and Beaver Creek were impacted only by the two-way traffic configuration.

PCI Roads, LLC was awarded the project with a bid of \$4,844,421.70.

## School offers COVID-19 tests/ continued from page 1A

Generally, those who have been vaccinated, tested positive within the last 90 days, or used a face covering around an infected person are not required to quarantine if they've come into close contact with an infected person.

Close contact is defined as being within 3 feet of an infected individual for 15 minutes or longer over the course of 24 hours.

The MDE recommended the plan in mid-August.

"We must use every available tool to keep our students in classrooms because we know that is the best for their well-being and academic success," said MDE Commissioner Heather Mueller.

"We stand ready to partner with and support our school leaders across the state as they develop COVID-19 testing plans that keep our students, staff and families healthy and safe."

The testing program is in response to increasing spread of COVID-19 across the state.

The Minnesota Depart-

ment of Health and the Centers for Disease Control recommend that all unvaccinated school-aged children and school staff be tested at least weekly throughout the school year. Unvaccinated children involved in extracurricular activities should be tested more frequently.

Vaccination is available to anyone ages 12 and older.

Locally, the district's incident command team will track positive cases and those quarantined due to close contact. Those numbers will be included in newsletters from the school.

School officials strongly recommend staff and students stay at home if not feeling well, even if the COVID-19 test is negative.

In other business, school board members:

- hired Beryl Moser and Jonathon Dolo as part-time housekeepers.
- approved Matt Fodness and Cody Rofshus as volunteer football coaches.



Luverne's Mike Davis surveys damage in Roger Tollefson's back yard Sunday in order to assess tree cleanup. Tollefson was among dozens of local residents who reported tree and property damage following Saturday night's storms.

## Saturday night storms cause damage/continued from 1A



This cornfield west of Hills near Wally's Nursery is battered by wind and hail damage. The photo was taken Sunday afternoon following Saturday's storms that swept through the tri-state area. Other crop damage includes lodged corn and soybeans, flattened by high winds and heavy rains. (Mavis Fodness photo)

of Luverne. However, he won't know the extent of damage and the number of acres affected for several weeks.

"The big thing is going to be the harvestability of crops," Fick said about the lodged corn and soybeans. "It will be a matter of trying to get it into the combine or chopper — some of it is pretty close to the ground."

For the stalks lying closest to the ground, he said moisture may be an issue at harvest time for those ears of corn that may not dry in time.

Rain amounts varied around Rock County and the region, with the heavier amounts — over six inches — reported in the Hills and Beaver Creek area.

Luverne and Magnolia had over 3 inches, Hardwick had 2 inches and Jasper and areas south of Jasper had 4 inches.

Fields in the northwestern parts of Rock County have been particularly dry, so the moisture was a welcome relief for

drought-weary fields in that area.

Local agronomists are telling their clients that Saturday's rain won't make a big difference for the corn crop, but soybeans that are still green may see pods fill in more.

As of Thursday, portions of Rock County were still in "severe drought" according to the North American Drought Monitor.

Central Rock County was in "moderate drought," and southeastern Rock County was considered "abnormally dry."

Crop experts are saying yield predictions will be difficult this harvest season, given variability of growing conditions in the region. The latest predictions on Aug. 27 did not account for Saturday's rain.

The next USDA Crop Report will be released on Sept. 10 and will be based on crop conditions as of Sept. 1. This report will include actual field survey data in the yield and production estimates.



Rock County Highway Department workers load downed trees and branches along County Road 7 in Hardwick Tuesday morning. The area received strong winds and several inches of rain from Saturday's storm. (Mavis Fodness photo)



Mavis Fodness photo/0902 pink ladies

## Pink Ladies make sure 'No one fights alone'

Members of the Bottoms Up Pink Ladies presented a gift bag and \$500 to the Lisa and Mark Ehlers family Friday night during the Rock County Relay for Life event at Take 16 in Luverne. Pink Ladies Jennifer Luitjens (far left) emphasized that "no one fights alone" and honored Lisa for her fight against breast cancer. Also pictured are fellow dart league members Robin Folkers and Brandy Wersal. The Ehlers family includes (from left) Seth, Lisa, Mark and Lily.

Open House  
Bridal Shower for  
*Jenna Leslie*  
bride-to-be of Brandon Boeve  
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## Puppy test reveals old lady's level of crotchety-ness

I've become a crotchety old lady.

I used to delight in the silly ways of happy creatures such as puppies.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

*I used to delight in the silly ways of happy creatures such as puppies. Now they annoy me.*

Now they annoy me.

My sister recently added a furry bundle of joy to her life named Snoop.

I call him Snoop-id.

My relationship with Snoop-id went south the day he ate my sandal. Not just any sandal – my \$80 orthopedic sandal. The sandal I need to support my falling arches, plantar fasciitis and lymphedema. (Good news. He only ate one.)

Our relationship continued to sour when Snoop-id ate a portion of a cleaning rag I had misplaced. Visions of hundreds of dollars in vet bills danced through my head as I chased Snoop-id through the kitchen, remnants of a cleaning rag dangling from his mouth.

Snoop-id is a Spaniel. Spaniels like water. Snoop-id likes the water feature in my sister's back yard. He especially likes the part where he jumps out of the water feature and shakes himself vigorously on visitors – crotchety visitors – like me.

Being a puppy, Snoop-id likes to play. Playing, of course, includes racing around like a fur missile looking for targets to destroy.

Targets like my knees.

Every time "the missile" rockets past, I bend my knees slightly and ponder the amount of physical therapy I would require to recover from knee cap replacement surgery.

I like clean windows.

Snoop-id creates dog-nose art on windows, especially just-

cleaned windows.

We picked berries. Snoop-id spilled the berry bucket.

We went for a car ride. Snoop-id barked furiously against the closed windows, creating an echo chamber of pain for the car's occupants.

Even though he is fearless when inside the car, outside the car Snoop-id is afraid of many things – such as tree stumps.

As I clench my teeth against this endless puppy aggravation, my sister throws her head back and laughs at the delightful antics of her furry little buddy.

"He's an idiot," I say.

"He's the best!" she says.

And that's how you can tell if an old lady is becoming crotchety or not.

## Celebrate summer's final days, but make sure drivers are sober

Enforcement campaign through Sept. 6 means extra patrol, awareness

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

"Let's have one last celebration before summer ends! What shall we do?"

"Great idea! Let's spend thousands of dollars in legal fees! Or ... spending months in the hospital might be fun. Or how about dying in a car crash?" If all of that sounds like a ridiculous way to spend Labor Day weekend, we agree. And yet that's what can happen if you don't find a sober ride, as a distressing number of people haven't this year.

To be exact, as of Aug. 23, 15,657 DWIs were reported throughout the state compared with 14,871 at the same time in 2020.

The consequences of drunk driving are all undesirable at best. You can lose your license for up to a year, and it'll cost you thousands of dollars and possible jail time. Your insurance rates could increase significantly.

Or, you could cause a crash and seriously injure or even kill yourself or someone else. All terrible ways to wrap up summer. Yet on a five-year average, Labor Day has the third highest number of DWI arrests per hour compared with other major holidays (in case you're wondering, St. Patrick's

Day and the Fourth of July are first and second, respectively).

So Minnesota law enforcement is acting accordingly. Troopers, deputies and officers are conducting extra patrols on the roads by stopping impaired drivers.

The campaign includes awareness and education, too, and runs through Sept. 6. It's coordinated by the Office of Traffic Safety with funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

#### Post-pandemic DWI numbers trend upward

Over the long term, drinking and driving has dropped significantly. DWIs decreased 23 percent from 2011 to 2020, and the number of motorists dying in drunk driving-related crashes dropped 42 percent over that time period.

But post-pandemic, those numbers are starting to creep back up again, and that positive

long-term change is beginning to slip away.

You can do your part to make sure we don't lose our momentum. Whether you arrange for a ride share, designate a sober driver, or stay the night at the party, the key is planning ahead while you can still think clearly.

And if you see an impaired person try to get behind the wheel, get them a safe ride home. No matter whether you've been partying or not, buckle that seat belt. It's your best defense against an impaired driver.

And if you see impaired driving, call 911. Be prepared to tell the dispatcher what behavior you saw, along with your location and the license plate number.

Another Minnesota summer is drawing to a close, and you'll want to squeeze the last drops of fun out. Just make sure your celebrations don't include DWIs or catastrophic crashes.

There are better ways to spend your Labor Day weekend.



## 'Out of the Darkness' walk coming Sept. 1E

### To the editor:

The Luv1LuvAll team members with the Brain Health Initiative have teamed up with Luverne schools and Sanford Luverne to bring suicide survivor Kevin Hines to the community on Sept. 1.

He'll be there at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the school's new performing arts center. (It will be the first event to be held in the new auditorium.)

Hines, who was diagnosed at 17 with bipolar disorder, is now a brain health advocate and an award-winning filmmaker, best-selling author, international educator and speaker.

In addition to bringing Hines in to share his message, the Luv1LuvAll Brain Health group

is organizing an "Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk" on Sept. 18 at the Luverne High School track.

Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the purpose of the walks (in many communities nationwide) is to increase awareness in order to help save lives.

We hope to see local participation in the Sept. 18 walk in order to help the foundation raise money for prevention research and provide free community education and training.

I am especially excited about their goal of decreasing suicide by 20 percent by 2025.

A life saved is a life saved. If we can save one life through a conversation, then goal met."

The Luv1LuvAll Facebook

page will share a link with registration information for the walk. Meanwhile, more information about Out of the Darkness walk can be found at [afsp.org/luverne](http://afsp.org/luverne).

Meanwhile, if you're hurting, ask for help. If you know of someone hurting, reach out.

Are you OK? Is something wrong? Can I help?

Hines says that these were the words he desperately wanted to hear in the moments before he catapulted himself over the rail of the Golden Gate Bridge.

We don't have to be mental health professionals to be kind.

**Angela Nolz,  
Sanford Luverne  
integrated health therapist  
and Luv1LuvAll Brain  
Health team member**

### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

*Thank you to Joe Schomacker for supporting police officers, public safety*

#### To the Editor:

On behalf of our state's police officers, corrections officers and dispatchers, we're writing to publicly say thank you to Representative Joe Schomacker for his steadfast support of increased public safety efforts during the past legislative session in St. Paul.

With increasing crime, it's especially important to stop all efforts to defund, demoralize or demonize public safety officials who keep communities safe by deterring law-breaking and aiding victims of crime.

Rep. Schomacker is a tremendous advocate for our first responders and public safety officials and stood against attempts to defund and dismantle the police. He voted to promote public safety legislation such as pay raises for law enforcement officers and investments in training programs.

Thank you for supporting public safety and law enforcement.

**Brian Peters  
St. Paul**

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Aug. 20**  
 •Complainant on McKenzie and Lincoln streets reported kids disturbing the peace.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue and County Road 4, reported a semi blocking traffic.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested deputy for property exchange.  
 •Complainant on 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant on W. Lincoln reported subject at location who won't leave.  
**Aug. 21**  
 •Complainant on E. Christensen Drive reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested deputy to check on subject at location.  
 •Complainant on Buckingham Street, Hardwick, requested to speak to a deputy.  
 •Complainant on E. Main Street requested to speak to a deputy.  
 •Probation officer on W. Main Street reported off-duty contact.  
 •Complainant eastbound on County Road 4 reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported a shop-lifter.  
 •Complainant on Highway 75 and 131<sup>st</sup> Street, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Request for a lift assist at hospital.  
 •Deputies checked on warrant on N. Cedar Street.  
 •Complainant on County Highway 4 reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported someone in a costume mask waving at people.  
 •Complainant on Lindale Avenue reported suspicious activity.  
**Aug. 22**  
 •Complainant on County Road 12 and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jasper, reported garbage bags on the road.  
 •Complainant on 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, requested deputy assistance.  
 •Severe thunderstorm warning with hail and high winds was reported in Rock County.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 22, Magnolia, requested deputy assistance.  
**Aug. 23**  
 •Complainant on E. Brown Street requested deputy for court hearing.

•Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue reported a stolen bike.  
 •Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported theft from his credit card.  
 •Complainant on S. West Park Street reported a civil dispute and harassing communications.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Nobles County Sheriff's Office requested assistance on N. Cedar Street.  
**Aug. 24**  
 •Severe thunderstorm warning with hail and high winds was reported in Rock County.  
 •Complainant reported a possible harassment crime.  
 •Dispatcher confirmed a warrant.  
 •Complainant on W. Main Street requested deputy for disorderly subject.  
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported a vehicle parked at location after hours.  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.  
**Aug. 25**  
 •Complainant on 131<sup>st</sup> Street reported road closed.  
 •Complainant requested to speak to the sheriff.  
 •Complainant on County Road 5 from County Road 6 reported debris falling off trailer.  
 •Complainant on W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hills, reported theft of checks and cash.  
 •Complainant on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hardwick, reported a girl walking around with hatchet.  
**Aug. 26**  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported harassing behavior from employee at location.  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a fire panel outage.  
 •Deputy out with subject at location eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 7.5, Luverne.  
**Aug. 27**  
 •Phone outage was reported.  
 •Outage was reported on Kniss Avenue and Bark Street.  
 In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 6 escorts, 10 ambulance runs, 10 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 3 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 1 background check, 1 driver's license check, 1 gas drive-off, 1 alarm, 7 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 16 traffic stops, 11 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 3 welfare checks and 1 report of cattle out.



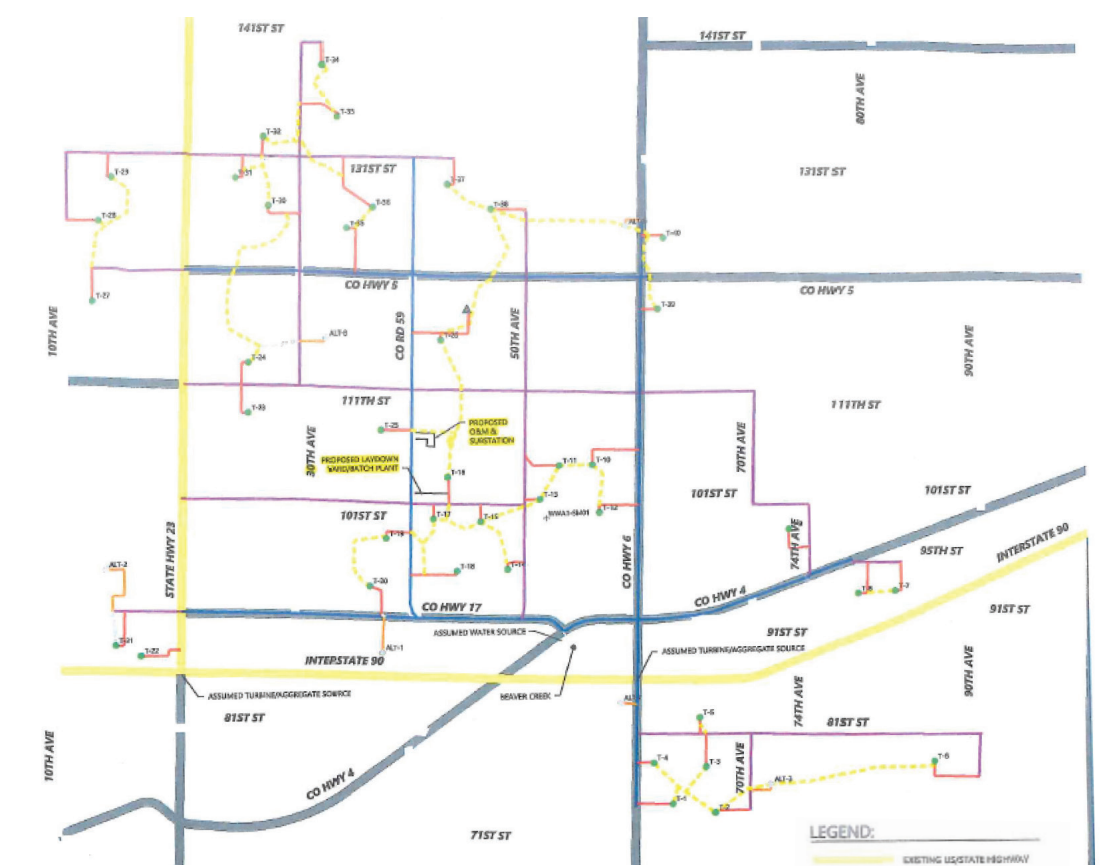
Mavis Fodness photo/0902 Hills Creamery Demo

### Old creamery building demolished in Hills

Stone Hill Excavation of Sioux Falls tears down the former Hills Co-Op Creamery Association building on West Third Street in Hills on Aug. 25 and hauls away the structure. The two-story brick building was constructed in 1927 and local dairy producers supplied the milk to make butter. According to the Hills Centennial book, the creamery closed in 1961. The building and half-acre site had a variety of uses through the years. Kris Gagnon with Banking Barns of Hills purchased the building and property in 2016. Gagnon stored harvested and salvage lumber in the former creamery. The sandstone blocks from the creamery were saved for possible use in a new building at the site.

### PUC approves Walley Wind in Rock County/continued from 1A

According to the press release from the PUC, the project is expected to bring up to 185 jobs during the construction and up to four full-time positions after the construction is complete.  
 Once fully operational, the wind farm is estimated to generate between \$400,000 to \$600,000 in annual tax revenues to Rock County.  
 The farm will provide electricity to the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency through a 30-year purchase agreement.  
 Weich indicated NextEra is waiting for the final written order from the PUC. "We will host a community meeting to share our construction plans," he wrote.  
 That meeting could take place in October. Original plans were to complete the wind farm by the end of the year.  
 The PUC approved requirements to minimize project impacts to human and natural environments.  
 NextEra developed a shadow flicker management plan, an avian and bat protection plan, a native prairie protection plan and a decommissioning plan. The plan ensures sites are restored at the end of the wind farm's useful life.  
**County approves laydown yard permit**  
 A conditional use permit was approved by Rock County Commissioners July



Rock County approved a lay down yard in Beaver Creek Township for the Walleye Wind project. The PUC approved permits for both the construction of up to 40 wind turbines and certificate of need for the electrical power generated. (NextEra graphic)

6 for a temporary construction laydown yard in Section 17 of Beaver Creek Township, owned by Dach Inc.  
 Charles Matus of Luverne is listed as the corporation's contact.  
 No one opposed the plans at the June 21 Rock County Planning and Zoning public hearing about the laydown location.  
 Commissioners unanimously approved the permit to use 38.1 acres for the

laydown yard.  
 It will be accessed by County Road 59 and 101st Street during the construction timeframe for a temporary staging site for all the necessary construction material for building the wind farm.  
 The site will also host construction trailers and parking for workers.  
 The site is also where one of the former Perch Wind turbines is currently

located.  
 That turbine, along with six other inoperable turbines in the area, will be decommissioned by NextEra Energy.  
 The conditional use permit is in effect for three years.  
 The permit stipulates once NextEra is finished with the site, the topsoil will be restored and the site be returned to its original condition, which is for general agricultural purposes.

# Dining & Entertainment

*Luverne Christian School Society*

## Pork Loin & Hamburger Supper

Wednesday, Sept. 8  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Pork loin, hamburgers, potato salad, cucumber salad, tea rolls and ice cream

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There will be a sign up sheet in Luverne CRC to pre-order pork loins.  
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(If you would like it sliced, please add \$5)

Orders can also be placed w/ Theron Feikema (507-920-6054) by Aug 31

*Luverne Christian School Society*

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scrambler

Saturday, September 11, 2021

- Shot Gun Start - 9 a.m.
- Best Ball Tournament
- Cash Prizes Awarded

*1st, 2nd & 3rd place and Hole in One prizes!*

- \$50 entry fee per person [includes 18 holes of golf and meal.]  
[Golf cart rental is not included.]

Please register your 4-person team by calling the Luverne Country Club (507) 283-4383

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PG-13

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# Districts welcome new teachers

## Luverne Public Schools

By Mavis Fodness

When Luverne Public Schools opens the doors for the 2021-22 school year, seven new teachers will be in the classrooms.

Some of the faces are familiar.

However, this time they'll be in the front of the classroom instead of behind a student desk.

**Cassie Uithoven** (nee Pap) is an LHS graduate and will teach ninth-grade English language arts and grades 11/12 speech.

She received an elementary education degree from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 2010 and is currently working toward secondary education licensure.

"What I am looking forward to this year is living out the goal I had hoped to achieve ever since college graduation — teaching in the district where I graduated from," she said. "I am looking forward to working with the students and offering them positive learning experiences."

Uithoven comes back to the Luverne district with 11 years of teaching experience.

She spent one year as a substitute teacher in Luverne before teaching 10 years of kindergarten, one year in Hills-Beaver Creek and nine years in Brandon, South Dakota.

She and her husband, Aric, live in rural Magnolia with their three young children.

**Christina Aukes** (nee Casazza) returns to the Luverne district as a first-grade teacher. She graduated from LHS in 2016.

"I am looking forward to spending the year learning and growing with my first-graders," she said.

Aukes attended Minnesota State



Seven new licensed staff join Luverne Public Schools for the 2021-22 school year. Pictured (front, left) are Cassie Uithoven, Eric Arnold, Stacey Thone, (back) Maddie Jenkins, Amy Chapa, Tara Sudenga and Christina Aukes.

Mavis Fodness photo

University Mankato, earning a K-6 elementary education degree. Her student teaching was in first grade in Mankato.

Last school year she was the pre-school and Title I teacher at Ellsworth Public School.

She is married to Jake Aukes, and the couple lives in Luverne.

**Tara Sudenga** is the new ninth- and tenth-grade math teacher. She will also coach junior varsity softball.

The Luverne native graduated from LHS in 2014 and worked as a substitute teacher in Luverne right before the coronavirus pandemic closed down school buildings in 2020.

Last school year she was a full-time substitute teacher in Adrian. Sudenga completed her student teaching in Worthington in 2019.

"I am looking forward to being

a Cardinal again," she said, as she makes her home in Luverne. "I went to school in Luverne years K-12, so I am excited to continue my school career in Luverne."

Sudenga received an associate's degree from Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville and a bachelor's degree from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, graduating in 2019. She obtained a physical education/health degree with a minor in coaching.

She is currently working toward her math endorsement.

Last year's full-time substitute teacher in Luverne was **Stacey Thone**, who returns to the district as the sixth-grade earth science teacher.

"I am looking forward to building a relationship with my students, creating a classroom environment

where students are engaged, accepted and have fun learning," she said.

The Excelsior, Minnesota, native attended Minnetonka High School before attending college at University of Northwestern in St. Paul. She received a double major in elementary education and Bible with a minor in pre-primary education.

Thone was a substitute teacher in Luverne and Beaver Creek from 2005-2007 before returning to substituting two years ago.

She spent 12 years as a stay-at-home mom to children Coulter (a ninth-grader), Coy (seventh), Marrs (fourth) and Calla (second). She and her husband, Tom, live in rural Luverne.

**Amy Chapa** (nee Bechler) grew up in Luverne, graduating from Ellsworth Public School. She will be the preschool

**Luverne**, continued on page 7

## Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools will welcome seven new teachers and three new paraprofessionals when the 2021-22 school year begins Tuesday.

**Lydia Hildebrandt** will be in the sixth-grade classroom when the 2021-22 school year begins at H-BC Elementary in Beaver Creek on Tuesday.

The Mountain Lake native attended Bethany Lutheran College, graduating in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and 5-8 grade endorsement in social studies.

"I look forward most to teaching Minnesota history, as it is my dream subject to teach after taking the class myself as a sixth-grader," she shared in the Patriot newsletter. "We even have the same book that I learned from."

Hildebrandt comes to H-BC after teaching first grade for one year in Park Rapids and second grade last school year in Round Lake-Brewster.

Hildebrandt and her fiancé, Jason Scruggs, live in Luverne, where he works for the Luverne Post Office. The couple is planning an October wedding.

**Erika Bierman** will teach

New staff at Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools include (front, left) Nicole Morey, Heather Erickson, Julie Shamatt, Lydia Hildebrandt, Kerri Baker, (back) Tedra Voss, Max Wolgen, Erika Bierman, Danielle Kneip and Graham Sudenga.

Mavis Fodness photo



K-12 vocal music and comes to the H-BC district from Pipestone Area Schools, where she taught fifth- and sixth-grade band and general music. She also worked in Adrian and Round Lake-Brewster school district.

She said she is most looking for-

ward in this school year to "getting to know students and staff and making some great music."

Bierman grew up in Mankato and attended Concordia College in Moorhead, graduating in 2007 with a music education degree. She also

has a K-12 English Language Learning teaching license.

She lives in Luverne with her husband, Reece, and their children Charlotte, a fourth-grader, and Claire, a kindergartner.

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## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

## 1935: Rink opens

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on May 10, 1935.

### Roller Skating Rink To Be Opened Here

### Amusement Company Erecting Portable Floor and Tent on East Main Street; Formal Opening Next Week

The roller skating rink which is being erected on the vacant lot on East Main street just west of the B. F. Olberding filling station, by the Mott & Leach Outdoor Amusement and Concession company, of Dexter, this state, will be opened to the public some time next week. During the summer months it will be under management and supervision of Clarence Peterson, of Forest City, Iowa.

Last week's rains prevented the rink from opening as soon as had been expected. Heavy timbers are being laid as ground joists, and over these a maple flooring is to be laid. Dimensions of the floor will be 44x96 feet. The entire lay-out will be covered with a canvas canopy.

The rink will be operated in the afternoon and evening, with roller skating lessons for beginners being conducted in the afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156. Contact Mann at manmade@iuv.net.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

A Rock County participant saw success at the Minnesota State Fair 4-H Beef Show last week.

The Champion Prospect Heifer calf was exhibited by Thomas Norman of Rock County.

The animals were shown on the first day of the fair Thursday, Aug. 25.

Selection of the overall winners was made during the 32nd Annual Beef Championship on Friday afternoon in the Minnesota State Fair Coliseum.

There were a total of 568 beef cattle shown at the 4-H Beef Show. There were 42 cow/calf pairs and 50 prospect calves exhibited in the Beef Cow/Calf Show.

### 25 years ago (1996)

Luverne farmer Loren Forrest is planning to develop some of his property west of Luverne into eight residential lots for single-family homes.

Forrest approached the County Board Tuesday with a request to rezone the property from A1 to R2 in order to develop the property similar to a city neighborhood — with one home

for every one-third acre. An A1 zone requires one acre of land per residential property.

The 40-acre piece of land is located less than one-half mile west of Highway 75 on County Road 5 south of the Forrest farm. It is just west of the Mike and Viola Uithoven property on the top of the hill.

### 50 years ago (1971)

A crowd in excess of 1,200 persons viewed Blue Mound Tower Sunday afternoon during the open house festivities. ...

Ken Getman, executive director, said 1,100 adults registered. There were a number of adults and children who did not register.

The visitors came from 62 towns and 11 different states, the guest register showed. States included in addition to Minnesota were Iowa, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Colorado, Michigan, California, Georgia and Illinois.

### 75 years ago (1946)

Ralph M. Brynelson, who was an instructor in the Glen-

wood Public schools last year, has been named superintendent of the Magnolia Consolidated school at Magnolia will open on Monday, September 16, according to Mr. Brynelson.

My. Brynelson is formerly of Fergus Falls. A graduate of Concordia college, Moorhead, he taught one year at Elbow Lake and two years at Glenwood. He has been taking post graduate work at the University of North Dakota. He is married, and his wife will also teach at Magnolia. They have no children.

### 100 years ago (1921)

Definite action toward increasing the city's water supply will be taken at the meeting of the council to be held Tuesday evening, when bids for the installation of a new well at the municipal plant will be considered.

The city has three wells at the old power house at the present time, but the volume of water they furnish has not for some time been considered ample in case of an emergency.

The new well will likely be located near the old ones, and will be about 25 feet in diameter and 25 feet deep. It will nearly double the water department's present capacity.



## Luverne/from page 6A

teacher and Early Childhood Family Education educator.

She received a degree in early childhood education from Grand Canyon University. Chapa has also achieved a master's degree in early childhood education (birth-third grade).

Chapa previously was a student teacher for preschoolers and second-graders as well as a substitute teacher, filling a long-term absence in sixth-grade math.

Shelives in Luverne with her husband, Travis, and children Jaycee (a ninth-grader), Addy (fifth) and Kamdyn (third.)

"(I am looking forward to) getting to know the teachers, parents and students," she said.

**Madeline "Maddie" Jenkins** comes to Luverne as the preschool through fifth-grade speech/language pathologist. She previously worked with Southwest West Central Service Cooperative, spending the past two school years working in the Pipestone Area School District.

The Winnebago, Minnesota, native graduated from Blue Earth Area High School in 2015 and attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls. She earned a degree in communication sciences and disorders in 2019.

Jenkins is currently in

graduate school participating in an online program through Idaho State University for a master's degree in speech/language pathology. She and her dog, Remy, live in Luverne.

"I am looking forward to getting involved in the community more, meeting and working with new kiddos and meeting new people in town," she said.

**Eric Arnold** joins the Luverne staff as the middle school computer applications and high school general business teacher.

He spent six years as a business technology teacher at Ozanam School in Kansas City, Missouri, and ten years at the Kansas City Christian School in Prairie Village, Kansas.

The Kansas City, Missouri, native graduated from Ruskin High School. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia as well as Webster University. He majored in natural resources management and received a master's degree in computer resources management.

"(I am really looking forward to) getting to know the students and staff at Luverne," he said.

Arnold lives in Rock Rapids, Iowa, with his wife, Tracy. Their daughter, Emily, is a college freshman.

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**Kerri Baker** (nee Fransman) returns to her home school district as the grades 9-12 math teacher. Baker graduated from H-BC in 2007.

"Meeting the students" is what Baker is looking forward to the most as she enters her ninth year of teaching. She previously taught in Luverne for seven years (where she also student taught) and one year each in Dell Rapids and Adrian.

She graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall with a degree in secondary education with a focus on mathematics.

Currently living in Beaver Creek, Baker is married to Robert, and the couple has three children, Maddox (second grade), Kaelyn (kindergarten) and Blakely, age 2.

**Heather Erickson** continues at H-BC secondary, this time teaching social studies and eighth-grade Family and Consumer Science.

She will also split her time as a paraprofessional.

Erickson previously worked as a paraprofessional, substitute teacher, after-school program coordinator and parent educator for the early childhood program.

"H-BC has been a welcoming, family environment for me over the years and provided my family with amazing support and love during and after my (late) son, Ethan's,

battle with Burkitt's Lymphoma," she shared in the school's newsletter. "I look forward to building new relationships and to pay forward the kindness and support shown to me back to others within our district."

Erickson completed teaching education core classes at South Dakota State University in Brookings. She worked with the Rock County Farm Service Agency in Luverne and at Security Savings Bank in Luverne before returning to full-time substitute teaching last school year.

With her husband, Aaron, she has a son, Calvin, who is a freshman at SDSU and a daughter, Mya, an eighth-grader.

**Max Wolgen** begins his teaching career as the high school science teacher.

"I am mostly looking forward to building lasting and impressionable relationships with students," he said. "I'm excited to make this a great year."

Wolgen grew up in Sioux Center, Iowa, and graduated from Maurice-Orange City-Floyd Valley High School in 2017.

He attended Dordt University in Sioux Center, majoring in secondary education in biology and earth sciences.

Wolgen completed his student teaching in Sioux Cen-

ter Middle School and Western Christian High School. He was a long-term substitute teacher at Unity Christian High School.

He and his wife, Jade, live in Sioux Center.

**Graham Sudenga** is the new Spanish teacher at H-BC Secondary.

He studied history and Spanish at the University of Minnesota from 2015 to 2019. His hometown is Sioux Falls.

"I am excited to join the community at Hills-Beaver Creek," he shared in the district newsletter.

**Danielle Kneip** will teach second grade at H-BC Elementary. She previously taught at Adrian Elementary and was a substitute teacher in Luverne.

Kneip graduated from Luverne in 2015 and attended Southwest Minnesota State University. She received a degree in elementary education with a coaching certification.

"I am most looking forward to getting to know the community and students," said Kneip, who makes her home in Luverne.

Joining the H-BC School District as paraprofessionals are **Tedra Voss, Julie Shamatt** and **Nicole Morey**.

Voss will also be the district's coordinator for the new after-school enrichment program.

## MENU

**Monday, Sept. 6: Labor Day—Closed.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 7: Beef goulash, peas, tropical fruit, bread.**

**Wednesday, Sept. 8: Chef salad, bread stick, creamy fruit salad, frosted cake.**

**Thursday, Sept. 9: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, dessert.**

**Friday, Sept. 10: Hamburger on a bun with ketchup and mustard, baked beans, potato salad, peaches.**

Half-Price Day sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

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## OBITUARIES

### Karri Korth

Karri D. Korth, age 52, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Aug. 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Mass of Christian burial will be Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be Thursday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. at St. Kilian Cemetery in Wilmont, Minnesota.

Memorials may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage or The Banquet in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Karri Dawn Korth was born on April 2, 1969, to Gary and Jean (Ossefoort) Staeffler at the Luverne Community Hospital in Luverne, Minnesota. She was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick, Minnesota, and confirmed her faith at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She grew up in Luverne except for a short time when her family moved to Barnum, Iowa. In her childhood years, she enjoyed participating in Brownies and Girl Scouts, playing Barbies, softball and riding horse with her uncles.

She graduated from Luverne High School in 1987. She then attended Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota, for her freshman year of college. She transferred to Normandale Community College in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she completed her generals and a two-year degree. She returned to southwest Minnesota and attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she graduated with a four-year medical technologist degree in 1992.

Karri continued to live in Luverne and worked at Pipestone County Medical Center, Luverne Community Hospital and Intervet in Worthington, Minnesota. She continued her career as a medical tech at Avera McKennan Hospital until her health forced her into early retirement.

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Karri met the love of her life, Bill Korth, on Aug. 13, 1993, at country western dance lessons offered at the VFW in Luverne. According to Karri, "We danced and danced and we danced!" The couple was married at Blue Mound State Park

on Aug. 29, 1998. They made their home in Luverne for 23 years.

Karri was very organized and detail-oriented and enjoyed putting those skills to use helping her husband with Korth Auction Services throughout the years. She enjoyed Creative Memory scrapbooking, gardening, canning, reading and completing puzzles. Helping Bill on the farm were special times, especially watching the gate for Bill so the cows wouldn't get out. Big Black was a thorn in her side!

She loved to spoil her nieces and nephews and they loved their Aunt Karri.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne where she was a member of the RCIA Team.

Karri will always remain in the hearts of her husband, Bill; parents, Gary and Jean Staeffler of Luverne; twin sister, Kammi (Bobby) Biber of Brandon, South Dakota; sister-in-law, Sheryl (Greg) Staeffler of Luverne; nieces and nephews, Samantha (Thomas) Lingen, Christopher Biber (fiancée Cameron Miller), Brianna Biber and Joshua Biber, Zack (Sydney) Staeffler, Katie (Charlie) Dilly and Emilie Staeffler; and other family and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Kelly Staeffler; grandparents, Louis and Ethel Ossefoort and Virgil and Marjorie Staeffler; uncle Larry Staeffler; aunt Sandra Vander Beek; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Desmond and Teresa Korth.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To view Karri's life tribute video or sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com)

### Verna Schmuck

Verna Eldora Schmuck, Luverne and in 2000, Verna retired. She remained busy through RSVP and helped out at the public school in addition to serving as a greeter at the hospital.



A funeral service was Friday, Aug. 27, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Verna Swenson was born on Nov. 16, 1930, to Chester and Ragna (Harldson) Swenson at home on the farm in Rock County. She was baptized on Feb. 26, 1931, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Jasper and confirmed in 1944 at Rosedell Lutheran Church, also in Jasper. She attended Jasper High School for two years and graduated in 1948 from Luverne High School.

On Oct. 6, 1948, Verna married Wallace Schmuck at the parsonage of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. For the first 18 months of their marriage, they lived with Wallace's parents on the farm. In 1950 they moved to Hardwick. Three years later they moved back to the family farm in Mound Township near Luverne.

When the children were young, Verna helped on the farm, raised their family, and was employed at the Turkey Farm, which later became Blue Mound Catering. In 1983 Verna took the position of head cook at Luverne Senior Dining, where she worked for 17 years.

In 1999 the couple moved into the city of

Luverne and in 2000, Verna retired. She remained busy through RSVP and helped out at the public school in addition to serving as a greeter at the hospital.

Verna was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. She was involved in the Ladies Aid. Verna was a member of two different pinnacle clubs for over 60 years. She enjoyed camping, crafts and baking chocolate chip cookies for the grandchildren.

Verna is survived by three children, Ronald (Diane) of Alexandria, Sandra (Les) Nath of Jasper, and Lonette (Joe) Colwell of Rushmore; 10 grandchildren, Jason Nath, Jessica Schroeder, Andrea Godsave, Ryan Schmuck, Kiley Metz, Kane Colwell, Kelsie Colwell, Kalis Colwell, Brittany Vandeweerd and Matthew Schmuck; four stepgrandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Jeane (Swenson) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Marilyn Swenson of Luverne, and Shirley Swenson of Luverne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wallace; son Todd Schmuck; brothers Dale Swenson, Russell Swenson, Kenneth (Betty) Swenson and Lester Swenson.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, [hartquistfuneral.com](http://hartquistfuneral.com).

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### Ronald Arp

Ronald Clifford Arp, 64, died Aug. 8, 2021, at Ava's House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Friday, Aug. 13 at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Ronald Arp was born to Richard and Ruth (Kadinger) Arp on Jan. 1, 1957, in Luverne. He was a New Year's baby and a twin. Ron graduated from Luverne High School in 1975.

He married Betty Danenbring on June 7, 1980. They were blessed with two daughters.

Ron had a number of jobs including working for Luverne Trucking, Cummins Great Plains Diesel, and he owned and operated a grocery store in Chandler. After some health struggles Ron retired from Miller Loader in Granite, Iowa.

Ron loved being out-

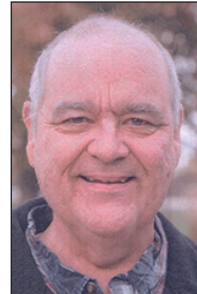
side, gardening and going fishing and boating. He enjoyed grilling and cooking meats for his family on his Traeger Smoker.

Ron dealt with many medical issues during his lifetime. He was strong and courageous to the end.

Ron is survived by his wife, Betty, of Sioux Falls; daughter Jamie (passed away Aug. 27, 2021) and Andrée Ertle, granddaughter Brièle Ertle, all of San Diego, California; daughter Jessica Arp (Kristopher Hanson) and Kristopher's son, Auston Hanson of Sioux Falls; twin brother Randy (Deb) Arp, of Morrison, Colorado; two sisters, Sandy Smith and Becky (Doug) Eeten, all of Luverne; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were provided by Heritage Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, [www.heritagefsd.com](http://www.heritagefsd.com).

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### Jamie Ertle

Jamie (Arp) Ertle, her mother, Betty Arp, and her sister, Jessica Arp (Kristopher Hanson), all of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Arp. Services are pending in San Diego, California.

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



The FDA's full approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine should help set aside any reservations you may have about getting the vaccine. As you can see by the Sanford Health chart to the right, vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness from the virus. Do the right thing, roll up your sleeve and get vaccinated. Luverne and Rock County have lagged behind our neighboring counties in percentages of residents that are vaccinated. We are just about a week away from our schools opening their doors to in-person learning. Let's all do our part and get vaccinated to insure that in-person learning can continue for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.

### Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan Statements on FDA Approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine



August 23, 2021 – Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan released the following statements on the Food and Drug Administration's approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.

"The FDA's approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is exciting news. This vaccine is safe, it's saving lives, and now it's fully approved," said Governor Walz. "Today's action gives Minnesotans additional assurance that the Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective. Along with vaccines from Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, these are the best tools we have in our fight against COVID-19. If you haven't yet, now is the time to roll up your sleeves and get your shot."

"With the FDA's approval of the Pfizer vaccine, Minnesotans can have even more confidence in getting this shot. These vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness and death, and they have been thoroughly evaluated to ensure it's safe for Americans and Minnesotans to roll up their sleeves," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "If you have been waiting for FDA approval to get your vaccine, today is your day to join the 3.2 million Minnesotans who have gotten their shot."

"We welcome today's announcement because we know full approval from FDA will give a boost of confidence to some who had not yet been vaccinated," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm. "Pfizer and the other COVID-19 vaccines are our most important tools for moving past the pandemic and getting back to where we want to be. We encourage everyone who is eligible but unvaccinated to get it done for their own benefit and for the benefit of their family and friends."

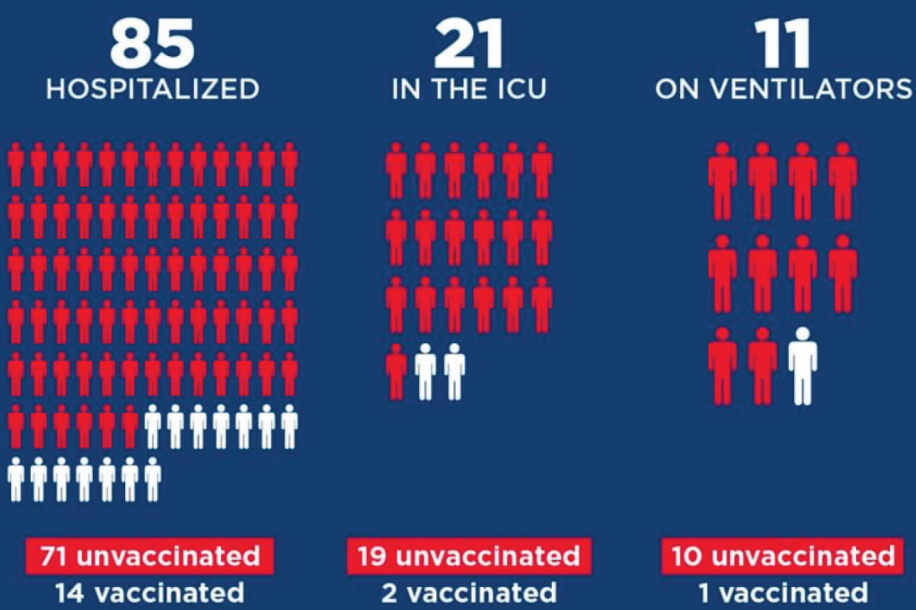
The Pfizer vaccine is now approved for Americans 16 years of age and older. The vaccine continues to be available to Americans between 12 and 15 years of age under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Two other vaccines – the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the two-dose Moderna vaccine – are authorized for Americans 18 years of age and older. FDA is continuing its review and approval process for these two vaccines as well as for use of Pfizer in people younger than 16.

All COVID-19 vaccines are free, and readily available at hospitals, pharmacies, clinics, and other health care providers around Minnesota. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) to find a vaccine location near you and to sort by vaccine type.

## COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

SANFORD HEALTH

As of Aug. 24, 2021 - Total number of patients with COVID-19 at Sanford Health

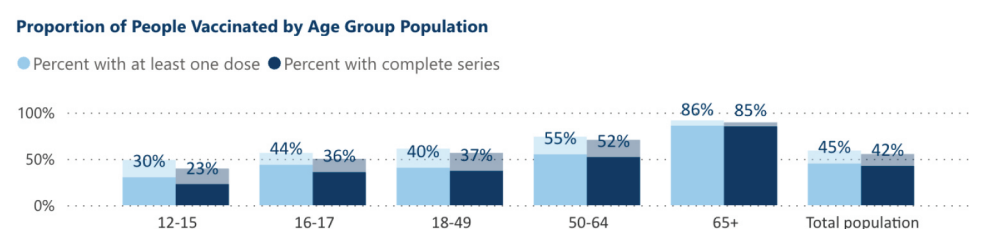


### ROCK COUNTY

Data reported as of 8/22/2021

People with at least one vaccine dose	4,238	45.1%
People with completed vaccine series	3,995	42.5%

Age group	People with at least one vaccine dose	People with completed vaccine series
12-15	169	127
16-17	116	95
18-49	1,326	1,215
50-64	1,022	969
65+	1,605	1,589
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>3,995</b>



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*Patrick T. Baustian*  
Mayor Patrick T. Baustian



## Luverne tennis continues winning ways

**Cardinal team is now 4-0 for season**

**By Susan Beers, For the Star Herald**

The Luverne tennis team continued its hot start to the season this past week with a win over Yellow Medicine East and MACCRAY on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at home and a team championship in the Worthington Doubles Tournament on Saturday.

LHS improves their dual record to 4-0 for the season with the wins.

### Luverne 7, YME 0

The Cardinals won six matches in straight sets and received a forfeit during the Aug. 24 home contest with the Sting.

Luverne's Mia Wenzel strolled to a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Hope Stark at No. 1 singles, while Kristin Rud topped Myra Kvam by 6-0, 6-0 tallies at No. 2 singles.

Hope Thorson defeated Hope Foy with a 6-3, 6-0 win at third singles, and Roselynn Hartshorn received a forfeit at No. 4 singles.

LHS won all the matches in doubles play, losing only one game in three matches.

Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith won 6-0, 6-1 at No.1 doubles. Katharine Kelm and Sarah Stegenga at No. 2 doubles and Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr at No.3 doubles both won



Canaan Petersen photo for the Star Herald/0902 LHS Tennis  
LHS Senior Mia Wenzel returns a volley and won two matches in a home meet against Yellow Medicine East and MACCRAY Aug. 24. Wenzel, who plays No. 1 singles, is undefeated in conference play.

by 6-0, 6-0 scores.

LHS coach Jon Beers said he was pleased with the Luverne athletes.

"I was really impressed with how the girls played," he said.

"YME was a young team and didn't have much varsity experience, but we were able to

remain focused and get the win."

### Luverne 6, MACCRAY 1

LHS was victorious in three of four singles matches and all three doubles matches for a 6-1 victory over the Wolverines in Luverne on Aug. 24.

Coach Beers changed his lineup for the second match of the day.

At No.1 singles, Wenzel won by scores of 6-2, 7-5 to go undefeated on the day. Wieneke and Smith moved to singles play at No. 2 and

**Tennis/continued on 4B**

## Redbirds fall to Eagle Lake at state tournament

**Luverne town team ends season 26-6**

**By Jason Berghorst**

After cruising through the Region 13C tournament to earn a first-round bye at the state tournament, the Luverne Redbirds' season ended sooner than the players and fans expected Sunday night.

The Redbirds lost 3-0 to the Eagle Lake Expos in Round 2 of the Class C Minnesota State Amateur Baseball tournament in Chaska.

This was the Redbirds' 13th overall and third consecutive appearance at the state classic.

The game, originally scheduled for Saturday night, was postponed to Sunday night because of storms Saturday night.

Luverne's Jake Haugen started the game on the mound for the Redbirds and was the losing pitcher. He pitched five innings, striking out seven and giving up three runs off six hits.

After Haugen threw six consecutive strikes to open the game with two strikeouts, the Redbird defense made its first of five errors in the game, allowing Eagle Lake to get its first base runner.

The base runner was unable to score and the game remained scoreless and hitless during the first two innings.

In the top of the third inning, Luverne had two more fielding errors, allowing Expo runners to get to first and third bases with two out. When Haugen struck out the next batter, Eagle Lake stranded two runners on base and the game remained 0-0.

A fence-reaching double by Derek Lundgren in the bottom of the third inning was the first hit by the Redbirds, but Luverne was unable to score the run.

Eagle Lake scored the game's first two runs in the top of the fourth inning. The Expos had three hits in the inning and left two on base while Luverne added a fourth fielding error.

The Redbirds were able to get two runners on base in the bottom of the fourth stanza,

**Redbirds/continued on 2B**

## Cross country starts out strong at first meet



Sara Schmuck photo for the Star Herald/0902 cross country

Luverne's Griffin Jarchow (nearest) and Owen Janiszkeski were the highest placing boys' varsity runners finishing in 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> place, respectively at the Beresford, South Dakota, event Friday.

**By Sara Schmuck For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinals boys' and girls' cross country teams traveled to Beresford, South Dakota, Friday to win the team championship with their overall team score at their first meet of the season.

Coach Pete Janiszkeski said he was pleased with the performance of his Luverne runners.

"I thought overall we had an outstanding day for the first outing of the season," he said.

"We had a lot of PRs and kids that had outstanding performances for their first meet ever. We are definitely right up there with where we've been and, in many instances, better."

The Luverne girls had five varsity runners in the Top 25, with Jenna DeBates and Tenley

**Cross country/continued on 2B**

## Cardinal girls serve up hard fought wins to open season

**By Reva Sehr, for the Star Herald**

The Cardinals put two wins on their record in the past week to start the 2021 volleyball season.

Luverne won three of five games at home Thursday night, Aug. 26, against Edgerton and pulled off another 3-2 win over New Ulm on Saturday in St. James.

The Cardinals were scheduled to play Redwood in Luverne on Tuesday, Aug. 31, (after Star Herald press time) and will compete in a triangular at home Thursday, Sept. 2.

### Luverne 3, Edgerton 2

The Cardinals competed evenly the first game of their home opener but lost Game 1 to Edgerton, 31-29.

Luverne also lost the second game 25-18, putting them in a "must win" situation for the night.

The Cardinals came out of the huddle a new

**Cardinal/continued on 4B**



Canaan Petersen photo for the Star Herald/0902 LHS Volleyball

Macy Stratton serves against Edgerton Public Aug. 26 in the home opener for the Luverne Cardinals, who won three of five games against the Dutchmen.

## Desire to create 'citizen-owned lands' began decades ago

It is mid-August and the past several free days and evenings have been spent doing public lands habitat improvements.

These improvements have been in the way of spraying a leaf application brush killer on volunteer trees that for all practical purposes pollute grassland ecosystems. One tree here or one shrub there provides no wildlife value. In fact, they actually reduce the habitat quality and reduce the parcel's wildlife-carrying capacity.

Carry capacity is the numbers of game, fish and wildlife species that inhabit any particular parcel.

It took me many years to prove my public land's worth to get this permission to do free work for the Minnesota DNR. The department cannot just allow anyone to step in indepen-



## THE OUTDOORS

**By Scott Rall, columnist**

dently to help, no matter how good their intentions are. This has to be done right and at the right time.

I don't know exactly when my passion for public lands began, but these

**Rall/continued on 2B**



## Cross country/continued from page 1B

Nelson turning in standout performances to place in the top three.

DeBates ran the 5k in 19:29.77 and Nelson ran it in 19:50.30. The only runner besting Luverne was Ellie Maddox from Sioux Falls Christian with a time of 19:08.56.

Grace Ingebretson was 13<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:19.39, Kayla Bloemendaal was 16<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:43.40, and Tiana Lais placed 22<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 22:21.70.

The Luverne varsity boys earned an overall fourth place at the meet, with Sioux Falls Christian, Dakota Valley and Vermillion coming in ahead of them in team totals.

Griffen Jarchow had the best 5K time for Luverne, placing 12<sup>th</sup> with a time of 17:41.04. Owen Janiszkeski placed 19<sup>th</sup> with a time of 18:08.54.

Camden Janiszkeski was set to place in the Top 2 to 4 but was pulled due to Achilles tendon pain causing difficulty.

"He has been having pain for the last several weeks," Coach Janiszkeski said. "Unfortunately, it happened on race day this time. I decided to pull him out of the race to not risk further injury, which he was definitely disappointed about."

Other rankings for boys' varsity were Sage Viessman in 36<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:00.34, Ryan Fick in 57<sup>th</sup> with a time of 20:25.44, Pierce Cunningham, 63<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 20:47.90 and Camden Hoven, 75<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:39.45

Here's a look at the rest of the results from the Beresford Cross Country Invite at Bridges Golf Course.

Junior varsity girls 4k run: Makena Nelson, 8<sup>th</sup> (18:30.37); Brynn Boyenga, 34<sup>th</sup> (20:31.76); Andrea



Sara Schmuck photos for the Star Herald/0902 cross country

Tiana Lais was among five Luverne girls to finish in the Top 25 in varsity competition.

Luitjens 70<sup>th</sup> (25:21.56).

Junior high girls' 3k run, fifth place overall: Ella Schmuck, 12<sup>th</sup> (12:48.46); Kianna Woods 13<sup>th</sup> (12:50.85); Khloe Visker, 38<sup>th</sup> (13:27.87); Mariah

Knorr, 53<sup>rd</sup> (14:37.17); Maddy Shepel, 99<sup>th</sup> (18:53.97).

Junior varsity boys' 4k run, fourth place overall: Leif Ingebretson, 8<sup>th</sup> (15:44.17); Kaleb Hemme,

23<sup>rd</sup> (16:24.66); Ethan Rahm, 33<sup>rd</sup> (16:51.09); Eli McLendon, 44<sup>th</sup> (17:28.01).

Junior high boys 3k run: Riley Ripka, 105<sup>th</sup> (15:42.11).

## Redbirds/continued from 1B

but were again unable to score a run.

The Expos scored their third and final run of the game after gaining three more hits in the fifth inning.

Brandon Afson, the Redbirds' draftee from the Pipestone A's, replaced Haugen as pitcher at the start of the sixth inning. Afson struck out the first five batters he faced and eight Expos overall.

In the eighth inning, Luverne got three runners on base after a walk to Newt Johnson, a single by Skyler Wenninger and a walk to Declan Beers, but again the Redbirds were unable to cross home plate.

The Redbirds made it interesting in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Logan Norman headed to first base after earning a walk. Gaige Nath was then hit by a pitch and Luverne had runners on first and second base with only one out.

Lundgren then hit a single to shortstop, and Kendall Meyer, running for Norman, was tagged out at third base.

With runners at first and second bases and two outs, Phil Paquette earned a walk to load the bases and bring the winning run to bat.

A strikeout to Johnson by Expos pitcher Dalton Grose, a draftee from the Waterville Indians who pitched the complete scoreless game, was the third out of the inning, stranding three runners on base and ending the game and season for the Redbirds.

Luverne ended the

*"This year was a lot of fun. A 26-6 overall record is nothing to be ashamed of even if our season ended earlier than we would have liked."*

— Brooks Maurer  
Redbirds coach

game with only three hits, one each for Lundgren, Wenninger and Beers.

While the season didn't end the way the Redbirds had hoped, team player-manager Brooks Maurer remained positive.

"This year was a lot of fun," Maurer said. "A 26-6 overall record is nothing to be ashamed of even if our season ended earlier than we would have liked."

"Jake and Brandon threw really well for us, and it was too bad our defense and hitting couldn't have been as good," Maurer said, "but that's baseball sometimes!"

Statistics for each player (AB, R, H, BI)

Lundgren 5. 0. 1. 0  
Paquette 4. 0. 0. 0  
Johnson 4. 0. 0. 0  
Wenninger 4. 0. 1. 0  
Beers 1. 0. 1. 0  
Serie 4. 0. 0. 0  
Zeutenhorst 4. 0. 0. 0  
Meyer 3. 0. 0. 0  
Norman 0. 0. 0. 0  
Nath 2. 0. 0. 0

## Rall column: 'citizen-owned land' creates opportunities/continued from page 1B

acres, no matter what state they happen to be located in, now dominate my passion, heart, soul and most of every minute of free time I have.

When I was a young man in my 20s, all I did

was fish. I fished almost every day and the reason I fished and not hunted is that I did not need anyone's permission to do so. I could fish on any one of hundreds of the state's public waters. My 16-foot

Alumacraft boat with a 30-year 9.9 horsepower Evinrude was just as successful at casting docks and catching fish as anyone else's \$50,000 Ranger. Fishing was a poor man's sport and I was a poor man.

Hunting, on the other hand, meant you needed permission. This also

meant the guy with the most money always won. Hunting spots for pheasants were non-existent. Literally non-existent. I became aware of Pheasants Forever because they had bought a parcel of land and opened it to public hunting. I joined the committee of the lo-

cal chapter back in 1986.

There are now 43 parcels of land purchased by the local PF chapter to hunt on in my county. I can't count the number of times people have come up to me and said that if it weren't for Pheasants Forever, I would not have anywhere to hunt.

Public lands – I call them citizen-owned lands – only account for two percent of the land base in Nobles County and are the only place for the common guy or gal to hunt.

When it comes to publicly accessible hunting lands, the majority of the non-hunting public is unaware public lands even exist. Those that use them appreciate them and other people hate them because they could be another row of corn or beans.

When I stand in the tall grass on public land and listen to the birds and other creatures, all the way down to the cricket I feel immersed, like I am the only human on the planet.

That sense of being part of nature instead of trying to control it is like no other. Wildlife habitat is rare and valuable. There is as much going on underground as there is above ground.

Native plant roots that reach a depth of 19 feet survive droughts that no man-created seed ever could.

For all the creatures that live in grassland ecosystems, the average person is only aware of about 5 percent of them. Organisms that rely on plant diversity and great soil health live nowhere else. Many native prairie plant species cannot survive in

the soils we now cultivate. Only after the ground has been left untilled for 15 years can the soil health regain the bacteria and enzymes necessary to allow germination to happen.

Wildlife habitat is not easy. You can't plant it and walk away. If you want deep quality wildlife habitat, you have to want it bad. This means time, effort and tons of energy expended from planting until you die and someone else takes over.


There is no effort that I aspire to greater than my love of great habitat on public land. Fishing is now a once in a year deal with my son for a special trip. I see habitat destruction everywhere I go. Humans are pretty good at that.

Every time I see a grassland song bird called a bobolink, I silently ask myself, if not for conservation efforts where would he live? The answer is they would not exist at all. Given a place to be, wildlife can enrich our lives and light fires in our souls.

My burning desire to create more public habitat and manage the habitat that currently exists is an almost singular mission.


I receive a sense of oneness I can only experience while sitting on a hill watching the sun go down, petting my dogs and knowing I did all that I could to preserve God's creatures. You should try it; it might very well change the direction of your life.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast. He can be reached at [scottall@gmail.com](mailto:scottall@gmail.com).



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## SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

**Trista Baustian**  
Sport: Volleyball  
Parents: Tom and Theresa Baustian  
Favorite subject: Math  
What I like most about Volleyball: Making memories with the team  
Other extra-curricular activities: National Honor Society, Math League, robotics, choir, FFA, student council, peer tutoring



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**Casey Sehr**  
Sport: Football  
Parents: Micky and Heidi Sehr  
Favorite subject: History  
What I like most about Football: It brings all of the people from other sports together on one team  
Other extra-curricular activities: Student council, National Honor Society, baseball, basketball, choir



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**Griffen Jarchow**  
Sport: Cross Country  
Parents: Mike and Wanda Jarchow  
Favorite subject: Social Sciences  
What I like most about Cross Country: The team and also getting in good shape  
Other extra-curricular activities: Mock Trial, tennis, student council, reading, hanging out with friends





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# Sense of adventure leads Luverne grad to Field of Dreams, Kevin Costner

By Mavis Fodness

A “help wanted” poster led Luverne High School graduate Nathan Boler to a former movie set in Dyersville, Iowa, where he drove actor Kevin Costner around in a golf cart.

From his home in Caledonia, Minnesota, Boler said he and his wife, Dana, were at a water park in Dubuque, Iowa, when they saw the help wanted poster from BaAM Productions.

The company was working with the Major League Baseball Association to host a game where the 1989 movie, “Field of Dreams,” was filmed. They sought ushers, cart drivers, security personnel, parking attendants and people to be on the cleanup crew.

Boler said he and his wife, Dana, submitted resumes, references and completed Zoom interviews before both were hired.

“We thought it would be a cool idea,” he said. “It was Dana’s idea to apply. We were excited to be a part of something new and unique.”

The movie stars Costner as an Iowa farmer who turns his ordinary cornfield into a baseball field where



Submitted photo

Dana and Nathan Boler pose for a quick picture at the Major League Baseball game staged at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa. The field is where the Field of Dreams movie was filmed in 1989. Nathan, a 2006 Luverne High School graduate, drove the movie’s star, Kevin Costner, in a golf cart during the Aug. 12 event. Dana was an usher in the stands.

“Although we were paid (\$12 per hour), we worked more for the experience than the money. In the end, it definitely cost us money to work after paying for lodging and meals. The experience made it all worth it, though.”

— Nathan Boler, LHS grad. He and Dana were temporary workers at the MLBA game on Field of Dreams



Nathan Boler drives the golf cart chauffeuring actor Kevin Costner to the cornfield behind the Field of Dreams ball park for a special Major League Baseball game at Dyersville, Iowa, where Costner starred in the “Field of Dreams” movie in 1989.

dreams can come true.

Since the filming, the farm has become a destination, and it was chosen in 2020 to host a regulation MLB game to promote pro-baseball.

The event was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic and was rescheduled for Aug. 12, 2021.

The Chicago White Sox play the New York Yankees, two teams Costner’s film character heard his father tell stories about, centered around the players.

Boler worked the golf cart crew to chauffeur VIPs attending the game. Dana was an usher in one area of the bleachers for the 8,000 people (many selected from a ticket lottery) who attended the game.

A larger ballpark was

built adjacent to the movie set specifically designed for the MLB-sanctioned game, complete with lights for the evening game.

Boler was notified a day before the game that he would be the chauffeur for Costner.

“That was one of the most exciting things I got to tell my wife,” he said.

At first, she didn’t believe him because he joked about the possibility for more than a month leading up to the ballgame.

Boler drove Costner from his Green Room

under the bleachers to interviews at the movie ballfields and on the MLB field. Someone snapped a picture of Boler behind the wheel with Costner beside him.

Boler said the picture captures the drive to centerfield, where he would emerge from the cornfield, reenacting a scene from the movie. They didn’t talk.

“My job was very structured, driving from place to place. Everything was very business-like to make sure he got to the interviews and the cornfield,” Boler said.

Boler was able to watch

the last innings of the game after Costner left the ballfield.

“Although we were paid (\$12 per hour), we worked more for the experience than the money. In the end, it definitely cost us money to work after paying for lodging and meals,” he said. “The experience made it all worth it, though.”

Boler graduated from LHS in 2006 and is a middle-high school principal at Caledonia Area Public Schools. His parents, Glen and Connie Boler, live in Luverne.

## Deer lottery application deadline Sept. 9

Firearm and muzzle-loader hunters who want to harvest antlerless deer in a deer permit area designated as antlerless permit lottery this hunting season are reminded they must purchase their license by Thursday, Sept. 9.

Hunters who purchase their license before this date are automatically entered into the lottery for the deer permit area or special hunt area they declare.

No application is needed to take antlerless deer in permit areas with either sex, two-deer limit, three-deer limit or five-deer limit designations.

Hunters who want to participate in special firearm or muzzleloader deer hunts also need to apply for permits that are issued through a lottery, and that application deadline is also Sept. 9.

More information about designations and regulations for deer permit areas, as well as details about special hunt opportunities, are available at [dnr.state.mn.us/hunting](http://dnr.state.mn.us/hunting)

They can be found in the 2021 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook.

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## Luverne Cardinals girls' tennis sees early season success in past week/continued from page 1B

No. 3. Both won by scores of 6-0, 6-1.

At No.4 singles, Emma Lusty played in her first varsity match, losing 6-1, 6-0. "Emma played a good match for her varsity action. I think she came out a little nervous in the first set, but I was really happy with her play in the second set," Beers said.

In doubles play, Rud and Thorson won 6-0, 6-1 at No.1. Kelm and Stegenga went undefeated on the day, winning 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

Hartshorn teamed up with Cassi Chesley at No. 3 doubles, winning 6-0, 6-2.

"This was the first varsity doubles match they had played and did an outstanding job," Beers said.

### WHS tourney

The Cardinals captured the team championship at the Worthington Doubles Tournament Saturday.

A total of six LHS doubles squads played seven, seven-game matches in one of three flights at the event.

Three LHS doubles teams claimed flight titles, and the Cardinals claimed the team championship with 200 points.

Worthington (153 points), Pipestone (146) and Yellow Medicine East (90) capped the field.

Rud and Thorson compiled 32 points (total games won) to win the Red Flight, while Wieneke and Smith placed fourth in the flight with 27 points.

Wenzel and Rylee Anderson took top honors in the Black Flight with 37 points, while Kelm and Stegenga finished third with 27 points.

Hemme and Muehr won the White flight with 38 points, while Hanna Ehlers and Kristin Rud finished second with 38 points. Both teams finished with 38 points with Hemme and Muehr winning the tie-breaker.

"The girls played great all day. Two years ago, we won this tournament scoring 197 points," Beers said.

"We were able to beat that score, so the girls should be really proud of that accomplishment. The highlight of the day for me is that the worst we lost in any match was by a 4-3 score. Anytime your worst defeat is by one game in a tournament like this, you're going to have a good day."

Monday's home match with River Valley was suspended due to lightning. The Cardinals were scheduled to play Fairmont Tuesday at home, and those results will be in the Sept. 9 Star Herald.

The Cardinals will return to competition after the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 7 in Blue Earth.



Canaan Petersen photo for the Star Herald/0902 LHS Tennis

Kristin Rud hits a forehand shot back at her opponent on Aug. 24. Rud won at No. 2 singles against Yellow Medicine East and then partnered with Hope Thorson for another win at No. 1 doubles against MACCRAY.

## Cardinal volleyball girls win tough matches for busy stretch of games/continued from page 1B

team for Game 3, securing a comfortable six-point lead by the time Edgerton scored its first point of the game. Luverne never looked back to claim a 25-18 victory in Game 3.

Edgerton didn't give up easily in Game 4, and the two teams volleyed a tug of war on the scoreboard.

With the score at 24-22 in Luverne's favor, Elise Ferrell handed the Dutchmen an ace serve for a 25-22 win to force a fifth game.

Trista Baustian executed a block on Edgerton's opening serve to put Luverne on the scoreboard to open the fifth game.

Luverne won Game 5 15-13 after Kamryn Van Batavia delivered the final attack to help earn their first season win.

"The game may not have started like we wanted it to," Coach Sarah DeBeer said.

"But we found a way to come together, get over the nerves and finish strong. I

couldn't ask for anything more."

**Serves:** Anja Jarchow 10/11; Trista Baustian 14/14

**Digs:** Elise Ferrell 16; Macy Stratton 16

**Set Assists:** Trista Baustian 27; Reghan Bork 15

**Blocks:** Christina Wagner 4 solos and 12 assists; Trista Baustian 1 solo and 16 assists

**Attacks:** Elise Ferrell 18 kills; Kamryn Van Batavia 7 kills

### Luverne 3, New Ulm 2

The Luverne Cardinals squared off against the New Ulm Eagles Saturday at the Big South Conference Volleyball Showcase in St. James after winning their season opener against Edgerton.

Luverne lost the first game 25-18, despite competing evenly until a series of touch nets and doubles put them behind.

The Cardinals came back in Game 2 with a kill by Elise Ferrell and a tap over the net by Reghan Bork to earn Luverne's first



Canaan Petersen photo for the Star Herald/0902 LHS Tennis

Carly Olson prepares for a volley in the game against Edgerton Public on Aug. 26.

two points.

New Ulm pushed back, but the game shifted in Luverne's favor after an ace serve by Trista Baustian, a subsequent kill by Kamryn Van Batavia, a block by Van Batavia and Christina Wagner and another block by Wagner and Morgan

Ahrendt.

The Eagles gained some ground but were stopped short when Macy Stratton delivered a back row attack and then on the next volley dove to help keep the ball in Luverne's control.

The Cardinals sealed

the win 25-15 in Game 2 with a series of solid plays by Wagner's solo block, Ferrell's ace serve, Baustian's kill and a block by Wagner and Baustian.

Game 3 started off with alternating points on the scoreboard, but Luverne's momentum took off when

Ahrendt delivered a kill and Stratton served up an ace.

The momentum continued with a couple of kills by Ferrell, and the final kill by Wagner put them at 25 for the win.

New Ulm went on the attack in Game 4 with a momentum Luverne couldn't stop and beat the Cardinals 25-12, forcing a fifth contest.

Luverne came back in Game 5 to win 15-8 for the match victory by delivering eight kills from players Ferrell, Anja Jarchow, Stratton, Baustian, Christina Wagner and Elizabeth Wagner.

**Serves:** Reghan Bork 23 of 24 with 1 ace; Trista Baustian 19 of 19 with 1 ace

**Digs:** Carly Olson 18; Elise Ferrell 12

**Set Assists:** Trista Baustian 16; Reghan Bork 18

**Blocks:** Christina Wagner 4 solos and 12 assists; Elise Ferrell 2 solos and 6 assists

**Attacks:** Elise Ferrell 11 kills; Christina Wagner 7 kills



# Rock County STAR HERALD

## Help Wanted

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Thursday, Sept. 2: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Sept. 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Sunday, Sept. 5: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee and treats. Monday, Sept. 6: Office closed for Labor Day. Tuesday, Sept. 7: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 8: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 6 p.m. Grace Musician's Party. Thursday, Sept. 9: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://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. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 2: 6:30 p.m. RTE Community Prayer Breakfast. Saturday, Sept. 4: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 5: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship service; live streamed on Facebook and radio— Backpack Blessing. 1:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home worship service. 2:15 p.m. Popular Creek worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Tuesday, Sept. 7: 9 a.m. Priscilla Circle. Wednesday, Sept. 8: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Sept. 2: 6:30 p.m. RTE community prayer breakfast.

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**Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net**  
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**Jason Cunningham, Pastor**

Thursday, Sept. 2: 9 a.m. PW coordinating team. Sunday, Sept. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship service. Wednesday, Sept. 8: 6:30 p.m. session. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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Sunday, Sept. 5: 10 a.m. Joint worship at First Lutheran with Holy Communion. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFeU4>

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**Ph. 962-3270**  
**Nita Parker, Pastor**  
Sunday, Sept. 5: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org). Tuesday, Sept. 7: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study.

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## 'God is faithful. He will do it!'

Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians ends with a section often known as "Final Instructions." This is because the words close out the letter. (I Thessalonians 5:16-24).

There are some very familiar, short exhortations contained in this portion of the letter: "Rejoice always ... pray continually ... give thanks in all circumstances ... Do not quench the Spirit." In the midst of these "instructions" you read that Paul also says, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it." God is faithful! This is a very good piece of news to remember. Some of you in the community know that our daughter, Carissa Cunningham, had open heart surgery on Aug. 3. This was not something we expected to happen this summer. Carissa is 20 years old and our oldest of six children. For those that knew about this, consider this an update about her. Others may find this to be fresh news.

We had known for several months that Carissa would need to have some kind of surgical procedure in the summer to repair a fairly large hole between two chambers of her heart. This is something she was born with, but it didn't start to cause problems for her until about a year ago. Young adulthood is when these things usually come to light.

We thought her surgery would be a procedure that would result in Carissa staying one overnight in the hospital and then recovering by taking it easy for a few weeks.

We were very much surprised when Carissa's condition required open heart surgery and five days in the hospital. This was something that very definitely "threw us for a loop" and many people in our church congregation felt the same way.

The recovery process is a slow one, but Carissa is steadily getting better. The surgery was a success and fixed the hole. In fact, Carissa is now back in Sioux Falls at college in Augustana just in time for the

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason  
Cunningham  
First Presbyterian  
Church, Luverne

*The recovery process is a slow one, but Carissa is steadily getting better. The surgery was a success and fixed the hole.*

start of the fresh semester, though she is still very much in the process of healing and recovering.

But this was a life event that was definitely unexpected and caused some worry and consternation. Through the process of the events unfolding, we definitely were able to see the faithfulness of God. People in my congregation made sure the pulpit was filled so I could suddenly be gone for a Sunday. Many people sent cards, shared that they were praying, and asked about how she was doing.

We are also thankful that the medical team was able to quickly come up with an alternative (though a very serious and invasive one) when the original plan was untenable.

When and where have you experienced the ongoing care and faithfulness of God? I invite you to reflect on that question.

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

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## ISD #2184 School Board meets Aug. 19

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office August 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Reva Sehr, Jeff Stratton, and David Wrigg. Also present: Craig Otfedahl, Ryan Johnson, Becky Rahm, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the suspension of gate fees for all Luverne students to attend all home school events. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to remove gate fees for all students and to make available an adult individual season pass for \$85.00. It was noted that Elementary students must be accompanied by an adult at all events. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Tyler Reisch as Business Manager effective August 30, 2021, for a salary of \$83,500.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Wes Jansen, Custodian, effective August 13, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Krista Ahrendt as B-squad Volleyball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to approve a request from Chris Nowatzki, Art teacher, for a medical leave of absence for 4 weeks beginning September 1, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Stratton, to approve the hiring of Epiphany Knedler as long-term substitute teacher for Chris Nowatzki for 4 weeks beginning September 1, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Brandi Johnson as Food Service Worker effective August 16, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Tonya Honermann as Food Service Worker effective August 16, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Rebecca Dunn as Food Service Worker effective August 16, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Stratton, to approve the hiring of Meegan Ross as ECFE/Discovery Time Paraprofessional, effective August 30, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Eric Arnold as MS Girls Tennis Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Stratton, to accept the resignation of Lacey Sik, Paraprofessional, effective August 6, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: August 19, 2021

Reva Sehr, Clerk  
(09-02)

the appointment of Loree A. Ness, whose address is 104 West Barck, 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 Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Date: August 17, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court

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(08-26, 09-02)

## Petersen probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

IN DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-R-21-198  
NOTICE OF ORDER OF HEARING  
ON PETITION FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS

Estate of:

Henry George Petersen  
a/k/a Henry G. Petersen,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the 27th day of September, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, PO Box 745, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Isaac DeBoer, Market President, on behalf of Minnwest Bank, a Minnesota Banking Corporation, whose address is 116 East Main Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in a SUPERVISED administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, 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 representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Date: August 24, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court

Attorney for Personal Representative  
Greg J. Bucher  
STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.  
300 South O'Connell Street  
Marshall, Minnesota 56258  
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Telephone: (507) 537-0591  
Fax: (507) 532-3498

(09-02, 09-09)

## ISD #2184 School Board meets July 22

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on July 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Jeff Stratton and David Wrigg. Absent: Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Otfedahl, Marlene Mann, Jason Phelps, Becky Rahm, Caroline Thorson, Mayor Pat Baustian, Brooklyn VerSteeg, Trista Baustian, Macy Stratton, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Baustian presented retiring Business Manager Marlene Mann a proclamation that July 31, 2021, would be celebrated as Marlene Mann day to honor her many years of service to the school district and to the community.

Administrative reports were given. Motion made by Bosch, second by Stratton, to approve the June 24, 2021, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented donations for approval. Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to receive the noted donations. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Otfedahl gave a construction project update. Business Manager Marlene Mann presented the district bills. Motion made by Baustian, second by Stratton, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,687,036.88; payroll in the amount of \$369,825.43; building project bills in the amount of \$5,742.55; and student activity bills in the amount of \$11,614.90. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of June 30, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Bosch, to adopt the 2021-2022 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Those who voted in favor: Jarchow, Baustian, Bosch, Hartman, Stratton and Wrigg; absent: Sehr; those who voted against: none. Motion carried.

The following vehicle fuel quotation was received on July 15, 2021

Expressway – Luverne BP	
Premium	-11 cents/gallon
Ethanol	-11 cents/gallon
#1 Diesel	-11 cents/gallon
#2 Diesel	-11 cents/gallon
50/50 Blend Diesel	-11 cents/gallon

Motion made by Bosch, second by Stratton, to accept the quote from Expressway – Luverne BP for fuel for the 2021-22 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

The following bakery products quotes were received on July 15, 2021:

PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	
Whole Grain Bread Sandwich	\$1.62 per 24 oz loaf (.07 per oz)
White Sandwich Bread	\$1.62 per 24 oz loaf (.07 per oz)
Whole Grain Hot Dog Buns	\$3.88 per 30 ct (.13 per bun)
6" White Hot Dog buns	\$1.62 per 12 ct (.14 per bun)
4" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$3.88 per 30 ct (.13 per bun)
4" White Hamburger Buns	\$3.88 per 30 ct (.13 per bun)
3" White Hamburger Buns	\$1.62 per 12 ct (.14 per bun)
3.5" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$7.76 per 60 ct (.13 per bun)
3" Whole Grain Bun	\$1.62 per 12 ct (.14 per bun)
Whole Grain Footlong	\$1.86 per 6 ct (.31 per bun)
Whole Grain 6" Hoagie Buns	\$4.05 per 24 ct (.17 per bun)
White 6" Hoagie Buns	\$4.05 per 24 ct (.17 per bun)
Whole Grain Bread R/T	\$1.62 per 24 oz loaf (.07 per oz)

Kids Choice Whole Grain Bread	\$1.76 per 24 oz loaf (.08 per oz)
Dakota 12 Grain Bread	\$2.03 per 24 oz loaf (.09 per oz)

### BIMBO BAKERIES

Sara Lee Classic 100% Whole Wheat Bread	\$2.27 per 20 oz loaf (.12 per oz)
Sara Lee Whole Grain White Bread	\$2.29 per 20 oz loaf (.12 per oz)
Sara Lee White Sandwich	\$2.34 per 24 oz loaf (.10 per oz)
RI 53% Whole Grain White Bread	\$2.29 per 24 oz loaf (.10 per oz)
53% Whole Grain White Hamburger Bun	\$2.46 per 12 ct (.21 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Coney Bun	\$3.25 per 16 ct (.21 per bun)
RI 10" Coney	\$2.17 per 6 ct (.37 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Hoagie Bun	\$5.16 per 24 ct (.22 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Hamburger	\$3.41 per 16 ct (.22 per bun)
Sara Lee White Hot Dog Bun	\$3.41 per 16 ct (.22 per bun)
FS SES Steak Roll	\$5.71 per 24 ct (.24 per roll)
53% WGW Dinner Rolls	\$1.71 per 12 ct (.15 per roll)

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to accept the quote from Bimbo Bakeries. Motion unanimously carried.

The following dairy products bids were received on July 15, 2021:

LANDOLAKES – PRAIRIE FARMS	Sioux Falls, SD	KEMPS BRANDS	LeMars, IA
1% white – 8 oz.	0.2065		0.1957
skim white – 8 oz.	0.1962		0.1918
1% chocolate – 8 oz.	0.2126		0.2081
Fat free chocolate – 8 oz.	0.2120		0.2081
Cottage Cheese - 5# carton	9.1679		9.2940
Yogurt - Individual Servings (4 oz.)	0.3322		
1% white - gallon	4.1574		4.3947

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to accept the bid from Land-O-Lakes Prairie Farms. Motion unanimously carried.

The Elementary and Middle/School High School Parent Handbooks were discussed. Member Stratton requested that the handbooks be changed to allow Luverne students to attend Luverne activities held at home for free. Discussion was held. It was questioned if a child younger than grade 6 would be required to attend with a parent. Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to table any action on the handbooks until the August meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Stratton, to designate the following depositories: First Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Minnwest Bank of Luverne and/or Minnwest Bank Systems; Security Savings Bank; Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus; and, Smith Barney, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Stratton, to name the Rock County Star Herald as the official newspaper used by the School District to publish meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to designate the following school attorneys: Knutson, Flynn and Deans; Ratwick, Roszak, Maloney and Bartel. It was noted these are not local attorneys, but they do specialize in school law. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to designate Superintendent Craig Otfedahl as the School Representative to the High School League Governing Board and to designate Todd Oye as the Student Activities Representative to the High School League Governing Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to set the school board compensation for 2021-22 as \$60 for each scheduled regular Board meeting; \$50 for special meetings; and \$110 for meetings that last more than 6 hours. Members of the Board of Education are covered by Workers Compensation. They also receive an honorary individual activity pass. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Stratton, to set the contract rate for the 2021-2022 school year for private/parochial transportation at \$345 per pupil. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Bosch, to authorize Superintendent Craig Otfedahl to complete necessary paperwork at the Farm Service Agency as required. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the FY 23 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Ten-Year Revenue and Expenditure Projections.

SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184  
ADOPTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 23  
LONG-TERM FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TEN-YEAR PLAN

WHEREAS, to qualify for Long-Term Facilities Maintenance revenue, Minnesota Statutes, subdivision 4 states a school district or intermediate district must annually adopt and approve a ten-year facilities plan by July 31 for commissioner approval.

WHEREAS, the school district has developed a ten-year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance plan consistent with this law.

School Board Member Baustian moved for the resolution adoption and the motion was duly seconded by School Board Member Jarchow, and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor of the motion: Jarchow, Baustian, Bosch, Hartman, Stratton and Wrigg; and the following voted against: none.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184 approves and adopts the attached ten-year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance plan for FY 23 on the 22nd day of July, 2021.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Stratton, to grant Superintendent Craig Otfedahl the authority to serve as the identified official to authorize user access to the MDE website. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the hiring of Cassie Uithoven as English teacher for a salary of \$51,630.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Mark Ehlers, Groundskeeper/Custodian, effective July 23, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Jarchow, to accept the resignation of Heather Hess as part-time Elementary cook effective July 7, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Arielle Larson as long-term substitute teacher for Ann Sandager, MS English teacher, beginning approximately September 23, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Tara Sudenga as HS Mathematics teacher for a salary of \$41,418.00. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. The School Board extended a thank you to retiring Business Manager Marlene Mann for her many years of service.

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

Dated: July 22, 2021

RevaSehr,Clerk  
(09-02)

## Lemke hearing

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-21-199

In Re: Estate of  
Keith H. Lemke,  
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PETITION FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND  
APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of September, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Luverne, Minnesota, on the petition of David Abraham, Tammy Krogmann, Penny Krogmann, and John G. Borneke for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named decedent, and for the appointment of: David Abraham, whose address is, PO Box 392, Bushland, TX 79012; Tammy Krogmann, whose address is, 10000 Stedwick Road, Apt.

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## City of Luverne Planning Commission public hearing Sept. 13

City Planning Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following:

Land use amendment correction at four contiguous parcels (20-0042-000, 20-0041-000, 20-0031-000, and 20-0030-000) at 606 East Dodge Street, Luverne, MN to correct the zoning map from R-1 – Single Family Residential to B Business Park. The current zoning of R-1 is unsupported by any rational basis related to the public health, safety and welfare of the area and is not shown correctly due to a rezoning request that was approved August 12, 1991 by Ordinance No. 115, Third Series.



B –Business Park allows developments which do not adversely affect adjacent business or residential districts.

All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building Official, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 27th day of August, 2021.

Jessica Mead  
City Clerk  
(09-02)

## Kraayenhof probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-21-197

In Re: Estate of  
Dorothy A. Kraayenhof,  
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF  
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 2021, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for



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302, Montgomery Village, MD 20886-3722; Penny Krogmann, whose address is, 4934 S Tri Oak Circle NE, Wyoming, MN 55092; and John G. Borneke, whose address is 715 N East Street, Janesville, MN 56048, as co-administrators of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, co-personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

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

Date: August 17, 2021 /s/ Terry Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court

PATTON, HOVERSTEN & BERG, P.A.  
Ashley Steinberg Thon #399423  
215 E Elm Ave, PO Box 249  
Waseca, MN 56093  
Phone: 507-835-5240

(08-26, 09-02)

## Van Wyhe probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
Court File No. 67-PR-21-178

In Re: Estate of Gracella H. Van Wyhe, Decedent  
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representatives was filed with the Registrar. A will dated January 27, 2021, was presented for probate. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Standley A. Van Wyhe and Sandra M. Connell, whose addresses are 843 State Hwy 270, Steen, Minnesota 56173, and 32965 Hilary Circle NE, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008 as personal representatives of the estate of the decedent.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection. Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute any interest owned by the decedent.

Notice is also given, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice of the claims will be barred.

Date: August 23, 2021 /s/ Terry Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court

/s/ Katherine A. Morgan  
Attorney Katherine A. Morgan  
Bonander Law, PC  
PO Box 186  
Larchwood, IA 51241  
MN #393289

(09-02, 09-09)

## H-BC School Board meets Aug. 9

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671  
Minutes  
August 9, 2021

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Chair assigned Ethan Rozeboom as Acting Clerk.

Board members and Administration present in the H-BC Secondary Board room were Fransman, Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board members Bosch and Rauk, and Principal Kellenberger were absent.

Motion by Harnack, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness with Star Herald.

Motion by Fransman, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

-Minutes—07/28/2021

-Bills

-Megan Klumper's request for lane change with the 2021-2022 school year to BA +15

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Resolution relating to Election of School Board Member and calling the School District Special Election.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

-Superintendent Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 23 (Buildings walk through)

-New Staff orientation August 27

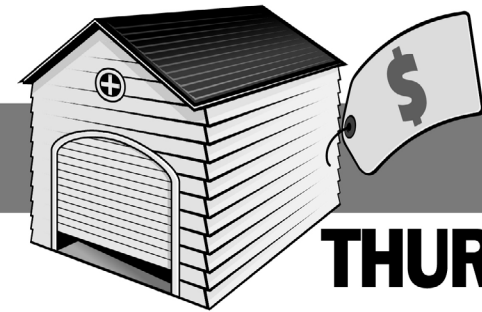
-All Staff and Family Picnic, Monday, August 30

-Secondary and Elementary School Open House 9/1

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 13

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Ethan Rozeboom, Acting Clerk  
(09-02)



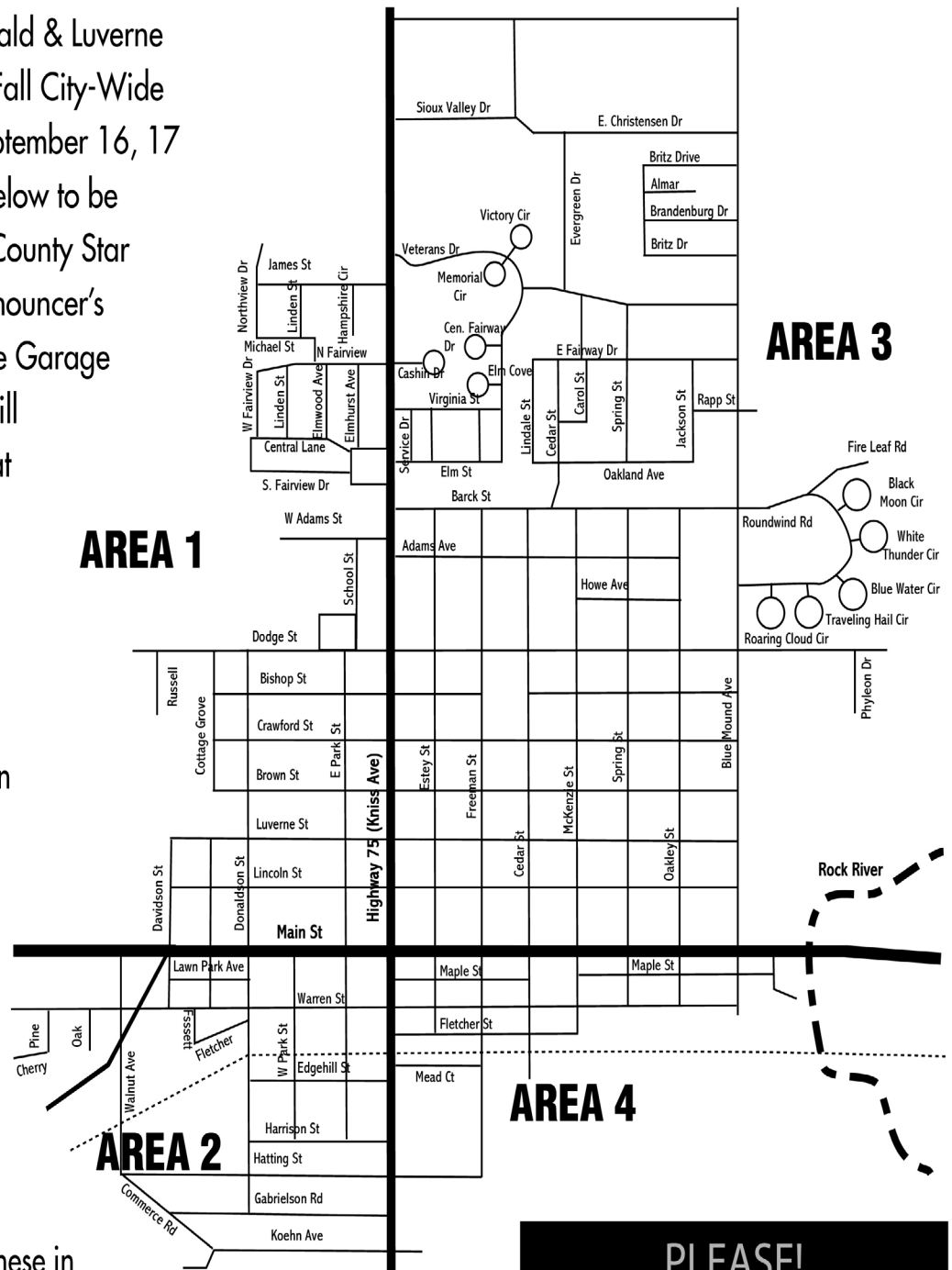
# LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGESALE

## THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 16, 17 & 18. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.

Ads must be paid for before they will run.

All of the garage sale ads will be published in the Rock County Star Herald and Luverne Announcer with a Garage Sale header & September 16, 17 & 18 date on top of the page - you don't need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.



**PLEASE!  
LIST THE AREA  
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Dividing lines are Hwy. 75 (Kniss Ave.) & Main Street - see map

\*\*\*\* NOTE: An additional \$4 will be charged for an additional address placed in an ad. Limit 2 addresses per coupon. \*\*\*\*

Your ad will look like this:

**000 Any Street**  
**Sat., 00 am - 00 pm**  
**Group rummage sale! Children's and adult clothing, toys and other miscellaneous items. Also, baked items and crafts.**

Please list your address first and time of the sale second! These words will be counted as part of the ad. Also, specify if sale will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday, or Saturday only.

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**Tues., Sept. 7**  
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## FOR SALE

For Sale: Landscaping rock 1.5 and 3/4-inch rock. Also do stump grinding. Call Wayne Biever Construction at 507-227-4521 or 507-283-4614. Also have yard dirt. 715 SW Park Street, Luverne, MN. (8.14-9.2)

For sale: '87 Mitsubishi Mighty Max, '99 Chevrolet Astro, '09 Hyundai Sonata. 507-227-0165. (8.14-9.2)

## RENTALS

For Rent: One bedroom apartment for rent in Luverne. No pets, no smoking. 507-283-9720. (tc)

For rent in Luverne: Two-bedroom apartment with central air, on-site laundry and one-stall garage. No pets and no smoking. Located in a quiet area. 507-920-0406. (8.28-9.16)

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## EMPLOYMENT

Full-time carpenter wanted. Pay based on experience. Text or call Vonnice at Nergaard Construction 507-227-1113 to apply or for more information. (tc)

Kopp's Ag Service is looking for an individual to install hog equipment and weld. No experience necessary. Call 605-214-3694. (8.21-9.16)

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## EMPLOYMENT

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# Section championship, Battle Ax in Cardinal sights

**By Jason Berghorst**

The Luverne Cardinals football team hopes some things change while some things stay the same in 2021.

Like high school athletes across the country, LHS players are looking forward to a change back to a more normal season that, hopefully, includes traditional playoffs and a state tournament at the end.

On the other hand, the Cardinals hope to continue their winning ways from 2020, when the team won the Battle Axe game with Pipestone and ended with a 6-1 record, including a 44-6 victory over Sibley East in the Section 3AAA title game.

“We want to defend our section championship and win the Battle Axe, just like every year,” said Luverne head coach Todd Oye when asked about his team’s goals for the 2021 season.

Luverne enters the season with a 41-man varsity roster that includes 11 seniors, 13 juniors, and 17 sophomores.

“Our numbers are a little bit of a concern,” Oye said. “We’ll need some sophomores to step up to varsity roles on Friday nights.”

Luverne does open the 2021 campaign with some experience on both sides of the ball.

Offensively Luverne will be led by senior quarterback Casey Sehr (6’0, 175 pounds), who split reps and started a few games at the position last year.

“Casey is our clear-cut starter and has played a lot of snaps and is



Lori Sorenson photo/fall sports tab feature

Senior Braydon Ripka is expected to play either fullback or tailback on the Cardinal offense. He’s pictured with head coach Todd Oye during a practice session in Luverne on Aug. 18.

comfortable at the line of scrimmage,” Oye said.

Henry Hartquist (6’2, 193), Jacob Stroh (6’1, 175) and Connor Connell (6’4, 215) are all sophomores who will back up Sehr at the quarterback position.

Oye said the team is still in the process of filling the center position with junior Andy Halverson (275) leading the competition

so far.

“He played a lot at the end of last season,” Oye said of Halverson.

Other candidates for the center position include senior Jamie McCarthy (5’11, 230) and junior Ross Bergman (6’2, 200).

The center candidates who don’t start at center will likely play as guards. Other guard can-

didates include sophomore Will Serie (6’1, 212) and junior Zach DeBoer (6’2, 200).

Senior Connor Overgaard (6’4, 200) brings the most experience to the line. He has started as a tackle since his sophomore year.

“Overgaard will bring a lot of experience to the offensive line as a third-year starter,” Oye said.

Senior Jordan Friedrichsen (6’6, 210) is another experienced offensive tackle. He started his sophomore year, but he was injured and unable to play his junior season.

Other potential tackles include juniors Gavin Reisch (5’10, 180), Micah Andersen (6’0, 187) and Tyler Gebauer (6’2, 240).

Senior Nathaniel Cole-Kraty (6’0, 202) will return as a starting tight end.

“We’ll run a lot of double tight end slots,” Oye said. Other players vying for playing time at tight end include Connell, junior Riley Sneller (5’11, 180) and junior Anyuon Atem (6’0, 165).

There is also returning talent to carry the ball for Luverne.

Senior Ashton Sandbulte (6’0, 180) returns as the starting fullback.

“Ashton Sandbulte is a big play back with great speed who can make big plays when he has the ball,” Oye said.

Senior Zach Kruse (6’0, 195) will play tailback. Senior Braydon Ripka (5’10, 155) is expected to play either fullback or tailback.

Juniors Tyson Cowell (5’10, 140),

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*LHS players are looking forward to a change back to a more normal season that, hopefully, includes traditional playoffs and a state tournament at the end*



Jason Berghorst photo/Fall Tab LHS Football

Eleven seniors will lead the Luverne Cardinal football team this season. Pictured are, from left, Ashton Sandbulte, Trygve Gangestad, Casey Sehr, Braydon Ripka, Eli Radtke, Jamie McCarthy, Connor Overgaard, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Jordan Friedrichsen, Zach Kruse and Michael Aning.

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Kaleb Hein (5'9, 150) and Gavin Baum (5'7, 135) are also potential backs for Luverne this year.

Junior Gannon Ahrendt (6'4, 156) played a lot at receiver as a sophomore last year and is expected to see a lot of time again this season.

Eli Radtke (6'2, 155) and Trygve Gangestad (5'11, 140) are seniors looking to step into a starting role as receiver this year. Junior Ja'shon Woods (6'3, 145) is also a potential receiver.

Most of the starting experience on the defensive side is found with the linebackers.

McCarthy is a veteran inside linebacker while Kruse and Cole-Kraty are both returning outside linebacker starters.

"The linebackers' trio of Cole-Kraty, McCarthy and Kruse should be the strength of our team," Oye said.

Stroh, Hartquist and Gangestad are all competing for backup linebacker positions.

Projected starters at defensive tackle are Sandbulte and Friedrichsen, with senior Michael Aning (6'2, 382) also vying for time as a defensive tackle.

Overgaard and Halverson are projected starters at defensive ends, with Connell backing them up.

Radtke is expected to be a starting cornerback.

"I expect big things from him his senior year," Oye said of Radtke. "He's worked hard, lifted weights and done all the right things."

Ripka is also expected to start at cornerback with Hein vying for playing time at the position as well.

Starting safeties are likely to be Sehr and Ahrendt, with Sneller also working for playing time.

Sehr will take care of the punting duties, as he did last season. Hartquist is projected as the starting kicker.

The Cardinals will again play in the White division of the South Central district during the regular season and compete in Section 3AAA at playoff time.

Oye lists Fairmont as the team to beat in the section as Luverne attempts to repeat as Section 3AAA champions.

*"We want to defend our section championship and win the Battle Axe, just like every year. Our numbers are a little bit of a concern. We'll need some sophomores to step up to varsity roles on Friday nights."*

*— Todd Oye, head coach LHS football*



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H-BC seniors on the Patriots' football team are Gideon Taubert, Donavon Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Andrew Harris, Austin Allen, (back) Max Scholten, Troy Durst, Oliver Deelstra, Casey Kueter, Ty Bundesen and Cole Baker.

## Patriots football will have a new look in 2021

**By Jason Berghorst**

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team went 7-0 and won the section championship during a pandemic-shortened season in 2020, but the Patriots will look considerably different this season.

"We lost a big core of seniors who had played for us two if not three

years," head coach Rex Metzger said. "There are a lot of new faces this year."

The Patriot coach said that the biggest changes will be on the offensive side of the ball.

"I'd say we lost about 90 percent of our offense from last year," Metzger said. "Our challenge this year will be experience in the skilled positions."

The Patriots open the 2021 season with a 33-player roster that includes eleven seniors, seven juniors, six sophomores and nine freshmen.

"We have a big senior class this year, which is good," Metzger said. "Any time you have a nice senior group, that helps with leadership

and mature bodies."

Coach Metzger said that senior Troy Durst (6'3, 206 pounds) and junior Brayden Metzger (5'10, 200) are both vying to start at the center position.

Projected starters on the of-

**H-BC football/see page 10**



# H-BC volleyball team and coach look forward to some return to normalcy this fall

**By Jason Berghorst**

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball program is looking forward to a little more normal season in 2021.

Last year, when the team played only 12 games and went 4-8, very little was normal.

It was head coach Dylan Gehrke's first year as a teacher and head coach.

"At first we were told we were going to play in the spring (because of pandemic restrictions), and then all of a sudden in September we found out we were starting in two weeks," Gehrke said. "It was really chaotic last year."

Gehrke said his team is already enjoying the normal pre-season practices and having the opportunity to work on fundamentals.

"We're also looking forward to playing more games and being able to go to tournaments, play out-of-state teams, all those things," Gehrke said.

The Patriots enter the 2021 season with a roster that includes seven seniors, six juniors, ten sophomores and four freshmen.

Four of the seniors return with varsity playing experience.

Kenadie Fick, Taylor Durst, Tess Van Maanen and Sam Moser all saw time on the court last year and are expected to be leaders on the team this season.

"We'll have good senior lead-



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Seniors returning to the H-BC volleyball program are Tess VanMaanen, Danette Leenderts, Taylor Durst, (back) Tara Paulsen, Leeanna Gaugler, Samantha Moser and Kenadie Fick. Coach Dylan Gehrke is in his second year at the helm.

*"The more experience we get, the more playing time we have, the better we'll be. It just takes time to learn to play with each other. ... I'm excited to see what it looks like when all the pieces come together."* — Coach Dylan Gehrke

ership this season," Gehrke said. "All of our seniors will help at the varsity level this year."

The other seniors on the team include Tara Paulsen, Danette Leenderts and Leeanna Gaugler.

While Gehrke said the varsity and junior varsity rosters hadn't been finalized at the time of the interview, he expects some juniors and sophomores to contribute to the varsity as well.

Juniors on the team include Olivia Bork, Taylor Huisman, Malli Ternus, Lexy Drake, Tyrae Goodface and Aspen Shimp.

Gehrke mentioned four sophomores who may also be in the hunt for some varsity playing time.

Lanae Elbers, Brynn Rauk, Grace Anderson and Larissa Steinhoff are all sophomores vying to be varsity contributors.

Gehrke expects the Red Rock Conference volleyball competition to be as competitive as ever in 2021.

"From top to bottom, this conference is just competitive across the board," Gehrke said.

In the meantime, the second-year Patriots coach is simply appreciating the normal start to the season.

"The more experience we get, the more playing time we have, the better we'll be," Gehrke said.

"It just takes time to learn to play with each other. ... I'm excited to see what it looks like when all the pieces come together."



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# LHS expecting good things this volleyball season

**By Jason Berghorst**

“All around, as things come together, I’m really excited for this team.”

That’s how Luverne head volleyball coach Sarah DeBeer sums up her outlook for the upcoming season.

With 20 players on her varsity roster, including 19 juniors and seniors and six returning starters, DeBeer is happy with her numbers and the experience and options that those players provide.

“We’ll have a lot of options for different rotations, depending on our needs,” DeBeer said, “Each team we play might get a little different look from us.”

Six Cardinals return with varsity experience.

Seniors Trista Baustian (5’10) and Reghan Bork (5’9) return as setters.

“We run a 6-2 rotation that involves two setters,” DeBeer said.

Senior Elise Ferrell (5’11) played a lot on the left side last year and returns as a middle blocker this season.

Junior Christina Wagner (6’1) is another returnee with substantial varsity playing experience who will play as a middle blocker.

Kamryn Van Batavia (6’0) returns as a starter on the left side for her junior season.

Senior Macy Stratton (5’6) is a returning libero starter



Jason Berghorst photo/Fall Tab LHS Volleyball

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team has seven seniors this season. Pictured are (front, from left) Macy Stratton, Morgan Gonnerman and Reghan Bork, (back, from left) Madee Schmuck, Elise Ferrell, Trista Baustian and Grace Sandbulte. Sarah DeBeers is their coach.

and defensive specialist. Morgan Gonnerman (5’5), another senior, is also a projected starter with experience as a defensive specialist.

DeBeer expects a number

of other players to see some varsity playing time this year as well.

Carly Olson (5’5) is a junior defensive specialist/libero who will play in certain

situations.

Anja Jarchow (5’11) is another junior expected to see some playing time as middle blocker and left-side hitter.

Elizabeth Wagner (6’1) is a junior who switched her fall sport to volleyball this year. DeBeer said she expects Wagner to contribute as a right-side blocker and hitter.

“We’re super excited to have her,” DeBeer said of Elizabeth Wagner. “She’s open to learning new things and is such a natural athlete.”

Morgan Ahrendt (6’0) is a sophomore who is expected to see her first varsity playing time as a middle blocker this season.

DeBeer is looking forward to a well-balanced team that should lead to more wins this season.

“Our front row play will be very strong and we have a good mix in the back row,” she said.

“I like how we’ll have a good mix of kids to change up our line-up as needed.”

Luverne competes in the Big South Conference during the regular season and Section 3AA for the playoffs.

DeBeer believes her team could be among the top teams in each in 2021.

“Our goal is to win the conference this year and we could put in a good bid to do that,” DeBeer said.


“Marshall is always strong and Jackson and Pipestone are always competitive. ... But I’d like to think we’ll be in the mix with them this year.”



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# Cross country teams look forward to continued success

**By Jason Berghorst**

As the saying goes, "Two things in life are constant: death and taxes."

Another constant, at least over the last number of years, is the Luverne girls' cross country team being in the hunt for a Section 3A championship.

While that looks to be true again in 2021, head cross country coach Pete Janiszkeski is expecting good things from his boys' team as well.

"We're hoping to have the opportunity for both teams to be at the state meet this year," Janiszkeski said. "That's only happened three times in my 20 years."

There is good reason for optimism for both Cardinal teams as the 2021 season begins.

On the **girls' team**, Luverne returns six of the nine runners who made up last year's section championship team.

Senior Tenley Nelson, juniors Tiana Lais and Grace Ingebretson, and sophomores Jenna DeBates, Makena Nelson and Kayla Bloemendaal all return from last year's section team.

Other girls vying for varsity running spots this season include sophomore Brynn Boyenga and freshmen Maria Rops and Andrea Luitjens.

Senior Brooklynn Ver Steeg, who has been with the program since seventh grade, is continuing to recover from a sports injury last year and will likely not be cleared to

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Jason Berghorst Photo/Fall Tab Cross Country

Thirteen Luverne Cardinal cross country athletes who qualified to participate at the section meet last season return to compete this fall. Pictured are (front, from left) Grace Ingebretson, Tenley Nelson, Jenna DeBates, Makena Nelson, Tiana Lais, (back) Camden Janiszkeski, Ethan Rahm, Sage Viessman, Pierce Cunningham, Owen Janiszkeski, Griffen Jarchow, Kayla Bloemendaal and Camden Hoven. Coach Pete Janiszkeski expects good outcomes from both teams.



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# LHS approaches 2021 tennis season with positive vibe

**By Jason Berghorst**

Many things will look different for the Luverne girls' tennis team this season.

Coach Jon Beers lost seven seniors, including his three top singles players, to graduation last year.

"We lost a lot of great players who played a lot of tennis for us, but so far I'm really pleased with how these returning players are stepping up," Beers said.

The Cardinals enter the 2021 season with 24 athletes in grades 9 through 12 in the program.

The balanced roster includes six seniors, four juniors, seven sophomores and seven freshmen.

Luverne will be led by senior Mia Wenzel, the lone Cardinal player who started at singles last year.

Wenzel played at No. 4 singles last season and will play at No. 1 singles this year.

Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith are the other seniors with starting experience from last season.

Wieneke and Smith played doubles last year, but early in the season they are interested in trying both.

Seniors Hope Thorson and Kristin Rud also are trying both singles and doubles.

"This early in the season we are definitely going to try some different lineups and op-



Six seniors return to the Luverne girls' tennis team in 2021. Pictured (from left) are Kristin Rud, Mia Wenzel, Olivia Wieneke, Jacey Smith, Hope Thorson and Rylee Anderson.

tions and see how they shake out," Beers said. "I like all the options we have. It's a good problem to have."

Beers said other players vying for starting singles positions include sophomores Roselynn Hartshorn, Emma

Lusty and Chloe Schoeneman.

The make-up of the doubles teams will likely depend on which Cardinals fill the singles spots.

"When those returning starters don't play singles, they will make up doubles

teams," Beers said.

Wieneke and Smith, Rud and Thorson, junior Katharine Kelm and sophomore Sarah Stegenga, and juniors Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr are all pairs likely to start at doubles at times this

season, according to Beers.

Sophomores Morgan Hadler and Rayann Remme, Hartshorn and Cassi Chesley, and senior Rylee Anderson and junior Ella Lanoue are also pairs vying for varsity playing time.

"It's just really hard to say at this point," Beers said after the first week of practice. "We've had a lot of challenge matches this week and some surprises so far."

Freshmen players include Kaitlin Conger, Katia Jarchow, Caitlin Kindt, Nora Louwagie, Emma Nath, Corynn Oye and Augusta Papik.

The Cardinals will also be competing in a realigned Section 3A this season.

Instead of facing teams like Fairmont, Blue Earth Area and St. James Area in the playoffs, Luverne is now in a section with Pipestone Area, Yellow Medicine East, Montevideo, Benson/KMS and others.

"We are excited to play other teams," Beers said.

The coach lists Pipestone Area and Luverne as likely favorites in the section, at least at this point.

"I don't think Pipestone lost as many players as we did," Beers said, "but the more experience our younger players get during the season, the better I feel about our chances at playoffs time."

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run cross country this season, according to Janiszkeski.

“We are not quite as deep as last year at the start of the season, but the young girls are looking promising,” Janiszkeski said of the girls’ team. “The kids are improving and we had a good summer of work.”

Janiszkeski said Luverne would likely be considered a favorite in Section 3A again this year but that there are a number of other schools with solid teams, too.

“It will depend if we can close the gap between Tenley and Jenna and the rest of the team,” he said.

“Last year our three, four and five runners were stronger than the other teams; that’s what we’ll need to do again.”

There are even more returning starters for the Luverne boys’ team with eight of the nine members of the fifth-place 2020 section team returning.

Seniors Griffen Jarchow, Ethan Rahm and Pierce Cunningham, juniors Camden Janiszkeski and Camden Hoven, sophomore Ryan Fick, and freshmen Owen Janiszkeski and Sage Viessman all return this season.

Other runners vying for varsity spots this fall are juniors Carsen Tofteland, Ashton Eitrem and Logan Ommen and freshmen Leif

*“We have a tough section. It all comes down to how much we improve during the season, how we come together as a team and who is running their best when it matters the most.”*

— **Pete Janiszkeski,**  
head coach  
**LHS cross country**

Ingebretson, Kaleb Hemme, Eli McLendon and Zach Brown.

“I think we have the right mix of youth and veterans on the boys’ side to make a successful team,” Janiszkeski said.

According to the coach, there may be six or seven boys’ teams in Section 3A that will be competitive by the end of the season.

“We have a tough section,” Janiszkeski said.

“It all comes down to how much we improve during the season, how we come together as a team and who is running their best when it matters the most.”

## H-BC football/continued from page 5

fensive line include senior Max Scholten (6’3, 242), who started last year, at right guard and senior Donavon Leenderts (5’11, 205) or junior Cody Moser (6’6, 312) at left guard.

The left tight end, senior Casey Kueter (6’2, 200) also is a returning starter.

The right end is expected to be senior Andrew Harris (5’11, 175). Junior Alex Harris (5’11, 180) is the backup tight end.

Senior Oliver Deelstra (6’3, 150), who played wide receiver last year, will be the starting quarterback.

Senior Ty Bundesen (6’1, 180) also takes snaps at quarterback but is expected to be a starting receiver.

Other potential receivers include senior Drew Leenderts (5’11, 150), junior Brock Harnack (5’11, 140) and senior Gideon Taubert (6’3, 160).

Cole Baker (6’1, 160), a senior who played wide receiver last year, is pegged as the starting running back this season.

Junior Luke Fuerstenberg (6’0, 150) is another potential running back. Senior Austin Allen (5’10, 180) is a potential half back.

On the defensive side, Donavon Leenderts and Baker are expected to return as defensive end starters.

Scholten is the projected starting nose tackle, while Durst is vying for spots as a nose tackle or defensive end. Moser is another potential nose tackle.

Kueter is expected to start at middle linebacker, while Andrew Harris and Allen are slotted to play outside linebacker.

Potential backup linebackers include Fuerstenberg, Alex Harris and Metzger.

Deelstra and Bundesen are expected to start at cornerback with Taubert and Harnack also vying for time at the position.

Drew Leenderts is expected to play as

*“There are a lot of new faces this year. ...*

*Our challenge this year will be experience in the skilled positions.*

*We have a big senior class this year, which is good.*

*Any time you have a nice senior group, that helps with leadership and mature bodies.”*

— **Rex Metzger,** H-BC head football coach

the safety this season.

Bundesen, who handled some kickoffs last year, is expected to fill the kicking duties.

Coach Metzger said his team’s goals for the 2021 season are to get better as the season goes on and to be playing their best football at the end of the season.

He lists his team along with Mountain Lake Area and Renville County West as potential contenders for the section championship.

“We beat Mountain Lake twice last year, but before that they’ve always kind of had our number,” Metzger said.

He said he hopes to maintain the momentum of the past seasons.

“We’ve won some games the last few years, so we always kind of have that target on our back,” Metzger said of his squad.

“But we have a nice group of seniors this year; I like where we’re at.”



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### FOOTBALL

Sept 2	Redwood Valley	H
Sept 10	Jackson County Central	A
Sept 17	Windom	A
Sept 24	New Ulm	H
Oct 1	Worthington	A
Oct 8	Pipestone	H
Oct 14	Fairmont	H
Oct 20	Waseca	A
Oct 26	Sections - TBD	H
Oct 30	Sections - TBD	H
Nov 5	Sections - TBD	A

### CROSS COUNTRY

Aug 27	Beresford	A
Sept 3	Mountain Lake	A
Sept 11	multi-team	H
Sept 16	Multiple@Rochester Eastwood	A
Sept 23	Jackson County Central	A
Sept 28	St. James Area	A
Oct 2	Willmar Invitational	A
Oct 7	multi-team	H
Oct 12	Adrian	A
Oct 19	Big South - Pipestone	A
Oct 28	Sections	A
Nov 6	State Tournament - Saint Olaf	A

### VOLLEYBALL

Aug 26	Edgerton	H
Aug 28	Big South - St. James	A
Aug 31	Redwood Valley	H
Sept 2	Triangular	H
Sept 7	Marshall	A
Sept 9	Westbrook Walnut Grove	A
Sept 11	Invitational	H
Sept 13	SW Minnesota Christian	A
Sept 16	Windom	A
Sept 18	Invitational - Jackson County	A
Sept 23	Pipestone Area	H
Sept 28	Worthington	H
Sept 30	St. James Area	A
Oct 5	Jackson County Central	A
Oct 7	Martin County West	H
Oct 15	Adrian	A
Oct 21	Hills-Beaver Creek	A
Oct 29	Sections	H
Nov 2	Sections	H
Nov 4	Subsections	A

### GIRLS' TENNIS

Aug 21	Morris Area/Benson	A
Aug 24	Yellow Medicine East	H
	MACCRAY	H
Aug 26	Lac Qui Parle Valley	A
	Montevideo	A
Aug 28	Worthington	A
Aug 30	River Valley	H
Aug 31	Fairmont	H
Sept 7	Blue Earth Area	A
Sept 9	Marshall	H
Sept 14	Worthington	H
Sept 16	Pipestone Area	H
Sept 21	St. James Area	A
Sept 23	Redwood Valley	A
Sept 28	TBD Big South	A
Oct 5	Section Quarters TBD	H
Oct 8	Sections - Gustavus	A
Oct 9	Sections - Gustavus	A
Oct 14	Sections - Gustavus	A
Oct 26	State Tournament	A

### HBC VOLLEYBALL

Aug 28	Adrian Tournament	A
Aug 31	Viborg Hurley	A
Sept 11	Luverne	A
Sept 14	Westbrook Walnut Grove	A
Sept 16	MLA-C	H
Sept 21	Red Rock Central	A
Sept 23	Edgerton	H
Sept 27	St. Mary	H
Sept 28	Murray County Central	H
Oct 1	SMSU Tournament	A
Oct 2	SMSU Tournament	A
Oct 5	HLOF	H
Oct 11	Edgerton	A
Oct 12	Adrian/Ellsworth	A
Oct 18	Southwest Minnesota Christian	H
Oct 19	Adrian/Ellsworth	H
Oct 21	Luverne	H

### HBC FOOTBALL

Sept 2	GHEC-Truman	H
Sept 10	Madelia	A
Sept 17	HLOF	H
Sept 24	Westbrook Walnut Grove	A
Oct 1	Renville County West	H
Oct 8	Mountain Lake	A
Oct 14	Red Rock Central	H
Oct 20	Edgerton	A



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