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Census deadline is Sept. 30

Local Census takers race against time to make sure all citizens are counted

By Lori Sorenson

Census takers are now working across all areas of Minnesota to visit households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. They'll be knocking on doors from now through Sept. 30.

Luverne's Vicky Henderson is one of the local Census workers helping to make sure all residents get counted. She said the work isn't glamorous, but she's committed to a thorough count.

"Every time another one is filled out, it feels like a victory," she said. "This information is so important for our community."

Henderson, like several other enumerators working in the community, wears a valid government ID badge with her photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge.

Census takers also carry with them official U.S. Census Bureau phones.

A complete and accurate count ensures communities receive their fair share of representation in Congress and the state legislature and their fair share of billions in federal funds distributed each year to state and local communities for many programs.

This includes funding for emergency response services, hospitals and clinics, schools, job training, roads, highways and more.

Local leaders are hoping 2020 is the year Luverne breaks the 5,000 population threshold.

Its current official population count is 4,745, and 5,000 is the threshold for many government programs that differentiate between "towns" and "cities."

Communities considered to be "cities" qualify for more government funds and support.

Luverne officials formed the first-ever Complete Count Committee to bolster participation rates in the 2020 census.

In the 2010 census, 78.3 percent of Rock County's residents and 80.4 percent of Luverne residents self-responded to the survey.

By getting all — or most — Luverne residents counted, there's a good chance Luverne's population will reach 5,000 or more.

In addition, Mayor Pat Baustian said recent growth in Luverne should add to the count.

"Luverne grew 2 percent in the 2010 census, and I was excited," he said when the committee was formed. "Everyone else around us was down, and we were growing."

City Clerk Jessica Mead chairs the Complete Count Committee and said the goal is education — that census data is tied to government dollars for the community, and census data is secure and confidential.

"There are many barriers to participation, but statewide the top concerns are distrust in government and data security," Mead said.

Since the committee was formed last year, it's been working to educate residents that it's safe to share their census data and it's in their interest to do so.

Mead has been tracking response rates on the 2020 Census website.

At first local residents led the state in self-response rates online, but lately Rock County and Luverne

Census counters/see page 5



Down to the wire

Mavis Fodness photo/0903 School Build

On Thursday, Aug. 27, a Gil Haugen construction worker secures a metal brace to the pre-cast concrete walls of the new performing arts center on the north side of the building.

Middle school starts in new classrooms; high school will wait a little longer

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members and contractors engaged in an hourlong discussion Thursday night, Aug. 27, about building progress and the pandemic's effect on construction workers.

The meeting involved school officials, representatives from general contractor Gil Haugen Inc. of Sioux Falls and construction managers ICS Builds, also of Sioux Falls.

They outlined a timeline that will have the

majority of the classrooms ready Tuesday for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

"Hopefully by Oct. 1 we will be in a good spot," board member Katie Baustian said after the meeting. "The whole thing is getting close."

Luverne Middle School will have 26 new classrooms available when school opens Sept. 8. Work crews were busy Monday putting the

School starts amid construction/see page 8

A hearse is a hearse ... Unless, of course, it's a 1952 Packard Henney hearse restored to enhance memories



Lori Sorenson photos/0903 hartquist Packard hearse

Jeff Hartquist demonstrates how a "three-way table" in the antique Packard Henney hearse allows a casket to be unloaded from either side or from the back, which is helpful in tight-parking scenarios along church-front curbs in busy traffic.

By Lori Sorenson

The process of laying a loved one to rest often involves reminiscing and reconnecting to compose a life history.

At Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, an antique hearse now helps to bring back memories for families.

"Reminiscing about the past helps us understand how we are the people we have become," Jeff Hartquist said. "It also shows us how to keep our loved and ones spirit alive as we move forward in life."

A 1952 Packard Henney hearse recently emerged from a three-year restoration this summer to join the Hartquist fleet of funeral coaches.

"It was in pretty good shape overall," Hartquist said on a sunny August afternoon when the Packard was displayed out front along Highway 75.

"But it needed some work. ... The chrome had some pits, and the interior needed some work ... and that whole hydraulic thing ... We had to find someone to fix that."

The hydraulics are among the many technical features that wouldn't be expected in 1950s

Hartquist introduces antique hearse/see page 2



COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	104	5	+5%
Pipestone	187	13	+6.8%
Nobles	1,865	38	+1.8%
Minnehaha (SD)	5,267	343	+8.6%
Lyon (IA)	151	15	+10.2%

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

Date Range	7/12-7/25	7/19-8/1	7/26-8/8	8/2-8/15
Rate	28.68	30.81	21.25	13.81

According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

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

Based on this data, plans for area schools are:

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | **Middle/High School:** HYBRID
HBC - Elementary: In-person | **Secondary:** In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of September 1, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Lori Sorenson photos/0903 hartquist Packard hearse

A 1952 Packard Henney hearse recently joined the Hartquist Funeral Home fleet of coaches this summer. Jeff Hartquist said he hopes it will promote family history and relationships that are important in funeral planning.

Hartquist introduces 1952 Packard Henney hearse/from page 1

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Legion Auxiliary meets Sept. 9

The American Legion Auxiliary Post #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the home of Anabelle Frakes. Call Dianna at 283-1934 with questions.

Community Education

The new Fall Community Ed brochure will be an insert in the **Sept. 6 Announcer**. Registration for fall classes begins on **Sept. 8**.

Parents with children birth to age 5 are invited to come to **Fun at the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom on Sept. 8**. No charge, but please register for 10:00 play time or the 5:00 session.

Four session **Yoga** class will meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 outside beginning **Sept. 14**. Fee is \$32.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes designed for parents and children birth to age 5 begin meeting for Fall Session on **Sept. 15**. There are three morning classes and one evening class time to choose from.

Cliffline climb at state park Sept. 12

Luverne Community Education will offer **Cliffline Climbing** for Grades 4-12 taught by Roca Climbing and Friends of Blue Mound State Park. Morning and afternoon sessions will be Sept. 12. There is no charge, but registration required. Call 507-283-4724. Use the waiver/registration form from the website to register.

Meals on Wheels continue in Jasper

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) has provided Meals on Wheels in Jasper through the Sunrise Village, which is now closed. Going forward, meals will be prepared at the LSS Luverne site and delivered to Jasper City Hall twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. There is also an option to add frozen meals for delivery with the hot meals. With questions, call toll-free at 866-985-8509.

Monthly Food Giveaway Sept. 17

The monthly Food Giveaway will be the third Thursday, Sept. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the Generations building, 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Please, those in vehicles, drive to the double glass doors on the WEST SIDE of the building. We will load your groceries, STAY IN YOUR CAR.

Those who are willing, please go to the EAST SIDE of the building. Volunteers will have your groceries pre-packed for you to pick up. Any questions, call 507-283-4366. Sponsored by New Life Celebration Church.

'Living Well with Chronic Conditions'

The class, "Living Well with Chronic Conditions" will be offered online via Zoom video-conferencing for those affected by high cholesterol, arthritis, depression, high/low blood pressure or heart disease. The objective of the class is to help participants take charge of their health by learning about nutrition, medication use, pain management and much more.

Classes are at 1 p.m. every Monday from Sept. 14 through Oct. 19. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-855-215-2174 to register for class #1995, or register online at <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/1995>. Class leaders are A.C.E. Coordinator Linda Wenzel (507-283-5064) and Connie Frahm, volunteer lay leader.

engineering.

A "three-way table" allows a casket to be unloaded from either side or from the back, which is helpful in tight-parking scenarios along church-front curbs in busy traffic.

The pull of a lever sends the platform slowly sliding out a side door. A button runs a hydraulic leveling system in the undercarriage that adjusts suspension to level the hearse if it's parked on a hillside or over a curb.

"This is pretty cool, especially considering the time," Hartquist said. "It even had power windows that ran on hydraulic cylinders."

When the company built the "Nu-3-Way" side-servicing Packard Henney hearse, it proclaimed to be "for those that want the finest."

Marketing materials in 1952 describe it as everything a distinguished funeral service would need.

"Yesterday's traditions of Henney craftsmanship are joined by tomorrow's preview of advanced engineering to bring you this most distinguished and conveniently appointed funeral car," one sales brochure stated.

"It combines a degree of individuality and serviceability not found on any other funeral vehicle."

How this particular Packard came to be salvaged and how it ended up in Luverne is a long and winding story, but its roots are with a funeral home in Pennsylvania.

A man by the name of Maurice Hart bought the Pennsylvania hearse for his funeral home in Huntsville, Indiana.

When Maurice died, his daughter sought someone who would value the coach and use it in the way her father had envisioned.

Her husband reached out to a dealership that connected them to Chad Oolman in Orange City,



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The interior and dash show attention to detail in the restoration process over the past three years.

Iowa. He and his father, Larry Oolman, are funeral directors who collect and show classic cars, including funeral coaches.

Chad mentioned to his colleague, Hartquist, that the antique hearse was available.

"I told him one day I thought this would be neat," Hartquist said. "So

Chad threw it out there to me, and I reached out to the family."

And the rest is history.

Actually, it's about history, according to Hartquist.

"The whole idea of why this is important is because it brings us back to 1952, back to the day," he said.

"We have a lot of nice things about the present

time, but one of the things we're terrible at is we forget the value of relationships, and stopping and having storytelling and going back to that time."

He said he tries to emphasize the importance of generational family ties in funeral services, and the antique Packard will drive home that point.

"The good stuff is when we sit down and we realize we're important to each other," Hartquist said.

"Funerals are not about giving us closure, but teaching us that we can move forward in our grief by providing a platform (tools and instruction) to begin our grief journey forward."

He said having the 1952 Packard Henney hearse reinforces the importance of the past in helping us heal.

"I do that all the time with funeral services so if we can have something that promotes that, it's perfect"

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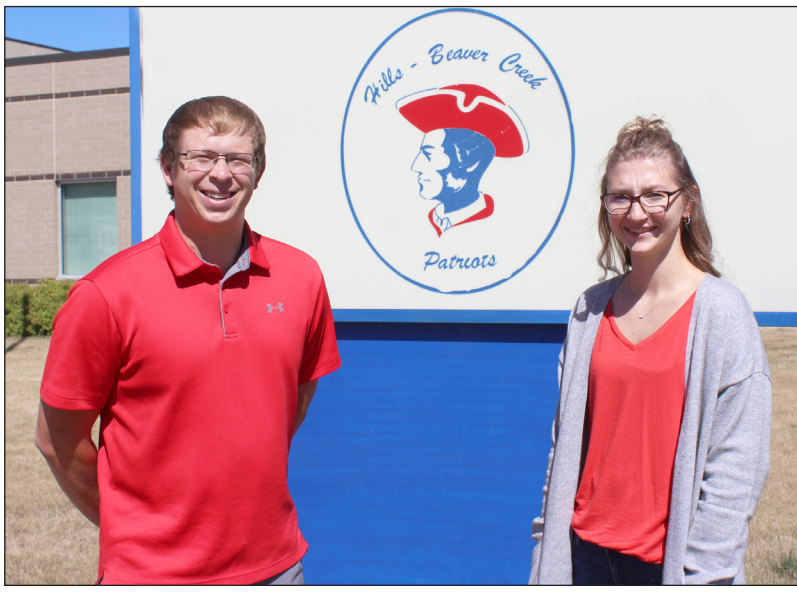
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Mavis Fodness photo/0903 New Teachers 2020 H-BC
New Hills-Beaver Creek teachers Dylan Gehrke (left) and Cloey Anderson will begin the 2020-21 school year instructing fifth grade and high school ag respectively.

Two teachers join H-BC staff

By Mavis Fodness

Two teachers are joining the staff at Hills-Beaver Creek elementary and secondary staff as classes begin Tuesday.

Cloey Anderson and Dylan Gehrke replace agricultural and fifth-grade instructors, who left for different positions.

Anderson grew up in Gaylord and graduated from Sibley East High School in 2016. She will teach ninth- through 12th-grade ag classes and assume the FFA chapter adviser duties.

She attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, majoring in agricultural education.

She graduated in May, after a teaching experience at West Central School District in Hartford, South Dakota, and a semester in New Ulm.

"I was able to get in-person and virtual experiences while student teaching," Anderson said.

She recently moved to Luverne with her new puppy, Maisie.

This is her first year as a full-time teacher.

"I am very much looking forward to working with students and with the community, and getting started with my first year," Anderson said.

Gehrke is returning to his home school district in his first full-time teaching position as a fifth-grade instructor.

He will also be the district's head volleyball coach and assistant boys' basketball coach.

Gehrke graduated from H-BC High School in 2014.

"I am really looking forward to getting to know my learners," he said.

"I can't wait to see them grow throughout the school year in their academics and also as individuals. I am hoping that the relationships that are built throughout this year will last a lifetime."

Gehrke attended Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, graduating in December 2019 with a degree in elementary education and a minor in K-12 educational technology.

He was a long-term substitute teacher at Harrisburg South Middle School for a month before substitute teaching for Brandon Valley and H-BC.

He currently lives in Sioux Falls but is planning to move to the Hills-Beaver Creek area in the next year.

"A bunch of my family still lives in Hills, both my parents (Heidi and Harvey) and sister (Megan)," he said.

"Most of my aunts, uncles and cousins live close to Hills.

"I will actually have a cousin in my fifth-grade class for the next couple of years — should be really exciting."

Luverne opens school year with four new instructors, two full-time substitutes

By Mavis Fodness

Four new instructors and two full-time substitutes will join the teaching staff of Luverne Public Schools as classes begin Tuesday for the 2020-21 school year.

At Luverne Elementary, Madeline Jones will begin her second year of teaching with first-graders. She spent her first year teaching at Tri-City United Schools in LeCenter.

The New Prague native graduated from high school in 2015 before attending Minnesota State University, Mankato, for elementary education. She will finish a master's degree in reading early next year.

Jones will make her home in Luverne, a familiar location as her grandparents, Marlene and Robert DeSplinter, still live here.

"It will be nice to be close to them," Jones said. "I'm really looking forward to becoming a part of the Luverne community. This is a great school district and the Luverne community is very welcoming."

Lucas Larson will teach high school government and economics. He is also the assistant tennis coach.

Larson graduated from Winona High School in 2016 and attended the University of Minnesota, Morris. He received a bachelor's degree in social studies and history.

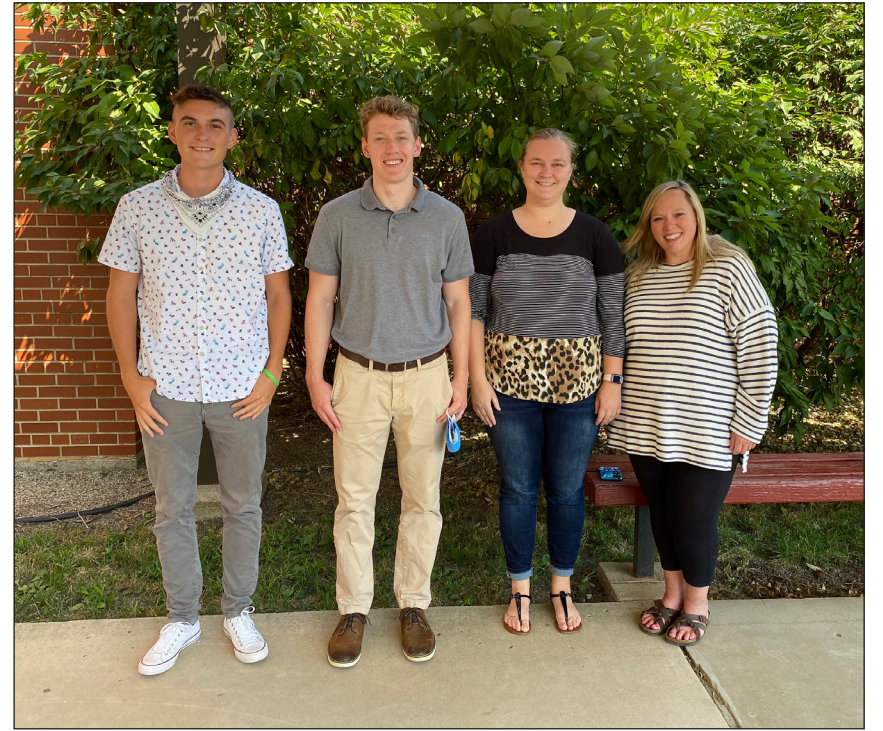
"This will be my first full year in the classroom," he said.

Larson student-taught at Minnewaska and Benson high schools before accepting the teaching position in Luverne.

"I am looking forward to exploring the subject of government with students during such an important time in our country's history," Larson said.

Rudi Vennard will be the elementary speech therapist. She lives in Hartford, South Dakota, with her significant other, Dave, and the couple is expecting their first child in October.

The Washington High School, Sioux Falls, graduate begins her tenth year of teaching, having spent the past nine years at



Lori Sorenson photo/0903 new teachers luverne4

New teachers in the Luverne School District are (from left) government and economics teacher Lucas Larson, elementary special education teacher Jake Aukes, first-grade teacher Madeline Jones and speech language pathologist Rudi Vennard. They're pictured under the high school canopy Thursday, Aug. 27, between training and orientation.



Stacey Thone (left) will be the full-time substitute teacher for Luverne Middle-High School. Charlie Sietsema, a 2015 graduate of Luverne High School, will be the full-time elementary substitute.

Southgate Elementary School in Austin.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in communication disorder from Minnesota State University, Mankato, finishing in 2011.

Jake Aukes will teach elementary special education.

He received a Bachelor of Sci-

ence degree in special education from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The Luverne High School 2015 graduate is the son of Mark and Mary Aukes of Luverne.

To facilitate a more fluent substitute teacher schedule, Luverne School Board members hired two full-time substitute teachers. The hiring was approved Thursday.

Charlie Sietsema, a 2015 graduate of Luverne High School, will be the full-time elementary substitute.

He attended Winona State University and received a degree in elementary education.

Stacey Thone, of Luverne, previously substitute-taught in the Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek districts. She graduated from the University of Northwestern in St. Paul with an elementary education degree and a minor in pre-primary.

She will be the full-time substitute teacher for Luverne Middle-High School.

Hills-Beaver Creek secondary principal champions 'students first'

By Mavis Fodness

"No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship."

This personal mantra took years to develop in recently hired Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary Principal Andrew Kellenberger.

The seed was first planted in the early 2000s while he was a student attending the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities.

The 1999 H-BC High School graduate originally entered college to become a mechanical engineer but found a new passion in education.

"I changed my major after working at an after-school program in South Minneapolis at Powderhorn Elementary School. I was an after-school teacher for a program called A.C.E.S. — Athletes Committee to Educating Students," Kellenberger said.

"I worked with a group of students and incorporated sports into math and reading activities for students who needed a little more support in school."

Decades later the teaching experience from those two years still lingers with Kellenberger.

"That job is still one of my favorites jobs," he said.

After graduating, Kellenberger taught in Ellsworth, H-BC and at Normandale Hills in Bloomington where he solidified his "student-first" philosophy, and his last position (three years as administrator with Dakota Meadows Middle School in Mankato) showed what the philosophy could



Mavis Fodness photo/0903 New Principal 2020 Kellenberger
Andrew Kellenberger begins his first year as secondary principal at Hills-Beaver Creek School District. He is an HB-C graduate and former teacher with the school district.

accomplish.

"For most of my teaching career I never imagined or thought I would become an administrator," he said.

"However, I eventually started seeing the impact an administrator can have on a school by leading a student-first culture."

Five years ago he was a member of a building team that pursued a School of Excellence Award from the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association. The team looked at areas where the school did well and in areas where the school could improve.

"This two-year experience helped me see how the school improvement process can impact student achievement," he said. "During this process I

started my graduate classes for school administration."

When previous H-BC Secondary Principal Molly Schilling left to become superintendent at Adrian Public Schools, Kellenberger found relationship building in his district already had a strong student-first foundation.

"I feel H-BC is a small community school which does this very well. I felt my strengths and beliefs aligned with the strong culture H-BC already has — values education and does a great job of supporting our students as they go through the school system."

Andrew Kellenberger, principal

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"I felt my strengths and beliefs aligned with the strong culture H-BC already has — values education and does a great job of supporting our students as they go through the school system."

Kellenberger and his wife, Natasha, will get a close-up look at the elementary as two of their three children, Henry, 7, and Nora, 5, attend classes. The couple's third child, Livia, is nine months old.

They are looking for an acreage in the Hills-Beaver

Creek area.

"We are finally getting closer to family, which is very important to us," he said.

Kellenberger's parents, LeRoy and Lou, live in Sioux Falls.

As H-BC Secondary kicks off classes for the 2020-21 school year on Tuesday, Kellenberger is ready to continue his student-first collaborative approach with staff and roughly 240 sixth- through 12th-grade students.

"H-BC is a great size, which will allow me to get to know all of our students at some level. Education will ultimately give

our students greater opportunities when they leave our doors," he said.

"My goal is to help students see this and provide the best education possible while they are here."

Earlier this year, coronavirus prevention efforts disrupted how traditional education is delivered.

The H-BC Secondary will start the new school year with a block-class schedule to limit contact between grade levels. The secondary will be meeting in person for the first time since March.

"It's been a long six months," Kellenberger said. "I've never been this excited for school to start."

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How does one write a story with no happy ending?

As reporters, we routinely convey stories on a wide variety of topics. This week I've chosen to tell a high school classmate's story.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

However, this one doesn't have a happy ending, but maybe you can help write a positive chapter in the story.

Doctors told Curt Thorson on Aug. 10 that the sharp abdominal pain he had suddenly begun to experience was the Stage IV pancreatic cancer spreading through his 56-year-old body.

There is no cure for Curt's aggressive form of cancer and he's already under palliative care. Doctors have given Curt and his family a timeline as to when the cancer will take Curt's life, but they are determined to fight.

Within days of the diagnosis, a chemotherapy schedule was implemented and Curt received the first of potentially four chemo cycles on Aug. 21. That same day he suffered a blood clot, a painful, but not uncommon, cancer side effect.

Because timing is everything in a cancer fight, Curt postponed the blood clot treatment for several hours in order to complete the first chemo treatment. The treatment could mean more time can be spent at home.

Three days later Curt was home, surrounded by his wife of 26 years, Caroline, and their three sons, Dylan, Eric and Luke. Curt insists that his children carry on with their daily routines as a college senior, a worker at the local lumberyard and a high school

junior prepping for the start of a new school year respectively.

He also insists that Caroline keep teaching local high school students as well as fulfilling her duties on the Luverne City Council during his cancer fight.

Curt says he is looking for blessings in each day as his family comes to terms with his diagnosis. They plan no trips — just sharing simple things like watching TV together.

They marvel at the outreach that living in a small community brings.

In a matter of days they received daily notes of support in their mailbox, thoughtful gestures are dropped regularly at their Luverne home, and within weeks friends have organized a fundraiser to lessen the Thorson family's financial burdens.

That's what we do when we know someone is hurting — we circle the wagons. We try to give Curt some "time."

Time not to worry about paying the house mortgage.

Time not to worry about utilities, paying of medical deductibles or other fiscal responsibilities.

We just want to give the Thorson family time with fewer worries.

The Thorson Family Benefit is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Take 16 on East Main Street in Luverne. Live music, food and a silent auction is planned to celebrate and support Curt and his family.

Citizens of Rock County, now is not the time to opt out of Census participation

If Census takers come knocking, please answer their questions; the health of our community depends on it and we're running out of time to be counted

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Census takers are visiting households in Rock County communities to follow up with residents who have not yet participated in the 2020 Census. (See the front-page story)

They're paid, part-time temporary government employees, but the work isn't easy.

Gone are the days of door-to-door salesmen and Avon Ladies, and we rarely get a knock from random Girl Scouts for cookie sales. It's the world we live in, and it isn't kind to Census door-knockers. Or any door-knockers, for that matter. Especially in a time of pandemic social distancing.

But the work of Census takers is crucially important in order to get every last person counted. The more accurate the count, the more resources for our communities.

Please, Rock County residents, if you haven't already been counted, there's still time to do it. The

deadline is Sept. 30. And the sooner you do, the less likely you'll get that knock on the door.

Here's how to be counted:

- go to 2020Census.gov.
- call 844-330-2020 (seven days a week between 6 a.m. and 1 a.m.).
- fill out and mail back the census form if it was received in the mail.

Responses are confidential and protected by federal law. The Census Bureau does not share responses with any government, or law enforcement, or landlords ... no one.

Minnesota is at risk of losing a representative in Congress if our population doesn't support

it. If that's not reason enough to be counted, consider that every person counted represents thousands of dollars in federal funds. This includes funding for emergency response services, hospitals and clinics, schools, job training, roads, highways and more.

We may know people who distrust the government and therefore refuse to participate in the Census, and we ourselves may have a healthy distrust of all things government.

But opting out of the count means opting out of the benefits our federal taxes are supporting. This is not the time to ignore the call to action.



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Green: 'Become informed citizens in our voting'

To the Editor:

Two weeks ago I wrote a letter about the importance of voting — the foundation upon which our democracy is constructed. This letter encourages each of us to become informed citizens in our voting. What do the candidates propose?

The Aug. 30 Minneapolis Star Tribune carried an article, "State's jobless to get added benefits," an extra \$300 of weekly benefits. This

was a partial replacement for the extra \$600 per week previously received.

The source of this funding was to be the elimination of the payroll tax on wages, I understand. In the first night of the Republican National Convention, Donald Trump Jr. stated that in the second term, the payroll tax would be eliminated permanently.

Nowhere in the article was there

mention that Social Security benefits are primarily funded by payroll taxes assessed on wages.

Like many of you readers, I receive Social Security benefits, and whenever they are threatened, I feel concerned.

So in considering whom to support with your vote, pay attention to the details.

Larry Green,
Luverne

Hommen: Join us Saturday for the Thorson Family Benefit

To the Editor:

Hey, Rock County, it is time to step up and help a wonderful family who recently got a very tough diagnosis.

Curt Thorson found out recently he has Stage 4 Pancreatic cancer, a very tough foe to battle. The community is rallying Saturday afternoon for him and his wife, Caroline, and their three boys at Take 16 in Luverne.

For those of you who do not know Curt personally, he is an awesome husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin and a friend to many.

He has been involved with many aspects of volunteering and helping others. His wife, Caroline, is a teacher in Luverne.

Two of his boys graduated from Luverne and one son is still in high school. Their boys are the salt of the earth. Their family has been involved in everything in their church, our community, and school, sports, band, speech, choir, mock trial, and class plays.

Rock county residents have always come to the aid of families when there is a need that arises, and now is another one of those times.

If anything, keep the family in your thoughts and prayers, especially prayers, which are very powerful in helping us in all aspects of life. We hope to see a lot of people joining us at Take 16 Brewery in Luverne Saturday. See "Thorson Family Benefit" on Facebook for details.

Jack Hommen, Luverne

Schomacker: Thank you, Gonnermans, for watering flowers

To the Editor:

So often we always hear the negative comments, but not the positive ones.

I go out to Maplewood every day or so to water the flowers on my parents' grave.

One day, a week or so ago, I saw a man filling many jugs with water

that were in the back of his pickup as his wife was walking around watering flowers. They do this often at Maplewood and the Catholic Cemeteries. They water this person's flowers because they knew him, this one because they have no family around here, this one because they worked together and on their list went.

So if you picked up your flowers this year and they looked so nice yet, the people you have to thank are Terry and Diane Gonnerman.

Thank you, Gonnermans, for your service to others, and God bless you both.

Glenda Schomacker,
Luverne

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REMEMBER WHEN

Dispatch report

Aug. 21

- Complainant at Red-bird Field reported kids climbing up the netting.

- Complainant in Redwood County detained subject on Rock County warrant.

- Complainant reported lost glasses.

- Another department provided assistance on 121st Street and 180th Avenue, Magnolia.

- Complainant on W. 4th Street, Sioux Falls, reported subject in custody.

- Complainant on 50th Avenue, Hills, reported found billfold at location.

- Sudden death. Body found was reported at Blue Mounds State Park.

Aug. 22

- Assault was reported at location on N. Cedar Street.

- Complainant on W. Mead Court reported friend left with vehicle.

- Complainant on S. Church Avenue reported a property dispute.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported subject with active warrant.

- Complainant reported an observance in the area.

- Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported individual using a gas-powered boat at location.

- Complainant on N. Estey reported property accident at location with no injuries.

- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported vehicle for dangerous driving.

- Property was found on County Road 4 and 110th Avenue.

- Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported subject in her home is refusing to leave.

- Missing person reported in Sioux City.

Aug. 24

- Possible burglary in progress at E. Christensen Drive.

Aug. 25

Kniss Avenue requested deputy for disorderly patient.

- Complainant on E. Main Street requested to speak to deputy about dumpster diving.

- Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue requested to speak to deputy.

Aug. 25

- Complainant arrested subject with Rock County warrant.

- Threats were reported at location on N. Cedar Street.

- Complainant requested breath test for employee.

- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported pigs falling out of truck.

- Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported that kids are riding a lawnmower.

Aug. 26

- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, reported a feed bag on the roadway.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a transient at gas station.

Aug. 27

- Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a stolen vehicle.

- Complainant requested employee take a breath test.

- Complainant on 115th Street reported vandalism.

- Complainant on Airport Road, Worthington, requested transient pick-up.

- Assistance from another department was requested on W. Mead Court.

Aug. 28

- Complainant on W. Mead Court reported harassing communications.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 transports, 9 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 7 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 5 purchase and carry permits, 11 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 3 welfare checks, 1 follow-up.



Mavis Fodness photo/0903 Road Construction Magnolia

County road improvements continue in small cities

Workers with Duininc Inc. pack the road base Thursday afternoon, Aug. 27, on Broadway Street in Magnolia. The main street in Magnolia will be narrowed, receive new curb and gutter and new asphalt. The \$2.049 million project is part of a series of county road improvements being completed in Hardwick, Steen, Beaver Creek and Hills. Work is expected to be completed by Oct. 1.

Census counters help in the community/continued from page 1

are falling behind.

As of Aug. 27, 76.7 percent of Rock County residents had self-responded to census questions.

That compares with nearly 3 percent of Minnesotans. This means about one in four households statewide will need census taker visits.

"Rock County is still 1.6 percentage points below the 2010 self-response rate, which means we are showing an undercount," Mead said.

"An undercount means underfunding and underrepresentation for our schools, cities and county, and at the state and federal levels."

Meanwhile, time is running out for all citizens to be counted.

"I really hope residents respect the Sept. 30 deadline and the short amount of time the enumerators have to count everyone," she said.



Lori Sorenson photo/0903 Census counters
Luverne's Vicky Henderson is one of the local Census workers helping to make sure all residents get counted. She said the work isn't glamorous, but she's committed to a thorough count.

"If the enumerators are having to go to the same household multiple times, that means they are not able to go to other households that also need to be counted."

The deadline to complete the 2020 Census for enumerators and self-response options is Sept. 30, 2020.

Those who respond on their own can likely avoid a visit in person.

"The only way to ensure you are counted is to complete the Census online, by the paper forms you received, by phone or by working with the enumerator at your door," Mead said.

Information about the CCC and the 2020 census is available on the City of Luverne website. Click on the "government" tab to find the "2020 census" link.



Luverne Soccer — It's a Kick

After several years of dwindling soccer participation in Luverne, the sport is back on track with the fields west of school hosting players and families on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. According to the Community Education Fall Soccer Facebook page, "Luverne Soccer — It's a Kick," 99 players were signed up as of Aug. 4 when the fall season started. The program is for ages 4 through fifth grade (as completed this spring).

Lori Sorenson photos/0903 soccer

SEALED BID LAND AUCTION

Farm Locations: Parcel #1: 2 miles west of Kenneth, MN.
Parcel #2: ½ mile south of Kenneth, MN.

Legal Descriptions: Parcel #1: Pt. SW ¼ and NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 4-103-44 (Vienna Twp), Rock County, MN. Parcel #2: NW ¼, less building site, of Section 12-103-44 (Vienna Twp), Rock County, MN.

Parcel #1: Deeded acres: 172.57 Cropland acres: 116.36 CPI: 90.1 CER: 81.58 CRP acres: 32.88 Farm contains internal tile drainage and gently rolling topography.

Parcel #2: Deeded acres: 157.56 Cropland acres: 135.73 CPI: 71.4 CER: 73.90 Cropland acres have level to gently rolling topography. Farm may have potential for gravel.

Sealed bids due at noon on September 4, 2020 with auction at 10:30am on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at GrandStay Hotel Conference Room. Only registered bidders may attend and must be registered to participate in auction. Bidding Sheet, Instructions, and Farm Information are available by calling Tyler Erickson, salesperson, at 507-532-5120 or online at www.nfmco.com



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Mavis Fodness photo/0903 Community Funds Hardwick Legion

The Hardwick American Legion Post 478 presented checks totaling \$4,300 recently to the Luverne Area Community Foundation, who is developing individual community endowment funds for each of the communities in Rock County. A portion of the Legion's donation will go toward establishing community funds for Hardwick and Kenneth. Pictured from left are Russell Wenzel, Bruce Wilson, Wes Pierson, Don Bryan, Emily Crabtree, Lowell Ahrendt, Paul Aukes, Marvin Laackmann and LeRoy Schomacker.

Local foundation encourages communities to establish individual endowment funds

Hardwick, Kenneth receive initial contributions to LACF

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Area Community Foundation (LACF) wants to expand the meaning of the word "area" in its name.

After eight years at the LACF helm, executive director Emily Crabtree has found that potential donors' focus on "Luverne" in the foundation's name has limited what the foundation can do in other communities.

Earlier this year, the LACF kicked off a matching endowment program to expand individual community grants specific to the seven other communities in Rock County.

LACF donors can now designate money to a specific community — Hardwick, Kenneth, Magnolia, Jasper, Hills, Beaver

Creek, Steen as well as Luverne — and LACF will match up to \$5,000 in each of the community endowment funds.

Crabtree said Luverne has widespread participation in giving to LACF. She wants the encouragement that giving in the other Rock County communities.

"Endowments represent long-term money or other financial assets that are donated to the community foundation and are invested to grow the principal and provide additional income for future investments and expenditures," Crabtree said.

"A \$10,000 endowment would give each community a \$500 grant on average to make a community improvement. The more the endowment grows so

does the yearly grant."

Members of the Arthur Moeller American Legion Post 478 in Hardwick delivered the first checks to the community funds.

"The Legion wants to kick-start the Hardwick and Kenneth community funds," Crabtree said. "It's another way to help these small towns thrive."

Legion members designated \$1,000 to both the Hardwick and the Kenneth funds. They also donated \$2,300 to the Rock County Veterans Fund.

As the individual community funds are established and receive the LACF match, Crabtree said a percentage of the individual community funds will be distributed each year through the grant-making process open to local nonprofit

organizations specific to each community.

Crabtree said she attempted to roll out the community endowment program earlier this year, but her conversations with each community's city council was discontinued due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Contributions and potential matches are now just getting off the ground with the Hardwick Legion contribution.

For more information on the community endowments or to make a donation, contact Crabtree at the LACF office on Main Street Luverne or call 507-227-2424.

Local representation is also sought for the community grant distribution process.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Dallas Bowron will celebrate his 106th birthday Monday, Sept. 7. Greetings may be sent to him at 201 Oak Dr., Luverne, MN 56156.

Dorothy Texel will celebrate her 99th birthday Tuesday, Sept. 8. Greetings may be sent to her at 5335 Stonehaven Drive, Apt. 101, Yorba Linda, CA 92887.

Ed and Iva Elbers will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Greetings may be sent to them at 1113 Elm Cove; Luverne, MN 56156.

Ed Berning will celebrate his 90th birthday Thursday, Sept. 10. Greetings may be sent to him at 516 Tennessee Ave., Adrian, MN 56110.

Jessie Wenzel will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, Sept. 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 201 Oak Drive, Apt. 316; Luverne, MN 56156.

Open houses

Helen Stuckenbroker will celebrate her 80th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Stuckenbroker farm. Greetings may also be sent to her at 2357 140th Ave.; Hardwick, MN 56134.

MENU

Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day—Closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Taco salad with taco meat, cheese, salsa, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, corn chips; fruited gelatin.

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Meatloaf, buttered boiled potatoes, green beans, bread, poke cake.

Thursday, Sept. 10: Creamed chicken on a biscuit, carrots, fruit, dessert.

Friday, Sept. 11: Beef stew, lettuce salad, corn bread muffin, mandarin oranges.

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

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

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

1877: Beaver Creek comes into being

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village continued from 8-27-20 edition of the *Star Herald*.

Beaver Creek

On the banks of the "roaring" Beaver creek, eight and one-half miles southwest of the capital city of Rock county, is the little village of Beaver Creek, a village which has played an important part in the history of Rock county. Excepting Luverne, Beaver Creek is the oldest municipality in the county. Founded during the closing days of the great grasshopper devastation, it rapidly grew to a place of importance, and before it had reached years of discretion was contesting with Luverne for county seat honors. For a dozen years after its founding Beaver Creek continued to prosper; then came a bad fire, followed by the lean years of the early nineties, and the town took a backward step. At one time its very existence was threatened by the establishment of a rival town a few miles away. Better times came, and during the last decade Beaver Creek has advanced until it again takes rank among the progressive places of a prosperous county.

Situated in the midst of a fine farming country that is thickly settled with an intelligent class of people, Beaver Creek has an exceptionally good, though limited, trade territory. It is served by the Worthington-Mitchell branch of the Omaha railroad, of which road it was at one time



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

the terminus. The village has substantial business houses and fine residences, as well as the public enterprises and institutions that make a community a desirable one in which to live.

The site on which Beaver Creek is located was recognized from the very earliest days as a desirable one on which to locate a town, and so early as 1873 a plat for a town only a stone's throw from the present village was surveyed, with the intention of founding a city. R. D. Buchanan, the promoter of a colony of New Yorkers who located in the vicinity, conceived the idea (and started to put into execution his plan) of founding a town at a point just southwest of the present village. During the month of May he had the site surveyed¹ and promised the early founding of the town. Mr. Buchanan came out to Rock county with another colony in

August, with the announced intention of giving his attention to the new enterprise, but that is the last mention in the local press we have of the city. Like many another city conceived in the western country in an early day, it "died abornin."

Beaver Creek had its birth in the fall of 1877, and came into existence as a result of the extension of the Worthington & Sioux Falls (now the Omaha) road to that point. The year before this the road had been built from Worthington to Luverne and the survey extended westward to Sioux Falls. In August, 1877, Ex-Governor Stephen Miller, then in the employ of the railroad company, began purchasing right-of-way for the road west of Luverne, work of constructing the line was commenced in October, track laying was completed to the site of Beaver Creek early in December, and in the first part of January train service was established to the new station.

Before the line was completed to the site, however, the town of Beaver Creek had made its debut. Charles Williams, who owned a farm on section 28, Beaver Creek township, donated eighty acres of land to the railway company for townsite purposes (reserving one block of the plat for himself), the selection of the site being announced about the middle of September.² From the eighth to the eleventh day of October, inclusive, O. D. Brown, a surveyor, was engaged in platting the town-

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•New Luverne teachers Amy Guigisberg, Tyler Woods and Gavin Folkestad agree that the first two weeks of school have gone well.

All three are versatile district employees, teaching during the school day and being involved with activities before and after the bell rings.

From the first-floor high school kitchen and band room to upstairs English classroom, these new employees offer enthusiasm for Luverne middle and high school students.

25 years ago (1995)

•During a special meeting Wednesday, all but two Luverne School Board members agreed on a \$3,000 option to buy 40 acres of land from Dean Tofteland.

The facility committee, made up of three school board members and Supt. George Maurer, explored options for placement of a new elementary school building.

Committee members found a suitable area of 40 acres and proceeded to negotiate the terms of the agreement with Tofteland. That property is located east of Blue Mound Ave., and north of East Veterans Drive. The committee recommends the board purchase the 40 acres for the new school site.

Committee member Bob Kaczrowski said the reason for the 40-acre recommendation, as opposed to the previously discussed 20-acre Christenson site, is because the committee also discussed incorporating softball diamonds and soccer fields into the plans.

50 years ago (1970)

•Luverne's twentieth annual Tri-State Band Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, announced Jerry Hennen, chairman for this year's event.

The festival was originated in 1950 by a group of men within the Chamber of Commerce and has been sponsored by the organization since its inception. It is a youth project dedicated to the high school marching bands in the tri-state area and since 1950 more than 29,000

young musicians have participated in the event.

"The aim or goal of the project has always been to further the interest and proficiency in high school marching bands in the area," stated Hennen. "It is not promotional nor is any commercialism allowed in connection with the festival," he continued.

75 years ago (1945)

•One of the most outstanding egg production records ever made with as large a flock of hens was made the last year by 670 Leghorns owned by George W. Edmonds, Luverne.

Mr. Edmonds, who owns and operates Edmonds Trapnest Leghorns breeding farm here, announced that his 670 pullets, housed last September, laid 158-834 eggs, or 13,237 dozen during the 12 month period ending August 31, 1945. ...

The 670 birds which set the 237 eggs per bird record, brought cash returns amounting to \$4,772.32, the eggs being sold on a graded basis at an average price of 36 cents per dozen. After feed costs were deducted, his net profit was \$2,382.45 per flock, or a profit of \$3.55 per hen.

100 years ago (1920)

•Einar Lorange, of the grocery department of Nelson Brothers' store, on Friday received a certificate of patent from the United States patent office at Washington, on a paper bag and string holder which he invented more than three years ago. The certificate of patent gives him the exclusive right to manufacture the devices for a period of seventeen years starting with August 24th.

Both devices are of simple, but unique construction, and are made out of spring wire and steel sheeting or tin, the cord holder being entirely of wire and fitting in on top of the bag holder. The bag holder is so designed that it may be hung from the ceiling, the wall or stand on a counter.

The bag holder may consist of as many sections as are needed to hold the different sized bags used, and each section will hold one hundred paper bags of ordinary thickness.

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site for the Worthington & Sioux Falls Railroad company; the dedication was made October 27 by Horace Thompson, president, and George A. Hamilton, secretary, of the railroad company, and the plat was filed in the office of the register of deeds October 30. The original plat consisted of nineteen blocks.³The name first proposed for the prospective town was Bishop, in honor of General J. W. Bishop, manager-in-chief of the Sioux City & St. Paul railway lines, but before the plat was put on record the new town was named Beaver Creek, after the creek and township of that name.⁴

¹⁴...In response to this demand it has been deemed the part of prudence and good judgment to start another town, and the valley of the Beaver is the locality selected, at a point about ten miles west of Luverne. It is situated on the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 29, township 102, range 46, upon land donated for the purpose by Ira Crawford, Esquire. The survey has been made and the town platted by P. J. Kniss, county surveyor." Rock County Herald, May 30, 1873.

²⁴Mr. Williams was among the earliest settlers on that wide reaching prairie, and now, after brief period,

he finds himself located almost in the path of the iron horse and his dwelling in the very heart of a prospective village."—Rock County Herald, October 5, 1877.

³Additions to Beaver Creek have been platted as follows:

First, by Daniel Shell and C. H. Smith, July 1, 1886; surveyed by Orrin Nason.

Crawford's, by J. F. Crawford, Daniel Shell C. H. Smith and F. S. Gibson, February 9, 1887; surveyed by Orrin Nason.

County Auditor's Outlots, by County Auditor, October 16, 1909; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

⁴The creek was so named because of the many beaver and their dams which lined the stream when the first settlers came. The township was named after the creek at a meeting of the settlers held in August 1872.

The story of the village of Beaver Creek will continue in the September 10 edition of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.



Submitted photo

Sunshine Foods donates Side-by-Side ATV to Luverne schools

Jason Oye (center in the striped shirt) hands the keys of a new Can-Am side-by-side all-terrain vehicle to Luverne Middle-High School Activities Director Todd Oye Thursday night, Aug. 27. The presentation took place before the regular monthly school board meeting. Jason Oye won the vehicle in a raffle drawing, a fundraiser sponsored by the Luverne Area Chamber and Visitors Bureau earlier this year. When Jason Oye, manager of Sunshine Foods, Luverne, discovered his winning ticket was purchased with store funds, he decided to donate the Can-Am to the activities department. "I wanted to donate it to someone who would use it the most," Jason Oye said. In addition to moving athletic equipment, it will be used Friday to lead runners during the home cross country meet. The vehicle is valued at \$15,800. Pictured from left are Luverne Area Chamber president Tony Schomacker, school board members Reva Sehr and Katie Baustian, Todd Oye, Jason Oye, school board members Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, Colleen Deutsch, Jodi Bosch and Eric Hartman.

OBITUARIES

Veta Sandhurst

Veta Sandhurst, 65, Magnolia, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage after a six-year battle with multiple myeloma cancer.



A funeral service was Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A private family burial will be at a later date.

Veta Dohlmann was born on July 12, 1955, to Henry and Mildred (Kruger) Dohlmann in Luverne. She graduated from Magnolia High School.

Veta married Bruce VastenHout and to this union one daughter, Teresa, was born. The couple divorced.

Veta married Terry Sandhurst on Aug. 31, 1996, at the Magnolia Methodist Church. After their marriage, the couple lived in Magnolia. Veta worked at Kenny's Super Valu in Luverne. She then worked at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne for over 25 years.

Veta was a member of the Magnolia Methodist Church. She enjoyed going fishing, tending to her beautiful flowers, crocheting many beautiful doilies and many other crafts.

Veta is survived by her two brothers, Dallas (Carol) Dohlmann, Magnolia, and

Neil (Sharon) Dohlmann, Magnolia; many nieces and nephews; her mother-in-law, Marlene (Dave) Murphy, Windom; and many faithful friends that helped her on her journey with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Terry, on May 2, 2019; a daughter, Teresa VastenHout; and an infant brother.

Memorials are preferred to Magnolia Methodist Church.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(0903 F)

Gertrude Benson

Gertrude Benson, 93, Jasper, died peacefully on Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at her home.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery near Jasper. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Pipestone.

Gertrude Bergin was born July 19, 1927, to John and Margaret (Bresnahan) Bergin in Garretson, South Dakota. She was baptized at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Garretson. She was raised on a farm in Sherman, South Dakota. She attended Sherman Country School until her junior year and then attended Jasper High School, graduating in 1945. She attended one year of cosmetology school at the Sioux Falls College of Beauty.

On Sept. 12, 1949, she married Otis Benson at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper. The couple lived in Jasper where Gert started a career in cosmetology in a business with her sister, Veronica Herrmann. When she and Otis started a family, she moved her shop to her own home in Jasper. Gert continued to live in her own home after Otis' death. She retired from hairdressing at the age of 87.

Gert was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the women's circle. She was proud of her Irish heritage and her Catholic faith.

Gert loved doing hair and missed seeing her faithful customers when she retired. Her most prized possession was her children, and in later years

many trips and travels were taken with them. Gert was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching her children's and grandchildren's sports as well as the Minnesota Twins, Vikings, and Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Gert was involved in Jasper as a judge for the Jasper Goat Races, a member of the Red Hat Society, and a member of the Senior Citizens where she enjoyed several trips. She also enjoyed playing cards with friends.

Gert is survived by her children, Kristin (Tom) Nelson of Broomfield, Colorado, Kord (Dana) Benson of O'Neill, Nebraska, Kyle Benson of Austin, Texas, Kelly (Bernie) Benson of Willmar, Kerri (Malcolm) Johnston of Elk Point, South Dakota, and Kolin Benson of Marshall; one daughter-in-law, RaVae Benson; 16 grandchildren, Cody Benson, Jeff Ellefson, Tanna, Troy and Taylor Benson, Laura, Kent Jr., and Steven Benson, Shane Benson, Ryan and Jill Bahn, Jesse DeGrote, Alissa Platt, Jami and Jack Johnston and Jordan Benson; several great-grandchildren; and two siblings, Vernon Bergin of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Catherine McCulloch of Sedona, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis; three sons, Kevin, Kim, and Kent Benson; and an infant daughter, Kolleen; one son-in-law, Don Stoltenberg; three sisters; three brothers; and special lifelong friend Millie Ahrendt.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Pipestone, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0903 F)

Joan Goebel

Joan Carol Goebel, 62, rural Magnolia, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A virtual visitation will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, with a virtual memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5. Zoom meeting ID: 915 58679164; Passcode: goebel.

Joan Walther was born on July 7, 1958, to Warner and Mary Jane (Ruppert) Walther in Slayton. She grew up on a farm near Avoca. In 1969 her family moved to Worthington, and she graduated from Worthington High School in 1976. She then attended Jackson Vocational and Technical School in Jackson for accounting.

On Sept. 17, 1977, Joan married Randy Goebel in Worthington. They made their home in Luverne, and Joan was a stay-at-home mother for several years. In 1992 they moved to an acreage outside of Magnolia. In 2001 Joan began working at Luverne Public Schools as a substitute paraprofessional. She loved working with the children.

Joan was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Luverne. She was baptized in 1980 in Marshall. She spent time in the field ministry with other members.

Joan enjoyed camping and traveling, doing puzzles and crosswords, playing scrabble, cards and games on the computer, and beat-

ing Randy in gin and cribbage. Joan cherished the time she spent working in her flower and vegetable gardens and canning salsa, tomato soup, and other produce. She also enjoyed cooking and baking. She liked oldies music and was fond of dancing. She enjoyed life and was willing to help others any way she could.

Joan is survived by her husband, Randy Goebel of Magnolia; her children Anthony (Lisa) Goebel of Meckling, South Dakota, Chelsea (Todd) VanBelle of Beaver Creek, and Carrie (fiancé Tyler Aning) Goebel of Huron, South Dakota; her mother, Mary Walther of Rochester; grandchildren Logan, Ava, Riley and Kasyn; siblings Stephen (Elaine) Walther of Coon Rapids, Mary (Mark) Rubis of Lynn Haven, Florida, Francis "Frank" Walther (Bonnie Klavel) of Chaska, Diane (Leslie) Bucher of Eyota, Sally (Gary) Staggers of Broomfield, Colorado, Richard Walther of Bloomington, Deborah (Andrew) Broughton of Battle Lake, Julie (Brian) Archuleta of Gallop, New Mexico, John Walther of Stockton, Illinois, and Jane Walther (Terry Riemersma) of Hammond; and her mother-in-law, Rosanne Goebel of Worthington.

She was preceded in death by her father, Warner Walther; a sister, Susan Walton; and her father-in-law, Firmin Goebel.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Patricia Dreesen

Patricia Louise "Pat" Dreesen, 67, Jasper, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society in Pipestone.

A memorial visitation will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, with a memorial service at 10 a.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial of cremains will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. The memorial service may be viewed at www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne.

(0903 DN)

Harland Strong

Harland Strong, 71, Luverne, died Sunday, July 26, 2020, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Sioux Falls.

Arrangements are provided by Chapel Hill Funeral Home, www.chapelhillfuneralhome.com.

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School construction/ from page 1

finishing touches on the sixth- through eighth-grade classrooms on the two floors of the north wing.

The second floor of the south wing, which houses high school classrooms won't be ready until Sept. 18.

This means several teachers will temporarily operate out of the gymnasium and other resource rooms.

The hybrid learning model means only half the students will be in the building at a time, allowing teachers to utilize all on-campus available space.

The first floor of the south wing, which is home to the school's special education classrooms, will be finished by Oct. 1.

The \$30 million construction project began in March 2019 and is scheduled to finish next year with completion of the new performing arts center.

The center and new south-facing middle-high school commons area will link the elementary and middle-high school together.




The former high school media center has been transformed into the new eighth-grade classroom area. Below, painting and finishing touches continue in the second floor of the south wing of the Luverne Middle-High School. Mavis Fodness photos



At left, Crews from Henning Construction excavate the east side of the Luverne Middle-High School's south wing Monday prior to applying a barrier to seal the building's lower floor from moisture.



At left, workers put finishing touches on the new high school biology room Monday. At right, the new sixth-grade science lab is slated to be ready in time for the opening of the school Tuesday.



LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 17, 18 & 19. 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.

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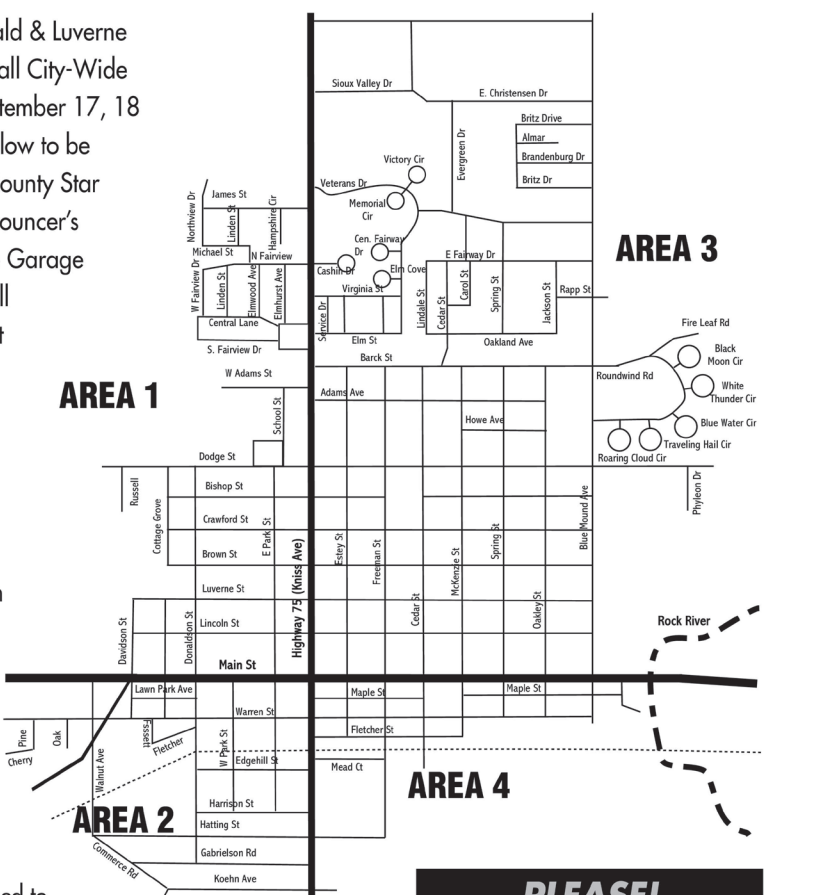
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Lori Sorenson photos/0903 school surplus sale

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The sidewalk under the Luverne High School canopy looked like a rummage sale Thursday when surplus school equipment was set out with a price tag on each item. Included for sale were ranges (gas and electric), chairs, mailboxes, weight room equipment, Smart Boards with projectors, projectors, filing cabinets, desks, an ice cream machine and a piano.

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Fertilizer restrictions/ from page 1

mation are available on the MDA website. The MDA also hosted a webinar on Aug. 12 to answer questions. The video and webinar details are available online.

The nitrogen fertilizer restrictions are part of the Groundwater Protection Rule, which minimizes potential fertilizer sources of nitrate pollution to the state's groundwater and works with local farmers to prevent public water supply wells from exceeding the drinking water standard for nitrate contamination.

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Brennen Rupp photo/0903 ccgroup

Luverne cross country runners opened their season in Pipestone on Thursday, Aug. 27. Tenley Nelson (pictured, centered) took home first place for the Cardinals. Her teammates finished right behind Nelson taking second- through fifth-places.

Cardinal cross country open with impressive showing in Pipestone

By Brennen Rupp

Not even the heat could slow down the Luverne cross country team on Thursday, Aug. 27.

At the Hiawatha Park in Pipestone, the girls' varsity runners got their season started off on the right foot by taking home first place at the team's opening meet of the season.

"It's a very veteran group," Luverne cross country coach Pete Janiszkeski said. "Everybody has a lot of experience. They know what to do when they get in the meet."

Tenley Nelson was the first to cross the finish line with a time of 22:06.

The Cardinals rounded out the Top 5 with Grace

Ingebretson placing second with a time of 22:40. Brooklyn VerSteeg finished third with a time of 23:06. Jenna DeBates finished right behind VerSteeg with a time of 23:08 to place fourth. Elizabeth Wagner finished with a time of 23:11 to place fifth.

Every single varsity runner for the Cardinals finished inside the Top 10. Regan Feit finished seventh (23:50) and Tiana Lais finished in ninth place (25:00).

"Times were a little slower than they were hoping for," Janiszkeski said. "But you have to consider the heat and the humidity. They were focused on the team side of things. They did a good job of pack running."

On the boys' side of things, Camdon Janiszkeski finished inside the top five by placing fourth. To kick off the season Janiszkeski finished with a time of 18:53.

"He had a good race," coach Janiszkeski said. "He was pleased with things. He looked smooth and comfortable. He didn't get too anxious in the first half of the race. He was able to hold position and finish strong."

The Cardinals will get back at it on Friday, Sept. 4, when they host their first home meet of the season. Janiszkeski said the goal for his team is to just keep improving each day.

"We just like to build off each meet and each day," he

said. "What can we do to get ourselves better? They are going to want to build off of those performances and hopefully, the weather will be better."

Girls' 5000 Meter Run (Varsity)

- (1). Tenley Nelson (22:06)
- (2). Grace Ingebretson (22:40)
- (3). Brooklyn VerSteeg (23:06)
- (4). Jenna DeBates (23:08)
- (5). Elizabeth Wagner (23:11)
- (7). Regan Feit (23:50)
- (9). Tiana Lais (25:00)

Boys' 5000 Meter Run (Varsity)

- (4). Camdon Janiszkeski (18:53)
- (11). Griffen Jarchow (20:53)
- (17). Carsen Toftland (23:17)
- (18). Camden Hoven (23:20)
- (20). Ethan Rahm (25:51)

Luverne takes pair of duals against Pipestone Area

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne tennis team was running on all cylinders Thursday, Aug. 27, in Pipestone. The Cardinals won every match to defeat the Arrows 7-0.

In doubles action, Solveig Toftland and Lauren Ver Steeg dropped their first set 6-0. The duo didn't let the early setback get them down, as they bounced back to win the next two sets (6-3, 6-4) to win the match.

"It would have been very easy for them to give up, but they came back to win the next two sets to win their match," Luverne coach Jon Beers said.

It was the same story for Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith. They dropped their first set 6-4, but rallied back to win the next two sets (6-3, 6-4) to take the match.

Brynn Thier and Liz Kelm put together a stellar performance, winning the first set of their match 6-0. They followed that up with another 6-0 win in the second set to take the match.

"They had a very dominant win," Beers said.

In singles play, the Cardinals didn't lose a single set.

"All the single players won their matches," Beers said.



Brennen Rupp photo/0903 tennis serve

Luverne's Liz Kelm, playing at No. 3 doubles, serves the ball during her match against Pipestone Monday night.

"They didn't lose a single set in any of their matches."

The same teams squared off in a dual on Aug. 31 in Luverne. The Cardinals once again came out on top 6-1. With the win they improved to 3-0 on the young season.

Ainslie Robinson dropped the first set of her

match 6-2. She bounced back to win the next two sets (6-3, 6-4) to win the match.

It was the same story for Mia Wenzel. Wenzel lost the first set of her match 6-1, but came back to win the next two sets (6-3, 6-2) to come out on the winning end.

"They were good matches

from Ainslie and Mia," Coach Beers said. "Both lost their first sets but came back to win the next two sets to win their respective matches."

In two duals against Pipestone, the Cardinals have only dropped one match, and Beers said he was pleased with his Luverne team.

"I think the girls did great," he said. "I feel it would be very hard to play a team twice in such a short time. We were able to play aggressive and come out on top."

The tennis team will be back in action on Thursday, Sept. 3, in Worthington. The Cardinals defeated the Trojans earlier this season 6-1.

LUVERNE SENIOR HIGH - 7, PIPESTONE SENIOR HIGH - 0,

Singles:
No. 1 - Roz Oye, LHS def. Olivia Laphorn, PAS, 6-4, 6-0, -;

No. 2 - Elise Jarchow, LHS def. Emma Stahl, PAS, 6-1, 6-4, -;

No. 3 - Ainslie Robinson, LHS def. Torny Woelber, PAS, 6-3, 6-1, -;

No. 4 - Mia Wenzel, LHS def. Brielle Kulm, PAS, 6-1, 7-6 (5), -;

Doubles:
No. 1 - Solveig Toftland, LHS - Lauren Ver Steeg, LHS def.

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Redbirds drop heartbreaker to Young America

By Brennen Rupp

Four outs. That's what stood between the Luverne Redbirds and advancing to the next round of the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament.

The Redbirds were leading the Young America Cardinals 4-3 in the bottom of the eighth inning, with two outs and runners on first and second. At that point it appeared Luverne players would advance to the next round to keep their season alive. The Cardinals had other plans.

Isaac Horman, the leadoff man for the Cardinals, came to the plate with two outs and a chance to be a hero, and he delivered. Horman drove the ball into the right center field gap to bring in a pair of runs to give the Cardinals a 5-4 lead.

In the top of the ninth the Redbirds were unable to mount a rally, as they were set down in order by relief pitcher Christian Johnson. The Redbirds had no answer for Johnson, who struck out seven straight batters to finish the game.

"We finish the year with an 18-5 record," Redbirds manager Brooks Maurer said. "Which I think is very good, considering the competition we played and the shortened season due to covid. It's always tough to have the season end, but we played really well today against a talented Young America team."

In the top of the first inning the Redbirds scratched across a run but missed an opportunity for a big first inning.

Logan Norman started the rally for the Redbirds with a one-out single. Phil Paquette was then hit by a pitch. Skyler Wenninger followed that with a single to load the bases with just one out.

The next batter, Declan Beers, reached base on an error to bring home the first run of the ball game. The next two batters grounded out and struck out to end the inning with the bases loaded.

In the bottom half of the inning the Cardinals drove in a pair of runs to take a 2-1 lead. The Cardinals appeared to have another rally started in the bottom half of the second inning when the leadoff hitter opened the frame with a single. Luverne's catcher, Beers, gunned down the baserunner trying to steal second.

The Redbirds played

REDBIRDS BASEBALL 2020

June 4	at Brandon Valley	4-3	W
June 13	at Castlewood	9-5	W
June 13	at Castlewood	9-0	W
June 17	Tracy Engineers	12-1	W
June 24	Ruthlon Royals	10-0	W
June 26	Jackson Bulls	12-2	L
June 28	Tracy Engineers	12-0	W
July 1	at Milroy Irish	7-6	W
July 5	at Adrian	13-2	W
July 8	Renner Bullets	8-2	W
July 9	at Renner	20-16	W
July 12	at Hadley	10-0	W
July 17	SF Brewers	6-2	L
July 19	Pipestone	15-8	W
July 29	Adrian	15-1	W
July 31	Adrian	9-5	W
Aug 5	Hadley	4-3	L
Aug 8	at Hadley	8-2	W
Aug 9	Hadley	6-0	L
Aug 12	Milroy Irish	6-1	W
Aug 14	at Milroy Irish	12-3	W
Aug 22	*Mora	5-3	W
Aug 30	*Young America	5-4	L

ABC baseball in the top of the fifth inning. With his team trailing 2-1, Derek Lundgren drew a walk to start the inning. The next batter laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Lundgren into scoring position. Paquette followed the sacrifice bunt with a single to put runners on the corners with just one out.

With runners on the corners, Luverne's cleanup hitter, Skyler Wenninger, tied the game with an RBI single. The Redbirds added another run in the inning, thanks to a Cardinals error.

Brandon Alfson, Luverne's starting pitcher, set down the Cardinals in order in the bottom of the sixth inning. Alfson recorded back-to-back strikeouts to end the inning.

The Redbirds added another run in the top of the seventh inning to take a 4-2 lead, courtesy of another RBI from Wenninger. The Cardinals were able to get that run back in the bottom half of the inning off a sacrifice fly to trim the lead to 4-3.

The Redbirds were set down in order in the top of the eighth inning. Johnson, the hard-throwing relief pitcher for the Cardinals, struck out for the Cardinals, struck out for the Cardinals, scored a pair of runs to take the late 5-4 lead.

With the loss the Redbirds finished the season with an 18-5 record. It was their 12th overall appearance at the state tournament and their fifth appearance since 2013.

Box Score	
Luverne	1 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0
Young America	2 0 0 0 0 1 2 x

	AB	R	H	RBI
Lundgren	2	2	0	0
Norman	2	1	0	0
Paquette	3	1	0	0
S. Wenninger	3	0	3	2
Beers	4	0	0	2
Serie	4	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	4	0	1	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	0	0
Nath	4	0	0	0

SPORTS SCHEDULE

LUVERNE GIRLS' TENNIS			LUVERNE CROSS COUNTRY		
Aug. 24	Worthington (H)	6-1 W	Aug. 27	TBD	4:30pm
Aug. 27	at Pipestone	6-1 W	Sept. 4	Home Meet	4:30pm
Aug. 31	Pipestone (H)	7-0 W	Sept. 10	Redwood Valley	4:30pm
Sept. 3	at Worthington	4:30pm	Sept. 18	Home Meet	4:30pm
Sept. 8	at St. James	4:30pm	Sept. 24	TBD	4:30pm
Sept. 10	at Marshall	4:30pm	Sept. 29	TBD	4:30pm
Sept. 14	Marshall (H)	4:30pm	Oct. 8	Big South Conf	TBD
Sept. 17	Redwood (H)	4:30pm			
Sept. 21	at Redwood	4:30pm			
Sept. 24	St. James (H)	4:30pm			
Sept. 28	Big South Conf	TBD			

Dove hunting in Minnesota is most successful in first half of September

When I wrote about this subject matter 15 years ago for the first time, I almost got my head ripped off. Letters to the editor were a regular occurrence. Minnesota had not had a morning dove season for many decades, and in 2014 that opportunity was made available again by the Minnesota legislature.

I had watched my dad hunt these plentiful birds in South Dakota as a kid, and I



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

made a great bird retriever as we had no dog that could do the job.

This new season had lots of emotions on both sides of

it 15 years ago, but today has now become just another reason to spend some time outdoors. Minnesota was initially expecting between

30,000-45,000 hunters when the season was reopened 15 years ago. Today they number about 6,500 statewide.

There are about 350 million doves in the United States, and hunters harvest about 16 million of those each year. This accounts for just shy of 5 percent of the total population annually. Texas hunters, by contrast, number 250,000 strong and harvest 5 million of the total. The dove hunting

tradition in the south is much greater than in the Upper Midwest.

Opponents of dove hunting will say they are too small to eat. This is not accurate. If you have never taken a slice of bacon and a jalapeno and wrapped it around a dove breast and put it on the grill, you are missing out. Even my guests that were a little apprehensive at first went back for seconds and thirds.

The average life expectancy of a dove in the wild is less than one year even if they were not hunted at all. Consuming a renewable resource does not hurt that resource.

Dove hunting in Minnesota is a short-lived effort. The season opens on Sept. 1 and lasts long after all of the doves in the state are in warmer climates. A big wind or

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ISD #2184 School Board meets July 23

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

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 via Zoom on July 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Absent: Katie Baustian. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Jason Phelps, Lauren VerSteege, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Becky Rahm, Caroline Thorson, Amy Sahly, April Wallace, Jason Berghorst, Joel Bornhoft, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to approve the agenda with addendum. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to approve the June 25, 2020, School Board minutes as presented. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Member Hartman abstained as he was not at the meeting. Motion passed.

Joel Bornhoft with ICS Builds gave a project update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the bills with the School Board. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$2,485,644.71. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of June 30, 2020. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

The following vehicle fuel quote was received on July 16, 2020:

	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 Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the quote from Expressway Luverne BP. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

The following bakery products quotes were received on July 16, 2020:

	PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
Whole Grain Bread Sandwich	\$1.50 per 24 oz loaf (.07 per oz)
White Sandwich Bread	\$1.50 per 24 oz loaf (.07 per oz)
Whole Grain Hot Dog Buns	\$3.60 per 30 ct (.12 per bun)
6" White Hot Dog buns	\$1.55 per 12 ct (.13 per bun)
4" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$3.60 per 30 ct (.12 per bun)
4" White Hamburger Buns	\$3.60 per 30 ct (.12 per bun)
3.5" White Hamburger Buns	\$1.55 per 12 ct (.13 per bun)
3.5" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$7.20 per 60 ct (.12 per bun)
Whole Grain Footlong	\$1.72 per 6 ct (.29 per bun)
Whole Grain 6" Hoagie Buns	\$3.75 per 24 ct (.16 per bun)
White 6" Hoagie Buns	\$3.75 per 24 ct (.16 per bun)
Whole Grain Bread R/T	\$1.50 per 24 oz loaf (.07 per oz)
Kids Choice Whole Grain Bread	\$1.63 per 24 oz loaf (.07 per oz)
Dakota 12 Grain Bread	\$1.95 per 24 oz loaf (.09 per oz)

BIMBO BAKERIES

Sara Lee Classic 100%	
Whole Wheat Bread	\$2.17 per 20 oz loaf (.11 per oz)
Sara Lee Whole Grain White Bread	\$2.19 per 20 oz loaf (.11 per oz)
Sara Lee White Sandwich	\$2.25 per 24 oz loaf (.10 per oz)
RI 53% Whole Grain White Bread	\$2.19 per 24 oz loaf (.10 per oz)
53% Whole Grain White Hamburger Bun	\$2.36 per 12 ct (.20 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Coney Bun	\$3.11 per 16 ct (.20 per bun)
RI 10" Coney	\$2.10 per 6 ct (.35 per bun)
RI White 4" Hamburger Bun	\$2.45 per 12 ct (.21 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Hoagie Bun	\$4.98 per 24 ct (.21 per bun)
53% Whole Grain White Hamburger	\$3.11 per 16 ct (.20 per bun)
Sara Lee RS Hots	\$3.26 per 16 ct (.21 per bun)
FS SES Steak Roll	\$5.57 per 24 ct (.24 per roll)
53% WGW Dinner Rolls	\$1.67 per 12 ct (.14 per roll)

It was noted that Food Service Director Ann Rigney was concerned about the quality of the products from Pan-O-Gold Baking Company. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to work with Bimbo Bakeries for the 2020-2021 school year. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

The following dairy products bids were received on July 16, 2020:

LANDOLAKES – PRAIRIE FARMS	DFA DAIRY BRANDS
Sioux Falls, SD	LeMars, IA
1% white – 8 oz. 0.1961	
0.2333	
skim white – 8 oz. 0.1854	
0.2298	
1% chocolate – 8 oz. 0.2009	
0.2617	
Fat free chocolate – 8 oz. 0.2009	
0.2353	
Cottage Cheese - 5# carton 7.4209	
7.8444	
Yogurt - Individual Servings (6 oz.) 0.6251	
0.6420	
1% white - gallon 3.9900	
3.8970	

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to accept the bid from Land-O-Lakes Prairie Farms. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

The Elementary and Middle/High School Parent-Student handbooks were reviewed. It was noted that we may need to add a COVID addendum to these handbooks. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the handbooks as presented. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

A draft copy of a new Employee Handbook was presented to the School Board. A final copy will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, 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. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to designate the Rock County Star Herald as the official newspaper used to publish meeting minutes. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to designate the following school attorneys: Knutson, Flynn and Deans; and Ratwick, Roszak, Maloney and Bartel. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Hartman, second by Sehr, to designate the following representatives to the High School League Governing Board: School – Superintendent Craig Oftedahl and Student Activities – Todd Oye. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch,

Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to give authorization to Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, and Brenda Teal to wire transfer depositories. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sandbulte, to set School Board compensation for 2020-2021 as follows: \$60 for each regular meeting; \$50 for special meetings; and \$110 for meetings that last more than 6 hours. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to set the rate for Private/Parochial Transportation for the 2020-2021 school year at \$345 per pupil. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to authorize Superintendent Craig Oftedahl to complete necessary paperwork at the Farm Service Agency as required. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Ten-Year Plan with the School Board. This report is required annually by MDE. It is a working document that can be changed as needed. School Board Member Deutsch introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184 FY 22 LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TEN-YEAR PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, approves the attached FY 22 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Plan.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by School Board Member Jarchow and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Absent: Baustian. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to grant Superintendent Craig Oftedahl the authority to serve as the identified official to authorize user access to the MDE website. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Member Deutsch introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING POLICIES THAT CONFLICT WITH EXECUTIVE ORDERS

(This resolution addresses conflicts in the Emergency Executive Order, laws and requirements related to COVID-19 items. Any and all other related items will follow current policies, regulations and requirements as currently specified.)

WHEREAS, ISD 2184 has policies, procedures, and/or processes that may conflict with the Emergency Executive Orders signed by Governor Walz; and WHEREAS, ISD 2184 will follow federal and state legislative or legal actions related to COVID-19; and suspend all policies, procedures or processes that conflict with these Emergency Orders, until such time as they expire or are deemed unlawful; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ISD 2184 will work to comply with mandates of the Emergency Executive Orders, and other official agency requirements by suspending any policy, procedure or process that conflicts with such order or requirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, any agreements or contracts or other documents that conflict with the Emergency Executive Order will be collaboratively addressed, with those involved in order to align with the necessary requirement, guidance or recommendations as defined by the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health, OCR, OSHA, or other official agency or department; and be it further RESOLVED, that in the operation of its facilities during the Emergency Executive Orders, ISD 2184 will also take into consideration the guidance and recommendations of the various agencies that do not have the force of law in order to protect the health of district staff and students.

The motion was duly seconded by Member Hartman with approval by Members: Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Committee reports were given.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Those who voted in favor: Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: None. Motion passed.

Dated: July 23, 2020
Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(09-03)

City of Beaver Creek sets public hearing for Sept. 9

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaver Creek Council Chambers for the purpose of reviewing a building permit and a request for variance from the 25' setback requirement for an entrance deck at 109 S. 4th St., Beaver Creek, MN. All interested persons are requested to attend.

Jane Blank
City Clerk
(09-03)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Aug. 5

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 via Zoom on August 5, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Alicia Reker, Amy Sahly, Amy VonHoltum, Austin Maxwell, Luci Rofshus, Kari Lais, Becky Rahm, Lloyd Hemme, Gladys Hemme, Shelley Krueger, Katie Mostad, April Wallace, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the agenda as presented. Those who voted in favor: Baustian, Jarchow, Hartman, Deutsch, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: none. Motion carried.

The final copy of the Employee Handbook was presented for approval. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the handbook as presented. Those who voted in favor: Baustian, Jarchow, Hartman, Deutsch, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: none. Motion carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl presented the following information: Daily Operations Information for In Person Learning, Hybrid Learning, and Distance Learning. He also presented the Return to Luverne Plan for the Luverne School District. This plan includes a review of the 4 models of learning – In Person, Hybrid, Distance, and Online Academy. He reviewed information from the Minnesota Department of Education regarding how to determine which learning model the School District can utilize this fall. He reviewed the safety protocols that would be followed. He shared the following timeline:

August 6 – Learning Plan Shared with Parents and Community
August 6 – Family Intent Survey Developed and Sent Out
August 17 – Student Schedules Made Available to Parents
August 24 – Latest Possible Date for Determining Model to Start the Year
August 31 – Staff In-Service Begins
September 8 – First Student Day
Superintendent Oftedahl also presented information from Edmentum for the Online Academy model that families may choose. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve the Return to Learn Plan that was presented and the timelines that have been provided. Those who voted in favor: Baustian, Jarchow, Hartman, Deutsch, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: none. Motion carried.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Those who voted in favor: Baustian, Jarchow, Hartman, Deutsch, Sehr, Sandbulte, and Bosch. Those who voted against: none. Motion carried.

Dated: August 5, 2020
Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(09-03)

Petersen probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-20-205

In Re: Rev. Raymond M. Petersen, aka NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)

Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 09/28/2020, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, via zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated November 19, 2012, and codicil(s) to the Will and separate writing(s) ("Will"), and for the appointment of Teri R. Gannon and Dana M. Holm, whose addresses are 2613 S. Lake Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105 and 25891 484th Ave., Valley Springs, SD 57068, respectively as Ancillary Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the assets of the Estate in Minnesota including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

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

Dated: 8/28/ 2020

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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127 E. Main, PO Box 746
Luverne, MN 56156
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(09-03, 09-10)

H-BC School Board meets Aug. 10

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

August 10, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees-based on MN Statute 13D.021.

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

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Addition to Agenda: Presentation 4.3

Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald), Steve Wiertzema and 9 Zoom guests.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve minutes 7/27/2020. Motion by Bosch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve 2020-2021 Back to School Safety Plan.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve First Reading of the following Policies:

- 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students
- 808 COVID-19 Face Covering Policy

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve having K-5 Students first school day moved to 9/9/2020, due to Back to School Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve hiring Heather Erickson as Long Term Substitute Teacher for Jr. High Math and Science Vacancy.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve hiring Interim Paraprofessional Ariel Larson.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by LaRock, and carried to approve hiring Mary Kortlever as Paraprofessional.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- MN State High School League Membership and Dues
- Superintendent Report
- Committee Meetings: Personnel 8/6

Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting:

- Resolution for back to school model
- Fuel Quotes Acceptance

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 24 (Meet in Beaver Creek for Building Walkthrough)
- New Staff Orientation, Friday, August 28
- Staff Inservice, August 31 - September 2
- Elementary Back to School Student Parent/Teacher Conferences 9/2 and 9/8
- Secondary School Open House 9/2
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 14

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(09-03)

Schilling applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Curt Schilling has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 12 in Kanaranzi Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 3000 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 900. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 900.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(09-03)

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EMPLOYMENT

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Your Neighbor
(8.27-9.3)

Many thanks for the cards we received for our 60th anniversary. We enjoyed them all.
Ken and Ardie Bowen
(8.29-9.3)

Our sincere "Thank You: to our family and friends for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and gifts we received from our 60th Anniversary. "Thanks" to our children for hosting a family dinner celebration for the occasion. Great food, fun and memories!
Roger and Sylvia Niessink
(9.3-9.10)

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(9.3-9.5)

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EMPLOYMENT

Adrian School District is seeking a Payroll/HR Specialist beginning with the 2020-21 school year. The school district provides a competitive salary, and an opportunity to work in a great community. Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Additional coursework in accounting and payroll is beneficial. Please send a cover letter, resume, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to: Superintendent Schilling, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110 or email to District Secretary r.bullerman@isd511.net (9.3-9.19)

EMPLOYMENT

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EMPLOYMENT

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EMPLOYMENT

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- Associate's Degree, or 2 plus years of experience in the Agriculture or Construction Equipment business or related field
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- Ability to travel to customer locations, and offsite training facilities, as needed
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- Demonstrated ability to prioritize work and meet deadlines efficiently and cost effectively
- Demonstrated strong organization, decision making, and problem-solving skills
- Excellent mechanical aptitude
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills along with a high level of computer literacy
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Star Herald CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 27: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Aug. 29: In-person worship service in Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Limited seating is available. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Tuesday, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastoralpalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

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

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

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service — live streamed. Sunday 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. — Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Mondays 8 p.m. — AA Meeting and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Thursdays 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday 8 p.m. — AA Meeting.

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

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 9:30

a.m. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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

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

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
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26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
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Laura Phillips, Pastor

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First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
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Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

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

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

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website bchills.org. Wednesday, 9 a.m. Quilting.

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

'Be aware of false prophets' and 'Miracle Spring Water'

Glenda Bremer's column, "A View from the Pew" appears in the St. John Lutheran Church newsletter, and she has graciously agreed to share the column written for the September newsletter.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Glenda Bremer, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

I recently embarked on a religious reconnaissance mission to save my fellow Christians from following a path of spiritual destruction. There's an advertisement regularly aired on a certain TV network that I watch. It's a television evangelist promoting the free "Miracle Spring Water" which promises to bring you miraculous health and wealth. One man endorsed the product, saying, "I got my job back and I'm drug-free and, lo and behold, a check for \$14,000 arrived in the mail." A lady was able to purchase her dream home after receiving the Miracle Spring Water. Another woman received \$40,000. Hallelujah!

I was suspicious so I decided to investigate. I applied online to receive the free Miracle Spring Water. Approximately one week later, there it was in the mailbox. It was a little packet of clear liquid. It looked like water, but I didn't taste it because I'm a little paranoid by nature. I read the instructions carefully as I didn't want to make a fatal blunder and interfere with the miracle process. The first step was to put the packet on my nightstand and leave it there while I slept. I did it, but felt a little foolish doing so.

I was instructed to open the packet the next day and "anoint" my forehead with the free Miracle Spring Water for mental clarity and peace of mind. Then I was directed to put some on my hands for the money miracle. The third step was to rub some on a painful area of my body for divine healing. I didn't really have any pain that day, but I applied some to my ankle where a big black spider bit me while I was gardening. The final step required the placement of the Miracle Spring Water on the front door for protection from evil. I was beginning to feel like an idiot.

I had serious reserva-

tions, but continued to follow the directions. Then I got to the part where they requested a check for \$37 to be sent to the TV ministry. I thought the Miracle Spring Water was free. Apparently the \$37 had to be mailed along with the "Secret Way Miracle Request Form." The televangelist would pray for you and God would answer that prayer if you sent the money. This is not what I learned in Sunday School!

At this point, I threw in the towel. Still, I decided to investigate further online and found another individual who had conducted a similar inquiry. He took it a step further and sent in the initial donation. A second letter followed asking for a larger "Miracle Seed" donation, followed by a third request for an even larger "Seed of New Beginnings" donation. Five months passed and he never received any of the miracle wealth.

"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." Matthew 7:15

God doesn't ask us to pay for His blessings. But He does ask us to share the blessings He freely gives us. He wants us to do good deeds, support those less fortunate, and volunteer our time in the service of others.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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a very stiff frost will send these birds packing. Good hunting is normally only available for about the first 2-3 weeks of the season.

I have had great hunting one day and then never shot another dove for the rest of the season once the weather turns cold.

One of my mottos has always been, "The difference between a good day and a great day is a good spot." Finding good dove spots in our state is fairly hard to do. They key in on small grains and sunflowers, and we can hardly find a field like that in the land of corn and soybeans in southwest Minnesota anymore.

A freshly cut alfalfa field can also be a good spot. If

you can't find any of these, I then look for sheet water. A very shallow water spot, water only one inch or two deep, in a larger area can be an ambush spot as the birds move between food and water.

Public Wildlife Management Areas often have many wetlands restored on them and very few other hunters use these areas in September. Scout a few of these and you might find a great dove spot you can have to your lonesome.

One of the very best things about dove hunting is the weather is warm and shooting can be frequent. It is not hard for the average shooter to empty a few boxes of shells before they reach their daily limit of 15 birds.

I read somewhere that it takes an average of 6-8 shells to harvest one dove. I am a better shot than that, but ribbing your buddies can be fun too.

The other positive about making dove hunting part of your outdoor experiences is how easy it is to take a youth along with you. They don't need lots of expensive equipment. A five-gallon pail and uncle's single shot shotgun can make their day if you make the effort to take them along.

You don't have to be totally silent or sit super still. This is a challenge for many young hunters. Doves normally cooperate even if the youth is a little antsy.

Doves offer an outdoor opportunity I really look

forward to. All too soon the snow will fly and the doves and human snowbirds alike will head south. Harvest a few of those doves for your grill as they fly south.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com or on Twitter @habitat_champion.

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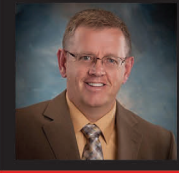
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I have mentioned before that our schools are one of Luverne's greatest assets. We have a proud tradition of supporting our schools financially, volunteering for all sorts of activities, attending extracurricular events, attending parent teacher conferences, showing up at the polls for school board elections, Dollars for Scholars, Alumni Association, the list goes on and on. We need to support our school administrators and the school board's back-to-school plans and come together to assure our children can attend school in the safest manner possible. We can do our part by simply following the coronavirus protocol.



The "Safe Learning Plan" uses state Department of Health tracking of new virus cases as the first hurdle schools have to jump to be able to reopen.

- To fully reopen, a county would need to have fewer than 9 cases of the virus per 10,000 residents over a 14-day period.
- Schools in counties with higher case counts could attempt to reopen on a more limited basis for full or part-time classes, with younger students getting priority for in-person instruction.
- All schools in counties with more than 50 cases per 10,000 residents would have to be fully online.

The PPIE (Parents Partners in Education) group knows how important it is for the students to go back to school with as much in-person learning, and as little distance learning as possible. In order to do so, we need cooperation from our parents, students, staff and all community members to follow the CDC guidelines to keep the average county index of Covid-19 cases low. To do so, we must simply wear masks in public, social distance, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often and disinfect surfaces. This cooperation is the difference between our children receiving in-person learning versus distance learning. PPIE is asking you to do your part for the sake of our children. Thank you.
- President, Amy Chapa and Vice President, Monica Facile



Earlier this week, Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan announced that Minnesota has partnered with the nation's leading distributor of saliva testing to create plans for a new lab in Minnesota, expanding and diversifying testing capacity for Minnesotans, creating jobs, and slowing the spread of COVID-19. State officials are working to finalize the \$14.66 million contract with Vault Health and RUCDR Infinite Biologics. Rutgers' RUCDR Infinite Biologics holds the country's first FDA Emergency Use Authorization PCR saliva test for COVID-19 while Vault Health provides logistics and telehealth services necessary to carry out the test. The planned lab will have the ability to more than double the state's current test processing capacity. The contractors expect to have the lab up and running by early October. The funding is provided by the state's federal CARES Act funding. "Public-private partnerships are the key to success in our state's effort to combat COVID-19," said Governor Walz. "We've come a long way on testing thanks to our work with the Mayo Clinic, the University of Minnesota, and our state's health systems, but we're looking to make COVID-19 tests even more accessible. That's why we're excited to announce a new, innovative partnership with Vault Health and RUCDR Infinite Biologics that will further expand Minnesota's testing capacity. This means more options for Minnesotans looking to get tested, and more diverse capabilities in terms of our overall strategy should we ever run into supply shortages or other hurdles down the road." "Minnesota continues to be a leader in responding to this pandemic and planning ahead for the people of our state," said Lt. Governor Flanagan. "This partnership will help eliminate barriers to testing, allowing us to provide saliva testing with a quick and reliable turnaround of results."



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

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